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NEW SOUTH WALES

# Netball NSW

## Guidelines for Conduct of Association Carnivals

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## 1 Guidelines for Conduct of Association Carnivals

- 1.1 Each Association will be allocated one (1) official carnival which will be advertised on the Netball NSW website calendar. Applications for carnivals shall close on 30 September each year for the ensuing year. Late applications received after this date will only be considered for vacant dates after allocations have been completed.
- 1.2 Entries for Association Carnivals should be made on a standard entry form and submitted by an Association official to reach the appropriate Association twenty-one (21) days prior to the date of the carnival or the closing date as notified by the Association, whichever is the earlier.
- 1.3 Netball NSW advises Associations to apply the entry fee including GST of \$33.00.
- 1.4 Associations should apply the following rules:
  - a)
    - i. players must be registered members of Netball NSW.
    - ii. players should wear the registered uniform of their Association or club.
    - iii. positional patches are to be worn.
    - iv. all umpires should wear white or playing uniform.
    - v. each team should supply a scorer and an umpire. It is recommended that the umpire provided is badged
  - b) Associations may re-grade or withdraw any team found not playing in the correct age group or grade.
  - c) Associations should ensure that any umpire accompanying a team is capable of controlling that grade.
  - d) Where there is more than one division in any one grade or age group and play offs are necessary, a maximum of twelve (12) trophies are to be awarded to winners and runners up.
  - e) Where no semi-finals or finals are played, a maximum of twelve (12) trophies can be awarded to the winners of each division.
- 1.5 The inclusion of representative sections is at the discretion of the Association conducting the carnival.
  - a) Associations are permitted to hold 'Representative' only carnivals prior to the State Titles.
  - b) Representative teams may be permitted to enter Association carnivals on an invitation only basis when there is no representative section.
  - c) Should Associations not wish to have representative teams enter a carnival, they should state this on their entry form.
  - d) Games for representative teams are to be played on a round robin basis. It is at the Association's discretion if they award a team trophy.
  - e) Fixtures should be organised so that teams play on a '1 on 1 off' basis. Halves should be between a minimum of eight (8) minutes and a maximum of twelve (12) minutes in duration.
  - f) Where an Association holds a 'Representative Section' carnival prior to the State Titles, the Association may, at its discretion, include a section for players 11 years of age known as 'Development Squads'. Games are to be played on a round robin basis and trophies may be awarded.

- 1.6 Players
- a) Where Associations have a multi team situation in the same group for representative selection purposes the host association is encouraged to allow players to interchange between teams.
  - b) Players registered with representative teams should not play with a club team from Associations at the same carnival on the same day.
- 1.7 Age Groups – as per Netball NSW Membership
- a) **Senior:** Have reached or will reach the age of 18 by December 31 in the year of play.
  - b) **Junior:** Have reached or will reach the ages of between 10 and 17 years by December 31 in the year of play.
  - c) **NetSetGo:** Have reached or will reach the ages of between 3 and 10 years by December 31 in the year of play
- 1.8 Umpires
- a) Teams qualifying for semi-finals and finals should provide a badged umpire who shall be allocated to a match by the host Association.
- 1.9 Matches
- a) In Representative sections, Associations are encouraged to have regard to the results of previous years' Junior State Titles and Senior State Titles results when preparing draws.
  - b) The draw for all carnivals should consist of a minimum of seven (7) games and a maximum of nine (9) games in each grade.
  - c) Where an Association has arranged a draw where everyone plays one another or a minimum of seven (7) games are held, it is not be necessary to play quarter finals, semi-finals and finals.
  - d) Where possible, fixtures should be organised so that teams play on a '1 on 1 off' basis. Teams should not play more than two (2) games straight or have more than three (3) games straight off including a bye.
  - e) Interchange of players during the match is only permitted during a stoppage for injury or illness or at an interval. Injury time may be taken according to the official INF rules, but no additional time needs to be added to the match.
  - f) Winners and runners up are decided on a points score basis. Where teams finish on equal points, the goal average should be used to determine the winner.
  - g) The format for the draw for quarter finals, semi-finals and finals, if applicable should be printed on the information or fixture sheets.
  - h) Fixtures should be arranged so that all matches are completed no later than 4.30pm.
- 1.10 Goal Average
- a) If two or more teams finish in equal points after the final round of matches, final positions or finals series shall be decided on goal averages.
  - b) The goal average for each team shall be decided as under:

Total number of goals scored by the team, divided by the total number of goals scored against the team, multiplied by 100 and divided by the actual number of matches played by the team.

$$\text{i.e.} \quad \frac{\text{goals scored}}{\text{goals scored against}} \quad \times \quad \frac{100}{\text{matches played}}$$

The number of matches actually played includes a match a team has forfeited, but does not include a match where the team has received a forfeit.

#### 1.11 Forfeits

- a) Associations entering teams that forfeit or withdraw after fixtures have been arranged, may be liable for a fine of up to \$100 per team. Such fine shall be paid to the Association conducting the carnival within seven (7) days of receipt of the account, provided the account is forwarded to the offending association within twenty one (21) days of the date of the carnival.
- b) The host Association will be entitled to charge a \$100 fine on any team who do not present on the day of the carnival. Such fine shall be paid to the Association conducting the carnival within seven (7) days of receipt of the account, provided the account is forwarded to the offending association within twenty one (21) days of the date of the carnival.

#### 1.12 Cancellation of Carnivals or Balloting Out Of Teams

- a) At least seven (7) days written notification should be given in both instances, except in the case of extreme emergency.
- b) In the event of cancellation of a carnival or the balloting out of teams, all entry fees are to be refunded within thirty (30) days of the date of the carnival.
- c) Associations should not ballot out any team before the closing date for entries.
- d) Balloting out of teams whose entries have been received by the closing date is to be completed within seven (7) days.