

# 2021 Regional State Cup

## Vision and Purpose

### Vision

Netball NSW Regional State Cup will evolve to provide similar performance opportunities to regional athletes, coaches, umpires and officials as the Netball NSW Premier League U23 competition currently provides metropolitan athletes, coaches, umpires and officials.

### Purpose

The Netball NSW Regional State Cup will:

- Provide NSW regional athletes, coaches, umpires and officials with access to performance environments equivalent to metropolitan performance environments.
- Deliver a representative competition for regional athletes aged 16 – 22 to fill an identified gap in performance competition.
- Deliver an annual competition that brings the best athletes from regional areas together to contest the Regional State Cup and crown a champion.
- Increase opportunities for regional athletes to be talent identified for future performance programs.
- Deliver a competition format and training environment format that is accessible for regional athletes, coaches, umpires and officials without relocation or prohibitive travel costs.
- Build a sense of pride and collaboration in each region.
- Provide a sense of purpose for regions to establish athlete, coaches, umpires and officials development programs.
- Ensure that regional athletes, coaches, umpires and officials have the same opportunities to realise their full potential as metropolitan athletes.
- Increase the numbers of regional athletes, coaches, umpires and officials that stay in netball, progress and transition within the Netball NSW pathway.
- Increase the numbers of NSW athletes capable of ultimately achieving high performance success.

## Purpose

The following regions will be invited to compete in the Regional State Cup:

- Far North Coast
- Hunter
- North Coast
- Northern Inland
- Riverina
- South Coast
- West / Central West

## Region Working Group

Each region will form a working group, made up of:

- Netball NSW Regional Manager (or a delegate approved by Netball NSW) to act as non-voting facilitator of the Working Group.
- A nominated Convenor as the contact for all relevant correspondence from Netball NSW in relation to Regional State Cup.
- A maximum of five (5) persons representing the various regions/pockets.
- There should not be more than one representative from any one Association represented on the Working Group.
- An odd number of members for voting purposes.

Members of the 2020 Region Working Group will be offered a position in 2021, with an expression of interest to be circulated to fill any remaining positions.

The Working Group responsibilities will include:

- Work with the Netball NSW Regional Performance & Pathways Manager and the Regional Manager to develop the Regional State Cup program in your region.
- Appointment of a Team Manager
  - Expressions of interest for the Team Manager will be circulated, a member of the working group may nominate.
- Communication with athletes.
- Coordination of a training program including dates and format, in consultation with the Head Coach.
- Logistics and arrangements, including travel to Netball Central for the Regional State Cup.
- Communication with Netball NSW representative.
- Coordination of any fundraising activities.

Netball NSW Representatives will assist and provide information to the working group on the following:

- Accommodation options and costs
- Team uniform
- Final competition entry cost per athlete

## Head Coach and Assistant Coach Selection

Netball NSW will send out an EOI to each Region for the position of Head Coach and Assistant Coach of the Regional State Cup Team. The Netball NSW General Manager Performance & Pathways, or their delegate, will allocate a selection panel that will include a Netball NSW representative and one representative from the working group. This selection panel will appoint the Head Coach and Assistant Coach for each Regional Representative team.

## Athlete Selection

- Regional State Cup Team Selectors will be appointed as outlined in the Regional State Cup Selection Guidelines.
- The Selection Committee will select the team throughout the Regional League Competition.
- Athletes will be eligible for selection into a Regional State Cup team of the region that their Association competes in the Regional League Competition.
- Athletes not available for selection, may apply for an exemption as per the Regional State Cup selection guidelines.
- Selected teams will be announced by Netball NSW no earlier than Monday 12 July 2021.
- Regional State Cup Representative teams should not assemble for any training sessions prior to 12 July 2021.

## Player Eligibility

- All players entered into the competition will be aged 16-22 years as at 31 December of the year in which they participate in the competition, this aligns with the Netball NSW Premier League U23s competition.
- In 2021 up to two (2) athletes who are 23 years or over may be permitted to be included in the team. A request must be made to the Regional Performance & Pathways Manager for approval.

## Competition Format

- All teams will play each other twice over the 2 day competition.
- A winner and runner up will be determined by first past the post.
- All matches to be a minimum of two (2) x fifteen (15) minute halves, with a minimum of a two (2) minute half time break and a minimum of three (3) minutes between matches.

## Umpires

- One Umpire per region will be selected to officiate at the Regional State Cup Competition.
- The Regional Allocations Team (Umpires) in each Region will select the umpire to attend Regional State Cup from the Regional League Competition.
- The selected umpire will be announced when the teams are announced.

### Competition dates and venue

The Regional State Cup will be held over a Saturday and Sunday of the October School Holidays, at Netball Central, 2 Olympic Boulevard, Sydney Olympic Park.

In 2021 Regional State Cup will be played over the weekend of the 2<sup>nd</sup> – 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2021.

### 2021 Timeline

Task	Responsibility	Due Date
EOI open for Head Coach and Assistant Coach for each Region	NNSW - Pathways	October 2020
EOI open Regional Working Groups	NNSW – Regional Manager	October 2020
Regional League dates set	Planning Meetings	October 2020
Regional Working Groups appointed	NNSW – Regional Manager	December 2020
Head Coach and Assistant Coach for each Region appointed	NNSW – Pathways	January 2021
Appoint Athlete selection panel	Working Group (Netball NSW will provide guidance on the final athlete selection policy)	January 2021
Selection of players at Regional League	Athlete Selection Panel	Completion of each Regional League Competition
Selection of Umpires at Regional League	Regional Allocations Team	Completion of each Regional League Competition
Announcement of Regional State Cup teams	Netball NSW	From 12 July 2021
Regional State Cup 2021	Competitions Manager	2 – 3 October 2021