



# 2021 HART Junior State Titles

## Frequently asked questions

This document should be read in conjunction with the 2021 Junior State Titles Competition Rules and the 2021 Junior State Titles Competition Rules Addendum.

### Team entry / Grading

**1. Do I need to re-enter for the re-scheduled Junior State Titles?**

All Associations currently entered in the Junior State Titles will remain a confirmed entry for the re-scheduled competition, there will be no requirement to re-enter.

**2. Will the team entry fee remain the same for the re-scheduled competition?**

The team entry fee of \$335.53 (inc. GST) per team, will remain unchanged. All Associations have been invoiced this entry fee.

**3. We are an affiliated Association however did not enter a team into the 2021 Junior State Titles. Due to the re-scheduling our Association would like to enter a team, can we do this?**

Associations who had not entered a team for the original dates of 26-28 June 2021 and now have a team that they wish to enter may do so. Entries will close at 5pm, 6 August 2021, all requests for entry can be sent to [competitions@netballnsw.com](mailto:competitions@netballnsw.com), and instructions on entering will be provided.

Grading requests may be submitted however Netball NSW will grade new entries into a Division where space permits.

**4. Can I request a regrade of our team grading for the re-scheduled Junior State Titles?**

Associations cannot request a re-grade of the published Final Grading of Junior State Titles.

Should teams withdraw, Netball NSW may move teams in order to consolidate into a lower number of divisions. This is to ensure the maximum number of teams possible in a division, which maximises playing opportunity for all players.

There will be no appeal process after the final allocation of divisions is complete.

**5. Can I withdraw a team without penalty?**

Teams can withdraw without penalty up until, Friday, 3 September 2021, being 3 weeks prior to the commencement of the Competition, (as per clause 3.2.5 of the Junior State Titles Competition Rules).

An Association Representative should submit team withdrawals by email to [competitions@netballnsw.com](mailto:competitions@netballnsw.com).

Team entry fees will be refunded, to any team who withdraws prior to Friday, 3 September 2021.

### Team revisions – Players and Team/Association Officials

**6. We have players that are now available and some players no longer available for the re-scheduled dates, can I update my team list?**

Yes, all Associations can revise their team lists, this can be done up until 5pm, Friday 6 August 2021. Instructions on how to update team lists can be found on the [Junior State Titles](#) page of the Netball NSW website.

Any changes to team lists that need to be made after the 5pm, Friday 6 August 2021, must be submitted via the late registration/de-registration on-line form available on the website. Only 4 late registrations will be permitted after 5pm, Friday 6 August 2021 (as per clause 3.5.2 of the Competition rules).

**7. Can a player change Association teams?**

Special permission may be granted for a Player to de-register and re-register with another team or an Association, where their original team they were registered to has withdrawn from the Competition. A request for special permission must be made in writing to Claire Dale, Competitions Manager, [cdale@netballnsw.com](mailto:cdale@netballnsw.com)

**8. Due to the re-scheduling our Team Officials (Head Coach, Assistant Coach, Team Manager) and/or Association on-site Liaison Officer is not available, can I update these positions?**

All Team Positions can be updated by emailing [competitions@netballnsw.com](mailto:competitions@netballnsw.com)

**9. The newly appointed Head Coach or Assistant Coach does not meet the minimum accreditation requirements, can they still act as the Head Coach/ Assistant Coach?**

If you need to update a Head Coach or Assistant Coach due to the re-scheduling and they do not hold the minimum coach accreditation requirements, please contact Chris Hall, Workforce Manager by email [chall@netballnsw.com](mailto:chall@netballnsw.com).

### Competition Structure

**10. What will the 2-day competition format look like?**

- Divisions will be split into pools, Pool A and Pool B
- All teams will play each team in their pool once
- At the end of the pool rounds, pools will cross and teams will play teams in the alternate pool based on their finishing position.
- Teams finishing top 4 of their pool will continue with cross round matches that will finish with the final round in either a play-off matches to determine final positions or a Grand Final match, determining the winner and runner up of the division.
- Teams finishing in 5<sup>th</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup> place in their pool will continue with cross round matches that will finish with play-off rounds to determine final positions.
- The exact format of each competition may vary slightly based on the final number of teams in the division. The format will be available when pools are finalised on 1 September 2021.

**11. How do I know what Pool my team will be placed in, within my Division?**

Pools will be determined by an Associations 12U team's ranking from the 2019 Junior State Titles, as per the initial grading. Pool A – 1, 3, 5, 7, 9 etc. Pool B – 2, 4, 6, 8, 10 etc.

The final pools for each division will be available on the [Junior State Titles](#) page of the website from 1 September 2021

**12. How long will matches be?**

Matches will consist of 2 x 15 minutes halves.

**Player minimum requirements**

**13. What is the minimum player requirement for the revised competition format?**

All players at the Junior State Titles taking place on 24 – 25<sup>th</sup> September must play a minimum of 30% of matches, this will mean:

If a team plays 10 matches all players must play a minimum of 3 matches (or 6 halves)

If a team plays 11 matches all players must play a minimum of 3.5 matches (7 halves)

Calculation of the 30% playing time will be based on matches played including all pool round and cross round matches, but will not include the final round matches that teams who finished 1-4 in their pool will compete in, which includes the Grand Final match.

**Umpires**

**14. Do I still have to provide an umpire for each team?**

Umpire requirements have been updated as follows:

Where an Association enters three (3) teams, one (1) non-playing badged umpire for each team entered plus one additional non-playing badged umpire per Association, per day (i.e. an Association entering three (3) teams must supply a minimum of four (4) umpires per day).

Where an Association has only entered one (1) or two (2) teams, only one (1) non-playing badged umpire per team per day.

**Athletes Village Tents / Parent tents**

**15. Will there be a refund provided to Associations and/or parents for Team Tents and Parent Tents, and other items hired (Chairs and tables) that were ordered for the Junior State Titles Competition planned for 26-28 June 2021.**

The Players Village at both locations for the originally scheduled weekend had been built in full, in line with the timelines required for every State Titles event. As a result Netball NSW incurred the full cost.

Netball NSW is currently analysing the financial impact of the postponement and are in discussions with the tent provider to ascertain if any cost reduction is possible. If this is the case, a credit of some level may be able to be provided to Associations.

Netball NSW has no option but to require all Associations who ordered tents to pay the invoices as distributed. State Titles are huge logistical exercises with large costs associated and Netball NSW subsidises these events each year despite the costs levied on Associations.

**16. Can I transfer my tent order originally placed to the revised competition dates of 24-25 September for the Junior State Titles Competition?**

There is no transfer of tent orders.

Tents will need to be re-ordered for revised dates of 24-25 of September 2021. Further information will be provided shortly on the process to order tents for the re-scheduled dates.

**17. Will Teams be able to hire tents and other equipment (chairs and tables), at each site of the Junior State Titles in September?**

Netball NSW are working with Festival Hire on how we can best provide a range of tent structures and other equipment at each site. Further information will be provided to Associations shortly.

**18. If an Association elects to bring their own tent, will there be an allocated site for each Association?**

Netball NSW will endeavour to allocate space at each location for Associations to erect their own Team Tent. Associations who bring their own tent will not be able to erect the tent on the site until 6am on day one of the Competition

**19. Will I be refunded tent fees if I withdraw or if the competition is cancelled?**

Refund of any monies paid for tents ordered will be refunded if the team withdrawal is received prior to Friday, 3 September 2021.

Refunds for teams withdrawing after this date, or where the Competition is cancelled will be determined at the time of the withdrawal notification or cancellation announcement and will be based on the progress of the build at the time.

**General**

**20. Will there be an opening ceremony at the re-scheduled event?**

There will be an opening ceremony to acknowledge the Junior State Titles Competition commencing, however it will be in a revised and shortened format.

**21. Are there revised key dates that will be issued?**

Some key dates of the Junior State Titles have been revised, revised key dates can be found on the [Junior State Titles](#) page of the Netball NSW website.

**22. Association Carnivals**

**Due to the re-scheduled dates can we request to host a Representative Carnival in the lead up to the Junior State Titles?**

Netball NSW encourages Associations to liaise with their Regional Manager (for regional Associations) or email the competitions team at Netball NSW [competitions@netballnsw.com](mailto:competitions@netballnsw.com) with the preferred date and this can be added to the carnival calendar and Netball NSW Events calendar.

**23. Junior State Titles Merchandise**

**Will there be Merchandise available at each location to purchase?**

Merchandise is now available to purchase online through the [Valour Sport online store](#). Valour's attendance at each location will be dependent on stock levels remaining to sell.