



UNIFORM GUIDELINES

Netball in Australia

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Introduction

The netball uniform has been a long-standing traditional component that has been required to play the game. The current custodians of the game in Australia have all agreed that the playing environment for netball has changed and we must evolve and keep up with the changes.

Netball Australia and all Member Organisations have agreed to the following uniform recommendations that will come in effect from 1st January 2023.

Netball in Australia overarching statement

It is important that netball recognises that everyone participating in our sport can wear a uniform that caters for individual preferences and religious beliefs, but also protects individuals in all weather conditions.

Clubs and Associations must approve the uniform of any team which can include any of the components listed below, however the team uniform must be the same colour and/or design.

These uniform guidelines will apply for all levels of competition from 1st January 2023.

Uniform Options

All teams can play in an approved uniform consisting of the following items provided it is the same colour and/or design and that no part of the uniform options cover the positional bib:

- A dress
- A singlet
- A bodysuit
- A tee shirt, long or short sleeved
- A skirt
- Shorts
- Long pants either lycra or track suit style, or
- any other approved item

Uniform options must cater for all weather conditions, so players are protected from the sun and/or cold weather conditions (e.g., where conditions are cold, players can wear a long /short sleeved top under their uniform provided it has been approved and is the same colour).

Uniform Approval Process

Each Club and team must submit uniform options to the association for approval. Any changes during a season must be provided in writing to the association for approval.

Club/Association Decision Matrix

- Allow individual players in each team to choose any combination of uniform items. However, Clubs and Associations should ensure that these items are of similar designs to create continuity of uniforms throughout the team and assist umpires to officiate the game, for example:
 - t-shirts, singlets, or long sleeve t-shirts must be the same design
 - t-shirts, singlets, or long sleeve t-shirts must still be able to clearly display a playing positional bib.
 - the choice of bottoms must either include the same design as the dress/top or could be a designated block colour to match the uniform (i.e., black, royal blue, navy blue etc.).
 - head or face coverings should be a designated block colour to match the uniform (i.e., black, royal blue, navy blue etc.).
 - allow the wearing of skins/leggings as long as they are completely black, white or in a block colour to match the uniform.
- Uniforms must not present a genuine safety risk to the wearer or other players (i.e., open pockets, buttons, or zippers).
- Players are not required to justify their choice of uniform; however, players may be required to provide information pertaining to items they wish to wear in order to allow the Club or Association to facilitate that uniform choice.
- Players may choose a uniform style that covers additional body surface including the legs, arms and/or head.
- It is perfectly acceptable for players to wear head coverings for religious reasons. Such head coverings must be:
 - made of soft material.
 - tight and non-flowing, edges must be held securely or tucked into the shirt.
 - not cover positional bib.
 - tied on or fastened by clips and non-sharp pins.
 - be all black, all white or team colours.
- Head coverings should be included as an item in a club's uniform options for a competition.
- If jewellery is not able to be removed for religious / medical reasons, it is the player's choice to play with them, and this player accepts the risks involved.

- Jewellery which cannot be removed for religious / medical reasons should be covered with padding / tape as necessary to prevent injury to others. Jewellery or other items which cannot be securely covered or taped **must be removed**

Umpires Uniforms

The rules of netball do not prescribe what colour uniform umpires must wear.

The umpire uniform must be able to be distinguished from player uniforms.

Umpires can wear a uniform that is approved by the Member Organisation, Association or League.

It is recommended that Associations and Clubs allow match officials to choose any combination of uniform items to wear in the manner they find most comfortable.

Footwear: closed toe sports shoe

Upper Body: white, solid colour or specific designed top which can be short-sleeved, long-sleeved or a singlet.

Lower Body: white, solid colour or specific designed pants, skirt, or shorts. Leggings, and skins may be worn should umpires wish to cover additional body surfaces. Such additional garments should be in a block colour.

Umpires may wear head coverings for religious reasons. Such head coverings must be:

- made of soft material
- tight or non-flowing
- be all black, all white or match the officiating uniform colours

Suncorp Super Netball

Netball Australia has committed to implementing these recommendations to Suncorp Super Netball through a transition implementation phase from the commencement of season 2023. Refer to 2023 SSN Inclusive Uniform Guidelines.

World Netball

World Netball will have specific requirements for international test matches and tournaments and will be required to align with any direction from the Commonwealth Games Federation and or the International Olympic Committee.

Alignment with SSN Teams

Clubs/Associations may align with a current Suncorp Super Netball Team and can request consent from an SSN Team to use its brand, name and/or logo on its uniform.

These guidelines are endorsed by Netball Australia and all Member Organisations.



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