

2024 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 a 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.

Competition Guidelines

Team entry

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

- Far North Coast
- Hunter and Central Coast
- North Coast
- North West (formally known as 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.

The Working Group responsibilities will include:

- Work with the Netball NSW State Performance & Pathways Manager and the Regional Manager to develop the Regional State Cup program in your region.
- Communication with athletes.
- Coordination of a training program including dates and format, in consultation with the Head Coach and payment of training facilities for training.
- Logistics and arrangements, including travel to Netball Central for the Regional State Cup Tournament.
- Communication with Netball NSW representative.
- Work alongside Manager and Regional Manager to organise coordination of any fundraising activities to assist with athlete/umpire levies and travel for Regional State Cup.

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

- Appointment of Team Manager
- Final competition entry cost per athlete, which will include Accommodation and Team uniform

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 State Performance & Pathways Manager, 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 on day 1 of 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 following the respective Regional League Competition.
- Regional State Cup Representative teams should not assemble for any training sessions prior to 1st June, 2024.

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 2024 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 State Performance & Pathways Manager for approval.

Regional State Cup 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

- The Regional Allocations Team will put forward a shortlist of umpires to the Netball NSW Workforce Manager.
- The Netball NSW Workforce allocated to Regional State Cup will view all shortlisted umpires at Senior and Junior State Titles and make the final selection at these events.
- All selected umpires will be announced at the conclusion of Junior State Titles.

Competition cost

Players selected in their Region Representative Team to compete at the Regional State Cup will incur the following Competition entry fee. The entry fee is inclusive of Player entry fee and accommodation cost:

2024 Player Levy - \$296.65 (inc. GST & excl Play HQ fees) per Player (Includes Accommodation and Competition fee)

2024 Umpire Levy - \$171.40 (inc. GST & excl Play HQ fees) per Umpire (Includes Accommodation)

Uniform Costs:

Playing Singlet - \$47

Hoodie - \$68

Umpires Top - \$47

* Player and Umpire Levy's will be paid when you register on PlayHQ. Uniforms will also be ordered during registration. If a player has to withdraw due to injury with a supporting doctor's certificate, a refund will be issued. This must be sent to the Netball NSW State Performance & Pathways Manager to be approved.

Competition dates and venue

The Regional State Cup Tournament will be held on the Saturday 12th and Sunday 13th of October 2024 at Netball Central, Sydney Olympic Park.

2023/24 Timeline

Task	Responsibility	Due Date
EOI open for Head Coach and Assistant Coach for each Region	Netball NSW - Pathways	November 2023
EOI open Regional Working Groups	Netball NSW – Regional Manager	January 2024
Regional League dates set	Planning Meetings	October 2023
Regional Working Groups appointed	Netball NSW – Regional Manager	January 2024
Head Coach and Assistant Coach for each Region appointed	Netball NSW – Pathways	December 2023
Appoint Athlete selection panel	Working Group (Netball NSW will provide guidance on the final athlete selection policy)	Feb 2024
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 State Titles
Announcement of Regional State Cup teams	Netball NSW	Mid-April 2024
Regional State Cup 2024	Competitions Manager	12th-13th of October 2024