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The NGS SUPER Schools Cup is a school competition to provide New South Wales primary and secondary school students with the opportunity to enjoy netball in an inclusive and enjoyable environment. Participating schools are reminded that this event does not fall under the Netball NSW Pathways Competition Framework and rather, maintains a focus on mass participation.

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1. SCHOOLS CUP FORMAT

1.1 The eight (8) regions of Netball NSW are: Sydney Metropolitan; Hunter/Central Coast; West/Central West; Far North Coast; South Coast; North West; North Coast; Riverina.

1.2 Schools Cup shall comprise of:

1.2.1 Five (5) Competitive Divisions:

- (i) Year 5/6 Mixed – Teams shall comprise of a maximum of twelve (12) girls/boys in Primary School Years 5/6. Players may only represent/play in one (1) team. There are no limitations on the number of girls/boys on court.
- (ii) Year 7/8 Girls – Teams shall comprise of a maximum of twelve (12) girls in Secondary School Years 7/8. Players may only represent/play in one (1) team.
- (iii) Year 7/8 Boys – Teams shall comprise of a maximum of twelve (12) boys in Secondary School Years 7/8. Players may only represent/play in one (1) team.
- (iv) Year 9/10 Girls – Teams shall comprise of a maximum of twelve (12) girls in Secondary School Years 9/10. Players may only represent/play in one (1) team.
- (v) Year 9/10 Boys – Teams shall comprise of a maximum of twelve (12) boys in Secondary School Years 9/10. Players may only represent/play in one (1) team.

1.2.2 Six (6) Social Divisions:

- (i) Year 3/4 Mixed – Games played with modified NetSetGO rules, where possible. Teams shall comprise of a maximum of twelve (12) girls/boys in Primary School Years 3/4. Players may only represent/play in one (1) team. There are no limitations on the number of girls/boys on court.
- (ii) Year 5/6 Mixed – Teams shall comprise of a maximum of twelve (12) girls/boys in Primary School Years 5/6. Players may only represent/play in one (1) team. There are no limitations on the number of girls/boys on court.
- (iii) Year 7/8 Girls – Teams shall comprise of a maximum of twelve (12) girls in Secondary School Years 7/8. Players may only represent/play in one (1) team.
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1.3 The Competition shall comprise of three (3) phases:

- (i) **Phase 1** – Schools Cup Local Days will be held in Term 1 to Term 3 in each of the eight (8) Netball NSW regional areas. Competitive and Social teams are eligible to attend.
- (ii) **Phase 2** – Schools Cup Regional Finals will be held in late Term 2 or Term 3 for each division within the eight (8) Netball NSW regional areas. Successful teams from Competitive divisions at Phase 1 are eligible to attend.
- (iii) **Phase 3** – Schools Cup State Final will be held across two days in Term 4. One day will be for the Primary division and one day will be for the four Secondary divisions. Successful teams from Competitive divisions at Phase 2 are eligible to attend.

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2. GRADING PROCEDURE

2.1 Phase 1

For Phase 1 of the competition the following Grading Procedures apply at the discretion of Netball NSW staff:

- 2.1.1 An individual school can enter as many competitive and social teams as they like. However, Netball NSW has the right to limit team entries on a case by case basis due to venue capacity limits.

Schools can enter the same individual team into multiple local days, however individual teams can only be considered competitive at one (1) local day.

- (i) Schools can request social teams be entered into the competitive draw for the purposes of gaining more experience and practice opportunities.

- 2.1.2 Registrations will be confirmed on a first application basis. Once the maximum number of teams for the venue has been reached registrations will close, even if prior to the specified close of registration date.

- 2.1.3 Teams in both Competitive and Social divisions may be divided into pools and play in a round robin format for the day.

- 2.1.4 Teams will be allocated to pools based on competitive or social categories, as indicated on the Schools Cup entry form. The two categories will play in separate pools.

- (i) Competitive Division – scores will be kept and placing recorded. Teams will progress through to Phase 2 based on their placing.

- (ii) Social Division – scores will be kept with no ladder or placing recorded. Teams are not eligible to progress through to Phase 2.

- 2.1.5 In the event there are not enough teams in the social division to create a separate pool, Netball NSW reserves the right to automatically place these teams in the competition category pools. Where possible, Netball NSW will contact nominated School Representative/s to discuss further.

- 2.1.6 Where possible, schools will not have two teams in the same pool.

- 2.1.7 Netball NSW reserves the right to vary the number of allocated teams in each pool and the number of pools dependent upon the number of entries received.

2.2 Phase 2

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For Phase 2 of the competition the following Grading Procedures apply at the discretion of Netball NSW staff:

- 2.2.1 Teams that are top placing at a Phase 1 Local Day will be eligible to progress into Phase 2. In the case where a school has multiple teams in a division and the top placing teams are from the same school, both teams are eligible to progress. A minimum of 2 teams from each division will progress to Phase 2.
- 2.2.2 If a team declines the offer to attend Phase 2, the teams will be contacted in order of placing until at least two teams from the Local Day are able to attend.
- 2.2.3 Teams will be divided into randomly allocated pools to play a round robin and then progress into a finals series.
- 2.2.4 Teams who attended the same Phase 1 venue will be separated into different pools where possible.
- 2.2.5 Netball NSW reserves the right to vary the number of allocated teams in each pool and the number of pools dependent upon the number of entries received.
- 2.2.6 Should there be one (1) pool, the finals series will be played as follows:

Semi Final 1:	1st Ranked Pool vs. 4th Ranked Pool
Semi Final 2:	2nd Ranked Pool vs. 3rd Ranked Pool
Classification 3-4:	Loser Semi Final 1 vs. Loser Semi Final 2
Classification 5-6:	5th Ranked Pool vs. 6th Ranked Pool
Classification 7-8:	7th Ranked Pool vs. 8th Ranked Pool
Grand Final:	Winner Semi Final 1 vs. Winner Semi Final 2

- 2.2.7 Should there be two (2) pools, the finals series will be played as follows:

Semi Final 1:	Winner Pool A vs. Runner Up Pool B
Semi Final 2:	Winner Pool B vs. Runner Up Pool A
Classification 3-4:	Loser Semi Final 1 vs. Loser Semi Final 2
Classification 5-6:	3rd Ranked Pool A vs. 3rd Ranked Pool B
Classification 7-8:	4th Ranked Pool A vs. 4th Ranked Pool B
Grand Final:	Winner Semi Final 1 vs. Winner Semi Final 2

- 2.2.10 Should there be three (3) pools the finals series will be played as follows:

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After the minor series the points and goal averages of all teams across the three pools will be combined to formulate one points table for the division.

2.2.11 Should there be four (4) pools, the finals series will be played as follows:

Quarter Final 1:	Winner Pool A vs. Runner Up Pool D
Quarter Final 2:	Winner Pool B vs. Runner Up Pool A
Quarter Final 3:	Winner Pool C vs. Runner Up Pool B
Quarter Final 4:	Winner Pool D vs. Runner Up Pool C
Semi Final 1:	Winner Quarter Final 1 vs. Winner Quarter Final 2
Semi Final 2:	Winner Quarter Final 3 vs. Winner Quarter Final 4
Classification Final 3-4:	Loser Semi Final 1 vs. Loser Semi Final 2
Classification Final 1:	Loser Quarter Final 1 vs. Loser Quarter Final 2
Classification Final 2:	Loser Quarter Final 3 vs. Loser Quarter Final 4
Classification Final 3:	3 rd Ranked Pool A vs. 3 rd Ranked Pool B
Classification Final 4:	3 rd Ranked Pool C vs. 3 rd Ranked Pool D
Classification Final 5:	4 th Ranked Pool A vs. 4 th Ranked Pool B
Classification Final 6:	4 th Ranked Pool C vs. 4 th Ranked Pool D
Grand Final:	Winner Semi Final 1 vs. Winner Semi Final 2

2.3 Phase 3

For Phase 3 of the competition the following Grading Procedures apply at the discretion of Netball NSW staff:

- 2.3.1 Winners of each region at a Phase 2 day will be eligible to progress into Phase 3.
- 2.3.2 If a Winning Shield team declines the offer to attend Phase 3, the teams from Phase 2 for that division and region will be contacted in order of placing until one team is able to attend.
- 2.3.3 Schools will be divided into two pools to play a round robin and then progress into a finals series.
- 2.3.4 **Finals to be played as follows:**

Semi Final 1:	Winner Pool A vs. Runner Up Pool B
Semi Final 2:	Winner Pool B vs. Runner Up Pool A
Classification 3-4:	Loser Semi Final 1 vs. Loser Semi Final 2
Classification 5-6:	3 rd Ranked Pool A vs. 3 rd Ranked Pool B

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Classification 7-8:

4th Ranked Pool A vs. 4th Ranked Pool B

Grand Final:

Winner Semi Final 1 vs. Winner Semi Final 2

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3. COMPETITION RULES

3.1 Cost

- 3.1.1 All participating teams will be charged a one-off entry fee per team entered into Phase 1 of the competition. Competition fees are to be advised by Netball NSW each year.
- 3.1.2 Schools will be invoiced by Netball NSW following the completion of Phase 1. If a school withdraws from the competition within 72 hours of the Phase 1 day or does not attend without prior notice, the school will still be invoiced the full amount.

3.2 Insurance - Students participating in the NGS SUPER Schools Cup will be covered under Netball NSW Public and Products Liability Insurance whilst participating in the event, provided all participant details have been entered into PlayHQ for the Schools Cup competition.

3.3 Communication

- 3.3.1 Netball NSW will release the dates for each phase of the Schools Cup in the year prior to the competition.
- 3.3.2 Team confirmation, event details and venues of the competition will be emailed to the school contact at least one (1) week prior to the commencement of the competition where possible. The draw for all phases will be emailed to the school contact at least one (1) day before the competition.

3.4 Playing Conditions

- 3.4.1 Matches will be played on preferably hard netball courts or grass courts as required. Courts are to be prepared, marked and maintained to a standard required by Netball NSW and in accordance with the current rules of the game.
- 3.4.2 Netball NSW will monitor the weather forecast and will postpone by 2pm the day before the event if the forecast predicts a high chance of rain. In the case that the event is not postponed the day before, the courts and weather conditions shall be inspected by Netball NSW Staff one (1) hour and thirty (30) minutes prior to the commencement of round one (1). A decision will be made as per the Netball NSW Adverse Weather Conditions Policy. In the case of unsuitable playing conditions, all schools will be contacted no later than one (1) hour before the commencement of round one (1) advising the postponement of the day.
- 3.4.3 In the case of unsuitable playing conditions, one wet weather date will be allocated per Phases 1 and 2 for each regional area. If one of these dates is required to be utilised, Netball NSW staff will advise the school/team contact via email by 5pm on the original date of competition.
- 3.4.4 In the event that a Match is delayed, postponed or abandoned, that Match must be resumed as soon as is conveniently possible as directed by the officiating Umpires or if prolonged delaying occurs, the Netball NSW Representative shall direct accordingly.
- 3.4.5 A Team may claim a forfeit one (1) minute after the time set down for the commencement.

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- 3.4.6 If in the opinion of the coordinating Netball NSW Representative, matches are unable to be played due to inclement weather or the condition of courts, each Team will be awarded two (2) points.

3.5 Competitive Divisions Team Requirements

- 3.5.1 Players may not play in a team other than the team in which they were originally registered.
- 3.5.2 In extenuating circumstances schools may apply to Netball NSW for special consideration. The request must be submitted no later than one (1) week prior to competition. The decision of Netball NSW is final and no appeal will be entered into. Special consideration may only be granted for a maximum of two (2) players per team.
- 3.5.3 Players are to play in their correct year group and are not permitted to play in a lower year group. Any request for players to play in a higher year group than that for which they are eligible must be submitted on the designated form published on the Netball NSW website for approval prior to the Competition. Special consideration may only be granted for a maximum of two (2) players per team.
- 3.5.4 Schools/Teams will need to supply their own patches/bibs and a size five (5) netball to play with.

3.6 Match Duration and Match Format

- 3.6.1 Games will be centrally timed and consist of twelve (12) minute halves with two (2) minutes for half time and four (4) minutes between games. Netball NSW reserves the right to alter the match format dependent upon the number of entries received.
- 3.6.2 Injury time can be taken by teams; however, the time will not be stopped or added onto games, including games played in the Finals series.

3.7 Scoring and Ladders

- 3.7.1 Each School/Team is to provide one (1) scorer. Scorers for each team will stand together on the sideline towards the middle of the court and both scorers must sign the scoresheet. The winning team at the conclusion of the game is to return the signed score sheet to event control.
- 3.7.2 A score sheet having been signed by both scorers and lodged with Netball NSW staff will not be returned to any team for any correction. No disputes will be entered into once score sheets have been signed.
- 3.7.3 In circumstances where team officials of both teams testify that the score sheet submitted to Netball NSW staff is incorrect and further, they agree on the correct score then Netball NSW staff have the discretion to vary the official scores.
- 3.7.4 The competition shall be conducted on a points score basis

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3.7.5 Schools Cup Points Table

Win	Loss	Draw	Forfeit*	Bye**	Abandoned
3	1	2	3	0	2

3.7.6 If during the competition schools finish on an equal number of points, a goal average will determine final placing. The goal average shall be determined by the total number of goals scored by the team, divided by the total number of goals scored against the team, multiplied by 100.

i.e.
$$\frac{\text{Goals scored}}{\text{Goals scored against}} \times \frac{100}{\text{Matches played}}$$

In the event of a forfeit, the team that receives the forfeit will receive 5 points for and 0 points against. *i.e., a score of 5-0 to be entered into PlayHQ.*

3.8 Extra Time

3.8.1 If there is a draw in the semi-finals or grand finals of Phase 2 and/or 3, a one (1) minute interval shall be taken. During the interval the score will be verified and the teams change ends. During the interval there may be substitutions and/or team changes.

3.8.2 The umpire will indicate which team has the next centre pass and play will commence. Then two (2) three (3) minute halves will be played to determine a winner. After the first three (3) minutes, teams must change ends as soon as possible.

3.8.3 If the game is still a draw at the end of the second three (3) minutes, a visual signal will indicate that play continues and the first team to score a two (2) goal advantage shall be declared the winner.

3.9 Code of Behaviour – Players, Coaches, Umpires, Parents and Spectators are expected to abide by the Netball NSW Codes of Behaviour Policy. <https://nsw.netball.com.au/policies>

4. UMPIRING REQUIREMENTS

4.1 Phase 1

4.1.1 Schools attending Phase 1 will be required to supply one (1) umpire per team. It is expected that the umpires nominated have completed the Rules of Netball Theory exam online.

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4.1.2 An 'umpire your own' system will be in place for Phase 1 of the competition

4.2 Phase 2

4.2.1 Schools attending Phase 2 of the competition will be required to supply one (1) umpire per team with a recommended minimum National C badge, or an umpire competent to umpire games of Regional Finals standard who has completed the Rules of Netball theory exam.

4.2.2 Netball NSW will complete a cross draw allocation. Umpires will be required to umpire games based on their school's allocation. Netball NSW has the right to forgo the cross-draw allocation method in favor of another allocation method if required. This is at the sole discretion of the Regional Manager.

4.2.3 Umpire names are to be received by Netball NSW at least two (2) weeks prior to competition.

4.2.4 Umpires shall be dressed predominantly in white. In the event of inclement weather, white tracksuit pants and white wet weather jackets may be worn.

4.3 Phase 3

4.3.1 Schools attending Phase 3 of the competition will be required to supply one (1) umpire per team with a minimum National C Badge.

4.3.2 Netball NSW will oversee the allocation of umpires to matches. Umpires will receive their allocations on the day of competition at least thirty (30) minutes prior to the start.

4.3.3 Umpires shall be dressed predominantly in white. In the event of inclement weather, white tracksuit pants and white wet weather jackets may be worn.

4.3.4 Umpire names are to be received by Netball NSW at least two (2) weeks prior to competition