

Welcome to Pride Round! This event is a wonderful opportunity to celebrate diversity, promote inclusion, and support the LGBTQI+ community within our netball clubs and associations.

This resource sheet provides essential information on where to go and what to do to ensure everyone feels welcome and valued at netball. To start this process, Netball NSW recommends you take the following steps:

Step 1 – Educate your team with some free training

If your Club or Association is just starting out in this space, we would encourage of your Executive and any other relevant volunteers to participate in an inclusion course to enhance their understanding and support of the LGBTQI+ community.

Play by the Rules and Proud 2 Play has created *LGBTI+ Inclusive Club* - a free, interactive online training course suitable for coaches, administrators, officials, players and volunteers. At the conclusion of this course you will be able to:

- define the LGBTI+ community;
- identify the benefits of LGBTI+ inclusion for your club;
- identify and use LGBTI+ inclusive language in your club;
- identify and address barriers to LGBTI+ inclusion in your club, and
- change your club culture to be more inclusive of LGBTI+.

To access this training course, visit

<https://www.playbytherules.net.au/online-courses/creating-an-lgbti-inclusive-club>

and start your journey towards becoming a more inclusive club, visit these websites:

Step 2 – Learn more and source other resources

Learn about the importance of LGBTQI+ inclusion in sports and access other resources. There are a number of websites that have already done this work for you. Netball NSW recommends:

Proud2Play - <https://www.proud2play.org.au/>

Pride in Sport <https://www.prideinsport.com.au/>

Play by the Rules <https://www.playbytherules.net.au/>

Pride Cup - <https://pridecup.org.au/>

Event Planning and Participation: Inclusive Event Guidelines: Tips and strategies for hosting inclusive events.

- Pride Cup <https://pridecup.org.au/>

Support and Advocacy:

ACON: Provides health and wellbeing services for the LGBTQI+ community.

- ACON <https://www.acon.org.au/>

Twenty10: Offers support services for young LGBTQI+ people.

- Twenty10 <https://twenty10.org.au/>

Merchandise and Promotional Materials

Wear it Purple: Purchase Pride-themed merchandise to support the cause.

- Wear it Purple <https://www.wearitpurple.org/>

Rainbow Sports: Find a range of sports gear with Pride designs.

- Rainbow Sports <https://www.rainbowstore.com.au/categories/Sport/>

Stories and Inspiration: Out on the Fields: Discover stories and research about LGBTQI+ experiences in sports.

- Out on the Fields <https://outonthefields.com/>

Step 3 – Familiarise yourself with Netball NSW Inclusive Tools and Guidelines

Netball is a game for everyone and at Netball NSW we have a range of tools, policies and frameworks that ensure we are inclusive and welcoming to all. We would recommend all Club and Association Executives familiarise themselves with these here:

Beyond the Court toolkit resources:

<https://nsw.netball.com.au/beyond-court-inclusion>

Transgender Policy

Inclusive Uniform Guidelines:

<https://nsw.netball.com.au/inclusive-uniforms>