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## Essential Guide to Competitions

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**Before reading through the guide below, please be aware that Association Representative Teams and/or Groups will be referred to as 'Clubs' in PlayHQ and throughout these instructions.**

This Essential Guide is aimed at assisting an Association's administrative representative to enter and manage any competition hosted by Netball NSW. This guide will walk you through each of our competitions, steps on registering teams to competitions, how to apply for vouchers to assist with payments, setting up registration forms, allocating your teams to competitions and how to track and monitor your player and officials' movements within your teams on PlayHQ.

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## Section 1: Competitions Breakdown

Netball NSW plays host to 10 major events throughout the calendar year that Associations can participate in. The below will outline each of those Major Competitions, the differences within those, the rules, specifics and requirements for each. All competition rules can be found on each of the respective Competition pages on our Website.

Some of our Competitions are specific for Regional teams only – these are Regional League and Regional State Cup.

Competition	Rules & Differences
Regional League	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Not available for Metro based players</li> <li>• Can only register to 1 team per competition</li> <li>• Minimum of 7 and Maximum of 12 players per team</li> <li>• Maximum of 4 teams per Association can enter</li> <li>• Must be 16 years or older in the year of play</li> <li>• Teams cannot play across regions – must play within their designated region in which they come from</li> </ul>
Regional State Cup	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Regional State Cup is a selection based event where players from each Regional League event get selected to represent their Region at their own State Cup in October each year.</li> <li>• Rules are as per the Regional League event rules</li> <li>• At this event, a Merit Team is selected made up of 10 players and 1 umpire and selected by the High Performance selectors across the weekend.</li> </ul>

Our other Competitions are hosted either within Sydney Metro at Netball Central or they are our State Events such as HART Junior & Senior State Titles, Masters State Titles and Aware Super Social Masters.

Competition	Rules & Differences
Premier League	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• This is our highest level of competition within NSW comprising of 10 franchises</li> <li>• This competition is restricted to females only</li> <li>• There is an Opens Division and an 23U Division with a representation by each Franchise within each division</li> <li>• Players must be at least 17 years of age as at the end of the year of competition</li> <li>• Teams must consist of a minimum of 7 players, with a maximum of 12 on the bench at anytime, however the team list can consist of a maximum of 15 players at any time</li> <li>• Games are held across both Netball Central at Sydney Olympic Park and selected Home and Away rounds at a venue dictated per host franchise</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Franchises can include up to 2 SSN Players at any one time on their Opens Team list.</li> </ul>
DOOLEYS Metro League	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• This competition consists of 6 divisions – Divisions 1-5 and a Development Series.</li> <li>• Minimum 16 years of age in year of play. Development Series can have a maximum of 3 x 15 year old players and a maximum player age for this division being 22 years of age</li> <li>• Any grouping of NNSW Affiliated Associations or Netball ACT Affiliated teams can enter the competition subject to approval by NNSW Competitions Manager</li> <li>• 4 Teams per association are allowed to enter</li> <li>• This competition is restricted to females only</li> <li>• Minimum 7 players and Maximum 12 players per team</li> <li>• Must play a minimum of 5 minor round games to be eligible for finals</li> <li>• Players can only be registered in 1 Metro League team per competition at any time</li> <li>• All games are held at Netball Central in Sydney Olympic Park on midweek nights</li> </ul>
Court Craft Summer Series	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Minimum 15 years of age in year of play</li> <li>• Any grouping of NNSW Affiliated Associations or Netball ACT Affiliated teams can enter the competition subject to approval by NNSW Competitions Manager</li> <li>• 4 Teams per association are allowed to enter. Where space permits, a 5<sup>th</sup> team may be permitted</li> <li>• This competition is limited to 10 teams per division</li> <li>• This competition is restricted to females only</li> <li>• Minimum 7 players and Maximum 12 players per team</li> <li>• There is NO finals series for this competition</li> <li>• Players can only be registered in 1 team per competition at any time</li> <li>• All games are held at Netball Central in Sydney Olympic Park on midweek nights</li> <li>• The 2 point Super Shot is in play during Summer Series</li> </ul>
Men's Metro League	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Minimum 16 years of age in year of play</li> <li>• 3 teams per association are allowed to enter</li> <li>• Minimum 7 players and Maximum 12 players per team</li> <li>• Must play a minimum of 5 minor round games to be eligible for finals</li> <li>• Players can only be registered in 1 team per competition at any time</li> <li>• All games are held at Netball Central in Sydney Olympic Park on midweek nights</li> <li>• Teams in Division 1 are only allowed to have 3 players from the Men's National Team from the current and year prior registered into their team</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Teams in Divisions 2 or 3 are only allowed to have 1 player from the Men's Opens National team registered to their team</li> </ul>
HART Junior State Titles	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>HART Junior State Titles is a Statewide event for ages 12-14 years of age in year of play. Divisions consist of 12U, 13U, 14U and 14U Male</li> <li>Players must play within their eligible age group unless requested and approved by NNSW Competitions Manager</li> <li>Players can NOT play in younger divisions</li> <li>Only affiliated associations may enter JST unless requested, submitted and approved by NNSW Competitions Manager</li> <li>Players must play a minimum of 40% of the total number available minutes over the course of JST. Further detail on this can be found within the JST Rules and on the website</li> <li>Only 1 team per association per age group can be submitted</li> <li>There is no finals series or joint placings. In the chance of joint placings, finals standings will be decided on score averages</li> <li>This event is held across 2 locations in NSW and split across divisions</li> <li>Minimum 7 players and Maximum 12 players per team</li> </ul>
HART Senior State Titles	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>HART Junior State Titles is a Statewide event for 15 years of age and up in year of play. Divisions consist of 15U, 17U, Opens, Open Male</li> <li>Senior State titles also sees the "State Challenge" divisions which is inclusive of the All Abilities and 17U Male Divisions</li> <li>Players must play within their eligible age group unless requested and approved by NNSW Competitions Manager</li> <li>Players can NOT play in younger divisions</li> <li>Only affiliated associations may enter JST unless requested, submitted and approved by NNSW Competitions Manager</li> <li>Only 1 team per association per age group can be submitted</li> <li>There is no finals series or joint placings. In the chance of joint placings, finals standings will be decided on score averages</li> <li>This event is held across 2 locations in NSW and split across divisions</li> <li>Minimum 7 players and Maximum 12 players per team</li> </ul>
Masters State Titles	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Masters State Titles is a Statewide event for participants aged 35 years and above in year of play</li> <li>Only affiliated associations may enter JST unless requested, submitted and approved by NNSW Competitions Manager</li> <li>Only 1 team per association per age group can be submitted</li> <li>There is no finals series or joint placings. In the chance of joint placings, finals standings will be decided on score averages</li> <li>Minimum of 7 players and maximum of 12 players per team</li> <li>Where there is more than 12 teams that enter this event, the competition will be split into 2 divisions</li> </ul>

Social Masters	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Social Masters is a social participation based event for ages 35 years and above in the year of play</li><li>• The event is split into 2 age group divisions – O35's and O40's</li><li>• Players can only be registered in 1 team per competition</li><li>• Minimum of 7 players and maximum of 12 players per team</li><li>• Each team must supply their own umpire for the event</li><li>• This is a female participation event only</li><li>• This event may be split across 2 venues where necessary depending on the venue of that year</li><li>• There is no finals series or joint placings. In the chance of joint placings, finals standings will be decided on score averages</li></ul>
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Each competition has a dedicated page on our website which you can visit and view all information related to the event such as Umpire nominations, Competition rules, competition handbooks, grading lists, key dates, forms and applications.

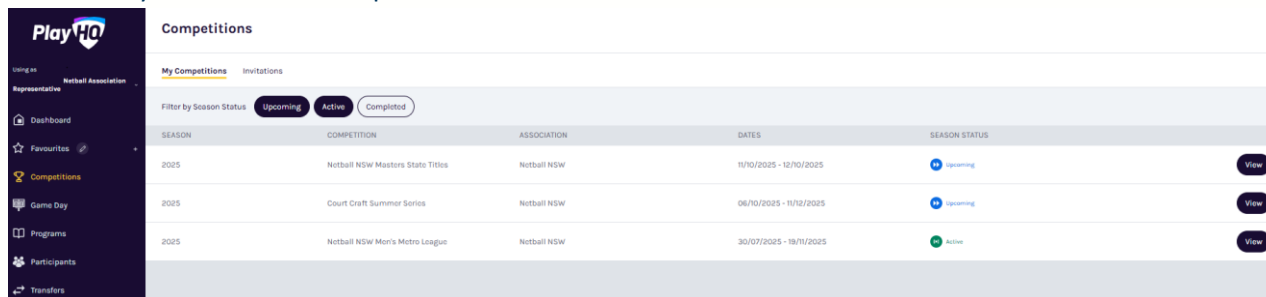
## Section 2: Setting up your Teams and forms in PlayHQ

### Step 1: Accepting an Invitation to the competition

Instructional Video - [Accepting an Invitation and Custom Fields](#)

By now, you should have access to PlayHQ via your association's representative pages (Please talk to your Association if you are having issues logging in or require assistance in navigating this).

1. When you log into PlayHQ for your Association Representative Club, you should see that this is now showing as "Using As" on the left hand side panel. In that same left side panel, select "Competitions" and this will show any upcoming, active or completed competitions that your Association Representative club has been invited to.



2. If there is a competition invitation pending for you to accept, you will select the "invitations" tab at the top of that screen under competitions, and this will then go on to show any that are awaiting for you to accept. From here, you can choose to accept or decline the invitation to that competition. In order to join the competition, you need to click "accept". Once accepted, this competition will now show up under the "My Competitions" tab.

### Competitions

SEASON	COMPETITION	ASSOCIATION	DATES	SEASON STATUS
2025	Netball NSW Masters State Titles	Netball NSW	11/10/2025 - 12/10/2025	Upcoming

view on the right hand side. Along the top of the screen, click on the 'teams' tab. From here is where you can create the teams you wish to enter into this competition. Select the yellow "+Add Club Team" button and complete the prompts for each team such as Age Group, Gender and Team Name.

4. When entering the team name, this will automatically populate based on the information you have entered in the Age Group and Gender categories, e.g. "Open Women" - simply edit and change this to the applicable name for the season which will be your Association Name, followed by team number (*if applicable*) or Age Group (State Titles ONLY).  
**For example, NSW 1 or NSW Open/NSW 17U.**
5. Once this has been completed, click "Add Team" and repeat for any other teams you are entering into this competition.



is a “Participant Registration Link” – this will be the link for participants or officials to register directly to this team.

#### Step 4: Allocating Team to Grade

Instructional Video - [Allocating Players to a Team and Team to a Grade](#)

Once you have created your teams and your association has decided which grade in which they intend to enter into our competitions, you can then allocate your created teams within PlayHQ to the relevant competition.

1. Within the “Competitions” tab at the top of your page, select the competition you wish to view and allocate to.
2. Select the grade you wish to enter your team in, e.g. 12U Championship, and click the “+” in the grades row, then click “+ Allocate a Team”. Select the team you want to allocate to this grade.



3. Repeat for all teams and the grade you wish to allocate them to.

#### Step 5: Monitoring Player and Team Official Registrations

It is beneficial to monitor the registration of your players and officials to your teams to ensure that everyone is registered correctly and by the closing date. To do this, you can follow the following:

1. From the Association Representative page, select “Competitions” and then select the competition you wish to view.
2. Then click the “Teams” tab at the top, and “View” the team you wish to check.
3. At the top of the page, you will see “Players”, and within that, you will be able to see any of the players who have registered into that team. To view any of the team staff or officials who have registered to the team, this will be on the right hand side under “Team Staff” within the Team Details section.

#### Step 6: Final Submission

Before doing the final submission, ensure that the following checklist has been completed:

- All players and Officials have registered to the **CORRECT** teams in PlayHQ.
- Each team has a Head Coach and Manager as a minimum
- There is a minimum of 7 players and no more than 12 players registered per team.
- All teams have been allocated to a grade.
- All forms have been completed
- All steps are completed by the relevant competitions close of entries date (*Please refer to the Netball NSW Competition Specific Webpage for entry dates*).

## Section 3: Vouchers & Fee Assistance

Throughout the registration process, individuals **WILL** be charged the Netball NSW Membership fee. They will be asked to pay the NNSW Membership fee if they are not registered for the current season, or if their registration does not cover them for the duration of the season. They can select 12, 6 or 3 month membership options from a drop down box within the registration process, depending on the length of the competition they are registering to will dictate what is available to them. They will also be charged for the Individual Competition Entry Fee which is applicable per competition they are participating in.

If your Association does not wish for any portion of these fees to be paid by your participants, or if there may be individuals within your teams who require fee help or payment plans, your Association will need to apply for vouchers through Netball NSW. To apply for a voucher, please follow the below steps:

1. Head to the Netball NSW Website Forms page to open the voucher application link - <https://nsw.netball.com.au/forms>. Vouchers are usually created within 3 business days, however may be delayed during peak periods.
2. Following the steps of the form, ensure that you select “Netball NSW Competition Voucher” in section 6, and then select the appropriate competition in which you require the voucher for, e.g. “Metro League”. The form will then ask you how many vouchers you require, and what name you require for the voucher, e.g “NSW NA Metro League” and then press submit!
3. You will be sent the voucher code by the Netball NSW Communities team to then pass along to any players who require this voucher. They will enter this as a voucher within the payment section titled “Vouchers” and it should reduce their fee to \$0.00.

**Vouchers**

Enter a voucher code

**Government Vouchers**

Select voucher type

Enter a voucher code

You may be required to provide a copy of your voucher or show your Health Care or Pension Concession Card to the organisations where discounts have been applied.

*\*Please ask them that if this does NOT reduce the fee, to contact you or [community@netballnsw.com](mailto:community@netballnsw.com) to check the voucher before proceeding through with payment. If the voucher code is not used properly during payment, Netball NSW cannot reimburse the fee.*

4. At the end of each month, Netball NSW will invoice the Association for any vouchers used.

## Section 4: Refund Processes

When registering to a Netball NSW Competition, a player will be asked to pay an individual competition fee applicable per competition. This fee will vary depending on the competition they are registering to and is payable upon registering (unless a voucher is in use as explained in Section 3). The competitions team is only responsible for the Competitions Fee component and if a player is requesting a full cancellation and refund of their Netball NSW membership fee, they will need to contact [community@netballnsw.com](mailto:community@netballnsw.com) for more information on this.

Refunds will only be available to players up until close of entry of the competition. If a player is unable to continue to participate in the competition for whatever reason, and they notify both the Association and Netball NSW **PRIOR** to the close of entry date for that competition, they will be able to apply for a refund of the competition fee. Each competition will have their own specific rules and regulations around refunds, so it is important to always check the Competition Rules document available on that competition's specific website page and also refer to the competition's close of entry date before applying or requesting a refund.

All requests for refunds are subject to consideration by the Netball NSW Competitions Manager.

## Section 5: Competition Fee Table

Below is the current Competition Fees table for the 2026 season. Please refer to the specific competition as to the fee and whether there is a team fee or levy applicable to this competition.

Competition	2026 Competition Fee (Inc GST & PHQ Fees)	Levy (If applicable)
<b>Metro League</b>	\$150.00 p/p	-
<b>Regional League</b>	\$25.00 p/p	Court Levy - \$260.00 p/team
<b>Regional State Cup</b>	\$120.00 p/p	-
<b>Summer Series</b>	\$115.00 p/p	-
<b>Mens Metro</b>	\$138.00 p/p	-
<b>Junior State Titles</b>	<b>General:</b> \$40.00 p/p <b>14U Male:</b> \$25.00 p/p	<b>Tent Hire:</b> \$1100.00 p/tent \$20.00 p/table \$3.00 p/chair
<b>Senior State Titles</b>	<b>Open Female:</b> \$40.00 p/p <b>Open Male/17U Male:</b> \$25.00 p/p <b>AA:</b> \$15.00 p/p	<b>Tent Hire:</b> \$1100.00 p/tent \$20.00 p/table \$3.00 p/chair
<b>Masters State Titles</b>	\$40.00 p/p	Umpire Levy - \$100.00 p/team
<b>Social Masters</b>	\$115.00 p/p	-

## Section 6: Forms & Other Documents

Please see below the list of forms relating to Netball NSW Competitions. These forms can also be found on the specific Competition's page on our website and on the [General Information](#) page alongside the 2026 Key Dates calendar with a list of all Competitions and their dates across the season.

### 2026 Team Registration to Competition Form

Please complete the following form linked below for to register a team into ALL competitions hosted by Netball NSW. Please ensure the form is completed prior to the closing date listed by competition.

[2026 Netball NSW Competitions - Team Registration Form - All Competitions](#)

Competition	Open & Closing Dates
DOOLEYS Metro League	Open: 15 Dec 2025 Closing: 4 Mar 2026
Regional League	Open: 15 Dec 2025 Closing: 18 Feb 2026
Men's Metro League	Open: 15 Dec 2025 Closing: 3 Aug 2026
Court Craft Summer Series	Open: 15 Dec 2025 Closing: 2 Sept 2026
HART Junior State Titles	Open: 15 Dec 2025 Closing: 13 May 2026
HART Senior State Titles	Open: 15 Dec 2025 Closing: 15 Apr 2026
Masters State Titles	Open: 15 Dec 2025 Closing: 9 Sept 2026

## 2026 General Forms

Form	Form Link
<b>Invitational &amp; Non-Affiliate Request to Register</b>	<a href="https://forms.office.com/r/XizNaLBM9p">https://forms.office.com/r/XizNaLBM9p</a>
<b>Application for Exemption of Competition Rule</b>	<a href="https://forms.office.com/r/50S8jYZyBH">https://forms.office.com/r/50S8jYZyBH</a>
<b>Application to Appeal for Competition Grading</b>	<a href="https://forms.office.com/r/5kGYeXPhkq">https://forms.office.com/r/5kGYeXPhkq</a>
<b>Application to Play in a Higher Age Group</b>	<a href="https://forms.office.com/r/gUxPn5migk">https://forms.office.com/r/gUxPn5migk</a>
<b>Temporary Replacement/Borrowed Player Request</b> (DOOLEYS Metro League, Mens Metro League, Court Craft Summer Series)	<a href="https://forms.office.com/r/5Fhv1gKdZ7">https://forms.office.com/r/5Fhv1gKdZ7</a>
<b>All Competitions – Late Registration/De-Registration Form</b>	<a href="https://forms.office.com/r/NvtNh5VC1W">https://forms.office.com/r/NvtNh5VC1W</a>