

2024 SITZLER INDIGENOUS NETBALL CARNIVAL COMPETITION INFORMATION

FRIDAY 14 JUNE – SUNDAY 16 JUNE 2024, DARWIN

The Indigenous Netball Carnival was first held in 2017, with 20 teams and 300 players, coaches, umpires, officials and spectators. The carnival is aimed at increasing participation of the Indigenous community in Sport and Recreation in a fun competitive environment.

The 2024 event will include male participation in the Junior and Mixed divisions, along with an all-women Open division.

GENERAL INFORMATION

VENUE

Territory Netball Stadium will host the 2024 Indigenous Netball Carnival. The street address is Sitzler Netball Centre, 235 Abala Road, Marrara NT.

AGE ELIGIBILITY

Athletes must remain in the nominated age or under for the entire calendar year in which the Indigenous Carnival is played, except where approved from time to time by Netball NT. Verification of age eligibility is the responsibility of each team.

Age as of 31 December 2024:

GRADE	AGE	YEAR
Open – Women's	Open	2006 and before
Mixed	Open	2006 and before
17 and Under – Girls and Boys	17, 16, 15 (turning 16)	2007 - 2009
15 and Under – Girls and Boys	15, 14, 13 (turning 14)	2009 – 2011
13 and Under – Girls and Boys	13, 12, 11 (turning 12)	2011 – 2013
11 and Under – Girls and Boys	11, 10, 9	2013 – 2015

- Teams may register a player in a team up to one (1) grade higher than their current age group. For example, a 13 and Under player may play in the 15 and Under competition. This is provided due consideration has been taken regarding the players suitability to play at that higher level with particular attention to their physical and technical capabilities as well as emotional maturity as determined by Netball NT.
- If required, teams may play a player up during the Carnival, again, provided due consideration has been taken regarding the players suitability to play at that higher level with particular attention to their physical and technical capabilities as well as emotional maturity as determined by Netball NT. Players are only eligible to play up for a team in one (1) age group higher and must be registered in all teams for which they play.
- **The one exception to these rules is that anyone born in 2014 or 2015 cannot play up a grade**

- A player may play in 2 games above their registered grade during the Carnival. On the 3rd game, they will be moved up to the higher grade permanently and will therefore be ineligible to play finals for the lower grade.
 - Teams are not permitted to play a player in a lower age division during the Carnival.
- Any team playing an ineligible player will be penalised four (4) competition points.

MALE PLAYER INCLUSIONS

- Junior divisions with male players (11U/13U/15U/17U) can have a maximum of three (3) males on the court at any time, there is no minimum.
- The Mixed division must have at least one (1) male on the court, with a maximum of three (3) on the court at any given time.
- A maximum of one (1) male player can be in any third at any time
 - Offence – GS/GA
 - Mid court – WA/C/WD
 - Defence – GD/GK
- Male players are not permitted to play beside each other, they need to be separated by a female player:
 - Not permitted: female GS, male GA, male WA
 - Permitted: male GS, female GA, male WA, female C
 - Permitted: male C, female WD, male GA, female GS
- If a team is identified as playing two consecutive males, the match must immediately stop, the correct positioning be quickly implemented and the match can re-start.

PROPOSED SCHEDULE (Based on 2023 – Subject to change once nominations are finalised)

FRIDAY 14 JUNE	6.00pm: Team Managers Meeting 6.30pm: Matches commence – Round 1 7.00pm: Opening Ceremony 7.30pm: Matches recommence 9.30pm: Last matches finish
SATURDAY 15 JUNE	10.00am: Matches recommence 5.30pm: Last matches finish
SUNDAY 16 JUNE	8.30am: Matches recommence 12.00pm: Last matches finish 12.00pm: Closing Ceremony

OPENING CEREMONY

Opening ceremony will take place on court one of Territory Netball Stadium. All teams and spectators are to gather on court one (1).

CLOSING CEREMONY



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The closing ceremony will take place immediately after the last final on court one (1) of Territory Netball Stadium.

FIXTURES

Fixtures will be uploaded to the Netball NT website by **Monday 10 June 2023**. They will also be emailed to the team representative listed on the registration form.

TEAM LISTS

Team nominations close **Friday 31 May 2024** and can be made via the Netball NT website. Click [here](#) to nominate a team.

All teams are also required to complete a Team Registration Form prior to **Friday 7 June 2024**. Click [here](#) to register a team.

A minimum of 10 players and a maximum of 12 players per team may be registered.

While the Indigenous Netball Carnival is aimed at increasing participation of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people in sport, it is also about reconciliation. Teams will be permitted to have up to two (2) non-Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander players registered to play. In the spirit of reconciliation and respect, it is expected that all teams play within the spirit of the competition in this regard.

Notwithstanding the previous paragraph, if a team originating from a regional community wishes to nominate a team and their participation is dependent upon numbers including players of non ATSI descent from their local community, they may apply for dispensation.

EQUIPMENT

Teams need to supply own bibs. Netball NT will supply the match balls.

FIRST AID

There will be a first aid post available for the duration of the Carnival. Location to be announced at the team managers meeting prior to the carnival. Please note NO preventative strapping will be offered at this post.

FOOD VENDORS

Food and drinks will be available for purchase throughout the weekend.

UMPIRES

All teams are asked to nominate an umpire. Umpires should have a minimum of a C badge or be currently working towards obtaining it. For teams unable to supply their own umpire, a higher fee will be charged to cover the cost of Netball NT sourcing and paying for an umpire for the duration of the carnival. **Nominated umpires cannot be a player or a coach in the competition.**

For more information on umpires, please contact Pam Franklin at pathways@netballnt.org.au

UNIFORMS



All players must be dressed in the same uniform, and this may consist of dresses, skirts, shorts, leggings/pants, singlets or t-shirts. Uniform items must be the same colour.

NNT recognises that uniform modifications may be required such as (but are not restricted to) the wearing of traditional Muslim headscarf or the wearing of long sleeve tops to cover arms. Headscarves can be tied but not fastened with any pins or sharp objects. The colour of headscarves and other garments to be in accordance with the team's colours.

CARNIVAL COMPETITION RULES

DURATION OF GAMES

All games shall consist of two 12-minute halves, with a three-minute interval between the two halves. All games are centrally timed.

*Please note Netball NT is currently considering extending Finals games to 4 quarters. A decision will be made once nominations have closed.

ROLLING SUBS

Rolling Subs will be run throughout the competition.

INJURY TIME

Injury time applies as per the World Netball Rule Book page 41:

The player concerned must leave the court within 30 seconds and receive any treatment off the court.

- Time shall not be held for injury time.

FORFEITS

Any team that is not on court and ready to play up to five (5) minutes from the start time on the fixtures will be able to play, but they will commence the game down by five (5) goals. Any team that is not on court and ready to play five (5) minutes or after from the start time on the fixtures will automatically forfeit the game and two (2) competition points will be awarded to their opponent. Teams can still play; however, umpires must record the game as a forfeit.

SCORE CARD

Teams are required to supply one (1) person to score games. The first mentioned team is the home team and shall score the game, the second mentioned team is the away team and shall check the score. Scorers from both teams shall be seated on the officials' bench together throughout the game. Scorecards will be located on each court in the scoring folder. The winning team is to return the scorecard to the score box at the Stadium Competition Office immediately after each game. Netball NT will provide a scorer for all grand finals.

POINTS

Championship points during the preliminary rounds will be awarded as follows:



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Win = 4 points
Draw = 2 points
Loss = 0 points
Bye = 4 points

RANKING

At the conclusion of the preliminary rounds, teams will be ranked according to:

Championship points awarded for a win, loss or draw as outlined above.

In the event of teams tying on championship points at the end of the preliminary rounds, the placing shall be determined by the results between the two teams concerned during the preliminary rounds.

If still even, placings shall be determined by the overall goal percentage in all games played.

I.e. $\frac{\text{Goals For}}{\text{Goals Against}} \times 100$

In the event of a further tie, the team scoring the most goals will be declared winner.

If three (3) or more teams are on the same points at the conclusion of the preliminary rounds, the placing shall be determined by the goals difference of the matches played between the tied teams in the preliminary round.

FINALS

To qualify to play in finals, players must have participated in a minimum of two (2) games for that team during the Carnival.

Drawn Matches:

In the event of a tie in semi-final and grand final matches, extra time will be played.

The following shall apply for extra time:

1. A two (2) minute break will be held, where substitutes and team changes may be made.
2. Teams change ends, and the game is restarted by the team entitled to the next centre pass.
3. Extra time of two (2) x five (5) minute halves will be played with a one (1) minute interval between the two halves.
4. Teams change ends at the end of the first five (5) minute half. Substitutions and/or positional changes may be made during the one (1) minute interval.
5. The game is then restarted by the team entitled to the next centre pass.
6. If there is still a tie at the end of extra time, a visual signal shall be used to indicate that play shall continue until one team has a two (2) goal advantage.

APPEALS / QUERIES

Only the Captain of a team can request clarification or lodge an appeal to the Carnival Coordinator, who will be found at the Stadium Competition Office. If the captain is under 18 the coach may appeal on behalf of the captain.

AWARDS

A 'Rising Star' award will be presented to one (1) player in each junior grade, recognising the players who played in the spirit and fairness of the game.

A 'Most Valuable Player' (MVP) award will be presented to the best performing player throughout the carnival in the Open division.

Opposition teams will give 3, 2, 1 votes at the conclusion of each game on a voting slip provided by Netball NT. Non-Indigenous players will not be eligible for these awards. Netball NT will provide information on the scorecard for each game regarding which players from each team are ineligible to receive votes.

CODES OF CONDUCT

Netball Australia, Member Organisations and Affiliates seek to provide a safe, fair and inclusive environment for everyone involved in netball.

To achieve this Netball Australia, Member Organisations and Affiliates require certain standards of behaviour of players/athletes, coaches, officials, administrators, parents/guardians (of child participants) and spectators.

PLAYERS CODE

1. Participate because you enjoy it, not just to please parents and coaches.
2. Play by the rules
3. Participate fairly and safely.
4. Abide by decisions, without argument or bad temper
 - a. Captains have the right to approach an umpire during an interval or after the game for clarification of any rule.
 - b. Approach the umpire in a courteous and polite way.
5. Co-operate with your coach, and other players
 - a. Verbal abuse of officials or other players, deliberately fouling or provoking an opponent and throwing/ damaging equipment is not acceptable or permitted.
 - b. Treat all players as you would like to be treated.
 - c. Ensure that at all times your behaviour is fair.
 - d. Be a patient and enthusiastic supporter of fellow players.
6. Applaud all good play, by your own team and opponents.
7. Be a responsible team member
 - a. Always be on time
 - b. Encourage and assist all players
 - c. Attend all training sessions

- d. Ensure you always bring the appropriate uniform and equipment to training and/ or matches.
8. Do not engage in practices that affect sporting performance (alcohol, tobacco and drug use).
9. Respect and acknowledge the contribution of those who create the opportunity for you to play

SPECTATORS CODE

1. Most players (in particular children) participate in netball activities for fun. They are not participating for entertainment of spectators only.
2. Applaud good performance and efforts by all players. When watching a game congratulate both teams on their performance regardless of the game's outcome.
3. Respect the umpires' and coaches' decisions. If there is a disagreement, follow the appropriate procedure in order to question the decision and teach children to do likewise.
4. Never ridicule or scold a player for making a mistake during a competition. Positive comments are motivational.
5. Condemn the use of violence in any form, be it by administrators, coaches, players, umpires or parents/ guardians.
6. Show respect for your team's coach, the umpire and opponents. Without them there would be no game.
7. Encourage players to play according to the rules and the official decisions and develop your own knowledge of the rules.
8. Demonstrate appropriate social behaviour by refraining from using foul language, harassing administrators, coaches, players or umpires.
9. Support the use of age-appropriate development activities and modified rules.

COACHES CODE

1. Operate within the rules and spirit of netball, promoting fair play over winning at any cost.
2. Encourage and support opportunities for people to learn appropriate behaviour and skills.
3. Support opportunities for participation in all aspects of the sport.
4. Treat each person as an individual.
5. Display control and courtesy to all involved with the sport
6. Respect the rights and worth of every person regardless of their gender, ability, cultural background or religion.
7. Respect the decisions of umpires, officials, coaches and administrators in the conduct of the sport.
8. Wherever practical, avoid unaccompanied and unobserved one-on-one activity (when in a supervisory capacity or where a power imbalance will exist) with people under the age of 18 years.
9. Adopt appropriate and responsible behaviour in all interactions.
10. Adopt responsible behaviour in relation to alcohol and other drugs.
11. Act with integrity and objectivity and accept responsibility for your decisions and actions.
12. Ensure your decisions and actions contribute to a safe environment.
13. Ensure your decisions and actions contribute to a harassment free environment.
14. Do not tolerate harmful or abusive behaviour.



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15. Place the safety and welfare of the athletes above all else.
16. Any physical contact with a person should be appropriate to the situation and necessary for the person's skill development.
17. Be honest and do not allow your qualifications to be misrepresented.

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