

CARNIVAL RULES

As this is a participation carnival it is expected that teams will enter the spirit of the carnival and abide by the rules.

PLAYING OUT OF DIVISION – GIRLS NETBALL DIVISION ONLY

Players may compete in one division above their eligible age group, provided they are appropriately capable of doing so. Example a player in Year 7 may play in a team in Year 8 division.

Players are not permitted to compete in a lower division at any stage. Example a player in Year 9 cannot play in a team in Year 8 division. However, the team could play in the Year 9 division (with the Year 8 players playing up one division)

Teams are responsible for ensuring all players meet eligibility requirements.

MALE PARTICIPATION

Male participation is welcomed in the Walking Netball Mixed 50+ division of the Carnival.

In this division, teams must always have at least one male player on the court. A maximum of three male players may be on court at any one time. A maximum of one male player is permitted in each third of the court, meaning one in shooting (GS or GA), one in midcourt (WA or C or WD) and one in defence (GD or GK). Two males cannot play in adjoining positions i.e. if a male is played at GA, then another male cannot be WA and if a male is played in GD another male cannot be WD.

Action: If a team is found to be in breach of these rules, play will be stopped when noticed, and positions must be corrected before the match resumes.

EQUIPMENT

Teams are required to supply their own bibs, while Netball NT will provide Gilbert match balls.

FIRST AID

A first aid post will be available for the duration of the Carnival. Please note that preventative strapping will not be provided.

FOOD AND DRINK

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

UMPIRES

All umpires for the Carnival will be appointed and managed by Netball NT, and teams are not required to supply an umpire.

If a team has an umpire they would like to be considered for inclusion in the official draw, they are encouraged to have that individual contact Netball NT prior to the Carnival.

Umpires will be paid \$60 per session (3 hours). Three umpires will be allocated to each court, and the umpires rotate between umpiring and reserving (4 x 26-minute games umpiring and 2 x 26-minute games reserving) for the session.

UNIFORMS

Uniform requirements are flexible. You can wear netball dresses, bike shorts + tops, skirts + tops, even team onesies if you really want! The main aim is to look like a team and be identifiable as a team.

Netball NT supports cultural and religious inclusivity, and uniform adaptations such as headscarves or long sleeves are permitted, provided they are safe and aligned with team colours.

COMPETITION RULES – RULES OF NETBALL (2024)

1. MATCH FORMAT

All matches will be centrally timed and consist of two 12-minute halves, with a two-minute break at half time and 4 minutes in between games.

2. ROLLING SUBSTITUTIONS

Rolling substitutions will be used throughout the Carnival.

3. INJURY TIME

Injury time will be managed in accordance with the World Netball Rules. As all matches are centrally timed, play will not be stopped for injuries.

4. FORFEITS

Teams must be ready to take the court at the allocated time to ensure that all the teams get to play the games within the session times. Teams that do not take the court within 30 seconds of the scheduled start time may still play if they arrive within three minutes, however they will be penalized for delaying play as per World Netball Rules (2024). Any team arriving three minutes or more after the scheduled start time will forfeit the match, with two competition points awarded to the opposing team.

5. SCORING

The first-listed team in the draw will act as the home team and is responsible for scoring, while the opposing team will check the score. Scoring will be done on iPads supplied for each match.

6. POINTS SYSTEM AND RANKINGS

Teams will be awarded two points for a win, one point for a draw, and zero points for a loss. After each team has played each other – the team with the most points will be the winner of that division.

7. APPEALS

Any appeal or request for clarification must be made through the team captain to the Carnival Coordinator. If the captain is under 18, the coach may act on their behalf.

8. CODES OF CONDUCT

All players, coaches, officials and spectators are expected to uphold the values of respect, fairness and sportsmanship in line with Netball Australia's Codes of Conduct and the Netball NT 'Our House' rules.

9. PLAYERS CODE

9.1 Participate because you enjoy it, not just to please parents and coaches.

9.2 Play by the rules.

9.3 Participate fairly and safely.

9.4 Abide by decisions, without argument or bad temper

- Captains and/or players have the right to approach an umpire during an interval or after the game for clarification of any rule.
- Approach the umpire in a courteous and polite way.

9.5 Co-operate with your coach, and other players, and have fun!

- Verbal abuse of officials or other players, deliberately fouling or provoking an opponent and throwing/ damaging equipment is not acceptable or permitted.
- Treat all players as you would like to be treated.
- Always ensure that your behaviour is fair.
- Be a patient and enthusiastic supporter of fellow players.

9.6 Applaud all good play, by your own team and opponents.

9.7 Be a responsible team member

- Always be on time.
- Encourage and assist all players.

9.8 Do not engage in practices that affect sporting performance (alcohol, tobacco and drug use).

10. COACHES CODE

10.1 Operate within the rules and spirit of netball, promoting fair play over winning at any cost.

10.2 Encourage and support opportunities for people to learn appropriate behaviour and skills.

10.3 Support opportunities for participation in all aspects of the sport.

10.4 Treat each person as an individual.

10.5 Display control and courtesy to all involved with the sport

10.6 Respect the rights and worth of every person regardless of their gender, ability, cultural background or religion.

10.7 Respect the decisions of umpires, officials, coaches and administrators in the conduct of the sport.

10.8 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.

10.9 Adopt appropriate and responsible behaviour in all interactions.

10.10 Adopt responsible behaviour in relation to alcohol and other drugs.

10.11 Act with integrity and objectivity and accept responsibility for your decisions and actions.

10.12 Ensure your decisions and actions contribute to a safe environment.

10.13 Ensure your decisions and actions contribute to a harassment free environment.

10.14 Do not tolerate harmful or abusive behaviour.

10.15 Place the safety and welfare of the athletes above all else.

10.16 Any physical contact with a person should be appropriate to the situation and necessary for the person's skill development.

10.17 Be honest and do not allow your qualifications to be misrepresented.

11. SPECTATORS CODE

11.1 Most players (particularly children) participate in netball activities for fun. They are not participating for entertainment of spectators only.

11.2 Applaud good performance and efforts by all players. When watching a game congratulate both teams on their performance regardless of the game's outcome.

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- 11.3 Respect the umpires' and coaches' decisions. If there is a disagreement, follow the appropriate procedure to question the decision and teach children to do likewise.
- 11.4 Never ridicule or scold a player for making a mistake during a competition. Positive comments are motivational.
- 11.5 Condemn the use of violence in any form, be it by administrators, coaches, players, umpires or parents/ guardians.
- 11.6 Show respect for your team's coach, the umpire and opponents. Without them there would be no game.
- 11.7 Encourage players to play according to the rules and the official decisions and develop your own knowledge of the rules.
- 11.8 Demonstrate appropriate social behaviour by refraining from using foul language, harassing administrators, coaches, players or umpires.

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