



COMPETITION HANDBOOK

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2021 Important Dates

Date	Requirement		
February	Association Championships Qualifying Days Entries Open		
Friday 30 April Association Championships Qualifying Days Entries Close Payment due for Entries			
Friday 14 May Team Lists due to Netball Victoria Umpire Nomination Forms due to Netball Victoria			
Sunday 6 June	Central East 15&U/17&U Association Championships Qualifying Day Northern Association Championships Qualifying Day		
Sunday 20 June	Central East 13&U Association Championships Qualifying Day Central West Association Championships Qualifying Day Eastern Association Championships Qualifying Day		
Sunday 27 June	North East Association Championships Qualifying Day Western Association Championships Qualifying Day		
Monday 5 July	Association Championships Finals Day Payment Due Association Championships Finals Day Team Lists due to Netball Victoria Umpire Nomination Forms due to Netball Victoria		
Sunday 18 July	Association Championships Finals Day		
August	2022 Association Championships Qualifying Day Host Applications Open		
October	2022 Association Championships Qualifying Day Hosts Confirmed Dates and Hosts Published		

Overview and History

The first Association Championship event was conducted in 2000 and since then the event has gained popularity. Approximately 350 teams regularly compete in the event, involving more than 3600 players.

Association Championships is an integral part of the netball in Victoria pathway for players, coaches and officials. The competition provides important talent identification opportunities for athletes as they continue to develop their skills and play to a high standard.

Association Championships also gives our emerging umpires the support and opportunity to learn from our umpire coaches and, in turn, enhance the standard of umpiring across Victoria.

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Objectives

- Provide a competition for representative teams as part of the Netball Victoria pathway
- Provides player and umpire talent identification
- Deliver umpire and coach development
- Provide participation opportunities for greater athlete and coach development



TID Opportunity

Each year Netball Victoria appoints a number of Talent Scouts throughout the various netball regions. These scouts communicate with local netball associations and leagues to identify talented athletes at the Association Championships Qualifying Days. Athletes are identified with the potential to participate in Netball Victoria's High-Performance Pathway Programs, including Talent Academy, State 17 & Under and 19 & Under programs.

Netball Victoria Talent Scouts view athletes in the 15&U and 17&U age groups across both Championship and Reserve divisions. Following these Championships, Talent Scouts provide the names of identified athletes for invitation to Zone Academy and State Team screening days leading toward possible inclusion in Talent Academy Programs and/or State Teams in the following year.

Victorian Regional Academy of Sport (VRAS)

The Victorian Regional Academy of Sport, in partnership with Netball Victoria, conduct Talent Identification in the 13/U Division of the Association Championships held in regional Victoria. There are seven regions throughout Victoria take part in a program that provides development for potential Talent Academy athletes transitioning into the 15/U age group.

The aim of this agreement is to both assist Netball Victoria to reach and service regional areas and to support aspiring Netball athletes in the regional centres of Victoria.

The program links Netball Victoria's High Performance Pathway Programs, in particular the Talent Academy Program with the Regional Academies of sport on a larger scale.

Barwon Sports Academy (Geelong), West Vic Academy of Sport (Ballarat), Gippsland Sports Academy (Newborough), Bendigo Academy of Sport (Bendigo), North East Academy (Shepparton), the South West Academy of Sport (Warrnambool) and Sunraysia Academy of Sport (Sunraysia) are the seven regional academies that participate in the program.

The program provides development for potential Talent Academy athletes transitioning into the 15U age group.

Marie Little OAM Shield

The Marie Little OAM Shield is an annual tournament that provides women with an intellectual disability the chance to compete at a national level. Named after disability netball pioneer, Marie Little OAM, the competition sees teams from each state compete.

Talent Identification for the 2021 Marie Little OAM Shield will occur throughout the All Abilities division competition.



Past Winners and Results

13 & Under	WINNERS	RUNNERS UP
2000	Echuca & Dist NA (22)	Kardinia NA (20)
2001	Waverley City NA (20)	Wonthaggi & Dist NA (7)
2002	Cobram NA	Frankston & Dist NA
2003	Caulfield & Dist NA (14)	Benalla NA (10)
2004	Waverley Night NA (12)	Central Murray NL (10)
2005	GFL Netball (25)	Echuca & Dist NA (8)
2006	Western Border NA (15)	Benalla NA (13)
2007	Altona NA (15)	Waverley Night NA (7)
2008	Hampden FNL (11)	Albury NA (8)
2009	Hampden FNL (19)	Shepparton NA (4)
2010	GFL Netball (16)	Shepparton NA (15)
2011	Cranbourne South West NA (15)	Waverley City Na (10)
2012 Cranbourne South West NA (13) B		Bendigo Strathdale (8)
2013	Banyule & District NA (15)	Gippsland League Netball (10)
2014	Banyule & District NA (13)	Hampden FNL (11)
2015	Western Border NA (11)	Mornington Peninsula NA (9)
2016	Altona NA (16)	Doncaster & Districts NA (14)
2017	Banyule & Districts NA (12)	Albury NA (10)
2018	Casey NA (11)	Parkville Netball (7)
2019	Lilydale Yarra Valley NA (20)	Casey NA (11)

15 & Under	WINNERS	RUNNERS UP	
2000	Kingston & Dist NA (13) Strathdale NA (9)		
2001	Echuca & Dist NA (19)	Mountain District NA (9)	
2002	Diamond Creek FORCE NA	Hampden FNL	
2003	Waverley City NA (13)	Hampden FNL (11)	
2004	Frankston & Dist NA (14)	Colac Night NA (13)	
2005	Frankston & Dist NA (18)	Waverley District NA (11)	
2006	Central Murray NL (16)	Geelong FNL (13)	
2007	Hampden FNL (19)	Ballarat NA (15)	
2008	Frankston & Dist NA (17)	GFL Netball (8)	
2009	Bendigo FNL (16)	Waverley City NA (12)	
2010	Shepparton NA (14)	Waverley City NA (9)	
2011	Frankston NA (20)	Albury NA (7)	
2012	Hampden FNL (15)	Waverley City NA (11)	
2013	Geelong FNL (14)	Ballarat NA (8)	
2014	Altona NA (16)	Gippsland League (6)	
2015	Banyule & District NA (22)	Hampden FNL (11)	
2016 St Albans/Caroline Springs NA (12) Har		Hampden FNL (10)	
2017	Frankston & District NA (12)	Banyule & Districts (8)	
2018	Altona NA (16)	Frankston & District NA (8)	
2019	AFL Outer East (17)	Parkville Netball (12)	

17 & Under	17 & Under WINNERS RUNNERS UP		
2000	Hampden FNL (12)	Shepparton NA (11)	
2001	Ovens & Murray FNL (21)	Shepparton NA (17)	
2002	Lilydale Yarra Valley NA	Golden City NA	
2003	Diamond Creek FORCE NA (15)	Lilydale Yarra Valley NA (12)	
2004	Hampden FNL (19)	Goulburn Valley FNL (15)	
2005	GFL Netball (15)	Hampden FNL (11)	
2006	Ovens & Murray FNL (17)	Goulburn Valley FNL (11)	
2007	Ovens & Murray FNL (18)	Doncaster & Dist NA (12)	
2008	GFL Netball (22)	Bendigo FNL (7)	
2009	Ariels Vic Churches NA (15)	Ovens & Murray FNL (13)	
2010	Bendigo FNL (15)	GFL Netball (9)	
2011	Netball Geelong (12)	Hampden FNL (8)	
2012	Geelong FNL (23)	Goulburn Valley NL (20)	
2013	Geelong FNL (8)	Waverley District NA (8)	
2014	SS&A Ovens & Murray FNL (16)	Geelong FNL (11)	
2015	Bendigo FNL (16)	St Albans/ Caroline Springs NA (12)	
2016	Albury NA (14)	Banyule & Districts NA (13)	
2017	Banyule & Districts NA (14)	St Albans/Caroline Springs NA (13)	
2018 Goulburn Valley NL (15) St Albans/Car		St Albans/Caroline Springs NA (14)	
2019	St Albans Caroline Springs NA (19)	SS&A Ovens & Murray FNL (14)	

Open	WINNERS	RUNNERS UP	
2000	Ballarat NA (24)	Western Border NA (21)	
2001	Western Border NA (20)	Goulburn Valley FNL (10	
2002	Hampden FNL	Wimmera NA	
2003	Hampden FNL (23)	Western Border NA (13)	
2004	Waverley Night NA (16)	Hampden FNL (11)	
2005	Western Border NA (11)	Hampden FNL (10)	
2006	Goulburn Valley NA (15)	Hampden FNL (14)	
2007	Goulburn Valley NA (16)	Hampden FNL (10)	
2008	Ovens & Murray FNL (12)	Hampden FNL (11)	
2009	Diamond Creek FORCE NA (18)	Ovens & Murray FNL (17)	
2010	Yarra Valley FNL (18)	Ovens & Murray FNL (17)	
2011	Netball Geelong (17)	Ovens & Murray FNL (9)	
2012	Goulburn Valley NL (12)	Hampden (8)	
2013	Goulburn Valley NL (20)	Mornington Peninsula Nepean FL (7)	
2014	Alberton (12)	Ellinbank & District NA (6)	
2015	Geelong FNL (19)	Ovens & Murray FNL (12)	
2016	Geelong FNL (19)	Bendigo FNL (9)	
2017	Bendigo FNL (18)	Bellarine FNL (14)	
2018	Geelong FNL (21)	Bendigo FNL (9)	
2019	Goulburn Valley League (16)	SS&A Ovens & Murray FNL (11)	

Hosts Associations

	Central East	Central West	Eastern
2000	*Frankston/MENA/WDNA/LYV/City of Berwick	Barwon Netball Region	Sale NA
2001	Mountain Districts NA	Corio NA	Morwell NA
2002	Dandenong & Dist NA	Netball Geelong	Traralgon NA
2003	Frankston & Dist NA	Corio NA	Moe NA
2004	Dandenong & Dist NA	Diamond Creek FORCE NA	Bairnsdale NA
2005	Mountain Districts NA	Colac & Dist NA	Bairnsdale NA
2006	Waverley Night NA	Diamond Creek FORCE NA	Traralgon NA
2007	Frankston & Dist NA	Netball Geelong & Geelong Unity NA	Sale NA
2008	Dandenong & Dist NA	Diamond Creek FORCE NA	Bairnsdale NA
2009	Waverley Night NA	Diamond Creek FORCE NA	Traralgon NA
2010	Mountain District NA	Netball Victoria	Bairnsdale NA
2011	Knox City Council NA	Netball Geelong	Sale NA
2012	Waverley Night NA	Diamond Creek FORCE NA	Traralgon NA
2013	Knox City Council NA	Geelong Central NA	Traralgon NA
2014	Mountain Districts NA	AFL Barwon (Geelong)	Sale NA
2015	Knox City Council NA	Vic Baptist NA	Leongatha NA
2016	Mountain District NA	Geelong Central NA	Sale NA
2017	Knox City Council NA (15&U & 17&U) Frankston DNA (13&U)	Wyndham NA	Traralgon NA
2018	Casey NA (13&U) Mountain District NA (15&U & 17&U)	DCFNA (13&U), Geelong Central (15&U & 17&U)	Sale NA
2019	Caulfield & Dist NA (13&U) Springvale & Dist NA (15&U & 17&U)	Wyndham NA	Traralgon NA
2020		No Competition due to COVID-19	
2021	Springvale & Dist NA (15&U & 17&U) Waverley District NA (13&U)	Wyndham NA	Moe & District NA



	Northern	North East	Western
2000	Golden City NA	Shepparton NA	Ballarat NA
2001	Echuca & Dist NA	Wangaratta NA	Warrnambool City NA
2002	Strathdale NA	Netball Wodonga	Hamilton NA
2003	Horsham City NA	Shepparton NA	Warrnambool City NA
2004	Central Murray NL	Netball Wodonga	Ballarat NA
2005	Horsham City NA	Shepparton NA	Terang NA
2006	Mildura NA	Albury NA	Ballarat NA
2007	Central Murray NL	Shepparton NA	Warrnambool City NA
2008	Echuca & Dist NA	Albury NA	Warrnambool City NA
2009	Bendigo FNL	Shepparton NA	Ballarat NA
2010	Golden City NA	Albury NA	Warrnambool City NA
2011	Mildura NA	Yarrawonga & Dist. NA	Ballarat NA
2012	Bendigo FNL	Albury NA	Ballarat NA
2013	Golden City NA	Shepparton NA	Warrnambool City NA
2014	Mildura NA	Shepparton NA	Ballarat NA
2015	Echuca & Dist NA	Albury NA	Warrnambool City NA
2016	Central Murray FNL	Shepparton NA	Ballarat NA
2017	Echuca District NA	Albury NA	Warrnambool City NA
2018	AFL Central Vic	Wangaratta NA	Ballarat NA
2019	Echuca NA	Wodonga Netball	Warrnambool City NA
2020		No Competition due to COVID-19	
2021	Golden City NA	Albury NA	Wendouree NA

If you are interested in hosting Association Championships in 2022, information and application process will be made available in August 2021.



Competition Regulations

Definitions

In these Rules & Regulation, except where stated the following definitions apply;

Affiliated League or Association – a not for profit incorporated association or company limited by guarantee, which is a member of Netball Victoria and has an interest in netball. Affiliated Associations must conduct competitions, which should consist of not less than four (4) teams.

Calendar Year – the period commencing 1st January and ending 31st December inclusive.

Competition Matches – all fixtured matches of the Competition.

Court Supervisor – the person appointed by Netball Victoria to assist the Competition Manager

Competition Manager – the person appointed by Netball Victoria to manage the Competition.

NCAS – the National Coaching Accreditation Scheme.

NV – the Victorian Netball Association Incorporated (ABN 83 704 752 745) trading as Netball Victoria.

Regulation – this particular Competition Regulation or any other Netball Victoria Regulation as the context requires.

Rules of Netball – the official rule book – "Official Rules of Netball" revised 2020, subject to any variations approved by NV from time to time.

Team – any team which is representing an Affiliated Association or League in the Competition.

Team Bench – the designated area where the players (up to 5 substitutes), coach, manager, and up to (3) other personnel, remain throughout the game

1. Competition Format

1.1 Stages

The competition is conducted in two stages.

1.1.1 Qualifying Stage

- a) An Association/League within each Zone will host this tournament at a designated venue
- b) Associations/Leagues enter teams into their respective zone's qualifying stage
- c) An entry fee of \$80 inc. GST per team will be charged for the qualifying stage
- d) The top two association/league teams in each age group's championship division of each zone will progress to the Association Championship Finals Day
- e) Umpire and player development programs are coordinated by Netball Victoria
- f) TID occurs for players (conducted by Netball Victoria and the various Victorian Regional Academies of Sport)

1.1.2 Finals Day

- a) The Grand Finalists of each Championship division in each zone's qualifying events are invited to finals. The Open and 17&U Male divisions only compete on finals day.
- b) Entry fee is set at \$80 inc. GST per team qualified for finals day
- c) The winning association/league in each age group is crowned the Netball Victoria Association Champions.



1.2 Age Groups/Divisions

- 1.2.1 Entry to competition can be in the following age groups;
 - a) Open Female
 - b) 17 & Under Female
 - c) 17 & Under Male
 - d) 15 & Under Female (males <13 years of age as at the first day of competition may participate)
 - e) 13 & Under female (males <13 years of age as at the first day of competition may participate)
- 1.2.2 Divisions may be created to cater for the number of entries into one age group. Divisions will be:
 - a) Championship
 - b) Reserve
- 1.2.3 Pending team numbers, pools may be created within divisions
- 1.2.4 Associations/Leagues may enter more than one team in the Reserve division at the discretion of Netball Victoria. Associations/Leagues must contact NV prior to entering multiple teams in the reserve division. Approval will be based on total team entries in that division.
- 1.2.5 Netball Victoria reserves the right to add teams to Finals Day.

1.3 Entry Process

- 1.3.1 Teams are required to enter and pay an entry fee using the Netball Victoria online payment portal.
- 1.3.2 Teams will be required to submit a team list via MyNetball by the requested date or will be deemed ineligible to play.
 - a) Teams must list a minimum of seven (7) and a maximum of twelve (12) players
 - b) Teams must list a coach and team manager
- 1.3.3 Changes to team lists after the due date will require a 'Change of Player' form to be submitted to Netball Victoria.

1.4 Uniforms & Equipment

- 1.4.1 All players within the team must wear association/league playing uniform.
- 1.4.2 Associations/leagues must submit to Netball Victoria designs/photos of their uniform prior to the competition for approval.
- 1.4.3 Taping of jewellery and/or nails is not permitted. All jewellery must be removed, and nails short and smooth. Medical bracelets are exempt.

2. Eligibility

2.1 Team Eligibility

- 2.1.1 Only affiliated Netball Victoria association/league representative teams are eligible to participate.
- 2.1.2 Only association/league representative teams approved by their association/league committee and Netball Victoria are permitted to enter the competition.



2.2 Player Eligibility

- 2.2.1 To be eligible to represent an Association/League:
 - a) 13 & Under and 15 & Under players must be registered to, and have played a minimum of four (4) games in that Association/League's own competition in the 12 months prior to competition.
 - b) 17 & Under Female, 17 & Under Male and Open players must be a registered player to their association/league and have played a minimum of four (4) games either in their association/league's own competition, or for their association/league representative team in another competition.
- 2.2.2 Association/league representative players (or teams) who compete at a competition run by another association may only represent the association for which they play for, and not where they play at.
- 2.2.3 Any junior (15/U or 17/U) player who has taken the court in four (4) or more Victorian Netball League matches (regardless of division) in the current year of the Association Championships is not eligible to play in the competition. Association Championships Open division players are exempt from this bylaw.
- 2.2.4 Players must meet association/league eligibility criteria for representative teams. Netball Victoria reserves the right to request this information prior to competition.
- 2.2.5 Where a player is eligible to represent multiple associations/leagues (including in different zones), the player may choose to represent only one (1) association/league during the Association Championships in any given year.
- 2.2.6 Players cannot play in more than one age group during any day of competition. There is to be no substitutions between association/league teams on the day. However, players will be permitted to represent a higher age group at the Association Championships Final day, whilst still complying with the minimum age requirements stated in Rule 2.2.9.
- 2.2.7 Players must participate in preliminary rounds to be eligible to play finals on qualifying days. Teams found to be playing ineligible players will be disqualified and may incur a fine.
- 2.2.8 To be eligible to play Finals Day, players must have participated in their respective zone qualifying day. Exemptions may be sought in the instances of player replacement for medical purposes (medical certificate required). Players must play in the preliminary rounds on Finals Day to participate in finals.
- 2.2.9 Participant age is determined as at 31st December of the competition year except for males as prescribed in 2.2.10. Minimum age requirements are;
 - a) Open Female: 15 years
 - b) 17 & Under Female: 14 years,
 - c) 17 & Under Male: 13 years
 - d) 15 & Under Female: 12 years (males <13 years of age as at the first day of competition may participate)
 - e) 13 & Under Female: 11 years (males <13 years of age as at the first day of competition may participate)
- 2.2.10 The Netball Victoria Gender Regulation will apply in regard to male competition. Males who are less than 13 years of age (actual age) on the first day of the competition may participate in the 13 & Under and 15 & Under Female competitions. There is no restriction on the number of males on court or positions they may play for the 13 & Under and 15 & Under Female competitions.



2.2.11 Associations/Leagues may apply in writing to Netball Victoria on behalf of a player for special consideration to represent an Association/League if they have not reached the stated eligibility criteria above.

2.3 Netball Victoria Membership

2.3.1 All players, coaches, team managers and umpires must be full (junior or senior) current financial members of Netball Victoria.

3. Officials and Personnel

3.1 Netball Victoria Competition Officials

- 3.1.1 A Competition Manager from Netball Victoria will be responsible for the management of all competition matches.
 - a) They will be authorised to suspend or cancel any matches deemed unsafe.
 - b) They may at their discretion, in exceptional or extenuating circumstances, alter, vary or waive the requirements set out in the competition rules and regulations of the competition. The exercising of such discretion will have regard for the integrity of the competition.
- 3.1.2 Court Supervisor will assist the Competition Manager in the management of the competition and be responsible for the recording of all scores into the online competition management program.
- 3.1.3 An Umpire Supervisor/Coordinator will be appointed by Netball Victoria to manage umpires on the day and prior to competition.
- 3.1.4 Netball Victoria has the right to appoint other officials and volunteers to enable the competition to run according to standards.

3.2 Umpires

- 3.2.1 Each team must supply a non-playing, non-coaching current badged umpire.
- 3.2.2 All umpires must be approved by Netball Victoria, at least 10 business days prior to the competition.
- 3.2.3 All umpires must comply with the Netball Victoria Competitions Umpire Uniform Code.
- 3.2.4 Netball Victoria shall allocate umpires for all matches.
- 3.2.5 Umpires may be required for finals and must check with the Umpire Supervisor/Coordinator at the end of the preliminary/pool rounds prior to leaving.
- 3.2.6 The following minimum standard of umpire is required:
 - a) Open Female: A Grade badge or NV approved B Grade
 - b) 17 & Under Female: B Grade badge or NV approved C Grade
 - c) 17 & Under Male: B Badge or NV approved C Grade badge
 - d) 15 & Under Female: B Badge or NV approved C Grade badge
 - e) 13 & Under Female: NV approved C Grade badge
- 3.2.7 Failure to supply one umpire per team will result in a fine of \$250 per umpire not supplied, payable to Netball Victoria. Subsequent failure will result in teams forfeiting their entry.
- 3.2.8 If Netball Victoria is required to source an umpire for an Association/League, a fee of \$150 will be invoiced to the Association/League.



3.2.9 It is a requirement that all umpires 18 years and older hold a current Working with Children Check (WWCC), and proof may be requested by NV.

3.3 Coaches

- 3.3.1 A non-playing coach must be listed on the team registration portal. Open division coaches are not required to be a non-playing coach.
- 3.3.2 All coaches must be current full (junior or senior) financial Netball Victoria members and have a current minimum NCAS Foundation Netball Accreditation.
- 3.3.3 All coaches 18 years and older must hold a current Working with Children Check (WWCC), and proof may be requested by NV.

3.4 Team Managers

- 3.4.1 A non-playing Team Manager, present at the competition, must be listed on the team registration portal.
- 3.4.2 All Team Managers must be a current full (junior or senior) financial Netball Victoria member.
- 3.4.3 All Team Managers 18 years and older must hold a current Working with Children Check (WWCC), and proof may be requested by NV.

4. Competition Organisation

4.1 Competition Requirements

- 4.1.1 Competition matches shall be as per the "Official Rules of Netball" revised 2020, unless otherwise stated.
- 4.1.2 If an umpire observes a player bleeding or there is blood on the court, ball or any other player, they are required to call time, if no "on court" player has called time. The player/s with blood must leave the court immediately and may be substituted as per the standard injury/blood rule. The time will not stop for any injury or blood rule.

4.2 Conduct of Matches

- 4.2.1 Preliminary/pool matches will consist of two (2) x equal halves with no break at half time.
- 4.2.2 Finals will consist of two (2) x equal halves with one (1) minute break at half time.
- 4.2.3 In the event of a drawn match in finals there will be a one (1) minute break before two (2) four (4) minute halves with a one (1) minute break at the interval when teams change ends.
- 4.2.4 If at the end of the second half the scores are still level, then play continues until one team leads by two goals.
- 4.2.5 All finals that go into extra time will be timed courtside by a Netball Victoria official.
- 4.2.6 Substitutions can be made during all breaks in extra time.

4.3 Balls

4.3.1 All game netballs will be supplied by Netball Victoria.



4.4 Centre Pass

- 4.4.1 In Preliminary/pool matches, the first named team will take the centre pass; the other team may choose the goal end.
- 4.4.2 The centre pass in the Grand Final will be determined by the toss of a coin.

4.5 Fixtures & Ladders

- 4.5.1 Netball Victoria will determine the pools and fixtures after all teams are entered and the final number known.
- 4.5.2 Fixtures will be released prior to the competition day, but are subject to change. Any changes will be notified accordingly.
- 4.5.3 In preliminary/pool rounds, points will be awarded as follows:
 - a) Four (4) points for a win
 - b) Two (2) points for a draw
 - c) Zero (0) points for a loss
 - d) Four (4) points for a bye
- 4.5.4 Progressive ladders will be available for each division, and will be updated after each round of matches.
 - a) Teams will be ranked by points awarded for win/loss.
 - b) In the event of multiple teams on equal points, the highest goal percentage (based on goals for and against) will determine ladder placing.
 - c) In the event of multiple teams on equal percentage, the ladder placing shall be determined by which team scored the greater total number of goals during the rounds.

4.6 Finals

- 4.6.1 At the conclusion of the preliminary/pool rounds, the top placing teams (as per the ladder) of each pool/division will play off in a finals series.
- 4.6.2 The finals structure will be determined by Netball Victoria based on the number of pools/teams competing and will be communicated before the competition commences.

4.7 Score Sheet

- 4.7.1 Each team must provide a non-participating scorer for all matches who must sit/stand together for the entire duration of the match.
- 4.7.2 The scoresheet provided by Netball Victoria will be considered the official scoresheet and only information recorded on the official scoresheet will be accepted.
- 4.7.3 Netball Victoria will not accept the scoresheet without the two (2) scorer's signatures.
- 4.7.4 The winning team must return the scoresheet to the Event Office immediately after the game.

4.8 Late Arrivals & Forfeits

- 4.8.1 All competition games will commence at the time listed in the fixture.
- 4.8.2 If a team is not present at the time of the starting siren, a representative from the team present must notify the Competition Officials immediately.



- 4.8.3 A Competition Official may award the present team one (1) goal for each full minute the game is delayed.
- 4.8.4 A maximum of five (5) goals will be awarded, after which the match will be declared a forfeit by the Competition Official.
- 4.8.5 Once declared a forfeit by the Competition Official, the team present will be awarded the four points and a winning margin of 10-0.

4.9 Cancellations

- 4.9.1 When matches are cancelled due to weather or some other cause prior to the start of the game, both teams will be credited with two (2) points and five (5) goals each and the competition will continue as per fixture, unless alternate arrangements can be made to reschedule the match.
- 4.9.2 When matches are cancelled due to weather or some other cause after the start of the game:
 - a) prior to the completion of the first half, teams will be awarded two (2) points and five (5) goals.
 - b) after the commencement of the second half the score stands as at the time of the stoppage.

5. Competition Specific

5.1 Team Registration (day of competition)

5.1.1 Teams are required to register at the Competition Desk no later than 30 minutes before the first match of the day to check in their team.

5.2 Talent Identification and Mentoring

- 5.2.1 Talent identification for athletes and mentoring for umpires will occur at Association Championships. Where TID will be occurring the selection process and TID opportunities will be communicated to relevant participants and personnel.
- 5.2.2 Eligible athletes may be Talent Identified for:
 - a) Victorian Regional Academy of Sports (13/U regional zones only);
 - b) Zone Academy Screening (15/U); and/or
 - c) State Team Screening (15/U, 17/U & Open)
 - d) Note: the age group specified will be screened for the TID program listed.
- 5.2.3 Identified players will be notified via mail by August.

5.3 Awards

5.3.1 Grand Final teams will receive awards supplied by Netball Victoria.

5.4 Risk Analysis

5.4.1 A risk analysis process by Netball Victoria (in conjunction with Associations if necessary) will be completed to mitigate any potential risks to the competition.

5.5 First Aid

5.5.1 A First Aid officer will be located on site.



5.6 Policies

5.6.1 Association Championships will comply with Netball Victoria and Netball Australia Policies and adhere to the Code of Conduct on the Netball Victoria Website.

6. All Abilities

Unless detailed differently in this section, all Association Championship competition rules and regulations apply to All Abilities teams.

6.1 All Abilities player Classification and Eligibility

- 6.1.1 Players with a physical or mental condition that limits their movements, senses or activities.
- 6.1.2 All Abilities players must hold a Netball Victoria All Abilities membership.
- 6.1.3 To be eligible to represent an All Abilities association/league, a player must be registered and involved at that association/league within 12 months.
- 6.1.4 Participants' age is determined as at 31st December each year. Minimum age requirements are;

AA Junior: 10 years (mixed competition) AA Senior: 18 years (mixed competition)

6.2 Entry to Competition

- 6.2.1 All Abilities teams must be association/league representative teams. Only affiliated Netball Victoria association/league representative All Abilities teams are eligible to participate.
- 6.2.2 Each association/league may enter one (1) All Abilities team per division.

6.3 Umpires

6.3.1 Each team must supply a non-playing, non-coaching current badged umpire. Refer to section 3.2 for full regulations.

6.4 Uniform & Equipment

- 6.4.1 All players within the All Abilities team must wear a uniform approved by the association/league.
- 6.4.2 Uniforms must show the Association/League name and no other name (e.g. club)

6.5 Competition Specific

- 6.5.1 A team can have a minimum of zero (0) males on the team.
- 6.5.2 There is no minimum number of males required to be on court at any given time.
- 6.5.3 A team can have a maximum of three (3) males on the court at any time. It is not necessary for a male player to oppose a male player.
- 6.5.4 Teams can only have one male player in each third; for example, GS or GA, WA or C or WD, GD or GK
- 6.5.5 All Abilities teams will not qualify for Finals Day. All All Abilities teams from around the state will compete at a specified Zone Qualifying day, and finals will be played on this day.



7. Offences, Complaints Procedure & Penalties

Association Championships will follow the guidelines of Netball Victoria's Member Protection Policy, Competition Rules & Regulations, Netball Victoria Competition Complaints Handling Regulation, and Child Safe Standards.

Protests and appeals should be lodged by the team coordinator to the Competitions Manager before the next round of competition. These forms are available from the Competitions Office.

In the event of a protest or an appeal, the Competitions Manager will convene with other Netball Victoria staff members deemed qualified to hear the protest/appeal.

The Competitions Manager's decision will be final.





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Guide to Entering Teams

Important Information

- Teams are required to enter and pay an entry fee using the Netball Victoria online payment portal.
 - The link to this will be provided to all NV Affiliates by the Competitions Coordinator when entries open
- Teams will be required to submit a team list via MyNetball by the requested date or will be deemed ineligible to play.
- Please ensure that all Team Lists are completed correctly. Netball Victoria will not accept incorrect or incomplete Team lists.
- Changes to team lists after the due date will require a 'Change of Player' form to be submitted to Netball Victoria.

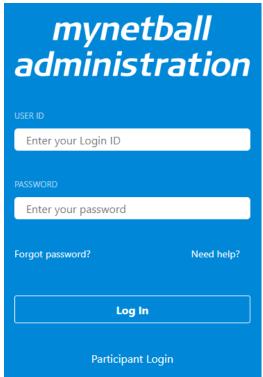
Entering Teams and Squads on MyNetball

Once you receive notification from Netball Victoria that registrations for Association Championships are open you can follow these steps to enter your team(s).

This process needs to be done for EACH team that you are entering into the Association Championships.

Step 1. Logging into MyNetball

An Association administrator needs to log into administration portal of MyNetball for their Association.



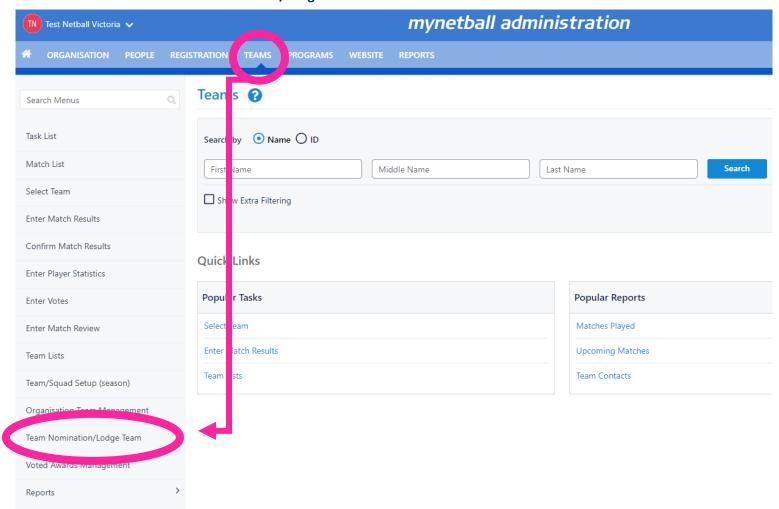
Ensure you are in the Participation mode and not the Management mode



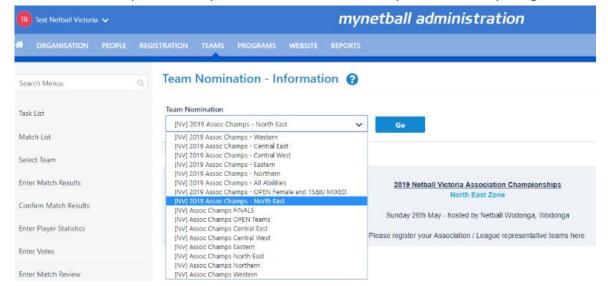


Step 2. Team Nomination

Teams → **Team Nomination/Lodge Team**



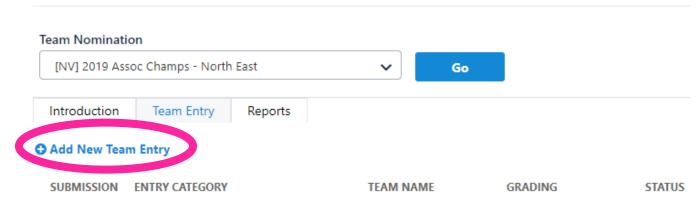
Select the competition that you want to enter from the dropdown list, then press go.



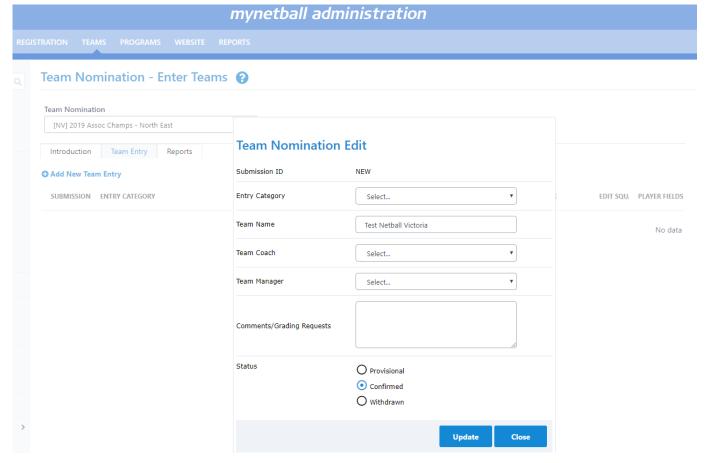


Click on the <u>Team Entry</u> tab, then click on <u>Add New Team Entry</u>.

Team Nomination - Enter Teams ?



This will open the **Team Nomination window**.



Complete the forms as required.

Note the following when completing this:

- Category (i.e. Division) this is the division that you are entering a team into i.e. 17 & Under Female - Champ etc.
- Team Name this is the name of your association.

Please use the **full name** of your Association, not the acronym i.e. Mountain District Netball Association

- Coach's Name select the coach's name from the dropdown list
 All teams must have a coach listed
 - ** see note on how to add roles to coaches APPENDIX A
- Team Manager's Name (if any) select the team manager if applicable
 ** see note on how to add roles to team managers APPENDIX A
- Comment / Grading Request please leave this blank
- Select Confirmed status

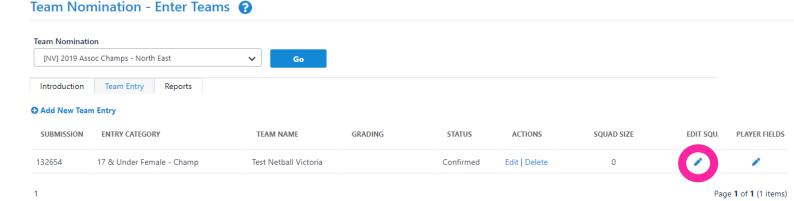
Click **UPDATE** to save the form.

The team you just nominated will appear the Team Nomination – Enter Teams page.

Step 3. Editing the Squad List

Once you have nominated your team (Step 2) you can add players to the Squad.

Click on **Edit Squad** to add players to the squad.

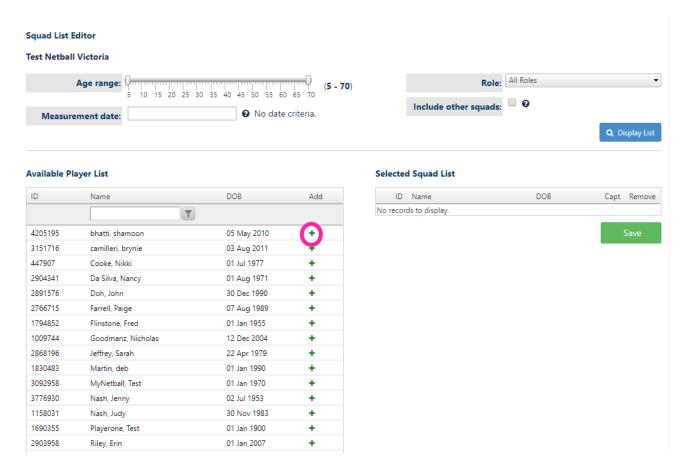


This will bring up the Player Entry window where you can search for players to add to the squad.

To include the team members, locate the player from Available Player List.

Once you find the player you want to add then click the + to add them to the **Selected Squad List**.

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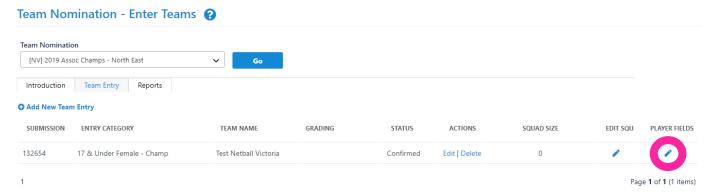
If a player has been incorrectly added, click the red cross **x** and the player will be removed from the **Selected Squad List** and returned to the Available Player List. When all players have been added, click save.

Once you have added all the players to the Selected Squad List click SAVE to finalise it.

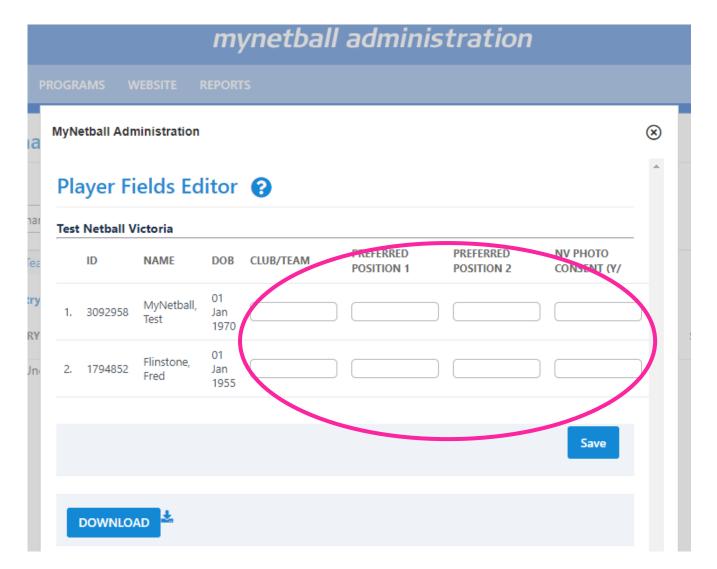
Step 4. Completing the Player Fields

Once you have added all the players to your squad (**Step 3**) then you need to complete the Player Fields for each of them.

Click on Edit Player Fields to complete this section.



This will bring up the <u>Player Fields Editor</u> window where you will see a list of the players you added to your squad.



These fields are vital for player eligibility and TID purposes.

Note the following when completing this:

- Club & Team this is the club and team that the player plays for at the nominated association (domestic competition).
 i.e. "Ferntree Gully Sapphires" who play at Mountain District NA Saturday completion.
- Playing Positions 1st and 2nd preferred positions.
- Photo Consent Write 'YES' if the player (and/or parent/guardian) has given permission for images of the player to be used on social media and/or for promotional purposes, or 'NO' if they do not give consent.
 Please read the full photography policy provided to all associations/leagues

Once you have completed all this information for ALL the players in the squad, click SAVE

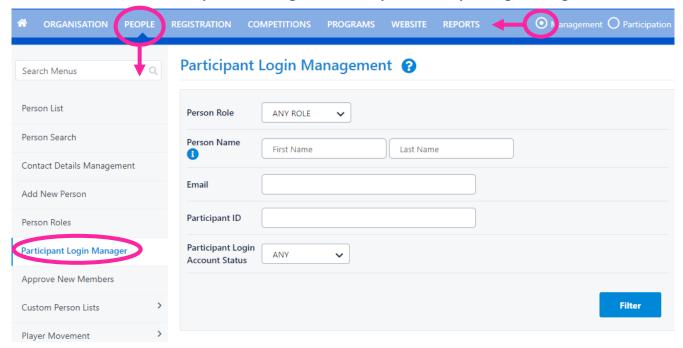
Step 5. Enter Additional Teams

Repeat this process for every team that will be competing at the Association Championships.

Once team nominations and squad lists are submitted, any changes must be communicated to the NV Competitions Coordinator through the 'Player Replacement Form'.

APPENDIX A. Adding a Coach or Team Manager role to a Participant

Competition Management >> People >> Participant Login Manager



This will bring you to the Participant Login Management page.

Before you enter the person's name, make sure you have the page set up as above. You can search by name, ID number and/or email.

Note the following:

- Person Role. Set this to <u>Any Role</u> as a lot of MyNetball members do not have specific roles allocated to them, this is a way of capturing everyone.
- Participant Login Account Status. Set this to Any so you search people who have and have not created/activated their accounts.

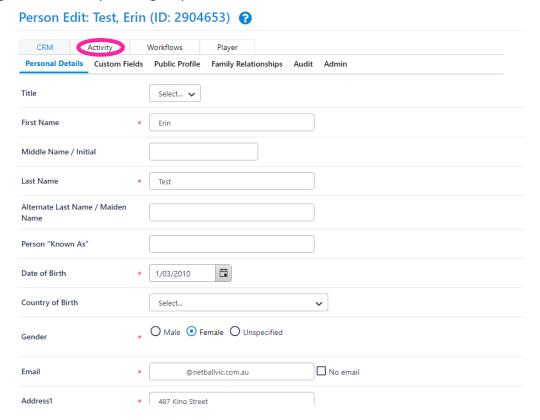
Once you enter the details of the person who's MyNetball record you are looking for, you then click **Search Participants**.

This will bring up a list of people with names that match (or contain part of) the names you were searching for. These will only be people who have been linked to your Association in some way.

To bring up the participant's record, click on the pencil (edit) button.

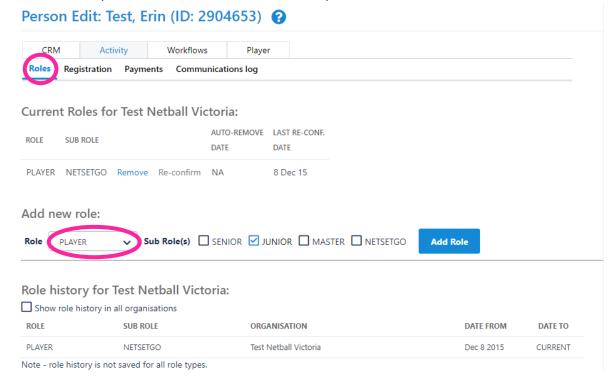


This will bring up the participant's details where you can update their details and check if they have a current registration and any learning they have done.



Click on the **Activity** heading to access the person's **Roles**.

This will show you a list of their current roles within your Association.





From the dropdown menu, select TEAM OFFICIAL in the role list.

This will bring up a number of sub-roles where you can choose the relevant one.

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By completing this you can then select this person as a Coach or Team Manager when entering your team(s).

