



# STATE TITLES



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VICTORIA

## COMPETITION HANDBOOK

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## Overview

19 regions across Victoria come together to compete in 15&U Female, 17&U Female, Open Female and All Abilities competitions. Teams play in a round robin against all region teams in their division across 3 days, with the top teams playing off in finals to crown the state champions.

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## Objectives

- Provide regions the opportunity to compete against each other
- Provide coach and umpire mentoring/development opportunities
- Provide player and umpire talent identification
- Provide collaboration opportunities between associations/leagues to represent their region

## 2023 Dates and Venue Information

Netball Victoria's 2023 State Titles will run from Saturday 7 to Sunday 8 October at the State Netball Centre, Parkville.

### Saturday 7 October

9am – Opening Ceremony  
 15&U and 17&U competition  
 All Abilities competition and finals  
 17&U Male competition and finals

### Sunday 8 October

15&U and 17&U competition continues  
 15&U and 17&U finals  
 Open Female competition and finals

## 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 State Titles. Athletes are identified with the potential to participate in Netball Victoria's High-Performance Pathway Programs, including Talent Academy, State 17&U and 19&U programs.

Netball Victoria Talent Scouts view all athletes in the 15&U and 17&U age groups, and eligible 19&U athletes in the Open division. Following State Titles, 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.

## 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 Marie Little OAM Shield will occur throughout the All Abilities division competition.

## Past Venue Locations

Year	Host/Location
1985	Geelong
1986	Knox
1987	Shepparton
1988	Waverley
1989	Sale
1990	Frankston
1991	Wodonga
1992	Knox
1993	Warrnambool
1994	SNHC
1995	Portland
1996	Waverley
1997	Seymour
1998	Elmer
1999	Echuca
2000	Dandenong
2001	Knox
2002	Geelong
2003	Shepparton
2004	Frankston
2005	Sale
2006	SNHC
2007	SNHC
2008	SNHC
2009	SNHC
2010	Bendigo
2011	SNHC
2012	SNHC
2013	SNHC
2014	SNHC
2015	Bendigo
2016	Werribee
2017	Werribee
2018	Shepparton
2019	Lilydale
2020	No State Titles due to COVID-19
2021	No State Titles due to COVID-19
2022	State Netball Centre

## Past Winners and Results

15 & Under	WINNERS	RUNNERS UP
2003	Henderson	North East
2004	Goulburn	Henderson
2005	Barwon	Goulburn
2006	Goulburn	Central Highlands
2007	North Central	Jika
2008	Henderson	North Central
2009	North Central	North East
2010	Western	Wimmera Mallee
2011	Two Bays	Goulburn
2012	Barwon	Henderson
2013	North Central	Elmer
2014	Two Bays	Elmer
2015	Jika	Elmer
2016	Chisholm	Henderson
2017	Elmer	Chisholm
2018	Chisholm	East Gippsland
2019	Henderson	Goulburn
2022	Two Bays	Jika

17 & Under	WINNERS	RUNNERS UP
2000	Henderson	Jika
2001	North Central	Latrobe Valley
2002	North Central	Henderson
2003	Goulburn	Elmer
2004	Henderson	Goulburn
2005	North East	Henderson
2006	Barwon	North East
2007	North East	Barwon
2008	Western	Henderson
2009	Jika	Barwon
2010	Barwon	North Central
2011	Barwon	Elmer
2012	Chisholm	Goulburn
2013	Chisholm	Latrobe Valley
2014	North East	North Central
2015	North Central	Western
2016	Jika	Henderson
2017	Henderson	Barwon
2018	Jika	North Central
2019	Henderson	Two Bays
2022	Henderson	Two Bays

Open	WINNERS	RUNNERS UP
2000	Henderson	Gippsland
2001	Goulburn	Barwon
2002	Henderson	Barwon
2003	Barwon	Glenelg
2004	Latrobe Valley	Henderson
2005	Henderson	Latrobe Valley
2006	Henderson	Gippsland
2007	Henderson	Dandenong Valley
2008	Barwon	Henderson
2009	Jika	Dandenong Valley
2010	Dandenong Valley	Jika
2011	Western	Dandenong Valley
2012	Dandenong Valley	Latrobe Valley
2013	Gippsland	Dandenong Valley
2014	Two Bays	Dandenong Valley
2015	Two Bays	Jika
2016	Jika	North East
2017	Two Bays	North East
2018	Two Bays	Jika
2019	Barwon	Two Bays
2022	Henderson	Dandenong

All Abilities Championship	WINNERS	RUNNERS UP
2000	Mountain Districts Green	Hume City
2001	District Whalers	Bolle Bandits
2002	Whitehorse Orange	Whitehorse Blue
2003	Diamond Valley Diamonds	Golden City Brown
2004	Dandenong Valley Opals	Dandenong Valley Diamonds
2005	Division did not run	Division did not run
2006	Division did not run	Division did not run
2007	Dandenong Valley Blue	Yarra Valley Netball Gold
2008	Knox District	RAID
2009	Knox District	Golden City Brown
2010	GFL Netball	Knox District
2011	Geelong Blue	Know Raiders
2012	Geelong Blue	Latrobe Valley
2013	Football Netball Geelong	Golden City Gold
2014	Latrobe Valley	Barwon
2015	Barwon	Golden City
2016	Barwon	Latrobe Valley
2017	Elmer	Barwon
2018	Barwon	Western
2019	Barwon	Chisholm
2022	Chisholm	Henderson

All Abilities Reserve	WINNERS	RUNNERS UP
2000	Brimbank	Geelong
2001	Geelong	District Swifts
2002	Geelong	Portland All Stars
2003	Golden City Gold	Goulburn Valley A
2004	Parkville	Golden City
2005	Division did not run	Division did not run
2006	Division did not run	Division did not run
2007	Division did not run	Division did not run
2008	Division did not run	Division did not run
2009	Division did not run	Division did not run
2010	Golden City Gold	Warrnambool Stingers Blue
2011	Geelong White	Hi City Turtles
2012	Geelong White	Parkville
2013	Parkville	Golden City Brown
2014	Golden City	Parkville
2015	Parkville	Barwon
2016	Barwon	Chisholm Warriors
2017	Barwon	Elmer
2018	Chisholm	Barwon
2019	Henderson	Barwon
2022	Gippsland	Barwon

19 & Under	WINNERS	RUNNERS UP
2000	Western	Henderson
2001	North Central	Henderson
2002	Barwon	Dandenong Valley
2003	Goulburn	Henderson
2004	North Central	Elmer
2005	North Central	Henderson

Masters	WINNERS	RUNNERS UP
2000	North Central	Henderson
2001	Henderson	Barwon
2002	Barwon	North Central
2003	Henderson	Goulburn
2004	Chisholm	Gippsland

15 & U Mixed	WINNERS	RUNNERS UP
2018	Elmer	Henderson
2019	Elmer	Two Bays

## State Titles Officers

Each Region has an appointed State Titles Officer (STO) who works closely with and on behalf of Associations and Leagues within their region and is the region's liaison with Netball Victoria.

State Titles Officers' primary purpose is entering teams in the State Titles Competition annually.

Key responsibilities include:

- Communication with all affiliates within the region.
- Appoint coaches, team managers, umpires and selectors for the region's representative sides.
- Coordinate the selection of Regional Teams (including 15&U, 17&U, Open, All Abilities).
- Coordinate accommodation, meals and travel arrangements for teams.
- Coordinate and administer finances/allowances provided to their region for State Titles team expenses
- Distribute event information to players and team officials.

If you have any questions specific to your region for State Titles, please contact your relevant STO.

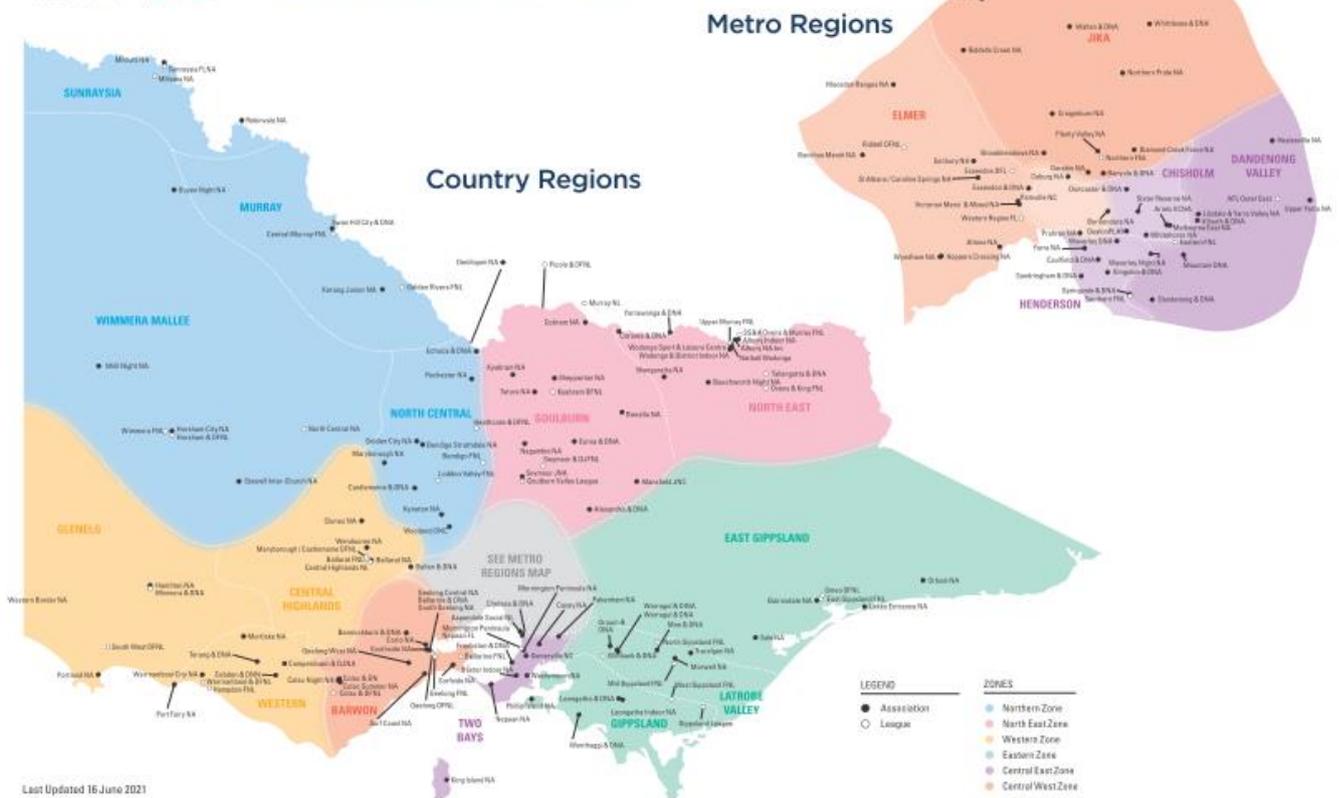
Please see contact information for State Titles Officers below.

Region	Zone	State Titles Officer	Email
Barwon	Central West		
Central Highlands	Western		
Chisholm	Central East		
Dandenong Valley	Central East		
East Gippsland	Eastern		
Elmer	Central West		
Gippsland	Eastern		
Glenelg	Western		
Goulburn	North East		
Henderson	Central East		
Jika	Central West		
Latrobe Valley	Eastern		
Murray	Northern		
North Central	Northern		
North East	North East		
Sunraysia	Northern		
Two Bays	Central East		
Western	Western		
Wimmera Mallee	Northern		

## Regions



### Netball Victoria Associations & Leagues



### Barwon

- Bannockburn & District NA
- Bellarine FNL
- Bellarine & District NA
- Colac & District FNL
- Colac & District NA
- Colac Night NA
- Colac Summer NA
- Corio NA
- Geelong & District FNL
- Geelong Central NA
- Geelong FNL
- Geelong West NA
- South Geelong NA
- Surf Coast NA
- Surfside NA
- Southside NA

### Central Highlands

- Ballan & District NA
- Ballarat FNL
- Ballarat NA
- Central Highlands NLL
- Clunes NA
- Maryborough Castlemaine District FNL
- Wendouree NA

### Chisholm

- Ariels VCNA
- Boroondara NA
- Doncaster & District NA
- Melbourne East NA
- Slater Reserve NA
- Whitehorse NA

### Dandenong Valley

- Dandenong & District NA
- Eastern FNL
- Healesville NA
- Kilsyth & District NA
- Lilydale & Yarra Valley NA
- Mountain District NA
- Outer East FNL
- Southern FNL
- Springvale & District NA
- Upper Yarra NA

### East Gippsland

- Bairnsdale NA
- East Gippsland FNL
- Lakes Entrance NA
- Omeo & District FNL
- Orbest NA
- Sale NA

## Elmer

- Altona NA
- Bacchus Marsh NA
- Essendon & District FL
- Essendon & District NA
- Hoppers Crossing NA
- Macedon Ranges NA
- Parkville Netball
- Riddell District FNL
- St Albans/Caroline Springs NA
- Sunbury NA
- Victorian Men's & Mixed NA
- Western FL
- Wyndham NA

## Gippsland

- Gippsland League
- Leongatha Indoor NA
- Leongatha & District NA
- West Gippsland FNC
- Wonthaggi & District NA

## Glenelg

- Hamilton NA
- Mininera District NA
- Portland NA
- South West District FNL
- Western Border NA

## Goulburn

- Alexandra & District NA
- Benalla NA
- Euroa & District NA
- Goulburn Murray Junior League
- Goulburn Valley NL
- Kyabram District FNL
- Kyabram NA
- Mansfield Junior NC
- Picola & District FNL
- Seymour Junior NA
- Shepparton NA
- Tatura NA

## Henderson

- Caulfield & District NA
- Kingston & District NA
- Prahran NA
- Sandringham & District NA
- Waverley District NA
- Waverley Night NA
- Yarra NA

## Jika

- Banyule & District NA
- Broadmeadows NA
- Craigieburn NA
- Darebin NA
- Kilmore Broadford NA
- Nillumbik Force NA
- Northern FNL
- Northern Pride NA
- Plenty Valley NA
- Riddles Creek NA
- Romsey & District NA
- Wallan & District NA
- Whittlesea & District NA

## Latrobe Valley

- Drouin & District NA
- Ellinbank District NA
- Mid Gippsland FNL
- Moe & District NA
- Morwell NA
- North Gippsland FNL
- Traralgon NA
- Warragul District NA
- Warragul District Indoor NA

## Murray

- Central Murray NL
- Golden Rivers NL
- Kerang Junior NA
- Koondeook-Barnham River Raiders FNC
- Swan Hill City & District NA

## North Central

- Bendigo FNL
- Bendigo Strathdale NA
- Castlemaine & District NA
- Deniliquin NA
- Echuca & District NA
- Golden City NA
- Heathcote District FNL
- Kyneton NA
- Loddon Valley FNL
- Maryborough NA
- Rochester NA
- Woodend District NC

## North East

- Albury Indoor NA
- Albury NA
- Beechworth Night NA
- Corowa & District NA
- Netball Wodonga
- Ovens & King FNL
- SS&A Ovens & Murray FNL
- Tallangatta & District NA
- Upper Murray netball & FL
- Wangaratta NA
- Wodonga & District Indoor NA
- Yarrawonga & District NA

## Sunraysia

- Mildura NA
- Milewa NA
- Robinvale NA
- Sunraysia FNL

## Two Bays

- Aspendale Social NL
- Baxter Indoor NA
- Casey NA
- Chelsea & District NA
- Frankston & District NA
- Mornington Peninsula Nepean FL
- Mornington Peninsula NA
- Nepean NA
- Pakenham NA

## Western

- Camperdown & District Junior NA
- Camperdown & District NA
- Cobden NA
- Hampden FNL
- Mortlake NA
- Port Fairy NA
- Terang & District NA
- Warrnambool & District FNL
- Warrnambool City NA

## Wimmera Mallee

- Horsham & District FNL
- Horsham City NA
- Nhill Night NA
- North Central NA
- Ouyen Night NA
- Stawell Interchurch NA
- Wimmera FNL

# 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. Entry to Competition

### 1.1 Team Eligibility

- 1.1.1 Only regional teams are eligible to participate
- 1.1.2 Teams are required to register using the Netball Victoria online portal.
- 1.1.3 Teams will be required to submit a team list via the Netball Victoria online team registration portal by the requested date or will be deemed ineligible to play.
- 1.1.4 Entry to competition can be in the following age groups divisions;
  - Open Female
  - 17 & Under Female
  - 17 & Under Male
  - 15 & Under Female (males <13 years of age as at the first day of competition may participate)
- 1.1.5 Only one regional team can be entered into each age division.
- 1.1.6 All Abilities) teams must be region-based teams.
- 1.1.7 Divisions may be created for All Abilities to cater for the number of entries. Divisions will be:
  - Championship,
  - Division 2.
- 1.1.8 Regions may enter one team into each PWAD division.

## 1.2 Player Eligibility

- 1.2.1 To be eligible to represent a region, a player must play a minimum of six (6) matches in (for\*) an Association/League within that region between 1st January of the competition year, and prior to the State Titles. \* Applies to 17&U and Open players only.
- 1.2.2 Players who represent an association/league (based in one region) at a competition run by another association/league (based in a different region) may only represent the region for which they play for and not where they play at.
- 1.2.3 Where a player is eligible to represent multiple regions, the player may only represent the region of their choice.
- 1.2.4 Players must participate in preliminary rounds to be eligible to play finals on the day. Teams found to be playing ineligible players will be disqualified and may incur a fine.
- 1.2.5 Participant age is determined as at 31st December each year \*\*.
- 1.2.6 Minimum age requirements are;
- 1.2.7 Open Female: 15 years
- 1.2.8 17 & Under Female: 14 years,
- 1.2.9 17 & Under Male: 14 years,
- 1.2.10 15 & Under Female: 12 years (males <13 years of age as at the first day of competition may participate)
- 1.2.11 All Abilities Open Mixed: 10 years (\*\*as of first date of competition)
- 1.2.12 Players may apply in writing to Netball Victoria for special consideration to represent a Region if they have not reached the stated eligibility criteria above as per Rule 2.3.

## 1.3 Clearances

- 1.3.1 Players may apply for a Regional Clearance if they wish to be granted special consideration to represent a Region if they have not reached the stated eligibility criteria.
- 1.3.2 A Regional Clearance will be required for a player who does not currently participate in an Association / League within the particular Region that they wish to play for in the State Titles.
- 1.3.3 This can be due to the following:
- 1.3.4 Prior residency in that particular region,
- 1.3.5 Proximity (border of two regions).
- 1.3.6 Any other circumstance deemed reasonable by Netball Victoria.
- 1.3.7 Refer to State Titles Regional Clearance Application Form.

## 1.4 Membership

- 1.4.1 All players, coaches and umpires must be full and current financial members of Netball Victoria.

## 2. Personnel

### 2.1 Netball Victoria Competition Officials

- 2.1.1 A Competition Manager from Netball Victoria will be responsible for the management of all competition matches.

The Competition Manager will be authorised to suspend or cancel any matches deemed unsafe.

The Competition Manager may in 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.

- 2.1.2 Court Supervisor will assist the Competitions Manager in the management of the competition and be responsible for the recording of all scores into the online competition management program.
- 2.1.3 An Umpire Supervisor / Coordinator will be appointed by Netball Victoria to manage umpires on the day and prior to competition.
- 2.1.4 Netball Victoria has the right to appoint other officials and volunteers to enable the competition to run according to standards.

## 2.2 Umpires

- 2.2.1 Each team must supply a non-playing, non-coaching current badge umpire. Failure to do so will result in a fine.
- 2.2.2 All umpires must be approved by Netball Victoria.
- 2.2.3 All umpires must comply with the Netball Victoria Competitions Umpire Uniform Code.
- 2.2.4 Netball Victoria shall allocate umpires for all matches on a panel system. 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.
- 2.2.5 The following minimum standard of umpire is required:  
Open Female: A Grade badge or NV approved B Grade badge,  
PWAD Open Mixed: NV approved C Grade badge,  
17 & Under Female: B Grade badge or NV approved C Grade badge,  
17 & Under Male: B Grade badge or NV approved C Grade badge,  
15 & Under Female: B Grade badge or NV approved C Grade badge
- 2.2.6 It is a requirement that all Umpires 18 years and older hold a current Working with Children Check (WWCC) to umpire at State Titles.

## 2.3 Coaches

- 2.3.1 All coaches must be current full financial Netball Victoria members and have a current minimum NCAS Foundation Netball Accreditation.

## 2.4 Team Personnel

- 2.4.1 A non-playing Team Manager, present at the competition, must be named in the online team registration portal.
- 2.4.2 Each team is permitted to have five (5) officials on their team bench including but not limited to Coach/es, Team Manager, Primary Care.

# 3. Competition Organisation

## 3.1 Competition Requirements

- 3.1.1 Competition matches shall be as per the "Official Rules of Netball" revised 2020.

- 3.1.2 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.

### 3.2 Conduct of Matches

- 3.2.1 Preliminary / pool matches will consist of two (2) x equal halves with no break at the interval.
- 3.2.2 Finals will consist of two (2) x equal halves with one (1) minute interval.
- 3.2.3 The clock will not stop for injuries or blood. If an injury is called or blood present as per Rule 4.1.2, the player must be substituted immediately.
- 3.2.4 In the event of a drawn match in finals there will be a one (1) minute break before 2 equal halves with a one (1) minute break at the interval when teams change ends.
- 3.2.5 If at the end of the second half the scores are still level, then play continues until one team leads by two goals.
- 3.2.6 Finals that go into extra time will be timed courtside by a Netball Victoria official.
- 3.2.7 Substitutions can be made during all breaks in extra time.

### 3.3 Fixture & Points

- 3.3.1 Netball Victoria will determine the pools and fixture after all teams are entered and final number known.
- 3.3.2 In preliminary / pool rounds, points will be awarded as follows:  
Four (4) points for a win,  
Two (2) points for a draw,  
Zero (0) points for a loss,  
Four (4) points for a bye.

### 3.4 Finals

- 3.4.1 At the conclusion of the preliminary / pool rounds, teams will be ranked by points awarded for win / loss. In the event of teams on equal points at the conclusion of these matches, the highest percentage will determine ladder placing, based on goals for and against.
- 3.4.2 The Finals structure will be determined by Netball Victoria based on number of pools / teams competing. The finals format will be communicated before competition commences.

### 3.5 Score Sheet

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

### 3.6 Home Games

- 3.6.1 Not applicable.

### 3.7 Arrivals & Forfeits

- 3.7.1 All competition games will commence at the time listed in the fixture.

- 3.7.2 If a team is not present at the time of the siren, a representative from the team present must notify the Competition Officials immediately.
- 3.7.3 A Competition Official may award the present team one (1) goal to for each full minute the game is delayed.
- 3.7.4 A maximum of five (5) goals will be awarded, after which the match will be declared a forfeit by the Competition Official.
- 3.7.5 Once declared a forfeit by the Competition Official, the team present will be awarded the four points and a winning margin of 10-0.

### 3.8 Cancellations

- 3.8.1 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.
- 3.8.2 When matches are cancelled due to weather or some other cause after the start of the game:
  - i) prior to the completion of the first half, teams will be awarded two (2) points and five (5) goals.
  - ii) After the commencement of the second half the score stands as at the time of the stoppage.

### 3.9 Uniforms & Equipment

- 3.9.1 All players within the team must be wear Region playing uniform.

### 3.10 Balls

- 3.10.1 All game netballs will be supplied by Netball Victoria.

### 3.11 Awards

- 3.11.1 Winning teams will receive awards supplied by Netball Victoria.

### 3.12 Risk Analysis

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

## 4. Competition Specific

### 4.1 Team Registration (day of competition)

- 4.1.1 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 and collect fixtures or other relevant information.

### 4.2 Centre Pass

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

### 4.3 Talent Identification and Mentoring

- 4.3.1 Talent identification for athletes and mentoring for umpires will occur at State Titles. Where TID will be occurring the selection process and TID opportunities will be communicated to relevant participants and personnel.

#### 4.4 First Aid

- 4.4.1 A First Aid officer will be located on site.

#### 4.5 Policies

- 4.5.1 State Titles will comply with Netball Victoria and Netball Australia Policies and adhere to the Code of Conduct on the Netball Victoria Website.

## 5. All Abilities

### 5.1 Team Eligibility

- 5.1.1 All Abilities teams must be Region teams (see definition in Section 2) and not Association or Club teams.
- 5.1.2 Divisions may be created for All Abilities to cater for the number of entries. Divisions will be: Championship Division, and Division 2

### 5.2 Player Eligibility

- 5.2.1 To be eligible to represent a region, a player must be registered to an Association or League in that Region. Where a player is eligible to represent multiple regions, the player may only represent the region of their choice.
- 5.2.2 Players may apply in writing to Netball Victoria for special consideration to represent a Region if they have not reached the stated eligibility criteria as per Rule 2.3.
- 5.2.3 Participant age is determined on the first day of competition. Minimum age requirement is; Open Mixed: 10 years (mixed competition)

### 5.3 Umpires

- 5.3.1 Each team must supply a non-playing, non-coaching current badged umpire. Failure to do so will result in a fine.

### 5.4 Specific Rules

- 5.4.1 Variances to the rules stated in Rule 4.1.1 Competition Requirements are as follows:  
 A team can have a minimum of zero (0) males on the team.  
 There is no minimum number of males required to be on court at any given time.  
 A team can have a maximum of three (3) males on the court at any given time.  
 It is not necessary for a male player to be opposed to a male player.  
 Teams can only have one male player in each third; for example  
 GS or GA  
 WA, C or WD  
 GD or GK

### 5.5 Uniforms & Equipment

- 5.5.1 All players within the team must wear the region playing uniform.

## 6. 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.