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SCHOOL CHAMPIONSHIPS

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COMPETITION HANDBOOK

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2024 Important Dates

Date	Requirement
October 2023	2024 Entries Open
Dec 2023	Confirmation of competition date sent
May 2024	Confirmation of competition date (for entries in 2024)
Sunday 30 June	Entries Close and Payment due
2 weeks before competition day	Umpire submitted to Netball Victoria
2 days prior to event	Fixtures Released
Wednesday 24 July	Preliminary Rounds Begin
Friday 16 August	Preliminary Rounds Conclude
Friday 23 August	Entries for Finals Day close (Applicable teams only) & payment due
27 & 29 August	Finals Days – State Netball Centre
October	2025 School Championships Dates and Locations announced. 2025 Entries Open



2024 NETBALL VICTORIA SCHOOL CHAMPIONSHIPS

DATE	LOCATION	DIVISION
Wednesday 24 July	State Netball Centre	Primary & Secondary (girls)
Thursday 25 July	Geelong	Secondary (girls)
Tuesday 30 July	Frankston	Primary & Secondary (girls)
Wednesday 31 July	Hamilton	Primary & Secondary (girls)
Thursday 1 August	Lilydale	Secondary (girls)
Friday 2 August	Bendigo	Primary & Secondary (girls)
Monday 5 August	Melton	Primary & Secondary (girls)
Tuesday 6 August	State Netball Centre	Primary & Secondary (girls)
Wednesday 7 August	Knox	Primary
Friday 9 August	Leongatha	Primary
Tuesday 13 August	State Netball Centre	Secondary (boys only)
Thursday 15 August	State Netball Centre	Secondary (girls)
Friday 16 August	Bairnsdale	Primary & Secondary (girls)

PRIMARY

Boys and Girls (Years 5 and 6)

SECONDARY

Junior Girls and Boys (Years 7 and 8)
Intermediate Girls and Boys (Years 9 and 10)
Senior Girls and Boys (Years 11 and 12)

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IMPORTANT INFO

\$ \$100 PER TEAM

👤 Teams must provide one umpire per team. BYO or purchase for \$140.

📍 Early Bird Offer
First 200 teams to enter will receive a discount on entry fees!

For more info contact emma.carlton@netballvic.com.au | netballvic.com.au

Venue Information

Bairnsdale

Venue: Bairnsdale Netball Association
 Address: Wallace Street, Bairnsdale (WORLD Sporting Precinct)
 Parking: Plenty of bus parking in facility car park
 Food availability: TBA

Bendigo

Venue: Golden City Netball Association
 Address: 91 Inglis St, West Bendigo
 Parking: Adequate Parking available
 Food availability: TBA

Ferntree Gully (Knox)

Venue: Knox Regional Netball Centre
 Address: 9 Dempster St, Ferntree Gully
 Parking: Adequate parking available
 Food availability: Canteen on site

Frankston

Venue: Jubilee Park Stadium
 Address: 83-85 Hillcrest Rd, Frankston VIC 3199
 Parking: Adequate parking available
 Food availability: Canteen on site

Geelong

Venue: Kardinia Park
 Address: 2 Kilgour St, Geelong
 Parking: Adequate Parking available
 Food availability: TBA

Hamilton

Venue: Pedrina Park, Hamilton
 Address: 362/364 N Boundary Rd, Hamilton
 Parking: Plenty of on street parking
 Food availability: TBA

Leongatha

Venue: Leongatha District Netball Association
 Address: 50 Roughead Street Leongatha
 Parking: Adequate Parking available
 Food availability: Canteen on site

SNC

Venue: State Netball Centre
 Address: Brens Drive, Parkville
 Parking: Adequate parking available
 Food availability: Kiosk available on site

Lilydale (Kilsyth)

Venue: Pinks Reserve
 Address: 123E Liverpool Road, Kilsyth
 Parking: Adequate parking available
 Food availability: Canteen on site

Melton

Venue: Cobblebank Stadium
 Address: Ferris Road, Cobblebank
 Parking: Adequate parking available
 Food availability: Café on site

Competition Overview and History

The Netball Victoria School Championships is one of the largest netball tournaments conducted in Australia and attracts Government, Catholic, Independent and Specialist school teams from around the state. Teams are also eligible from around Australia as well as international teams.

Teams play in a round robin format across multiple preliminary days around Victoria with the top teams advancing through to Finals Day at the State Netball Centre where the State Champions are crowned.

Objectives

- A competition for school students from all types of schools
- Opportunities for greater participant involvement and development in netball
- Provide a fun and inclusive environment
- Increasing awareness of netball and Netball Victoria within schools

Past Winners

	Primary Division			Junior Division	
	Girls	Boys	Mixed	Girls	Boys
2013	Sacred Heart PS	Mont Albert PS	Montrose PS	Catholic College Bendigo	Camberwell HS
2014	St Catherine's PS	Kent Park PS	Montrose PS	Our Lady of Mercy College	Luther College
2015	St Theresa's PS	St Gabriel's PS	Foster PS	Rowville SC	Flinders College
2016	Rolling Hills PS	Tucker Rd PS	Montrose PS	Rowville SC	St Francis Xavier College
2017	St James PS	St Catherine's PS	Beaconsfield PS	Catholic College Bendigo	Aquinas College
2018	St John's PS	Beaconsfield Upper PS	Rangeview PS	Our Lady of Mercy College	Aquinas College
2019	St John's PS	St John Vianney's PS	St Bernadette's PS	Rowville SC	Flinders College
2022	Old Orchard PS	Mountview PS	Chairo Christian College	Catherine McAuley College	Flinders College
2023	Methodist Ladies College	Bentleigh West PS	Chairo Christian College	Carey Baptist Grammar	Flinders College

	Intermediate Division		Senior Division	
	Girls	Boys	Girls	Boys
2013	Star of the Sea College	Leongatha SC	Wesley College	Christian College Geelong
2014	Rowville SC	Aquinas College	Maribyrnong College	Beaconhills College
2015	St Joseph's College, Echuca	Belmont HS	Maribyrnong College	Christian College Geelong
2016	Rowville SC	Luther College	Geelong Grammar School	Christian College Geelong
2017	Maribyrnong College	Lilydale High School	Geelong Grammar School	Aquinas College
2018	Goulburn Valley Grammar School	Camberwell HS	Ballarat Grammar	Melbourne HS
2019	Maribyrnong College	Aquinas College	Ballarat Grammar	Christian College Geelong
2022	Goulburn Valley Grammar School	St Joseph's College	Ivanhoe Grammar School	Lavalla Catholic College
2023	Our Lady of Mercy College	Flinders College	Carey Baptist Grammar	Aquinas College

Tournament Information

Check In

Teams are required to check-in no later than 30 mins prior to the first match of the day, regardless of when the team's first match is.

Fixtures

A fixture will be provided no later than two (2) working days from the event. Fixtures will be available through Netball Connect. We encourage all teachers/parents to download the Netball Connect App and search for their teams in 'School Championships'.

Preliminary Day Format

Teams will play all teams in their division/pool. Matches will consist of two equal halves. No finals will take place.

Umpires

All schools are required to supply a qualified umpire (min C grade badge). Schools may also pay for an umpire which Netball Victoria will supply (this is done through the team entry registration). A \$250 fine will apply if schools fail to supply an umpire on the day.

Umpire details must be submitted at least 2 weeks prior to competition day.

On arrival, umpires must report to the umpire coordinator.

The umpiring rosters are done by Netball Victoria. Umpires will not necessarily umpire their own school or team's matches and must be available for all rounds. It is suggested that a school supplied umpire is not also a coach or player on the day.

Set Up

Schools are welcome to bring a portable shade structure to the outdoor venues to allocate a space for their teams to sit when not on court.

Please be advised no schools are permitted to 'set up' in the secondary hall (courts 3, 4 and 5).

Divisions and Pools

Teams will compete in divisions determined by the year level of players. All divisions are offered for boys and girls during preliminary days.

Primary – Years 5 and 6

Junior – Years 7 and 8

Intermediate – Years 9 and 10

Senior – Years 11 and 12

Where there are a large number of teams in a division for a particular date, teams will be randomly divided into pools.

Primary Division

As per the Netball Victoria Gender Regulations primary teams may include males and females with no restriction. The Regulation states that there can be no restrictions on gender for a competition of 13yrs & younger age groups. This means there are no restrictions (or capping) on the number of males on a team or playing on the court.

Scoring

Each team must supply one scorer. Scorers will sit/stand together for the duration of the match. The winning team is required to return the scoresheet to the competition office. The final score on the scoresheet provided by Netball Victoria will be the official score for the match.

Finals Day Qualification

The top team (1st placed on ladder) of each division/pool will progress through to Finals Day. Where the first two teams finish on the same points, both teams will be invited to Finals Day.

Wild cards may be granted to teams pending numbers.

Only players who have played for the qualifying team on the preliminary day will be eligible to compete at Finals Day.

Finals Information

All finals will be held at the State Netball Centre, Parkville.

Finals Days will cost \$110 per team to cover Umpires – which Netball Victoria will supply.

Finals Day Format

Teams will play all teams in their division/pool. Matches will consist of two equal halves. At the end of the rounds, the top four (4) teams of a division will play in a finals series. In the instance there are pools in a division, the finals format will be communicated.

Competition Regulations

These Competition Regulations are the rules governing the internal affairs of Netball Victoria competitions. They are the operating procedures that determine the conduct and direction of the competitions.

Netball Victoria exists to improve people's lives through netball. Our vision is to grow and diversify our revenue streams in order to reinvest more into our netball community each year.

Through competitions Netball Victoria's strategic drivers of, a life-long love of netball, being member centric, Victorian netball dominance, and building our netball community can be achieved.

Netball Victoria will support participation of all groups and populations including girls, boys, women, aged, indigenous, disabled, and culturally and linguistically diverse. All competitions will provide a welcome environment and create awareness around cultural views and barriers.

Definitions

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

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

Field of Play (FOP) – the designated area that includes the defined court area, team benches and score bench

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 2024, subject to any variations approved by NV from time to time

Team – any team which is representing a school in the Competition.

1. Entry to Competition

1.1 Team Eligibility

- 1.1.1 Only registered schools are permitted to enter.
- 1.1.2 Schools are required to pay an entry fee to Netball Victoria prior to their competition day.
- 1.1.3 Teams can have a maximum of twelve (12) players.
- 1.1.4 There are no restrictions on the number of teams a school can enter in each division.
- 1.1.5 Entry to competition can be in the following divisions:
 - Primary
 - Secondary Junior: Female, Male
 - Secondary Intermediate: Female, Male
 - Secondary Senior: Female, Male
- 1.1.6 Teams winning their division on Preliminary Days will qualify for Finals Day. Netball Victoria reserves the right to invite additional teams to Finals Day.

1.2 Player Eligibility

- 1.2.1 All players must be students at the school entering team/s.
- 1.2.2 Players cannot play in more than one section during any day of competition.
- 1.2.3 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.
- 1.2.4 Participants must compete in the division that is associated with their current school grade;
 - Primary: Grades 5 & 6
 - Secondary Junior: Year 7 & 8
 - Secondary Intermediate: Year 9 & 10
 - Secondary Senior: Year 11 & 12

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.
 - a) The Competition Manager will be authorised to suspend or cancel any matches deemed unsafe.
 - b) The Competition Manager 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.
- 2.1.2 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.
- 2.1.3 Netball Victoria has the right to appoint other officials and volunteers to enable the competition to run according to standards.
- 2.1.4 An Umpire Supervisor / Coordinator will be appointed by Netball Victoria to manage umpires on the day and prior to competition.

2.2 Umpires

- 2.2.1 Each team must supply a non-playing, non-coaching current badged umpire.
- 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 It is a requirement that all Umpires 18 years and older hold a current Working with Children Check (WWCC) to umpire School Championships.

3. Competition Organisation

3.1 Competition Requirements

- 3.1.1 Competition matches shall be as per the “Official Rules of Netball” revised 2024.
- 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 half time.
- 3.2.2 Finals will consist of two (2) x equal halves with one (1) minute break at the interval.
- 3.2.3 The clock will not stop for injuries or blood. If an injury is called or blood present as per INF 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 has scored two goals.
- 3.2.6 All 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.

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 the 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 Late Arrivals & Forfeits

- 3.6.1 All competition games will commence at the time listed in the fixture.
- 3.6.2 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.
- 3.6.3 A Competition Official may award the present team one (1) goal for each full minute the game is delayed.
- 3.6.4 A maximum of five (5) goals will be awarded, after which the match will be declared a forfeit by the Competition Official.
- 3.6.5 Once declared a forfeit by the Competition Official, the team present will be awarded the four points and a winning margin of 10-0.

3.7 Cancellations

- 3.7.1 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.
- 3.7.2 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.

3.8 Uniforms & Equipment

- 3.8.1 All players within the team must wear school playing uniform.

3.9 Balls

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

3.10 Awards

- 3.10.1 Awards will be presented to the winning teams at Finals Days supplied by Netball Victoria.

3.11 Risk Analysis

- 3.11.1 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 Centre Pass

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

4.2 Talent Identification and Mentoring

- 4.2.1 Talent identification for athletes and mentoring for umpires may occur at Schools Championships. Where TID will be occurring the selection process and TID opportunities will be communicated to relevant participants and personnel.

4.3 First Aid

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

4.4 Policies

- 4.4.1 School Championships will comply with Netball Victoria and Netball Australia Policies and adhere to the Code of Conduct on the Netball Victoria Website.

5. Offences, Complaints Procedure & Penalties

School 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.