

STATE TITLES



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COMPETITION HANDBOOK

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Overview

Netball Victoria provides an opportunity for athletes to represent their region and compete against the most talented players in Victoria. 19 regions across Victoria come together to compete in 15&U Female, 17&U Female, 17&U Male, Open Female and All Abilities competitions. Teams play in a round robin against all regions in their division across 3 days, with the top teams playing off in finals to crown the state champions.

Objectives

- A premier representative competition for Victorian athletes.
- An opportunity for Victorian umpires to progress to a high-performance pathway.
- Provide coach and umpire mentoring/development opportunities.
- Provide player and umpire talent identification.
- Provide collaboration opportunities between associations/leagues to represent their region.

2024 Dates & Venue Information

Netball Victoria's 2024 State Titles will run from Saturday 9 to Monday 11 March at Bendigo Stadium precinct.

| Date | Competition |
|------------------|---|
| Saturday 9 March | 9am – Opening Ceremony 15&U and 17&U competition All Abilities competition and finals 17&U Male competition and finals |
| Sunday 10 March | 15&U and 17&U competition continues Open Female competition |
| Monday 11 March | 15&U and 17&U finals Open Female competition and finals |

TID Opportunities

Players - Female

Each year Netball Victoria appoints Talent Scouts 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 Talent Academy and State Team screening days.

Players – Male

Talent identification for male athletes will occur at State Titles. The Victorian Men's and Mixed Netball Association will be offering TID opportunities for all programs including state teams and academies.

Umpires

Netball Victoria has appointed Umpire Coaches to provide feedback to all umpires at the State Titles and identify talented umpires who will then be invited to be part of the 2024 Talent Academy Umpire Program.

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 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 | State Netball Centre |
| 1995 | Portland |
| 1996 | Waverley |
| 1997 | Seymour |
| 1998 | Elmer |
| 1999 | Echuca |
| 2000 | Dandenong |
| 2001 | Knox |
| 2002 | Geelong |
| 2003 | Shepparton |
| 2004 | Frankston |
| 2005 | Sale |
| 2006 | State Netball Centre |
| 2007 | State Netball Centre |
| 2008 | State Netball Centre |
| 2009 | State Netball Centre |
| 2010 | Bendigo |
| 2011 | State Netball Centre |
| 2012 | State Netball Centre |
| 2013 | State Netball Centre |
| 2014 | State Netball Centre |
| 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 |
| 2023 | 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 |
| 2023 | Elmer | Goulburn |

| 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 |
| 2023 | Two Bays | Jika |

| 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 |
| 2023 | Central Highlands | Barwon |

| 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 |
| 2023 | Western | Barwon |

| 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 |
| 2023 | Gippsland | Henderson |

| 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&UNDER MIXED | WINNERS | RUNNERS UP |
|----------------|---------|------------|
| 2018 | Elmer | Henderson |
| 2019 | Elmer | Two Bays |

| 17&UNDER - MALE | WINNERS | RUNNERS UP |
|--------------------|-----------|------------|
| 2023 | Henderson | Elmer |

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' 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 and enter of regional teams.
- Coordinate accommodation, meals and travel arrangements for teams, coaches and umpires.
- Coordinate and administer finances/allowances provided to their region for State Titles team expenses.
- Distribute event information to players and team officials.

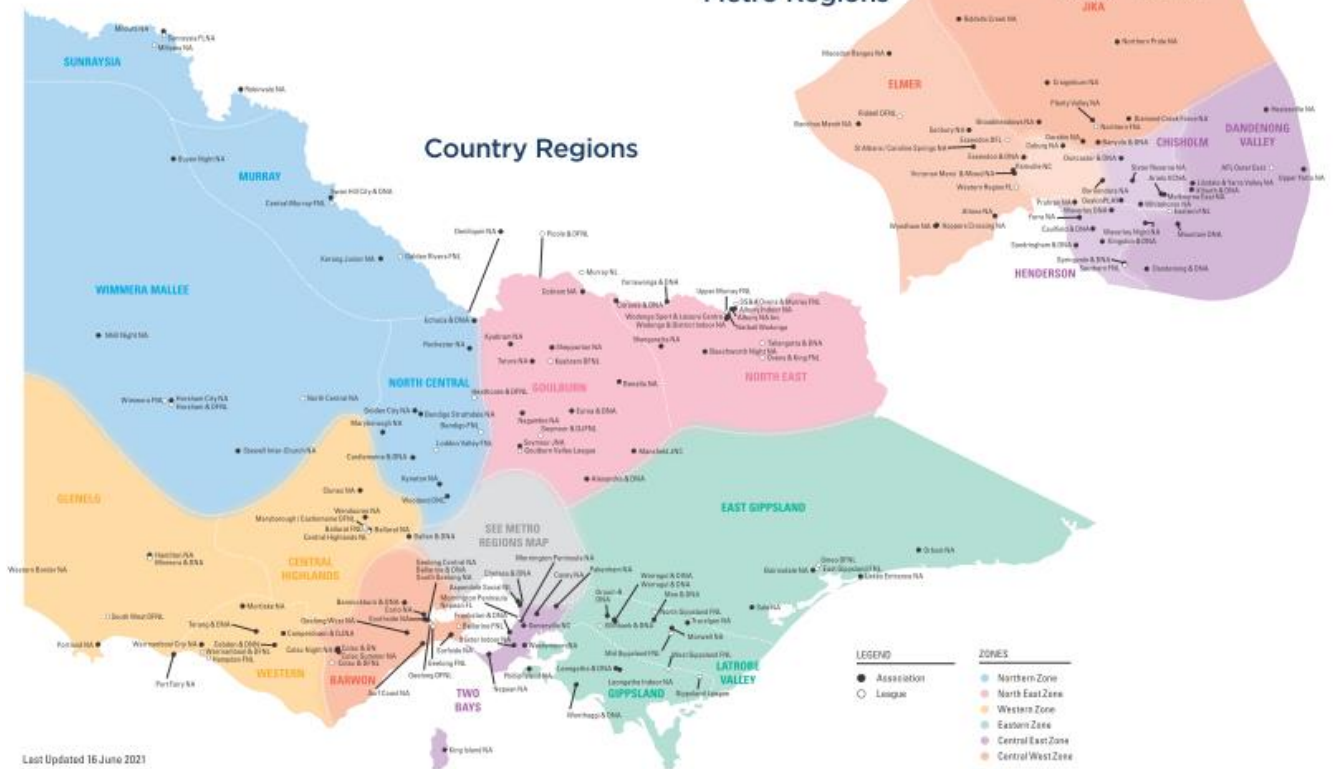
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Regions



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 Cougars VNL
- Geelong FNL
- Geelong West NA
- South Geelong NA
- Surf Coast NA
- Surferside NA
- Southside NA

Central Highlands

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

Chisholm

- Ariels VCNA
- Boroondara NA (& VNL)
- Manningham Netball
- 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
- City West Falcons VNL
- Essendon District FL
- Essendon & District NA
- Hoppers Crossing NA
- Macedon Ranges NA
- MU Lightning VNL
- Parkville Netball
- Riddell District FNL
- St Albans/Caroline Springs NA
- Sunbury NA
- Victorian Men's & Mixed NA
- Western Region FL
- Western Warriors VNL
- Wyndham NA

Gippsland

- Gippsland League
- Gippsland Stars VNL
- 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 Valley NL
- Kyabram District FNL
- Kyabram NA
- Mansfield Junior NC
- Murray NL
- Picola & District FNL
- Seymour Junior NA
- Shepparton NA
- Tatura NA

Henderson

- Caulfield & District NA
- Hawks Netball Club VNL
- Kingston & District NA
- Sandringham & District NA
- Southern Saints VNL
- Stonnington City NA
- Waverley District NA
- Waverley Night NA
- Yarra NA

Jika

- Banyule & District NA
- Broadmeadows NA
- Craigieburn NA
- Darebin NA
- North East Blaze VNL
- Kilmore Broadford NA
- Merri-bek 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 FNL
- 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
- Swan Hill City & District NA

North Central

- Bendigo FNL
- Bendigo Strathdale NA
- Bendigo Strikers VNL
- 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
- Millewa NA
- Robinvale NA
- Sunraysia FNL

Two Bays

- Aspendale Social NL
- Baxter Indoor NA
- Casey NA (& VNL)
- Chelsea & District NA
- Frankston & District NA
- King Island NA
- Mornington Peninsula Nepean FL
- Mornington Peninsula NA
- Nepean NA
- Pakenham NA
- Peninsula Waves VNL
- Westernport NA

Western

- Camperdown & District Junior NA
- Camperdown & District NA
- Cobden & District Night NA
- Hampden FNL
- Mortlake 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 Inter-Church 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.

State Titles Officer - 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.

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.

Victorian Netball League Player – a player who has signed a Standard Player Agreement with a VNL Licensee in the current competition year. Players are confirmed once their name is published on the Netball Victoria website.

VNL Championship Player – a player who has signed a Standard Player Agreement with a VNL Licensee and is a member of a VNL Championship squad in the current competition year.

VNL 23 & Under Player – a player who has signed a Standard Player Agreement with a VNL Licensee and is one of the 15 named VNL 23&Under Squad members in the current competition year.

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 into the 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; and
 - Reserves.
- 1.1.8 Regions may enter one team into each All Abilities division.

1.2 Player Eligibility

- 1.2.1 To be eligible to represent a Region:
 - i. 15&Under players must be registered to and have played a minimum of six (6) games in an association/league's own competition within that region in the 12 months prior to team list submission due date.
 - ii. 17&Under - Female, 17 & Under - Male and Open players must be a registered player to an association/league within that region and have played a minimum of six (6) games either in their association/league's own competition, or for their association/league representative team in another competition in the 12 months prior to team list submission due date.
- 1.2.2 Any athlete that has signed for a Victorian Netball League (VNL) team in 2024 in either the 23 & under or Championship division is not eligible to play in State Titles. Development team athletes are permitted to play.
- 1.2.3 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.
- 1.2.4 Where a player is eligible to represent multiple regions, the player may choose to represent only one Region in that given year.

Note: once the player has accepted a position in writing, the player is not eligible for another region. A player must be given 10 days to accept their position from the date of written notification.
- 1.2.5 Players must participate in preliminary rounds to be eligible to play finals. Teams found to be playing ineligible players will be disqualified and may incur a fine.
- 1.2.6 Participant age is determined as at 31st December of that competition year.
- 1.2.7 Minimum age requirements are:

- i. Open Female: 15 years
- ii. 17 & Under Female: 14 years
- iii. 17 & Under Male: 14 years
- iv. 15 & Under Female: 12 years (males <13 years of age as at the first day of competition may participate)

1.2.8 All Abilities Open Mixed: 13 years

1.2.9 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 1.3.

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 region they wish to play in.

1.3.3 This can be due to the following:

- i. Prior residency in that particular region.
- ii. Proximity (border of two regions).
- iii. Any other circumstance deemed reasonable by Netball Victoria.

1.3.4 Refer to State Titles Regional Clearance Application Form available online.

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.

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

b) 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.

2.1.3 Umpire Supervisors/Coordinators 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 badged umpire. Failure to do so will result in a fine.

2.2.2 All umpires must be full and financial Netball Victoria members.

- 2.2.3 All umpires must be approved by Netball Victoria.
- 2.2.4 All umpires must comply with the Netball Victoria Competitions Umpire Uniform Dress Code.
- 2.2.5 Netball Victoria shall allocate umpires for all matches. Umpires may be required for finals and must check with the Umpire Supervisor / Coordinator at the end of the preliminary rounds.
- 2.2.6 The following minimum standard of umpire is required:
 Open Female: A Grade badge or NV approved B Grade badge
 All Abilities 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
- 2.2.7 It is a requirement that all umpires 18 years and older hold a current Working with Children Check (WWCC).

2.3 Coaches

- 2.3.1 All coaches must be full and current financial Netball Victoria members and have a current minimum NCAS Development Accreditation.
- 2.3.2 It is a requirement that all coaches 18 years and older hold a current Working with Children Check (WWCC).

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.
- 2.4.3 It is a requirement that all team personnel 18 years and older hold a current Working with Children Check (WWCC).

3. Competition Organisation

3.1 Competition Requirements

- 3.1.1 Competition matches shall be as per the "Official Rules of Netball" revised 2024.

3.2 Conduct of Matches

- 3.2.1 Preliminary / pool matches will consist of two (2) x equal halves with a one (1) minute 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 fixture.
- 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 Live Scoring

- 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 tablet provided by Netball Victoria will be considered the official score and only information recorded on Netball Connect will be accepted.

3.6 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 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 the 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:
 - 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 cancellation.

3.8 Uniforms & Equipment

3.8.1 All players within the team must wear the registered Region playing uniform.

3.8.2 Regions must submit their uniform for approval if any changes are made.

3.9 Balls

3.9.1 All game netballs will be supplied by Netball Victoria.

3.10 Awards

3.10.1 Winning teams will receive awards supplied by Netball Victoria.

3.11 Risk Analysis

3.11.1 A risk analysis process by Netball Victoria 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 at the nominated time.

4.2 Centre Pass

4.2.1 In preliminary / pool matches and semi finals, 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 representative teams (see definition in Section 2) and not Association or Club teams.

5.2 Player Eligibility

5.2.1 To be eligible to represent a region, a player must be registered to an association/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 Where a player is eligible to represent multiple regions, the player may choose to only represent one region in that given year.

5.2.3 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.

5.3 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 registered Region playing uniform.

6. Offences, Complaints Procedure & Penalties

State Titles will follow the guidelines of Netball Australia's Member Protection Policy and Child Safeguarding Policy, Netball Victoria's Competition Rules and Regulations and Competition Complaints Handling Regulation.

Protests and appeals should be lodged by the team coordinator to the Competitions Manager before the next round of competition. Complaint 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 Competition Manager has the final decision.