



2026 Netball Victoria Association Championships



Central West 13&Under Association Championships

Welcome to the 2026 Association Championships supported by official partner Roll'd. This information should assist you in preparation for the day and we ask that all relevant information is shared to your coaches, team managers and players.

Competition Date: Sunday 24 May 2026

Venue Address: Nillumbik Regional Netball Centre, Diamond Street, Diamond Creek, VIC, 3089

Access Time: 7:45am

Team Check In

- Teams are required to check in upstairs in the main pavilion room no later than **8:20am**.
- Please nominate one person from your association/league to check in your teams to avoid duplication and congestion at the Team Check-in area.
- The check-in area will be at the competition office marked on the map.

Team Changes

- Any requests for team changes must be approved by Netball Victoria and completed prior to the competition day via form submission (email NV Competitions) OR may be requested upon check in.
- Change of player forms will be made available at the check in desk.
- Team changes will only be permitted on the day due to injury or illness. Please ensure the replacement player meets all Association Championship qualification requirements.

Fixtures

Fixtures will be available no later than Wednesday 20 May online via Netball Connect. This may be altered on the day of competition due to unforeseen circumstances.

It is recommended you encourage all officials and parents to download the Netball Connect app to view fixtures and ladders.

- First games will begin at **9am**.
- Matches will be 2 x 8-minute halves, with a 1-minute break at half time.
- Two (2) minutes has been allocated between each match. Please ensure you arrive at your court in time for your match and leave immediately after your match. No team debriefs should take place at the court.

Warm Up

- The main carpark will be reserved for warm up space.
- No teams are to warm up or set up in the space under the main building.
- Please note some courts may be available throughout the day for additional warm up space.

Centre Pass

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



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Rolling Substitutes

Rolling substitutes must be made at the marked positions on the court side lines. Teams **MUST have two sets of bibs** to make rolling substitutes. Please refer to the Association Championships Handbook for more information and regulations.

Spectators

Spectators are to be seated in the spectator shelters/seating or standing at the ends of the courts. Spectators must not interfere with the umpires and are not permitted to stand on the blue of the goal line sides of the court. Court supervisors will be monitoring the space and may ask you to move.

No spectators are allowed to stand between courts.

Scoring

- Each team must provide a scorer per match.
- Scorers from both teams must stand together in the scorer's area at the rolling-sub markings. Location by court: Courts 4–7: between the rolling-sub markings. Courts 2–3: fence side. Courts 1 & 8: spectator-seating side (standing or seated). **(See map for scoring zones)**
- Scorers must communicate to ensure the score is correct. Once a match has been confirmed, the score is final unless a representative from both teams approaches the tournament office.
- No player names are required. Goals must be recorded for both teams. No signatures are required.
- The live scoring device **MUST** be kept at the court.
- Please communicate with the competition staff should you have any internet connection issues.

Marquee Zones / Team Set Up

- All team set up zones are available at the end of Courts 6, 7, & 8. All teams must set up within the allocated areas on the map provided.
- We recommend a tarp is available as a barrier between the early morning wet grass. Marquees must be weighted with a minimum of 15kg per leg. Weights must be used; **TENT PEGS** are not permitted.
- Associations are limited to **one (1)** 3x6m marquee due to limited space.

Ladders

No ladders will be printed during the tournament, instead, ladders will be available via Netball Connect.

Jewellery

Taping of jewellery and/or nails is **not permitted**. All jewellery must be **removed**, and nails short and smooth. Medical bracelets and piercings are exempt but must be approved by the competition manager prior to play. A medical certificate is required for approval and approved exemptions will be provided a clear marking for umpires to see.

First Aid

There will be first aiders available below the main building. Please note, they **do not** provide preventative strapping.

Umpires

- Umpire check in is at **8:20am** in the main pavilion room, you will then be directed to the umpire room.



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- An umpire briefing will be held at **8:45am** in the main pavilion room. All umpires **MUST** be in attendance for the briefing.
- Payment of the umpire is the responsibility of the association/league. **There is a \$250 fine for not supplying an umpire on the day of competition.**

Attire

- Umpires are required to wear appropriate attire and footwear consisting of a white umpire shirt and white or navy skirt or shorts. *(Bike shorts and long pants are not permitted.)*

Talent Identification

- **Players:** The Victorian Regional Academy of Sport (VRAS) will be in attendance and assessing eligible regional athletes in the 13&Under age group. While most metro-based athletes will not meet VRAS eligibility criteria, this process is managed externally and not determined by Netball Victoria.
All 13&Under players are required to have their number written on the side of their leg in **black marker** (or **red** if photo consent has not been provided).
Netball Victoria will **not** have Talent Identification Scouts present for the 13&Under age group.
- **Umpires:** Netball Victoria has appointed Umpire Coaches to provide feedback to all umpires and identify talented umpires. These umpires may then be invited to umpire at the Association Championships Finals Day, and/or the Talent Academy Umpire Program and other development opportunities.

Photo Consent

If a player has selected 'No' to photography consent, their number must be marked in RED (red markers are available at check in).

If an umpire has selected 'no' to photography consent, they must be marked with a RED X on their leg (red markers are available at check in).

If a coach has selected 'no' to photography consent, they must wear RED electrical tape on their arm (red electrical tape will be available at the tournament office).

Finals

Semi Finals – 1 v 4 and 2 v 3

Grand Final – Winner of 1 v 4 and 2 v 3

POOLS:

Semi Finals – 1 Pool A v 2 Pool B and 2 Pool A v 1 Pool B

Grand Final – Winner of 1 Pool A v 2 Pool B and winner of 2 Pool A v 1 Pool B

- A presentation will be made following all grand finals on court 1. Players should stay in their uniform or association/league tracksuit including shoes.
- A maximum of 12 medals will be awarded for winners and runners up teams.

Finals Day Qualification

The grand finalists in all Championship divisions will be invited to Finals Day. The Finals Day will be held on Sunday 21 June at the State Netball Centre, Parkville.

Merchandise – The Regatta Shop

The Regatta Shop will be on site selling Association Championships Merchandise Range. If you have made a pre order this will be available to pick up. They will also be taking orders on the day.

- From **8am-10am**, **only pre-orders** will be available for collection, no sales will be available during this time.

Food Options

There will be a canteen running, selling food such as pies, pasties, sausage rolls, hot dogs, dim sims, schnitzel rolls, salad rolls, nacho's. There will also be a range of drinks and a Slush Puppie and soft serve machine available.

In addition, a BBQ will be running, as well as a coffee truck. A tent for drinks and lollies will be available downstairs also.

Court Layout

Please see the below map for the court layout and marked spaces.



Parking

- Please see the below map for the court layout and parking options.
- The main car park will be closed for warm up (with the exception of authorised vehicles).
- Please note parking is limited and council patrol officers may patrol the area. Please ensure those attending park correctly.
- We kindly ask that you respect the neighbours and local businesses by not parking across driveways, or taking business car spaces.



Pink marks the marquee space on previous map

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