



2026 Netball Victoria Association Championships



Central West 15&U/17&U 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 17 May 2026

Venue Address: Riverside Tennis & Netball Centre, 75 Newsom St, Ascot Vale VIC 3032

Access Time: 7:45am

Team Check In

- Teams are required to check in at the umpire 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 umpire pavilion for both teams and umpires.

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 13 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

- Courts 13-17 (tennis courts) been reserved as warm up spaces for team use.
- Please note courts 15 and 16 are unavailable for use Prior to 11am. We kindly ask that you respect those using the space.
- Teams are **not** to touch the tennis nets.
- Temporary netball rings will be hung around the area on the fence for shooting practice if required.

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.



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- In the Grand Final, the centre pass will be determined by the toss of a coin.

Rolling Substitutes

Rolling substitutes must be made at the marked positions on the courts immediately next to the score bench. 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 not permitted inside the fenced area of the courts. Inside the fencing will be a coaches boxes for each team's officials & players. Scorers will have a designated chair just inside the fencing. No spectators are allowed in these sections or between courts.

Scoring

- Each team must provide a scorer per match.
- Scorers from each team must sit together in the chairs provided inside the fenced area. One scorer is to use the provided live scoring device, the other is to control the scoreboard (courts 1-8 only).
- 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 and scoreboard control **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 ups must be outside 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.

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, and a medical certificate is required.

First Aid

There will be a first aider available around the right-hand side of the main pavilion. Please note, they **do not** provide preventative strapping.

Umpires

- Umpire check in is at **8:20am**. The umpire room is marked on the map.
- An umpire briefing will be held at **8:45am**. 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.)*



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Talent Identification

- **Players:**
 - Each year, Netball Victoria appoints a number of Talent Identification 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&U and 19&U programs.
 - Netball Victoria will have TID Scouts during the tournament viewing the 15&U and 17&U matches. A list of players who have been TID will be published on the Netball Victoria Website.
 - ****Players in these age groups should have a number on their leg which corresponds with the team list submitted. PLEASE READ PHOTO CONSENT BEFORE NUMBERING.** A finalised team list will be provided with numbers.
- **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 the tournament office – located on the far right-hand side of the main pavilion – and 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 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 8. 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 top two teams in all Championship grades will qualify for 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-9:30am**, **only pre-orders** will be available for collection, no sales will be available during this time.

Food Options

There will be a café with limited options available inside. In addition, two BBQs will be running as well as coffee and sweets available from the pavilion next to the outdoor courts.

Court Layout & Parking

Please see the below map for the court layout and parking options.

MATCH COURTS

FACILITY ENTRY GATES

WARM UP COURTS - AVAILABLE ALL DAY

WARM UP COURTS - AVAILABLE AFTER 11AM

THE REGATTA SHOP

EDNA PAVILION - CANTEEN, BBQ, TOILETS, FIRST AID

MARQUEE SET UP AREAS - MAIN SECTION WILL BE MARKED



WOOD ST - CAR PARKING

EDNA PAVILION

UMPIRE ROOM

RIVERSIDE COMPLEX - CAR PARKING

NO MARQUEES OR MEMBERS ALLOWED ON THE DRIVING RANGE

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