



2026 Netball Victoria Association Championships



Western 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 31 May 2026

Venue Address: Warrnambool Stadium, 71-77 Caramut Rd, Warrnambool VIC 3280

Access Time: 7:45am

Team Check In

- Teams are required to check in at the tournament office 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 tournament office is marked on the maps below.

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 27 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 outdoor courts can be used as warm-up space.
- Outdoor courts 1 and 2 (Netball Connect 6 & 7) will be used for matches throughout the day. Please ensure warm-ups do not interfere with nearby games (e.g., stray balls or equipment).

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 hexagon positions on the court sideline. 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 must not interfere with the umpires and are not permitted to stand between courts or on the goal line. Spectators may stand on the court sidelines. If an adjacent court is unused, spectators may stand view from this space but must stay inside the court lines to maximise space for umpires. Please also be mindful of teams using free courts for warm-ups.

Scoring

- Each team must provide a scorer per match.
- Scorers from each team must stand together. One scorer is to use the provided live scoring device, the other is to observe.
- 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.

Team Set Up

- Teams will have an allocated space in the main Grandstand based on team numbers. Signs will mark your allocated space.
- All team set ups must be within the allocated areas.
- 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. Any medically necessary jewellery such as medical bracelets 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 a first aider available in the first aid room near the competitions office. 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.



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- 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:**
 - 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.
 - The Victorian Regional Academy of Sport, in partnership with Netball Victoria, conduct Talent Identification in the 13&U division of the Association Championships held in regional Victoria.
 - 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 following the conclusion of all Association Championships and Finals.
 - ****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).
- **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).
- Those wanting to take photos need to sign the photography register found near the competitions office and receive a wristband.



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Finals

- Divisions with no pools:
Semi Finals – SF1: 1 v 4 and SF2: 2 v 3
Grand Final – Winner of SF1 v Winner of SF2
- Divisions with pools:
Semi Finals – SF1: 1 Pool A v 2 Pool B and SF2: 2 Pool A v 1 Pool B
Grand Final – Winner of SF1 v Winner of SF2
- A presentation will be made following all grand finals. 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 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-10am, only pre-orders** will be available for collection, no sales will be available during this time.
- Following this, sales and pre-orders will be available.
- They will be set up in the multipurpose room near Show Court 1

Food Options

Inside there will be a canteen offering a hot food, sandwiches, drinks, fruit salad bowls throughout the day. A lolly station and cold drinks will also be available indoors.

Outside, 2 coffee vans will be available from 7:30am. A BBQ will be running selling bacon & egg rolls from 7:30am and sausages/hamburgers later in the morning.

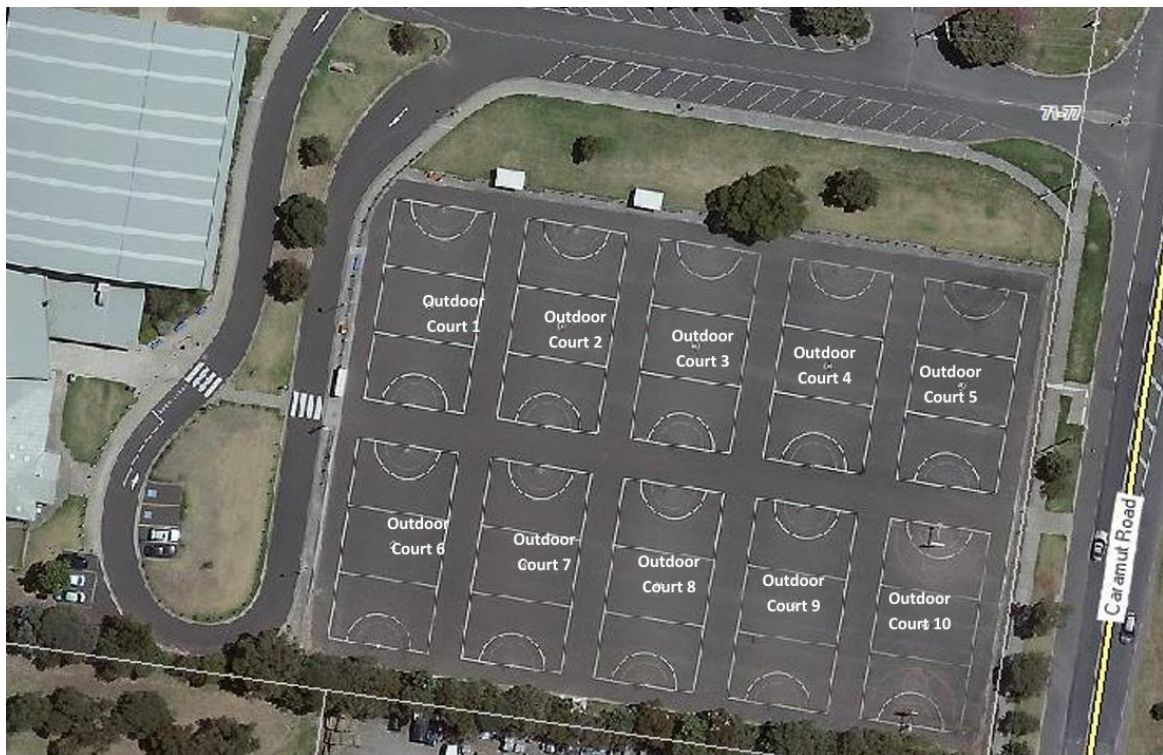
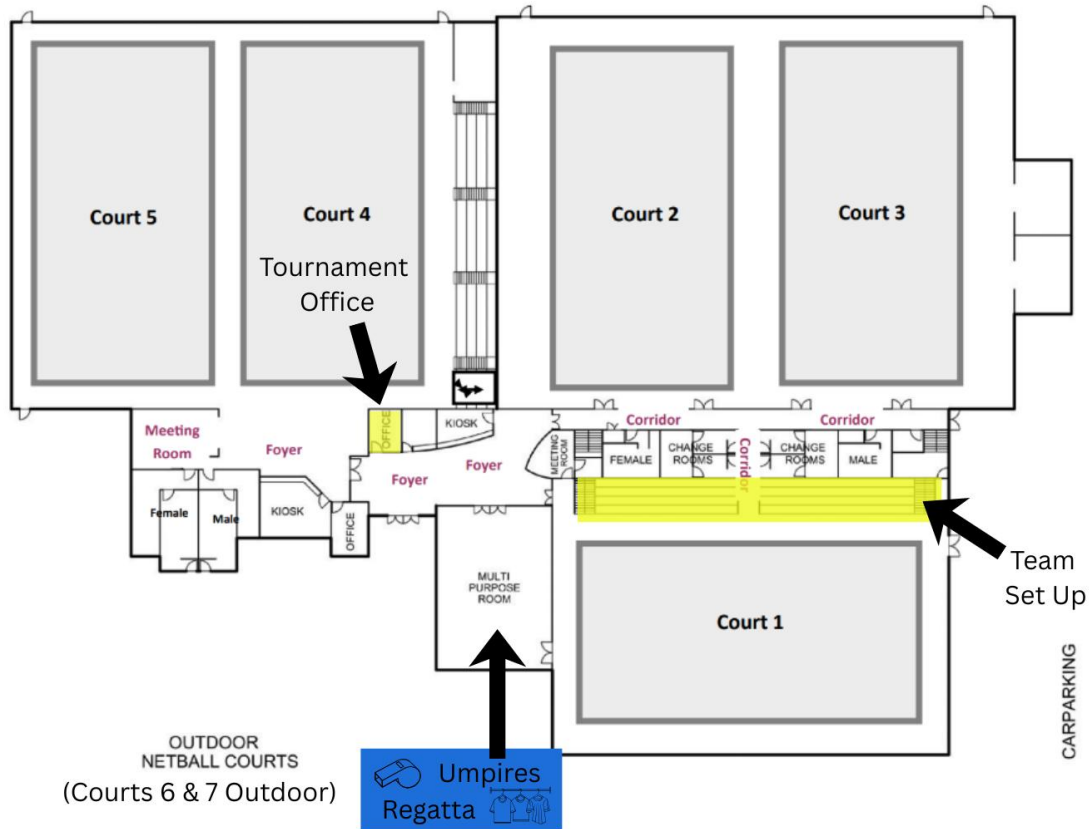
Acai frozen yogurt bowls will be serving from early as well.

Additionally, June's Kitchen will be serving from 9:30am:

- Home made special chicken fried rice
- Spring rolls
- Pan fried dumplings
- Rice paper rolls
- BBQ pork spiced bun
- Portuguese duck egg custard tarts.

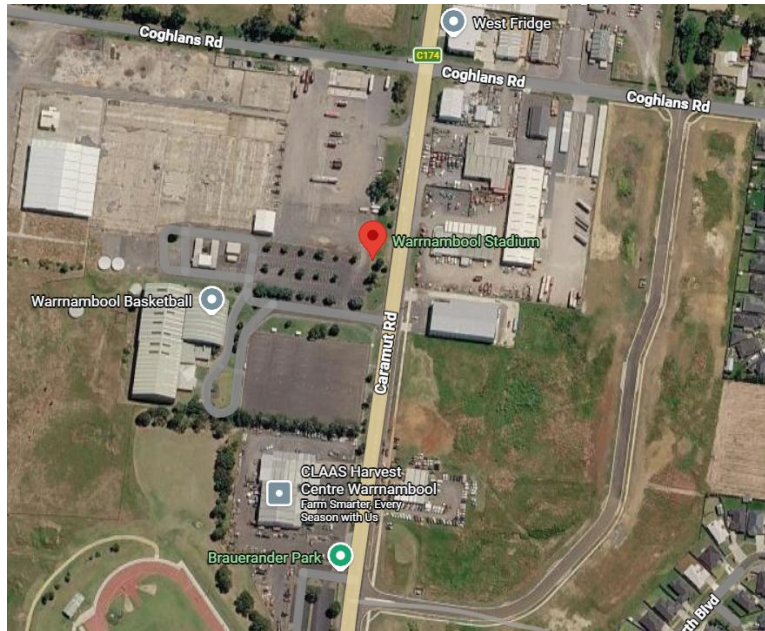
Court Layout

Please see the below indoor and outdoor maps for the court layout and key areas.



Parking

The stadium has a large car park. Additional spaces can be found along Caramut Road old & around the complex.



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