



Mens Netball NSW JUNIOR MENS STATE TITLES

Competition Rules

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1 Event Information

1.1 General Information

- 1.1.1 Mens Netball NSW is coordinating the inaugural Junior Mens State Titles. This competition is in conjunction with Netball NSW Junior State Titles as conducted under the authority of Netball New South Wales, in partnership with the Host Association.
- 1.1.2 The Mens Netball NSW appointed Competitions Coordinator has the overall responsibility for the day to day operation and management of the Competition.
- 1.1.3 Junior Mens State Titles are to be held on the first weekend of the second term school holidays, on either Saturday, Sunday and/or Monday.
- 1.1.4 Junior State Titles are conducted in two age groups – U/14 and U/16.
- 1.1.5 All matches shall be played on all weather hard courts or a combination of indoor courts and all weather courts.
- 1.1.6 Mens Netball NSW may at any time change any competition match procedure, format or venue, where it is deemed necessary to comply with any legislation, government regulation or order, including but not limited to those related to COVID-19.

1.2 Uniforms and Equipment

- 1.2.1 Players in all teams must play in identical playing uniforms unless extenuating circumstances exist, in which case a letter of request must be sent to the Secretary, Mens Netball NSW providing an explanation and giving as much notice as possible. If the difference in uniform is due to a medical issue, a signed letter from the Medical Practitioner must be attached or advice from medical support during the event provided to verify the need for an alteration to the uniform.
- 1.2.2 Each team is to have available two sets of position patches, of different colours.
- 1.2.3 Each team is to provide an approved match ball.
- 1.2.4 Teams may identify a sponsor's logo on the playing uniform up to a maximum length of 16cm and maximum height 16cm. Sponsor logos may only appear once on any one (1) garment.

1.3 Complaint Handling

- 1.3.1 All complaints lodged with Mens Netball NSW in relation to the Competition will be dealt with in accordance with the procedures of the relevant Mens Netball NSW Policies.
- 1.3.2 All registered Players, Umpires, and Team Officials are required to abide by the Mens Netball NSW Code of Conduct.

2 Competition Structure

2.1 Eligibility

- 2.1.1 Due to the development of the Junior Mens State titles, the following entities are eligible to enter teams into the Junior Mens State Titles:
- (a) Netball NSW Affiliated Associations and Clubs;
 - (b) Mens Netball NSW Clubs;
 - (c) NSW Schools or other educational bodies.
- 2.1.2 Any grouping of Netball NSW Affiliated Associations can be admitted to enter the Junior Mens State Titles.
- 2.1.3 Mens Netball NSW may also approve teams to enter the Junior Mens State Titles on an invitation basis.
- 2.1.4 An Association, Grouping of Associations or Invitational teams may only enter one team per age category in the Junior Mens State Titles.
- 2.1.5 All players and team officials entered into a Mens Netball NSW competition must show as a financial registered member of Netball NSW, Mens Netball NSW or relevant State or Territory in the MyNetball database prior to the commencement of that competition.
- 2.1.6 The minimum age for any player to play at the Junior Mens State Titles is turning 12 in the year of play.
- 2.1.7 The age of the players shall be determined by their ages as at December 31 in the year of play.
- 2.1.8 Age exemptions may be sought and submitted for approval to the Secretary Mens Netball NSW prior to the Competition.

2.2 Team Nomination & Entry

- 2.2.1 The closing date for the Junior Mens State Titles will be 30th May in any year.
- 2.2.2 The 2021 entry fee for the Junior Mens State Titles will be \$150 per team.
- 2.2.3 All entries for the competition must be received by Mens Netball NSW no later than 5pm, on 30th May 2021.
- 2.2.4 Where an entry is not received by Mens Netball NSW by the published closing time for entries, a late entry may be accepted. A late entry fee of \$200 must be paid at the time of lodgement.
- 2.2.5 Where an Entity withdraws a team from the competition within three (3) weeks of the commencement of the Junior Mens State Titles the offending body will be fined one hundred dollars (\$100.00).

- 2.2.6 Entities are to register teams as directed by Mens Netball NSW, the entry will include details of a minimum of seven (7) and a maximum of twelve (12) players' names and must be received by the closing date for Junior State Titles.
- 2.2.7 Where a player's name appears on more than one team entry form the player will be contacted by Mens Netball NSW personnel and the player must then immediately nominate the Entity that they will be playing with.

2.3 Late Registrations

- 2.3.1 At no time is a team permitted to have more than 12 players registered.
- 2.3.2 A maximum of four (4) players may be late registered in a team. Late registrations and de-registrations will be accepted from one week prior to the commencement of the competition up until 8.00am on the first day of play where it can be lodged with the Competition Coordinator.
- 2.3.3 The player must be a registered member of Netball NSW, Mens Netball NSW or relevant State or Territory.

3 Competition Rules

3.1 General Rules

- 3.1.1 All Competition Matches will be conducted in accordance with the Rules of Netball, unless where otherwise stated within these competition rules.
- 3.1.2 All teams will play each team in their division during Junior Mens State Titles.
- 3.1.3 Playing times of matches is at the discretion of Netball NSW provided there is a minimum of one (1) minute half-time break and a minimum of two (2) minutes between games.
- 3.1.4 Substitution of players is permitted in accordance with official rules.
- 3.1.5 Injury time may be taken according to official INF rules, but no additional time shall be added to the match.
- 3.1.6 The umpire's whistle shall start and finish games on the indication from the central timing device.
- 3.1.7 A team may claim a forfeit one (1) minute after the umpire's whistle to indicate commencement of play on the indication from the central timing device and if the opposing team does not have five (5) players in full uniform on court and ready to play. The umpires will sign the official score sheet attesting to the forfeit.
- 3.1.8 The winners of each age division shall be declared the Junior Mens State Title Champions.

- 3.1.9 There shall be no finals or joint placing. To determine the final individual placing point scores will be used and then if required to separate one or more teams on the same points score goal averages will be used.
- 3.1.10 Any team playing a non-registered player will be penalised as per clause 6.1 (b).

3.2 Player Minimum Requirements

- 3.2.1 All players in all age groups must play a minimum of 40% of the total number of available games over the Junior Mens State Titles (40% rule). For the purposes of calculation of the '40% rule', two half games equals one full game
- 3.2.2 Where a player is unavailable for games for a medical reason, a medical certificate from a registered Medical practitioner or Physiotherapist or the on-site medic should be submitted with the 40% recording sheet, 40% of games will be determined from the games the player was available for.
- ie: if a player is ruled out for only 2 games of a total of the 19 games by a medical officer, then the 40% rule will be taken from only the 17 games that they are available to play.
- 3.2.3 Each team will receive with their score sheets, a recording sheet to document the games each player has played over the competition period.
- a) The sheet will include all eligible players names
 - b) The games each player has played must be recorded on the record sheet.
 - c) At the end of each day the completed sheet must be signed by the Head Coach and the Team Manager and submitted to the Competition Coordinator.
- 3.2.4 The penalty for a breach of the '40% rule' is disqualification from any placing.
- 3.2.5 Any dispute in relation to the '40% rule' must, in the first instance, be referred by the party alleging a breach of the rule to the Player's nominated Entity Liaison Officer. Suitable attempts to resolve the dispute should be made by both parties prior to completion of the competition.
- 3.2.6 If any dispute in relation to the '40% rule' is unable to be resolved within 24 hours the dispute may then be referred by either party to Mens Netball NSW.

3.3 Match Points

3.3.1 Points Table: Junior Mens State Titles Points Table

Win	Loss	Draw	Forfeit	Bye	Abandoned
2	0	1	2	0	1*

* If game abandoned prior to half time - 1 point each team

* If game abandoned at or after half time - result as per score sheet

3.3.2 Goal Average

(a) If two or more teams finish on equal points after the final round of matches, positions shall be decided on goal averages.

(b) The goal average for each team shall be decided as follows:

Total number of goals scored by the team, divided by the total number of goals scored against the team, multiplied by 100 and divided by the actual number of matches played by the team.

$$\text{i.e. } \frac{\text{goals scored}}{\text{goals scored against}} \times \frac{100}{\text{matches played}}$$

The number of matches actually played includes a match a team has forfeited, but does not include a match where the team has received a forfeit.

3.4 Cancellation

3.4.1 If, in the opinion of Netball NSW games are unable to be played due to severe inclement weather or adverse court conditions, each team fixtured to play will be awarded one (1) point. No points will be awarded for teams having the Bye.

3.4.2 Mens Netball NSW supports the Netball NSW Adverse Weather Conditions Policy which will be referred to making a decision on the continuation or suspension of any matches.

3.5 Scoresheets

3.5.1 The method of distribution of score sheets will be determined by Mens Netball NSW.

3.5.2 Score sheets are to be returned to the Mens Netball NSW Competitions team by the winning team immediately after each match.

3.5.3 One (1) official from each team is to sign the score sheet.

3.5.4 In circumstances where team officials of both teams involved testify that the score sheet submitted to Netball NSW is incorrect and further they agree on the correct score then Mens Netball NSW has the discretion to vary the official scores.

3.6 Awards

- 3.6.1 A trophy shall be presented to the winning and runner-up Association in each division.
- 3.6.2 Medals shall be awarded to the Manager, Coach, Assistant Coach, Primary Carer and players of the winning and runner up teams in each division.

4 Officials

4.1 Team Officials

4.1.1 Coaches must:

- (a) Hold a current Working with Children Check which Entities are responsible for verifying.
- (b) Be a current registered financial member of Netball NSW, Mens Netball NSW or relevant State or Territory in the MyNetball database prior to the commencement of the Competition.
- (c) Head Coaches must hold a current **Development** Coaching Accreditation.
- (d) Assistant Coaches must hold a current **Foundation** Coaching Accreditation.

4.1.2 Managers and Primary Carers must:

- (a) Hold a current Working with Children Check, which Entities are responsible for verifying.
- (b) Be a current registered financial member of Netball NSW, Mens Netball NSW or relevant State or Territory in the MyNetball database prior to the commencement of the Competition.

4.2 Umpires

- 4.2.1 Entities must provide umpires with their teams. Umpires must at a minimum, hold a current **National C badge**. Umpires must have received the C badge prior to being included on the submission.
- 4.2.2 Nominated umpires entered into a Mens Netball NSW competition must show as financial registered members of Netball NSW, Mens Netball NSW or relevant State or Territory in the MyNetball database prior to the commencement of that competition.
- 4.2.3 Nominated umpires may not play, coach or manage a team during Junior State Titles.
- 4.2.4 Twenty eight (28) days prior to the competition, umpires names and current qualification are to be submitted by all Entities.

- 4.2.5 Entities who are unable to, or where the umpire withdraws after the 28 days submission date will be required to pay \$200 per Umpire.
- 4.2.6 All umpires must be dressed in white.

5 Photography and Videography

In addition to the clauses outlined below, Mens Netball NSW adopts the Netball NSW Photography policy which will be referred to at the Competition.

- 5.1 Extended video footage should only be taken for training purposes.
- 5.2 All photographers and videographers should notify the opposing team of their intention to photograph or video the match for consent.
- 5.3 All photographers and videographers taking photos on behalf of an Entity must register with Mens Netball NSW upon arrival at the Competition.
- 5.4 Photographers and Videographers may be asked to complete an accreditation form, and to wear an accredited photographer pass.
- 5.5 Photographers and Videographers should comply with any Courtside Equipment Guidelines published for the Competition.

6 Penalties

- 6.1 Except where these Competition rules provide that a specific penalty is to apply, any breach of these competition rules may result in any one or more of the following penalties being imposed on an Entity by Mens Netball NSW in its absolute discretion.
 - (a) a fine of up to five hundred dollars (\$500.00)
 - (b) loss of competition points