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OVERVIEW

1. General Information

The Regional Championships form part of the Netball WA (NWA) competition framework and are an important pathway for players, coaches, umpires and other officials. 2019 was the inaugural year for the Regional Championships in all NWA Country Regional Office geographical areas, except for Northwest who already held the Northwest Championships. The Southwest/Peel Regional Championships (SWPRC) may be referred to as “Competition” in the Rules & Regulations Manual.

The SWPRC will comprise of the following groups:

- 16U – Girls
- 14U – Girls
- 13U – Girls
- 12U – Girls/Boys (Mixed)

2. Objective & Outcomes

The SWPRC is held annually to provide representative participation for Associations’ players, coaches, officials, and managers. The SWPRC provide the opportunity for player, coach and umpire talent identification, coach mentoring, umpire coaching and testing, and an opportunity for Associations to measure their pathway progressions against other Associations within the NWR. The SWPRC also offer a wonderful opportunity for players and officials from across the Southwest/Peel region to come together and enjoy the experience and interaction with like-minded people.

3. Southwest/Peel Regional Championship Partners

The event is proudly supported by Healthway promoting **Fuel to Go & Play**.

Principal Partner: Gold Industry Group (GIG).

Major Partners: The Insurance Commission of Western Australia (ICWA), promoting the Belt Up campaign and the Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries (DLGSC).

COMPETITION INFORMATION

4. Scheduled Dates & Venues

- The SWPRC will take place on **Saturday 27 July – Sunday 28 July 2024**.
- The host venue for this Competition will be **Busselton Netball Association**, located at the **Lou Weston Hard Courts – 8 Swan Road, Busselton**.
- Travel to and from the venue, and accommodation throughout the event period is the responsibility of the competing Association teams.
- Toilets and changerooms are located at the venue.
- Canteen facilities will be available on-site.
- Additional information regarding parking and traffic management operations will be provided closer to the Competition date.

5. Fixtures

- Team Nominations process must be completed on Play HQ by the due date to allow for fixture preparation.
- The Competition Coordinator's will make the final decision as to the scheduling of the fixtures and these shall be played as advised.
- The full fixtures for all divisions and age groups in the Competition shall be advised to Associations by NWA via email and the NWA website, as specified in the key dates.
- Fixtures will be appropriately adjusted by the discretion of NWA for any team who is withdrawn from the Competition by choice or by removal.
- Where changes in fixtures occur teams shall be notified in writing as soon as possible, however due to unforeseen circumstances this may not occur until the day of the Championships.

6. Proposed Schedule (subject to change)

SATURDAY 27 JULY

7:30am	Managers meeting
8:00am	Opening Ceremony
8:30am	Umpires briefing and TID selectors briefing
9:00am	Matches commence
4:00pm	End of day

SUNDAY 28 JULY

8:00am	Matches Commence
1:00pm	13U & 14U Finals
2:00pm	12U & 16U Finals
3:00pm	Closing Ceremony & Presentations

7. Opening Ceremony

- a) The opening ceremony will take place at **8:00am** at the Busselton Netball Association located at the **Lou Weston Hard Courts – 8 Swan Road, Busselton**, prior to the commencement of the Competition on **courts 4 & 7**.
- b) Associations are to assemble on **court 4 at 7:40am** where they will be directed by NWA Staff.
- c) The 12U teams dressed in their association uniforms will represent their associations in the opening ceremony. The 12U teams will complete a walk by where (if they so wish) can do a team chant and they will be judged on best dressed. Where an association does not have a 12U team, another team may take part in representing their association. It is recommended that Associations bring their Association banner or flag with them to the opening ceremony.
- d) The 12U Association teams are to meet Netball WA staff on **court 1 at 7:40am** with their Association banner.
- e) Spectators are to stand around **courts 4 & 7**.

8. Closing Ceremony

- a) The closing ceremony and presentations will take place immediately following the conclusion of the last Final on **courts 4 & 7**.
- b) Association teams are to assemble on **court 4 & 7** immediately following the last Final where they will be directed by NWA Staff.
- c) The winning and runner up teams of the 12U, 13U, 14U, 16U will receive awards at the closing ceremony.
- d) The two (2) grand final umpires for each division will be awarded medals at the closing ceremony.
- e) Other awards announced at the closing ceremony are:
 - o Volunteer of the Year
 - o Best Dressed Team
 - o Sportsmanship Award
 - o All Star Coach and Umpire
 - o Rising Star Coach and Umpire
- f) Spectators are to stand around **courts 4 & 7**.

9. Team Pack Collection & Check in on Arrival

- a) One (1) official from each Association must check in at the managers meeting held prior to the start of the Competition to collect team packs.
- b) Team packs include event maps, Netball HQ APP Download Instructions, score cards and other relevant information that is to be distributed to Team Officials and players.
- c) Packs must be signed for upon collection.

10. Team Fees

- On receipt of the team registration, NWA will invoice each Association. Invoices of Competition fees must be paid promptly and by the due date outlined in **Appendix 1: Key Dates & Links to Forms**.
- Any team withdrawing after the team fee due date will be liable to pay the full balance of their remaining Competition fees, or, if already paid will not receive any refund for Competition fees.
- Associations who have not paid their team fees prior to the Competition will not be permitted to take the court until they have been paid.

Team Registration Fees are as follows:

Divisions	All Divisions
All fees GST inclusive	\$220 GST incl. per team

11. Invitational Teams

- NWA at its discretion may have invitational teams at the SWPRC.
- Invitational teams are **not eligible for Grand Final matches**. Should an invitational team finish in either 1st or 2nd place following all minor round matches, the next highest NWA affiliated association team will take their place, i.e., if an NWA affiliated association team is in 3rd place, they will participate in the Grand Final match.

12. Medical & First Aid

- NWA have First Aid services available for the duration of the competition. These services are situated at the Ambulance at the side of the pavilion.
- The responsibility of the First Aid personnel is to assist with on-court injuries or injuries after the player has been removed from the court.
- Only NWA officials are to call for an ambulance and to advise safe entry to the venue. This is important to ensure multiple ambulances are not called for the same incident.
- If a player sustains an injury or illness and is required to miss matches, the Team Manager is required to provide NWA with written verification for the player to be granted an exemption for the player's minimum match requirements for finals eligibility.
- Ice will be available from First Aid station only.
- Strapping service may be available over the weekend. Further details to follow closer to the date.

13. Insurance

- As an NWA endorsed Competition NWA affiliated participants are covered under the National Insurance Program. Only participants who are registered on the PlayHQ system as a member of their Association in the calendar year of the Competition being played are covered under Netball Australia's National Insurance Policy. For further information on the National Insurer, Howden Insurance, and the coverage please go to the [Insurance](#) page on the NWA website.
- Invitational teams are to speak with the NWA Membership Coordinator regarding whether they are covered by insurance.

14. COVID-19 Protocols

Due to the everchanging COVID-19 environment and its potential impact on NWA Events/Competitions, NWA reserves the right to make alterations to the Competition and this manual at any point to meet the protocols directed by the Federal, State & Local Governments and our National Sporting Body. NWA will communicate any required protocols with Associations and teams if necessary. This may occur prior to, or during the event as required.

15. Child Safeguarding and Working with Children

Safe and enjoyable sport and recreation experiences are the right of every child. Keeping children and young people safe is a priority and everyone's responsibility. A component of child safeguarding is the Working with Children Checks.

Therefore, participating Associations, their volunteers, and staff, are required to abide by the Working with Children (Criminal Record Checking) Act 2004 (WA), including:

- Participating workforce, volunteers, staff, coaches, umpires, and team officials providing valid Working with Children cards, or demonstrating a valid exemption, to their Association.
- Associations having an up-to-date Working with Children Register of their volunteers, staff, coaches, umpires, and team officials with any exemptions also recorded on the register.

It is the Associations responsibility to ensure that they have the required WWC checks in place. Please refer to the NWA Working with Children Policy and NWA Working with Children (Member) Policy, *refer to Policies & Codes of Behaviours*.

16. Photography / Videography

- a) Associations must ensure that all participants and parents of underage players are aware that NWA will be taking photos and potentially filming during the competition.
- b) On initial registration in PlayHQ players are required to complete the Photography consent and NWA will refer to this with regards to the photography/videography of program, event & competition participants.
- c) NWA refers all Associations, participants and persons attending the Competition to NWA's Photography and Videography Policy with regards to the taking of images at the event, *refer to Policies & Codes of Behaviours*.
- d) Scorecards with a **red dot** on the top of the card means that **no** Photography/Videography is permitted at all on that game.

17. Weather

- a) In the event of inclement weather NWA will refer to the NWA Weather Policy.
- b) Where possible and reasonable, games may be rescheduled. Due to the short duration of matches and competition, rescheduling of matches may not be possible. Refer to the Match Rescheduling section in the Competition Rules & Regulations section of this handbook.

18. Smoking, Vaping, Alcohol and Abuse Free Event

In-line with NWA's major partner Healthway and NWA Health Guidelines, this is a smoke, vaping and Alcohol-Free Event. No smoking, vaping or consumption of alcohol (unless at a licenced venue bar) is permitted anywhere in or around the venue.

NWA reserves the right to deny entry and/or ask any spectator/s or participant/s who is found to be aggressive and/or use verbal or physical abuse, against any NWA staff member or workforce, spectator/s or participant/s, to leave the grounds for either part of, or the duration of the Competition.

Please note that participant behaviours during a game will be dealt with under the **World Netball "Rules of Netball" 2024 edition** and managed by umpires under the appropriate game management protocols.

19. Policies & Code of Behaviours

All participants will be bound by the relevant NWA and Netball Australia policies referenced in the Rules & Regulations along with, including but not limited to:

- NWA Working with Children Policy
- NWA Working with Children Policy (Member)
- NWA Weather Policy
- Netball Australia Member Protection Policy
- Netball Australia Integrity Policies
- Netball Australia General Policies

For a full list and copy of policies and guidelines visit:

- [Policies & Procedures - Netball WA](#)
- [Child Safeguarding - Netball WA](#)
- [Member Protection - Netball WA](#)
- [Integrity Policies - Netball Australia](#)
- [General Policies - Netball Australia](#)

20. Protests & Complaints

- a) Should a protest or complaint relate to the Competition rules and regulations of a fixtured match, it must be lodged to NWA by no later than thirty (30) minutes after the conclusion of the match.
- b) Complaints regarding behaviour, and/or breaches of code of behaviour at a NWA Competition or Event against any playing or non-playing individuals whether a current financial affiliated NWA member or non-member, must be lodged on the incident report form available from the Competition Office.
- c) An incident report form needs to be lodged to NWA within 24 hours of the incident. Incident report forms may also be lodged by NWA personnel or contracted staff that believe there has been a possible breach of NWA codes of behaviour, or any other NWA or Netball Australia policy or Competition rules and regulations. Lodgement of the form during the Competition is to be made at the NWA Competition Office. If lodging the form outside of Competition hours, please email to peel.membership@netballwa.com.au.

- d) Upon receipt, the incident report will be reviewed by member/s of the NWA Competitions Panel which may result in any of the following actions:
- warning
 - fine
 - exclusion (from match, event, or Competition)
 - expulsion
 - judicial tribunal hearing
 - disciplinary hearing
 - management committee hearing
 - any other penalty NWA deems appropriate.
- e) The Competition Panel consists of, but not limited to, the following NWA personnel:
- NWA Governance & Compliance Coordinator – Community Netball
 - NWA Membership Coordinator – Peel Office (also Competition Coordinator)
 - NWA Membership Coordinator – Southwest Office
- f) In the event, that any of the above members are unavailable NWA has the right to appoint another suitable representative to the panel.
- g) Associations are responsible for ensuring its participating members including, but not limited to, players, coaches, managers, and officials are aware of the Codes of Behaviour.

21. Competition Coordinators

- a) The Competition Coordinator/s shall be responsible for the functioning of all Competition matches.
- b) The Competition Coordinator/s will be the main point of contact for all teams on the day should additional information or clarification on rules and regulations be required.
- c) The Competition Coordinator/s is empowered to cancel any matches deemed unsafe in consultation with Umpires and the NWA Manager on site.
- d) Any protest or complaints relating to the SWPRC lodged with the Competitions Coordinator/s will be dealt with as per the 'Protests and Complaints' section of this handbook.

22. Uniforms

- a) Teams in all divisions shall wear the same Association uniform with colour/s being that of the Association or as determined otherwise.
- b) A team is not permitted to alter its colours or uniform design without first obtaining approval from NWA.
- c) If an Association plans to change/update its representative uniforms, these items must be approved by the Association and the proposed team colours and uniform design will need to be submitted to NWA for approval via email competitions@netballwa.com.au
- d) Players may only take the court if they are wearing the Association's registered uniform unless they have been provided with a specific exemption by NWA.
- e) Playing uniforms shall consist of shirt and skirt or shorts, dress or bodysuit, socks, and positional patches or bibs along with suitable sporting footwear. Players may wear sports briefs, boy legs,

bike shorts or leggings under playing dress/skirt in black or the approved Association uniform colour.

- f) In the event of a clash of colours, the second-mentioned team shall change their positional patches or bibs to an alternative colour. Each team must have a secondary colour bib.
- g) NWA has an inclusive uniform policy which can be accessed on the NWA website [Policies & Procedures - Netball WA](#)

23. Warm Up & Cool Down

- a) Teams will be permitted entry to the court immediately following the conclusion of the previous match.
- b) On completion of the match teams are to exit the court, cool down period is to be completed in a separate space.

24. Team Bench

- a) The first-mentioned team in the fixtures shall be seated to the right of the centre circle, the second-mentioned team to the left of the centre circle.
- b) Team benches are situated on the side of each court for team use.

25. Equipment

- a) All teams are to provide their own timers (x2)- Phones are not permitted to be used as timers.
- b) All teams are to provide their own match ball which must be of suitable standard. Umpires will check the match ball prior to the game and if deemed not up to standard the oppositions match ball will be used.
- c) All teams must provide their own pens and clipboards for scoring.

26. Athlete Identification

- a) Athlete identification will take place across the SWPRC for the 14U & 16U age eligible athletes.
- b) Athletes may be selected into the Fever in Time Program, or other programs that NWA may have in place from time to time.
- c) Athletes selected into the Fever in Time Academy Program may then be selected into the South-West or Peel State Cup 14U & 16U Teams. The teams will compete at the NWA State Cup Competition.
- d) **Athletes not interested in** further development/representative level netball may Opt-Out of selection by completing the Fever in Time/State Cup Selection Opt-Out Form (see **Appendix 1: Key Dates & Links to Forms**) by the due date outlined.
- e) Athletes interested in further development/representative level netball will be given a leg number at the Championships by the team manager. Players not wanting to be considered must let their team manager know and will not receive a leg number.

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27. Team Nominations & Application

- a) Associations will be invited to participate in the Competition via PlayHQ.
- b) Associations are to accept the invitation into the Competition on PlayHQ and enter teams in their desired age groups by the due date outlined in **Appendix 1: Key Dates & Links to Forms**.
- c) Tier 1 Associations may enter a maximum of two (2) teams in each age group. All other Associations may enter one (1) team in each division.
- d) A late team entry may be accepted at the discretion of NWA.
- e) In the event that Associations do not nominate teams in each age division the host Association may be provided the opportunity to enter extra team/s. In the event that the host Association does not wish to enter extra team/s then the Tier 1 Associations will be provided the opportunity.

28. Player Registrations & Squad List

- a) All players entering the Competition must be a financially registered member of NWA for the current calendar year for the Association they wish to represent.
- b) Players with dual membership (i.e., registered at two (2) or more Associations in the given year) must choose one (1) Association in which they will play for during the SWPRC.
- c) Associations shall register players through the PlayHQ online team entry to be deemed a listed player for the Competition. This must be completed by the due date outlined in **Appendix 1: Key Dates & Links to Forms**.
- d) Teams must register a **minimum** of eight (8) and a **maximum** of 12 players on PlayHQ.
- e) If twelve (12) players are registered in a team, players from lower age group/divisions are not permitted to play up in higher age group/divisions at the Championships.
- f) If less than twelve (12) players are registered in a team, players are permitted to play up from lower age group/division across the Championship, providing that team number does not exceed twelve (12) players and it is within the age eligibility exemption rules.
- g) Association representatives are required to confirm the final team lists of all participants (athletes, coaches, managers, and umpires) during the Managers meeting.
- h) Should there be any changes to the team after lists on PlayHQ has closed, teams must inform NWA Competitions Coordinator via the **Replacement/Additional Player Request Form** (see **Appendix 1: Key Dates & Links to Forms**).

29. Competition Grading

- a) If requested by NWA Associations may select their preferred divisional allocations for the Competition within their team registration on PlayHQ. This must be received by the due date to allow for grading and fixture preparation.
- b) The grading of teams into divisional age groups will be determined during a grading meeting where each association shall have the opportunity for representation along with the NWA Competitions Coordinator/s and the NWA Development Coordinator.
- c) Whilst Association requests are considered, teams will not be guaranteed their preferred divisional allocation.

- d) Please note that the Division 1 of all age groups shall be maintained and filled to a maximum number of teams where possible.
- e) Netball WA makes the final decisions on divisional grading and no further correspondence will be entered.

30. Player & Age Eligibility

AGE GROUPS	AGE (As of 31 December, in year of Competition)	BIRTH YEAR
16 Under - Girls	16,15	2008, 2009
14 Under - Girls	14	2010
13 Under - Girls	13	2011
12 Under – Girls/Boys	12	2012

- a) Proof of age will be requested if deemed necessary.
- b) The 12U division is open to Girls and Boys as per the years of age above.
- c) Players turning 11 years of age (in year of Competition) are not permitted to play within any age group unless prior approval has been sought from NWA by completing the **Age Eligibility Exemption Request** (*see Appendix 1: Key Dates & Links to Forms*) and submit by the due date.
- d) If required, Associations may select a player from a younger age group to play up in a higher age group during the SWPRC, **except** for players who are turning 12 in year of competition. Players are only permitted to play in:
 - a higher division of the same age group (ie. 14U Age Group with a division 1 & division 2), or
 - If only one age group and Associations have two (2) teams within the same age group, they are permitted to also play players in the other team (i.e. one 14U age group with only one division in the age group).
 - a team up to one (1) age group higher than their current age group (i.e., a 14-year-old player can be submitted within the 16U division, a player turning 12 by the 31 December can play up into the 13U division).
- e) Players are permitted to play up, except for Girls/Boys who are turning 11-years of age in the year of competition who are also not permitted to play in the 12U age group unless prior approval has been sought from NWA.
- f) Players are permitted to play up into a higher age group/division/team for a total of two (2) matches (regardless of time on court i.e. 5 mins or full game). Once a player plays in a third match in the higher age group /division/team, they will be deemed a member of that team they played up for and can no longer play in the team to which they were initially registered.
- g) Associations are **not** permitted to play a player down during the SWPRC.
- h) Associations that have extenuating circumstances in relation to any of the age eligibility rules must submit exemption requests by completing the **Age Eligibility Exemption Request** (*see Appendix 1: Key Dates & Links to Forms*) and submit by the due date.

- i) A player will also be deemed ineligible and unable to participate in the remainder of the SWPRC if:
 - The player is not recorded on the scorecard prior to the commencement of the match.
[Penalty: Loss of two (2) Competition points to the offending team – goals for and against shall remain as scored for both teams].
 - A player may not participate in two (2) matches occurring at the same time. i.e., cannot play for team they are registered to and fill in for another team playing at the same time. If a player takes the court for two (2) matches being played at the same time, both offending teams shall be penalised.
[Penalty: Loss of two (2) Competition points to both offending teams – goals for and against shall remain as scored for both matches]
 - The player is not affiliated or registered with the Association prior to the match.
[Penalty: Loss of two (2) Competition points to the offending team – the goals for and against shall remain as scored for both teams]

31. Umpires

- a) Each Association must nominate at least one (1) competent qualified B or C badged Umpire per team registered.
- b) All umpires must be a current registered non-playing 2024 member of their relevant NWA Association prior to the Competition, regardless of whether they also hold a 2024 player registration.
- c) All Umpires must have a current Working with Children Check (WWCC) unless an exemption applies.
- d) National B and C Badges must be current and have been achieved at least 1 year prior to the Competition.
- e) Umpires will be approved by NWA as per umpire criteria as outlined below:
 - o All divisions must hold a minimum National C Badge or be scheduled for testing for their National C Badge during the Championships. Exemptions to this requirement must be submitted via the **Umpiring Exemption Form** (*see Appendix 1: Key Dates & Links to Forms*) and submit by the due date.
 - o It is recommended (not essential) that the 16U Division 1 umpires hold a National B Badge
- f) Umpires will officiate their own team's matches throughout the minor round fixtures of the Competition.
- g) Umpires may be reallocated to other games to assist with the assessment of candidates being coached and/or tested for badges. The NWA Officials Coordinators will control this process and we thank you for your cooperation in advance.
- h) NWA will allocate umpires for the Grand Final matches from the pool of umpires nominated by each Association. All umpires participating **must** be available to umpire finals if allocated. The NWA Officials Coordinator will confirm and contact all umpires required for finals matches. It is important to note there will be no payments made to umpires allocated to finals.
- i) Association Umpire Development Officers (AUDOs) are required to nominate their umpires via

the online **Umpire Nomination, Testing & Umpire Coaching Request Form** see (*Appendix 1: Key Dates and Links to Forms*) and submit by the due date.

- j) All Umpires participating within the Competition must be a current registered non-playing member of NWA **prior** to when the **Umpire Nomination, Testing & Umpire Coaching Request Form** is submitted (There is no fee associated for a non-playing official to become an affiliated financial member of NWA and no additional fee for a registered playing member to hold a secondary registration as an umpire).
- k) Should an Association make any changes to the appointed umpires after nominations have closed, an **Umpire Replacement/Addition Request Form** is to be completed and lodged as soon as possible prior to the event (*Appendix 1: Key Dates and Links to Forms*)
- l) It is the responsibility of the umpire to be fully aware of the Netball rules and the Competition rules and regulations.
- m) Both umpires must sign the scorecard at the end of the game.
- n) Umpires must be ready to commence matches at the specified fixture time.
- o) The decisions of the umpires shall be final and shall be given without appeal.
- p) During an interval, clarification of any Rule may be sought from the umpires by the captain and/or any other player concerned. The umpires must provide such clarification in a way that is clearly understood refer to (**rule 3-3.1 (d)**).
- q) If there are any queries regarding umpiring matters during a match, please go to the Competition Office where staff will call for a supervisor before the match ends.
- a) Umpires must be dressed in appropriate attire with the correct sports shoes. (Please refer to the NWA Uniform Guidelines) Umpires may wear their Association umpiring shirt. Should an umpire not be suitably dressed (i.e. unsafe footwear) the team will be required to find a suitable replacement (or forfeit the game).
- r) Opportunity is available for coaching and testing for National B and C Badges during the SWPRC. Each request will be assessed on a case-by-case basis and is not guaranteed.
- s) AUDOs are to submit all umpire testing and umpire coaching request via the online **Umpire Nomination, Testing & Umpire Coaching Request Form, Testing & Umpire Coaching Request Form** (*see Appendix 1: Key Dates & Links to Forms*) and submit by the due date.
- t) All Association team umpires and AUDO's are to attend the umpire meeting.
- u) Should an Association not be able to provide an umpire for the Competition, it will be that Association's responsibility to contact other Associations to see if they can assist with umpires. **NWA will not assist in finding umpires for teams.** NWA can assist with providing Associations the contact details of the AUDO's in other Associations.
- v) If an umpire is not available for a match or missing from the court of their scheduled match it is the responsibility of the Team Manager to contact their Association Umpiring Coordinator and organise a replacement umpire.
- w) Identified umpires may be selected into the Fever in Time Umpire Academy Program and possible selection to umpire at Origin State Cup or invited to umpire at other events. Umpires not interested in further development opportunities may **Opt-Out of selection** by choosing not to be considered during their PlayHQ registration.
- x) An All Star Umpire and Rising Star Umpire award will be presented at the closing ceremony.

- y) Failure for an Association umpire to attend their allocated match (without notice) by half time of that scheduled match will result in the association being penalised.

[Penalty: Loss of two (2) Competition points to the offending team – the goals for and against shall remain as scored for both teams]

32. Team Officials

- a) Each team must nominate one (1) head coach and one (1) manager per team and may nominate up to one (1) assistant coach per team during their team registration via PlayHQ.
- b) All coaches and managers must be a current registered non-playing **2024** member of their relevant NWA Association prior to the Competition regardless of whether they also hold a **2024** player registration (There is **no** fee associated for a non-playing official to become an affiliated financial member of NWA and no additional fee for a registered playing member to hold a secondary registration as a Coach or Manager).
- c) All officials must have a current Working with Children Check (WWCC) unless an exemption applies.
- d) Coaches must be coaching at the Association they are representing at the Championships.
- e) All head coaches of the **13U, 14U & 16U Divisions** must have a minimum current **National Development Coaching Accreditation**.
- f) Head coaches of **12U Divisions** must have a minimum current National Foundation Coaching Accreditation, exemptions to this requirement must be submitted via the **Coaching Exemption Form (see Appendix 1: Key Dates & Links to Forms)**
- g) Assistant coaches shall hold a minimum Foundation Coach Accreditation
- h) Associations are responsible for ensuring that appointed coaches and managers are registered members of NWA and hold the required coach accreditations before the team nomination is submitted.
- i) Failure for an Association to provide an appropriately accredited coach for each of their teams upon closing date on PlayHQ by the due date outlined in **Appendix 1: Key Dates & Links to Forms** will incur the following penalty:
- [Penalty: Removal of team from Competition]**
- j) Failure for an Association to have an appropriately accredited coach in attendance at matches within the Competition for each of the teams that they nominate will incur the following penalty:
- [Penalty: Loss of two (2) Competition points to the offending team – goals for and against shall remain as scored for both teams].**
- k) Coach mentoring may be available coaches across the Championship. Please note that availability for coach mentoring is limited and not all requests for coach mentoring may be met depending on demand and the available suitably qualified workforce.
- l) ADOs are to submit all coach mentoring requests via the online **Coach Mentoring Request Form (see Appendix 1: Key Dates & Links to Forms)** and submit by the due date.
- m) Coach identification may be carried out across the Championships. Identified coaches may be invited into the Fever in Time Program.

- n) The team coach should ensure the implementation of appropriate strategies to promote good sportsmanship from players and other team personnel on the court and team bench.
- o) An All Star Coach and Rising Star coach award will be presented at the closing ceremony.

33. Competition Rules

- a) Rules for the SWPRC shall be dictated by the [World Netball "Rules of Netball" 2024 edition](#), unless otherwise stated in this manual.
- b) NWA reserves the right at any time to change or update the Competition rules to manage specific unplanned situations not otherwise captured in the Competition rules, or other documents as required.
- c) Injury time and blood policy applies as per the World Netball "Rules of Netball" 2024 edition (*Rule 10 - Stoppages*)
- d) Umpires will signal the injury stoppage time however the **timer** will **not** hold time and no extra time will be given for a stoppage during all matches played.
- e) In the event of a serious injury where an athlete cannot be moved (i.e., unconscious, suspected spinal etc) then the First Aid personnel and the Match Office is to be notified immediately. Where possible the match will be moved
- f) The Tactical Substitution Rule will **not** be permitted in this Competition.
- g) This Competition will implement the **Rolling Substitutions** rule. The below information outlines the procedure that will be followed when implementing Rolling Substitutions.
 - Teams are allowed to make substitutions during play, this includes during stoppages and intervals.
 - Only 1 rolling substitution per team can be made at a time to ensure a minimum number of players (5) is on the court at all times.
 - Play will not be stopped for rolling substitutions nor the clock stopped (umpires do not need to be notified if a player wishes to complete a substitution).
 - Both teams are to be located on the same side of the court either side of the Scorer/Timer
- h) The substitution area will be clearly identified:
 - a. the player will stand in their team substitution area to indicate that a substitution is to be made.
- i) Players can only enter play once the substitution player has completely exited the court.
 - a. before the player moving onto the court leaves the substitution area, the player leaving the court must tag the player rolling onto the court.
- j) Players must observe the offside rule as they enter/leave the court in permitted areas for their position.
 - a. if a player entering or leaving the court enters an area not designated for their playing position, a sanction will be awarded whether that player is in contact with the ball or not.
- k) Players must not interfere with the umpires' movement during the substitution, or a sanction will be awarded.
- l) A player leaving the court must return directly to their team area/bench.

m) Players cannot change positions whilst on the court. Any changes to positions require a player to roll off and return to the court in the desired position with correct bib on.

n) Delaying Play - Should a team delay play whilst making a substitution a sanction will be awarded. The normal sanction for Delaying play will apply.

Example: substituting a Centre player between the scoring of a goal and the taking of next centre pass. This needs to be done quickly to not delay play especially if the Centre player rolling on will be taking the next Centre pass.

34. Competition Points, Results & Ladder

In the minor round matches for all divisions, points will be allocated accordingly:

- Two (2) points for a win
- One (1) point for a draw
- Zero (0) points for a loss
- Zero (0) points for a bye
- Two (2) points for non-offending team forfeit
- Zero (0) points for offending team forfeit
- One (1) point for an abandoned Competition match

The Competition Coordinator will be responsible for ensuring the Competition results and ladders are uploaded on to PlayHQ.

35. Competition Format and Match Duration

- a) Teams will play within a round-robin format with finals matches at the completion of the minor rounds.
- b) Teams are responsible for timing their own games.
- c) Bye rounds may be required if divisions have uneven team numbers.
- d) Timing of matches is as follows:
 - **12U, 13U, 14U, 16U divisions** shall play for a period of 40 minutes divided into four (4) quarters, each of ten (10) minute duration.
 - An interval of two (2) minutes shall be taken between the end of the first and third quarter.
 - An interval of three (3) minutes shall be taken at half time.
- e) A team shall be required to take the court when requested to do so by the umpires at the start of the scheduled match and at intervals.
- f) Injury time and blood policy applies as per the World Netball “**Rules of Netball**” 2024 edition (**Rule 10 - Stoppages**)
- g) Umpires will signal the injury stoppage time however the **timer** will **not** hold time and no extra time will be given for a stoppage during all matches played.
- h) In the event of a serious injury where an athlete cannot be moved (i.e., unconscious, suspected spinal etc) then the First Aid personnel and the Competitions Office is to be notified immediately. Where possible the match will be moved.

36. Match Rescheduling

- a) Should a match be unable to commence due to the unavailability of the court for reasons beyond the control of competing teams, NWA where possible will reschedule the match.
- b) If unforeseen and exceptional circumstances occur and a match cannot be rescheduled for completion the following shall apply:
 - a drawn result will be declared if the match was stopped prior to, or during half time and each team awarded one (1) match point, with scores at that time recorded.
 - if the match has entered the second half, a win will be awarded to the team with the highest score at the time the match was stopped, the winning team awarded two (2) points, with scores at that time recorded.
 - in the event the match has entered the second half, and score is tied at the time of the match being stopped a drawn result will be declared and each team awarded one (1) match point, with scores at that time recorded.
- c) If the match has not commenced and cannot be rescheduled, a drawn result will apply, and each team will be awarded one (1) point.

37. Match Forfeiture & Delayed Starts

- a) Matches will not be delayed due to umpires late to court.
- b) A minimum of five (5) players are required to take the court.
- c) A team shall forfeit a match in the following circumstances:
- d) A team shall forfeit a match in the following circumstances:
 - If the team advises the Match Office of its intention to forfeit.
 - At the time scheduled for the commencement of a match, if fewer than five (5) players are present for either, or both, of the competing teams, **a maximum period of five (5) minutes shall be allowed for at least five (5) players of a team to arrive.**
 - For every minute that the team is not ready to play during the 0.00 – 4:59 minutes after the scheduled commencement of the match, **the non-infringing team is awarded one (1) goal per minute (up to 4 goals).**
 - If, at the end of this time, there are fewer than five (5) players present for one (1) team, the offending team shall forfeit the match.
- e) If a forfeit is announced, teams can still play on from this point, however umpires must record the game as a forfeit on the scorecard and indicate which team shall receive the two points.
- f) Any team forfeiting a match for any reason shall have the following penalty:

[Penalty: The non-infringing team will be awarded two (2) Competition points and fifteen (15) goals for. The infringing team will be awarded zero (0) points; and 15 goals against. All players on the non-infringing team are awarded one (1) match towards meeting minimum match qualification.

38. Scoring & Timing

- a) For all minor round and Grand Final matches, the first mentioned team shall provide the score card (supplied in team packs) and a scorer for the match, and the second mentioned team shall provide the timekeeper and timing device.
- b) Please ensure that personnel allocated to these duties are competent in the procedures.

- c) The scorer and timer must stand together (opposite the centre circle on the side-line) throughout the match and compare scores and time to avoid any discrepancies.
- d) Should the initial scorer or timer be required for another duty (i.e., to follow the umpire), an alternative scorer or timer must be used immediately to avoid any discrepancies during this time frame. Should there be any issues, please advise the umpire immediately.
- e) For records, talent identification and insurance purposes, the names of participating players must be recorded on each scorecard **prior** to the commencement of the corresponding match.
- f) Team lists on the scorecard shall list up to 12 players.
- g) If for unforeseen reasons a player change is required (i.e., players filling in) from the initial team registered on PlayHQ then the scorer must add this player to the scorecard **prior** to the match.
- h) Player additions after the commencement of the match are **not** permitted. If a name is added after the commencement of the match the following penalty applies:

[Penalty: forfeiture of the match, – goals for and against shall remain as scored for both teams]

- i) The two (2) officials (scorer and timer) are also responsible for recording the team changes at half time and rolling subs recording which players played. Managers are to inform the scorer of any substitutions/positional changes made prior or during the match so the changes can be recorded on the scorecard and rolling subs sheet.
- j) Umpires, scorers, timers and both team captains are to sign the scorecard. Scorers are responsible for ensuring that all signatures are completed.
- k) Scores are to be recorded in the **Progressive Score** area of the scorecard. At the end of each quarter, the scorer is to place a circle around the last goal scored for that quarter against **each** of the teams. That number of goals is then recorded in the Q1 through to Q4 area respectively, with all the Quarters adding up to the total number of goals scored. Example below

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32	33	34	35	36	37	38	39	40	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32	33	34	35	36	37	38	39	40
41	42	43	44	45	46	47	48	49	50	51	52	53	54	55	56	57	58	59	60	41	42	43	44	45	46	47	48	49	50	51	52	53	54	55	56	57	58	59	60
61	62	63	64	65	66	67	68	69	70	71	72	73	74	75	76	77	78	79	80	61	62	63	64	65	66	67	68	69	70	71	72	73	74	75	76	77	78	79	80
H1	12					H2	14					T	26					H1	11					H2	3					T	14								

- l) Scores on the signed scorecards will stand, no further discussion will be accepted.
- m) The winning team is to return the scorecard to the Competitions Office immediately after each match.
- n) Failure for the scorecard to be returned by the **winning team** within one (1) hour immediately after the scheduled match will result in the following penalty:

[Penalty: Loss of two (2) Competition points to the offending team – the goals for and against shall remain as scored for both teams]

- o) Scorers and umpires are required to track player warnings, suspensions and send offs during the matches by completing the match management section on the back of the scorecard.
- p) Official scorecard for Grand Final matches shall be collected by the first mentioned team before the match from the **Competition Office**.

39. Finals

- a) At the conclusion of the minor round matches, Association teams will be ranked according to the number of points awarded and accumulated for a win, loss, or draw etc. as outlined in 'Competition Points'.
- b) The Grand Final matches will be played after the conclusion of the minor round fixtures.
- c) Grand Final matches will be as follows:
 - Grand Final: 1st ladder placing vs 2nd ladder placing.
- d) In the event of Association teams having the same total points at the end of the minor round matches, the respective placing shall be determined using the following method:
 - Placings will be decided according to the goal percentage achieved by each Association team during the minor round matches (i.e., goals for divided by goals against multiplied by 100).
 - If final team rankings can still not be distinguished by percentage, then the team that won the game in the minor rounds will progress (i.e., Team A and Team B are on the same percentage for 2nd place – Team B beat Team A in the minor rounds therefore Team B will progress through)
- e) To qualify to play in finals, players must have participated in a minimum of three (3) matches for their Association team during the minor round matches of the Competition.
- f) Any team and/or player that does not meet the player minimum match requirements will not be eligible to play in the finals.
- g) An exemption to games played may apply in the event of illness or injury. A request in writing for the player to play in finals must be submitted to the NWA Competitions Panel with a medical certificate providing evidence of illness/injury will be required. The NWA Competition Panel will review the exemption request and advise of the outcome. The decision will be final, and no further discussion will be entered.
- h) A player may play in more than one final providing they are playing up into a higher age group/division.
- i) In the event of a draw in a finals match, there shall be a one (1) minute break, during which the umpires shall confirm with the scorer and timekeeper that the match is a draw. Players are to remain on court in their positions. Positional changes may be rolled on during this time. The match shall recommence with the centre pass being taken by the team due to take the centre pass and the match shall proceed until one team has scored a two (2) goal advantage. The scorer shall alert the umpires when this has occurred.

APPENDICES

Appendix 1: Key Dates & Links to Forms

Details	Due Date
SWPRC Competition Manual (including fees and dates) Released	5:00pm Tuesday 28 May
Age Eligibility Exemption Requests <u>SWP Regional Championships Age Eligibility Exemption Request Form</u> Age eligibility exemption to play up/down divisions. Form Due	9:00am Wednesday 8 May 5:00pm Friday 21 June
Age Eligibility exemption requests approved by NWA Approval Due	5:00pm Wednesday 26 June
Coach Accreditation Exemption Requests <u>SWP Regional Championships Coach Accreditation Exemption Request Form</u> <i>Note coaches are to have completed the Development Online components of the Accreditation and the Rules of Netball Theory if not current prior to applying for the exemption.</i> Form Due	9:00am Wednesday 8 May 5:00pm Friday 21 June
NWA Association Team Registrations Via Play HQ Registration of teams into age divisions Due	9:00am Wednesday 8 May 5:00pm Thursday 27 June
Umpire Nomination Form, Testing & Umpire Coaching Request Forms Open <u>SWP Regional Championships Umpire Nomination Form</u> <u>SWP Regional Championships Umpire Testing/Coaching Request Form</u> Form to be submitted and umpires must be 2024 registered members of NWA prior to submission. Once form is submitted any replacement or additional umpires are to be submitted on the Umpire Replacement/Addition Form Form Due	9:00am Wednesday 8 May 5:00pm Thursday 13 July
Player & Team Officials Registrations Play HQ (Individual players, coach and manager registered into their team list) Due	9:00am Wednesday 8 May 5:00pm Tuesday 16 July
Invoicing - Team Fees Payment of Team fee invoices (Team withdrawal deadline) <u>SWP Regional Championships Team Withdrawal Form</u> Due	Sent Wednesday 3 July 5:00pm Wednesday 17 July

Coach Mentoring Requests <u>SWP Regional Championships Mentoring Request Form</u> <i>Mentoring request form can only be submitted once the individual Coach has been registered into the Play HQ Association team list.</i>	Open Form Due	9:00am Wednesday 8 May 5:00pm Friday 19 July
Final Fixtures released and available on Play HQ	Available	5:00pm Friday 12 July
Team list player/team official changes on PlayHQ <i>Any changes after this point will require completion of a Replacement/Additional Player Form or Replacement/Additional Team Official Form</i>	Changes Open Due	upon completion of individual registration 5:00pm Monday 22 July
Development Academy/Fever in Time Opt-Out <u>Peel Academy Fever In Time /State Cup Out-Out</u> <u>SW Academy/Fever In Time /State Cup Out-Out</u> Form Due	Open	9:00am Wednesday 8 May 5:00pm Monday 22 July
Replacement/Additional Player Requests <u>SWP Regional Championships Replacement / Additional Player Form</u> <i>Only to be used for any replacements/additions once Player changes on Play HQ have closed</i>	Open Form Due	5:00pm Wednesday 8 May 5:00pm Monday 22 July
SWPRC Photography Opt-Out <u>SWP Regional Championships Photography Out-Out</u>	Open Form Due	9:00am Wednesday 8 May 5:00pm Monday 22 July
Southwest/Peel Regional Championships		Saturday 27 July & Sunday 28 July



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Appendix 2: Netball HQ APP Download Instructions

- Download the **Netball HQ** App from your App Store – (it is free)
- Open App
- Click on **Add**
- Select **Club or Association**
- Type in **Peel WA**
- Click on **Peel WA**
- Select **Competitions** - ensure **Upcoming** and **Active** are highlighted
- **South West Peel Regional Championships** will show
- Click on the – **Winter 2024**
- All the **Divisions** will show - select the required division - fixtures will come up
- Click the star to save as favourite