

2026 Busselton Netball Association Spring Competition Information & Rules

Welcome

Welcome to the 2026 Busselton Netball Association Spring Competition! We are excited to welcome players back for another season of mixed netball.

This year marks an exciting milestone for our Association, with the completion of lighting at the Lou Weston Hard Courts. The additional lit courts now allow us to expand the competition, offer more playing opportunities and provide greater flexibility when creating fixtures.

The Spring Competition is designed to provide an enjoyable, inclusive and social environment for players of all ages and abilities. Whether you are returning to the court, playing with friends, or trying netball for the first time, we hope you enjoy the season.

We look forward to another fun, friendly and successful Spring Competition and thank all players, umpires, volunteers and supporters for being part of Busselton Netball Association.

1. Playing Days and Venue

The 2026 Busselton Netball Association Spring Competition will commence on Monday 12 October and conclude on Monday 16 November 2026 with the Ladder Play-Off. Spring Netball will be played Lou Weston Hard Courts, Busselton.

2. Indicative Game Times

Time	Competition
4:30pm	12 & Under Mixed / 14 & Under Mixed
5:30pm	12 & Under Mixed / 14 & Under Mixed / 17 & Under Mixed
6:30pm	14 & Under Mixed / 17 & Under Mixed / Open Mixed
7:30pm	17 & Under Mixed / Open Mixed

Game times are indicative only and are subject to team nominations. Teams must be prepared to play across multiple timeslots throughout the competition.

3. Spring Competition Fees

Player Type	Netball WA Fee	Busselton Netball Fee	Netball Australia & PlayHQ Fee	Umpire Fee	Total
New Player	\$50.00	\$30.00	\$5.61	\$30.00	\$115.61 plus payment gateway processing fee
Winter 2026 Player	\$0	\$30	N/A	\$30	\$60 plus payment gateway processing fee

- Early registrations are encouraged. Busselton Netball Association reserves the right to close registrations once competition capacity has been reached.
- Registration fees are payable at the time of registration through PlayHQ.
- The Netball WA deregistration date for the 2026 Spring Competition is 23rd October 2026.
- No refunds of the Netball WA component of the registration fee will be accepted after this date.
- Any refund of the Busselton Netball Association competition fee will be considered by the Board.

4. Registration

The 2026 Busselton Netball Association Spring Competition welcomes both returning Winter Competition players and new players.

- Teams and team names are for the 2026 Spring Competition only.
- Teams must be created in PlayHQ before individual players can register. Only one (1) person is required to create the team.
- Once a team has been created, a registration link will be generated for team members to complete their individual registrations.
- Individual player registrations without a nominated team will not be accepted.
- All team nominations and player registrations must be completed through PlayHQ.
- Team nominations will close on Wednesday 30 September 2026.
- **The PlayHQ Team Registration link is: <https://www.playhq.com/netball-australia/register/3e834a>**

Busselton Netball Association reserves the right to close registrations early should competition capacity be reached.

5. Single Game Vouchers

Single Game Vouchers (SGVs) are available for unregistered players wishing to participate as a fill-in player.

- Prior to taking the court, players who are not registered must purchase a Single Game Voucher (SGV) from the Match Office.
- \$16 – Unregistered Player: For players who are not registered for the 2026 Spring Competition and did not participate in the 2026 Winter Competition.
- \$5 – Winter Registered Player: For players who are not registered for the 2026 Spring Competition but were registered for the 2026 Winter Competition.
- A Single Game Voucher is valid for one (1) match only.
- The SGV holder must be recorded on the official scorecard prior to taking the court.
- Teams may use a maximum of four (4) Single Game Voucher (SGV) players in any one match.
- A player may participate using a maximum of three (3) Single Game Vouchers (SGVs) for the same team. On the fourth (4th) occasion they participate for that team, they must register as a member of that team.
- SGVs cannot be used for Ladder Play-off games unless approved by the Board.

6. Age Eligibility

Age eligibility is determined as of **31 December 2026**.

Age Group	Age Requirements	Birth Year (Age at 31/12/2026)
12 & Under Mixed	Minimum age 10 Maximum age 12	2016, 2015, 2014
14 & Under Mixed	Minimum age 12 Maximum age 14	2014, 2013, 2012
17 & Under Mixed	Minimum age 14 Maximum age 17	2012, 2011, 2010, 2009
Open Mixed	Minimum age 16 No maximum age	2010 and earlier

- Players may register in any age division for which they meet the published age eligibility requirements.
- Players are not permitted to register in, or participate as a fill-in for, a division for which they do not meet the age eligibility requirements.
- This will result in an ineligible player breach and penalties will apply.

7. Competition Rules

The 2026 Busselton Netball Association Spring Competition will be conducted in accordance with the current World Netball Rules, except where specifically modified by this Spring Competition Information and Rules document.

8. Team Composition

Teams may register a maximum of four (4) representative players.

A maximum of four (4) representative players may participate for a team in any match, including registered players and fill-in players.

Representative players include those selected in any of the following programs or competitions' during the 2026 season:

- Busselton Netball Association Representative Program
- South West Football Netball League (SWFNL)
- Fever in Time
- South West Development Academy
- South West Jets Futures
- West Australian Netball League (WANL)

Representative players may fill in for another team, provided the team does not exceed the maximum of four (4) representative players on court at any one time.

The representative player restriction does not apply to the Open Mixed competition.

9. Mixed Teams

Mixed teams may have a maximum of three (3) male players on the court at any one time.

A team cannot have a male player in both GS and GA or both GK and GD at the same time.

If three (3) male players are on the court at any one time, they must be positioned as follows:

- One (1) in **GS or GA** (shooting)
- One (1) in **WA, C or WD** (midcourt)
- One (1) in **GD or GK** (defence)

10. Alternative Rules

Super Shot

- During the final two (2) minutes of each quarter, any goal successfully scored by the Goal Shooter (GS) or Goal Attack (GA) from within the designated Super Shot area will be awarded two (2) goals.
- The designated Super Shot area is any area outside the Goal Circle in the Goal Third.
- Only the GS or GA may attempt a Super Shot.
- If a player in another position shoots and the ball passes through the ring, no goal will be awarded and play will continue.
- The commencement of the Super Shot period will be signalled by the Match Office.
- A successful Super Shot will be signalled by the umpire by raising both arms.

Gloves

Players may wear gloves provided they comply with the current World Netball Rules. Fingernails must remain short and smooth.

Compression Garments

Compression garments, including compression sleeves and socks, are permitted provided they comply with the current World Netball Rules.

11. Game Times

- Games will be centrally timed by the Match Office.
- A single siren will sound to commence match play.
- Matches consist of four (4) x 10-minute quarters, with a two (2) minute interval at quarter time and a three (3) minute interval at half time.
- Two (2) horns will sound to indicate the commencement of the Super Shot period.
- One (1) siren will sound at the end of each quarter and at the conclusion of the match.

12. Scoring & Timing

- The umpire will collect the official scorecard from the Match Office prior to the commencement of the match.
- The first-named team on the scorecard is to provide the scorer.
- The second-named team on the scorecard is to provide the timer.
- All matches will be centrally timed by the Match Office; however, the second-named team must still provide a timer to assist the scorer throughout the match.
- At the conclusion of the match, the umpire will return the completed scorecard to the Match Office.
- If scores are level at the conclusion of a regular competition match, the match will be recorded as a draw.

13. Late Arrivals

Players arriving after the commencement of a match may take the court through rolling substitutions, provided they were recorded on the official scorecard prior to the commencement of the match.

Before the player takes the court, the umpire must ensure the player's fingernails and jewellery comply with the current World Netball Rules.

14. Uniforms

- Teams are encouraged to wear matching playing tops.
- Players filling in for another team are not required to change into the team's playing top.
- Shorts, skirts and leggings must not have pockets or exposed zips.

15. Fill-In Players

- **Players registered** in the Spring Competition are eligible to fill in for other teams throughout the season.
- Fill-in players must be recorded on the official scorecard prior to taking the court.
- On the fourth (4th) occasion a player participates for the same team, they must register as a member of that team.
- Age eligibility and representative player requirements must be complied with at all times.
- A player may participate in a maximum of three (3) matches in total on any one playing day, including their own team's match and any matches in which they participate as a fill-in.
- Spring-registered players may participate as fill-in players during the Ladder Play-Off, provided all age eligibility and representative player requirements are met.

16. Fixtures

- All fixtures will be published through PlayHQ.
- Teams are responsible for checking their fixture each week and ensuring players are aware of any changes.
- Busselton Netball Association reserves the right to amend fixtures where required.
- Any fixture amendments will be communicated to the nominated team contact and updated in PlayHQ.

17. Ladder & Competition Points

Competition points will be awarded following each match and will determine team positions on the ladder.

- **Win – 2 points**
- **Draw – 1 point**
- **Loss – 0 points**
- Teams will be ranked on the ladder according to the total number of competition points earned.
- Where two or more teams finish on equal competition points, their ladder position will be determined by goal percentage.
- Any competition points deductions applied under these Spring Competition Rules will be reflected in the team's total competition points and ladder position.

18. Ladder Play-Off

- The Ladder Play-Off will be held on Monday 16 November 2026.
- All teams will participate in one final match against a team of a similar ladder position.
- The Ladder Play-Off format will be as follows:
 - Team 1 v Team 2
 - Team 3 v Team 4
 - Team 5 v Team 6
 - Team 7 v Team 8
- Where a division contains an uneven number of teams, Busselton Netball Association reserves the right to determine the most appropriate Ladder Play-Off format.
- If the 1 v 2 Ladder Play-Off match is drawn at the conclusion of regular playing time, play will continue until the next goal is scored. The team that scores the next goal will be declared the winner.

- No medals or trophies will be awarded.
- A \$100 Gift Voucher will be awarded to the winning team of the 1 v 2 match in each division.

19. Game Ball & Bibs

- Teams are required to supply their own playing bibs.
- Where possible, teams are encouraged to have two (2) sets of bibs available to assist with rolling substitutions.
- Busselton Netball Association will supply the official game balls for all matches.

20. Sportsmanship

- The Busselton Netball Association Spring Competition is designed to be an enjoyable, inclusive and social competition for players of all ages and abilities.
- We encourage all players, team officials and spectators to play fairly, show respect for others and help create a positive and welcoming environment both on and off the court.
- Poor sportsmanship, abuse or inappropriate behaviour towards officials, opponents or spectators will not be tolerated and may result in disciplinary action, including the removal of a player or team from the competition.
- All participants are expected to comply with the Busselton Netball Association Code of Conduct.

21. Umpires

- The umpire payment is included in each player's Spring Competition registration fee.
- Umpires must be registered as a Spring Competition Umpire through PlayHQ prior to taking the court.
- Umpire appointments are coordinated by the Spring Umpire Coordinator.
- Green Shirt Umpires may be appointed at the discretion of the Spring Umpire Coordinator.
- Umpires must wear an approved BNA Umpire shirt, which clearly distinguishes them from the playing teams.
- Umpires must collect their payment from the Match Office at the conclusion of their game.
 - Green Shirts - \$20 per game
 - Blue and White Shirts - \$30 per game.

22. Set Up & Pack Up

- If you arrive at the courts early, we would appreciate your help setting up the courts, including placing the goal post pads and substitution dots.
- For the final games of the night, we ask that teams assist with pack up by returning the goal post pads and substitution dots to the designated storage area.
- Busselton Netball Association appreciates the support of all teams in helping prepare and pack away the courts each week.

23. Complaints, Protests & Appeals

Any protest or complaint must be submitted in writing to the Spring Competition Coordinator at springnetball@busselton.com.au.

Where a protest or complaint relates to a fixtured match, it must be submitted no later than one (1) hour after the conclusion of the match.

Protests and complaints should include:

- Team name
- Opposition team
- Division
- Match time
- Details of the protest or complaint
- Names of the people involved (where applicable)

All protests, complaints and any subsequent appeals will be considered by the Busselton Netball Association Board, whose decision will be final.

24. Venue & Facilities

- The Lois Hannay Netball Pavilion, courts and surrounding areas are a smoke-free and vape-free venue.
- A canteen will be available throughout the competition with a selection of snacks and drinks available for purchase from the match office.
- Toilet facilities will be available throughout the competition.
- A drinking fountain is located at the eastern end of the pavilion.
- Bicycles, scooters and dogs are not permitted on the courts at any time. (*Assistance dogs excepted.*)

25. Weather & Cancellations

Busselton Netball Association follows the Netball WA Weather Policy for all Spring Competition games.

- If a game is cancelled prior to the scheduled start time due to weather or unsafe playing conditions, the nominated team contacts will be notified via email.
- If weather or playing conditions require games to be suspended or cancelled after play has commenced, teams will be notified by the Match Office.
- Where a match is cancelled, suspended or abandoned due to weather or unsafe playing conditions, Busselton Netball Association will determine the match result and allocation of competition points.
- Teams should ensure their nominated contact details are current and check their email for any updates where adverse weather conditions are expected.

26. Ineligible Players

If an ineligible player takes the court, the following penalties will apply:

- The offending team will receive a two (2) competition point deduction.
- The opposing team will be awarded the 20–0 win and two (2) competition points.
- The nominated team contact will be notified of the breach and resulting penalty via email.

27. Forfeits

A team that is unable to participate in a scheduled match must notify Busselton Netball Association **as early as possible**. Forfeits must be submitted by email to the Spring Competition Coordinator at: **springnetball@busselton.com.au**

The email must include:

- Team name
- Opposition team
- Division
- Scheduled match time
- Reason for the forfeit

Match Outcome

If a team forfeits:

- The match will be recorded as a 20–0 loss to the forfeiting team.
- The forfeiting team will receive zero (0) competition points.
- The opposing team will be awarded the 20–0 win and two (2) competition points.

28. First Aid & Injury Reporting

All injuries and incidents during the Spring Competition must be **reported directly to the Match Office**.

The Match Office will:

- Record the injury or incident
- Provide first aid support where appropriate
- Escalate serious matters to BNA officials

29. Communication

All Spring Competition correspondence will be sent to the nominated team contact.

- Team contacts are responsible for ensuring relevant information and updates are communicated to their players.
- Competition enquiries: springnetball@busselton.com.au
- Fixtures and results: PlayHQ