

NETBALL RULES

1. APPLICATION

- 1.1 These rules shall apply to all tournaments held under the jurisdiction of Australian National Sikh Sports And Cultural Council (ANSSACC).

2. DRAW

- 2.1 The Netball Tournament shall be conducted in either a round-robin series or group matches depending upon the number of teams competing. If there are 8 or more teams participating in the competition, then a series of group matches fixtures will be devised as per CI 6.5.
- 2.2 The Organising Committee shall produce a fixture of matches showing the date, time and venue. This fixture shall be submitted to the competing teams no later than four (4) weeks prior to the date in which the Tournament is due to commence.
- 2.3 No changes to fixture times will be permitted once fixtures have been submitted to teams unless extraordinary circumstances exist.

3. NETBALL CONVENOR AND TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR

- 3.1 The Organising Committee shall appoint suitably qualified people to the position of Netball Convenor and Tournament Director.
- 3.2 The duties of the Netball Convenor and in deliberation with the Tournament Director shall be:
- (a) To generally supervise the Tournament on behalf of the Organising Committee.
 - (b) To conduct the Tournament in accordance with the Rules.
 - (c) To appoint a duty team for each match of the Tournament consisting of Umpires, Scorer's and a Timekeeper.
 - (d) To arrange under his/her control and only if necessary, any official meetings of team officials (Captain or Manager or Coach).
 - (e) To adjudicate upon:
 - (i) Any matter raised by any team official (Captain or Manager or Coach) in respect of any aspects of the Tournament.
 - (ii) Any matter raised by the Umpires.

Any matter relating to the conduct of any participating team or its officials in respect of any match.

- 3.3 The Tournament Director may suspend any player, reserve player or team official for one or more matches if her behaviour brought the game of Netball into disrepute before, during or after any match throughout the Tournament.
- 3.4 Hence, the duties of the Netball Convenor shall be to assist the Tournament Director in the discharge of those responsibilities described in Clause 3.2 and to make or to supervise all arrangements for the smooth running of the Netball Tournament.
- 3.5 The Netball Convenor and Tournament Director should not have any managerial involvement (i.e. Coach or Team Manager) with any team participating in the netball tournament.

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4. UMPIRES

- 4.1. The Organising Committee shall appoint qualified umpires to officiate all matches.
- 4.2. In any game the Umpires shall have the authority to administer the rules of play, as set by the World Netball Rule Book. Decisions by umpires during the game shall be final and no appeals will be entertained.
- 4.3. Umpires are expected to always maintain discipline and have the right to report offensive behaviour. Any verbal or deliberate physical abuse is not acceptable and offending player/s may be warned once only and thereafter sent from the court for the remainder of the game (no substitution until Quarter time). Offensive spectators will be asked to leave the courtside.
- 4.4. Umpires may not have an association with competing teams. For example; Umpire/s being the coach of any team, which can result in a conflict of interest. Offending teams will be disqualified from the tournament and shall discontinue remaining matches once found at default. Offending Umpires will be withdrawn from the tournament.

5. REGISTRATION & PLAYER ELIGIBILITY

- 5.1 The Team Registration / Entry is to be submitted to the Organising Committee by the nominated date together with the registration fees. At least 14 days prior to the commencement date of the Championship each participating team shall notify the National Coordinator & Organizing Committee, in writing or equivalent method as set out by National coordinator the names of its players (Preliminary Squad Names of 11) and team officials.
- 5.2 All players must meet basic participation criteria as set out in the Australian Sikh Games General Championship Rules, Terms and Conditions
- 5.3 A registered player is eligible to play for one team within each division of the tournament (i.e. player may compete in a mixed and opens team, however shall not participate in two opens competition teams) only throughout the Tournament. Should a player be registered to play for more than one team within a division, that player shall be deemed ineligible throughout the Tournament. If during the Tournament any ineligible player is found to have played in any match, the team for which that player played for shall be deemed to have forfeited every match in which the ineligible player has taken part.
- 5.4 No more than 12 players shall be registered for each team and 5 players as a minimum.
- 5.5 Age groupings for Juniors Netball will be as per the ANSSACC Championship Rules
- 5.6 The Organising Committee has the right to seek information by whatever means deemed necessary and appropriate to confirm eligibility of the player and reserves the right to make a final decision with regard to eligibility.
- 5.7 It is the responsibility of the team official (Captain or Manager or Coach) to declare

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and prove eligibility of any player in doubtful cases. This must be declared prior to commencement of the Games or should doubt arise throughout the Tournament.

5.8 Opens Ladies and Mixed Competition minimum age of players is 14 years old.

6. COMPETITION RULES

6.1 The Games

6.1.1 The matches in the Tournament shall be played in accordance with the World Netball Rule Book except where modified by the Organising Committee and in consultation with the ANSSACC Netball Coordinator.

6.1.2 In the case where the Official Rules of Netball appear to be in conflict with the Rules set out by the Organising Committee, the Rules set by the International Netball Rule Book shall prevail.

6.1.3 If any member of your team has a medical condition and carries life saving medications, then please inform the umpire before matches commence in case of emergency.

6.1.4 No match will be stopped to tie shoe laces.

6.1.5 In case of drawn games, 5 minutes will be played from each goal end by both teams. If from thereafter the scores still remain the same then the Timekeeper will hold time until the next goal is scored making that team the winning team and consequently the Timekeeper may then call full time (Note: Semi-Finals, Final and Grand Final only).

6.2 Score Sheets

6.2.1 Score sheets shall be filled in correctly and presented to the Officials of the game 10 minutes prior to the start time of each game. Information on the score sheets will include names of each player and starting position. It is the responsibility of the team official to provide this information.

6.2.2 It shall be the responsibility of the Umpire to send the completed score sheets to the Netball Convenor after completion of each game.

6.2.3 Advice of forfeited and/or abandoned games shall be recorded on the score sheet.

6.2.4 A breach of the above shall automatically result in deduction of 2 points from the offending team.

6.2.5 It is the responsibility of the organising committee to provide Official Scorer/s for the duration of the Tournament.

6.3 Points

6.3.1 The following points shall be awarded:

- (a) two (2) points for a win
- (b) one (1) point for a draw
- (c) no point for a loss

6.3.2 The total points accumulated at the end of the Preliminary matches shall determine the placing and hence the Semi-Final play-offs.

6.3.3 If at the conclusion of the Preliminary matches two or more teams are equal the on number of points then the Count Back Points System shall apply.

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6.3.4 Count Back System: The total number of goals scored by each team in the Preliminary matches will be added and the team with the highest score totalled will finish above. If any team has had a forfeit against them, then Count Back Points awarded to all team/s against the forfeited team/s will not be counted.

6.4 Duration of Matches

6.4.1 The duration of matches will be as per the below:
 Preliminary matches - Quarter Time: 8 mins, Half Time: 3 mins, Quarter Time: 1 mins
 Semi-Final matches - Quarter Time: 10 mins, Half Time: 3 mins, Quarter Time: 2 mins"
 Grand Final match - Quarter Time: 12 mins, Half Time: 5 mins, Quarter Time: 3 mins"

6.4.2 All matches shall consist of four quarters, with an interval at half time and quarter intervals between first-second and third-fourth. Teams shall change ends at each quarter.

6.4.3 No injury time will be recorded during Preliminary matches (Semi- Finals, Final and Grand Final only).

6.4.4 No amendments or requests will be entertained for changes in the duration of the time of the matches

6.5 Pooling

6.5.1 If there are 8 or more teams participating in the competition, then a series of group matches fixtures will be devised as per the below based off previous years results.

- Winner shall be seeded 1 and Runner Up 2
- Final 3 Loser to be seeded 3rd
- Final 2 Loser to be seeded 4th
- Teams 5 and beyond shall be ranked on final group stands: Points & Goal Differences
- In an instance where teams cannot be separated for seeding, National Coordinators may use their discretion

Pool A	Pool B
Seed 1 (Winner)	2 (R/UP)
4	3
5	6
8	7
9	10
12	11

6.6 Finals

- In the instance of less than 8 competing teams in the division
 - Final 1: 1st Place v 2nd Place. Winner advances to Grand Final. Loser to play in Final 3.
 - Final 2: 3rd Place v 4th Place. Winner advances to Final 3.
 - Final 3: Winner of Final 2 v Loser of Final 1. Winner advances to Grandfinal
 - Grandfinal: Winner of Final 1 v Winner of Final 3
- In the instance of more than 8 competing teams in the division
 - Semi Final 1: Winner of Pool A v Runner Up of Pool B
 - Semi Final 2: Winner of Pool B v Runner Up of Pool A
 - Grandfinal: Winner of Semi Final 1 v Winner of Semi Final 2

6.7 On Court

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- 6.7.1 It shall be the responsibility of each team to be in position on court at the scheduled time. Failure to do so shall result in a 1 goal penalty per minute up to 10 minutes for the concerned team. From thereafter an automatic forfeit resulting in the opposing team to receive 2 points.
- 6.7.2 If both opponents are in default as per Clause 6.5.1, the forfeited fixture shall stand as a loss and two points will be deducted from each team.
- 6.7.3 The first centre pass will be rewarded by toss of a coin. A captain from each team will agree on who will toss the coin and the captain not tossing shall call heads or tails as the coin is tossed in the air. The winning team shall notify the Umpires of the decision and the losing team shall choose a goal end for the commencement of play.
- 6.7.4 Bleeding players must leave the court immediately and may not return until the injury is covered. It is mandatory for an Umpire to hold time for a player who is bleeding when no 'on court' players have called time it is the responsibility then of an Umpire to stop play by blowing the whistle and signal to the Timekeepers to hold time.
- 6.7.5 Normal injury time and procedures apply. In addition to treatment: (i) the wound must be cleaned and adequately covered; (ii) blood stained clothing shall be removed or cleaned; (iii) the ball and the court shall be cleaned if necessary. To restart play the Umpire shall signal to the Timekeepers and blow the whistle for play to be resumed.
- 6.7.6 When numerous matches are played simultaneously and central timing is applicable the following will apply: When an Umpire notices a bleeding player, play is stopped and the player is asked to leave the court to have the injury treated; (i) The stoppage is treated as an injury/illness stoppage with **no time allowance**; (ii) All rules relating to substitution/team changes become operable (they may return **after** the next goal and **before** the next centre).
- 6.7.7 Only the team captain may approach the Umpires regarding any issues that may arise regarding their own team. Umpires may refuse non-captain player/s and be asked to have their captain approach them in their place.

6.8 Standards of Courts

- 6.8.1 Conditions of the courts must incorporate goal post padding for each court used to play on. This is for safety reasons and must be adhered to.
- 6.8.2 Secured goal posts and rings are necessary. It is unacceptable to have moveable goal posts and rings. It can also result in un-safe playing conditions.
- 6.8.3 Sandy or loose gravel surfaces must be cleared before the commencement of matches. Brooms should be available and used to smooth down all playing surfaces.

6.9 Failure to Play/Forfeiture

- 6.9.1 If during the course of a match a team declines to continue a game or take it up where it left off, this team shall be deemed to have lost the match and all goals scored. The opposing team would be deemed to have won the match, retaining their score levels at the time of forfeiture. The winning team would be awarded two (2) points for the win.
- 6.9.2 If a team withdraws from the Tournament before the completion of the Preliminary matches, all matches they had played till then shall be considered as a win for the opposing team. All teams scheduled to play the defaulting team thereafter shall also be awarded two (2) points as a win.
- 6.9.3 A team refusing to play a match on its fixture shall be considered as having forfeited

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that game unless it advises the Netball Convenor that it is withdrawing from the tournament. If the game is forfeited, the opposing team will be awarded two (2) points for a win with a goal score of 4 to 0.

6.9.4 A deduction of two (2) points will apply to any team having forfeited a game.

6.10 Matches Stopped

6.10.1 Should a match be stopped by an umpire on account of extraordinary conditions, play shall be resumed as soon as possible with the score standing at the time of the interruption, and shall be completed to the end of the regulation time.

6.11 Disputes/Appeals

6.11.1 The Appeals Committee shall have the authority to deal with and resolve all disputes, protests, complaints, claims, violations, etc during the course of the Tournament.

6.11.2 Only one (1) team official (Captain or Manager or Coach) shall have the authority to raise any matters with regard to the Tournament.

6.11.3 Please refer to the attached information on Procedure for Appeal.

7. MIXED COMPETITION

7.1 Minimum one male player and maximum three male players on court at all times during the game.

7.2 One male player per court third (mid court, goal and defense)

7.3 If during the competition any male players are injured which results in the team being left with no male players, then play may continue provided the team still has 5 players on court.

8. DRESS

8.1 Fingernails shall be kept short. No sharp adornment or item of jewellery shall be worn.

8.2 Each team will register the colours of their uniforms and bibs at the time of registration.

8.3 Netball uniforms must be worn for the duration of the Tournament.

8.4 Each team must supply two sets of bibs, one light and one dark. Both sets of bibs must be identified on the registration form. In the event of a clash, the team whose name is listed first will choose the colour of the bibs.

8.5 All players in a team shall wear colours of the same kind.

9. UNFORESEEN EVENTS

9.1 Should circumstances arise which are not provided for in these Rules, they shall be dealt with by the ANSSACC Netball Coordinator and in consultation with the Tournament Director and his/her decision shall be binding on all the parties concerned.