



SOCIAL NETBALL

Social Competition Policy



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1. AIM

The Randwick Netball Association Social Competitions aim to foster a fun, inclusive, and respectful social netball atmosphere that prioritises enjoyment and participation, creating positive experiences for players of all ages and abilities while generating revenue to directly contribute to the development, resourcing, and ongoing success of Randwick Netball Association and its representative programs.

2. PURPOSE

This policy sets out the requirements, rules, and procedures governing participation in the Randwick Netball Association (RNA) Social Competitions and in line with RNA Competition Policy.

3. SCOPE

This policy applies to all teams, players, team captains, coaches, umpires, officials, and volunteers participating in the RNA Social Competitions.

4. COMPETITION OVERVIEW

- i. **Venue:** Heffron Netball Courts
- ii. **Competition Dates/Game Night:** Wednesday nights played across eight (8) rounds
- iii. **Proposed Time Slots:**
 - o 5.30pm – NetSetGo/Junior
 - o 6.30pm – Junior/Inter
 - o 7.30pm – Inter/Open/Mixed
- iv. Game times are indicative and subject to change based on team numbers and court availability.

5. ELIGIBILITY & DIVISIONS

- a) The competition is open to the following divisions (age as at 31 December for the year played):
 - i. NetSetGo: 7–9 years
 - ii. Junior: 10–14 years
 - iii. Inter: 15 years
 - iv. Open/Mixed: 15 years and over
- b) Mixed teams are permitted with a maximum of three (3) male players on court at any one time, positioned one per third. There is no maximum number of males that can be registered within a team but shall be in line with Clause 6 – Team Requirements.

6. TEAM REQUIREMENTS

- a) Teams must have a minimum of 7 and a maximum of 12 registered players.
- b) Each team must nominate a Team Captain / Manager.
- c) Teams may consist of players from the same club or different clubs.

7. REGISTRATION PROCESS

7.1 Team Registration

- a) RNA will advise date of opening for registration and a closing date via website, social media or other marketing.
- b) Once social competition is opened, a Team Captain or Team Manager will be the primary person to open a team name.
- c) The Team Captain / Manager is responsible for:
 - i. Registering the team's name via PlayHQ.
 - ii. Distributing the unique team registration link to players.
 - iii. Ensuring all players complete and pay their individual PlayHQ registration.
 - iv. Submitting the required Team Registration Form by the close date.
- d) Failure to complete all registration steps by the closing date may result in the team being excluded from the competition.

7.2 Player Registration

- a) All players must register individually via the PlayHQ link and pay fees in full prior to taking the court.
- b) No unregistered player is permitted to participate in any match.
- c) Players registered are covered by Netball NSW insurance.
- d) Netball NSW does not provide refunds for registrations. Duplicate registrations will not be refunded.
- e) Teams withdrawing after registration are not eligible for refunds.

8. FEES

- a) Applicable player fees must be paid at the time of registration via PlayHQ.
- b) Player fees will incorporate RNA competition fee (payable per social competition), Netball NSW Insurance (payable per calendar year) and a PlayHQ transaction fee.
- c) PlayHQ transaction fees apply (approximately 2.2%).

9. UMPIRING

- a) RNA appoints an Umpire Co-Ordinator to manage umpire allocations.
- b) NetSetGo teams may require the coach/team manager to act as the game umpire unless otherwise advised at registration.
- c) Umpires will be allocated weekly via the Umpire Co-Ordinator and paid via EFT.
- d) All umpires must sign on at Control and comply with uniform and duty requirements.

10. MATCH RULES

- a) Games consist of four (4) x 12-minute quarters, with 2-minute breaks.
- b) Games commence and conclude on the siren.
- c) Teams change ends after each quarter.

10.1 Super Shot Rules

- a) During the final five (5) minutes of each quarter, music will signal Super Shot time.
- b) GS and GA may score two (2) points from within the designated Super Shot area.
- c) All other goals count as one (1) point.

10.2 Centre Pass

- a) Centre passes alternate after each goal.
- b) Teams alternate the first centre pass of each quarter.

11. E-SCORING

RNA uses an electronic scoring system. Scorers must stand together.

- a) Scorers
 - i. In accordance with the Rules there shall be 1 scorer from each team who shall record the goals scored and centre passes. The first team mentioned in the fixtures is responsible for scoring the game.
 - ii. Each team is responsible for advising the list of participating players including any substitutions.
 - iii. The scorer is responsible for entering the team lists into the score system.

12. EQUIPMENT & ATTIRE

- a) Teams must supply:
 - i. Playing bibs/patches
 - ii. Game ball
- b) RNA may assist any teams who are unable to provide necessary equipment, and any lending of items will be managed via a Bibs & Ball register.
- c) Playing attire is flexible, reflecting the social nature of the competition.
- d) Appropriate netball footwear is mandatory.
- e) No jewellery may be worn or taped, in line with World Netball rules.
- f) Gloves may be worn but umpires will ask for them to be removed to confirm nails are short and smooth.

13. HEALTH & SAFETY

- a) Players must remain hydrated and sun safe.
- b) Injuries should be reported to Control and injury form completed.
- c) Unregistered players are not covered by insurance.

14. ADVERSE WET WEATHER

- a) Matches cancelled due to wet weather will not be replayed or rescheduled.
- b) Wet weather updates will be communicated via the Team Managers WhatsApp group.

15. FORFEITS

- a) Teams unable to play must notify RNA by midday on the Wednesday of play.
- b) Forfeits must be communicated via WhatsApp or email to the Competition Coordinator.
- c) Opposing teams will be awarded points for forfeited matches.
- d) Where possible within the competition, friendly games may be played when a forfeit has been advised in advance.

16. FINAL ROUND

- a) The final round for all divisions within the social comp will be held on the 8th week of play.

17. POLICY REVIEW

- a) This policy may be reviewed and updated by Randwick Netball Association as required.

18. VERSION HISTORY

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V1.0	18-08-26	18-08-26