

# 2021 ORIGIN ENERGY METRO LEAGUE

## Frequently Asked Questions

### What is Metro League?

The Origin Energy Metro League Competition is an Association representative Competition. It is an underpinning competition structure to provide a metropolitan-based competition within Perth to bridge the gap between Association Club netball and the Gold Industry Group WA Netball League.

The competition caters for netballers turning 13 or older in the year of the competition and includes Open, 18U, 16U and 14U age groups for female athletes. Origin Energy Metro League provides opportunities for players, coaches, umpires and officials to participate and prepare for GIG WANL and Netball WA Underage State Teams.

Origin Energy Metro League runs across a seven-week Competition period, followed by a one-week Finals Series.

#### Objectives:

- To maximise the number of teams, Association based, that participate;
- To provide opportunities for netballers in the Metropolitan area to compete against athletes from other Associations;
- To develop and produce GIG WANL players, coaches and umpires;
- To ensure the continued development of all participants by providing the highest standard of playing, coaching, umpiring and officiating;
- Profile netball in Western Australia.

### What age groups will be participating in Metro League? How many Divisions?

The Netball WA Metro League Competition comprises of the following age groups;

- Womens Opens
- 18U
- 16U
- 14U



Each age group consists of two divisions of eight teams. All Perth Metropolitan based Associations are entitled to enter one team in each age group. Associations will be invited to enter a second team in an age group if positions are available.

## Who can participate in Metro League?

All Metropolitan Associations are invited to participate in Origin Energy Metro League. As a Tier 1 Association located on the edge of the metropolitan area, Mandurah Netball Association is also invited to participate.

Origin Energy Metro League is for players, coaches and umpires following through the NWA athlete development pathway. All participants must be a financial and registered member with the Association they are representing.

All players will be required to have played within their Association during the 2021 Winter seasons.

Players listed on a 2021 GIG WANL squad list are eligible to play within the 2021 Origin Energy Metro League season only if they have played less than ten quarters within their Club's first ten GIG WANL Club matches for the 2021 Season.

## Where will Origin Energy Metro League be played?

All minor round matches and finals games will be played at Wembley Sports Park, inclusive of the Gold Netball Centre and Perth Netball Association.  
200 Selby Street, Jolimont, 6014 Western Australia.

## When will Metro League be played?

Fixtures will be played on Wednesday and Thursday nights.

Competition dates (14U and 18U):

Round 1 – Round 7	Wednesday 4 August – Wednesday 15 September
Finals Round	Wednesday 22 September 2021



**Competition dates (16U and Opens):**

Round 1 – Round 7	Thursday 5 August – Thursday 16 September
Finals Round	Thursday 23 September 2021

For Rounds 1 – 4 matches will be played across the following timeslots on PNA courts ONLY:

- 6:00pm
- 7:30pm

For Rounds 5 – 7 matches will be played across the following timeslots on GNC and PNA courts:

- 5:00pm
- 6:30pm
- 8:00pm

**Where are the amenities located?**

PNA toilets (northern side near PNA Match Office) and GNC inside toilets will be open during the times that Metro League is played.

**What happens if there is poor weather?**

In the event of inclement weather, the NWA Weather Policy will be implemented.

In the event of weather that becomes dangerous and harmful NWA will inform Associations of the immediate actions.

**Are there any COVID restrictions during Metro League?**

Spectators are permitted across 2021 Origin Energy Metro League fixtures. The current State Government has stated that there are no patron capacity limits at venues across WA. There will, however, be mandatory contact tracing at both Gold Netball Centre and Perth Netball Association and patrons will be required to scan in via the WA Safe App upon entry.



NO PERSON is to attend any Origin Energy Metro League fixture if they are sick, have a temperature, feel unwell or if they have been in contact with another person who has been sick.

Hand sanitisers will be available across both venues and is recommended to be used upon entry, during the night and before exiting.

#### General Hygiene Protocols

- Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
- Stay home and seek medical treatment when you are sick.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth.
- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds – If soap and water are not available, use an alcohol-based hand sanitiser.
- Cover your mouth with the pit of your elbow to cough or sneeze.

For all other Return to Community Netball COVID-19 protocols please visit the NWA website here: <https://wa.netball.com.au/netball-wa-covid-19-protocols>

