



ABORIGINAL YOUTH GALA DAY

COMPETITION MANUAL VERSION 2.1



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Website – Go to the [Netball WA website](#) for all Competition info and news articles, in particular the [Aboriginal Youth Gala Day](#) page.

OVERVIEW

1. General Information

The Aboriginal Youth Gala Day is one-day event held by Netball WA, targeting Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Players aged 7-18 years of age.

The Competition will comprise of the following groups:

- 18U Boys* *Pending number of nominations received
- 18U Girls
- 16U Girls
- 14U Girls
- 12U Girls
- NetSetGO* *Pending number of nominations received

2. Objective & Outcomes

- a) The Aboriginal Youth Gala Day forms part of one of the key community Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander events in the Netball WA (NWA) calendar and is held annually to provide junior Aboriginal participants with the opportunity to showcase their skills in a competition environment.
- b) This round robin carnival signifies the official commencement of the NWA Aboriginal Grassroots Netball Program. It provides an opportunity for all players and coaches from across the state to come together to participate and enjoy the culture and history of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples in netball.
- c) The carnival encourages the attendance of the NWA Aboriginal Grassroots Sites, community-based teams and teams formed to participate in this event.

COMPETITION INFORMATION

3. 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.

4. Scheduled Dates & Venues

- a) The 2023 Aboriginal Youth Gala Day will take place on **Saturday 22 April 2023**.
- b) The host venue for this Competition will be Southern Districts Netball Association (SDNA), 81 Langford Avenue, WA.
- c) Travel to and from the venue, and accommodation throughout the event period is the responsibility of the competing teams.
- d) Additional information regarding how the parking and traffic management arrangements will operate will be provided closer to the Carnival.

5. Proposed Schedule (subject to change)

Sunday 1 May

8:00am	Teams arrive
9:00am	Opening Ceremony
9:45am	Matches commence
2:45pm	Minor Round Matches conclude
3:00pm	Finals Series Commences
3:45pm	Finals Series Concludes
4:15pm	Presentation and Closing Ceremony commences
4:30pm	Conclusion of the Aboriginal Youth Gala Day

6. Fixtures

- a) The Competition Coordinator will make the final decision as to the scheduling of the fixtures and these shall be played as advised.
- b) Team nominations must be received by the specified due date to allow for fixture preparation.
- c) The full fixtures for all divisions and age groups in the Competition shall be advised to teams by NWA via email and the NWA website, as specified in the Key Dates.
- d) Fixtures will be appropriately adjusted by the discretion of NWA for any team who is withdrawn from the Competition by choice or by removal.
- e) If a team withdraws from the competition prior to the draw being finalised, the draw will be reconstructed. If a team withdraws from the competition after the draw has been finalised and released to all participating schools, the withdrawing team will be replaced with a bye in the draw. No refunds will be provided.
- f) Where changes in fixtures occur teams shall be notified as soon as possible.

7. Opening Ceremony

- a) The Opening Ceremony will be held on Saturday 22 April at SDNA prior to the commencement of the carnival.
- b) Teams will be encouraged to bring their Club or Grassroots Site banner/signage with them to the Opening Ceremony.

8. Closing Ceremony

- a) The Closing Ceremony and presentations will take place on Saturday 22 April at SDNA, immediately following the conclusion of all finals matches.
- b) All teams are encouraged to remain present after the finals and assemble for the Closing Ceremony.
- c) Only the winning team of each age group division will receive awards at the Closing Ceremony.

9. Team Pack Collection & Check In on Arrival

- a) One (1) team official from each team must check in at the registration and team pack collection point upon arrival at the venue.
- b) Participating teams will be able to check in and collect their team packs between **8:00am – 9:00am Saturday 22 April** at SDNA. Team packs include event maps, fixtures, score cards, one (1) Gilbert match ball (to be used as the official match ball) and other relevant information that is to be distributed to Team Officials and players.

10. Medical & First Aid

- a) As an NWA endorsed Competition participants are covered under the National Insurance Program. Only participants who are registered as a member of their Association for the 2023 calendar year on the PlayHQ system are covered under the Netball Australia's National Insurance Policy. For further information on the National Insurance Program, Vi-Insurance, coverage please go to the NWA [Insurance](#) page on the website.
- b) First Aid services will be available on the grounds at SDNA provided by Netball WA.
- c) 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.
- d) Only NWA and/or venue 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.
- e) Ice will be available at the venue for teams to use.

11. Team Fees

- a) Teams are to complete the team payment details on the Team Registration form and submit this to NWA by the due date specified in the Key Dates.
- b) On receipt of the team registration, NWA will charge each team the required team fees, transaction date is listed in the Key Dates.
- c) Any team who withdraws after team fee payment is made will not receive any refund for Competition fees.
- d) The 2023 Aboriginal Youth Gala Day Registration Fees are as follows:

All fees GST inclusive	All Age Groups
Each Team	All Age Groups = \$242.00 GST incl. per team

12. Policies & Code of Behaviours

All participants will be bound by all relevant NWA policies, including but not limited to:

- [NWA Photography & Videography Policy](#)
- [NWA Weather Policy](#)
- [Netball Australia Member Protection Policy](#)
- [Netball Australia Junior Netball Policy](#)
- [NA National Codes of Behaviour](#)
- [NWA Grievance Policy](#)
- [NWA Disciplinary Policy](#)
- [Netball Australia Anti-Doping Policy](#)
- [Netball Australia Integrity Framework Policies](#)

For a full list and copy of all policies and procedures please visit the NWA website [here](#).

13. Protests & Complaints

- a) Should a protest or complaint relate to the Competition rules and regulations of fixtured match, it must be lodged to NWA by no later than one (1) hour 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 Match 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 Match Office. If lodging the form outside of Competition hours, please email to competitions@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 (as per [NWA Disciplinary Policy](#))
 - management committee hearing (as per [NWA Grievance Policy](#))
 - any other penalty NWA deems appropriate
- e) The Competition Panel consists of, but not limited to, the following NWA personnel:
 - NWA General Manager – Community Netball
 - NWA Competitions Coordinator
 - NWA Participation Manager
- f) In the event, that any of the above members are unavailable NWA has the right to appoint another suitable representative to the panel.

14. Competition Coordinator

- a) In the absence of the Competition Coordinator, the Participation Manager shall be responsible for the functioning of all Competition matches.
- b) The Competition Coordinator 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) Any protest or complaints relating to the Aboriginal Youth Gala Day lodged will be dealt with as per the 'Protests and Complaints' section of this manual.
- d) The Competition Coordinator may make decisions on the playing rules applied by the Umpires.

15. Umpires

- a) Each team is required to supply and pay their own umpire for the Aboriginal Youth Gala Day, payment is to be \$120.
- b) Should a team not be able to source a Umpire, the Netball WA Community Competitions Umpire Coordinator will do so on your behalf and teams will need to pay the umpire prior to match 1 taking place at the event.
- c) Teams will need to provide the Netball WA Community Competitions Umpire Coordinator a minimum of 2 weeks' notice to source an umpire for the carnival.
- d) It is the responsibility of the Umpire to be fully aware of the Rules and Regulations of the event and matches.

16. Team Officials

- a) Each team must nominate one (1) Coach with the option of nominating one (1) Manager per team and may nominate up to one (1) Assistant Coach per team.
- b) All Team Officials names and details must be submitted on the team registration form.
- c) All Coaches and Managers must have a current Working With Children Check (WWCC) unless an exemption applies.
- d) All Coaches and Managers are NOT required to hold or obtain a current National Coaching Accreditation.

COMPETITION RULES & REGULATIONS

17. Team Registration & Application

- a) All teams are required to complete the '2023 Aboriginal Youth Gala Day Team Registration Form' (which can be downloaded from the NWA website) and must submit this to NWA through email competitions@netballwa.com.au, by the due date specified in the Key Dates.
- b) Upon team registration, teams must submit the names of all participating players, and names and contact details of their Coach and/or Manager/Assistant Coach.
- c) A late team entry may be accepted at the discretion of NWA.

18. Player Registrations

- a) Teams must submit a **maximum** of 12 players listed on the Team Registration form.
- b) These players must be listed and submitted on the form by the date specified in the Key Dates.
- c) Only those listed on the Team Registration form can play for that team (unless prior changes have been approved by NWA).
- d) A player must commit to ONE (1) team and ONE (1) age division for the duration of the Carnival.
- e) Players cannot play within multiple teams.
- f) NWA encourages all coaches to give all players, particularly juniors, a fair amount of court time over the duration of the carnival as it is a community participation carnival.

- g) Should the team need to make any changes after Team Registration form has been submitted, including player replacements, player changes, player movement to alternative teams, or late additions (who are not listed on the team), teams must email these changes to competitions@netballwa.com.au, by the due date specified in the Key Dates.
- h) There must be a minimum of five (5) Aboriginal/Torres Strait Islander players per team on the court at any one time.
 - A breach of this rule will be discussed by the Competitions Management and Community Aboriginal Liaison Officer for the event.

19. Player & Age Eligibility

AGE GROUPS	AGE (As of 31 December, in year of Competition)	BIRTH YEAR
18U Boys	18, 17	2005, 2006
18U Girls	18, 17	2005, 2006
16U Girls	16, 15	2007, 2008
14U Girls	14, 13	2009, 2010
12U Girls	12, 11	2011, 2012
NetSetGO	10, 9, 8, 7	2013 - 2016

- a) All players must play in their specific age category during the Aboriginal Youth Gala Day.
- b) Teams in all divisions (except for the NetSetGO division) may play a player in a team up to one (1) age division higher than their current age group. E.g., 14U player may play in the 16U competition, provided developmentally they are capable of playing at the level. Ensure you have emailed NWA with an Age Exemption Request form, and this is approved, prior to listing them on the Team Registration form.
- c) Girls turning 10 years of age (in year of competition) are not permitted to play in the 12U age group unless prior approval has been sought and received from Netball WA.
- d) Teams are not permitted to play a player down an age group during the Carnival.
- e) Any team playing an ineligible player will be penalised two (2) points for each game where there was an ineligible player.
- f) Teams that have extenuating circumstances in relation to any of the age eligibility rules must submit exemption request Forms (*See Appendix 2: Age Eligibility Exemption Request*) through email competitions@netballwa.com.au, by the due date specified in the Key Dates. Please note: A maximum of 2 exemption requests will be considered per team.

20. Uniforms

- a) Teams in all divisions shall wear the same team uniform.
- b) 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 appropriate uniform colour.
- c) Please refer to the [NWA Uniform Position Statement](#).
- d) All teams are required to provide their own bibs.
- e) 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.

21. Competition Rules

- a) Rules for the Aboriginal Youth Gala Day shall be dictated by the [International Netball Federation "Rules of Netball"](#), 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.

22. 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
- a) The Competition Coordinator will be responsible for ensuring the Competition results and ladders are uploaded on to PlayHQ.
 - b) The Competition premiership ladder can be accessed [here](#).

23. Match Duration

Timing of matches is as follows:

- a) A match shall be played for a period of twenty minutes divided into two (2) halves, each of ten (10) minutes duration.
- b) An interval shall be taken between each half as following:
 - Three (3) minutes between the end of the first half and the beginning of the second half.
- c) A siren will indicate the commencement of the match as well as interval stoppages for the half time break and the end of the match. Teams shall be required to take the court at these times.
- d) Injury time and blood policy applies as per the INF "Rules of Netball" (*Rule 9.3.1*)

- e) 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.
- f) In the event of a serious injury where an athlete cannot be moved (i.e., unconscious, suspected spinal etc) then the Competitions Match Office is to be notified immediately. Where possible the match will be moved.

24. 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.

25. 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:
 - 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 six (6) minutes shall be allowed for at least five (5) players of a team to arrive. 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.
- d) 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 five (5) goals for. The infringing team will be awarded zero (0) points; and 0 goals against.
- 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 (2) points.

26. Scoring & Timing

- a) All minor round matches will be centrally timed from the near Match Office.
- b) Timing will not be delayed if in the case teams are not ready to take the court. Match times will commence as per the time on the fixtures.
- c) One (1) scorer must be supplied by each team for each match, this is determined by the first mentioned team on that match. They shall provide the score card (supplied in team packs) and a scorer for the match.
- d) Please ensure that personnel allocated to these duties are competent in the procedures.
- e) The scorer must stand opposite the centre circle on the side-line throughout the match and it is recommended that an official from the opposition team also stands next to the scorers to compare scores and to avoid any discrepancies.
- f) Should the initial scorer be required for another duty, an alternative scorer must be used immediately to avoid any discrepancies during this time frame. Should there be any issues, please advise the Umpire immediately.
- g) Umpires are to check scores at half time and at full time to ensure there are no discrepancies.
- h) 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.
- i) Team lists on the scorecard shall list up to twelve players.
- j) If for unforeseen reasons a player change is required (i.e., players filling in) from the initial team registered on PlayHQ then the scorer may add this player to the scorecard **prior** to the match only.
- k) 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]
- l) One (1) official from each team is responsible for recording the team changes at half time and recording which players played each half.
- m) Umpires, scorers, timers and both team captains are to sign the scorecard.
- n) Scores on the signed scorecards will stand, no further discussion will be accepted.
- o) The **winning team** is to return the scorecard to the Match Office immediately after each match.
- p) 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]
- q) Grand Final matches will be individually timed.
- r) For Grand Final matches the first mentioned team is required to provide the score card (collect from the Match Office) and a scorer for the game.
- s) For Grand Final matches, the second mentioned team shall provide the timekeeper and timing device (suitable timing devices must be used).

- t) The scorer and timer must stand together (opposite the centre circle on the side-line) throughout the Grand Final match and compare scores and time to avoid any discrepancies.

27. Warm Up & Cool Down

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

28. Team Bench

- a) Teams will be permitted to bring along their own team benches.
- b) 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.

29. Finals

- a) At the conclusion of the minor round matches, 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 see the top two (2) teams of each division play-off against each other, as per the following competition format:
- Grand Final: 1st ladder placing vs 2nd ladder placing.
- d) In the event of teams having the same level of points at the end of the minor round matches, the respective placing shall be determined using the following method:
- The goal percentages achieved by each team during the fixtured matches – highest to lowest (i.e., goals for divided by goals against multiplied by 100).
- e) To qualify to play in finals, players must be registered on the team registration form and have participated in a minimum of one (1) match for their team during the minor round matches of the Competition (This will be determined via the details entered on the scoresheet during the minor round matches).
- f) For the purpose of determining if a player has played a half, this occurs once a player has taken the court, irrespective of the amount of time the player remains on the court during that half. If the player comes off injured at any time during that half, it is still counted for both that player and any player that replaces them.
- g) Any team that does not meet the player minimum game requirements will not be eligible to play in the finals.
- h) Scoring procedures are to be adhered to as per minor round matches; the first mentioned team shall collect official score card and shall provide the scorer.
- i) Grand Final matches will be individually timed; therefore, the second-mentioned team shall provide the timekeeper, back up timekeeper and time device.
- j) In the event of a draw in a finals game, there shall be a one (1) minute break, during which the umpires shall confirm with the scorer and timekeeper that the game is a draw.

- k) Positional changes may not be made at this time.
- l) 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.
- m) The scorer shall alert the umpires when this has occurred.

APPENDICES

Appendix 1: Key Dates

Details	Due Date
2023 Aboriginal Youth Gala Day Rules and Regulations Manual (including fees and dates) released to teams	Monday 30 January
Team Registration forms sent out	Monday 30 January
All teams to have completed Team Registration form. This form must include completed Player, Coach/Manager and Umpire details, payment details for team fees, as well as Photography opt-out (bottom of Player and Officials section)	Monday 3 April
Age eligibility exemption requests submitted to NWA by	Monday 3 April
NWA to have approved age eligibility requests by	Wednesday 5 April
NWA to complete transaction of team fees (withdrawal deadline)	Wednesday 5 April
Fixtures available to teams	Thursday 14 April
Final Player changes due to NWA	Tuesday 18 April
Team Check In and Team Pack Collection	Saturday 22 April
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Appendix 2: Age Exemption Request Form

Please complete this form and email to competitions@netballwa.com.au by the due date specified in Key Dates.

Team name *: _____

Contact Name*: _____

Contact Mobile Phone*: _____

Contact Email*: _____

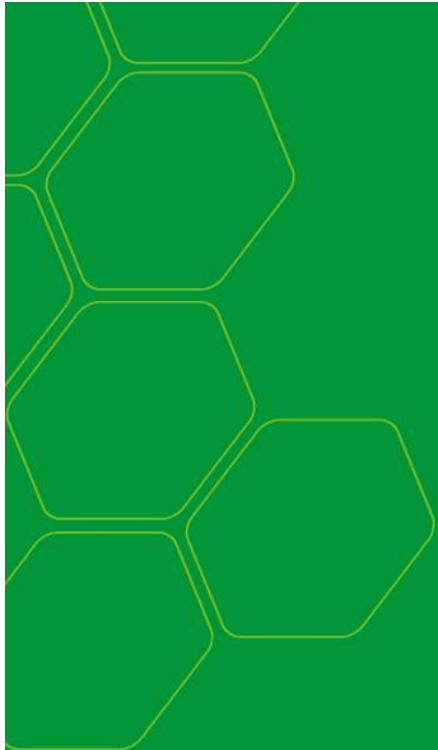
Player's Name*: _____

Player's Date of Birth*: _____

Player's current age division*: _____

Player's requested age division*: _____

Reason for Player to play in requested age group*:



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