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NWA SOCIAL COMMUNICATIONS

Facebook – Like & Follow **Netball WA** for regular content and engagement

Instagram – Follow **@netballwa** for all the latest content and updates

Twitter – Follow **@NetballWA** for relevant info

Website – Go to the [Netball WA website](#) for all Competition info and news articles, in particular the [Fuel to Go & Play Association Championships](#) page.

WEST COAST FEVER HOME MATCH

UPDATED EVENT INFORMATION

West Coast Fever vs Sunshine Coast Lightning

Round: First Nations Round

Date: Saturday 3 June 2023

Centre Pass at 5:00pm, recommend for you to be seated by 4:00pm for the Welcome to Country and pre-game activations

Venue: RAC Arena - 700 Wellington St, Perth WA 6000

Participants registered for Association Championships will be provided with a discount code to purchase tickets to the West Coast Fever vs Sunshine Coast Lightning on Saturday 3rd June.

The offer will be for BRONZE zone and seating capacity is limited so it will be a case of first in first served. Tickets will be available to purchase individually or as a group (up to 18 tickets in one transaction).

Individual tickets will be \$25* and group tickets (10+) will be \$22* plus Ticketek fees and charges.

International teams will be managed separately, and tickets will be included with your registration.

From 1st March, Netball WA will send out a fortnightly email with the discount code to registered participants until one week prior to Association Championships. Tickets will be available immediately and Associations, volunteers and participants are encouraged to purchase as soon as they receive the code as it is expected that this offer will sell out.

Please note, Netball WA or West Coast Fever cannot guarantee that Associations or teams can sit together unless you book tickets as a group, it will then also be based on availability.

If you have any queries, please email competitions@netballwa.com.au.



OVERVIEW

1. General Information

The Fuel to Go & Play (FTG&P) Association Championships was first held in the early 1950s and was known as “Country Week”, with only country teams participating. Over the years, the Competition has evolved, including several name changes, and in 2023 will be referred to as the ***FTG&P Association Championships***.

The Competition will comprise of the following groups:

- Masters – Women
- Open - Men’s
- Open – Women
- 20U – Women/Girls
- 16U – Girls
- 14U – Girls
- 13U – Girls
- 12U – Girls/Boys (Mixed)
- No Limits – Mixed

Expression of interest nominations will be sought from Associations for the following age groups:

- 18U – Boys
- 15U – Boys
- Open - Men

2. Objective & Outcomes

The FTG&P Association Championships forms part of the Netball WA (NWA) Competition Framework and Pathway.

The outcomes associated with the FTG&P Association Championships are as following:

- To deliver a representative pathway Competition for Associations
- To ensure the continued development of all participants - athletes, coaches, umpires and officials
- To undertake Athlete, Coach and Umpiring identification for further pathway programs and Competitions
- To introduce new participants and divisions to the Competition format
- To raise and enhance the profile of netball in Western Australia

3. FTG&P Association Championships Partners

The event is proudly supported by the **naming rights partner** Healthway, promoting the Fuel to Go & Play message.

Principal Partner: Gold Industry Group

Major Partners: The Insurance Commission of Western Australia, promoting the Belt Up campaign and the Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries

COMPETITION INFORMATION

4. 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.

5. Scheduled Dates & Venues

- a) The 2023 FTG&P Association Championships will take place from Saturday 3 June – Monday 5 June.
- b) The host venues for this Competition will be Wembley Sports Park, inclusive of the Gold Netball Centre (GNC) and Perth Netball Association (PNA).
- c) Travel to and from the venue, and accommodation throughout the event period is the responsibility of the competing Association teams.
- d) Additional information regarding how the parking and traffic management arrangements will operate will be provided closer to the Carnival.

6. Fixtures & Hubs

- a) The Competition Coordinator will make the final decision as to the scheduling of the fixtures and these shall be played as advised.
- b) The full fixtures for all divisions and age groups in the Competition shall be advised to Associations by NWA via email and the NWA website, as specified in the key dates.
- c) Fixtures will be appropriately adjusted by the discretion of NWA for any team who is withdrawn from the Competition by choice or by removal.
- d) Association age groups will be divided into two (2) 'Hubs' across the 3-day event.
- e) No Limits and Boys (18U & 15U) matches will be played across the Sunday only.

Hub 1 will include the following age groups: 12U, 13U, 20U, **Open (Men) TBC**

Hub 2 will include the following age groups: 14U, 16U, Open (Women), Masters

Day of Competition	AM	PM
Saturday 3 June	Hub 1	Hub 2
Sunday 4 June	Hub 1	Hub 2
Monday 5 June	Hub 1	Hub 2

7. Proposed Schedule (subject to change)

SATURDAY 3 JUNE

8:00am	Opening Ceremony
9:00am - 12:00pm	Hub 1 matches
12:00pm – 3:00pm	Hub 2 matches
5:00pm	West Coast Fever vs SC Lightning at RAC Arena

SUNDAY 4 JUNE

All day	Boys (18U & 15U) Minor round matches and finals
All day	No Limits Matches and finals
7:30am - 1:30pm	Hub 1 matches
1:30pm – 7:30pm	Hub 2 matches

MONDAY 5 JUNE

8:00am	Hub 1 matches
9:30am	Hub 1 Finals matches commence
10:30am	Hub 1 Presentation and Closing Ceremony
10:30am	Hub 2 matches
12:15pm	Hub 2 Finals matches commence
1:15pm	Hub 2 Presentation and Closing Ceremony
1:45pm	Conclusion of the FTG&P Association Championships

8. Opening Ceremony

- The Opening Ceremony will take place at the PNA on **Saturday 3 June 2023**, prior to the commencement of FTG&P Association Championships.
- Associations will be required to provide two (2) representatives dressed in their Association uniform to represent them courtside at the Opening Ceremony. It is recommended that Associations bring their Association banner or flag with them to the Opening Ceremony.
- Further details will be supplied closer to the date.

9. Closing Ceremony

- a) The Closing Ceremony and presentations will take place within the GNC on **Monday 5 June 2023**, immediately following the conclusion of all finals.
- b) Winning teams assemble on GNC Court 1, with other teams and spectators positioned in the grandstands.
- c) Only the winning team of each divisional finals match will receive awards at the Closing Ceremony.

10. Team Pack Collection & Check In on Arrival

- a) Participating Associations will be able to collect their Association team packs prior to the FTG&P Association Championships from 2:00pm **31 May Wednesday** from GNC. Team packs include event maps, fixtures, score cards and other relevant information that is to be distributed to Team Officials and players.
- b) PLEASE NOTE, ASSOCIATIONS ARE TO PROVIDE THEIR OWN MATCH BALL**
- c) NWA highly recommends Associations utilise this earlier collection date to avoid congestion on the Saturday morning of the FTG&P Association Championships.
- d) On **Saturday 3 June**, one (1) official from each Association must check in at the Community Netball Desk upon arrival at the venue. This will also be an opportunity for participating teams to collect team packs if they have not previously done so.

11. 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 the GNC and PNA which is supplied 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) A strapping station will be available on the grounds for players to use.
- f) If a player sustains an injury or illness and is required to miss matches, then the Team Manager is required to provide NWA with written verification for the player to be granted an exemption for the player minimum match requirements for finals eligibility.
- g) Ice will be available at both venues for teams to use

12. Team Fees

- On receipt of the team registration, NWA will invoice each Association, Boys & Men's and No Limits Teams. Invoices of Competition fees must be paid promptly and by the due date outlined in *Appendix 1: Key Dates*.
- Single game vouchers (valid for one playing date) are not permitted.
- Any team who withdraws after this team fee due date are liable to pay the full balance of their remaining Competition fees or if already done so they will not receive any refund for Competition fees.
- The 2023 FTG&P Association Championships Team Registration Fees are as follows:

All fees GST inclusive	12U to Open	Masters	No Limits
Metro (All age groups and Masters)	\$425.00 GST incl. per team	\$425.00 GST incl. per team	\$100.00 GST incl. per team
Small Country (All age groups and Masters)	\$425.00 GST incl. per team	\$425.00 GST incl. per team	\$100.00 GST incl. per team
Country	\$375.00 GST incl. per team	\$375.00 GST incl. per team	\$100.00 GST incl. per team
Boys & Men	\$265.00 GST incl. per team	N/A	N/A
International	\$1095 GST incl. per team	\$1095 GST incl. per team	\$1095 GST incl. per team

Please note International team fees include 10 x Bronze tickets to the West Coast Fever Home Game at RAC Arena, 5:00pm on Saturday 3 June against Sunshine Coast Lightning.

13. International Teams

- Netball WA is excited to welcome back International Teams to the 2023 Fuel to Go & Play Association Championships.
- Teams must use the Email Me Form which is located at the end of the manual to register for the 2023 competition.
- Netball WA will provide umpires for International Teams upon request.
- International Teams will not be able to participate in Grand Final matches. Should a International Team finish either 1st or 2nd place following all round matches, then the next highest local team will take their place, i.e. if a Netball WA affiliated team is in 3rd place then they will participate in the Grand Final match.

14. 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](#).

15. 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 Stakeholder 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.

16. Competition Coordinator

- a) The Competition Coordinator 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) The Competition Coordinator is empowered to cancel any matches deemed unsafe in consultation with Umpires and the General Manager – Community.
- d) Any protest or complaints relating to the FTG&P Association Championships lodged with the Match Delegate will be dealt with as per the 'Protests and Complaints' section of this manual.

17. Umpires

- a) Each Association must nominate at least one (1) qualified (minimum B or C badge) and competent Umpire per team registered within the 2023 FTG&P Association Championships.
- b) All Umpires must be a current registered non-playing 2023 member of their relevant NWA Association prior to the Competition regardless of whether they also hold a 2023 player registration.
- c) All Umpires must have a current Working With Children Check (WWCC) unless an exemption applies.
- d) National B and C Badges must be current and have been achieved in either 2022 or years prior to 2022.
- e) Umpires will be approved by NWA as per umpire criteria as outlined below:
 - Open Division 1, Open Division 2 & Open Men umpires must hold a minimum National B Badge.
 - All other divisions including Open Division 3 and lower, and 20U Division 1 to 12/U must hold a minimum National C Badge.
- f) Please note, due to the high standard of Competition within the 20U Division 1 category, Netball WA advises Associations to only nominate strong C badge Umpires that are competent in managing a high standard of play.
- g) NWA will allocate umpires for the Grand Final matches from the pool of Umpires nominated by each Association. All Umpires participating **must** be available to umpire finals if allocated, this includes all country Umpires. The NWA Senior Officials Coordinator will confirm and contact all Umpires required for finals matches. Note, there will be no payments made to Umpires for finals allocations.

- h) Umpires will officiate their own team's matches throughout the minor round fixtures of the FTG&P Association Championships.
- i) Association Umpire Development Officers (AUDOs) are required to nominate their Umpires via the online form (*see Appendix 2: Links to Forms*) and submit this by the due date outlined in *Appendix 1: Key Dates*.
- j) All Umpires participating within the Competition must be a current registered non-playing member of NWA for the 2023 calendar year prior to when the Umpire Nomination Form is submitted (There is no fee associated for a non-playing official to become an affiliated financial member of NWA).
- k) Should an Association not be able to provide an Umpire for the Competition, it will be that Association's responsibility to contact the NWA Senior Officials Coordinator and the Regional Officials Coordinator in their region and organise a replacement Umpire with another Association. **NWA will not assist in finding Umpires for teams.**
- l) In the event that an Umpire is not available for a match or missing from the court of their scheduled match it is the responsibility of the Team Manager to contact their Association Umpiring Coordinator and organise a replacement Umpire.
- m) Failure for an Association Umpire to attend their allocated match (without notice) by half time of that scheduled match will result in the association being penalised.

[Penalty: Loss of two (2) Competition points to the offending team – the goals for and against shall remain as scored for both teams]

- n) Should an Association make any changes to the appointed Umpires after nominations have closed, please contact the NWA Competitions Umpire Coordinator as soon as possible prior to the event.
- o) During the FTG&P Association Championships please visit the NWA Community Netball Desk for more details on talent identification, umpiring information including accreditation courses, umpire education workshops and community engagement programs.
- p) It is the responsibility of the Umpire to be fully aware of the rules and regulations of the Competition and matches.
- q) Umpires must be ready to commence matches at the time specified in the program.
- r) The decisions of the Umpires shall be final and shall be given without appeal.
- s) Team Captains have the right to approach an umpire during an interval or after the match for clarification of any rule. If there are any queries regarding umpiring matters during a match, please go to the Match Offices where staff will call for a supervisor before the match ends.
- t) Umpires must be dressed appropriately in white sports shorts/skirt, white socks and sports shoes and **must wear either their Association umpiring shirt or a plain white shirt. NWA Umpire shirts will not be provided in 2023.**
- u) Opportunity is available for coaching and testing for National C Badges and National B Badges during the FTG&P Association Championships for **regional Associations only**. Each request will be assessed on a case-by-case basis and is not guaranteed.

- v) Applicants requesting testing for National B badges must already have been screened locally and have had reasonable coaching in the past. Umpires being tested for their National C Badge will not be eligible to umpire on matches other than those on which they are being tested on.
- w) ADOs are to submit all umpire testing and umpire coaching request via the online forms (*see Appendix 2: Link to Forms*) by the due date outlined in *Appendix 1: Key Dates*.

18. Team Officials

- a) Each team must nominate one (1) Head Coach and one (1) Manager per team and may nominate up to one (1) Assistant Coach per team during their team registration via PlayHQ.
- b) All Coaches and Managers must be a current registered non-playing 2023 member of their relevant NWA Association prior to the Competition regardless of whether they also hold a 2023 player registration.
- c) All officials must have a current Working With Children Check (WWCC) unless an exemption applies
- d) All Head Coaches must have a minimum current **National Development Coaching Accreditation**.
- e) All Assistant Coaches must have a minimum current **National Foundation Coaching Accreditation**.
- f) In 2023, for Boys and Men's division teams, all Coaches must have a minimum current **National Foundation Coaching Accreditation**.
- g) Associations are responsible for ensuring that appointed Coaches and Assistant Coaches are currently accredited at the time of registering them to the team.
- h) Failure for an Association to provide an appropriately accredited Coach for each of their teams upon closing date on PlayHQ by the due date outlined in *Appendix 1: Key Dates* will incur the following penalty:

[Penalty: Removal of team from Competition]
- i) Failure for an Association to have an appropriately accredited coach in attendance at matches within the 2023 Championships for each of the teams that they nominate will incur the following penalty:

[Penalty: Loss of two (2) Competition points to the offending team – goals for and against shall remain as scored for both teams].
- j) Information on coaching courses being held prior to FTG&P Association Championships can be found on the Netball WA website or via this link [here](#) or please contact NWA or NWA Regional Offices for further details.
- a) Coach mentoring is available for regionally based Association Coaches on Saturday and Sunday. Please note that availability for coach mentoring is limited and not all requests for coach mentoring may be met depending on demand.
- b) ADOs are to submit all coach mentoring requests via the online form (*see Appendix 2: Link to Forms*) by the due date outlined in *Appendix 1: Key Dates*.
- k) During the FTG&P Association Championships please visit the NWA Community Netball Desk for more details on coaching information.

COMPETITION RULES & REGULATIONS

19. Team Nominations & Application

- a) Associations will be invited to participate in the Competition via PlayHQ.
- b) Associations are to accept the invitation into the Competition on PlayHQ and enter teams in their desired age groups by the due date outlined in *Appendix 1: Key Dates*. This includes team entries for No Limits.
- c) Associations interested in registering a Boys/Men's team are to complete the online form (*see Appendix 2: Link to Forms*) first, prior to registering a team through PlayHQ (once NWA has approved).
- d) Associations may enter as many teams as they wish across the age groups and divisions.
- e) A late team entry may be accepted at the discretion of NWA.

20. Player Registrations & Squad List

- a) All players entering the Competition must be a financially registered member of NWA for the 2023 calendar year for the Association they wish to represent, this includes No Limits and Boys and Men's players.
- b) Players with dual membership (i.e., registered at two (2) or more Associations in the given year) must choose one (1) Association in which they will play for during the FTG&P Association Championships.
- c) Associations shall register players through the PlayHQ online team entry to be deemed a listed player for the Competition. This must be completed by the due date outlined in *Appendix 1: Key Dates*.
- d) Teams must register a **minimum** of eight (8) and a **maximum** of 12 players listed on PlayHQ.
- e) Should there be any changes to the team after squad lists on PlayHQ has closed, teams must inform NWA Competitions Coordinator via the Additional Player Request Form (*see Appendix 2: Link to Forms*).

21. Competition Grading

- a) Associations may select their preferred divisional allocations for the 2023 FTG&P Association Championships within their team registration on PlayHQ. This must be received by the due date to allow for grading and fixture preparation.
- b) The grading of teams into divisional age groups will be determined by the NWA Competitions Coordinator as well as Regional Office Development Coordinators.
- c) Associations will be provided draft divisional allocations prior to fixturing and Associations may appeal this by the due date outlined in *Appendix 1: Key Dates*.
- d) **Whilst Association requests are considered, teams will not be guaranteed their preferred divisional allocation.**
- e) **Please note that the Division 1 of all age groups shall be maintained and filled to a maximum number of teams.**

- f) Netball WA makes the final decisions on divisional grading and no further correspondence will be entered.

22. Player & Age Eligibility

AGE GROUPS	AGE (As of 31 December, in year of Competition)	BIRTH YEAR
Masters – Women	35 & over	1988 and before
Open – Women	18 & over	2005 and before
Open – Men	18 & over	2005 and before
20 & Under - Girls	20, 19, 18, 17	2003 – 2006
16 & Under - Girls	16, 15	2007 – 2008
14 & Under - Girls	14	2009
13 & Under - Girls	13	2010
12 & Under – Girls/Boys	12	2011, (2012 by request only)
No Limits - Mixed	12 & over	2011 and before (2012 by request only)
18 & Under - Boys	18, 17, 16	2005 – 2007
15 & Under - Boys	15, 14, 13	2008 – 2010

- a) If required, Associations may select a player from a younger age group to play up in a higher age group during the FTG&P Association Championships.
Players are only permitted to play in:
- a higher division of the same age group, or
 - a team up to two (2) age groups higher than their current age group (i.e., a 14-year-old player can be submitted within the 16U division).
 - If Associations have two (2) teams within the same division, they are permitted to also play players in the other team.
- b) Players are permitted to play up into a higher age group/division/team for a total of three (3) matches. Once a player plays a fourth match in the higher age group /division/team, they will be deemed a member of that team they played up for and can no longer play in the team to which they were initially registered.
- c) Associations are **not** permitted to play a player down during the 2023 FTG&P Association Championships.
- d) Players turning 11 years of age (in year of Competition) are not permitted to play within any age group unless prior approval has been sought from NWA.
- e) Associations that have extenuating circumstances in relation to any of the age eligibility rules must submit exemption requests by completing the **Age Eligibility Exemption Request** (see *Appendix 2: Link to Forms*). Closing date for requests and final decisions will be confirmed by NWA by the due date outlined in *Appendix 1: Key Dates*.

- g) Gold Industry Group WA Netball League players will be eligible to participate in 2023 FTG&P Association Championships, however this is subject to clearance from their GIG WANL Club.
- h) 2023 West Coast Fever players will not be eligible to participate in 2023 FTG&P Association Championships.
- i) A player will also be deemed ineligible and unable to participate in the remainder of the FTG&P Association Championships if:
 - The player is not recorded on the scorecard prior to the commencement of the match.
[Penalty: Loss of two (2) Competition points to the offending team – goals for and against shall remain as scored for both teams].
 - A player may not participate in two (2) matches occurring at the same time. i.e., cannot play for team they are registered to and fill in for another team playing at the same time. If a player takes the court for two (2) matches being played at the same time, both offending teams shall be penalised.
[Penalty: Loss of two (2) Competition points to both offending teams – goals for and against shall remain as scored for both matches]
 - The player is not affiliated or registered with the Association prior to the match.
[Penalty: Loss of two (2) Competition points to the offending team – the goals for and against shall remain as scored for both teams]

23. Uniforms

- a) Teams in all divisions shall wear the same Association uniform with colour/s being that of the Association or as determined otherwise.
- b) A team is not permitted to alter its colours or uniform design without first obtaining approval from NWA.
- c) If an Association plans to change/update its representative uniforms, these items must be approved by the Association and the proposed team colours and uniform design will need to be submitted to NWA for approval by the due date outlined in *Appendix 1: Key Dates*.
- d) Players may only take the court if they are wearing the Association's registered uniform unless they have been provided with a specific exemption by NWA.
- e) 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 approved Association uniform colour.
- f) 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.

24. Competition Rules

- a) Rules for the FTG&P Association Championships 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.

25. 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](#).

26. Match Duration

Timing of matches is as follows:

- a) A match shall be played for a period of thirty (30) minutes divided into two (2) halves, each of fifteen (15) 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 team shall be required to take the court when requested to do so by the Umpires at the start of the scheduled match and at intervals.
- 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.

27. 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.

28. 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 fifteen (15) goals for. The infringing team will be awarded zero (0) points; and 15 goals against. All players on the non-infringing team are awarded one (1) match towards meeting minimum match qualification.]**

29. Scoring & Timing

- a) For all minor round and Grand Final matches, the first mentioned team shall provide the score card (supplied in team packs) and a scorer for the match, and the second mentioned team shall provide the timekeeper and timing device.
- b) Please ensure that personnel allocated to these duties are competent in the procedures.
- c) The scorer and timer must stand together (opposite the centre circle on the side-line) throughout the match and compare scores and time to avoid any discrepancies.
- d) Should the initial scorer or timer be required for another duty (i.e., to follow the umpire), an alternative scorer or timer must be used immediately to avoid any discrepancies during this time frame. Should there be any issues, please advise the Umpire immediately.
- e) Umpires are to check scores at half time and at full time to ensure there are no discrepancies.
- f) 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.
- g) Team lists on the scorecard shall list up to 12 players.
- h) 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.
- i) 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]**

- j) The two (2) officials (scorer and timer) are also responsible for recording the team changes at half time and recording which players played each half. Managers are to inform the scorer of any substitutions/positional changes made prior or during the match so the changes can be recorded on the scorecard.
- k) Umpires, scorers, timers and both team captains are to sign the scorecard.
- l) Scores on the signed scorecards will stand, no further discussion will be accepted.
- m) The winning team is to return the scorecard to the Match Office immediately after each match – outside courts (PNA Match Office) and GNC indoor courts (GNC Match Office).
- n) 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]

- o) Scorers and umpires are also required to track player caution, warnings, suspensions and send offs during the matches by completing the match management section on the back of the scorecard.
- p) Official scorecard for Grand Final matches shall be collected by the first mentioned team before the match from the relevant Match Office.

30. 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.

31. Team Bench

- a) For matches inside GNC, team benches will be placed at either end of the side-line nearest to the score bench. For matches played outside at PNA, 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.

32. Finals

- a) At the conclusion of the minor round matches, Association 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 be as follows:
 - Grand Final: 1st ladder placing vs 2nd ladder placing.
- d) In the event of Association teams having the same total points at the end of the minor round matches, the respective placing shall be determined using the following method:
 - By ranking the Association teams according to the goal percentage achieved by each

Association team during the minor round matches - highest to lowest (i.e., goals for divided by goals against multiplied by 100).

- If still same level of points, then; the team having scored the greatest total number of goals across all matches in the minor rounds shall be awarded the higher placing.
- e) To qualify to play in finals, players must have participated in a minimum of three (3) matches for their Association team during the minor round matches of the Competition.
- f) Any team and/or player that does not meet the **player minimum match** requirements will not be eligible to play in the finals.
- g) In the event of a draw in a finals match, there shall be a one (1) minute break, during which the umpires shall confirm with the scorer and timekeeper that the match is a draw. Positional changes may not be made at this time. 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. The scorer shall alert the umpires when this has occurred.

APPENDICES

Appendix 1: Key Dates

Details	Due Date
2023 Fuel to Go and Play Association Championships Competition Rules and Regulations Manual (including fees and dates) released to Associations	Friday 20 January
Team Registrations on PlayHQ opens	Friday 24 March
Umpire nominations open	Friday 24 March
Uniform change requests due	9am Monday 27 March
Approval for uniforms and logos by NWA	Friday 7 April
All Boys team EOI to be submitted through online form	9am Monday 17 April
All teams to have completed Team Registration on PlayHQ	9am Tuesday 25 April
Age eligibility exemption requests submitted through online form	9am Tuesday 25 April
Netball WA to have approved age eligibility requests by	Friday 28 April
All Head Coach, Assistant Coach (if applicable), Manager and player 2023 affiliated member registrations due and entered into Team Registration.	9am Monday 1 May
Umpire Nomination Form to be submitted – and umpires must be 2023 registered members of NWA prior to submission.	9am Monday 8 May
Draft divisions advised	Friday 12 May
Team fee invoices due (withdrawal deadline)	9am Monday 15 May
Umpire testing requests submitted through online form	9am Monday 15 May
Umpire coaching requests submitted through online form	9am Monday 15 May
Coach mentoring requests submitted through online form	9am Monday 15 May
Division appeals close	9am Monday 22 May
Fixtures available to Associations	Wednesday 24 May
Squad list changes due on PlayHQ. Any changes after this point will require an <i>Additional Player Request</i> form to be completed and submitted to NWA	9am Wednesday 31 May

Team Pack Collection Date	From 2:00pm Wednesday 31 May
Team Managers and Team Contacts Spreadsheet due to Netball WA	9am Wednesday 31 May
2023 Fuel to Go & Play Association Championships	Saturday 3 June – Monday 5 June 2023

Appendix 2: Links to Forms

Age Eligibility Exemption Request Form <u>Online form to be completed</u> FTG&P Association Championships Age Exemption
Additional Player Request Form <u>Online form Link</u> FTG&P Association Championships Additional Player
Umpire Nomination Form <u>Online form link</u> FTG&P Association Championships Umpire Nomination
Umpire Testing Request Form <u>Online form link</u> FTG&P Association Championships Umpire Testing/ Coaching
Men's/Boys Team EOI Registration Entry Form <u>Online form to be completed</u> FTG&P Association Championships Men's/Boys EOI
International Teams Registration Entry Form <u>Online form to be completed</u> FTG&P Association Championships International Teams Entry



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