

WHEATBELT GOLDFIELDS

Regional Carnival

2025 Competition Handbook

Presenting Partner



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2025 Wheatbelt Goldfields Regional Carnival

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Overview

General Information

The Netball WA (NWA) Wheatbelt Goldfields Regional Championships/Carnival (WBGRC) was first held in 2019 and hosted by Merredin Netball Association. The WBGRC may be referred to as “Competition” in the Competition Handbook.

The Competition will comprise of the following groups:

- Open – Women
- 18U – Girls
- 14U – Girls
- 12U – Girls/Boys (Mixed)
- Go Division (Modified Girls/Boys 10U (9 & 10 Yr olds))

Purpose & Outcomes

The WBGRC forms part of the NWA Competition Framework and Pathway.

The outcomes associated with the WBGRC are as following:

- To deliver a representative pathway Competition for Associations within the Wheatbelt Goldfields region
- 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 raise and enhance the profile of netball in Western Australia
- To provide an opportunity for teams from across the region to come together and enjoy the experience with like-minded people

Wheatbelt Goldfields Regional Carnival Partners

The event is proudly supported by CBH.

Principal Partner: Gold Industry Group (GIG).

Major Partners: Healthway, promoting the Fuel to Go & Play message, the Insurance Commission of Western Australia (ICWA), promoting the Belt Up campaign, Fortescue, and the Department of Local Government, Sport, and Cultural Industries (DLGSC).

Competition Information

1. Date, Times & Venue

Date: Saturday 14 June
Times: Refer to the Proposed Schedule
Venue: Northam Recreation Centre
Address: Peel Terrace, Northam, WA, 6401

2. Proposed Schedule

**** Please note the proposed schedule is subject to change**

SATURDAY 14 June

9:00am Opening Ceremony
9:20am Games Commence
4:40pm Closing Ceremony

3. Fixtures

- The Competition Coordinators' will make the final decision as to the scheduling of the fixtures and these shall be played as advised.
- Fixtures will be appropriately adjusted by the discretion of NWA for any team who is withdrawn from the Competition by choice or by removal.
- Fixtures can be found on the NetballHQ App.

4. Opening Ceremony

- The opening ceremony will take place at 9.00am (subject to change) at the Northam Netball Association located at the Northam Recreation Centre, prior to the commencement of the Competition on indoor court number 1.
- Association teams are to assemble on indoor court 1 at 8.45am where they will be directed by NWA Staff.
- 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.
- The 2 Association representatives are to meet Netball WA staff on indoor court 2 at 8.45am with their Association banner.
- Spectators are to sit in the grandstand on indoor court 1.

5. Closing Ceremony

- a) The closing ceremony and presentations will take place immediately following the conclusion of the last Final on indoor court 1.
- b) Association teams are to assemble on indoor court 1 immediately following the last Final where they will be directed by NWA Staff.
- c) The winning and runner up teams of the 12U, 14U, 18U will receive awards at the closing ceremony.
- d) Only the winning team from the Open division will receive awards at the closing ceremony.
- e) All GO Division participants will receive a participation certificate.
- f) The two (2) grand final umpires for each division will be awarded medals at the closing ceremony.
- g) Other awards announced at the closing ceremony are:
 - a. Volunteer of the Year
 - b. Best Dressed Team
 - c. Sportsmanship Award
 - d. All Star Coach and Umpire
 - e. Rising Star Coach and Umpire
- h) Spectators are to sit in the grandstand on indoor court 1.

6. Team Pack Collection & Check in on Arrival

- a) One (1) official from each Association must check in at the managers meeting held prior to the start of the Competition to collect team packs.
- b) Team packs include fixture QR code, score cards and other relevant information that is to be distributed to Team Officials and players.
- c) Packs must be signed for upon collection.

7. Team Registration Fees

Division	All Fees GST Inclusive
Go Division	\$80 GST inc. per team
12U – Open Divisions	\$150 GST inc. per team

- a) On receipt of the team registration, NWA will invoice each Association. Invoices of Competition fees must be paid promptly and by the due date outlined in [Appendix 1: Key Dates & Links to Forms](#).
- b) Any team withdrawing after the team fee due date will be liable to pay the full balance of their remaining Competition fees, or, if already paid will not receive any refund for Competition fees.
- c) Associations who have not paid their team fees prior to the Competition will not be permitted to take the court until they have been paid.

8. Invitational Teams

- a) NWA at its discretion may have invitational teams at the WBGRC
- b) Invitational teams are not eligible for Grand Final matches. Should an invitational team finish in either 1st or 2nd place following all minor round matches, the next highest NWA affiliated association team will take their place, i.e., if an NWA affiliated association team is in 3rd place, they will participate in the Grand Final match.

9. Talent Identification

NWA selectors will be carrying out selections for the Fever in Time (FIT) program across the WBGRC. Association Development Officers (ADO's) will receive information from the NWA Wheatbelt Goldfields Development Coordinator regarding the process. It is important to note that NWA selections will only be conducted on players turning 14, 15 or 16 as at the 31 December of this year. It is the ADO's responsibility to ensure that the parents/guardians are aware of the FIT Program and the process regarding the selections for this program.

10. Competition Coordinators

- a) The Competition Coordinator/s shall be responsible for the functioning of all Competition matches.
- b) The Competition Coordinator/s 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/s is empowered to cancel any matches deemed unsafe in consultation with NWA Umpiring Staff and the NWA Stakeholder & Operations Manager.
- d) Any protest or complaints relating to the WBGRC lodged with the Competitions Coordinator/s will be dealt with as per the 'Protests and Complaints' section of this handbook.

11. 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 & Links to Forms](#)
- 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) NWA is an inclusive organisation that permits players and match officials the opportunity to select a uniform in which they feel comfortable. The position statement can be found on

Policies & Procedures - Netball WA

- g) 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.

12. 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.

13. Team Bench

- a) For matches played outside at NNA, 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.
- c) Games played on the indoor courts at NNA will have score bench and team benches set up.
- d) No spectators are permitted on team benches.

14. Medical & First Aid

- a) NWA have First Aid services available for the duration of the competition. These services are situated in the First Aid room located near the entry to the outdoor courts.
- b) 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.
- c) 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.
- d) Thanks to the supporting partner CBH a strapping station will be available on the grounds for players to use. This service will be free.
- e) If a player sustains an injury or illness and is required to miss matches, the Team Manager is required to provide NWA with written verification for the player to be granted an exemption for the player's minimum match requirements for finals eligibility.
- f) Ice will be available from First Aid only.

15. Child Safeguarding and Working with Children

NWA is a child safe organisation. Safe and enjoyable sport and recreation experiences are the right of every child. Keeping children and young people safe is a priority and everyone's responsibility. A component of child safeguarding is the Working with Children Checks.

Therefore, participating Associations/No Limit Program Sites, their volunteers, and staff, are required to abide by the *Working with Children (Screening) Act 2004 (WA)*, including:

- Participating workforce, volunteers, staff, coaches, umpires, and team officials providing valid Working with Children cards, or demonstrating a valid exemption, to their Association.
- Associations having an up-to-date Working with Children Register of their volunteers, staff, coaches, umpires, and team officials with any exemptions also recorded on the register.

It is the Associations responsibility to ensure that they have the required WWC checks in place. Please refer to the NWA Working with Children Policy and NWA Working with Children (Member) Policy, *refer to Policies & Codes of Behaviours*

16. Photography / Videography

- Associations must ensure that all participants and parents of underage players are aware that NWA will be taking photos and potentially filming during the competition.
- On initial registration in PlayHQ players are required to complete the Photography/Videography consent and NWA will refer to this with regards to the photography/videography of program/event/competition participants.
- NWA refers all Associations, participants and persons attending the Competition to NWA's Photography and Videography Policy with regards to the taking of images at the event, *refer to Policies & Codes of Behaviours*.
- Scorecards with a **red dot** on the top of the card means that **no** Photography/Videography is permitted at all on that game.

17. Weather

- In the event of inclement weather NWA will refer to the NWA Weather Policy.
- Where possible and reasonable, games may be rescheduled. Due to the short duration of matches and competition, rescheduling of matches may not be possible. Refer to the *Match Rescheduling* section in the Competition Rules & Regulations section of this handbook.

18. Insurance

- As an NWA endorsed Competition NWA affiliated participants are covered under the National Insurance Program. Only participants who are registered on the PlayHQ system as a member of their Association in the calendar year of the Competition being played are covered under Netball Australia's National Insurance Policy. For further information on the National Insurer, Howden Insurance, and the coverage please go to the [Netball Australia Insurance Centre | Howden Australia](#) page on the NWA website.
- Invitational Teams – please note that as you are not an NWA affiliated Association you are not covered by the National Insurance Scheme. We suggest that you source injury/illness insurance through another means such as your Travel Insurance.

19. Pandemic or National/Natural Disaster

In the event of any of the following occurring:

- Pandemic
- Natural disaster
- National disaster
- State of Emergency

NWA at any point reserves the right to make alterations to this Competition, whilst abiding by any legislation, restrictions, guidelines, and/or protocols as directed by Federal, State, Local Government or National Sporting Organisation. Alterations may include but are not limited to:

- compliance requirements
- competition rules, regulations, and guidelines
- rescheduling/cancelling of dates/times
- fees/invoicing schedules
- credit/refund or fee liability

20. Smoke, Vaping, Alcohol and Abuse Free Event

In-line with NWA's major partner Healthway and NWA Health Guidelines, this is a Smoke and Alcohol-Free Event. This includes vaping. No smoking, vaping, or consumption of alcohol (unless at a licenced venue bar) is permitted anywhere in or around the venue.

NWA reserves the right to deny entry and/or ask any spectator/s or participant/s who is found to be aggressive and/or use verbal or physical abuse, against any NWA staff member or workforce, spectator/s or participant/s, to leave the grounds for either part of, or the duration of the Competition.

Please note that participant behaviours during a game will be dealt with under the **World Netball "Rules of Netball" 2024 edition** and managed by umpires under the appropriate game management protocols.

21. Sideline Behaviour

SportWest developed the **True Sport Sideline Behaviour** initiative to make sure that everyone feels safe and comfortable playing the sport they love. United to embed the principles of True Sport, SportWest (with the support of State Sporting Associations) will stand together to stamp out poor sideline behaviour in sport.

The message is simple: there is no place for poor sideline behaviour. Let us play! Share the campaign and let's build the momentum together. Information and resources can be accessed on [Sideline Behaviour Initiative- True Sport](#)

22. Policies & Code of Behaviours

All participants will be bound by the relevant NWA and Netball Australia policies referenced in the

Rules & Regulations along with, including but not limited to:

- NWA Working with Children Policy
- NWA Working with Children Policy (Member)
- NWA Weather Policy
- NWA Photography & Videography Policy
- Netball Australia Member Protection Policy
- Netball Australia Safeguarding Children and Young People Policy
- Netball Australia Integrity Policies
- Netball Australia General Policies

For a full list and copy of policies and guidelines visit:

- [Policies & Procedures - Netball WA](#)
- [Integrity Policies - netball.com.au](https://netball.com.au/integrity-policies)
- [General Policies - netball.com.au](https://netball.com.au/general-policies)

23. Protests & Complaints

- a) Should a protest or complaint relate to the Competition rules and regulations of a fixtured match, it must be lodged to NWA by no later than thirty minutes (30) minutes 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 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 Office. If lodging the form outside of Competition hours, please email to wbgf.membership@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

- management committee hearing
- any other penalty NWA deems appropriate.

The Competition Panel consists of, but not limited to, the following NWA personnel:

- NWA Wheatbelt Goldfields Membership Coordinator
- NWA Wheatbelt Goldfields Development Coordinator
- NWA Membership Stakeholder Manager

In the event, that any of the above members are unavailable NWA has the right to appoint another suitable representative to the panel.

Competition Rules and Regulations

24. 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 & Links to Forms](#).
- c) Associations may enter a maximum of one team in each age groups.
- d) At the discretion of NWA, clubs may enter a maximum of one (1) team in each age group that is not represented by their affiliated Association.
- e) A late team entry may be accepted at the discretion of NWA.
- f) In the event that Associations do not nominate teams in each age division the host Association will be provided the opportunity to enter extra team/s. In the event that the host Association does not wish to enter extra team/s then the at the discretion of NWA other Associations may be provided the opportunity.

25. Player Registrations & Squad List

- a) All players entering the Competition must be a financially registered member of NWA for the current calendar year for the Association they wish to represent.
- 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 WBGRG.
- 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 & Links to Forms](#).
- d) Teams must register a **minimum** of eight (8) and a **maximum** of 12 players on PlayHQ.
- e) Should there be any changes to the team list after PlayHQ has closed, teams must inform NWA Competitions Coordinator via the **Replacement/Additional Player Request Form** see [Appendix 1: Key Dates & Links to Forms](#).
- f) Association representatives are required to confirm the final team lists of all participants (athletes, coaches, managers, and umpires) at team pack collection.

26. Competition Grading

- Associations may select their preferred divisional allocations for the Competition within their team registration on PlayHQ. This must be received by the due date to allow for grading and fixture preparation.
- The grading of teams into divisional age groups will be determined by the NWA Competitions Coordinator/s as well as the NWA Development Coordinators.
- 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 & Links to Forms](#).
- Whilst Association requests and appeals are considered, teams are not guaranteed their preferred divisional allocation.
- Please note that the Division 1 of all age groups shall be maintained and filled to a maximum number of teams.
- Netball WA makes the final decisions on divisional grading and no further correspondence will be entered.

27. Player & Age Eligibility

Age Groups	Age (as of 31 December, in year of Competition)	Birth Year
Open – Women	17 & over	2006 or before
18 & Under- Girls	18, 17, 16, 15	2007 – 2010
14 & Under- Girls	14, 13	2011-2012
12 & Under – Mixed (Girls/Boys)	12, 11	2013, 2014
Go Division	10, 9	2015, 2016

- Players turning **10 years of age** (in year of Competition) are **only** permitted to play in the Go Division unless prior approval has been sought from NWA via the **Age Eligibility Exemption Form** see [Appendix 1: Key Dates & Links to Forms](#).
- If required, with exception to the above point a), Associations may select a player from a younger age group to play up in a higher age group during the WBGRC, except for players who are born in and prior to **2014**.
Players are only permitted to play in:
 - a higher division of the same age group, or
 - a team up to one (1) age groups higher than their current age group (i.e., a 14-year-old player can be submitted within the 18U division, but no higher).

- c) If less than twelve (12) players are registered in a team, players are permitted to play up from lower age group/division across the Championship, providing that team number does not exceed twelve (12) players and it is within the age eligibility exemption rules.
- d) If Associations have two (2) teams within the same division, they are permitted to also play players in the other team.
- e) Players are permitted to play up into a higher age group/division/team for a total of two (2) matches. Once a player plays a third 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.
- f) Associations are **not** permitted to play a player down during the WBGRG.
- g) 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 1: Key Dates & Links to Forms](#) and submit by the due date.
- h) GIG WA Netball League (WANL) players will be eligible to participate in the WBGRG, however this is subject to clearance from their GIG WANL Club.
- i) A player will also be deemed ineligible and unable to participate in the remainder of the WBGRG if:
 - a. 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].
- j) 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]
- k) 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]

28. Umpires

- a) Each Association must nominate at least one (1) qualified (minimum C badge) competent umpire per team registered in the Competition with the exception of GO division (**see point d**).
- b) All Umpires must have a current Working with Children Check (WWCC) unless an exemption applies.
- c) All National B/C Badges must be current and National C Badges must have been achieved at least 1 year prior to the Competition.
- d) Umpires will be approved by NWA as per umpire criteria as outlined below:
 - a. Umpires must hold a minimum National C Badge, be scheduled for testing for their National C Badge OR be a member of an NWA Umpire Program working towards their C Badge. Exemptions

to this requirement must be submitted via the Umpiring Exemption Form see [Appendix 1: Key Dates & Links to Forms](#) and submit by the due date.

- b. Go Division – must nominate a competent umpire per team registered who is working towards their C Badge.
- e) 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. The NWA Officials Coordinator will confirm and contact all umpires required for finals matches. It is important to note there will be no payments made to umpires allocated to finals.
- f) Umpires will officiate their own team's matches throughout the minor round fixtures of the Competition for all divisions. Umpires may be reallocated to other games to assist with the assessment of candidates being coached and/or tested for badges. The NWA Officials Coordinator will control this process, and we thank you for your cooperation in advance.
- g) Association Umpire Development Officers (AUDOs) are required to nominate their umpires via the online form **WBGF Umpire Nomination Form** found in [Appendix 1: Key Dates & Links to Forms](#) and submit by the due date.
- h) All Umpires participating within the Competition must be a current calendar year registered non-playing member of their relevant Association, prior to the competition, and when the Umpire Nomination Form is submitted, regardless of whether they also hold a player registration. (There is no fee associated for a non-playing official to become an affiliated financial member of NWA).
- i) Should an Association not be able to provide an umpire for the Competition, it will be that Association's responsibility to contact other Associations to see if they can assist with umpires. **NWA will not assist in finding umpires for teams.** NWA can assist with providing Associations the contact details of the AUDO's in other Associations.
- j) If 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.
- k) 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]
- l) Should an Association make any changes to the appointed umpires after nominations have closed, an **Umpire Replacement/Addition Request Form** is to be completed and lodged as soon as possible prior to the event [Appendix 1: Key Dates & Links to Forms](#).
- m) It is the responsibility of the umpire to be fully aware of the Netball rules and the Competition rules and regulations.
- n) Both umpires must sign the scorecard at the end of the game.
- o) Umpires must be ready to commence matches at the specified fixture time.
- p) The decisions of the umpires shall be final and shall be given without appeal.

- q) During an interval, clarification of any Rule may be sought from the umpires by the captain and/or any other player concerned. The umpires must provide such clarification in a way that is clearly understood refer to **(rule 3-13 (d))**.
- r) If there are any queries regarding umpiring matters during a match, please go to the Competition Office where staff will call for a supervisor before the match ends.
- s) Umpires must be dressed in appropriate attire with the correct sports shoes. (Please refer to the NWA Uniform Guidelines) Umpires may wear their Association umpiring shirt.
- t) Opportunity is available for coaching and testing for National C Badges only during the WBGR. Each request will be assessed on a case-by-case basis and is not guaranteed.
- u) AUDOs are to submit all umpire testing and umpire coaching request via the online forms see [Appendix 1: Key Dates & Links to Forms](#) and submit by the due date.
- v) An All-Star Umpire and Rising Star Umpire award will be presented at the closing ceremony.

29. 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 calendar year registered non-playing member of their relevant NWA Association prior to the Competition regardless of whether they also hold a player registration.
- c) All officials must have a current Working with Children Check (WWCC) unless an exemption applies.
- d) All head coaches of the **14U & 18U** divisions must have a minimum current **National Development Coaching Accreditation**. exemptions to this requirement must be submitted via the **Coaching Exemption Form** see [Appendix 1: Key Dates & Links to Forms](#)
- e) Head coaches of **12U & Go** divisions must have a minimum current **National Foundation Coaching Accreditation**, exemptions to this requirement must be submitted via the **Coaching Exemption Form** see [Appendix 1: Key Dates & Links to Forms](#)
- f) Head coach of **Open Division** shall be competent in coaching. (Whilst it is not essential it is preferred that the coach holds a Foundation Coach Accreditation)
- g) Assistant coaches shall be competent in coaching. (Whilst it is not essential it is preferred that assistant coaches hold a Foundation Coach Accreditation).
- h) Associations are responsible for ensuring that appointed coaches and assistant coaches have the correct accreditation at the time of registering them to the team.
- i) 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 & Links to Forms](#) will incur the following penalty:

[Penalty: Removal of team from Competition]
- j) Failure for an Association to have an appropriately accredited coach in attendance at matches within the Competition 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].

- k) Information on coaching courses being held prior to WBGRC can be found on the Netball WA website or via this link [here](#) or please contact NWA or NWA Regional Offices for further details.
- l) Coach identification may be carried out across the Championships. Identified coaches may be invited into the Fever in Time Program.
- m) An All-Star Coach and Rising Star coach award will be presented at the closing ceremony.

30. Competition Rules

- a) Rules for the WBGRC shall be dictated by the World Netball "Rules of Netball" 2024 edition, 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.
- c) Injury time and blood policy applies as per the World Netball "Rules of Netball" 2024 edition (*Rule 10 - Stoppages*)
- d) 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.
- e) In the event of a serious injury where an athlete cannot be moved (i.e., unconscious, suspected spinal etc) then the First Aid personnel and the Competition Office is to be notified immediately. Where possible the match will be moved.
- f) The Tactical Substitution Rule will **not** be permitted in this Competition.
- g) This Competition will be using **Rolling Substitutions**. The below information outlines the procedure that will be followed when implementing Rolling Substitutions.
 - a. Teams are allowed to make substitutions during play, this includes during stoppages and intervals.
 - b. Only 1 rolling substitution per team can be made at a time to ensure a minimum number of players (5) is on the court at all times.
 - c. Play will not be stopped for rolling substitutions nor the clock stopped (umpires do not need to be notified if a player wishes to complete a substitution).
 - d. Both teams are to be located on the same side of the court either side of the Scorer/Timer
 - e. The substitution area will be clearly identified:
 - i. the player will stand in their team substitution area to indicate that a substitution is to be made.
 - ii. players can only enter play once the substitution player has completely exited the court.
 - iii. before the player moving onto the court leaves the substitution area, the player leaving the court must tag the player rolling onto the court.
 - f. Players must observe the offside rule as they enter/leave the court in permitted areas for their position.

- g. if a player entering or leaving the court enters an area not designated for their playing position, a sanction will be awarded whether that player is in contact with the ball or not.
 - h. Players must not interfere with the umpires' movement during the substitution, or a sanction will be awarded.
 - i. A player leaving the court must return directly to their team area/bench.
 - j. Players cannot change positions whilst on the court. Any changes to positions require a player to roll off and return to the court in the desired position with correct bib on.
 - k. Delaying Play - Should a team delay play whilst making a substitution a sanction will be awarded. The normal sanction for Delaying play will apply. Example: substituting a Centre player between the scoring of a goal and the taking of next centre pass. This needs to be done quickly to not delay play especially if the Centre player rolling on will be taking the next Centre pass.
- h) Suspension Game Management Actions:
- a. Any player issued with a two (2) minute suspension is to stand with the scorer and timer for the duration of the suspension period.
 - b. The position is to remain vacant unless this player is the Centre (C) in which case another player already on the court must move into the C position during the suspension period.
 - c. The timer is to inform the player once the two (2) minutes has lapsed.
 - d. Either the suspended player or a substitute returns to the original playing position of the suspended player and any player that moved to play as C during the suspension returns to their previous playing position.
- i) Ordering Off Game Management Actions:
- a. Any player that is ordered off the court is required to stand with the scorer and timer for a four (4) minute period.
 - b. The position is to remain vacant unless this player is the Centre (C) in which case another player already on the court must move into the C position during the suspension period.
 - c. The timer is to inform the player once the four (4) minutes has lapsed.
 - d. A substitute player returns to the original playing position of the ordered off player and any player that moved to play as C during the suspension returns to their previous playing position.
 - e. The ordered off player can then return to their team bench for the remainder of the game. The ordered off player can take no further part in the game.

31. 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

The Competition Coordinator will be responsible for ensuring the Competition results and ladders are uploaded on to PlayHQ.

32. Competition Format and Match Duration

- Teams will play within a round-robin format with finals matches at the completion of the minor rounds (with the exception of the 12U & Go Division).
- Bye rounds may be required if divisions have uneven team numbers.
- Timing of matches is as follows:
 - GO division** shall play for a period of 32 minutes divided into four (4) quarters, each of eight (8) minute duration.
 - An interval of two (2) minutes shall be taken between each quarter.
 - 12U, 14U, 18U and Open Divisions** shall play for a period of thirty (30) minutes divided into two (2) halves, each of fifteen (15) minutes duration.
 - An interval of three (3) minutes shall be taken between the end of the first half and the beginning of the second half.
- Teams 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.
- Injury time and blood policy applies as per the World Netball “Rules of Netball” 2024 edition (*Rule 10 - Stoppages*)
- 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.
- In the event of a serious injury where an athlete cannot be moved (i.e., unconscious, suspected spinal etc) then the First Aid personnel and the Competitions Office is to be notified immediately. Where possible the match will be moved.

33. Match Rescheduling

- 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.
- 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.

- c. 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.
- d. If the match has not commenced and cannot be rescheduled, a drawn result will apply, and each team will be awarded one (1) point.

34. 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:
 - a. if the team advises the Competition Office of its intention to forfeit.
 - b. 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 five (5) minutes shall be allowed for at least five (5) players of a team to arrive. For every minute that the team is not ready to play during the 0.00 – 4:59 minutes after the scheduled commencement of the match, the non-infringing team is awarded one (1) goal per minute (up to 4 goals).
 - c. 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, and the penalty outlined in point d) will apply.
- 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]
- 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 points.

35. 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.
- e) 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.
- f) Team lists on the scorecard shall list up to 12 players.

- g) If for unforeseen reasons a player change is required (i.e., players filling in) from the initial team registered on PlayHQ then the scorer must add this player to the scorecard **prior** to the match.
- h) 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]

- i) 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. Rolling substitutions will be recorded on a separate sheet provided with the scorecards.
- j) Umpires, scorers, timers and both team captains are to sign the scorecard. Scorers are responsible for ensuring that all signatures are completed.
- k) Scores are to be recorded in the **Progressive Score** area of the scorecard. At the end of both halves, the scorer is to place a circle around the last goal scored for that half against **each** of the teams. That number of goals is then recorded in the H1 & H2 area respectively, with both the H1 & H2 adding up to the total number of goals scored. Example below.

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21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32	33	34	35	36	37	38	39	40	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32	33	34	35	36	37	38	39	40
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61	62	63	64	65	66	67	68	69	70	71	72	73	74	75	76	77	78	79	80	61	62	63	64	65	66	67	68	69	70	71	72	73	74	75	76	77	78	79	80
H1	12					H2	14					T	26					H1	11					H2	3					T	14								

- 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 Competitions Office **immediately** after each match.
- n) Failure for the scorecard to be returned by the **winning team** within thirty (30) minutes 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 required to track player warnings, suspensions and send offs during the matches by completing the match management section on the back of the scorecard.
- p) Suspension Game Management Actions:
 - a. Any player issued with a two (2) minute suspension is to stand with the scorer and timer for the duration of the suspension period.
 - b. The position is to remain vacant unless this player is the Centre (C) in which case another player already on the court must move into the C position during the suspension period.
 - c. The timer is to inform the player once the two (2) minutes has lapsed.
 - d. Either the suspended player or a substitute returns to the original playing position of the suspended player and any player that moved to play as C during the suspension returns to their previous playing position.
- q) Ordering Off Game Management Actions:
 - a. Any player that is ordered off the court is required to stand with the scorer and timer for a four (4) minute period.

- b. The position is to remain vacant unless this player is the Centre (C) in which case another player already on the court must move into the C position during the suspension period.
 - c. The timer is to inform the player once the four (4) minutes has lapsed.
 - d. A substitute player returns to the original playing position of the ordered off player and any player that moved to play as C during the suspension returns to their previous playing position.
 - e. The ordered off player can then return to their team bench for the remainder of the game. The ordered off player can take no further part in the game.
- r) **Official scorecard for Grand Final** matches shall be collected by the first mentioned team before the match from the **Match Office**.

36. 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 with the exception of the 12U & Go Competition who will not play finals.
- c) Grand Final matches will be as follows:
 - a. 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:
 - a. placings will be decided according to the goal percentage achieved by each Association team during the minor round matches (i.e., goals for divided by goals against multiplied by 100).
 - b. if final team rankings can still not be distinguished by percentage, then the team that won the game in the minor rounds will progress (i.e., Team A and Team B are on the same percentage for 2nd place – Team B beat Team A in the minor rounds therefore Team B will progress through)
- 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) An exemption to games played may apply in the event of illness or injury. A request in writing for the player to play in finals must be submitted to the NWA Competitions Panel, with a medical certificate providing evidence of the illness/injury will be required. The NWA Competition Panel will review the exemption request and advise of the outcome. The decision will be final, and no further discussion will be entered.
- h) A player may play in more than one final providing they are playing up into a higher age group/division.
- i) 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. All players are to remain on court in their positions, coaches may make positional changes during this time as per the Rolling Substitution rules. 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.

Additional Event Information

37. Accommodation, Travel & Event Parking

Accommodation and travel to and from the venue throughout the event period is the responsibility of the competing Association teams.

38. Netball HQ App

Participants and spectators download the Netball HQ App to view fixtures and results. Instructions for downloading the App are in [Appendix 3](#).

39. NWA Hyundai Community Raffle

The NWA Hyundai Community Raffle tickets will be available for purchase across the weekend. Participants and spectators will be able to purchase tickets at the event or through the online ticketing. Associations and clubs registered for the raffle receive 100% of the purchased tickets back to their Association or Club.

40. Amenities

Male and female toilets are available inside the Northam Recreation Centre building along with shower/change facilities

Please report any issues with the amenities across the weekend to the Northam Recreation Centre reception.

41. Food Vendors

Northam Netball Association canteen will be open across the weekend with an array of food. In line with the event naming rights partner Healthway, a range of healthy foods will be available from the canteen.

42. Lost and Found Property

The lost and found will be housed at the Northam Recreation Centre reception area. Anyone finding property should hand it to the staff at the Reception area.

43. Venue Clean Up

- a) Venue pack-down and clean-up will commence immediately following the conclusion of the last match.
- b) NWA encourage all participants and spectators to respect the venue and ensure that they place all rubbish in the bins around the venue.
- c) If you find a full/overflowing bin, please report it to the Northam Recreation Centre Reception Desk.

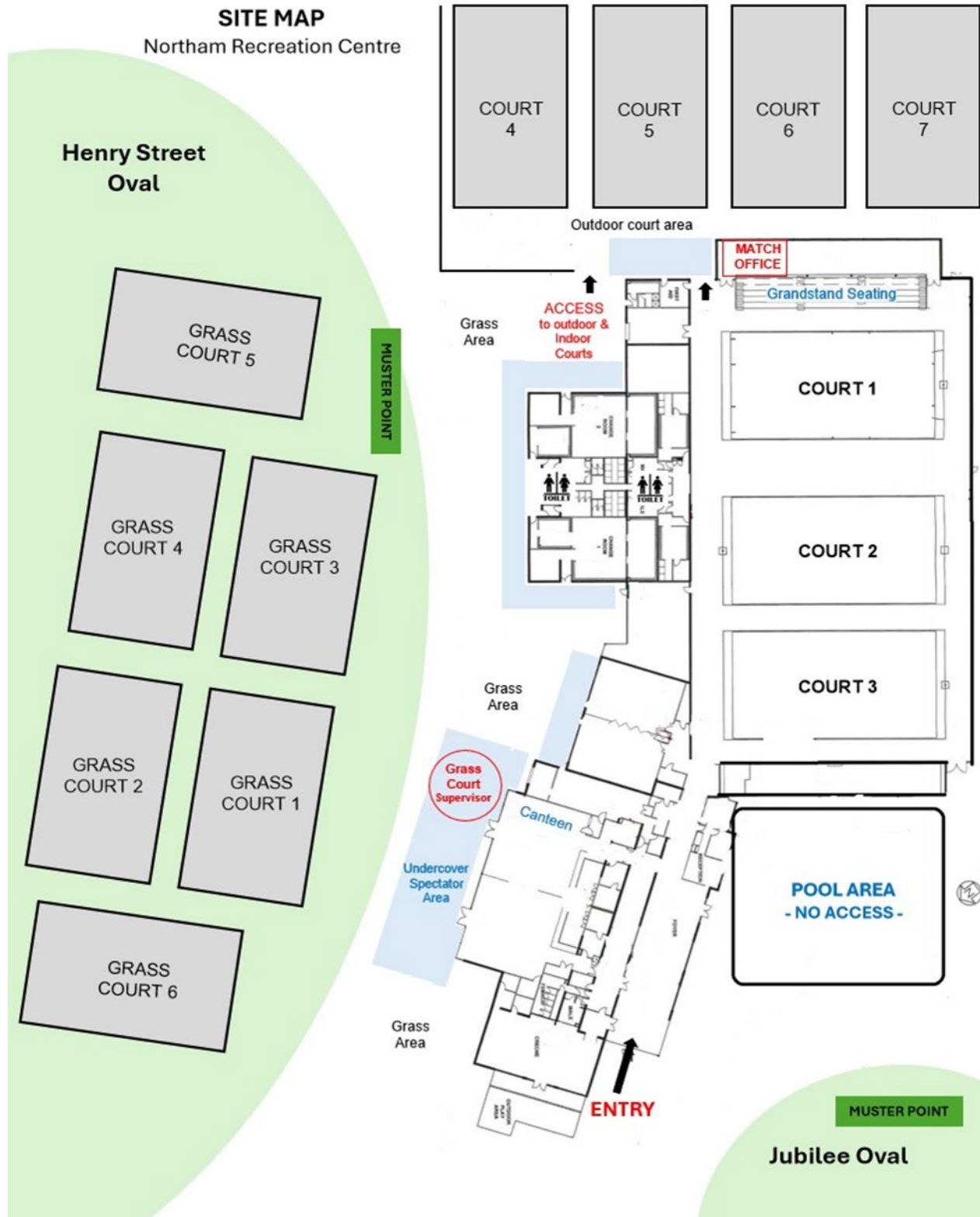
Appendices

Appendix 1: Key Dates & Links to Forms

Details		Due Date
WBGRC Competition Manual <i>(including fees and dates)</i>	Released	Monday 24 March 2025
Age Eligibility Exemption Requests <i>Age eligibility exemption to play up/down divisions.</i> WBG Regional Carnival Age Exemption Request Form Age eligibility exemption requests approved by NWA	Open Due Approval Due	Monday 24 March 2025 Monday 12 May (5:00pm) Tuesday 13 May 5:00pm
Coach Accreditation Exemption Form WBG Regional Carnival Coach Accreditation Exemption Form Eligibility exemption requests approved by NWA	Due Approval Due	Monday 12 May (5:00pm) Tuesday 13 May 5:00pm
NWA Association Team Registrations <i>Via Play HQ Registration of teams into age divisions</i>	Open Due	Monday 24 March 2025 Tuesday 20 May (5:00pm)
Umpire Nomination Form, Testing & Umpire Coaching Request Forms WBG Regional Carnival Umpire Nomination <i>Form to be submitted and umpires must be 2025 registered members of NWA prior to submission. Once form is submitted any replacement or additional umpires are to be submitted on the Umpire Replacement/Addition Form</i>	Due	Monday 9 June (5:00pm)
Invoicing- Team Fees Payment of Team fee invoices (Team withdrawal deadline)	Due	Monday 26 May (5:00pm)
Player & Team Officials Registrations <i>Play HQ (Individual players, coach and manager registered into their team list)</i> <i>(NWA Associations & No Limits Sites only)</i>	Due	Thursday 5 June (5:00pm)
Team list player/team official changes on PlayHQ <i>Any changes after this point will require completion of a Replacement/Addition Player Form or Replacement/Addition Team Official Form</i>	Changes Open Due	Upon completion of individual registration Thursday 12 June (5:00pm)

Details	Due Date
<p>Replacement/Additional Player, Officials, Umpires Requests</p> <p>WBG Regional Carnival Replacement/Addition Player Form</p> <p>WBG Regional Carnival Team Official Replacement/Addition Form</p> <p>WBG Regional Carnival Umpires Replacement/Addition Form</p> <p><i>Only to be used for any replacements/additions once changes on Play HQ have closed</i></p> <p>Form Due</p>	<p>Friday 13 June (5:00pm)</p>
<p>Final Fixtures released and available on Play HQ</p> <p>Available</p>	<p>Friday 9 June 5:00pm</p>
<p>Wheatbelt Goldfields Regional Carnival</p>	<p>Saturday 14 June 2025</p>

Appendix 2: Court Map



Appendix 3: Netball HQ App Instructions

- Download the **Netball HQ** App from your App Store – (it is free)
- Open App
- Click on **Add**
- Select **Club or Association**
- Type in **Netball Western Australia**
- Click on **Netball Western Australia**
- Select **Competitions** - ensure **Upcoming** and **Active** are highlighted
- **Wheatbelt Goldfields Regional Carnival** will show
- Click on the – **2025 14 June**
- All the **Divisions** will show - select the required division - fixtures will come up

Appendix 4: Parking Map & Drop Off Zones



Appendix 5 – Evacuation Plan

