

# WHEATBELT GOLDFIELDS

## Regional Carnival

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### 2026 Competition Handbook

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## Overview

### General Information

The Netball WA (NWA) Wheatbelt Goldfields Regional Championships/Carnival (WGRC) was first held in 2019 and hosted by Merredin Netball Association. The WGRC supports the pathway for players, coaches, umpires and other officials. The WGRC 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)
- Woolworths NetSetGo (WWNSG) - Go Division (Modified Girls/Boys 10U (9 & 10 Yr olds))

### Purpose & Outcomes

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

The outcomes associated with the WGRC 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 Cultural Industries, Tourism and Sport (DCITS)



## Competition Information

### 1. Date, Times & Venue

- Date:** Saturday 20 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 20 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- Fixtures will be appropriately adjusted by the discretion of NWA for any team who is withdrawn from the Competition by choice or by removal.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 [Appendix 3: Netball HQ App Instructions](#)
- Where changes in fixtures occur teams shall be notified as soon as possible, however due to unforeseen circumstances this may not occur until the day of the Competition.

### 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 NWA 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) Spectators are to sit in the grandstand on indoor court 1.
- d) The winning and runner up teams of the 12U, 14U, 18U will receive medals at the closing ceremony.
- e) Only the winning team from the Open division will receive medals at the closing ceremony.
- f) All WWNSG - Go Division participants will receive a participation certificate.
- g) The two (2) grand final umpires for each division will be awarded medals at the closing ceremony.
- h) Other awards announced at the closing ceremony are:
  - a. Volunteer Achievement Award
  - b. Spirit of Netball Award
  - c. Rising Star Coach and Umpire

## 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) Managers are required to confirm the final team lists of all participants (athletes, coaches, managers, and umpires) during the Managers meeting.
- c) Team packs include fixture QR code, score cards and other relevant information that is to be distributed to Team Officials and players.
- d) Packs must be signed for upon collection.

## 7. Team Fees

Division	All Fees GST Inclusive
Woolworths NetSetGo- Go Division	\$80 GST inc. per team
12U – Open Divisions	\$150 GST inc. per team
<b>Individual Non-NWA Registered Participant Fee</b> Only for invitational team participants ** see 8.c Invitational teams.	\$17.85 GST Inc per person

- a) On receipt of the team registration, NWA will invoice each Association. Competition fee invoices 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 Competition.
- 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.
- c) Invitational Teams from NWA endorsed specialist schools whose players are not a current financial registered member of an Association are not covered by the National Insurance Scheme and will be required to pay the individual Non-NWA Registered Participant Fee – refer to Team Registration Fees in this handbook. This fee will insure them for the duration of the Competition.

## 9. Talent Identification

The Regional Carnival is used as a vehicle for talent identification of players, coaches and umpires. NWA selectors will be on the ground across the weekend carrying out selections. Association Development Officers (ADO's) & Association Umpire Development Officers (AUDO's) will receive information from the NWA Development & Officials Coordinator regarding the programs and the TID process for player, umpire and coach areas. It is the ADO's & AUDO's responsibility to ensure they follow the process outlined in the documentation.

It is the ADO's & AUDO's responsibility to ensure that parents/guardians are aware of the NWA Development Academy and FIT Program and the process regarding the selections for these programs.

### Player

Selections for the NWA Development Academies (12-16 years as at 31 December of this year) and Fever in Time (FIT) program will occur across the Competition. It is important to note that NWA selections for the FIT Program will only be conducted on players turning 15 or 16 as at the 31 December of this year. Athletes selected into the FIT Program will be required to attend sessions in Perth and may be selected to compete at the NWA Origin State Cup Competition in October.

Athletes interested in further development/representative level netball will be given a leg number at the Competition by the team manager. Players not wanting to be considered must let their team manager know and will not receive a leg number.

### Umpire

Selections for the NWA Development Academy program will occur across the Competition. The Competition will be used to assist with the selection process and coaching of umpires in relevant NWA Development Academies.

## Coach

The Competition provides a platform to assist in identifying coaches for further Development and Pathway programs such as NWA Development Academies and FIT.

## 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 is empowered to cancel any matches deemed unsafe in consultation with NWA Umpiring Staff and the General Manager – Community Netball or other relevant NWA Manager.
- d) Any protest or complaints relating to the Competition 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) 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.
- d) 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.
- e) 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](#)
- 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.

## 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. Equipment

- a) All teams are to provide their own timers (x2)- Phones are not permitted to be used as timers.
- b) All teams are to provide their own match ball which must be of suitable standard. Umpires will check the

match ball prior to the game and if deemed not up to standard the oppositions match ball will be used.

- c) All teams must provide their own pens and clipboards for scoring.
- d) All teams must provide their own positional bibs.

## 14. Team Bench

- a) For matches played outside, 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 will have score bench and team benches set up.
- d) No spectators are permitted on team benches.

## 15. Medical & First Aid

- a) NWA have First Aid services available for the duration of the competition. Please see venue map for the location of these services.
- 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) 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.
- e) Ice will be available from First Aid only.
- f) Thanks to the supporting partner CBH a strapping station will be available on the grounds for players to use. This service will be free.

## 16. 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*

## 17. Photography / Videography

- a) 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.
- b) 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.
- c) **Any Invitational teams** are to complete the photography/videography question on their relevant “**Invitational Team List Spreadsheet**”
- d) 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*.
- e) **A red cone** in front of the scorer/timekeeper indicates that **NO** Photography/Videography is permitted at all on that game. **It is the responsibility** of each of the teams to bring their **own red cone** if they have persons in their team that is not permitted to be photographed/videoed and ensure that they place this in front of the scorers/timekeepers at each game.

## 18. Weather

- a) In the event of inclement weather NWA will refer to the NWA Weather Policy.
- b) 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.

## 19. Insurance

- a) 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.
- b) Invitational Teams from NWA endorsed specialist schools if your players are not a current financial registered member of an Association they are not covered by the National Insurance Scheme and will be required to pay the individual Non-NWA Registered Participant Fee – refer to Team Registration Fees in this handbook.

## 20. 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

## 21. Smoke, Vaping, Alcohol and Abuse Free Event

In-line with NWA's major partner Healthway and NWA Health Guidelines, this is a drug, smoke, vaping and alcohol-free event. No drugs, smoking, vaping, or consumption of alcohol is permitted anywhere in or around the venue.

NWA reserves the right to deny entry to, or ask any persons suspected to be under the influence of drugs or alcohol to leave the premises.

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.

## 22. 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](#)

## 23. 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 - netball.com.au](#)
- [General Policies - netball.com.au](#)

## 24. 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](mailto: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

- o management committee hearing
- o 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 Services 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

### 25. 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) In the event Associations do not nominate teams in each age division the host Association will be provided the opportunity to enter extra team/s. If the host Association does not wish to enter extra team/s then the Tier 1 Associations will be provided the opportunity, followed by the other Associations.
- f) A late team entry may be accepted at the discretion of NWA.

### 26. 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 Competition.
- 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) In the event point a) does not apply to an individual in an Invitational Team and they are an **Individual Non-NWA Registered Participant** they must be placed on **“Regional Carnival Invitational Team List”** spreadsheet.
- e) Teams must register a **minimum** of eight (8) and a **maximum** of 12 players on PlayHQ.
- f) If twelve (12) players are registered in a team, players from lower age group/divisions are not permitted to play up in higher age group/divisions at the Competition.

- g) 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](#).
- h) Association representatives are required to confirm the final team lists of all participants (athletes, coaches, managers, and umpires) at team pack collection.

## 27. Competition Grading

- a) 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.
- b) The grading of teams into divisional age groups will be determined by the NWA Competitions Coordinator/s as well as the NWA 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 & Links to Forms](#).
- d) Whilst Association requests and appeals are considered, teams are not guaranteed their preferred divisional allocation.
- e) Please note that where possible the Division 1 of all age groups shall be maintained and filled to a maximum number of teams.
- f) NWA makes the final decisions on divisional grading, and no further correspondence will be entered.

## 28. Player & Age Eligibility

Age Groups	Age (as of 31 December, in year of Competition)	Birth Year
Open – Women	17 & over	2009 or before
18 & Under- Girls	18, 17, 16, 15	2008, 2009, 2010, 2011
14 & Under- Girls	14, 13	2012, 2013
12 & Under – Mixed (Girls/Boys)	12, 11	2014, 2015
Woolworths NSG- Go Division	10, 9	2016, 2017

- a) Proof of age will be requested if deemed necessary.
- b) Players turning **10 years of age** (in year of Competition) are **only** permitted to play in the WWNSG - Go Division unless prior approval has been sought from NWA via the **Age Eligibility Exemption Form** see [Appendix 1: Key Dates & Links to Forms](#).
- c) If required, with exception to the above point b), Associations may select a player from a younger age group to play up in a higher age group during the Competition, except for players who are born in and after **2015**.  
Players are only permitted to play in:

- a. a higher division of the same age group, (i.e. 14U Age Group with a division 1 & division 2), or
  - b. a team up to one (1) age division higher than their current age group (i.e., a 14-year-old player can be submitted within the 18U division, but no higher).
- d) If less than twelve (12) players are registered in a team, players are permitted to play up from lower age group/division across the Carnival, providing that team number does not exceed twelve (12) players and it is within the age eligibility exemption rules.
- a) Associations that have two teams within the same division are not permitted to play players in the other team unless approved by NWA.
  - b) Players are permitted to play up into a higher age group/division/team for a total of two (2) matches (regardless of time on court i.e. 5 mins or full game). 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.
  - c) Associations are **not** permitted to play a player down during the Competition.
  - d) 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.
  - e) GIG WA Netball League (WANL) players are not eligible to participate in the Competition.
  - f) A player will be deemed ineligible and unable to participate in the remainder of the Competition 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].
  - g) 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]
  - h) 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]

## 29. Umpires

- a) Each Association must nominate at least one (1) qualified (minimum C badge) competent umpire per team registered in the Competition with exception of the WWNSG - Go division (**see point d. b)**).
- 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. WWNSG - 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 Competition. Each request will be assessed on a case-by-case basis and is not guaranteed.
- u) AUDO's 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) Identified umpires may be selected into the NWA Development Academy and/or Fever in Time Umpire Academy Program and possible selection to umpire at Origin State Cup or invited to umpire at other events.
- w) A Rising Star Umpire award will be presented at the closing ceremony.

### 30. 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 & WWNSG - 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 Competition can be found on the NWA website or via this link [here](#) or please contact NWA or NWA Regional Offices for further details.
- l) The team coach should ensure the implementation of appropriate strategies to promote good sportsmanship from players and other team personnel on the court and team bench.
- m) Coach identification may be carried out across the Competition. Identified coaches may be invited into the NWA Development Academy Program or the Fever in Time Program.
- n) A Rising Star coach award will be presented at the closing ceremony.

### 31. Competition Rules

- a) Rules for the Competition 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 always on the court.
  - 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.

## 32. 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.

### 33. Competition Format and Match Duration

- Teams will play within a round-robin format with finals matches at the completion of the minor rounds (with exception of the 12U & WWNSG - Go Division).
- Bye rounds may be required if divisions have uneven team numbers.
- Timing of matches is as follows:
  - WWNSG - 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.

### 34. 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.

- b. 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.
- c) If the match has not commenced and cannot be rescheduled in a Finals situation, the following shall apply:
- a. In the event a Semi Final is unable to be played the two higher placed teams will progress to the Grand Final.
  - b. In the event a Grand Final is unable to be played the higher placed team prior to the commencement of the Finals will be deemed the Premier.
  - c. In a Pool situation when crossover Semi Finals has not been played, but a Grand Final is able to be played, the first placed team in each pool will go through to the Grand Final.
  - d. In a Pool situation when crossover Semi Finals has been played but a Grand Final is unable to be played, the team with the higher points/percentage going into the Finals will be deemed the Premier.

### 35. Match Forfeiture & Delayed Starts

- a) Matches will not be delayed due to umpires late to court.
- b) A minimum of five (5) players is 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.

### 36. 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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- 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 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**.

## 37. 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 exception of the 12U & WWNSG - Go Divisions who will not play finals.
- c) The top of the ladder 12U team will be deemed the Premiers, with the 2<sup>nd</sup> placed team deemed the Runners Up.
- d) WWNSG Go Division is a participation division and therefore there will be no finals.
- e) Grand Final matches will be as follows:
  - a. Grand Final: 1st ladder placing vs 2nd ladder placing.
- f) 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)
- g) 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.
- h) Any team and/or player that does not meet the player minimum match requirements will **not** be eligible to play in the finals.
- i) 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.
- j) A player may play in more than one final providing they are playing up into a higher age group/division.
- k) 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.
- l) In the event finals cannot be played, or rescheduling of games needs to apply, please refer to the Match Rescheduling section.

## Additional Event Information

### 38. Accommodation, Travel & Event Parking

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

### 39. 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](#).

### 40. 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 through the online & physical ticketing. Associations and clubs registered for the raffle receive 100% of the purchased tickets back to their Association or Club.

## 41. 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.

## 42. Food Vendors

Northam Netball Association canteen will be open across the weekend with an array of food. In line with NWA major partner Healthway, promoting the Fuel to Go & Play message, a range of healthy foods will be available from the canteen.

## 43. 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.

## 44. 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.

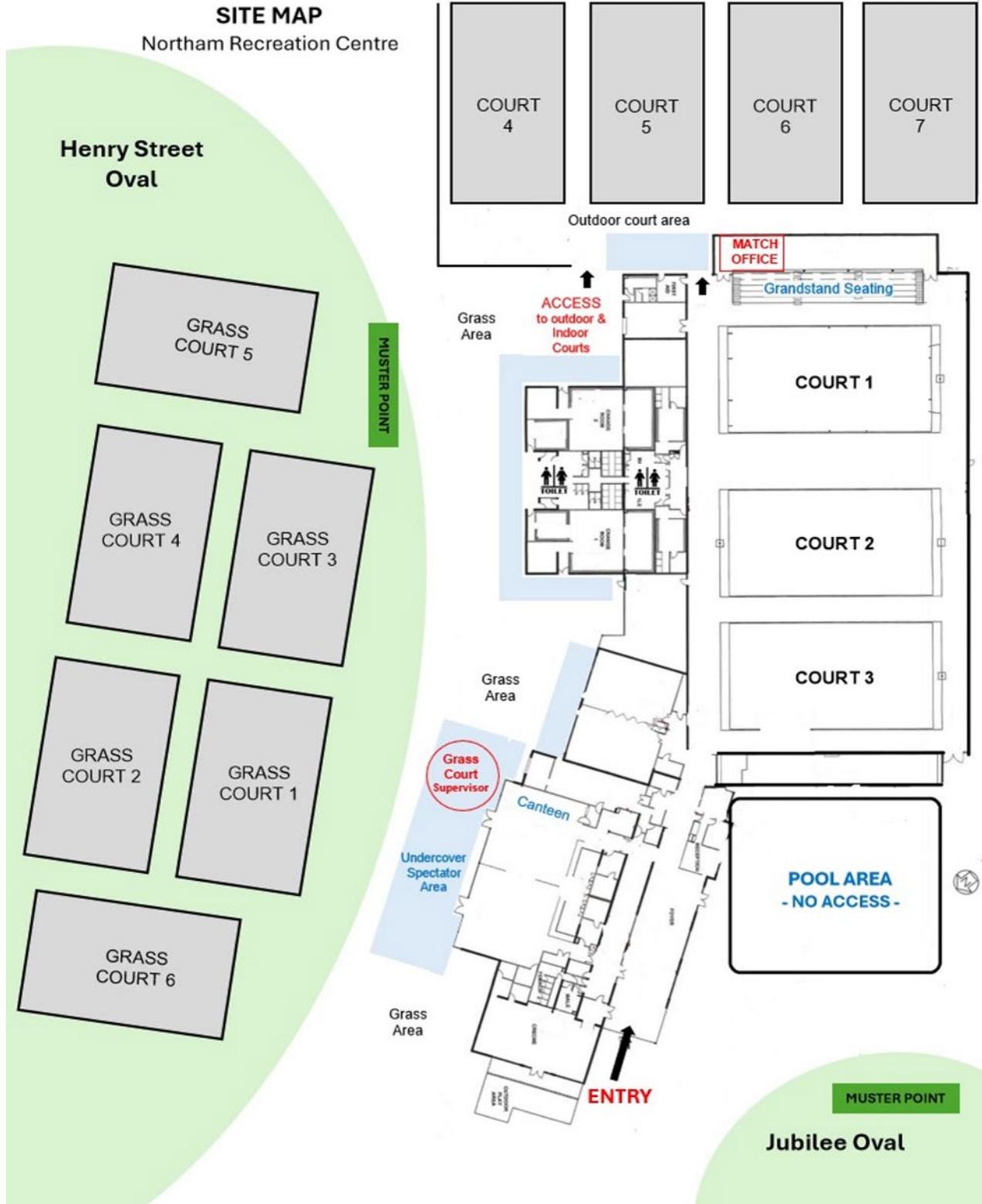
## Appendices

### Appendix 1: Key Dates & Links to Forms

Details		Due Date
<b>Competition Manual</b> <i>(including fees and dates)</i>	Released	Monday 30 March 2026
<b>Age Eligibility Exemption Requests</b> <i>Age eligibility exemption to play up/down divisions.</i>  <a href="#">WBG Regional Carnival Age Exemption Request Form</a>  Age eligibility exemption requests approved by NWA	Open	Monday 30 March 2026
	Due	Monday 18 May (5:00pm)
	Approval Due	Tuesday 19 May 5:00pm
<b>Coach Accreditation Exemption Form</b>  <a href="#">WBG Regional Carnival Coach Accreditation Exemption Form</a>  Eligibility exemption requests approved by NWA	Due	Monday 18 May (5:00pm)
	Approval Due	Tuesday 19 May 5:00pm
<b>NWA Association Team Registrations</b> <i>Via Play HQ Registration of teams into age divisions</i>	Open	Monday 30 March 2026
	Due	Tuesday 26 May (5:00pm)
<b>Umpire Nomination Form, Testing &amp; Umpire Coaching Request Forms</b>  <a href="#">WBG Regional Carnival Umpire Nomination</a>  <i>Form to be submitted and umpires must be 2026 registered members of NWA prior to submission. Once form is submitted any replacement or additional umpires are to be submitted on the <b>Umpire Replacement/Addition Form</b></i>	Due	Monday 1 June (5:00pm)
<b>Invoicing- Team Fees</b> Payment of Team fee invoices (Team withdrawal deadline)	Due	Friday 29 May
	Due	Friday 12 June (5:00pm)
<b>Player &amp; Team Officials Registrations</b> Play HQ <i>(Individual players, coach and manager registered into their team list)</i> <i>(NWA Associations &amp; No Limits Sites only)</i>	Due	Thursday 11 June (5:00pm)
<b>Team list player/team official changes on PlayHQ</b> <i>Any changes after this point will require completion of a Replacement/Addition Player Form or Replacement/Addition Team Official Form</i>	Changes Open	Upon completion of individual registration
	Due	Thursday 18 June (5:00pm)

Details	Due Date
<p>Replacement/Additional Player, Officials, Umpires Requests</p> <p><a href="#">WBG Regional Carnival Replacement/Addition Player Form</a></p> <p><a href="#">WBG Regional Carnival Team Official Replacement/Addition Form</a></p> <p><a href="#">WBG Regional Carnival Umpires Replacement/Addition Form</a></p> <p><i>Only to be used for any replacements/additions once changes on Play HQ have closed</i></p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>Form Due</b></p>	<p style="text-align: right;"><b>Friday 19 June (5:00pm)</b></p>
<p>Final Fixtures released and available on Play HQ</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Available</p>	<p>Friday 12 June 5:00pm</p>
<p>Wheatbelt Goldfields Regional Carnival</p>	<p>Saturday 20 June 2026</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 – **2026 20 June**
- All the **Divisions** will show - select the required division - fixtures will come up

### Appendix 4: Parking Map & Drop Off Zones



