

## GENERAL INFORMATION

2017 introduces the Vicki Wilson Shield to the competition. The Vicki Wilson Cup is for grades 10-12; while the Vicki Wilson Shield is for grades 7-9.

***Schools are required to ensure a teacher accompanies the team if they are travelling to matches.***

## 1. ELIGIBILITY OF TEAMS

- I. This is a school based Netball competition for players in grades 7 - 12, and as such all competitors must be an enrolled student in the school they are representing.
- II. A school may enter a maximum of two (2) teams in the Vicki Wilson Cup and Vicki Wilson Shield each. However, a player may only be registered and compete for **ONE** team **at any time during competition.**
- III. In circumstances where schools cannot provide a team of their own, two (2) or more schools may combine to form a 'Composite Team' if their combined enrolments do not exceed 500 students. If nominating a composite team, please email Netball Queensland the school names. All players must be in the same uniform, and be nominated under only one school name.
- IV. Teams may list a squad of up to FIFTEEN (15) female players for the preliminary rounds in each Vicki Wilson Cup and Vicki Wilson Shield.
- V. Players may only play in either the Vicki Wilson Cup or the Vicki Wilson Shield, not both. If required, players in grades 7-9 can play in the Vicki Wilson Cup; however they cannot also be playing in the Vicki Wilson Shield. No players in grades 10-12 are permitted to play in the Vicki Wilson Shield.

## 2. ELIGIBILITY OF PLAYERS

- I. Only players nominated in the 15-player squad are eligible to participate in both the Preliminary Rounds and Finals Series.
- II. Up to TWELVE (12) players can be listed on the scoresheet in any one game.
- III. Teams of 12 players only will be permitted for the Final Series.
- IV. Players may only represent one (1) school for the duration of the competition.

- V. If the school requires changes to the original squad of fifteen (15) due to illness, injury or other commitments, the school will need to apply for an exemption, in writing to Netball Queensland.
- VI. All participants must abide by the Netball Queensland “Code of Behaviour” - refer to the Netball Queensland website  
<http://gld.netball.com.au/wp-content/uploads/sites/9/2015/04/Part-A-Codes-of-behaviour.pdf>

### 3. COMPETITION FORMAT

The Vicki Wilson Cup and Vicki Wilson Shield consist of the **Preliminary Rounds** and the **Final Series**.

#### a) Preliminary Rounds

All nominated schools compete within their regions in the Preliminary Rounds. The structure and format of these rounds is determined by the Regional Coordinator. The nomination fee does not cover the cost of Preliminary Rounds. If additional costs are incurred through venue hire, first aid and umpires, the Regional Coordinator will invoice the school separately.

#### b) Final Series

In 2017, up to 20 teams from 10 regions will proceed to the Final Series in the Vicki Wilson Cup and up to 16 teams in the Vicki Wilson Shield.

The 20 final series places for the Vicki Wilson Cup are allocated as follows:	
2 x Metropolitan East	2 x Metropolitan West
2 x Metropolitan North	2 x South Coast
2 x Sunshine Coast	2 x Darling Downs
1 x Wide Bay	2 x Capricornia
1 x Northern	1 x Peninsula
<b>1 x Invitational Team</b>	<b>2 x Wild Card Teams</b>

- I. Up to 2 Wildcard teams may be included in the Final Series on written application to Netball Queensland with supporting evidence by the Regional Coordinator.
- II. Invitational team is subject to availability and suitability as determined by Netball Queensland.

<b>The 16 final series places for the Vicki Wilson Shield are allocated as follows:</b>	
2 x Metropolitan East	2 x Metropolitan West
2 x Metropolitan North	2 x South Coast
2 x Sunshine Coast	2 x Darling Downs
1 x Wide Bay	1 x Capricornia
1 x Northern	1 x Peninsula

#### 4. FINALS SERIES SEEDING

- I. Teams will be seeded and placed into 4 pools by Netball Queensland for the final series. Seeding will be determined by the position the region finished in the final series the previous year. If two teams from the same region fall within the same pool, then Netball Queensland will move that team to another pool.
- II. The allocation of the Invitational and Wild Card Teams into pools in the Final series will be determined by Netball Queensland.
- III. Consideration will also be given to place teams into pools that reflect a wide geographical spread.

#### 5. NOMINATIONS

- I. Vicki Wilson Cup and Vicki Wilson Shield nominations open **Wednesday 15 March 2017**, and close **COB Wednesday 31 May 2017**. All nominations will be online via My Netball.
- II. The **nomination cost per team is \$85**, and each school may enter a maximum of two (2) teams in the Vicki Wilson Cup and two teams in the Vicki Wilson Shield.

- III. It is at the discretion of the relevant Regional Coordinator to accept late nominations.  
Late nominations cannot be accepted once the Preliminary Rounds have commenced.
- IV. The nomination fee is non-refundable.

## 6. TEAM SHEETS

- I. For the Preliminary Rounds, team sheets which include details such as name, grade and date of birth of all players must be submitted to the Regional Coordinator prior to the nomination closing date. Nominations will not be valid without a team sheet.
- II. Replacement player sheets must be sent to the Regional Coordinator. If there are any additional players, a new replacement team sheet must be submitted to the Regional Coordinator, a minimum of 24 hours prior to the commencement of the match.
- III. If a team qualifies for the Finals Series, they will be required to forward a 12 player Team Sheet to Netball Queensland by **COB Friday 15 September 2017**.

## 7. WITHDRAWALS

- I. If a team chooses to withdraw from the Preliminary Rounds they must notify Netball Queensland, who will inform the Regional Coordinator. The nomination fee is non-refundable.
- II. If a team chooses to withdraw from the Finals Series, their spot will be given to the next highest placed team from the Preliminary Rounds in that region.

## 8. SCORESHEETS

For the Preliminary Rounds the scoresheets will be provided by the regional coordinator. The finals series scoresheet will be provided by Netball Queensland.

## 9. COMPETITION DRAW AND GAME LENGTH

### a. Preliminary Rounds (managed by Regional Coordinators)

- i. The duration of the Preliminary Round matches are at the discretion of each Regional Coordinator based on the number of teams entered in the region.

- ii. Regional Coordinators will make the draw available to competing teams one (1) week prior to competition start date.
- iii. The details regarding the Preliminary Rounds in each region; venue, dates, time, format and costs will be sent to the competing schools by the Regional Coordinator.

**b. Finals Series (managed by Netball Queensland)**

- i. The format for the Final Series will be made available after the completion of the Preliminary Rounds.

## 10. FORFEITS

Forfeits at any stage of the competition are strongly discouraged. If a team has to forfeit, they must notify the Regional Coordinator. The forfeiting team will receive 0 competition points for the game, and the opposing team will receive 2 competition points.

## 11. TEAM UNIFORMS

- I. All players from one team must wear the same netball uniform.
- II. Schools should ensure that they have two sets of different coloured bibs at all matches to overcome the problem of schools having uniforms that too closely resemble each other. In such an event, a coin toss prior to the match will determine the team that will choose the colour of bib they will wear.

## 12. UMPIRES AND OFFICIALS

All umpires must officiate matches as per the Netball Australia 'Rules of Netball' 2016. Netball Queensland recommends all matches are controlled by nationally badged umpires where possible.

### Preliminary Rounds

- I. In the Preliminary Rounds, each school is responsible for the appointment of one badged umpire who is not nominated in that school team squad list.
- II. If a school fails to supply an umpire at the Preliminary Rounds, the Regional Coordinator may penalise the school in a manner they deem appropriate.

## 12. SCORERS / TIMEKEEPERS

- I. Each team must supply one (1) scorer for each game, who is to position themselves with the opposing team's scorer for the duration of the match.
- II. It is the responsibility of the first named team on the scoresheet to collect the scorecard before the start of the game.
- III. Only one (1) official Vicki Wilson Cup score sheet should be completed and submitted for each match. This scoresheet is to be submitted to the Regional Coordinator by the winning team immediately after the completion of the match.
- IV. Please complete all details on the scoresheet including date, time, venue and umpires.
- V. The Regional Coordinator will be responsible for organising time keeping of the Preliminary Round matches.

## 13. FIRST AID OFFICIALS

The Regional Coordinator is responsible for providing a qualified first aid officer for the Preliminary Rounds.

## 14. INSURANCE

The Vicki Wilson Cup; incorporating the Vicki Wilson Shield, is a competition run under the auspices of Netball Queensland Limited. Netball Queensland manages the overall organisation of the competition, and appoints Regional Coordinators to manage and deliver the Preliminary Rounds. As such, Netball Queensland accepts no responsibility or liability for any accident or injury that may occur while participating in or travelling to/from a game in the Preliminary Rounds. Netball Queensland has appropriate public liability cover which applies at the Vicki Wilson Cup Finals Series.

## 15. APPEALS – PROTESTS, DISPUTES & COMPLAINTS

- I. All matters pertaining to an umpires' ruling are not subject to appeal. As per Rule 5.2.1 'Rules of Netball 2016' – *The umpires control a match according to the Rules and*

*decide any matter not covered by them. **Their decisions are final and are given without appeal.***

- II. For matters pertaining to the Preliminary Rounds, all protests and complaints are to be forwarded to the Regional Coordinator within 24 hours.
- III. If the Regional Coordinator cannot resolve the dispute they will then contact Netball Queensland.

## **16. FINALS SERIES**

Once teams qualify for the Finals Series, a separate document outlining the Series Rules and additional important information will be made available to each team.

## **17. CONTACTS**

For additional information about the Vicki Wilson Cup, or the Vicki Wilson Shield, please contact Netball Queensland's Schools Officer.

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