



# Netball Queensland Competitions Overview

## Objectives

- To provide affordable and accessible competition structures that enable players, coaches and officials of all levels to pursue their dreams
- To provide access for all to an appropriate standard of netball, ensuring participants can reach a level where they are challenged, but don't always dominate or are consistently out of their depth;
- To ensure an appropriate volume of netball to ensure participants can meet their training and playing requirements and maintain a lifelong passion for the game.
- To reduce the impact of cost as an inhibitor to participation and that cost does not prevent talented player, coaches and umpires from further selection.
- Ensure all competition structures have a clear purpose and fit into the broader context of NQ Competitions to aid with player, coach and umpire retention and progression as appropriate



## High Performance

INF International Matches\*

Suncorp Super Netball\* (SSN)

## Performance /Development

Australian Netball League\*

Sapphire Series

Ruby Series

National Netball C'Ships\*

Qld Premier League

18U State Titles

16U State Titles

## Participation

Primary Schools Cup

Vicki Wilson Cup

QISSN / QSSGSA\*\*

State Age

Sharon Finnan Cup / Deadly Choices /  
Nth Qld Indigenous Carnival - Townsville \*\*

Social Netball

Walking Netball

\*Competition conducted by Netball Australia

\*\* Competition endorsed but not delivered by Netball Queensland

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COMPETITION	WHY – PURPOSE of COMPETITION	HOW DO WE ACHIEVE OUR PURPOSE	HOW WE MEASURE SUCCESS
<p><b>Sapphire Series</b></p> <p>(including Ruby Series)</p> <p>Ages 16 and above</p>	<p><b>Primary Focus: Development</b></p> <p>Provide the highest level of netball within Queensland relating to on and off court performance enabling the best players, coaches and umpires to push for higher honours in National Competitions (ANL, SSN)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Optimise performance and training environment – facilities, umpires, officials, coaches and support staff</li> <li>• Optimise playing time opportunities to ensure players continue to develop</li> <li>• Player Load Management</li> <li>• <b>Next Step:</b> Selection into EDP Squad, Fusion Team, SSN contract, City 18U team</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Financial sustainability of the competition and Clubs</li> <li>• Average goal margin of the competition</li> <li>• Number of players progressing to ANL or SSN teams</li> <li>• Competition and team awareness within and outside the netball community</li> <li>• Livestream viewers</li> <li>• 90% Participant Satisfaction Rating</li> </ul>
<p><b>Queensland Premier League (QPL)</b></p>	<p><b>Primary Focus: Participation</b></p> <p>The Queensland Premier League exists to provide a multi-division state wide competition to determine the best Association teams in Queensland. It caters for netballers turning 15 or older in the year of competition and includes Open, Men’s, 16U 18U and Mixed Divisions. The QPL culminates in a QPL State Finals weekend where the winning teams come together from around Queensland to battle it out to be crowned State Champions.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• State wide competitions with flexible formats to cater for local variances</li> <li>• Maintain integrity of the competition via finals eligibility rules, but provide some flexibility in terms of maximising the quality and accessibility to higher standard of netball</li> <li>• Rules designed to maximise participation in terms of numbers of teams and Associations participating</li> <li>• <b>Next Step</b> Progression to QPL State Finals and potential elevation of players into Ruby or Sapphire Series Squads</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Number of participating Associations</li> <li>• Number of teams</li> <li>• Year on year retention of teams</li> <li>• Participant Satisfaction Rating (End of Season Survey)</li> </ul>

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<b>18U State Titles</b>	<p><b>Primary Focus: Development</b></p> <p>Provides an opportunity for emerging-18U talent from across Queensland to compete against each other, pushing for selection into the 19U Qld squad for the following year as well as aligning players to Sapphire Series Club as they emerge from the junior age divisions.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Selected by Sapphire Series Club</li> <li>• Development element – all players to play 25% of quarters at State Titles</li> <li>• Recognition of players, coaches and umpires with potential to succeed at higher levels.</li> <li>• Ensure incumbent State team players play in this competition (unless exemption provided)</li> <li>• Cost equalized to ensure no one is financial disadvantaged due to location</li> <li>• <b>Next Step:</b> Selection into QLD 19U squad for following year and possible elevation into Sapphire Series Club squad</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Average Points Margin (&lt;10)</li> <li>• Coaches and umpires appointed who progress through into NQ roles and competitions</li> <li>• 90% Participant Satisfaction Rating (Survey)</li> </ul>
<b>16U State Titles</b>	<p><b>Primary Focus: Development</b></p> <p>Provide an opportunity for emerging players, coaches and umpires from across Qld to compete and vie for selection in the QLD 17U Training Squad. The 16U State titles also is a transition point from Association based netball (State Age, QPL) into regional representative netball, heading toward a Sapphire Series Club alignment.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• NQ supported selection process from primary level as part of Emerging Talent Program (ETP)</li> <li>• Development element – all players to play 25% of quarters at State Titles</li> <li>• Development and recognition opportunity for coaches and umpires</li> <li>• Cost equalized to ensure no one is financial disadvantaged due to location</li> <li>• <b>Next Step:</b> Selection into 17U State squad for following year as well as opportunity gain entry to QSNL team pathway.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Average Points Margin (&lt;10)</li> <li>• Coaches and umpires appointed who progress through into NQ roles and competitions</li> <li>• 90% Participant Satisfaction Rating (Survey)</li> </ul>

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<b>State Age</b> 12U to 15U Girls and Boys	<b>Primary Focus: Participation</b> Provide an inclusive environment for young netballers to come together and compete against players from across Queensland.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Minimum playing time requirements for all players</li> <li>• Create great netball experience for all players</li> <li>• Optimise playing and recovery time</li> <li>• Progressive formats through age groups</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Number of Associations</li> <li>• Number of teams</li> <li>• 90% Experience satisfaction rating</li> <li>• Number of attendees at event – all inclusive (entry point crowd counter)</li> <li>• 90% Satisfaction Rating (Survey)</li> </ul>
<b>Primary Schools Cup (PSC)</b>	<b>Primary Focus: Participation</b> The Primary Schools Cup is a Netball Queensland initiative open to ALL primary school children in Years 4 – 6. This weekend event provides an opportunity for girls and boys from all over Queensland to come together to experience competitive netball in a fun, inclusive and safe environment.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Entry level competition for this age group</li> <li>• Opportunity for all schools to experience a large carnival atmosphere</li> <li>• Inclusive of boys and girls – guided by Netball Australia’s Junior Policy</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Number of teams participating</li> <li>• School and participant satisfaction (survey) &gt;90%</li> <li>• School engagement – promotion of further school netball products such as Sporting Schools</li> <li>• School ambassador program sign on</li> <li>• NQ Sponsor Activation Opportunity</li> </ul>
<b>Vicki Wilson Cup/Shield (VW)</b>	<b>Primary Focus: Development</b> Netball Queensland’s Vicki Wilson Cup and Vicki Wilson Shield aims to be the premier netball competition for high schools across Queensland. It is an inclusive competition open to any high school within ten regions spanning Queensland. The Vicki Wilson Cup is open to grades 7-12; while the Vicki Wilson Shield is open to grades 7-9.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Preliminary rounds run within each of the 10 regions across Queensland to find the top team(s) in that region</li> <li>• Finals weekend draw - pools determined by region seeding from previous year, then re-pooled on second day to find a winner</li> <li>• Inclusive of State and Private schools</li> <li>• To be the pinnacle of school netball competitions in Queensland</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Number of teams participating</li> <li>• Increase in number of school teams per region</li> <li>• Event Satisfaction from School (survey) &gt;90%</li> </ul>

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<b>Social &amp; Walking Netball</b>	<p><b>Primary Focus: Participation</b></p> <p>Provide multiple, flexible options to maximise participation in netball across a broad demographic</p> <p>To provide a safe and inclusive environment that contributes to physical, mental and social wellbeing</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Promotion beyond the netball community to engage new participants of all ages, genders and backgrounds</li> <li>• Create a flexible, engaging and inclusive environment</li> <li>• Utilise different formats and rules of netball to engage new and retain existing participants</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Number of teams participating</li> <li>• Number of programs being delivered</li> <li>• Age range of participants</li> <li>• Diversity of participants</li> <li>• Financial ROI for NQ</li> <li>• Participant satisfaction (survey) &gt;90%</li> <li>• Participants represent varied abilities</li> <li>• Number of returning participants</li> </ul>
<b>Association Competitions / Carnivals</b>	<p><b>Primary Focus: TBC</b></p> <p><b>Purpose</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• TBC</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• TBC</li> </ul>