



# 2020 NETBALL QUEENSLAND SOCIAL NETBALL COMPETITION

*COMPETITION MANUAL*  
*Season 2, 2020*





## About Netball Queensland's SOCIAL NETBALL

The **Social Netball Competition** is conducted under the authority of Netball Queensland (NQ). The Competition will be played out of the Nissan Arena – the home of NQ and the Queensland Firebirds.

The Competition aims to provide Women's Teams of various ages the opportunity to play socially amongst friends or together within a higher division suited to competitive expectations. A Mixed Open and Mixed U17s Competition is also run, separate to the Women's divisions. The Mixed Competitions caters for Secondary students and Open Adults of all genders to join under no gender rule restrictions. Unfortunately due to COVID constraints in 2020 Season 2 will not hold a Mixed Competition.

The teams are graded accordingly, and games will be played weekly with the option of a Monday night (Women's), Tuesday night (Mixed) and Wednesday night (Women's) Competitions. This concludes with a Finals series where the top 4 teams of each Division play off.

## CONTACT INFORMATION

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## SECTION 1: INTRODUCTION

### Purpose of this Manual

- The aim of this Competition Manual is to provide players with a clear and concise framework under which the Social Netball Competition is conducted by Netball Queensland (NQ).

### Competition Conditions

- Games will be played and umpired under the official *International Netball Federation* (INF) 'The Official Rules of Netball' (2020) Edition and set by NQ.
- It is the responsibility of the **Team Contact** to ensure that team members are fully aware of the Rules of Netball as well as the information written in this Competition Manual.
- Any alterations to the official Rules of Netball and applied to Social Netball Competitions are specified in this Competition Manual.
- NQ have the right to change and update any ruling within this Competition Manual to ensure the best possible competition for its members.
- Any changes to these conditions will be communicated to umpires and players in a timely manner prior to implementation.
- These conditions will apply to both Women's and Mixed Social Netball Competitions and across all divisions.

## SECTION 2: GENERAL INFORMATION

### Competition Outline

- Season 2 2020, Social Netball Competition will comprise of the following competition nights.

Monday Night	Women's
Wednesday Night	Women's

**NOTE:** Unfortunately, due to COVID constraints Netball Queensland will not be able to run a Tuesday mixed competition. Teams from Season 1 will be contacted directly.

- The minimum playing age for Women's competition is **14 years**.
- Players turning 14 years of age in the calendar year of the Competition are eligible to play.
- Players can play on multiple nights (Monday and Wednesday Women's team) so long as they are registered separately for each team and meet age requirements.

### Women's Competition structure

Division	League	Eligible to fill in for (same Comp night)
1	Competitive Social	1, 2
2	Competitive Social	1, 2
3	Social	3, 4, 5, 6
4	Social	3, 4, 5, 6
5	Social	3, 4, 5, 6
6	Social	3, 4, 5, 6

- Women's Competition will be graded into appropriate divisions from Division 1 to Division 6. (The number of Divisions per night will be dependent on team nominations and level of performance during grading).
- Divisions 1, and 2 are a COMPETITIVE SOCIAL league while Divisions 3, 4, 5 and 6 are a SOCIAL league.
  - Depending on final team nominations COMEPETITIVE SOCIAL may be adjusted.
- Players in the COMPETITIVE SOCIAL league CAN fill in for teams (other than their registered team) but **ONLY** those in the COMPETITIVE SOCIAL league (Divisions 1 or 2).
- They will **NOT** be permitted to fill in for another team in the SOCIAL league (Divisions 3, 4, 5 and 6).
- Players in the SOCIAL league CAN fill in for teams (other than their registered team) but **ONLY** those in the SOCIAL league (Divisions 4, 5, 6).
- Offending teams will be penalized by the loss of one (1) competition point as per the



Competition Coordinators discretion.

### Venue Information

- Monday and Wednesday Social Netball Competitions are played at the Nissan Arena.

590 Mains Road,  
Nathan, QLD 4111  
Entry located off Mains Road. Enter via Gate A

- Parking will be available at the venue for players and spectators. Parking is available in the Park and Ride Carpark (including the multi-story) P1

### Team Contact

- Teams must have one designated **Team Contact** for the season.
- Team Contact must be 18yrs or over.
- They are the Primary Contact for all on and off-court matters for their team.
- The Team Contact responsibilities also include;
  - Conducting the initial team nomination through MyNetball.
  - Ensuring team fees are paid in full by the due date.
  - ALL players (including themselves) are registered through MyNetball by the due date.
  - ALL players have played the minimal number of games to qualify for finals.
  - ALL players meet the age requirements as per the competition conditions.
  - ALL players are aware and acknowledge the competition conditions as outlined in this Manual as well as NQ Codes of Behaviour.
  - ALL players are informed of game times and/or game changes.

### Team Communication

- The Competition Coordinator will direct all important communication to the Team Contact and/or players via email and/or phone.
- Information regarding court allocations and season dates will also be communicated with all players through the ['2020 Social Netball' Team App](#) (free to download and join).
- All relevant documents including this Competition Manual, NQ Member Protection Policy – code of Behaviour, Injury Insurance Claim and Individual Players and Paid scorers can be accessed on Team App.
- Inappropriate, condemning and/or unwanted content **WILL NOT** be tolerated. Netball Queensland has the right to remove any member from Team App if he/she communicates within this manner.

## SECTION 3: COMPETITION FORMAT

### Competition Dates:

#### MONDAY WOMENS COMPETITION

- Grading Games: 2 weeks
- Fixture Round Games: 15 weeks
- Finals Series: 2 weeks

Season 2	
27 <sup>th</sup> July – 3 <sup>rd</sup> August 2020	Grading Games
10 <sup>th</sup> August – 30 <sup>th</sup> November 2020	Fixture Round Games
19 <sup>th</sup> September – 4 <sup>th</sup> October 2020	School Holidays – NO games will be played
7 <sup>th</sup> December 2020	Semi Final
14 <sup>th</sup> December 2020	Grand Final

#### WEDNESDAY WOMENS COMPETITION

- Grading Games: 2 weeks
- Fixture Round Games: 15 weeks
- Finals Series: 2 weeks

Season 2	
29 <sup>th</sup> July – 5 <sup>th</sup> August 2020	Grading Games
12 <sup>th</sup> August – 2 <sup>nd</sup> December 2020	Fixture Round Games
19 <sup>th</sup> September – 4 <sup>th</sup> October 2020	School Holidays – NO games will be played
9 <sup>th</sup> December 2020	Semi Final
16 <sup>th</sup> December 2020	Grand Final

### Game Format

- 20 minute halves with a 2 minute break between halves.
- 3 minutes between games.
- Format will remain the same for all grading, season fixture and finals games.

1 <sup>st</sup> Half	Half Time Interval	2 <sup>nd</sup> Half	Interval between games
20 minutes	2 minutes	20 minutes	3 minutes

- A ball for each game will be supplied by NQ.
- Umpires for each game will be supplied by NQ



## Game Times

Due to restrictions surrounding COVID there will only be three timeslots for matches in Season 2

- Games will be run at the following timeslots:
  - 6:15PM – 6:57PM
  - 7:15PM – 7:57PM
  - 8:15PM – 8:57PM
- COVID-safe guidelines will be sent to all nominated teams to ensure safety of all competitors and members.
- During Finals Series these times will change to allow for drawn games to be played out.

## Grading Rounds, BYEs and Draw

### Grading

- Upon Team Nomination teams will be able to nominate a preferred division in which they wish to play in.
- A grading draw will be available prior to commencement of the competition.
- Grading will occur after the first 2 weeks of the competition.
- Teams are not guaranteed to be placed in their preferred divisions. The Competitions Coordinator will consider team preferences as well as teams performance during the grading games in order to grade each team appropriately in the context of the competition.
- Teams can request a regrade, however this should be done no later than 48hours **BEFORE** Round 1 fixture. Requests after this time will not be considered.
- NQ reserves the right to refuse and/or alter grades at any point throughout the season.

### Byes

- NQ cannot guarantee an even number of teams across all grades and divisions. As a result byes may be necessary to fulfil the draw.

### Draw and Ladder

- The full season draw will be made available after the 2<sup>nd</sup> and final grading round and prior to the Round 1 fixture.
- The season draw and premiership ladder will be available online at [www.mynetball.com.au](http://www.mynetball.com.au) using the player's login details. It will also be made available for players using the MyNetball App and Team App.
- The following points system will be used during the Grading games as well as the regular season fixtures:

Win	= 2 pts
Loss	= 0 pts
Draw	= 1 pts
Bye	= 0 pts



Forfeit Loss*	= 0 pts
Forfeit Win	= 2 pts

\*subject to the nature of the forfeit *see Forfeits* for further details

- Grading points will NOT be carried over to the regular season fixtures.

### Withdrawals

- Any team who withdraws after taking the court in the first grading game are liable to pay the full balance of their remaining competition fees or if already have done so they will not receive any refund for competition fees.
- No refunds to players can be made if a player decides to leave the competition. It is up to the Team Contact as to how payments are received and/or transferred amongst players.
- Draws and ladders will be appropriately adjusted by the discretion of NQ for any team who is withdrawn from the competition by choice or by expulsion.

### Forfeits

- To take the court a minimum of five (5) players are required.
- If a team fails to have 5 players on court by the start of the game, the opposition will be awarded one (1) goal for every full minute that elapses until the minimum player requirement is met.
- If after ten (10) minutes the team cannot meet the minimum of five (5) players they will forfeit the game. The offending team will be penalized with an Extreme Late Forfeit.
- If a team needs to forfeit their game, they **MUST** contact the Competitions Coordinator.
- The following Forfeit penalties will apply:

Early forfeit	<b>BEFORE 3pm</b> on the day of the scheduled game will receive no competition points.
Late forfeit	<b>AFTER 3pm</b> on the day of the scheduled game will be deducted two (2) competition points.
Extreme Late forfeit	<b>Without notice or after 4:30pm</b> – Will be deducted two (2) competition points and fined \$100

- The offending team cannot take the court until the forfeit fee is paid.
- Teams given the Extreme Late Forfeit penalty for the third time in a season will be removed from the competition and will not receive any refund on competition fees.

### Finals Series

#### Finals Format

- The Finals Series will be played after the conclusion of the regular season fixtures.
- The top four (4) teams with the most competition points in each division will compete in the final series.
- If teams are tied for competition points, the finals positions will be determined using the



following steps:

- Team with the highest goal percentage during the regular season rounds (goals for divided by goals against multiplied by 100).

If teams are still tied:

- Team in whom won the match between the 2 teams concerned during their last fixture round.

If teams are still tied:

- Team with the better For and Against (the difference between goals for and goals against)

If teams are still tied:

- Most Goals during the full regular season rounds

- The format for each division's final series is as follows:

Semi Final 1	1 <sup>st</sup> vs 4 <sup>th</sup>
Semi Final 2	2 <sup>nd</sup> vs 3 <sup>rd</sup>
Grand Final	Winner SF1 vs Winner SF2

- The draw for the finals series will be determined at the conclusion of the regular fixtures.
- NQ has the right to alter Finals format to best suit the competition needs.
- A team may make themselves unavailable for finals however they must do so before the finals draw has been released.
- If a team does withdraw from finals before the draw is released a subsequent team below them on the ladder can be made available to take their place.
- If a team withdraws after the finals draw has been released the team in which they were planned to play will win on forfeit and automatically move through to the next Finals round.

#### Finals Eligibility

- Players must be registered through MyNetball and listed on the team attendance.
- Team attendance will be done electronically in Season 2 and player will be unable to be selected for a game if they have not registered to MyNetball.
- Players must have played a minimum of 5 games for that team during the season (as per the team attendance).
- Team attendance will be required for the Finals Series before their game in order to take the court.

#### Drawn Finals Games

- In the event of a draw during the Grand Final the following will take place
  - At the completion of regular time there will be a one (1) minute break
  - After the one (1) minute break, teams change ends and two (2) halves of five (5) minutes extra time will be played.
  - After the first five (5) minute half teams will change ends and continue their 2<sup>nd</sup> (5) minute half with no break.
- If the game is still drawn at the end of the 2<sup>nd</sup> five (5) minute half, play continues until



- one team gains a two (2) goal advantage.
- Unlimited substitutions during extra time are permitted.

Awards

- Presentations for the Winners and Runners-up will be held at the venue after each Division's Grand Final.

Completion of regular time	Break	Change ends 1 <sup>st</sup> half	Change ends 2 <sup>nd</sup> half	Continue until 1 team gains (2) goal advantage
	1 minute	5 minutes	5 minutes	



## SECTION 4: COMMENCEMENT OF THE COMPETITION

### Team nominations

- **Team Contacts** must nominate in their chosen competition through MyNetball and accessed on the NQ website – [Social Netball webpage](#).
  - *MONDAY WOMENS TEAM NOMINATION*
  - *WEDNESDAY WOMENS TEAM NOMINATION*
- There will be a **CAP ON TEAM NUMBERS** in Season 2. Due to restrictions Netball Queensland can only accept **the first 30 teams per night**.
- Teams must submit a “Team Name”. Those proposing a name that has already been taken, or that is deemed offensive will be asked to select an alternative.
- Teams will need to pay an online deposit at the time of nomination in order to submit their team.

### Nomination Period

- The Team nomination period for the Season 2 Monday and Wednesday Women’s Competition will:
  - Open **Friday 12<sup>th</sup> June 2020**.
  - Nominations will close **Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> July 2020**.
- Late nominations will only be accepted at the discretion of NQ.

### Fees

- The total team fee for Season 2, 2020 is \$1,915.00 incl GST which covers a full season of 2 grading games and 15 regular season rounds.
- Finals series are not included in these Team Fees as this cost will be covered by NQ, therefore teams are not required to pay additional fees if they are eligible to play in the Finals series.
- This team nomination fee also includes NQ insurance coverage for all players registered to that team. No additional player registration payment is required.
- Teams will be required to pay an initial (non-refundable) deposit of \$300 at time of nomination via MyNetball.
- Remaining team fee of \$1,599 will be invoiced out to each team after their nomination.
- Teams must pay their invoiced fees **BEFORE** the specified date.
- Failure to pay the fee by this due date may result in competition penalties for the un-financial team/s. Penalties could include but are not limited to, suspension of competition points or suspension from taking the court until fees are paid, deduction of competition points and/or removal from the competition.
- There will be **NO** refunded fees for BYEs and Win on Forfeit.



	Deposit (Upon Team Nomination)	Remaining Fees (Invoiced)	TOTAL TEAM FEES
<b>Monday Women's</b>	\$300	\$1615	\$1915 incl GST
<b>Wednesday Women's</b>	\$300	\$1615	\$1915 incl GST

### Player Registrations

- **All players**, including Team Contacts, must conduct a Player Registration each season to be registered to their team/s.
- If a player wishes to play in both the Monday and Wednesday Women's Competition, they must register separately as part of both teams.
- Teams can register as many players as they wish.
- Any players who are not registered may not be covered by insurance, will not accrue games player for team attendance and therefore may not be eligible for finals.
- Player Registrations are made through MyNetball and the NQ website – [Social Netball webpage](#).
  - *MONDAY WOMENS PLAYER REGISTRATION*
  - *WEDNESDAY WOMENS PLAYER REGISTRATION*
- Team Contacts will be provided with further information about player registrations once team nominations have been made and deposit paid.
- This registration process will remain open the entire season and Teams can register new players at any point during the season.

### Individual Players

- Netball Queensland has an established partnership with Just Play which is an organization that assists individual players to be placed together to create a team.
- To register as an individual player through Just Play follow the link on the Social Netball Webpage or head to their website <https://justplay.com.au/>
- Alternatively, throughout the Competition Individual players who do not have a team may contact the Competitions Coordinator to express their interest to play. Appropriate teams/divisions will then be contacted with the individual's contact details and the Team Contact will be responsible for further contacting the player.

### Fill in Players

- Players in whom identity as a Fill-In player can play in multiple teams however may not be covered by NQ Player Insurance unless they register to a specific team.
- Fill in players must still be registered to the team which they are filling in for. This is for team attendance purpose.

## SECTION 5: TEAM REQUIREMENTS

### Team Uniform

- Uniforms will consist of a bodysuit or a shirt/singlet and skirt/ shorts/ bike pants/tights.
- Suitable indoor sports footwear is required (spiked soles are not allowed).
- All players **MUST** play in matching uniforms. This means that shirts/tops must be similar in colour and shorts/skirts/tights must be similar in colour.
- Players are permitted to wear skins or other compression/sportswear type pants.
- To ensure a COVID-safe environment, all teams **MUST** supply their own team bibs/positional patches.
- If by the umpires discretion teams must change their bibs (i.e. colour clash amongst the two teams playing) then the team will be able to borrow bibs from the Competitions Office for no further fee.
- No item of jewelry, except a medical alert bracelet, must be worn.
- If a medical adornment is worn, a medical certificate must be supplied to the Coordinator before any commencement of play.
- The medical adornment must be taped to prevent the risk of injury to the wearer or any other person on the court.
- The player can then continue to play however they do so at their own risk of injury and may not be covered by NQ insurance.
- Fingernails will be short and smooth to the umpires' satisfaction. Gloves are permitted.
- If glasses are worn they must be properly secured to the umpires' satisfaction.
- No game will be delayed beyond the scheduled commencement time to permit any uniform offence to be rectified. The offending player will not be allowed on the court until uniform requirements are satisfied. Late player rules apply.

### Scorers

- Live scoring will be adopted in Season 2. Netball Queensland will provide all nominated teams with the relevant information around Live scoring.
- Teams will be required to provide a scorer for their games.
- Only one (1) scorer per game is required and this is alternated between teams throughout the season. The team providing the scorer will be the designated HOME team for that game as seen on the draw.
- If a scorer is not provided this will result in a player being removed from the court to undertake scoring duties.
- All scorers must be at least 15 years of age.
- The scorer will be required to download the designated app and use their own device to score the game.
- Umpires, Captains of both teams, and the Scorer for the game will be required to confirm the scores at the completion of the game.
- During the Finals series both teams are required to supply a scorer.

### Team Attendance

- Team attendance will be taken for each team through live scoring by the scorer prior to



the game starting.

- **ONLY REGISTERED PLAYERS WILL BE AVAILABLE TO SELECT FOR TEAM ATTENDANCE.**
- Any player who hasn't registered will be required to before taking the court. This be done at center management.
- If a player fails to register their game will **NOT** be counted towards their number of games in the season, effecting their eligibility for finals.
- Insurance can only be guaranteed for players who are registered through MyNetball.

## SECTION 6: OTHER COMPETITION RULES

### COVID

- This information will be provided once nominations close, to ensure it remains in accordance with the most up to date regulations and guidelines from the State Government at that time.

### Rolling Substitutions

- Unlimited substitutions can be made during the game.
- Substitutions may be made during play (as well as during stoppages and intervals). There is no limit to the number that can be made during a game, and more than one substitution may be made at any time.
- Play will not be held up for substitutions (umpires do not need to be notified if a player wishes to complete a substitution).
- Players **must** enter/exit play in permitted areas for their position (without being offside) and **must** do so out of the way of the umpire.
- Players can only enter the play once the subbing player has completed exited the court.
- Players CAN NOT change positions whilst on the court. Any changes to positions requires a player to sub off and return to the court in the desired position.

### Injury Time

- There will be no time outs during grading and fixture round games. The timing will continue and games will conclude at the scheduled time.
- An injured player can take up to 30sec to leave the court. This player may be replaced once they have left the court.
- Injury time will be played during finals only.
- During a stoppage for injury or illness both teams will be allowed to make substitutions and/or team changes if desired.

### Blood Policy

- Players sustaining bleeding injuries will move or be removed from the court as soon as possible.
- Any blood marks on the court, clothing/bib or the ball must be removed and disinfected immediately by the bleeding player or First Aid Officer at the venue.
- Players will not take the court with bleeding wounds or wounds that are not adequately covered.

### First Aid

- A certified First Aid Officer will be supplied at the venue by NQ during all games.
- It is the responsibility of the NQ First Aid Officer to provide immediate assistance to the injured player with on court injuries or to continue treatment of injuries after player has

been removed from the court.

- They are authorized to provide the appropriate medical advice/treatment (including ice bags and calling for an ambulance).
- Injury Report Forms will need to be completed on the night of which the injury occurred.

### **Personal Injury Claim**

- Only players who are registered as through MyNetball as a NQ player are covered under the NQ insurance policy.
- Information about the Netball Australia Risk Protection Program can be found here; <http://www.willisnetball.com/>
- The NQ Personal injury claim form through V-Insurance Group can be accessed via the following link:  
<http://www.willisnetball.com/uploads/contentFiles/files/Netball%20QLD%20Sports%20Injury%20Claim%20Form%202017%202018.pdf>
- Players are required to complete all relevant sections of the paperwork.
- The declaration by association/club will require the Competition Coordinator's signature.
- Once all areas of the paperwork are completed player must return it to V-Insurance Group.

### **Complaints, Protests and Suspensions**

#### *Behaviour of players/spectators*

- Netball Queensland requires all Players, Umpires and Parents/Spectators to comply with the General Code of Behaviour Policy (*as outlined in the [Netball Queensland Member Protection Policy - PART A – Codes of Behaviour](#)*) and to be read upon player registration.
- Team Contacts are responsible for the behaviour of all team players and spectators on and off the court.
- Inappropriate behavior, disrespect and foul language will not be tolerated.
- This behavior and any other behavior deemed to not be in the good spirit of the game will result in players being sent from the court at the discretion of the Umpire. Spectators will also be removed.
- Players who are sent off from the game will receive an automatic two-week suspension. Further disciplinary action may be applied at the discretion of the Competitions Coordinator.
- Players who are repeatedly reported for foul language or aggressive behavior will be removed from the competition at the Competitions Coordinator's discretion

#### *Submitting a protest/complaint*

- A player or umpire may submit a complaint/protest report form to the Competitions Coordinator or NQ at any time.
- Any protest or complaint made relating to that specific game must be submitted within **48hrs** after the completion of that game.
- NQ aim to provide a simple, confidential and trustworthy procedure for resolving





complaints based on the principles of procedural fairness.

- The complaint will be reviewed initially and if NQ deems there is a need to investigate further, the complainant will be required to pay a fee of \$100. If the complaint is successfully appealed, the fee will be refunded.
- A protest or complaint must include a team name, opposition team name, division, time, nature and details of protest or complaint, and the names of people involved.