



2021 NISSAN State Age Competitions Manual

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OVERVIEW

The Nissan State Age (NSA) is delivered to provide an inclusive environment for young netballers from across Queensland to compete against their peers, to form friendships and to celebrate all that the game of Netball has to offer.

To meet the aims of the NSA the following guiding principles will be applied and underpin the operation of the event.

- Create an enjoyable netball experience for all participants including players, coaches, umpires, and supporters.
- Provide an opportunity for all squad members to participate
- Optimise playing and recovery time for all participants

The success of the NSA will be evaluated through the following measures:

- The number of Associations participating
- The number of teams participating
- The experience satisfaction rating of players, coaches, umpires, and parents.
- The overall number of attendees at the event

Whether you are a player, parent, official, administrator or supporter Netball Queensland would like to encourage you to have an enjoyable experience at the largest event on the Netball calendar.

1. EVENT INFORMATION

1.1 General Information

- 1.1.1 The Nissan State Age is conducted under the authority of Netball Queensland Ltd. (Netball Queensland) in partnership with the Host Association.
- 1.1.2 The Netball Queensland appointed State Age Project Manager has the overall responsibility for the day-to-day operation and management of each Event.
- 1.1.3 Netball Queensland staff will work with the State Events Committee (SEC) and the Host Association Committee (HAC) to manage the format, structure, and conduct of the event.
- 1.1.4 All Competition fees must be paid by the due date/s outlined in [Appendix 1](#) of this Event Manual. Failure to do so will result in a \$500 per team financial penalty to the Association and the offending Association will not be permitted to take the court until all fines are received by Netball Queensland.
- 1.1.5 Associations who are unable to fulfil the participation requirements outlined in this manual will unfortunately be unable to participate in the event.
- 1.1.6 Netball Queensland has the power to waive compliance with the Rules and Regulations when satisfied that special circumstances exist.
- 1.1.7 Any request to waive compliance with the rules must be submitted in writing, addressed to the Netball Queensland Performance Competitions Coordinator, and be accompanied by a non-refundable fee of \$500 (incl. GST).

- 1.1.8 Netball Queensland may impose a fine on or deduct points from any team if they are found to have contravened or disregarded any rules of the competition.
- 1.1.9 Click [here](#) to visit the webpage for the Nissan State Age.

1.2 Definitions

- 1.2.1 The Nissan State Age will be referred to as the “Event” throughout this document.
- 1.2.2 The event Project Manager will be referred to in this document as “PM” and will be responsible for the overall delivery of the event as well as all off court matters.
- 1.2.3 The Performance Competitions Coordinator will be referred to as the “PCC” and will be responsible for all aspects relating to the competition including rules, regulations, and nominations.
- 1.2.4 The event will consist of four age groups from 12U to 15U.
- 1.2.5 Except for the 12U, there will be two (2) Divisions within each age group, referred to as:
- Division 1 – **State Championships**
 - Division 2 – **State Challenge**
- 1.2.6 The first phase of the competition will be referred to as the **Preliminary Rounds** and teams will be placed into **Preliminary Pools**. Preliminary Pool allocation will be based on historical performance of the Association.
- 1.2.7 The second phase of the event will be referred to as the **Ranking Rounds** and teams will be placed into **Ranking Pools** based on their performance in the Preliminary Rounds at the event.
- 1.2.8 **Finals** – refers to the final match which will determine the overall finishing position. The exact format and capacity to play Finals will be based on team nomination numbers, available time and court availability. It is anticipated that if time permits the top two teams in each Division in each age group will qualify for the Finals. Should additional time be available based on team nominations, then all teams may get to play a Final match, which would involve 1v2, 3v4, 5v6, 7v8 within each pool to determine their final position.

1.3 Uniforms

- 1.3.1 Associations are to provide Netball Queensland with a current photograph/manufacturer design of their representative uniform which must accompany the Association Uniform Register.
- 1.3.2 If Associations plan to change/update their representative uniforms, the proposed team colours and uniform design will firstly need to be approved by Netball Queensland. A sample of the material or colour photograph should accompany the written application and be sent to PCC, Charlie Griffiths (charlie.griffiths@netballq.org.au).
- 1.3.3 Players may only take the court if they are wearing the team’s registered uniform, unless they have been provided with a specific exemption by Netball Queensland as outlined in 1.3.8
- 1.3.4 Playing uniforms for girls shall consist of shirt and skirt, dress or bodysuit, socks, and positional patches along with suitable sporting footwear. Bumpers must be worn if part of the official uniform.
- 1.3.5 For boy’s division playing uniform shall consist of shirt and shorts, socks, and positional patches along with suitable sporting footwear.
- 1.3.6 Please refer to Rules of Netball 5.1.1. for regulations pertaining to footwear and bibs.

- 1.3.7 Associations may identify a sponsor's logo or team logo on the playing uniform up to a maximum size of 64cm². Associations may identify a manufacturer's logo on the playing uniform up to maximum size of 16cm². Sponsor, Team and Manufacturer's logos may only appear once on any one (1) garment. Both may appear on the one garment. It is not permitted to display a sponsor's or other name on positional patches.
- 1.3.8 All Association teams must wear the same uniform unless extenuating circumstances exist in which case, a letter of request must be sent to the PCC providing an explanation and giving as much notice as possible. If the difference in uniform is due to a medical issue, a signed letter from the Medical Practitioner must be attached or advice from medical support during the event provided to verify the need for an alteration to uniform.

1.4 Venue

- 1.4.1 Netball Queensland appoints local Netball Association venues to host the State Age, with the overall management of the event falling under Netball Queensland.

1.5 Sports Medicine Personnel

- 1.5.1 NQ Sports Medicine personnel will hold a current minimum Senior First Aid certificate.
- 1.5.2 The responsibility of the NQ Sports Medicine personnel is to assist Association Primary Carer's with on court injuries or to continue treatment of injuries after the Primary Carer has removed the injured player/s from the court.
- 1.5.3 Only Netball Queensland 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.
- 1.5.4 Team Managers of players who sustain injury or illness and are required to miss games, will need to have the injury or illness verified in writing by the NQ provided Sports Medicine Personnel for the player to be granted concessions in relation clause 2.3. which relates to minimum halves required to be played by each player.
- 1.5.5 Personal Injury Claim Form
- The Personal Injury Claim Form is to be used by any player (or team official) injured at training or during competition.
 - This form can be accessed via <http://www.willisnetball.com/>.
 - Only players who are registered as a member of their Association on the NetballConnect system are covered under the Netball Queensland insurance policy. Parents should check to ensure their child is registered.
- 1.5.6 Instructions for filing a personal injury claim
- Go to <http://www.willisnetball.com/>.
 - Click – Download a Personal Accident Claim Form
 - Click – Netball Queensland Logo
 - Ensure all sections are complete.
 - Forward the completed form to the Claims Service address on the first page. Any queries should be directed to the claims enquiries number.
 - **Your initial claim must be lodged within six (6) months from the date of the injury.** You can lodge your initial claim as soon as you wish and then forward receipts as they are issued.

1.6 Protests & Complaints

- 1.6.1 Any protest or complaint made during or after the event must be lodged in writing addressed to the Netball Queensland PCC. The complaint will be reviewed initially and if deemed there is a need to investigate further, the complainant will be required to pay an appeal fee of \$500 (incl. GST). The appeal fee can be paid via cash or EFTPOS to the host Association who will transfer to NQ if appropriate within (1) month of the event concluding. If the appeal is successful, the fee will be refunded.
- 1.6.2 A protest or complaint must include a team name, opposition team name, division, time, nature of protest or complaint, and the names of people involved (if applicable). The protest or complaint must be co-signed by an Association Committee Member.
- 1.6.3 Should a protest or complaint relate to a single match, such protest must be lodged within one (1) hour of the conclusion of the match.
- 1.6.4 A protest or complaint must be submitted to the competition's office, along with the appeal fee, as per the requirements in Point 1.6.1 to be investigated by Netball Queensland.

1.7 Event Timeline

- 1.7.1 Refer to [Appendix 1](#) for the Event Timeline.

2. COMPETITION STRUCTURE

2.1 Competition Format

- 2.1.1 Netball Queensland reserves the right to use the competition format it believes is the best for the age group and number of teams nominated for the competition.
- 2.1.2 The Event will comprise five (5) groups
- 12U Girls – born 2009
 - 13U Girls – born 2008
 - 14U Girls – born 2007
 - 15U Girls – born 2006
 - Boys – Expressions of interest will be sought from Associations for two age groups,
 - 12U/13U – born between 2008-2009
 - 14U/15U – born between 2006-2007
- If there is not enough interest in each age group to hold a viable competition, they teams will be place in to one competition from 12U to 15U. Male players will not need to be registered members of an Association but will become temporary members for this event and be covered by event specific insurance cover.
- 2.1.3 Associations who do not enter teams in all age groups may allow players to play up one age group without seeking permission from Netball Queensland, as long as the Association is not entering a team in the age group the player or players concerned are eligible for.
- 2.1.4 Except for the 12U, there will be two (2) Divisions within each age group, referred to as:
- Division 1 – State Championships
 - Division 2 – State Challenge
- 2.1.5 Within each Division teams will begin the event in pools playing the Preliminary Rounds. At the completion of the Preliminary Rounds, teams will be allocated to pools for the Ranking Rounds.
- 2.1.6 In the Preliminary Stage, Teams will play each other once to establish a preliminary ranking position.

- 2.1.7 Based on their ranking position from the Preliminary Stage, teams will then be allocated to a Ranking Pool. See [Appendix 2](#).
- 2.1.8 Please refer to [Appendix 2](#) for an illustration of the competition structure and the allocation of points for final finishing position across the competition.
- 2.1.9 The number of teams within each Preliminary and Ranking Pools may vary across age groups depending on the number of nominations received. Netball Queensland will endeavour to ensure teams across all age groups and Divisions play a similar number of games throughout the event.
- 2.1.10 If teams are tied at the completion of the Preliminary Stage matches, the ranking position will be decided by the following method.
- The respective placings shall be determined by ranking the teams according to the goal percentages achieved by each team during the Preliminary Stage rounds– highest to lowest (i.e. goals for divided by goals against multiplied by 100).
 - If after ranking teams according to goal percentages to two (2) decimal points, teams remain tied, the results of the match between the two (2) teams concerned during the preliminary rounds will decide the winner.
 - If the two (2) teams drew their match or won one (1) match each, or if more than two (2) teams have the same number of points and percentage at the end of the Preliminary Stage rounds, then goal difference will be applied (i.e. the difference between goals for and goals against).
 - In the event of a further tie, the team scoring the most goals during the Preliminary Stage rounds will secure the higher ranking position.
- 2.1.11 Once in the Ranking pools, each team will play off against all other teams in their pool, providing a final overall ranking for the competition.

2.2 Daily Game Scheduling

- 2.2.1 The Event will be conducted in a “split format” where two age groups will play in the morning and the remaining two in the afternoon/evening. Exact timing will not be known until all team nominations are received but is anticipated to be approximately 0800 to 1400 and 1430 to 2000 as a guide.
- 2.2.2 Based on nominations reaching the capacity of teams can expect to play approximately 14 games across four by five to six hour days. There may be individual variations depending on the number of nominations in specific age groups and divisions, but every attempt will be made to keep these allocations as even as possible. Teams may also get to play a Final match on Day 4, if time and court space permits.

2.3 Player Minimum Halves Requirements

- 2.3.1 Consistent with the purpose of the Event and aligned with Netball Australia requirements of teams participating in the 17U and 19U National Netball Championships (NNC), team coaches must ensure that players are provided with appropriate amounts of game time.
- 2.3.2 The minimum half requirements are to be calculated across the **entire event (4 days)** applying to the Preliminary and Ranking rounds. For the avoidance of doubt, players need to play their minimum quarters across the event, not in each game.

- 2.3.3 For the 2021 Netball Queensland Nissan State Age the following minimum half (or quarter) requirements apply.
- 12U and 13U Age Groups – All players must play at least 50% of match halves
 - 14U and 15U Age Groups – All players must play at least 33% of match halves
- 2.3.4 Once the nominations close and draws are completed, exact numbers of halves will be specified for each age group and these will be communicated with team managers and coaches.
- 2.3.5 Any team that does not meet the exact minimum half requirements will not be eligible for Awards or to play in Finals.
- 2.3.6 Team Managers of players who sustain injury or illness and are required to miss games, will need to have the injury or illness verified in writing by the NQ provided Sports Medicine Personnel for the player to be granted concessions in relation to clause 2.3.7. This will need to be indicated on the scorecard and verified by the opposition scorer, prior to the scorecard being handed in.
- 2.3.7 In the situation referred to in clause 2.3.6, the injured player will be granted either 50% (12U & 13U) or 33% (14U & 15U) of the halves for games missed, as long as the injury is verified by the NQ provided Sports Medicine official and the opposition team scorer for the game missed.

2.4 Final Placings

- 2.4.1 Final placings will be determined by the number of points accumulated after the Ranking rounds. Points from the Preliminary rounds do not carry through to Ranking rounds.
- 2.4.2 If two (2) teams have equal points after the last match in the Ranking rounds, the final ranking of these teams shall be determined by the following method.
- The respective placings shall be determined by ranking the teams according to the goal percentages achieved by each team during the Ranking Rounds – highest to lowest (i.e. goals for divided by goals against multiplied by 100).
 - If after ranking teams according to goal percentages to two (2) decimal points, teams remain tied, the results of the match between the two (2) teams concerned during the Ranking round will decide the winner.
 - If the two (2) teams drew their match or won one (1) match each, or if more than two (2) teams have the same number of points and percentage at the end of the regular Ranking Rounds, then goal difference will be applied (i.e. the difference between goals for and goals against).
 - In the event of a further tie, the team scoring the most goals during the Ranking Rounds will secure the higher final position.
 - Results of the match played between them in the Ranking Round. If this match was drawn, the order of merit shall be determined by goal percentages of the two (2) teams involved.
- 2.4.3 If more than two (2) teams have equal points after the Ranking group rounds, the order of merit of these teams shall be determined by goal percentages in the matches played between the tied teams. i.e. “Goals For” divided by “Goals Against” multiplied by 100.
- 2.4.4 For the purpose of other awards each Team will be allocated Ranking Points based on their overall finishing position. The winning team in each age group, will be allocated 100 points, 2nd

place, 99 points and so on down through Championships and then Challenge Divisions. This is presented in [Appendix 2](#).

2.5 Team Nominations & Eligibility

- 2.5.1 Associations may enter a maximum of two (2) teams per age group
- 2.5.2 With the exception of the 12U, there will be **two (2)** Divisions within each age group, referred to as:
- Division 1 will be known as **State Championships**
 - Division 2 will be referred to as **State Challenge**
- 2.5.3 Associations will be ranked based on a combination of historical performance at NQ Events over the past five years. The Association ranking will also provide an indication of how strong an Association's second team is likely to be compared to other Associations and will be used to assist in determining if second teams play in Division 1 or 2.
- 2.5.4 Associations must specify their preferred Division for each team nominated, however this does not guarantee teams will be placed in that Division. Associations will have the right of appeal as outlined in Clause 2.6.
- 2.5.5 Divisions and pools will be allocated based on aiming to provide a similar number of games to all teams and providing teams with the best opportunity to play more of their games against teams of a similar standard.
- 2.5.6 For 2021 Nissan State Age each division per age group will be **capped at 32 teams**. 12U will be capped at 64 teams. To ensure this is managed effectively the following guidelines will apply.
- Each Association's nominated number one team will gain automatic entry to the event as long as all eligibility and nomination requirements are met as outlined in this document.
 - Once each division has reached its capacity, teams will be put into a waiting list for their age group for which the order of priority will be,
 - Number one team for an Association
 - Date and time of nomination
- 2.5.7 There will be two (2) different nomination fees for 2021 Nissan State Age. This fee will be determined on the location of the Associations.
- Associations South of Gladstone - \$350 (GST included)
 - Associations from Gladstone and North - \$250 (GST included)
 - Associations Gladstone and North will require to enter the following discount code **NSA-North**
- This fee is **non-refundable**. If the volume of nominations dictate that some teams are not able to be accepted than any nomination fee paid will be refunded fully.
- 2.5.8 Player, Coaches, Managers and Umpire self-registrations need to be completed through NetballConnect.
- 2.5.9 Associations must register one (1) umpire per team nominated. Names and contact details of umpire(s) must be provided via the registration process in NetballConnect. Umpires will umpire the games of the team they are registered to.
- 2.5.10 If an umpire wishes to umpire both morning and afternoon shifts, they can request to umpire more games.

- 2.5.11 Should an Association have additional umpires they wish to register, there will be capacity in the nomination form to add details of umpires to be allocated to an “Umpire pool”. These umpires will be assigned to Associations who require Assistance with providing umpires for their teams.
- 2.5.12 Associations who are unable to provide their own Umpires should contact Cameron Williamson at Netball Queensland to discuss their situation and their requirements. A \$500 fee payable to Netball Queensland will be incurred by Associations choosing this option.
- 2.5.13 Nominated Umpires must be eligible under Clause 4.2.
- 2.5.14 Please ensure that all Team Nomination Forms are completed correctly. Netball Queensland will not accept incorrect or incomplete Team Nomination Forms. A help sheet is included in [Appendix 3](#).
- 2.5.15 A team nomination will only be considered with the completion of the Team Nomination Process and payment of the required nomination fee by the due date specified in Appendix 1.
- 2.5.16 Team Nomination Process
- For your team nomination to be accepted, the following need to be completed.
 - The Team Nomination is lodged through NetballConnect –follow the instructions on the “HOW TO” document provided ([Appendix 3](#)). A copy of the “HOW TO” document can also be found on the State Age website.
 - All umpires and team officials are to be registered on NetballConnect by May 7th – a “HOW TO” document will be provided ([Appendix 4](#)).
 - All players are to be registered on NetballConnect by June 13 – a “HOW TO” document will be provided ([Appendix 4](#)).
 - Associations will be invoiced for tents, ice and GST.
- 2.5.17 For each Player and Team Official that is not registered in NetballConnect by the date specified in [Appendix 1](#), an additional \$250 per person (incl. GST) fine will be incurred. Fines are required to be paid 10 working days prior to the commencement of the event for a TEAM to be eligible to take the court.
- 2.5.18 Late nominations will be accepted at the discretion of the Netball Queensland PCC, and a fee of \$250 (incl. GST) per team will apply.
- 2.5.19 A nomination is considered late if any of the components in Point 2.5 are not completed by the Team Nomination Process due date as specified in [Appendix 1](#).
- 2.5.20 Late team withdrawals will incur an additional \$250 (incl. GST) fine. In extreme circumstances Netball Queensland PCC may waive this fee.

2.6 Grading & Appeals

- 2.6.1 The number and size of Preliminary and subsequent Ranking pools will be determined by the number of nominations received per age group. Following the closing date for nominations, Netball Queensland will then share the draft Division allocations with all nominated teams and there will be an opportunity for teams to request to be elevated into the higher division.
- 2.6.2 Once the Divisions are determined the past performance seeding will be used to allocate teams to their Preliminary Pools.
- 2.6.3 Associations can’t appeal their preliminary or ranking pool placing.

2.7 Team Composition

- 2.7.1 Associations may nominate a minimum of ten (10) and a maximum of twelve (12) players in any single team.
- 2.7.2 Should your Association make any changes to the team after player registrations have closed, The Association must contact Netball Queensland to adjust the team list and ensure the new player is registered. For the avoidance of doubt replacement players do not incur a late fee.

2.8 Composite Representative Teams

- 2.8.1 If Associations are unable to field teams in specific age groups they may apply to Netball Queensland in writing to form a composite representative team with another Association or Associations.
- 2.8.2 Applications for the formation of composite teams must be received by the Netball Queensland PCC at least one (1) week prior to the nominations closing date for that Event.

2.9 Import Players

- 2.9.1 Associations unable to fill a team from their own Association's members may apply in writing to Netball Queensland for permission to import a maximum of two (2) players.
- 2.9.2 The import player rule varies from the Composite Representative Team. Teams wishing to use the Import Player rule are able to enter teams in the Age Group but may wish to top up their team with a maximum of two (2) import players. Equally, these Import Players may come from an Association, which has also entered a team in the same age group at the Event.
- 2.9.3 The correspondence must include reason/s why the Association is seeking to use an Import player or the application for an Import Player will not be considered.
- 2.9.4 If the application is approved by Netball Queensland, then a clearance letter must be obtained from the Association the player is being imported from and a copy of the clearance must be provided to Netball Queensland one (1) week prior to the nominations closing date.
- 2.9.5 Players who competed as an Import Player in Queensland Premier League may return to their Association to compete in the Event.

2.10 Dual Membership

- 2.10.1 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 in the given calendar year in any of the Netball Queensland competitions including the Event.

2.11 State Age Awards

- 2.11.1 The **"NQ Performance Award"** recognises the Association who based on registered number of participants (aged 12-15) has performed the best. The calculation for this will be as follows: (Sum of Ranking Points from all the Association's teams) / (number of registered playing members aged 12 to 15 in the year of the event).
- 2.11.2 The **"Champion Association"** award, will be awarded to the Association with the most overall ranking points, based on the finishing position of all of the Associations' teams. For the avoidance of doubt, every team in the State Championships Division, will rank higher and earn more points than the team that wins the State Challenge Division. Please refer to [Appendix 2](#) for more information about final points and placings.

- 2.11.3 Team awards and individual player medals will be presented for the first (1st), second (2nd) positions in both the State Championship and State Challenge Divisions in each age group.
- 2.11.4 Awards will be presented at the Closing Ceremony. Winner's perpetual trophies are to be retained by the winning association and held within the association until the same event the following year. Associations must bring the perpetual trophy back in the same condition as they received it. A Netball Queensland staff member will contact all Associations holding perpetual trophies two (2) months prior to the event to ensure the trophies are in workable order and not misplaced. Should the perpetual trophy be damaged or lost the relevant association(s) will be invoiced by Netball Queensland for any cost incurred in repairing or restoring the trophy to its appropriate condition. Each year, NQ staff will take a photograph of the trophy on the same day as they are presented to the winning team.
- 2.11.5 Any team who does not meet the Player Minimum Halves Requirements will not be eligible for an award or overall placing.

3. TEAM ELIGIBILITY

3.1 Associations

- 3.1.1 Any Netball Queensland Full Member Association may enter teams in the Event if the Association has paid the required Affiliation fee, Capitation fees and/or any other amounts due to Netball Queensland. Nominations will not be accepted from teams who are not financial with Netball Queensland at the time of nominations closing.

4. OFFICIALS

4.1 Team Officials

- 4.1.1 Teams must nominate one (1) Coach per team and may nominate up to one (1) Assistant Coach per team.
- 4.1.2 All Coaches and Assistant Coaches must:
- Hold a Development Coaching Accreditation level or above.
 - Hold a current Working with Children Positive Notice Blue Card, a copy of which must be provided to Netball Queensland as part of the registration process
 - Be a current registered financial member of Netball Queensland prior to the Event.

4.2 Match Officials

- 4.2.1 Umpires must hold a current Netball Australia minimum 'C' Badge Umpire's Accreditation.
- 4.2.2 Associations must register at least **one (1)** Umpire per team nominated. The registered Umpire must be available to umpire for their nominated team for the duration of the event.
- 4.2.3 Umpires can expect to umpire between 14 and 15 games across four half days if they align with one Association team.
- 4.2.4 Umpires should dress in predominantly white attire, and suitable sports footwear shall be worn.
- 4.2.5 Umpires must be ready to commence matches at the time specified in the program.
- 4.2.6 Reserve Umpires will be allocated, and Associations notified prior to the event. Reserve Umpires will be required to report to the Umpires tent for duty.

- 4.2.7 A fine of \$100 (incl. GST) per match will be allocated to the Association for failure to fulfil Umpiring duties without notice, including reserve duties – this includes remaining on reserve duties until the end of the allocated game.
- 4.2.8 Should your Association make any changes to the registered umpires after nominations have closed, please email cameron.williamson@netballq.org.au as soon as possible prior to the relevant event.
- 4.2.9 It is the responsibility of the Umpire to be fully aware of the Rules and Regulations of the Event and matches.

4.3 Scorers

- 4.3.1 All matches will be Live Scored in 2021.
- 4.3.2 One (1) scorer must be supplied by each team for each match.
- 4.3.3 NQ will provide guidelines, instructional videos, and teleconference/video calls to help prepare Managers for their live scoring responsibilities.
- 4.3.4 Up to Eight (8) officials (2 scorers, 4 Coaches and 2 umpires) are the only personnel, aside from participating teams' bench players, permitted in the players' area between the courts. For the safety of players, umpires and spectators, all other spectators must be in the designated viewing areas.
- 4.3.5 The two (2) scorers are responsible for recording the team changes at half time and recording which players played each half.
- 4.3.6 The Team Manager will be responsible for scoring. Should the manager be required for another urgent duty, an alternative scorer may be used temporarily. The information is to be recorded for the purpose of tracking player participation across the event. Further information about this will be provided in the Managers briefing prior to the event.

5. CONDUCT OF EVENTS

5.1 General

- 5.1.1 The Coach and Manager's meetings will be conducted via multiple teleconferences in the lead up to the event. The dates for these are outlined in [Appendix 1](#). Information packs will be sent to all Coaches and Managers prior to the teleconference. All Associations must be represented at the Coach and Manager's meeting. Those who take part in the meeting agree to ensure the information is distributed to all within their Association. Failure to attend will result in the deduction of two competition points during the Preliminary Rounds from each team entered by the Association.
- 5.1.2 Netball Queensland will be using NetballConnect and the Nissan State Age Hub and as a communication system during the event. Links to and further information about these platforms will be included in the regular communications sent to registered teams.

5.2 Player Movement

- 5.2.1 Players must play in their designated age group as per clause 2.1.2, unless they meet the conditions outlined in clause 2.1.3 or 5.2.2
- 5.2.2 When a team has injured or unavailable players during the Event, teams may borrow players from their teams in lower age divisions or from their second team in the same age group. Association's must seek permission from the Netball Queensland PCC if a player is required to play in a higher age group. For the avoidance of doubt, a player can only play one division

higher than their actual age group. However, once a player has been listed on higher team's team sheet three (3) times she must remain in the higher team for the duration of the event.

- 5.2.3 In a situation where an injury or unavailability occurs, and the team is reduced to eight (8) available players, the Association may move players up from younger age divisions within their own Association or from their second team in the same age division. No team should have less than eight (8) players available. No player may move up more than a single age Division. In extreme circumstances, where an Association has multiple players withdrawn and are unable to recruit any other registered members of their Association to play they may seek to recruit a "local" player as an import.
- 5.2.4
- 5.2.5 In relation to the minimum halves requirement as described in clause 2.2 and if clause 5.2.6 5.2.2 is activated and a player plays more than three (3) games in a higher age group for the remainder of the event, that the minimum halves will be counted across all games played by the player at the Event in both age groups.
- 5.2.7 A team official shall mark clearly on the scorecard any player who is playing above their designated age division.

6. MATCH RULES

6.1 General Rules

- 6.1.1 The competition will be played under the rules outlined in the Netball Australia 'Rules of Netball 2021'.
- 6.1.2 Duration of game: Match playing times for matches will vary depending on the number of team nominations. Match times for each event will be displayed on the website prior to the event. As a minimum, matches will be 2 by 12 minute halves up to a maximum of 2 by 15 min halves

6.2 Match Points

- 6.2.1 Points will be awarded as follows:
- Two (2) points for each win.
 - One (1) point for a draw or tie.
 - Zero (0) points for a loss and a bye.
 - Two (2) points awarded to a team if the opposing team forfeits.

6.3 Stoppages

- 6.3.1 Injury, Illness or Blood
- Stoppages for injury, illness or blood may occur as per Rule 9.3 of the 'Rules of Netball 2021'.
 - Any stoppage for injury, illness or blood will require the player concerned to be removed immediately from the court. The player may be replaced and play continues or the player's position may be left vacant whilst play continues and the injured player is treated. In this case the player may return to the court after a goal is scored or at a stoppage/interval. If the injured player is a Centre, the Centre position must be filled but another position may be left vacant to allow the injured player to return to the court as described above.
 - If the injury is serious enough to halt the game, Umpires must ascertain quickly from team officials whether the player will continue or be replaced to enable the game to progress.

- No extra time will be given for a stoppage.

6.3.2 In the case of wet weather please refer to Clause 7.2

6.3.3 Forfeits or Delayed Starts

- If a game is late starting, due to one team not being present or ready to play, the infringing team will be deducted one point per minute the game is delayed. This will be calculated on the following basis:
 - Up to one minute – 1 point
 - Up to two minutes – 2 points
 - Up to three minutes – 3 points
 - Up to four minutes – 4 points
 - Up to five minutes – 5 points
 - Up to 6 minutes – 6 points. After 6 minutes the game is officially forfeited, and the winning team awarded a score line of 6-0.
 - In the case of a forfeit all players on the non-infringing team are awarded one half towards meeting minimum halves qualification. The infringing teams is not awarded any halves for the game.

7. CODES & POLICIES

Netball Australia and Netball Queensland provide a range of policies and codes of conduct to protect the integrity of the game. All participants, coaches, officials, and administrators should ensure they are aware of these policies. They can be found [here](#).

7.1 Codes of Conduct for Team Coaches & Managers

7.1.1 All team coaches, assistant coaches and managers will be required to read the Code of Conduct & Integrity document. These must be agreed to at the time the Coaches and Managers self-register for Nissan Stat Age. They can be found [here](#).

7.2 Adverse Weather Policy

7.2.1 In the event of bad weather, the Bad Weather Panel consisting of four (4) members, a Netball Queensland representative, the Host Association Convenor, the Umpire Coordinator of the event and the State Events Committee Chair Person or member if the Chair is not present will be activated

7.2.2 In accordance with Netball Queensland's Adverse Weather Policy, which can be found [here](#). The Bad Weather Panel will decide when games are to be cancelled or suspended due to bad weather and when play can continue once the bad weather has passed. The Panel also has the right to cancel the competition if it is believed players, officials and spectators could be harmed due to extreme weather conditions.

7.2.3 The bad Weather Panel will implement the Bad Weather checklist and will use reliable sources to assess the weather condition, and in making a decision regarding play.

7.2.4 Netball Queensland will communicate the decision of the Bad Weather Panel to each Association Representative, via NetballConnect, who is to pass on the message to their team managers.

7.2.5 Netball Queensland has the right to implement a Wet Weather Draw if required.

7.2.6 Should the venue receive sufficient rain that there is surface water (as defined by their being puddles of water on the court) on the courts, play on all courts will be halted until all surface

water is removed. If the time required to remove the surface water exceeds the scheduled end of play for that round, then the rules as per 7.2.7 will apply.

7.2.7 No matches will commence if there is surface water on any court(s) following a rain delay. Once surface water is removed on all courts, play can commence on all courts at the same time. The game will be played to the pre-determined finish time for that round and a decision will be made by the PCC in relation to the duration of the half time break, if the time remaining is longer than the normal duration of one half of play at this Event. If play commences in what would have been the second half of the game, then no break shall be taken and the game shall finish at the originally scheduled time.

7.2.8 Game Cancellations

- For a game being played in halves, if due to unforeseen and exceptional circumstances a match is cancelled, the following regulations shall apply:
 - If a match is cancelled before the start of the second half a draw will be declared. Each team will be given one (1) competition point and no for and against will be awarded.
 - If the game has passed the halfway mark and entered the second half a win will be awarded to the team with the highest score at the time in which the match was stopped and for and against will be awarded.
 - If the score is tied and the match has passed the halfway mark and entered the second half, a drawn result will be declared, and each team awarded one (1) match point and for and against will be awarded.

7.2.9 Cancellation of Competition

- Netball Queensland has the right to cancel the competition if they feel it is required due to unforeseen and exceptional circumstances.
- If the competition must be cancelled, the following regulations shall apply:
 - If less than 75% (exclusive) of the event (by total number of rounds) has been played, no winners will be recorded.
 - If more than 75% (inclusive) of the event (by total number of rounds) has been played, the competition ladder will stand as is and winners will be awarded.
 - Netball Queensland has the right to determine the percentage of how much of the event has been played.

8. APPENDICIES

Appendix 1 – Event Timeline

NISSAN State Age	2021
Team registration OPEN	Mar 5, 2021
Team registration CLOSE	Mar 28, 2021
Team registration payment due	Mar 28, 2021
Draft divisions advised	Apr 9, 2021
Division appeals close	Apr 18, 2021
Coach and Manager registration due	May 7, 2021
Umpire registration due	May 7, 2021
Draw grid available	May 28, 2021
Ice, tent/site hire payment due	Jun 4, 2021
Live scoring Session 1 (each session will be the same)	Jun 9, 2021 (Time TBC)
Player registration due	Jun 13, 2021
Live scoring Session 2 (each session will be the same)	Jun 16, 2021 (Time TBC)
Information pack available	Jun 18, 2021
Information Teleconference 1 (each session will be the same)	Jun 22, 2021 (Time TBC)
Information Teleconference 2 (each session will be the same)	Jun 24, 2021 (Time TBC)
Tent/site set-up	Jul 2, 2021 (Time TBC)
Competition starts	Jul 3, 2021

Appendix 2

Example of Competition Structure and Points Allocation for Awards.

State Championships (Division 1)						
Seeding and allocation to Preliminary Pool based on past performance	Preliminary Rounds			Ranking Rounds	Overall Position	Points Awarded
1 to Pool A	Pool A	1st	to Ranking Pool A	Ranking Phase Pool A	1st	100
2 to Pool B		2nd	to Ranking Pool A		2nd	99
3 to Pool C		3rd	to Ranking Pool B		3rd	98
4 to Pool D		4th	to Ranking Pool B		4th	97
5 to Pool D		5th	to Ranking Pool C		5th	96
6 to Pool C		6th	to Ranking Pool C		6th	95
7 to Pool B		7th	to Ranking Pool D		7th	94
8 2+D50:F81		8th	to Ranking Pool D		8th	93
9 to Pool A	Pool B	1st	to Ranking Pool A	Ranking Phase Pool B	9th	92
10 to Pool B		2nd	to Ranking Pool A		10th	91
11 to Pool C		3rd	to Ranking Pool B		11th	90
12 to Pool D		4th	to Ranking Pool B		12th	89
13 to Pool D		5th	to Ranking Pool C		13th	88
14 to Pool C		6th	to Ranking Pool C		14th	87
15 to Pool B		7th	to Ranking Pool D		15th	86
16 to Pool A		8th	to Ranking Pool D		16th	85
17 to Pool A	Pool C	1st	to Ranking Pool A	Ranking Phase Pool C	17th	84
18 to Pool B		2nd	to Ranking Pool A		18th	83
19 to Pool C		3rd	to Ranking Pool B		19th	82
20 to Pool D		4th	to Ranking Pool B		20th	81
21 to Pool D		5th	to Ranking Pool C		21st	80
22 to Pool C		6th	to Ranking Pool C		22nd	79
23 to Pool B		7th	to Ranking Pool D		23rd	78
24 to Pool A		8th	to Ranking Pool D		24th	77
25 to Pool A	Pool D	1st	to Ranking Pool A	Ranking Phase Pool D	25th	76
26 to Pool B		2nd	to Ranking Pool A		26th	75
27 to Pool C		3rd	to Ranking Pool B		27th	74
28 to Pool D		4th	to Ranking Pool B		28th	73
29 to Pool D		5th	to Ranking Pool C		29th	72
30 to Pool C		6th	to Ranking Pool C		30th	71
31 to Pool B		7th	to Ranking Pool D		31st	70
32 to Pool A		8th	to Ranking Pool D		32nd	69

State Challenge (Division 2)							
Seeding and allocation to Preliminary Pool based on past performance		Preliminary Rounds		Ranking Rounds	Overall Final Position	Points Awarded	
1	to Pool A	Pool A	1st	to Ranking Pool A	Ranking Phase Pool A	1st	68
2	to Pool B		2nd	to Ranking Pool A		2nd	67
3	to Pool C		3rd	to Ranking Pool B		3rd	66
4	to Pool D		4th	to Ranking Pool B		4th	65
5	to Pool D		5th	to Ranking Pool C		5th	64
6	to Pool C		6th	to Ranking Pool C		6th	63
7	to Pool B		7th	to Ranking Pool D		7th	62
8	2+D50:F81		8th	to Ranking Pool D		8th	61
9	to Pool A	Pool B	1st	to Ranking Pool A	Ranking Phase Pool B	9th	60
10	to Pool B		2nd	to Ranking Pool A		10th	59
11	to Pool C		3rd	to Ranking Pool B		11th	58
12	to Pool D		4th	to Ranking Pool B		12th	57
13	to Pool D		5th	to Ranking Pool C		13th	56
14	to Pool C		6th	to Ranking Pool C		14th	55
15	to Pool B		7th	to Ranking Pool D		15th	54
16	to Pool A		8th	to Ranking Pool D		16th	53
17	to Pool A	Pool C	1st	to Ranking Pool A	Ranking Phase Pool C	17th	52
18	to Pool B		2nd	to Ranking Pool A		18th	51
19	to Pool C		3rd	to Ranking Pool B		19th	50
20	to Pool D		4th	to Ranking Pool B		20th	49
21	to Pool D		5th	to Ranking Pool C		21st	48
22	to Pool C		6th	to Ranking Pool C		22nd	47
23	to Pool B		7th	to Ranking Pool D		23rd	46
24	to Pool A		8th	to Ranking Pool D		24th	45
25	to Pool A	Pool D	1st	to Ranking Pool A	Ranking Phase Pool D	25th	44
26	to Pool B		2nd	to Ranking Pool A		26th	43
27	to Pool C		3rd	to Ranking Pool B		27th	42
28	to Pool D		4th	to Ranking Pool B		28th	41
29	to Pool D		5th	to Ranking Pool C		29th	40
30	to Pool C		6th	to Ranking Pool C		30th	39
31	to Pool B		7th	to Ranking Pool D		31st	38
32	to Pool A		8th	to Ranking Pool D		32nd	37

Appendix 3 – Team Registration

The How to Guide – Team Registration can be found on the State Age Hub, [here](#).

Appendix 4 – Individual Registration

The How to Guide – Individual Registration (Players, Coaches, Managers and Umpires) can be found on the State Age Hub, [here](#).