



2021 Origin Energy Primary Schools Cup

Competition Manual

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1. GENERAL INFORMATION

The Origin Energy 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 and safe environment.

- All matches played within the competition will follow the International Netball Federation '[The Official Rules of Netball](#)' (2020), unless otherwise stated in this document.
- **Schools are required to ensure a teacher from the school or parent accompany the team at all times. If a parent is to accompany the team then a letter from the school stating approval is required.**
- Netball Queensland has the power to waive compliance with the rules when satisfied that special circumstances exist.
- All correspondence must be through the Coordinator/s of this competition, as per below:

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2. ELIGIBILITY OF TEAMS & PLAYERS

- I. This is a school-based netball competition; all competitors must be currently enrolled in the school they are representing.
- II. A single school may enter a maximum of two (2) teams in the competition.
- III. Teams must register a minimum of nine (9) players and a maximum 12 players in any one team.
- IV. All players must be currently enrolled in Year 4 to Year 6 of the primary school or combination of schools they represent.
- V. Teams can comprise of all boys, girls or mixed teams.
- VI. Female players must be 13 years and under as at 31 December 2020.
- VII. Male players must be 12 years and under as at 31 December 2020.
- VIII. A player may only be registered and compete for a single team at any time.

3. COMPOSITE TEAMS

- I. In circumstances where schools cannot provide a team on their own, two or more schools may combine to form a 'Composite Team'.
- II. To enter a composite team, the following criteria must be met:
- III. The combined student enrolment of all school is 500 or less.
- IV. Combined schools must belong to the same School Sports District.

- V. Nominations must include: ALL schools, number of students at each school and geographical proximity and school sports district.

4. NOMINATIONS

- I. The nomination fee is \$200 per team nominated (including GST). **The fee is non-refundable.** Please note costs for tent site, tent hire and ice will be in addition to the entry fee. These costs are included on the team nomination form.
- II. Team nomination and lodgement will be online via NetballConnect. A link to the nomination page will be provided on the Netball Queensland website and via email.
 - i. **Full Competition – Upfront:** Online payment at the time of nomination.
 - ii. **Invoice:** Select this option and enter the code “PSC2021” and Netball Queensland will raise an invoice.
- III. Each team must supply an umpire who holds a current National Accreditation Badge or Association badge. The Umpire’s name and badge level must be stated on the nomination form. Nominations will open Wednesday 2 June and close Sunday 15 August 2021.
- IV. Late nominations will be accepted at the discretion of the event coordinator, and a fee of \$50 per team will apply.

5. CONDUCT OF EVENT

- I. The Origin Energy Primary Schools Cup will be live scored.
- II. Netball Queensland will provide all nominated teams with the relevant information around live scoring.
- III. All games will be centrally timed, each round will commence at the same time.
- IV. Each team is responsible for bringing their own equipment i.e. pens, player bibs, training balls etc.
- V. Post pads will be provided and game balls.

6. UNIFORMS

- I. All players to wear their school approved sporting/netball uniform.
- II. Schools with similar coloured uniforms will be asked to take a coin toss prior to the match to determine the alternative colour bib they will wear. Please see event staff if different coloured bibs are required.
- III. Suitable sports footwear must be worn.

7. SCORERS

- I. Games will be live scored, and Netball Queensland will provide all nominated teams with the relevant information around live scoring.
- II. Netball Queensland will provide all nominated teams with the relevant information around live scoring.
- III. Teams must supply one (1) scorer for each match. These officials should be identified to both teams before the commencement of the match and should be positioned together for the duration of the match.
- IV. Umpires, Coaches of both teams, and the Scorer for the game will be required to confirm the scores at the completion of the game.

8. COMPETITION FORMAT

Competition format will be determined based on the number of teams competing. This format will be made available to all participating schools on NetballConnect and published on the Netball Queensland website by **Tuesday 31 August 2021**.

The competition was divided into two divisions, the Championship and Development Division. When nominating you will be required to select the division you wish to enter. Only teams nominated in the Championship division will play off the 2021 Primary Schools Cup Champion.

Guidelines for each Division:

- Championship Division
 - This division is for teams that wish to play for the 2021 Primary Schools Cup Champion.
 - Teams that predominantly have senior students (Year 5 & 6).
 - Teams that have participants who compete in Representative or Division 1 netball outside school.
 - Teams that are predominantly boys.
- Development Division
 - Teams that predominantly have junior students (Years 4 & 5).
 - Teams that have players who compete in low division netball outside school or have never played netball.

Pool Rounds

In the pool rounds if scores are tied at the end of the game it is a draw.

Final Rounds

If scores are tied at the end of full time in Finals matches, there will be a one (1) minute break, where substitutions and/or team changes may be made, followed by two (2) periods of two (2) minutes (with no break in-between), however teams will change ends after the first two (2) minute period. If the scores are tied at the end of extra time, then play will continue until one (1) team has a two (2) goal advantage.

9. MATCH RULES

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

Duration of Game

The format and duration of games will be determined by the number of nominations received. Match times for each event will be displayed on the website prior to the event.

Injury, Illness or Blood

There will be no stoppage of time for injury, blood or illness. Injured players may be replaced; with play to continue with minimal disruption. Injury time will not be added on to the length of the game.

10. GAME CANCELLATIONS

If due to unforeseen and exceptional circumstances a match is cancelled, the following regulations shall apply:

Game being played in halves

If a match is cancelled before the start of the second half a draw will be declared. Each team will be given with one (1) competition point and no for and against will be awarded.

If the game has past 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 past 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.

11. CANCELLATION OF COMPETITION

Netball Queensland has the right to cancel the competition if they feel it is required due to unforeseen and exceptional circumstances.

In this instance, Netball Queensland will determine the process to find a winner if applicable.

12. BAD WEATHER

Netball Queensland will use the following table to determine a decision regarding play.

Netball Queensland will communicate weather decisions to all team managers and make changes to the draw as required.

Bad Weather Checklist	
Weather Condition	Action
Light rain	Continue
Intermittent light/heavy rain	Continue
Continuous heavy rain	Cancel current round and suspend play until weather permits games to continue
Hail	Cancel current round and suspend play until weather permits games to continue
Water pooling on courts	Sweep court and assess risk before continuing
Fog	Assess risks and if required cancel current round and suspend play until weather permits games to continue
Lightning	Cancel current round and suspend play until weather permits games to continue
Extreme heat (over 36 degrees)	Cancel current round and suspend play until weather permits games to continue
Gail force winds	Cancel current round and suspend play until weather permits games to continue

13. APPEALS – COMPLAINTS, DISPUTES, PROTESTS, CANCELLATIONS AND POSTPONMENTS

Appeals Panel. In the event of a complaint, dispute or protest the panel of three (3) members are the Host Association Convenor, and two representatives from Netball Queensland.



All protests pertaining to a match are to be forwarded to the Appeals Panel within **1 hour** of the completion of the match. All other complaints are to be forwarded to the Appeals Panel within 1 hour of the issue arising.

All protests will attract a fee of **\$100**, made payable to Netball Queensland. If the protest is upheld, then the protest fee will be refunded.

14. POLICIES

Junior Sports Policy

Netball Queensland supports the [Junior Sports Policy](#).

Netball Queensland Code of Behaviour

All Players, Officials and Administrators will be bound by Netball Queensland's [Code of Conduct & Integrity](#).

15. AWARDS

Awards will be presented to the Top 3 schools overall and the 3 Umpires appointed to the Grand Final match of the Championship Division ONLY.

In 2019 Netball Queensland introduced the 'Olivia Douglas Memorial Award.' This award recognises the most valuable player in the Grand Final Match of the Championship Division.

Awards will be presented at the Closing Ceremony and teams must be present to accept. Electronic participation certificates will be emailed to the school in Term 4.