



2021 COMPETITION MANUAL

SEASON 2 – NISSAN ARENA

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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 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.

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

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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) “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 1 & 2 2021, Social Netball Competition will comprise of the following competition nights.

Monday Night	Women's
	Mixed
Wednesday Night	Women's

- The minimum playing age for Women's AND Mixed competitions 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) or in both the Women's and Mixed Competition 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

Mixed Competition structure

Division	League	Eligible to fill in for (same Comp night)
1	Competitive Social	Any Open Mixed Team

- 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.
- 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 3, 4, 5, 6).
- Offending teams will be penalized by the loss of one (1) competition point as per the Competition Coordinators discretion.
- Mixed teams have NO restriction on filling in for other teams in their competition or any Women's Teams.

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 Netball Connect.
 - Ensuring team fees are paid in full by the due date.
 - ALL players (including themselves) are registered through Netball Connect throughout the season
 - 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 acknowledge and abide by 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.
- This competition also has a Facebook group called **Nissan Arena Social Netball** which also advertises fill-in players, game times and other general enquiries. It is strongly recommended for team members to join.
- Information regarding court allocations and season dates will also be communicated with all players through the Netball Live Scores app (free to download).
- 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 the Netball Connect app.
- Inappropriate, condemning and/or unwanted content WILL NOT be tolerated. Netball Queensland has the right to remove any member from the Netball Connect app if he/she communicates within this manner.

SECTION 3: COMPETITION FORMAT

Competition Dates:

MONDAY WOMENS AND MIXED COMPETITIONS

- Grading Games: 2 weeks
- Fixture Round Games: 14 weeks
- Finals Series: 2 weeks

Season 2	
12 th July – 19 th July 2020	Grading Games
26 th July – 22 nd November 2021	Fixture Round Games
6 th September – 18 th September 2021	Closed for Court Maintenance – NO GAMES PLAYED
19 th September – 3 rd October 2021	School Holidays – NO GAMES PLAYED
29 th November 2021	Semi Final
6 th December 2021	Grand Final

WEDNESDAY WOMENS COMPETITION

- Grading Games: 2 weeks
- Fixture Round Games: 14 weeks
- Finals Series: 2 weeks

Season 2	
14 th July – 21 st July 2021	Grading Games
28 th July – 24 th November 2021	Fixture Round Games
6 th September – 18 th September 2021	Closed for Court Maintenance – NO GAMES PLAYED
19 th September – 3 rd October 2021	School Holidays – NO GAMES PLAYED
1 st December 2021	Semi Final
8 th December 2021	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.

1st Half	Half Time Interval	2nd Half	Interval between games
20 minutes	2 minutes	20 minutes	3 minutes

- A ball for each game will be supplied by NQ.
- Umpire/s for each game will be supplied by NQ

Game Times

- Games will be run at the following timeslots:
 - 6:15PM – 7:00PM
 - 7:00PM – 7:45PM
 - 7:45PM – 8:30PM
 - 8:30PM – 9:15PM
 - 9:15PM – 10:00PM (if required)
- During Finals Series, timeslots will be 1-hour long to allow for drawn games to be played out. These will begin at 6:30 PM.

Grading Rounds, BYEs and Draw

Grading (Women's only, Mixed TBC)

- 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 for 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 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 2nd and final grading round and prior to the Round 1 fixture.
- The season draw and premiership ladder will be available online on the Netball Connect app using the player's login details.
- 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	= 2 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	BEFORE 3pm on the day of the scheduled game will receive no competition points.
Late forfeit	AFTER 3pm on the day of the scheduled game will be deducted two (2) competition points.
Extreme Late forfeit	Without notice or after 4:30pm – 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 st vs 4 th
Semi Final 2	2 nd vs 3 rd
Grand Final	Winner SF1 vs Winner SF2

- The draw for the final's 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 Netball Live Scores and listed on the team sheet.
- For BOTH Women's and Mixed Competition's, players must have played **a minimum of 5 games** for that team during the season (as per the Live Scores App).
- Team attendance will be required for the Finals Series before their game to take the court.

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

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 will 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 2nd (5) minute half with no break.
 - If the game is still drawn at the end of the 2nd 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.

SECTION 4: COMMENCEMENT OF THE COMPETITION

Team nominations

- Team Contacts must nominate in their chosen competition through Netball Live Scores and accessed on the NQ website – [Social Netball webpage](#).
 - *LADIES MONDAY NIGHT*
 - *LADIES WEDNESDAY NIGHT*
 - *MIXED MONDAY 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 to submit their team.

Nomination Period

- The Team nomination period for the Season 2 Competitions will be:
 - Open Monday 2nd of June 2021.
 - **Early Bird Nomination will close Sunday 20th June 2021.**
 - *Will be drawn on Monday 28th June 2021*All further nominations will close Sunday 4th July 2021.
- Late nominations will only be accepted at the discretion of NQ.
- Teams who nominate and pay their deposit by the Early Bird closing date go in the draw to win the early bird prize.
- The winning team drawn (1 per competition) will have their fees (excluding the \$300 nomination fee) refunded.

Fees

- The total team fee for Season 2 2021 is \$1,940.00 incl GST which covers a full season of 2 grading games and 14 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 are required to pay the full \$1940 at nomination, which is a \$300 nomination fee plus \$1640 covering the remaining cost of season fees .
- Teams must pay their 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 credits carried over from previous seasons or towards future Social Netball seasons.
- There will be NO refunded fees for BYEs or Win on Forfeit.

	TOTAL TEAM FEES
Monday Ladies	\$1940 incl GST
Wednesday Ladies	\$1940 incl GST
Monday Mixed	\$1940 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 or in both a Women's and Mixed team, 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 and are not be eligible for finals.

- Player Registrations are made through Netball Live Scores and the NQ website – [Social Netball webpage.](#)
 - *MONDAY WOMENS TEAM NOMINATION*
 - *MONDAY MIXED TEAM NOMINATION*
 - *WEDNESDAY WOMENS TEAM NOMINATION*
- Team Contacts will be provided with further information about player registrations once team nominations have been made and deposit paid.
- Player registrations can be made through the team captain sending relevant details through to the Social Competitions Coordinator. This includes the players:
 - First and Last Name
 - DOB
 - Email
 - Contact Number

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 recorded in Netball Connect – under the team in which they are playing for.

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.
- All teams should supply their own team bibs/positional patches.
- If by the umpire's 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.
- If, however teams need to borrow bibs without any appointment from the umpire, they will be required to pay a \$5 fee to the Competitions Coordinator on the night as well as leave an item of personal value with the Coordinator to ensure bibs are returned.
- No item of jewellery, except a medical alert bracelet or wedding band, may 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

- Teams will be required to provide a scorer for their games.
- Only 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 (listed first on the Netball Connect app).
- The scorer will be required to download the designated app and use their own device to score the game.

- 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 final score on the Netball Connect app is deemed to be final.

- 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 Netball Connect by the team contacts prior to the game starting
- Only registered players will be available to select for team attendance
- If a player cannot be selected for team attendance, they can be added to the team at Centre Management in the venue if they have registered prior.
- If a player fails to register, their game will NOT be counted towards their Finals Eligibility
- Insurance can only be guaranteed for players who are registered through Netball Live Scores

SECTION 6: OTHER COMPETITION RULES

Mixed Competition Rules

- There are no restrictions on number of female or male players per team.
- There are no restrictions on number of male/female players playing on the court at any given time.
- There are no restrictions on positions permitted by either male or female players.

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 completely exited the court and the player coming on is wearing the correct bib.
- Players CAN NOT change positions whilst on the court. Any changes to positions require 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 Netball Live Scores 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 [2020 Netball Queensland Code of Conduct](#)) 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 behaviour, disrespect and foul language will not be tolerated.
- This behaviour and any other behaviour 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 behaviour 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.