



2024 Vicki Wilson Championships & Boys Open Manual

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Vicki Wilson Championship Cup: Years 10 – 12

Vicki Wilson Championship Shield: Years 7 – 9

Vicki Wilson Championship Boys Open: Boys in Years 7 - 12

1. ELIGIBILITY OF TEAMS

- 1.1 This is a school-based Netball competition for students in years 7 - 12, all competitors must be an enrolled student in the school they are representing.
- 1.2 A school may enter a maximum of two (2) teams in the Vicki Wilson Cup and Vicki Wilson Shield each. These two teams can be spread across both Championship and Development as the school best sees fit. A school may also enter two (2) teams in the Vicki Wilson Boys Open. However, a player may only be registered and compete for ONE team at any time during competition, including the finals series.
- 1.3 In order for a school's team to be eligible for the preliminary round, they MUST supply ONE UMPIRE PER TEAM. The umpire cannot be a student playing in a team and one umpire cannot umpire more than one team. In the event of a team participating in a game without providing an umpire the team will be forced to forfeit the game with no goals being recorded for or against. However, the game may still take place.
- 1.4 In circumstances where schools cannot provide a team of their own, two (2) or more schools may combine to form a 'Composite Team' if their combined enrolments do not exceed 500 students. If nominating a composite team, please email Netball Queensland the school names. All players must be in the same uniform and be nominated under only one school name.
- 1.5 For Cup and Shield, the preliminary rounds will consist of two (2) divisions: Championship (Division 1) and Development (Division 2) will take place when registration numbers allow.
- 1.6 Teams that enter the Development division WILL NOT be eligible to progress to finals at Nissan Arena.
- 1.7 ONLY TEAMS in the CHAMPIONSHIP DIVISION will be eligible to progress to finals.
- 1.8 Players may only play in one (1) team. If required, players in grades 7-9 can play in the Vicki Wilson Cup; however, they cannot also be playing in the Vicki Wilson Shield. No players in grades 10-12 are permitted to play in the Vicki Wilson Shield. Vicki Wilson Boys Open is open to all secondary school enrolled boys and will be combined grades in one division.
- 1.9 Teams must submit their team lists on the day to the Regional Coordinator either via email or printed out. This ensures that players are covered under Netball Queensland's insurance.

2. ELIGIBILITY OF PLAYERS

- 2.1 Teams of up to 12 players only will be permitted for the Final Series.
- 2.2 Players may only represent one (1) team for the duration of the competition.
- 2.3 Players need to be enrolled and financial with the school they are representing.
- 2.4 All participants must abide by the Netball Queensland "Code of Conduct & Integrity" - refer to [here](#).
- 2.5 All athletes who identify as First Nations athletes will be eligible to trial for the Deadly Choices First Nations team that will compete at the final's series. All First Nations athletes are eligible to trial, however if an athlete is selected for a Final's Series school they MUST play for their school and not the First Nations team. More information available on the Netball Queensland website.

3. COMPETITION FORMAT

The Vicki Wilson Cup, Shield and Boys Open consists of the preliminary rounds and the final series.

3.1 PRELIMINARY ROUNDS

3.1.1 The competition will be played in line with ["INF Rules of Netball"](#) rules with the exception of the following rules.

- Rule 1.1 Court and Related Areas (variations to the court surface and field of play will be approved by Netball QLD prior to the event)
- Rule 2.1 Match Length (match length and intervals will be released with the draw)
- Rule 3.13(f) Role of captain (captains are not required to wear identification)
- Rule 10.2 Substitutions and Team Changes (rule is replaced by Rolling Subs rule)

3.2.2 All nominated schools compete within their regions in the preliminary rounds. The structure and format of these rounds is determined by Netball Queensland, Regional Coordinators and Host Association. The nomination fee includes the cost of both the preliminary rounds and finals series (excluding umpires which will be at the cost of the school in the preliminary round). Rules for each specific preliminary round will be sent out prior to the competition.

3.1.3 The competition is divided into two divisions, the Championship and Development Division for both Cup and Shield only. When nominating you will be required to select the division you wish to enter. Only teams who nominate in the Championship division will be eligible to progress to the Final's Series.

3.1.4 Guidelines for each Division:

Championship Division

- Division 1 – aimed at higher level teams.
- This division is for teams that wish to play for the opportunity to progress to the Final's Series
- Teams that have participants who compete in Representative or Division 1 netball outside school.

Development Division

- Division 2 – aimed at team's still developing, not at a highest level of competition or a considerably younger team.
- This division is for teams that wish to participate, however are not eligible for progression to Final's Series
- Teams that have players who compete in low division netball outside school or have never played netball.

3.2 FINAL'S SERIES

3.2.1 The top one or two teams (dependant on region) will qualify for the Final's Series Nissan Arena in Brisbane.

The 52 final series places for the Vicki Wilson Championships are allocated as follows:

The 52 Final Series places for the Vicki Wilson Cup, Shield and Boys are allocated as follows:	
2 x Metropolitan East 1 x Metropolitan East Boys	2 x Metropolitan West 1 x Metropolitan West Boys
2 x Metropolitan North 1x Metropolitan North Boys	2 x North South Coast 1 x North South Coast Boys
2 x Sunshine Coast 1 x Sunshine Coast Boys	2 x South South Coast 1 x South South Coast Boys
1 x Wide Bay 1 x Wide Bay Boys	2 x Darling Downs 1 x Darling Downs Boys
1 x Northern 1 x Northern Boys	2 x Capricornia 1 x Capricornia Boys*
1 x Deadly Choices First Nations 1 x Deadly Choices First Nations Boys	1 x Peninsula 1 x Peninsula Boys

*Winners of Capricornia North and South clusters boys' division will playoff on a separate date to determine representative for Final's Series

3.3 ROLLING SUBSTITUTIONS

3.3.1 Vicki Wilson Championship & Boys Open will utilise rolling substitutions in the preliminary rounds as well as in the Final's Series.

3.3.2 Teams will be allowed to make substitutions during play, this includes during stoppages and intervals. There is no limit to the number of substitutions that can be made, and more than one substitution may be made at any time. Play will not be held up for substitutions.

3.3.3 The substitutions zone may or may not be marked out on the Court. Substitutions must occur in front of the team bench, on the sideline.

3.3.4 The incoming player must wait until the player being replaced exits the court before entering the field of play.

3.3.5 Players must observe the offside rules when entering the court.

4. FINALS SERIES SEEDING

4.1 Teams in Vicki Wilson Cup and Vicki Wilson Shield will be seeded and placed into four (4) pools by Netball Queensland for the final series. Seeding will be determined by the position the region finished in the Final's Series in the previous years, regional results and local team knowledge. If two teams from the same region fall within the same pool, then Netball Queensland will move that team to another pool.

4.2 Teams in Vicki Wilson Boys Open will be seeded and placed into two (2) pools determined by Netball Queensland for the final series. Seeding will be determined by the position the region finished in the final series in the previous year, regional results and local team knowledge.

4.3 Consideration will also be given to placing teams into pools that reflect a wide geographical spread.

5. NOMINATIONS

5.1 Vicki Wilson Championship and Vicki Wilson Boys Open nominations will close at varying dates based on the date of the various preliminary rounds. All nominations will be online via NetballConnect.

5.2 Schools will only have one option for payment: Full competition – upfront: online payment at time of nomination or direct transfer.

5.3 The nomination cost per team is \$330 (inc GST), and each school may enter a maximum of two (2) teams in the Vicki Wilson Cup, two (2) teams in the Vicki Wilson Shield and two (2) in the Vicki Wilson Boys Open.

- 5.4 It is at the discretion of Netball Queensland to accept late nominations.
- 5.5 The nomination fee is non-refundable.

6. PLAYER AND OFFICAL REGISTRATION

- 6.1 All emails will be sent to the email address linked to team registration. It is the schools' responsibilities to ensure that this is the correct email for all communication. If not contact competitions@netballq.org.au with the correct email.
- 6.2 Team Managers are to ensure that their team lists are provided to the Regional Coordinator either on the day of competition prior to the commencement of their first match or via email with a spreadsheet that Netball Queensland will provide.
- 6.3 Netball Queensland, Host Associations and Regional Coordinators ONLY have access to team lists to strictly use for competition purposes and to ensure that all players are covered under insurance.
- 6.4 If teams have qualified for finals Netball Queensland will require an updated team list of participants for the final series. This team list can include no more than 12 players for the Final's Series

7. WITHDRAWALS

- 7.1 If a team chooses to withdraw from the preliminary rounds, they must notify Netball Queensland and the Regional Coordinator.
- 7.2 If a team chooses to withdraw from the Final's Series, their spot will be given to the next highest placed team from the preliminary rounds in that region.
- 7.3 Refunds are at the discretion of Netball Queensland based on the timing of the withdrawal in relation to the competition.

8. SCORING

- 8.1 In all preliminary rounds, paper scoring will be used. The team who is listed as "Home" will be responsible for filling out the scoresheet.
- 8.2 The opposing Team Manager/Scorer must stand with the Home team scorer to alleviate any disputes around the final score.
- 8.3 It is the responsibility of the winning team to deliver the scoresheet to the competition's office.
- 8.4 Points:

WIN	LOSS	DRAW	FORFEIT
2	0	1	2 (non-forfeit team)

- 8.5 If teams are on equal points at the end of preliminary rounds, then goal average will determine teams for playoffs. Numbers of goals scored/Number of goals against x 100 = % (to two decimal places)
- 8.6 If after ranking teams according to goal average to two (2) decimal places, teams remain tied, the results of the match between the two (2) teams concerned during the preliminary rounds will decide the winner
- 8.7 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 rounds, then goal difference will be applied (the difference between goals for and goals against)
- 8.8 In the event of a further tie, the team scoring the most goals during the preliminary round will secure the higher-ranking position
- 8.9 If the teams are still at a further tie, the team with the biggest margin of victory in a single match throughout the preliminary round against any of their opponents will decide the winner
- 8.10 In the event of a further tie, a coin toss will decide the winner.
- 8.11 If scores are level at the end of finals, extra time will be played.

- 8.11.1 The format for extra time during the preliminary rounds will be a 2-minute break followed by two halves of 4 minutes each with a 1-minute break for half time.
- 8.11.2 If at the conclusion of the 2nd half scores are still tied the game will be continued to be played until one team takes a two-goal lead.
- 8.11.3 All bench officials including scorers will be provided by Netball Queensland in the Final's Series
- 8.11.4 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 for every minute the game is delayed. This will be calculated on the following basis;
- Up to one minute – 1 goal
 - Up to two minutes – 2 goals
 - Up to three minutes – 3 goals
 - Up to four minutes – 4 goals
 - Up to five minutes – 5 goals
 - Up to six minutes – 6 Goals.
 - After 6 minutes the game is officially forfeited

9. COMPETITION DRAW & GAME LENGTH

9.1 PRELIMINARY ROUNDS

(Managed by Netball Queensland and Regional Coordinator)

- 9.1.1 The duration of the preliminary round matches is at the discretion of Netball Queensland and Regional Coordinator based on the number of team nominations in the region and court availability.
- 9.1.2 Netball Queensland and Regional Coordinators will make the draw available to competing teams at least one (1) week prior to competition start date.
- 9.1.3 The details regarding the preliminary rounds in each region; venues and dates will be updated on the website <https://qld.netball.com.au/vicki-wilson-championship> and communicated via email.

9.2 FINAL SERIES

(Managed by Netball Queensland)

- 9.2.1 The format for the Final Series will be made available after the completion of the preliminary rounds. Along with this a dedicated Final Series manual and information pack will be made available for competing teams.

10. FORFEITS

10.1 PRELIMINARY ROUNDS

10.1.1 Forfeits at any stage of the competition are strongly discouraged. If a team must forfeit, they must notify Netball Queensland and the Regional Coordinator. The forfeiting team will receive 0 competition points for the game, and the opposing team will receive 2 competition points

10.2 FINAL SERIES

10.2.1 If a team needs to forfeit during the Final's Series, then the school must contact Netball Queensland and NOT the Regional Coordinator.

11. TEAM UNIFORMS

- 11.1 All players from one team must wear the same netball uniform.
- 11.2 Schools should ensure that they have two sets of different coloured bibs at all matches to overcome the problem of schools having uniforms that too closely resemble each other.

12. UMPIRES

All umpires must officiate matches as per the “[INF Rules of Netball](#)”. Netball Queensland recommends all matches are controlled by nationally badged umpires where possible. At the minimum all umpires must have some experience umpiring.

12.1 PRELIMINARY ROUNDS

- 12.1.1 In the preliminary rounds, each school is responsible for the appointment of one experienced umpire per team who is **not** nominated as a player in that school team squad list.
- 12.1.2 If a school fails to supply an appropriately skilled umpire at the preliminary rounds, the Regional Coordinator may penalise the school in a manner they deem appropriate.
- 12.1.3 Umpires will be required for the pool and finals at the Preliminary Round
- 12.1.4 Schools are responsible for umpire payments direct to umpire. Please have this arranged before the competition.
- 12.1.5 If a school is unable to supply an umpire, they must contact the umpire convenor for the region at a minimum one month out to allow the umpire convenor adequate time to find an umpire. The onus will be on the school to confirm details with the umpire to ensure they are in attendance for every game.
- 12.1.6 Should a team not supply a competent umpire for a game the game will be ruled a forfeit, however the game is still able to allow playing opportunities for students.

12.2 FINAL SERIES

- 12.2.1 Netball Queensland will supply and appoint national accredited umpires for the final's series.

13. FIRST AID OFFICIALS

13.1 Netball Queensland is responsible for providing a qualified First Aid officer for the preliminary rounds and the Final's Series.

14. INSURANCE

14.1 The Vicki Wilson Championship; incorporating the Vicki Wilson Shield and Vicki Wilson Cup and the Vicki Wilson Boys Open is a competition run under the auspices of Netball Queensland Limited. Netball Queensland manages the overall organisation of the competition and appoints Regional Coordinators to manage and deliver the preliminary rounds. As such, Netball Queensland accepts no responsibility or liability for any accident or injury that may occur while participating in or travelling to/from a game in the preliminary rounds. Netball Queensland has appropriate public liability cover which applies at the Vicki Wilson finals series.

14.2 Personal Accident Claim

14.2.1 The Personal Accident Claim Form is to be used by any player (or team official) injured at the competition.

14.2.2 This form can be accessed via <https://www.howdengroup.com/au-en/netball-australia>

14.3 Personal Accident Claim Process

- Go to <https://www.howdengroup.com/au-en/netball-australia>

- Click make a claim
- Please download a claim form
- Complete each section of the claim form. The declaration by your school must be completed by a nominated official. Incomplete claim forms may cause a delay in processing your claim.
- Please return your Personal Accident claim form and supporting documentation via email or post to the Personal Accident claims handler, N2N Claims Solutions who will process your claim on behalf of Canopus Australia
- N2N Claims Solutions Address: Locked Bag 3111, Rhodes NSW 2138.
- Claims Solutions will confirm receipt of your claim form and advise whether they require further information

15. APPEALS – PROTESTS, DISPUTES & COMPLAINTS

- 15.1 All matters pertaining to an umpires' ruling are not subject to appeal. As per "[INF Rules of Netball](#)". 'Rules of Netball 2024'.
- 15.2 For matters pertaining to the preliminary rounds, all protests and complaints are to be forwarded to Netball Queensland and the Regional Coordinator within 24 hours. Any submissions after this may not be heard.
- 15.3 If the Regional Coordinator cannot resolve the dispute, they will then contact Netball Queensland.
- 15.4 *As the state governing body, Netball Queensland bears the responsibility of uniting the community to safeguard the integrity and reputation of netball and its participants and stakeholders.*
- 15.5 *Netball Australia and Netball Queensland provide a range of policies and codes of conduct to protect the integrity of the game, which can be found [HERE](#)*
- 15.6 *All Participants, coaches, officials and administrators involved in Vicki Wilson Championship and Boys Open **must at all times comply with and abide** by these policies as a Netball Queensland-run competition, especially:*
- *Netball Queensland's Code of Conduct and Integrity*
 - *Netball Queensland's Disciplinary Procedures Regulations*
 - *Netball Australia's Member Protection Policy*
- 16 *All participants, coaches, officials and administrators should be **well aware** of the NQ policies **prior to the start of the Vicki Wilson Championship and Boys Open***

16. FINALS SERIES

16.1 Once teams qualify for the final's series, a separate document outlining the final's series rules and additional important information will be made available to each team.

17. CONTACTS

17.1 For additional information about the Vicki Wilson Championship and the Vicki Wilson Boys Open, please contact Netball Queensland's contacts below:

If you have any questions, please reach out to:

- Edan Zaupa, Competitions and Event coordinator (Vicki Wilson Championship and Boys Open Lead)
- Luke Asi, Competitions Lead
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