



HOSTING A PRIDE ROUND

About

Netball Queensland are committed to building a culture which welcomes, includes and celebrates the LGBTQ+ community. Our [Position Statement on Diversity and Inclusion](#) and [Member Protection Policy](#) detail our zero-tolerance stance on homophobic, biphobic and transphobic language and conduct. Our [Inclusive Uniform Policy](#) includes a range of uniform styles, and we support the right of athletes, officials and volunteers to dress according to their affirmed gender. Pride Round is a great way to celebrate diversity on and off the netball court. International Pride Month is in June each year. This could be a great opportunity for your association/club to align an annual Pride Round.

Planning a Pride Round

Inclusivity at your club

It is important to remember that Pride Round is more than the rainbows and visible elements of pride. It is an opportunity for your association/club to signal to the community that you are a safe and welcoming space for the LGBTQ+ community and allies. Some things to consider before hosting your first Pride Round:

- Has your Association adopted the Netball Queensland [Policy for the Inclusion of Transgender and Gender Diverse People in Community Netball](#) ?
- Does your association/club have a nominated [LGBTQ+ Champion](#)?
- Do you have visible displays of LGBTQ+ Inclusion at your association or club? (E.g. flags, posters etc)

Visibility

Visible allyship is one way to demonstrate your association/club's commitment to LGBTQ+ inclusion. It is important to first understand the different flags which exist within the LGBTQ+ community.

The most up to date flag is the Pride progress flag which is shown below. The flag incorporates the 6-colour rainbow but also represents the transgender community through the pink, blue and white and includes black and brown stripes to represent people of colour. More information on flags can be found [here](#).





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Visibility Continued...

There are several ways that your association or club can be visible during both pride round and the broader netball season. Some ideas below:

- Socks
- Shoelaces
- Netball bibs
- Hair ribbons
- Sweat bands for umpires
- Post pads
- Netballs

Education

Education is an important part of creating a safe and welcoming space. It is important for players, coaches, umpires and association/club volunteers to understand the unique challenges that people from the LGBTQ+ community face and how they can be allies and support the LGBTQ+ community on and off the court.

Associations and clubs should look to incorporate education as part of their pride round initiatives.

Education can be accessed through several platforms:

Pride in Sport is Australia's leading program dedicated to enhancing LGBTQ+ inclusion in the sporting community. As a national initiative, Pride in Sport works with organisations, clubs, and individuals in the sport, fitness and recreation sector to foster safe, inclusive, and supportive environments for LGBTQ+ athletes, coaches, volunteers, officials and fans (Pride in Sport, 2026).

Netball Queensland is a proud member of Pride in Sport and were awarded Gold tier recognition in 2025 for the work that they do in LGBTQ+ Inclusion.

You can find out upcoming sessions, by contacting Netball Queensland for more information.

Play by the Rules- offer two free courses which are available online.

[Inclusive Coaching Course](#)

[Creating an LGBTI+ Inclusive Club](#)



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Support and Counselling Services

[ACON Pride Counselling](#)

[Qlife](#)

[Relationships Australia](#)

Netball Queensland Support

If you have any questions at all or would like any assistance, please contact NQ's Diversity and Inclusion Manager Sarah Grant on sarah.grant@netballq.org.au