



**CAPITAL CHEMIST  
JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIP  
COMPETITION RULES**  
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## 1. OBJECTIVES

The Junior Championships is the premier junior netball competition in the ACT. Teams that compete in the Junior Championships are representative teams from each of the five Districts within the ACT, including Arawang, Belconnen, Canberra, South Canberra and Tuggeranong. Hosted at the SolarHub Netball Centre in Lyneham the championships are held across two weekends every year.

The competition objectives for the Capital Chemist Junior Championship will be defined as the following:

### 1.1 Capital Chemist Junior Championships – 11 to 13 years

- Introduction to junior representative netball
- Provide representative competition opportunities and exposure for athletes
- Provide development opportunities for coaches, umpires and officials

### 1.2 Capital Chemist Junior Championships – 14 to 15 years

- Identify and develop potential talented athletes for NACT pathways
- Provide representative competition opportunities for athletes
- Provide development opportunities for coaches, umpires and officials

### 1.3 Capital Chemist Junior Championships – 17 years

- Provide representative competition opportunities and exposure for athletes to participate
- Develop potential talented athletes for District pathways
- Provide development opportunities for late developing athletes
- Provide development opportunities for coaches, umpires and officials

## 2. DEFINITIONS

**“Competition”** Competition staged by NACT and run at a time and duration as stated by NACT;

**“Competitions Manager”** refers to the NACT employee responsible for promoting and implementing the Competition in line with the Competition Rules;

**“Competition Points”** points awarded to a Team based on the outcome of their Match which is used to determine the Teams position on the Ladder;

**“Competition Rules”** NACT Junior Championship Rules as amended by NACT from time to time;

**“Draw”** the arrangement of the competitions into schedules in which the season is split into Competitions Rounds that specify Match times, venues and oppositions for Teams;

**“Finals Round”** Semi Final or Grand Final Rounds at the conclusion of the Rounds played between the top 4 Teams on the Ladder;

**“Forfeit”** a method in which a Match automatically isn’t played due to one Team being unable to meet the basic standards for playing the Match or where a Team has been found to have broken the rules in a Match in which they won;

**“Insurance”** a contract in which players can receive financial protection or re-imbursements against losses in the case of an injury;

**“Ladder”** an arrangement of Teams in order of their position in the Competition;

**“Match”** an individual Match in a round where one Team plays another Team;

**“MyNetball”** Netball Australia online database;

**“NACT”** ACT Netball Association Incorporated trading as Netball ACT, the governing body for netball in the Australian Capital Territory (ACT);

**“Player”** any person participating in a Match;

**“Round”** a series of Matches that occupies a specified time, contains a certain number of Teams, and allows each Team to play each other;

**“Scoresheet”** NACT approved document for scoring of Matches;

**“Team”** any entity granted the right by NACT to participate in the Competition;

**“Team Contact”** Person responsible to be the point of contact for their Team;

**“Umpire”** refers to the NACT official responsible for officiating the Match; and

**“Umpire Convenor”** refers to the NACT official responsible for providing support and training to Umpires;

**“Umpire Allocations Panel”**

### **3. CONDUCT OF THE MATCHES**

#### **3.1 Rules of Netball**

3.1.1 The Competition will be conducted in accordance with the INF Rules of Netball and INF Regulations as amended from time to time unless modified in the Competition Rules or any other document produced by Netball Australia or NACT from time to time

3.1.2 NACT has made the following modifications to INF Rules to ensure easy application to the Championships central timing regulations:

Rule 13.1 ACTIONS THAT MAY BE TAKEN BY UMPIRES Point (c) Suspend a Player: a Player who is suspended takes no part in play for 2 centre passes

#### **3.2 Competition Structure**

3.2.1 NACT will conduct the championships annually across two weekends as below

- a) 11, 12 & 13 years on one weekend
- b) 14, 15 & 17U years on one weekend

3.2.2 Each Competition consists of

- a) No less than 4 and no more than 5 Rounds conducted in a Round robin format
- b) Two (2) Finals Rounds will be played in accordance with

3.2.3 11, 12, 13, and 14 years will be played across Divisions (1) one, (2) two and (3) three in each age group

3.2.4 15 and 17U years will be played across Division (1) one and (2) two in each age group

3.2.5 Districts may only be represented by One (1) team per division per age group.

### **3.3 Draws**

3.3.1 Draws will be available at the latest 2 weeks prior to the championships date

3.3.2 All Draws are available on the MyNetball website

3.3.3 Draws may be altered or redeveloped throughout the Championship

3.3.4 All Draw changes are updated to the published Draw online and will be communicated to each District Association via email.

### **3.4 Match Duration and Format**

3.4.1 All Round Matches are centrally timed

3.4.2 All Round Matches will be conducted as follows:

- a) Forty (40) minutes divided into four (4) quarters, each of ten (10) minute duration
- b) The quarter time intervals will be a period of (1) minute, the half time interval will be a period of (3) minutes and the interval between Matches will be a period of two (2) minutes.

3.4.3 The following rules apply to Finals Matches

- a) Semi Final matches will be centrally timed. If matches result in a draw they will be played as per clause 3.4.3 c) and d)
- b) Grand Final matches will be individually timed, with a score bench to be allocated by NACT for each match
- c) In the event of a tied score at the conclusion of a finals match there will be a (2) minute break during which substitutions or positional changes may occur before (2) extra periods of (5) minutes are played with the centre pass being taken by the team due to be awarded that pass. After 5 minutes teams change ends without a break and no changes can be made.
- d) If at the conclusions of extra time the score is still tied then the game continues (without a break) until one team gains a (2) two goal advantage.

### **3.5 Points Score**

3.5.1 The official Score Sheet is the only true record of the Match

3.5.2 Competition Points will be awarded as follows:

- a) Three (3) Competition Points for a win or Forfeit to
- b) Two (2) Competition Points for a draw or bye
- c) One (1) Competition Point for a loss
- d) Zero (0) Competition Points for a Forfeit by or disqualification

3.5.3 The Team Forfeited to will also be awarded a 10 to nil goal difference

- 3.5.4 The finals format will be as follows;
- a) 1st Semi Final                      1st v 4th
  - b) 2nd Semi Final                      2nd v 3rd
  - c) Grand Final                      Winner of 1st Semi Final v winner of 2nd Semi Final
- 3.5.5 The top four positions will be decided by the Competition Points after the final Round of Matches
- 3.5.6 Where two Teams are on the same Competition Points, positions for Semi Finals shall be decided on the goal percentages calculated by the NACT nominated competition software package

### **3.6 Competition Fees**

- 3.6.1 A team entry fee will be charged to each District Association as follows;
- a) The team entry will be determined by NACT and communicated through the Schedule of Fees document
  - b) The team entry will be invoiced to the Districts Associations one month prior to the competition
  - c) The fee must be paid within (30) days of the invoice being sent to the District Association

## **4. ELIGIBILITY OF PLAYERS**

### **4.1 Player Eligibility**

- 4.1.1 To be eligible to participate in the Championships, Players must be registered with their affiliated District
- 4.1.2 To be eligible for an age group, players must turn the outlined age by 31 December in the year of play. Players are not eligible to compete in an age group outside of their year of birth unless prior approval has been provided from NACT.
- 4.1.3 To be eligible to participate in the ACT Junior Championships, all participating players and their Parent/Guardian must have read and understood the Codes of Behaviours for players/Parents/Spectators.
- 4.1.4 Any Team found to be playing an unregistered Player will be considered to have Forfeited the Match in which the unregistered Player has taken part in

### **4.2 Playing Between Ages Groups & Divisions**

- 4.2.1 In the event of an injury or player withdrawal the following rules apply for Division 1 Teams
- a) Draw on a player from their next lower age groups Division 1 team
  - b) Draw on a player from the same age groups Division 2 team.

- c) Bring in another player not previously nominated by the district provided that Players is a registered player for that district. After approval has been provided from NACT.
- 4.2.2 In the event of an injury or player withdrawal the following rules apply for Division 2 and 3 Teams
  - a) Draw on a player from their next lower age groups Division 2 team
  - b) Bring in another player not previously nominated by the District provided that Players is a registered player for that district. After approval has been provided from NACT.
- 4.2.3 Once a player has been drawn on that player cannot return to their original team.

## **5. MATCH OPERATIONS**

### **5.1 Starting a Match**

- 5.1.1 The Scoresheet for each Match can be found on each courts Score Bench table
- 5.1.2 Teams can start a Match with a minimum of five (5) Players
- 5.1.3 Should a Team not be able to field a minimum of five players, five minutes after the clock starts, that Team shall be deemed to have Forfeited the Match
- 5.1.4 Player lists as provided by each District are printed on the Match Scoresheet each round

### **5.2 Uniform Regulations**

- 5.2.1 Any modifications to team uniforms must be sent into NACT fifteen (15) weeks prior to competition commencing.  
NACT will require the full supplier design PDF mock-up of the full team kit including any logo and bib sizing.
- 5.2.2 Teams are not to produce team kit until written confirmation from NACT is received.

### **5.3 Officials**

#### **11, 12 and 13 age divisions**

- 5.3.1 Each District Association must supply one (1) representatives to form the Umpire Convenors Panel for the weekend of the Capital Chemist Junior Championships.  
These Umpire Convenors are responsible for the following:
  - a) The allocation of their District Association Umpires to appropriate matches
  - b) In consultation with Umpire Convenors from other District Associations rank and report on all umpire suitability for final matches
  - c) Form the panel who will determine the umpire allocations for finals matches
- 5.3.2 Two (2) Umpires and where possible a Reserve will be allocated to all Matches

- 5.3.3 Each District Association must supply a minimum of 1 umpire per team entered plus 1. All umpires are to be of suitable standard and preferably hold a minimum Netball Australia National C Badge Accreditation
- 5.3.4 All umpires are required to be registered and financial with a District Association.
- 5.3.5 If an Umpire has not arrived 15 minutes prior to the commencement of the Match, a replacement Umpire may take the court, providing that they meet the allocation requirements of the match.

#### **14, 15 and 17 age divisions**

- 5.3.6 Netball ACT will form a panel to allocate umpires for the Capital Chemist Junior Championships who are responsible for the following:
  - a) From the pool of District Association nominated the panel will discuss, review and allocate appropriate Umpires to all competition matches
  - b) Provide allocations to the NACT appointed Staff Member
  - c) To be present on the Championship weekends to coordinate, observe, and allocate Umpires to Finals.
  - d) Work in consultation with District Association Umpire Convenors/Coaches present
- 5.3.7 Umpires will be allocated to each Match by the Umpires Convenors Panel. The appointed NACT Staff Member will communicate all allocations to the nominated umpire pool.
- 5.3.8 Two (2) Umpires and where possible a Reserve will be allocated to all Matches
- 5.3.9 Each District Association must supply a minimum of 1 umpire per team entered plus 1. All umpires are to be of suitable standard and preferably hold a minimum Netball Australia National C Badge Accreditation
- 5.3.10 All umpires are required to be registered and financial with a District Association.
- 5.3.11 If an Umpire has not arrived 15 minutes prior to the commencement of the Match, a replacement Umpire may take the court, providing that they meet the allocation requirements of the match.

#### **5.4 Incomplete Matches**

- 5.4.1 NACT may cancel or stop a Match at any time either temporarily or indefinitely due to extraordinary circumstances including:
  - a) Unplayable or unsafe court
  - b) Equipment damage or failure
  - c) Serious injury to a Player
  - d) Multiple or serious misconduct of a Player and/or Team that presents a risk to the safety of other Players



- e) Any other reason deemed necessary by the Umpires, Court Supervisors or NACT Management
- 5.4.2 Should a Match be called off by NACT for any reason, the following procedures will be followed;
- a) Match called off before half time – draw, with the highest score being the draw score.
  - b) Match called off after half time - current result stands

## **5.5 Primary Carer**

- 5.5.1 A team official will take on the role of primary carer for each match and will need to make themselves known to the umpires prior to the start of the match.
- 5.5.2 NACT will provide a Sports Trainer for the competition. Any injuries are to be notified and treated by the Sports Trainer provided.

## **6. DISCIPLINARY RULES**

### **6.1. Application**

- 6.1.1. NACT may enforce the terms of these Competition Rules and impose sanctions only if it has given the party alleged to have breached these Competition Rules reasonable notice of the alleged breach; and the opportunity to be heard and to make submissions in relation to that alleged breach and possible sanction
- 6.1.2. All participants of the Competition including but not limited to Players, Umpires, Coaches and Team Officials who have breached the Code of Behaviour or [Netball Australia Member Protection Policy](#) may be subject to disciplinary action as listed within the Netball Australia Member Protection Policy
- 6.1.3. The incident of potential misconduct may have occurred before, during or after the Match. The incident must have occurred within the confines of the Match venue or its immediate surrounds, or elsewhere if directly related to Competition activity of any sort, and may be made regardless of any action taken by the Umpires during the Match

### **6.2. Codes of Behaviour**

- 6.2.1. All participants taking part in the Competition are required to act in accordance with the National Codes of Behaviour published as part of the Netball Australia Members Protection Policy as amended from time to time (Appendix One)

### **6.3. Reporting Process**

- 6.3.1. All complaints lodged with NACT in relation to the Competition will be dealt with in accordance with the procedures of the Netball Australia Member Protection Policy.
- 6.3.2. An incident must be reported to the Competition Manager within 4 hours of the incident occurring. NACT will then follow all relevant policies and procedures regarding the type and nature of the incident.

## **7. Appendix One:**

The following information has been extracted from the Netball Australia Codes of Behaviour. The National Codes of Behaviour should be read in its entirety, the following excerpts have been supplied for convenience of players, umpires and spectators. For a full copy of the Netball Australia National Codes of Behaviours – [Click Here](#)

### **Player Code of Behaviour**

1. Respect the rights, dignity and worth of fellow players, coaches, officials and spectators.
2. Refrain from conduct which could be regarded as sexual harassment, discrimination, bullying or victimisation.
3. Respect the talent, potential and development of fellow players and competitors
4. Participate fairly and safely
5. Conduct yourself in a responsible manner relating to language, temper and punctuality
6. Abide by the rules and respect the decision of the umpires. Be courteous and use the correct process when seeking rule clarification
7. Applaud all good play, by your own team, and opponents.
8. Co-operate with your coach, team mates, opponents and officials at all times
9. Respect and acknowledge the contribution of those who create the opportunity for you to play

### **Umpire Code of Behaviour**

1. Umpire in accordance with the Official Rules of the Game
2. Treat all players, coaches, bench officials, and other umpires with respect
3. Place the safety and welfare of the players above all else, including by:
  - Ensuring the court and its surrounds are compliant with the rules.
  - Taking appropriate action to manage dangerous play
4. Maintain a high standard of personal behaviour at all times

5. Be a positive role model through behaviour and personal appearance projecting a favourable image of netball and umpiring at all times
6. Refrain from conduct which could be regarded as sexual harassment, discrimination, bullying or victimisation
7. Be courteous, respectful and open to discussion and interaction with other netball participants
8. Be honest and do not allow your qualifications/ accreditation to be misrepresented

## **Coach Code of Behaviour**

1. Operate within the rules and spirit of netball, promoting fair play.
2. Develop a positive netball environment by emphasising enjoyment and by providing appropriate development and competitive experiences.
3. Support opportunities for participation in all aspects of the sport.
4. Treat each person as an individual. Respect the rights and worth of every person regardless of their gender, ability, cultural background and religion.
5. Display control, courtesy and respect to all involved with netball.
6. Respect the decisions of umpires, officials, other coaches and administrators in the conduct of netball programs and competitions.
7. Act with integrity and objectivity and accept responsibility for your decisions and actions.
8. Be honest and do not allow your qualifications/accreditation to be misrepresented.

## **Spectator Code of Behaviour**

1. Remember that most players (in particular children) participate in netball activities for fun. They are not participating for entertainment of spectators only.
2. Applaud good performance and efforts of all players. When watching a game congratulate both teams on their performance regardless of the game's outcome.

3. Respect the decision of the umpires. Encourage players to play according to the rules and the official decisions, and develop your own knowledge of the rules
4. Never ridicule or abuse a player for making a mistake during a competition
5. Refrain from conduct which could be regarded as sexual harassment, discrimination, bullying or victimisation
6. Do not use foul language, sledge or harass administrators, coaches, players, umpires or other spectators
7. Condemn the use of violence in any form, be it by administrators, coaches, players, umpires or other spectators.
8. Be honest and do not allow your qualifications/ accreditation to be misrepresented