
Rules & Information for the Netball ACT Schools Gala Day Competition

1. Netball ACT will release the dates for each phase of the Schools Gala Day in January/February.
2. A one-off entry fee of \$50 per team to be paid by schools via invoice following the completion of registration in PlayHQ. Once payment has been received your spot will be confirmed.
3. A partial refund of 50% will only be paid if a school withdraws more than one (1) week prior to the Gala Day.
4. Students participating in the Netball ACT Primary School Gala Days will be covered under Netball ACT Public and Products Liability Insurance.
5. The draw for all phases will be emailed to the school contact five (5) days prior to the Gala Day.
6. Phase 1 matches will be played on outdoor hard netball courts and in some locations grass courts, whilst Phase 2 will be held indoors at the SolarHub Netball Centre. Courts are to be prepared, marked and maintained to the standard required by Netball ACT and in accordance with the current rules of the game. Sufficient space (minimum 1.5m) around and between each court to enable umpires to move around the court whilst officiating at matches, also allowing for movement of players and spectators between and around courts.
7. The courts and weather conditions shall be inspected by Netball ACT staff one (1) hour and thirty (30) minutes prior to the commencement of round one (1). In the case of unsuitable playing conditions, a message will appear on Netball ACT's Facebook page no later than one (1) hour before the commencement of round one (1) advising the postponement of the day.

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8. In case of unsuitable playing conditions, one wet weather date will be allocated per Phase 1 day. Phase 2 cannot be affected by weather. If one of these dates is required to be utilised, Netball ACT staff will advise the school/team contact via email by 5pm on the original date of competition.
9. Players may not play in a team other than the team in which they were originally registered in.
10. Players must play in the correct School Sport/Netball uniform which shall be an identical uniform except where prior approval has been given.
11. Schools will need to supply their own patches/bibs and a size five (5) netball to play with. Please contact Netball ACT if your school cannot supply your own.
12. Games will be centrally timed and consist of twelve (12) minute halves with two (2) minutes for half time and four (4) minutes between games. Netball ACT reserves the right to alter the match format dependent on the number of entries received.
13. Injury time can be taken by teams as per rule 7.1 of the IFNA Official Rules of Netball 2012; however, the time will not be stopped or added onto games played in the finals series.
14. Each School/Team is to provide one (1) scorer. Scorers for each team shall stand together on the sideline towards the middle of the court. Winners at the conclusion of the game are to return the signed sheet to event control.
15. A score sheet having been signed by both scorers and lodged with Netball ACT staff will not be returned to any team for any correction. No disputes will be entered into regarding score sheets.

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16. In circumstances where team officials of both teams testify that the score sheet submitted to Netball ACT staff is incorrect Netball ACT staff have the discretion to vary the official scores.

17. The competition shall be conducted on a points score basis as reflected in the points table under Rule 16.

18. Points Table

School Gala Day Points Table

Win	Loss	Draw	Forfeit*	Bye	Abandoned**
2	0	1	2	0	1

***Teams may claim a forfeit if the opposition team is not present at the court after three (3) minutes from the scheduled time.**

****If game abandoned prior to half time – 1 point each team**

19. If during the competition schools finish on an equal number of points a goal average will determine final placing. The goal average shall be determined by the total number of goals scored by the team, divided by the number of goals scored against the team, multiplied by 100 and divided by the actual number of matches played by the team.

$$\text{i.e.} \quad \frac{\text{Goals scored}}{\text{Goals scored against}} \times \frac{100}{\text{matches played}}$$

The number of matches actually played includes a match a team has forfeited but does not include a match where the team has received a forfeit.

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20. If there is a draw in the finals series of Phase 2, a two (2) minute interval shall be taken.

During the interval the score will be verified and the teams change ends. During the interval there may be substitutions and/or team changes. The umpire will indicate which team has the next centre pass and play will commence. Then one (1) five (5) minute half will be played to determine a winner. If scores remain tied after the first five (5) minutes a one (1) minute break will occur in which substitutions or positional changes shall be allowed and an additional five (5) minute half will be played.

If still a draw at the end of the second five (5) minutes, the competition shall be declared as a shared winner.

21. The winning School of the Schools Final Day will have their name engraved on the trophy and can display the cup in their school for a period of 12 months. At the conclusion of 12 months the cup must be returned to Netball ACT.

22. Players, Coaches, Umpires, Parents and Spectators are expected to abide by the Netball ACT Codes of Behaviour found at act.netball.com.au. Netball ACT reserves the right to ask any member of the public to leave a premises in which the Gala Day is being held.

23. Umpires

- i. Schools will need to supply one (1) umpire per team. It is recommended for the umpires being supplied to hold a minimum current pass for the online Foundational Umpire Course
- ii. Umpire names are to be received by Netball ACT with team registration

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- iii. Netball ACT staff will allocate umpires via an 'umpire your own' system for Phase 1 and Phase 2 of the competition. Netball ACT reserves the right to select umpires from schools not participating in the final of Phase 2.
 - iv. Umpires shall be dressed in predominantly in white. In the event of inclement weather, white tracksuit pants and white wet weather jackets may be worn. Umpires are asked to not wear their school's uniform for example a teacher wearing a year 6 2021 shirt.

Grading Procedures for the Netball ACT 5/6 Schools Gala Day Competition

1. The competition shall comprise of two phases:
 - i. Phase 1 – Local School Gala Days will be held in Term 1 in all four (4) of the School Sport ACT regional areas.
 - ii. Phase 2 – One Schools Gala State Final Day will be held in Term 2 at SolarHub Netball Centre
 - iii. Phase 3 – The highest ranking team will be eligible to compete at Netball NSW's Phase 3 State Finals Day on (insert date)

2. The four (4) regions of School Sport ACT are – Belconnen, Northside/Gungahlin, South Canberra/Weston & Tuggeranong.

3. School Gala Days shall comprise of mixed teams with no more than twelve (12) girls/boys in Primary School Years 5/6. Players may only represent/play within one (1) team.
 - i. There may only be THREE (3) boys on court at a time. They must not be in the same area (e.g., GA and GS).

4. Schools shall register teams for the competition on the approved Schools Gala online registration portal via PlayHQ prior to the specified closing date. Please see Netball ACT website for details.

5. For Phase 1 of the competition the following procedures apply:
 - i. An individual school is able to enter a maximum of six (6) teams in one (1) local day.
 - ii. Schools may only enter into one (1) local day.
 - iii. Registrations will be received on a first in basis and only confirmed once payment is received. Once the maximum number of teams for the venue has been reached registrations will close, even if prior to the close of registration date.
 - iv. Upon confirmation schools will receive the information pack.
 - v. Schools will be divided into pools and play a round robin competition for the day.
 - vi. Where possible schools will not have two teams in the same pool.

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- vii. Netball ACT reserves the right to vary the number of allocated teams in each pool and the number of pools dependent upon the number of entries received.
 - viii. There are no finals during Phase 1.
6. For Phase 2 of the competition the following grading procedure applies:
- i. Schools that place first in their allocated pool at Phase 1 Local Day will be eligible to enter one (1) team into Phase 2. In the case where a school has teams in separate pools and the top team for each pool is from the same school, both teams are eligible to progress.
 - ii. In the event of only one pool at a Phase 1 Local Day both the school that placed first and the school that placed second in that pool will be eligible to enter one (1) team into Phase 2.
 - iii. Whereby the school that placed first in their allocated pool decline the offer to attend Phase 2, the highest ranked school (regardless of pool) will be contacted in order of placing until at least two (2) schools from the local day are able to attend.
 - iv. Schools will be divided into two (2) pools to play a round robin. The highest finishing team in each pool will then progress into the final for 1st and 2nd place.