



netball
ACT

2026

PRIMARY SCHOOL

GALA DAYS

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Netball ACT pays respect to the traditional custodians of our ancient continent, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples, we honour their continuing connection to country and their custodianship of the world's oldest living culture.

1.EVENT INFORMATION - Term 2, 3 & 4

WHO	WHEN	WHERE
North 5/6	Tuesday 19 th May	SolarHub Netball Centre, Lyneham
South 5/6	Thursday 21st May	Tuggeranong Netball Association Courts, Calwell
North 3/4	Tuesday 26 th May	SolarHub Netball Centre, Lyneham
South 3/4	Thursday 28 th May	Arawang Netball Association Courts, Stirling

WHO	WHEN	WHERE
North 3/4	Tuesday 1 st September	SolarHub Netball Centre, Lyneham
South 3/4	Thursday 3 rd September	Arawang Netball Association Courts, Stirling
North 5/6	Tuesday 8 th September	SolarHub Netball Centre, Lyneham
South 5/6	Thursday 10 th September	Arawang Netball Association Courts, Stirling

WHO	WHEN	WHERE
ACT 5/6 Finals Day	Thursday 27 th October	SolarHub Netball Centre, Lyneham
North 5/6	Tuesday 17 th November	SolarHub Netball Centre, Lyneham
South 5/6	Thursday 19th November	South Canberra Netball Association Courts, Deakin
North 3/4	Tuesday 24th November	SolarHub Netball Centre, Lyneham
South 3/4	Thursday 26th November	South Canberra Netball Association Courts, Deakin

2. Overview of Galas & Scoring

All year 3/4 Galas are participation only carnivals - Scores may be recorded but no ladders will be kept. No winners will be awarded. Year 3/4 galas will utilise the full height hoops. Adapted netball rules can be used depending on the skill level and experience of players e.g. coaching and helping players rather than officiating firmly to the rules.

At year 5/6 Galas scores may be recorded but no ladders will be kept and no winners announced. Adapted netball rules may be used, however, full netball rules are highly encouraged where possible.

Scorers will use clipboards and scoresheets assigned to each court. The scorers from both teams playing in a game must stand beside one another to record the scores. 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. 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

Finals Day

Team entered into the Years 5/6 divisions are eligible for invite to the ACT 5/6 Final's day. Entry into either term 2 or term 3 galas and finishing 1st or 2nd will guarantee your teams entry into the final's day. It is at the competition managers discretion if additional teams will receive an invite to the final's day. If a team is entered in both the term 1 and 2 galas and qualifies for the finals at both events, an additional team from one of the galas will be invited - decision is at the discretion of the competition coordinator.

Please be aware that there is no pathway to the NSW finals day for winners from the Year 5/6 ACT Final's day in 2026. Netball NSW has opened the invite for ACT school teams to attend the first phase of the NSW School Cup which will take place in Goulburn on March 3rd. For more information, please visit the [Netball NSW website](#) or email the NSW Relationship Manager Kaytlin Langdon (KLangdon@netballnsw.com)

3. Registration, Draws & Invoicing

All teams need to be entered and confirmed with the competition manager one week prior to the event date. Requests for team entries after this date may not be possible and could result in teams missing out.

All team registrations need to be completed through the PlayHQ portal. No payment is required at the time of registration. After each Gala Day, Schools will be invoiced \$65 + GST per entered team. A contact for your school's finance department will be requested at the time of registration.

Schools who advise of a team's withdrawal from event days at least three days prior will not be invoiced. Teams who advise of withdrawal later than this will be invoiced 50% of the team fee. Any team who fails to show on the day of competition will be invoiced the full amount per team. Draws will be sent out at least 24 hours before the scheduled event which will detail exact game times and court allocations. Please note that additional changes may be made up until the day when required.

4. Event Timings

Round 1 will commence at 9.30am - note teams may not have their first game until 9.55am depending on pools and draw. Please ensure you have arrived at least 30min prior to your first game. Last round commences at 2.35pm, with the whole event concluding by 3pm.

All games will consist of 2 x 10 minute halves (depending on number of team entries) with a 1-minute break for half time. There is a dedicated lunch break after round 3 for all teams

Typical timings:

Pool A: 9.30am, 10.20am, 11.10am, 12.30pm, 1.20pm, 2.10pm

Pool B: 9.55am, 10.45am, 11.35am, 12.55pm, 1.45pm, 2.35pm

5. Team Compositions

All galas are considered mixed carnivals. Teams may comprise of no more than twelve (12) girls/boys. Players may only represent/play within one (1) team. There may only be THREE (3) boys on court at a time. They must not be in the same area.

For example you may have

1. one boy in EITHER GS or GA but not both
2. one boy in EITHER WA, C or WD
3. one boy in EITHER GD or GK but not both

We recommend no more than 4 boys allocated per team. Schools who wish to have 4 boys on court at one time must gain approval from the opposing team before the game starts. If there is enough interest, NACT can facilitate a boys only division at any of the galas. Schools may enter all girls teams but they must be aware that they may play teams with boys.

6. Weather

In the case of wet weather, Netball ACT will make a decision at 8:00 am. If a decision to cancel needs to be made you will be emailed directly and a post will be made on the Netball ACT Facebook page. For all other weather information please see

<http://act.netball.com.au/sites/act/files/2020-09/NACTAdverseWeatherPolicyV1.pdf>

7. Insurance

Students participating in the Netball ACT Primary School Gala Days will be covered under Netball ACT Public and Products Liability Insurance.

8. Information for Schools

Umpires: Schools will need to supply one (1) umpire per team. This could be a teacher, parent or older student. We also recommend contacting local high schools/ colleges if you need assistance sourcing umpires. NACT may be able to assist in connecting schools with available umpires, but this cannot be guaranteed. It is recommended for the umpires being supplied to hold a minimum current pass for the Foundational Umpire Course. Umpire names are to be received by Netball ACT with team registration.

Bibs and Ball: Schools will need to supply their own patches/bibs and a size five (5) netball (Year 3/4 may use a smaller ball) to play with. Please contact Netball ACT if you school cannot supply your own.

Shade Shelter: All schools are welcome to bring a shade shelter, but please let Netball ACT know so that we can plan spaces for you. They will also need to be suitably weighted or pegged down, the Competition Manager will need to approve its safety once up.

First Aid: For minor injuries like cuts and grazes the supervising teacher should at first administer first aid, should the player need ice or further treatment please seek the Competition Manager/ Sports Trainer. If the injury is serious, please advise the Competition Manager who will call an ambulance.

Blood rules and injury stoppages: At the umpire's and event controls discretion, in the event of serious injury, competing teams and spectators will be transferred away from an injured player receiving attention and continue their game on another court if available. Players are required to exit the court if they are bleeding or come into contact with blood. They may return to the court once blood has been cleaned/ removed.

Code of Conduct: Players, Coaches, Umpires, Parents and outside Spectators are expected to abide by the Netball ACT Codes of Behavior 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.

Canteen Facilities: Canteen facilities will vary for each venue. Schools will be notified of the options available upon confirmation of registration.

Lost Property: Lost property will be left in a box at the Competition Control Area during the day. If you need any lost property please bring this to the Competition Control Area.

Toilets and Water refill stations: are available and will be pointed out at all locations

The Competition Handbook, Event Risk Management Plan and NACT Certificate of Currency can be found on the Gala Day section of the Netball ACT website. All schools need to submit team lists to the competition manager prior to event day and advise of any participant changes asap.

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