



## **Netball ACT Marie Little Shield Player Registrations**

### **Organisation Information**

Netball ACT is the peak body for Netball in the Australian Capital Territory and a Member Organisation of Netball Australia. It is responsible for the development, management, and promotion of netball across the ACT. Our purpose is to lead and support the ACT community to inspire and grow the sport of netball.

### **Program Information**

The Marie Little Shield (MLS) is Netball Australia's premier national competition for female athletes with intellectual abilities. Named in honour of Marie Little OAM, a champion for inclusive sport, the tournament provides an elite-level experience while promoting teamwork, resilience, and community outreach.

The focus of the Marie Little Shield program is to provide women with intellectual disabilities an opportunity to represent their state at a national tournament. The program promotes skill development on court, personal growth off court and teamwork in match play. Above all, athletes are encouraged to enjoy the challenge.

## Expression of Interest

Player eligibility is managed and monitored by Sport Inclusion Australia. The eligibility process has been introduced to promote classification within Australia and to ensure a level and fair playing field. To compete in the MLS, a player must:

- Identify as a Female
- Aged 16 years or older, in the year the competition is held.
- Have an Intellectual Impairment
- A current member of Netball ACT
- Hold a Sport Inclusion Australia (SIA) number/membership

If an athlete does not currently have an SIA number, please refer to the attached Guidance Notes document, which outlines the eligibility and application process.

### [SIA Guidance Notes](#)

## Commitment

Applicants and Carers must be available to commit to:

- Attend Trials (TBC)
- Team Training Sessions (When required- June to August)
- Marie Little Shield Tournament (Melbourne) – **Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> to Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> September 2026**

## To Apply:

Players must complete the Online Application Form-  
<https://forms.gle/EyhJcE3j8hdCBGem6>

**Application due by: May 29th, 2026**