



QUEENSLAND GIRLS
Secondary Schools
Sports Association

WORKBOOK

Netball

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Established 1908 - Performance, Participation, Tradition & Innovation

NETBALL

1 ELIGIBILITY

- 1.1 Competition will be conducted in Open, Senior, Year 10, Year 9, Year 8 and Year 7 grades. These grades will be divided into further divisions to suit the nominations from member schools.
- 1.2 The maximum number on a team list will be 12 players.
- 1.3 For a team to be able to play the game, the minimum number of players to take and remain on the court will be 5 players. Otherwise the team will forfeit.

2 MATCH DURATION

Duration of all games shall be four x 15 minute quarters each with a break of three minutes at quarter and three quarter time and three to five minutes at half time. The length of the breaks shall be negotiated before the games commence.

- 2.1 If independent timing is used, the Home team shall supply a timekeeper per match who shall sit with the scorers. The timekeeper shall:
 - (a) Stop any visual clock when one minute playing time remains in each quarter.
 - (b) Where possible, by electronic means, signal the end of each quarter to the umpire, whose whistle shall signal the end of the quarter.
- 2.2 Where central timing is used, any time lost for injury or illness is not added to the quarter. The umpire's whistle shall signal the end of play.

3 SCORERS

Each school shall provide one scorer for each match who shall score on the scorecard provided by the Home School. This constitutes the official score.

4 UMPIRES

Refer: Team Sports 11.

- 4.1 **Exception:** If necessary, umpiring for the grades other than Open or A divisions, may be done by students in the Open and Senior grade teams, conversant with the current netball rules, and badged where possible.

5 HEADWEAR

Only soft peaked headwear is acceptable.

6 COURTS

Every effort should be made to play Netball on hard surfaces whether indoor or outdoor to ensure the safety and development of the sport within the Association.

7 ABANDONED GAMES

If the game is abandoned and at least 50% of the QGSSSA official match time (Refer: Point 2) has been completed, the scores at the end of play will stand.

8 EQUIPMENT

Minim match ball standard – size 5, Gilbert M500 Eclipse or a ball of equivalent standard.

9 SUBSTITUTION AND TEAM CHANGES

- 9.1 Teams can substitute players via rolling substitutions.
- 9.2 Teams will be allowed to make substitutions during play, this includes during stoppages and intervals. There is no limit to the number of substitutions that can be made, and more than one substitution may be made at any time. Play will not be held up for substitutions.
- 9.3 The substitutions zone may or may not be marked out on the Court. Substitutions must occur in front a team bench.
- 9.4 The incoming player must wait until the player being replaced exits the court before entering the field of play.
- 9.5 Players must observe the offside rules when entering the court. Failure to do so will result in a sanction in line with Rules of Netball 2020, Rule 9.7 offside with the free pass awarded where the ball was at the time of the infringement.