

School Sport SA netball

Statewide schools

Rules of the competition

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Number of players

Up to 12 players may be used in all games, round robin, mini carnival and finals series.

Match rules / conditions of play

The rules for play shall be those of Netball Australia unless indicated elsewhere.

Interchanges

As per World Netball Rules: tactical team changes can be made after a goal is scored. Substitutions can be made at an interval or after an injury or goal. [The Rules of Netball - World Netball](#)

Officials

Each team must have a coach and/or manager approved by the school principal.

Each team must provide an umpire (preferably badged) and scorer/timekeeper for each match.

A score card is on the website.

Behaviour

Players whom the umpire considers to be guilty of foul play or bad language may be sent off for a period of up to 15 minutes (at umpires discretion) They can be replaced. Reported players will be dealt with by the Principal of the school concerned.

Reports must be sent to the School Sport Officer organising the competition.

Year level and age qualifications

Year 5 and 6 in year of competition (year 4's may be permitted if eligible and requested)

Year 7 and 8 - Year 7 and 8 in year of competition.

Year 9 and 10 - Any student up to and including Year 10, in year of competition.

Year 11 and 12 - All students up to/and including Under 20 on 1 January in year of competition.

Note. Principals, sports coordinators, coaches and managers must ensure year level limitations are adhered to or disqualification will result. If a doubt exists, the opposing school has every right to check that year levels are correct.



Minor Round Competition

Schools are to make mutual arrangements for venue and umpires. For those with 3, 4 or more team round robins see the guidelines below.

For 2 or 3 teams

4 x 15 minutes. – 3 minutes quarter time and three quarter time and 5 minutes for half time.

No drawn games - One-minute break for drinks and umpires to check scores are correct. Play an extra 3 minutes each end (no break between halves just swap ends) and if scores are still tied, play on until one team has a 2 goal advantage.

Suggested format for three teams 1 being the host school

Time	Court 1	
9.30am	1 v 2	
11.00am	3 v 2	
1.00pm	1 v 3	(this allows 30minutes for lunch, times can be adjusted all must agree)

For 4 teams

Where 4 teams are scheduled to play, each school must play the other 3 teams. A suggested program is set out below requiring 2 netball courts. Suggested that teams play 4 x 10 minute matches. If something different to this, all schools involved must agree with the format /time.

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Suggested format for four teams

Time	Court 1	Court 2
9.30am	1 v 2	3 v 4
11.00am	3 v 2	1 v 4
1.00pm	2 v 4	1 v 3

More than 4 teams

If more than 4 teams involved in a round robin carnival 2 x 15 or 2 x 10 minutes may be more appropriate, as long as all teams involved agree with the length of time for matches.

Teams tied at completion of round robin

See 'Results and placings' in [Rules of the statewide schools competitions \(education.sa.gov.au\)](http://education.sa.gov.au)