UniSport Australia Guideline

Indigenous Nationals – Netball

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The Indigenous Nationals netball guidelines are based on UniSport and International Netball Federation rules. However, due to the nature of the event, some changes or additions have been made, which have been outlined in this guideline. These changes noted below take precedence.

1. Team/squad size

- Minimum registered players – 10
- Maximum registered players – 16
- Minimum number of players that can take the court without incurring a forfeit – 5
- Maximum number of males on the court at any one time – 3
- Minimum number of males on the court at any one time – 2
- There must be a maximum of 1 male player in each zone of the court (1 mid-court, 1 offence, 1 defense)
- If only fielding 5 players, there must always be a greater number of females on the court.

2. Game time/duration

2.1. All games will be four x seven-minute periods in duration with one minute between quarters and two minutes for half time.

2.2. There will be no time out for injury unless the safety of the player is at risk. The umpire in consultation with the competition manager will determine the extra time to be played in this situation.

2.3. The game clock will begin running as per scheduled draw unless there are adverse unforeseen circumstances.

3. Match format

3.1. Preliminaries are a round robin pool format, with points for each match being awarded as follows:

a) Winning team: 3 points
b) Drawn match: 2 points per team
c) Losing team: 1 point
d) Forfeiting team: 0 points

3.2. Teams will be re-ranked according to competition points, following the preliminary rounds, with only the top team from each pool progressing to the finals (depending on the number of teams entered into the competition).

3.3. Finals are a single elimination format, with only the winner of each game progressing through to the next round of finals.

3.4. In the event of two or more teams having the same number of points at the conclusion of the preliminary matches, the higher placed team will be decided by applying the following criteria:

a) Points difference (for and against) in all pool games.
b) The percentages based on the total points scored for and against in all pool games (points scored divided by points against x 100).
c) Head to head result(s) between the teams concerned
d) Percentages based on their points for and against in the games between the teams concerned.

e) In the event that this still does not separate teams, then a toss of a coin will decide the winner.

4. Drawn matches

4.1. If preliminary matches are drawn at full time, both teams will be awarded two points as per section 3.1

4.2. In the event of a draw in the progression matches, two extra periods of three minutes duration will be played. At the end of these extra periods, if scores are still tied, play will continue until a team scores a two-goal lead and is declared the winner.

5. Forfeits

5.1. Netball is run under the UniSport guideline – *Breach of Competition Requirements*.

5.2. A forfeit will be declared four minutes after the scheduled start of play where either team is unable to commence play.

5.3. One point will be awarded against a team every minute, or part thereof, they are late in taking the court until the forfeit time is reached.

5.4. The forfeit score is 20 points to nil (0).

5.5. Should the commencement of a match be delayed due to no fault of either team (as determined by the competition management) the match shall be played in its full duration if possible. If full game duration is not possible, the recommended revised game time duration will need to be agreed upon by both teams. If resolution between the teams is not possible, then the competition manager (or their delegate) will make the final decision regarding match duration, which will not be subject to appeal.

6. Team duties

6.1. Team duty requirements for netball are:

a) One person from each team competing in the current match to assist with timing and scoring.

6.2. The person fulfilling the team duty requirements can be any competent person associated with that team or university and does not necessarily have to be a player e.g. team manager. Teams that do not fulfil team duties will be fined as per the UniSport guideline – *Breach of competition requirements.*

7. Uniform requirements

7.1. The specific uniform requirements for Indigenous Nationals netball are as per the International Netball Federation rules with the following UniSport uniform requirements:

a) Shirts, skirt or shorts

b) Sport briefs must be the same colour and style

c) Bodysuits are permitted

d) Teams require at least one set of coloured netball bibs with playing position initials on both the front and back between 10cm and 15cm high and in a contrasting colour to the dominant colour of the bib.

e) Shirt number to remain the same for each player for the entire tournament.

8. Presentations

8.1. Medal presentations will be conducted following the conclusion of the final match.

8.2. One male and one female player will be selected as most valuable player (MVP), based on 3,2,1 votes made by umpires, which will be awarded at the closing ceremony.

*All competitions will be held in accordance with the UniSport competition guidelines.