



# SCHOOL SPORT VICTORIA

## NETBALL - PRIMARY

These rules apply to State, Region and Division competitions. Any variations to these rules at Region and Division levels will be found on the relevant page on the SSV website.

**Match Format:** For Regions and Division match format, please consult the relevant page on the SSV website or contact the relevant Coordinator.

**State Format:** Split Round Robin, Cross Over Semi Finals, Final.

**State Match Format:** All matches shall consist of 2 x 12 minute halves with a 2 minute interval at half time.

Central timing will be used so all teams must be ready to take the court at the designated time.

**State Match Schedule:** There will be a Pre-Championship Briefing for all teams prior to the first round of matches

See the Netball Draw, on the SSV website, for the Match Schedules

**State Round Robin Winner:** At the end of each Round Robin game, 3 points will be awarded for a win, 2 points for a draw and one point for a loss.

If, at the end of the round robin, two teams are equal on points, then the winner of the face to face match will be declared the winner. If their face to face match was a draw, then total percentage from all their games will be used to determine the winner.

If more than two teams are tied on points, percentage from the matches involving the other tied teams will be calculated to determine the winner.

**State Final Winner:** In the event of a draw being played in the semi-final & final, the game shall be decided by playing two, five minute halves with a one minute interval until a winner is determined

**Conditions:** See School Sport Victoria's 'General Conditions of Competition' which includes the definition of a Boys/Mixed team.

**General Conditions of Competition, Clause #9 reads:**

*A Boys/Mixed Team must be made up of a minimum of one Boy who is on the court for the entire game. A team that cannot field a minimum of one Boy in every game does not meet the Conditions of Competition and will be ineligible to receive points or awards and will not progress to the next level of competition.*

**All players, teachers, spectators and officials are bound by the 'SSV Codes of Conduct'**

A girl cannot play in a girls team and a boys/mixed team in the same sport.

The level of competition chosen by a student at District level remains binding through to Division, Region and State levels.

**Rules:** Netball is conducted under the rules of the All Australian Netball Association unless otherwise stated.

Any infringements under section 13 Game Management, Rule 13.2 Foul Play will see the umpire apply the Rule 13.1 Actions Taken by an Umpire.

The Team Coach/Teacher accompanying the team **MUST** be informed when these actions are taken.

Please see the [SSV Primary Schools Resource Manual](#) for more useful sport specific information.

**Goal Post Padding:** Goal post padding is required for all netball goal posts for all levels of matches.

**Team Size:** A maximum of twelve (12) players may be used in one day.

Seven (7) players on the court and up to five (5) interchange players are to be named for each game.

Only twelve (12) SSV medallions plus one (1) for the team coach will be awarded to placegetters.

Extra medallions will NOT be available.

**Officials:** Umpires will be provided for the State Final

**Injuries:** Injury time allowed is two minutes.

An injured player may come off and come on again later, at a break in play, if the player has not been replaced. If the injured player has been replaced, the player can come on again during an interval or another injury time out.

**Blood Rule:** Where central timing is used, the player is to be removed and substituted immediately and can be re-substituted at the next appropriate whistle.

**Interchange:** Players may only be interchanged during the breaks.

Any player interchanged off may be returned to the game at a later break.

**Dress:** Players must wear same colour skirts/bodysuits/shorts (without pockets) and same colour tops with contrasting bibs. Fingernails should be taped or cut and no visible jewellery can be worn.

Players not correctly dressed will not be permitted to compete.

**Lateness Penalty:** If a team is late for the start of their match for reasons beyond their control and the team communicates with the convener, then the convener will try to accommodate the team as best he/she can.

If a team is late without notice or communication **or** in the convener's opinion their lateness makes the draw impracticable, then they will be penalised 1 goal per minute they are late up to half time when they will forfeit the match. Eg: If the match is 2x12 minute halves, the forfeit score is 12-0

**Equipment to Bring:** Competing teams must provide:

- Positional bibs;
- One competition size 5 netball;
- Match balls will be supplied for State Finals, teams will need to bring their own practice balls
- A competent scorer;
- To avoid a clash of colours, schools are asked to bring a second set of bibs;
- A first aid kit.

**NOTE: An up to date team sheet must be handed to the convener on the day of competition.**

