

# 'NOTHING BUT NET FESTIVAL' COMPETITION GUIDELINES



- 1) The Nothing but Net Festival will be held on the October long weekend.
- 2) There shall be no restriction on the number of teams an association may enter in each grade of the Festival.
- 3) Nomination forms for the Nothing but Net Festival shall be available on the Netball SA website. All completed application forms and fees shall be submitted to Netball SA by the identified due date and process, no late entries accepted.

## PLAYING CONDITIONS

- 4) Whenever possible teams will be placed in the grade requested however Netball SA has the right to decide gradings. If a team cannot be placed in the grade requested, the association involved will be advised accordingly.
- 5) The principle of each team playing each other team in the grade shall be adhered to and if entries warrant it, grades may be divided into two (2) or more pools of teams.
- 6) All players in Junior teams must qualify by age on 31st December in the year of the Festival.
- 7) No fees shall be refunded once your team nomination has been accepted in writing by Netball SA.
- 8) Teams must have a minimum of eight (8) players.
- 9) Matches will be centrally timed and will start and finish on the umpire's whistle.
- 10) All matches will consist of two (2) x fifteen (15) minute halves, with three (3) minute intervals during which teams change ends.
  - (a) Match length is subject to change as dictated by team nominations.
  - (b) No time will be allowed for injuries.
  - (c) If a minor injury/blood occurs, the player must be removed and treated courtside.
  - (d) The injured/ill player may be substituted, or the position may be left vacant .
  - (e) When no substitution is made for the injured/ill player, the player may not re-enter the game after successful treatment while play is in progress but, after notifying the Umpire, may take the court:
    - I. Immediately after a goal has been scored.
    - II. Immediately following an interval.

(f) When a substitution for the injured/ill player is made, the injured player can only return:

I. Immediately following an interval.

(g) In the event of a serious injury umpires should stop the game until the player can safely leave the court. If the player cannot be moved, umpires can move the game to a spare court, still no extra time is added.

11) Teams can make substitutions during play. 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 for substitutions.

(a) Players must observe the offside rules as they enter/leave the court and must not interfere with the umpire's movement during the substitution. *Sanction: Free pass where the ball was when the interference or offside entry/exit occurred*

12) Teams must provide a scorer for each match.

13) The first named team to take the first centre pass, the other team to choose goal end.

14) Two (2) points will be allotted for a win and one (1) for a draw to each team. In the event of a forfeit two (2) points will be allocated to the team who receives the forfeit, with a 20 - 0 goal percentage.

15) At the end of the minor rounds, semi-finals will be played as follows:

(a) 1 v 4 and 2 v 3. The winners will play off in the Grand Final.

16) In the event of a tie between the teams, their position shall be determined on a percentage of the goals they have thrown throughout the minor round by adding:

(a) The total of their goals to

(b) Total goals thrown by the teams they have played against - dividing this figure into (a) multiplied by 100

17) If a team withdraws during the Festival, all matches that the team is programmed to play will be treated as a forfeit.

18) In extreme weather conditions, the decision to abandon matches must be made by Netball SA. The complete round must be abandoned, including indoor games.

## UMPIRES

19) Each team shall supply an umpire. Umpires will umpire their own team.

*Netball SA reserves the right to make any changes to these guidelines, including but not limited to, playing conditions. Netball SA's 'Nothing but Net' Festival is subject to Government and Health regulations in relation to COVID-19.*