



# **BATHURST NETBALL ASSOCIATION**

## **2026 TWILIGHT COMPETITION PROCEDURE**



### **1. Competition Format**

#### **1.1 Game Duration**

- Games will be played as two (2) x 20-minute halves.
- Rolling substitutions are permitted at all times.

#### **1.2 Game Times**

Proposed timeslots are subject to change depending on team numbers and court availability:

- 5:30 PM
- 6:15 PM
- 7:00 PM

#### **1.3 Game Start Times**

- Games are scheduled to start on time.
- If a game commences late due to prior matches or umpire availability, playing time may be reduced at the discretion of the BNA Officials.
- No additional time will be added to compensate for late starts.

#### **1.4 Rules by Grade**

- All grades, except where otherwise stated, will play in accordance with Netball NSW / Netball Australia (NNSW/NA) Rules.

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### **2. Competition Structure**

#### **2.1 Season Length**

- The Twilight Competition will run for eight (8) weeks.

#### **2.2 Competition Grades**

The Twilight Competition will offer the following grades, subject to team numbers and interest. Grades may be combined or adjusted at the discretion of the BNA Officials if required.

- All Abilities  
Inclusive, supportive and open to everyone.
- Juniors (12–15 years)
  - Mixed genders
  - No limit on the number of boys or girls per team
  - Non-competitive
- Seniors (14+) – Women's
  - Non-competitive
  - Competitive
- Mixed (16+)
  - Non-competitive



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- Competitive
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### 3. Weather, Heat & Authority

#### 3.1 Wet Weather

- In the event of wet weather, games will be abandoned if courts are deemed unsafe.
- No make-up games will be scheduled.

#### 3.2 Extreme Heat

- BNA Officials will follow Netball NSW Extreme Heat Guidelines.
- Game formats may be modified or games cancelled if conditions are deemed unsafe.

#### 3.3 Authority

- All decisions made by BNA Officials are final.
- BNA Officials reserve the right to make decisions in the best interest of player safety and competition integrity.

#### 3.4 Right to Amend

- BNA Officials reserve the right to amend these procedures where necessary for the smooth and safe running of the competition.
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### 4. Registration, Eligibility & Insurance

#### 4.1 Team Registration Process

- One (1) team contact must register the team before individual players can register.
- Once team registration is completed, the team contact will receive a registration link to distribute to all team members.
- Individual player registration links will include the Netball NSW (NNSW) fee.

#### 4.2 Registration Fees

- Team Registration Fee: \$60 per team  
(Does not include Netball NSW fee)
- Individual Registration Options:
  - Juniors / Seniors / Mixed: Netball NSW / Netball Australia fee
  - 1-Day Registration: \$25 (no restrictions)
  - All Abilities Registration: \$50

#### 4.3 Player Eligibility

- Females may register in Senior Women's (14+) and Mixed (16+) competitions.
- Mixed competitions are age-based (16+).



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- Players must be 16 years of age at the commencement of the competition, in line with duty of care requirements.
- All players must be registered in PlayHQ prior to taking the court.

### **4.4 Insurance**

- Any unregistered person who participates and is injured does so at their own risk.
- BNA Officials will not be held accountable for injuries involving unregistered participants.

### **4.5 Fill-In Players**

- Fill-in players must be registered in PlayHQ prior to taking the court.
  - Players may fill in across grades as required.
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## **5. Equipment**

### **5.1 Bibs**

- Teams may supply and use their own bibs.
  - BNA Officials will have a limited number of bibs available for use if required.
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## **6. Match Day Conduct & Safety**

### **6.1 Injuries**

- Players participate at their own risk.
- First aid may be available; however, BNA Officials accept no responsibility for injury beyond their duty of care.

### **6.2 Behaviour & Conduct**

- All players, officials and spectators must comply with Netball NSW Codes of Behaviour.
  - Misconduct may result in removal from the court, suspension, or further disciplinary action.
  - Abuse of umpires, officials or volunteers will not be tolerated.
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## **7. Mixed Competition Rules**

### **7.1 On-Court Gender Requirements**

- A maximum of three (3) males and a minimum of one (1) male may be on court at any one time.

### **7.2 Court Positioning**

- Males must be spread across the three thirds of the court:
  - Attacking third: GS or GA



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- Centre third: WA, C or WD
  - Defensive third: GD or GK
  - Only one male per third is permitted.
  - Two males may not play in the same third (e.g. both in GS/GA).
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## 8. Umpiring & Scoring Requirements

### 8.1 Team-Supplied Umpires

- All teams are required to supply their own umpire.
- Mixed and Competitive divisions must supply badged umpires.
- All umpires must be 14 years or older.

### 8.2 BNA-Supplied Umpires

- BNA Officials may provide an umpire at an additional cost, subject to availability.
- Further details regarding availability and fees will be communicated prior to the competition.

### 8.3 Scoring Requirements

- Scoring is not required for non-competitive competitions.
  - Scoring is required for all Competitive competitions.
  - For Competitive competitions, the team listed first on the draw is responsible for scoring. The team's umpire must collect the scoreboard from the Control Room prior to the commencement of each match.
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## 9. Ladders, Points & Forfeits

### 9.1 Ladder Points (Competition)

- Win: 2 points
- Draw: 1 point
- Loss: 0 points
- Forfeit: 0 points (opposition awarded 2 points)

### 9.2 Forfeits

- Teams are encouraged to provide as much notice as possible if forfeiting.
  - Repeated forfeits may impact finals eligibility at the discretion of the BNA Officials.
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## 10. Finals Series

### 10.1 Competition Participation

- All grades will participate in all eight (8) weeks of the Twilight Competition.



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### **10.2 Non-Finals Competitions**

The following divisions will not have a finals series:

- Juniors
- Non-competitive (Social) competitions

### **10.3 Finals – Competitive Competitions**

- Competitive competitions will have a finals match.
- The top two (2) teams on the ladder at the completion of Round Seven (7) will contest the final.
- No extra time will be played.
- If the final ends in a draw, both teams will be declared winners.
- In the event of wet weather abandonment of the final, the team finishing first on the ladder at the completion of Round Seven (7) will be declared the winner.

### **10.4 Games for Non-Finalist Teams**

- Teams not involved in the final will still be scheduled to play a regular game during finals week.