



Baulkham Hills Netball

Competition Policy

Version 6

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1. Overview

All participants in competitions conducted by Baulkham Hills Netball are to abide by the Baulkham Hills Netball Constitution, Official Codes of Conduct and the Current INF Rules of Netball. All matters of discipline are managed in accordance with Netball NSW Member Protection Policy.

Exception to the INF Rules of Netball 2024 - Rolling Substitutions and positional changes procedure **replaces** Section 10.2 Stoppages – Tactical Stoppages.

2. General Playing Rules

- a) Alterations or amendments to the Competition Policy must be made no later than the last Council Meeting prior to the competition commencement.
- b) Penalties are applied when non-compliance with Competition Policy and Playing Procedures occur.
- c) All players must be registered prior to playing.
- d) A player may not play with more than 1 club in any 1 competition.
- e) Personal identification is required for all players.
- f) All abilities players are placed in an appropriate grade and play under special competition conditions.
- g) The competition is open to players of any sex or gender identity at 12 years and under. Exemptions may be granted by the BHN Executive for 13- and 14-year-old boys with previous Netball playing experience
- h) It is the responsibility of each club to provide an umpire to the standard of each of their teams during competition.
- i) The number of trophies presented to players is calculated on the number of eligible team members at the conclusion of competition rounds. Trophies are not awarded to any borrowed players in the final series.

3. Competitions

Saturday Winter Competition

The Winter Competition is offered annually to conclude no later than the last weekend in September. The competition is conducted in the following divisions with the minimum age restricted to children turning 7 years in the year of play.

SENIOR Opens, Intermediates.

JUNIOR 14 years & under, 13 years & under, 12 years & under, 11 years & under, 10 years & under.

NetSetGO Participation Games

The NetSetGO participation games are offered on Friday evenings for 9 years, 8 years and 7 years.

Additional Competitions

Additional competitions may be offered throughout the year and open to all ages.

4. Competition Points

Win Game = 6 points

Win Game by Forfeit	=	6 points
Drawn Game	=	4 points
Lose Game	=	2 points
Bye Game	=	2 points
Lose Game On-time Forfeit	=	2 points
Lose Game Late Forfeit	=	0 points
Administrative Forfeit	=	-2 points

5. Team Placings

- a) If there is a draw on points and any placing must be decided on goal count, the following formula applies –

$$\frac{\text{Goals FOR} \times 100}{\text{Goals AGAINST} \times \text{Actual number of Games Played}}$$

- b) The semi-final games are 1 v 2 and 3 v 4.
 c) The final games are the loser of 1 v 2 playing the winner of 3 v 4.
 d) The grand finals are the winner of 1 v 2 playing the winner of the finals game.

6. Game Times

- a) Variations to playing times are made by the competition organisers and advised prior to commencement of the competition.
 b) Central timing is used for all Baulkham Hills Netball competitions.
 c) Games start and finish on the umpires' whistle after the central timer has sounded.
 d) No extra time is added to any quarter throughout the normal rounds of competition.

7. Final Series

- a) During the Final Series Stoppage Time of less than 30 seconds will only be played if there is a 3 goal or less difference in the score line.
 b) Club provided Timekeeper advise ADMIN during the $\frac{3}{4}$ break or during the last $\frac{1}{4}$ that extra time is required.
 c) In semi-finals and finals games, in the fourth quarter, the game looks like a drawn game, ADMIN must be advised **immediately**.
 d) Any Extra time and/or drawn games, will be timed at each court by a BHN appointed timekeeper.
 e) Substitutions and/or team changes are permitted during the interval and teams change ends.
 f) The Umpire indicates who has the next C pass and play commences on the Umpire's whistle.
 g) Extra time shall consist of 2 equal halves with an interval.
 h) Substitutions and/or team changes are permitted during the interval.
 i) During extra time, normal injury or illness procedures apply.
 j) If the game is still a draw when the second half is completed, play continues until 1 team gains a 2-goal margin.
 k) In Grand Finals for all ages, if the score is even at full time, both teams are declared Joint Winners.

8. Equipment

- a) Only official Baulkham Hills Netball score sheets are accepted and cannot be changed in any way after being submitted to control.
- b) Post padding must be fitted to all goalposts during competition.
- c) NetSetGO participants play with a Size 4 Netball, all other participants use a Size 5 Netball.

9. Team Composition Rules

- a) All teams must have 5 players on the court at all times who are registered in that team.
- b) A player may play only in their registered team or higher per competition.

10. Borrowing Policy

- a) Adhering to the Borrowing Table a player shall not participate in more than 1 Baulkham Hills Netball match in 1 day **unless** they are a fully registered player being borrowed by a higher graded team with their registered Club.
- b) No more than 2 borrowed players can be used in any 1 match.
- c) Players may not be borrowed by more than 1 team on the same day.
- d) If a club has 2 or more teams in the same grade/division, no player may play across their grade/division, excepting borrowing of players participating in NetSetGo.
- e) A borrowed player may play a maximum of 2 games per day, 3 times per competition (ie play in their own team and be borrowed to play in 1 higher graded team).
- f) Having played in a higher grade for a **4th** time, that player becomes a member of one of the higher graded teams into which the player was borrowed.
- g) All clubs must follow the borrowing procedures and borrowing table.

11. Eligible Player for the Final Series

- a) To be eligible to participate in the final series, a player must have played the required **4** games with the team in which they are registered.
- b) During the final series players may only participate in **1** semi-final game, **1** final game and **1** grand final game per day.
- c) If an ineligible player participates in any game during the final series, that player is prohibited from participating in any subsequent game in the competition. The team using this ineligible player forfeits this game and is excluded from further participation in the final series.

12. Borrowing a Player During the Final Series

- a) Approval in writing **MUST** be obtained from the Baulkham Hills Netball Registrar when seeking to borrow a player.
- b) To be eligible to play as a borrowed player in the final series a player must have played 4 competition games with that club.
- c) During the final series if a team is unable to field 8 of its registered players a player may be borrowed, in accordance with normal borrowing guidelines, provided the borrowed player's team is not participating in any further finals.

No registered member of a team is to be replaced by a borrowed player unless that player is unable to continue due to injury or illness

13. Wet Weather Games

NetSetGO participation games

Friday night NetSetGO games affected by wet weather or dangerous conditions will be deemed a cancelled round and will not be replayed.

Saturday Winter Competition

- a) During Rounds 1-14 games not played due to wet or dangerous conditions will be postponed until the next competition day.
- b) These postponed games will be played as half-games on the next competition day followed by the scheduled games for that day, also as a half game.
- c) If the game ceases prior to half-time due to wet weather or dangerous conditions, no scores will stand and the game will be replayed as per b) above.
- d) If play ceases at or after ½ time the game will be deemed played and the scores will stand.
- e) The exception will be the last round, if games are abandoned due to wet weather or dangerous conditions, these games will be played on the following Saturday as a full game.
- f) If wet weather occurs on the following Saturday all teams due to play will be awarded points for a draw.

Final Series

- a) Games postponed due to wet weather or dangerous conditions will be played the following Saturday or mid-week evenings.
- b) The Grand Final will not be played any later than the 4th Saturday in September.
- c) If final series cannot be completed by 4th Saturday in September, team positions as per their last game played will determine their final placings.

14. Insurance

All players are insured under their Netball Australia PlayHQ membership. The scheme covers all members whilst:

- a) Playing in all officially organised games.
- b) Engaged in organised practice and training sessions.
- c) Attending Official Functions which include fundraising activities.
- d) Travelling directly between the places where the activities described in a), b) and c) above are conducted and their residence or place of employment or the affiliated club premises.
- e) Claim forms can be found at howdenroup.com/au-en