



Netball



COMPETITION MANUAL

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International rules will be followed unless specified in WPFG Guidelines

Entry Deadline: 1/22/2027

EVENTS

Women's: 18+
Mixed: 18+

Maximum of ten players on a team plus one (1) non-playing coach

For mixed teams, 4 males maximum are allowed on each team. (Max 3 on court at any time)

Active competitors from police and fire agencies may combine to form a team regardless of agency size **WITHIN A COUNTRY**. Retired competitors may combine to form a team in any manner they wish with other eligible competitors whether police or fire. This includes across country lines.

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EQUIPMENT

Netballs: Host shall provide one World Netball-approved game ball for each court. Each team is responsible for bringing its own practice balls.



Timekeeping equipment: An electronic game clock and a back-up stopwatch should be available on each court.

Scoreboard: Electronic scoreboards must be used in all games. Manual scorecards will be kept as a back-up.

Bracket charts: Large bracket charts shall be clearly posted at each venue so that the competitors will know where and when they are scheduled to play their next game. These charts must be kept updated throughout the tournament.

BRACKETING

A Round Robin tournament followed by a single elimination tournament. All teams will advance to a Single Elimination Finals Tournament and be placed in the tournament based on standings from Round Robin play.

SCHEDULING:

It is recommended to schedule for 5 days of competition.

There is a 15-minute forfeit rule in effect.

DIVISIONAL PLAY: The following rules govern the placement of teams in either Division I or Division II

Members of a combined team can be from Law Enforcement and/or Firefighter Services.

DIVISION I:

Combined teams from states/provinces or similar region within a country, shall compete in Division I. Only the WPFGF can change a team from this Division.

Medal winners in Division I from the previous WPF. (See WPF General Rules)

Any team may elect to compete in Division I with WPFGF approval.

DIVISION II:



All other teams may compete in Division II.

PREVIOUS WPMFG DIV II WINNERS SHALL COMPETE IN DIV I.

WPMFGF reserves the right to place a team in either Division I/Division II.

GENERAL SPORT RULES for Netball

Competitors may enter both the women's and mixed competitions however, if a conflict in game schedules occurs due to a competitor entering both sports, the competitor must choose in which sport he/she will compete. The Host shall NOT adjust game schedules to accommodate individual competitors or teams. The Host will not refund entry fees due to a competitor scheduling conflict.

A team can have a maximum of 7 players on the court. A team will forfeit the game if there are not at least 5 players on the court.

Each team shall designate an individual to function as the Team Captain for each game. If the team has a sworn Non-Playing Coach, that person may be the Team Captain.

Each game will consist of four 10-minute periods of running time.

Prior to the start of competition, a meeting must be held between the referees and the captain or coach from each participating team to clarify rules and conduct of play.

All competitors must wear a team uniform. Uniform shirts must be identical in color. Each team must provide their own bibs marked with positions. The playing positions are Goal Shooter (GS), Goal Attack (GA), Wing Attack (WA), Centre (C), Wing Defence (WD), Goal Defence (GD) and Goal Keeper (GK)

For mixed teams, 4 males maximum are allowed on each team. Only 3 males max are allowed on court at same time. Minimum of 1 male on court at all times.

Male players must be positioned in different thirds of the court (attack, center, and defense), and there may be restrictions on where they can play within those thirds according to netball rules.



THIRDS:

- Attack - GA or GS
- Center - WA, C or WD
- Defense - GD or GK

PLAYERS CONDUCT

Note: Any serious violation of conduct, such as fighting or violence toward players or officials will result in the player(s) immediate ejection from that game and his/her automatic suspension from his/her team's next scheduled game. The sport coordinator shall immediately notify the WPF GF, who will investigate each incident to determine if additional discipline will be imposed.

AWARDING OF MEDALS TO ATHLETES

During the medal presentation, only athletes are allowed to participate in this ceremony. Each athlete and **SHALL** present their Athlete's Credential. If the athlete does not present their Athlete's Credential, they **SHALL NOT** receive a medal. This is a mandatory requirement to receive a medal.

Technical Support Personnel and children are not allowed on the podium with the teams during the medal presentation.

The sport coordinator **SHALL** have in their possession a copy of the CSE Report for verification of participation. This will determine and verify which event the athlete was entered into.