



# SCHOOL SPORT VICTORIA

## NETBALL - SECONDARY

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 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 Match Format:** Match length for all competitions will be 4 x 7-minute quarters with a 2-minute break at half time.  
At  $\frac{1}{4}$  and  $\frac{3}{4}$  time the players must change straight over without delay. Positions may be changed, and substitutions made provided it doesn't hold up play.
- State Round Robin Winner:** Points will be allocated for Round Robin matches as follows: 4 points for a win, 2 points for a draw and 0 for a loss.  
If, at the end of the round robin, two teams are equal on matches won, 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 matches won, 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 the School Sport Victoria 'General Conditions 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 Division level remains binding through to Region and State levels.
- 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.
- 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.
- Goal Post Padding:** Goal post padding is required for all netball goal posts for all levels of matches.
- Officials:** Umpires will be provided for the State Final.
- Interchange:** Interchange of players is permitted at the interval. However, it is required that these players must be ready to take the court so that no time is lost.
- Blood Rules:** Where central timing is used, the player is to be removed and substituted immediately and can be re-substituted at the next appropriate whistle.

**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

**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 jewelry can be worn.

Players not correctly dressed will not be permitted to compete.

**Equipment to Bring:**

Competing teams must provide:

- Positional bibs.
- One competition size 5 netball.
- Match Balls will be supplied for all 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 - Competing schools are responsible for ensuring that reasonable provision is made for the treatment of injuries. All schools participating in SSV Team Sports final are required to bring their own applicable first aid kit (appropriate to the location as there is potential for sporting activities to be some distance away from emergency services) – For more detailed information: [First Aid for Students & Staff & First Aid Kit Contents Checklist](#).
- Sports Tape MUST be supplied by the student/competing team if pre-game strapping for injury prevention by the qualified sports trainer (if present) is required.

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

