



HIGH SCHOOL NETBALL CHAMPIONSHIPS 2026

COMPETITION MANUAL

NORTH-WEST REGIONAL CARNIVAL

7/8 Girls | Tuesday 11th August
7/8 Boys | Wednesday 12th August
9/10 Girls | Thursday 13th August
9/10 Boys | Friday 14th August

ULVERTONE SPORTS & LEISURE CENTRE

SOUTHERN REGIONAL CARNIVAL

7/8 Girls | Tuesday 25th August
7/8 Boys | Wednesday 26th August
9/10 Girls | Thursday 27th August
9/10 Boys | Friday 28th August

HOBART NETBALL & SPORTS CENTRE

NORTHERN REGIONAL CARNIVAL

7/8 Boys | Monday 7th September
7/8 Girls | Tuesday 8th September
9/10 Boys | Monday 14th September
9/10 Girls | Tuesday 15th September

NORTHERN HUB

STATE FINAL

GIRLS & BOYS – Thursday 12th November – NORTHERN HUB



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Competition Overview and History

The Netball Tasmania High School Netball Championships began in 2019 and is one of the largest netball tournaments for secondary students (girls and boys) in Tasmania. The Championships attract Government, Catholic, Independent and Specialist school teams from around the state and displays some of the state's best young netballers.

Teams play in a round robin carnival across multiple regions around Tasmania, with the top teams advancing through to the State Final.

In 2026, our sponsor HART Sport has supported the program by providing three winning vouchers valued at \$200 for each region. In addition, a \$100 participation voucher will be awarded to the school in each region that best demonstrates the values and positive culture of netball throughout the event.

Objectives

- Create a competitive netball competition for secondary school students;
- Provide opportunities for greater participant involvement and development in netball;
- Provide a fun and inclusive environment;
- Increasing awareness of netball within schools;



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Past Winners

YEAR	GIRLS 9/10	GIRLS 7/8	BOYS 9/10	BOYS 7/8
2019	Dominic College	n/a	n/a	n/a
2020	not held due to Covid-19			
2021	St Patricks College	n/a	Clarence High School	n/a
2022	Clarence High	St Patricks College	Sacred Heart College	The Hutchins School
2023	Deloraine High School	St Aloysius College	Sacred Heart College	St Patricks College
2024	Deloraine High School	St Aloysius College	Sacred Heart College	MacKillop College
2025	St Aloysius College	St Patrick's College	Queechy High School	Queechy High School

Grand Final MVPs

YEAR	GIRLS 9/10	GIRLS 7/8	BOYS 9/10	BOYS 7/8
2019	Megan Steele <i>Dominic College</i>	n/a	n/a	n/a
2020	not held due to covid-19			
2021	Ava Lockwood <i>St Patricks College</i>	n/a	Ryan Williamson <i>Clarence High</i>	n/a
2022	Priya Bowering <i>Clarence High</i>	Caitlin Reed <i>St Patricks College</i>	Jasper Hay <i>Sacred Heart College</i>	Henry Chapman <i>The Hutchins School</i>
2023	Sophie Sherriff <i>Deloraine High School</i>	Molly Willcox <i>St Aloysius College</i>	Toby Lange <i>Sacred Heart College</i>	Sam Husband <i>St Patricks College</i>



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YEAR	GIRLS 9/10	GIRLS 7/8	BOYS 9/10	BOYS 7/8
2024	Sophie Sherriff <i>Deloraine High School</i>	Grace Kinder <i>St Aloysius College</i>	Jameson Clark <i>Sacred Heart College</i>	Mitchell Scott <i>MacKillop College</i>
2025	Caitlin Oates <i>St Aloysius College</i>	Addison Frerk <i>St Patrick's College</i>	Lachlan Hayes <i>Queechy High School</i>	Theo Turale <i>Queechy High School</i>

Competition Conditions

- **Entry fee:** There is an entry fee of \$250 per team which will be charged via PlayHQ upon registration. Player registration is built into the team entry fee, all schools will be provided a voucher for player registration in PlayHQ.
- **Rules:** Competition Matches will be played according to the World Netball Rules of Netball 2024 edition, except where specified below.
- **Conduct:** Competition Matches are to be run in good spirit. This requires coaches, teachers and officials to emphasise to their players that they are to always compete in a sportsmanlike manner. Unduly rough play on the court will not be tolerated in any way. Players displaying this type of behaviour will be sent from the court by umpires. Coaches, bench staff and spectators criticising and/or arguing with officials will likewise not be tolerated. After a warning, offenders will be required to leave the competition area. In cases of repeat behaviour by a team after a warning, the Tournament Director has the right to exclude the team from the competition.
- **Nails and jewellery:** Nails and/or jewellery may be taped, but this must be to the satisfaction of the match umpires and meet the following conditions. Taped nails must have one piece of tape over the top of the nail and down to the first knuckle, and at least one piece of tape around the nail. Rigid sports tape must be used, no band aids or paper tape permitted.
- **Game Format:** In Regional Carnivals, match lengths will be determined prior to the fixture being published, with the aim to have teams play a range of opponents across a range of standards. For State Finals, Competition Matches will comprise of 4 x 8-minute quarters, with 2 minutes for quarter-time and three quarter-time, and 3 minutes for half-time.

- **Rolling substitutions:** Rolling substitutions will be permitted as per the following conditions:
 - Substitutions may take place at any time, without needing to stop play or inform the umpire.
 - Substitutions take place off court, close to the transverse line which is closest to that team's bench area – the player coming off must leave the court before the substitute enters.
 - Players should not go offside while making a substitution.
- **Timing:** Where possible, matches will be centrally timed.
- **Scoring:** Matches will be scored using PlayHQ eScoring. Each team must supply a scorer for each game. One scorer will be responsible for the eScoring, while the other will operate the scoreboard. Scorers should communicate regularly to ensure that the scores match.
- **Regional Carnival Competition Format:** Regional Carnivals will be played in a round robin format, followed by placing finals, including a Grand Final to determine the Regional Champion and Runner Up, who will each be invited to the State Finals. In the event that either cannot attend the State Final, the team placing 3rd will be invited in their place.
- **State Final Competition Format – 6 teams:** State Finalists will be split into 2 pools (1x South, North and North-West team per pool) and will play against teams in their respective pools. This will result in 1st – 3rd placings at the conclusion of the round matches. The 1st and 2nd placed teams in each pool will cross over to determine the 2 Grand Finalists, who will play off to be State Champions.
- **State Final Competition Format – 5 teams or less:** All State Finalists will play against each other, resulting in ladder placings at the conclusion of the round matches. The 1st and 2nd placed teams will play off to be State Champions.
- **Match Points:** Points during the Competition will be awarded as follows:
 - Win = 2 points, Draw = 1 point, Loss = 0 points.Ladders will be ordered by points and then percentage (goals for divided by goals against).
- **Extra time:** In the event of a draw in a game that requires a winner, teams will have a 1 minute break and then will play until either:
 - One team leads by 2 goals, in which case the game ends and they are declared the winner, or
 - 4 minutes elapses, in which case the game will end as soon as a team leads by 1 goal.



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School Responsibilities

Each School must ensure their team/athletes are equipped with:

- Drink bottles
- Packed lunch (canteen will not be available)
- Netball(s) for warm up
- Set of netball bibs (multiple if available to support rolling subs, but not essential)
- First aid kit
- Scorer/Team Coordinator to record results
- Umpire and whistle (unless arranged for Netball Tasmania to provide an Umpire)
- Team Coordinators/Coaches are responsible for managing court time and player expectations.
Please consider the student's physical wellbeing and the demands of the carnival during all matches

Netball Tasmania Responsibilities

- St Johns Ambulance or Level 1 Qualified Trainer on site
- Umpire allocations
- Umpire if required (prior notice is crucial and schools will be charged \$100 per team)
- Match day information and programs
- iPads for PlayHQ eScoring
- Match balls - match balls will be marked and left on the score bench at each court and must be returned to the score bench at the conclusion of each match

Umpires

All schools are required to supply an umpire if possible. Schools may also pay \$100 per team for an umpire which Netball Tasmania will supply (this is done through the team entry registration). **Umpire details must be submitted at least 1 weeks prior to competition day.** The umpiring roster will be provided by Netball Tasmania. Umpires will not umpire their own school or team's matches and must be available for all rounds. It is suggested that a school supplied umpire is not also a coach or player on the day, if possible. Netball Tasmania require all umpires to bring their own whistle for use during the carnival and a white shirt/jacket.



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Scorers

Each school will provide one scorer per match, who will sit alongside the opposing scorer on the score bench for the duration of the match. One scorer will complete a paper score sheet and track centre passes, whilst the second scorer will use a Netball Tasmania supplied iPad to live score through PlayHQ. The second scorer will also be responsible for digitally updating the scoreboard on the court. All instructions will be provided to scorers on the day.

Forfeits

Forfeits at any stage of the competition are strongly discouraged. If a team forfeits, they must notify the Competition Coordinator. The forfeiting team will receive 0 competition points and 0 goals for the game, and the opposing team will receive 2 competition points and 10 goals.

Appeals

Umpires control a match according to the Rules. Their decisions are final and are given without appeal. No consideration will be given by competition organisers to overruling an umpire's decision made during a match.

For matters relating to competition conditions, queries should be directed to the Competition Co-ordinator or relevant Regional Coordinator, whose decision shall be final.

Parking

Free parking will be available in the carparks of each venue.

Spectators

Spectators are permitted to attend the 2026 High School Championships at no cost.



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Photography

Netball Tasmania may have a photographer on site during the High School Championships. By agreeing to participate in the competition, participants agree to the use of photographs in marketing material. Those who specifically requested no photography in the PlayHQ registration process will be exempt.

Photographs and video of High School Championship (HSC) participants may only be taken by persons approved by Netball Tasmania (NT) to do so.

Approved persons must seek consent from both team officials and umpires before taking photographs or video of match play. Photographs of participants should be relevant to netball – i.e. playing, warming up, team photo etc. Photographs must not be taken in change room, toilet or shower areas.

Approval to take photographs or video in accordance with the above can be sought from NT.

This can be done prior to the HSC or on the day. In either case, the photographer seeking approval must present their WWVP card to the NT representative on the day.

Approved photographers will be given a form of ID to wear or carry and this must be displayed upon request.