



NETBALL

 **melbourne**
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intercollegiate sport



ICSC NETBALL RULES

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Netball will be conducted according to the rules of [International Rules of Netball](#), with specific ICSC exceptions listed below.

COMPETITION FORMAT

Netball is contested as a Round-robin Tournament played over a three-to-four-week period. Firsts and Seconds Netball are played as two separate competitions.

Firsts Netball consists of Division 1 and Division 2. Division 1 Netball shall consist of previous year's top four placed teams seeded accordingly, with the remaining Colleges seeded according to the random draw. Div 2 Netball shall consist of the remaining Colleges not qualified for Div 1.

Division 1 and Division 2 Netball are conducted as separate events, with promotion and relegation between the two divisions applicable. The College who places bottom of Division 1 shall be automatically relegated for the following year's competition, pending the Division 2 winning College's acceptance.

The College who placed first in Division 2 will be offered a promotion to Division 1 for the following year's competition. The Division 2 winning College will need to accept their promotion within the College Sport calendar year. If the promoted College declines their position in Division 1, they shall remain in Division 2 for the following year's competition and relegation will not be applicable. Promotion will only be offered to the Division 2 winning College.

Seconds Netball involves all Colleges who elect to enter and will be conducted using a multi-pool system. A College may only enter Seconds if they have a team in the Firsts competition. The previous year's top four placed teams will be seeded accordingly, while the remaining teams will be seeded according to the current year's Random Draw. Finals for the Firsts (Div 1 and 2) and Seconds competition shall consist of Semi-finals and the Grand Final, with a 3rd/4th play-off

TEAM SIZE & ELIGIBILITY

Each college team may name a team of up to 13 players, of which all can take part in any one game. The minimum number of players that can be fielded at the start of play without incurring any penalties is 5.

Per ICSC rules, each college is permitted to play three non-resident students (20%) in any given match.

Eligibility between First and Seconds (Women's Only) will be as follows:

1. A player (as recorded on the scoresheet) shall not play in both selected Firsts and Seconds games in any one day.
2. Once a player plays two games in the Firsts competition, they are ineligible for any subsequent Seconds games.
3. Playing an ineligible player will result in a forfeit for the offending team.

MATCH DURATION

Games (except for the Semi-Finals and the Grand Final) shall comprise 4 x 10 quarters. Five minutes shall be permitted for half time and two minutes between each quarter.

The Grand Final and Semi-Finals shall comprise 4 x 12-minute quarters. Five minutes shall be permitted for half time and two minutes between each quarter. The game clock shall only stop for injury time if indicated by the umpire.

In the case of a drawn preliminary game, 1 period of 2 minutes, without swapping ends will be played. In the case of a drawn final at the end of normal time, 1 extra period of 5 minutes, without teams swapping ends, will be played.

If there is still a draw after extra time, teams play until one team is up by 2 goals upon which point the game is declared over and the winner has been decided

ROLLING SUBSTITUTES

Rolling substitutes will be implemented in Intercollegiate Netball from 2024. Teams can make substitutions at any time during the game.

The rolling substitute stands beside the scorer's table until their hand is tagged by the player leaving the court. Play is not to be held up for a substitution. If play is delayed, the player will be penalised under Rule 19.2. "Delaying Play". Players must observe the offside rule as they enter/leave the court.

Late Players will still be classified as a late player and must not come on the court until cleared by the umpire and a goal is scored.

FORFEITS

Teams must have 5 players present to commence a game. If a team does not have 5 players to commence the game, it shall be penalized one goal for each minute it is unable to take the court until 10 minutes has expired. After 10 minutes has expired, the offending team will forfeit the game.

In preliminary rounds, a forfeit score of 20-0 shall be recorded.

GAME OFFICIALS

ICSC Sport Hosts will endeavour to appoint two suitably qualified umpires for each game. Competing Colleges are required to provide a reliable scorer for each game.

An official ICSC Netball Scoresheet should be used for each game.

UNIFORM & EQUIPMENT

All teams must wear netball skirts and a college shirt, or one-piece netball dress in the nominated College colours. All players must wear only non-marking sports shoes.

Game balls will be supplied. Each competing team is to supply its own practice balls. Each team must also supply its own set of bibs or patches.

NAILS & JEWELLERY

Nails and Jewellery may be taped. Taped nails must have one piece of tape over the top of each nail and at least one piece of tape around the nail. Rigid sports tape must be used; no band aids or alternative tapes will be permitted.

Umpires will check nails and jewellery prior to each match.

FIRST AID KITS

While Melbourne University Sport will engage additional onsite first aid responders for all football matches, as per ICSC requirements, teams **MUST** bring their own first aid kits to all AFL games. They should be fully stocked and accessible in an emergency.

ICSC POLICIES

All ICSC Policies and Procedures must be adhered to by all participants. Designated Team Captains and College Sports Representatives are also expected to ensure their college participants are aware of all relevant policies and procedures and act accordingly. For more information, consult the ICSC Handbook.