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### 1 PURPOSE

The purpose of the Schools in Action (SIA) *Netball Technical Rules and Regulations* is to provide standardised rules and regulations for all Netball competitions organised by SIA. This document is set up in accordance with the SIA Policies and *Code of Conduct* which all students, teachers, officials and spectators are bound by.

This document is intended to ensure that all matters related to competitions are conducted in a fair and orderly manner.

The specific objectives of this document are to:

1. Define and specify the general conditions under which participants can take part in the SIA Netball events;
2. Determine the school team composition;
3. Determine the sport program;
4. Determine the technical rules;
5. Set the draw procedure;
6. Set protests and appeals procedure.

Please note that the technical rules and regulations are applicable to all SIA events. In case of variation of rules and regulations in relation to the type of event, the variation will be specified in the text.

### 2 GENERAL CONDITIONS

The competition of SIA Netball events will be run according to the SIA Technical Rules and Regulations, International Netball Federation (INF) *Rules of Netball* and Netball Australia policy and guidelines under the direction of SIA officials and the appointed Challenge Convener. Any decisions over matters not mentioned in the present document will be taken by the SIA Directors.

- The SIA Netball events are open to any Secondary School registered with their Education Department in their State or Territory. Specific sports formats shall be described in the event bulletins.
- Participation is open to any full time student that:
  - satisfies the age requirements as per rule 2.1 below; and
  - is enrolled and in full time attendance at a Secondary School that satisfies the school requirements above; and
  - has attended the school they wish to represent on a full time basis for at least three (3) months immediately prior to the commencement of the event.
- The competition is categorised as either Boy Challenge and / or Girl Challenge.
- Mixed teams are not allowed.
- The composition of each school delegation, age category and number of teams allowed at each SIA Netball event will be advised when the event is announced.
- The length of the competition will be defined for each event when the event is announced. School teams are to arrive no later than the day prior to the commencement of competition.

#### 2.1 AGE CATEGORY

- The age category will be defined for each event when the event is announced.

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### 3 SCHOOL TEAM COMPOSITION

Each school team will consist of:

- Student Athletes
- Team officials
  - Coach
  - Team Manager
  - An Assistant Coach may also be appointed.

Staff/Student supervision ratios relevant to the State / Territory the school is located in must be adhered to by the school team when attending the Challenge.

- Field of play officials (umpires) if applicable
- Additional adults (approved by School Principal) and authorised by SIA.

#### 3.1 STUDENT ATHLETES

- Athletes must be students attending schools that provide general education.
- Athletes must be enrolled as full-time students at the school which they represent.
- Each team is entitled to enter:
  - a minimum of ten (10) student athletes, and
  - a maximum of twelve (12) student athletes.

#### 3.2 TEAM OFFICIALS

##### 3.2.1 Coach

- The presence of a coach is mandatory.
- Teams cannot participate in the competition without the presence of a coach.

##### 3.2.2 Team Manager

- The presence of a team manager is mandatory.
- Teams cannot participate in the competition without the presence of a team manager.

##### 3.2.3 Assistant Coach

- Each team is entitled to appoint one assistant coach.
- The presence of an assistant coach is not mandatory. Teams can participate in the competition without the presence of an assistant coach. Schools are reminded that Staff/Student supervision ratios relevant to the State / Territory the school is located in must be adhered to by the school team when attending the Challenge.

#### 3.3 FIELD OF PLAY OFFICIALS

- Schools are encouraged to provide at least one accredited student umpires. These student 'Field of Play' officials must have at least the minimum level of qualification defined in 4.4.1 below.
- The Field of play officials cannot combine their position with other positions, such as team officials or additional adults. They also cannot be one of the student team players.

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- School teams must provide certificates for Field of Play officials when lodging their team lists prior to the Challenge.
- If a school is unable to provide a Field of Play official, the school will be invoiced (per team) the cost of one umpire which is payable to SIA prior to the challenge. The cost will be advised when the event is announced.

### 3.4 ADDITIONAL ADULTS

- The function of other team officials can be doctor, sports trainer, physiotherapist, statistician, dietician, media. Other roles for additional adults must be submitted to SIA for approval prior to team lists being lodged. SIA reserves the right to not approve requests for other roles.
- The presence of additional adults is not mandatory.
- The function of each additional adult must be specified when team lists are lodged prior to the Challenge.
- Any other additional persons not specified when lodging team lists or exceeding the limit specified in this document will not be considered part of the official delegation and will not be accredited by the Local Organising Committee.
- Each team is entitled to enter up to two (2) other team officials.

## 4 CHALLENGE OFFICIALS

### 4.1 CHALLENGE CONVENER

Responsible for managing the entire Challenge Event, including the collection of the official match result cards, cautions and send off reports; checking, care and maintenance of the match balls throughout the Challenge; and liaison with the Umpire Coordinator.

### 4.2 UMPIRE COORDINATOR

Responsible for the rostering and conduct of the umpires during the Challenge event.

### 4.3 TECHNICAL BENCH COORDINATOR

Responsible for the rostering and conduct of technical (bench) officials during the Challenge event.

### 4.4 FIELD OF PLAY OFFICIALS

#### 4.4.1 Umpires

- Umpires will be appointed by SIA using resources recommended by either Netball Australia, their relevant State member body and the pool of student umpires.
- Field of Play student officials must have at least a Level 'B' badge qualification. The qualification will be reviewed and approved by the Netball Challenge Convener and Umpire Coordinator.

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#### 4.4.2 Technical Officials

Scorers and timekeepers are to be appointed as per the INF's *Rules of Netball*.

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### 5 TECHNICAL RULES

#### 5.1 SYSTEM OF PLAY

Please refer to the SIA National All Schools Challenges Event Regulations.

#### 5.2 DRAW / FIXTURE

SIA is responsible for establishing the criteria and scheduling / timing of the draw. The draw will consider any information relevant to SIA such as the number of teams participating. The draw will be advised for each event in an event bulletin.

Competition will consist of either:

- a full round robin that may or may not finish with a playoff / finals stage; or
- split pool round robin rounds with teams divided into groups of equal number of teams. This stage will be followed by crossover games, semi-finals if necessary and finish with playoff games for final placings.

#### 5.3 DURATION OF MATCHES

- The length of matches will be advised for each event in an event bulletin.
- All teams must arrive at the competition venue not later than fifteen (15) minutes before the scheduled beginning of the match.
- Ten (10) minutes before the beginning of the match, umpires shall check players of both teams according to the specified lists.
- 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. e.g., if the match is 4x15 minute quarters, the forfeit score is 30-0.

#### 5.4 UNIFORM

- Refer to International Netball Federation (INF) *Rules of Netball* and Netball Australia's *Uniform Guidelines*.
- All schools are to have two sets of bibs with alternative colours. The first named team is to decide which colour they will wear.
- Players not correctly dressed will not be permitted to compete.

#### 5.5 COMPETITION EQUIPMENT

- Schools in Action will supply all competition balls, being size 5 Gilbert match balls for the Challenge. The make of competition ball shall be communicated in a Challenge Bulletin.
- Schools are to provide their own warm-up balls.

#### 5.6 POINTS

- Points shall be awarded as follows during the round robin stage:
  - Win 2 points
  - Draw 1 point

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- Match lost 0 points

### 5.7 RANKING SYSTEM AFTER ROUND ROBIN PHASE

- Points after all matches of round robin phase.
- 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.

### 5.8 DETERMINING WINNING TEAMS IN CROSSOVER, SEMI-FINAL AND PLAYOFF (FINALS) GAMES

In the event of a draw being played in crossover, semi-final or final (playoff) stages, extra time consisting of two halves of equal length will be played as per the INF's *Rules of Netball*. The Challenge Convener will advise the length of the halves prior to the start of the event.

## 6 PROTESTS AND APPEALS

As per the INF's *Rules of Netball*, the umpires control a match according to the Rules and decide any matter not covered by them. Their decisions are final and are given without appeal.

## 7 INJURY MANAGEMENT

### 7.1 SPORTS TRAINER

A qualified Sports Trainer will be appointed by SIA for each venue.

### 7.2 INJURY MANAGEMENT

Refer to the information on Stoppages in the INF's *Rules of Netball* for guidance on the treatment of injuries during a game.

## 8 MEETINGS

### 8.1 PRE-CHALLENGE BRIEFING

There will be a Pre-Challenge Briefing for all teams prior to the first stage of matches. The date and time will be advertised in Challenge bulletins.

### 8.2 OTHER MEETINGS

Schools in Action reserves the right to call other meetings of team officials should the need arise.

## 9 TROPHIES AND AWARDS

### 9.1 TROPHIES

The winning team for both the Boys and Girls competitions will be presented with an annual Challenge Trophy.

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### 9.2 MEDALS

- A maximum of twelve (12) medallions for students plus three (3) for the team officials will be awarded to placegetters.
- Extra medallions will not be available.



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