

# Netball

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## RULES & REGULATIONS

Netball is to be conducted under the official rules of Netball Australia. The following rules & regulations will apply.

The SIS Code of Conduct essential points must be clearly read out by the umpire to both teams & signed by the umpire & coaches before the game commences.

### Team Requirements

1. A maximum of 7 players are permitted to take the court.
2. Schools may have unlimited substitutes.
3. Clothing is to be marked with clear playing positions.
4. Both teams will provide a scorer to sit with the opposition.
5. The host school will provide a timekeeper.

### Match Requirements

1. Matches are to commence at 1.20pm, or as otherwise agreed by both schools.
2. Matches are 4 x 10 minute quarters with a half time interval of 5 minutes.
3. The host school will ensure the court surface, backboard & basket are of a satisfactory standard & regulation size.
4. The host school will book & provide umpires in accordance with SIS requirements.  
All Levels – 2 Accredited Umpires are required (1 umpire may be an accredited student)
5. A size 5 ball is required.

### Sport Specific Playing Conditions

1. The **Mercy Rule** margin is 20 points. The rule will apply if a team is leading by 20 points at any stage during the game. Each time a goal is scored, the opposition team will take the centre pass. Once the score reduces below 20 points, then full rules resume.
2. Any player sent off for misconduct may not be replaced.
3. For a result to be declared the match must have reached half time then the score as it stands when play ceased shall be taken as the final result. Should a match not reach half time then it is deemed a draw.
4. When a score is tied at the end of play, an overtime period will be negotiated between coaches until a winner is decided. 3-5 minutes, continuous clock.  
If after the agreed overtime the score remains level, the game is called a draw.