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Lincoln University South Island Secondary Schools Netball Tournament Rules 2010

1. South Island Secondary Schools' Netball Tournament is an event sanctioned by the NZSSSC and endorsed by Netball New Zealand.
2. The tournament is open to one entry from affiliated South Island Secondary Schools. All players must be female and in Years 9 to 13.
3. A team will have a maximum of twelve players.
4. Each team shall have at least one adult official approved by the school who will be responsible for team members, and will assume responsibility throughout the event.
5. All games will be played according to the International Rules of Netball (with the exception of the four ten minute periods).
6. At all times, players must reflect credit on the school they represent. Players who deviate from the normal accepted standards of behaviour on or off the court may result in their immediate suspension. In such a case the principal of the school concerned will be notified.
7. As an event sanctioned by the NZSSSC the tournament is Alcohol, Drug and Smoke free.

Conditions of Entry - as per the NZSSSC Conditions of Entry Criteria

1. To be eligible to play at the tournament a student must:
 - a. Be enrolled as a bona fide student at the school of representation for at least four weeks prior to the event and studying a full time programme.
 - b. Dispensation for those who transfer within four weeks of the competition is at the discretion of the management committee.



- c. Have a satisfactory record at the school. The final decision will be at the principal's discretion.
 - d. The student must be under 19 years of age at the first of January in the year of the competition. Birth dates of each player must be included on the team entry form. Schools must authenticate students' birth dates. The Management Committee may require validation of a birth date by birth certificate or passport.
2. "A" grade teams that did not participate in the previous tournament and wish to re-enter SSSNA tournament will be placed in the lower half seeding of "B" grade.
 3. Teams should indicate on their entry form their preferred grade and the management committee would take this into consideration and consult with affected schools on changes.
 4. The principal of the school entering must sign entry forms before they can be accepted.
 5. Names or numbers must be on playing uniforms or on the player's arm and correspond to the order of names or numbers on the entry form.
 6. Tournament entry forms and team roster sheets must be completed and returned to the tournament secretary by the due dates, with the entry fee. Schools whose entry form and entry fee are not received within 10 days of the due date for entries, will incur a penalty fee of \$50 per team. Any replacement player must be advised to the organising committee on the appropriate form that is signed by the principal.
 7. Entries will be accepted into grades following placing from the previous tournament after the automatic promotion/relegation option has been actioned.
 8. Any team wishing to change grades is allowed to indicate this on the entry form and the management committee will consult and place teams accordingly without disadvantage or prejudice to other teams.
 9. Teams that withdraw within four weeks of the tournament commencing forfeit all entry fees. They will be required to pay any additional costs incurred by the organising or management committees related to the withdrawal or non-attendance of the team.
 10. Teams who withdraw after entry but prior to four weeks of the tournament commencing will be dealt with at the discretion of the tournament organising committee in consultation with the management committee.
 11. In the event a team withdraws late or insufficient teams have entered (or want to change) into any grade to make a workable draw the organising committee shall have the option of creating an invitation team from local school players. This team would have no status in the tournament i.e. all teams playing against such a team would automatically be awarded the 4 competition points at the end of their completed game. The game must be played. The score of this game will not be included in the goal differential calculations.



12. The draw used in the A and B grades is a modified Olympic Draw. This is based upon 8 sections of 4 teams for round one. Games in all grades consist of four 10-minute periods with first and third breaks of 2 minutes and a half time of 3 minutes, unless exceptional circumstances preclude this.

Points

Win = 4 points

Draw = 2 points

***Loss of 3 goals or less = 1**

***Loss of more than 3 goals = 0**

* This is a change from 2006.

Section Placing

In the event of a tie, section placing shall be determined by goal ratio formula –

Formula to be used is –

Total goals for divided by total goals against.

13. On the final day of play when teams play to decide their final play-off placing, these games must result in a winner. If the game is a draw when full time is called the following is to occur: The game will stop for two minutes, with substitutions able to be made. The centre pass will remain the same. Teams will not change ends. Play then continues until team is ahead by two goals.
- If a tournament final results in a draw, it shall remain a draw. Seeding for the following year will be decided by goal ratio formula.
14. Application for entry to the tournament is confirmation of an agreement to abide by the tournament rules.

Team Responsibilities

1. Teams are responsible for all costs related to the attendance and performance of their team and players at SSSNA tournament.
2. It is the manager's responsibility to ensure that the team has a first aid kit and is conversant with the tournament rules and is ready to play on time and that all players receive proper medical attention in cases of injury or sickness.
3. Team managers must keep a running score for each game.



Tournament Play

1. Teams in A and B grades are seeded based on the finishing position from the previous year. No alteration to sections or seeding can be made. Seeding in C grade is based upon the number of entries received and draws structure that is appropriate for this number.
2. 32 teams is the maximum number in any grade, with four teams per section for round one.
3. In the event that there are not enough entries into the B grade to fulfil the 32 seeding the management committee has the discretion to create a workable draw based upon the modified Olympic draw format.
4. C grade –there may be a C grade, dependent upon the number of entries. Participation in C grade is at the discretion of the management committee. The draw for this grade will aim to provide the teams entering with the maximum number of games possible given the courts and time available.
5. Teams who finish 1st, 2nd, or 3rd in B and C grades will have the right to be automatically promoted to the higher grade for the following year. Teams who come 30th, 31st and 32nd in A or B grades will be relegated and take the 1st, 2nd and 3rd seeds in the B and C grades. In the event of insufficient entries into A or B grades teams will be invited to contest the grade from the current years lower grade seeding.
In the event of an extraordinary circumstance leading to the late withdrawal of a team from A grade, the top teams in B grade in ranked order from 1 to 3 will be invited to fill the spot. In the event that these three teams do not take this opportunity the replacement team will be put in A grade. In these circumstances only two teams from that year's B grade winners will be promoted for the following year. The withdrawn team will come back into the A grade in 30th spot.

Venue Of Tournament

The Annual SISS Tournament will be played in a South Island Centre and rotate in the following order, if possible.

Top Middle Bottom



Umpires

1. All umpires will be holders of a regional qualification if possible.
2. Current New Zealand umpires will control all quarterfinals, semi-finals and finals, if available.
3. Games will be dual controlled.
4. Student umpires of appropriate qualification may control games at the tournament provided the committee is informed that he/she is a student.

Protest

1. Any protest arising from a game must be lodged in writing with the Appeals Committee within one hour of the end of the game.
2. The protest must be in writing and accompanied by a fee of \$25, which is refundable if the protest is upheld.
3. The protest committee will hear and decide upon a protest as soon as possible.

Meetings

1. The Annual General Meeting of SSSNA will be held on an evening during the running of the tournament
2. Each school's nominated delegate will be indicated upon their entry form. Only this delegate will be eligible to vote on behalf of the school.



