

UNE Netball Rules – Mixed Competition 2024

The UNE Netball competitions will comply with all rules in the current Netball NSW rules along with some variations for the SportUNE competitions.

https://netball.sport/wp-content/uploads/2023/12/10214_WN_NETBALL-RULE-BOOK-MANUAL-2023-v13-RGB-HR.pdf

Age Restriction

1. Participants must be turning sixteen during the year of competition.
2. Anyone below the age of eighteen must meet a certain level of skill; to minimise risk of injury, this is at the discretion of competition administration. Parental permission must be given to those players under the ages of eighteen years.

Game Procedures

3. While uniform isn't mandatory for the mixed competition, please aim to have the same/similar coloured tops where possible.
4. Bibs of the two teams on court must be completely different colours e.g. pink & green.
5. Club/Team representatives must notify competition administrators ASAP of any event which may affect the participation of a team in the competition.
6. Any forfeit after 12pm on the Wednesday of competition will result in 1 point taken from the team giving the forfeit.
7. A forfeit on the day will be determined if one team cannot take the court with the minimum five players (one of which being male) needed five minutes after the commencement of play. The controlling umpire will determine this. Fines may be issued to the forfeiting team and they must pay for both umpires on that game in question. If both teams don't show they will pay an umpire each.
8. All games will be timed individually on each court. Each game will consist of four nine-minute quarters with a one-minute break at quarter time and two minutes break at half time.
9. Each team taking the court will need to provide one person that will cover scoring and keeping time.
10. There is no limit on the maximum number of players who can register and play in a specific team. However, there is a minimum of nine individuals per team. Players can play across more than one team, but they can only be counted for the minimum nine in one team.
11. There is a minimum of 2 males and a maximum of 3 males per team allowed on the court at one time.
12. Teams shall play male players one in each third of the court (defence, mid-court, goals). The Combination is:
 - GS or GA
 - WA, C or WD
 - GD or GK
13. Alternatively, if teams have only two male players on the court, then they must play on opposite ends, such as:
 - GK or GD
 - GA or GS

Points

14. Competition points
 - i) Four points for win
 - ii) Two points for a draw
 - iii) Zero points for a loss
 - iv) Zero points for giving a forfeit is by 12pm Wednesday
 - v) Zero points for a forfeit and one point taken from team if after 12pm Wednesday

Final Series

15. There will be one round of finals. Which will be as follows:
 - 1 vs 2 will play for 1st & 2nd position
 - 3 vs 4 will play for 3rd & 4th position
 - 5 vs 6 will play for 5th & 6th position...and so on down the ladder
 - If there is an uneven number of teams, the team in last place will not play in a final series game.
16. The date of the final cannot be changed.
17. There are to be no player replacements for any team during the final series unless authorised by competition administration.
18. If an unqualified/unregistered player is found playing in a team other than the one they are named in during finals, the team will be withdrawn from the final's series. If this occurs, the team at fault with forfeit to the other team
19. For the safety of all game participants, when large crowds are present, a set distance will be enforced for the crowd. This is at the discretion of the umpires & SportUNE Staff.

Fees

20. Each team will pay registration per team. Payments will be as follows; \$400 for UNE student teams & \$500 for Non-UNE student teams.
21. Teams will have until the 3rd round of competition to make payment. Any team with outstanding payments will be removed from the competition unless prior arrangements have been made with competition administration.
22. All individuals will have to agree to the code of conduct and the insurance waiver.
23. Teams pay registration for the whole netball season – this means there will be no refunds. If you cannot complete a full season valid reasons may be considered if in writing to competition administration cbryce3@une.edu.au
24. Clubs/teams with outstanding finances will not be eligible to collect any prizes available to them until payment has been received.
25. Clubs/teams with outstanding debts will not be allowed to enter the competition in subsequent seasons, without financial arrangements with competition administration.

Behaviour – Refer to SportUNE Netball Code of Conduct

26. On court discipline is at the discretion of the umpires. The competition administration will be informed of any disciplinary action and take further action if warranted.
27. The competition administration reserves the right to suspend any player based on any disciplinary action taken by any umpires. This will be followed strictly. The umpire will fill out

a report regarding the incident and this will be dealt with by competition administration. Club/team representatives will be informed of the outcome.

28. Coach and spectator behaviour must follow the same behaviour protocol as player(s); absolutely no rowdy/inappropriate behaviour will be tolerated.

Grading/Regrading

29. There will be a social (Div 2) & competitive (Div 1) division for the mixed competition.
30. The first round of the competition will be grading. The competition administration reserves the right to regrade teams, not only based on the outcome of a match but also prior achievements and skill levels.
- If changes are made to a division the points on the ladder will reset at zero at the beginning of round 3. If there are no changes to the grade all points on the ladder will count.
31. Any regrading that is not approved by the team/club, a representative may contact competition administration in writing, with a valid request and explanation as to why. However, the final decision lies with the competition administration.

Umpires

32. There is zero tolerance to the abuse of umpires, any unfavourable behaviour will not be tolerated, and the player(s) participating will be taken off the court at the umpire's discretion. The umpire will complete a send-off report. If there are any ongoing issues, the competition administration will review reports of player(s) and further action will be taken. This may include, fines, point loss for the team and extreme cases a ban for a period of time for those involved. This is not just players and can be applied to coaches and spectators.
33. Umpires will follow correct game procedure according to the current Netball NSW rules and all SportUNE variations to the best of their ability.
34. It is at the competition administration and Netball Advisory Committee to appoint umpires.
35. Any umpiring issues must be sent in an email to competition administration before the following round; providing time to resolve the issue.
36. Unbadged/UNE badged umpires will receive \$15 per match. C badged umpires will receive a payment of \$20 per match and B badged umpire will receive a payment of \$25 per match. The amount of the payment may change due to the level of the umpire's ability, at the discretion of the competition administration.
37. If the game has only one umpire set down for the match or an umpire doesn't show up, the match fee will double per game, when a single umpire is controlling the game.