

**2024 Netball 12 Years and Under
School of Sport Education NT Championship Rules.**

12 Years and Under Championship Model:

- Compulsory components: Round Robin matches, PD sessions, Pool Matches, Opening and Closing Ceremonies. Skills session and Mix and Match Activity can be incorporated into warm up, excursion or PD session.
- All teams to play a Round Robin against each other each in shortened games. If too many teams, each will play a minimum of 5 Round Robin Games with at least one game against teams in each ability level.
- Pools will be determined to accommodate 2 groups of most similar ability – Pools do not need to have similar numbers of team in each – all teams will play against each other in their Pool. There will be no finals or play offs.
- If insufficient team numbers or just a small number of nominations, a full round robin could be played with no Pool games.
- Mix 'n Match activity which may or may not be related to the sport. The purpose is to mix all competing players into composite teams to encourage socialisation.
- Skills Session. In Region teams, students rotate through skill activities.

Codes of Conduct:

- Sport Education NT Codes of Conduct will apply to students, officials and spectators throughout the event.
- In all Sport Education NT Programs, positive coaching is permitted only from the “specific sports” designated area by the appointed team officials. Coaching should be used to enhance the individual’s skill development and improve gamesmanship at the moment of need.

Safety:

- Goal Posts must be appropriately padded.
- Appropriate footwear is to be worn.
- Team bench area to be designated for playing teams and officials and needs to be adequately shaded.
- Sunsmart and Blood Rule information are provided in the Championship Program.

Team Size:

- Region team 10 up to 12 students.



Age:

- Ages are to be calculated as at 31 December in the year of competition.
- Students must be a minimum of 10 years – i.e., born no later than 2014, and a maximum of 12 years – i.e., born no earlier than 2012.
- As Sport Education NT has been granted age dispensation by School Sport Australia, up to 5 players in a team of 10 or up 6 in a team of 12 may turn 13 in 2024 between 1 July and 31 December i.e., born in 2011.

NB Interstate selection will be for 12 students.

Equipment / Playing Area

- Court size: No modification to Netball Australia regulations
- Size 5 Balls to be used.

Playing Rules:

The Sport Education NT policy that all students have equitable playing time shall apply.

Each student must play on each day of the 12 Years and Under Championship.

- **Round Robin:** 10 minutes halves. 5-minute half time with a minimum of 5 minutes between games
- **Pool Games:** 4 x 8 minutes quarters. 2, 3, and 2 minute breaks between quarters.

Netball Australia rules shall apply except for:

- Players may be interchanged any number of times at appropriate stoppages during the game. Umpires must be advised of the change.
- All netball programs or competitions for participants 12 years and under must be open to players of any sex or gender identity. Boys are thus eligible for the Sport Education NT and SSA Championships if they turn 12 or under in the year of competition.

Points:

Pool Game points are as follows:

Win	3
Draw	2
Loss	1



Team Trophies/ Medallions:

Pool A: Sport Education NT perpetual trophy
Sport Education NT medallions for winning team members – players and officials.

Round Robin points do not carry over to Pool matches.

Awarded to the team/s with the highest number of points in the Pool A Matches.

Joint winners apply as differentiating by percentages, goal differences, extra times etc. are not within the 12 Years & Under Championship philosophy.

Pool B: Sport Education NT perpetual trophy
Sport Education NT Medallions for winning team members – players and officials.

One team will receive the Sportsmanship Award. Each team will vote after discussion between players and officials for the team they believe showed the best sportsmanship and attitude, on and off the field of play.

Individual Awards:

Not applicable within the 12 Years & Under Championship Philosophy

Officials:

- Student umpires are encouraged to nominate. The Convenor will schedule umpires which, if required, may include team officials.
- All teams must supply 1 competent scorer for their own game.
- Coaches or Managers are to sign the score card and hand to the Convenor at the completion of each game.
- Timekeeping will be the responsibility of the Convenor.
- The Convenor will arrange a briefing for all team officials each morning/afternoon.

Judiciary:

All breaches of Sport Education NT Codes of Conduct by students, team officials, volunteers, parents etc. shall be referred to the Judiciary, which is established at the Pre-event meeting.