

SCOTTISH SCHOOLS CUP 2016/2017

Competition Regulations



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1.0 COMPETITIONS MANAGEMENT

- 1.1** The Scottish Schools Cup shall be managed and administered by Netball Scotland's Club and Competition Development Manager (CCDM).
- 1.2** By entering a team/teams into the Scottish Schools Cup, schools are in agreement that:
 - They understand and agree with the rules and regulations set out in this document.
 - They are able and willing to fulfil the costs and commitments of participation in the Scottish Schools Cup competition.
- 1.3** It is the responsibility of team coaches/school teachers and team captains to ensure that all players are conversant with Netball Scotland's Scottish Schools Cup Rules and regulations.
- 1.4** All teams will be held responsible for the overall conduct (behaviour, demeanour and actions) of all members associated with the team, including players, officials and spectators.
- 1.5** All teams should comply with Netball Scotland's 'Respect Document', which can be found on our website; www.netballscotland.com
- 1.6** Teams must provide their own first aid (for all) and child wellbeing protection care (for those 18 and under).

2.0 ENTRY ELIGIBILITY

- 2.1** Only schools affiliated to Netball Scotland are eligible to enter into the Scottish Schools Cup competition.
- 2.2** All players involved must be in full time education and on the register of the affiliated school for which they are competing.
- 2.3** The competitions is played in the following school year groups:
 - S1 All players must be in S1
 - S2 Players can be from S1 or S2
 - S3 Players can be from S1, S2 or S3
 - Open Players can be from any school year, excluding S1

Note, teams which have a mixture of year groups represented must be entered into the competition for eldest year age group.
- 2.4** Players may only compete in one school year group throughout the entirety of that competition season i.e. cannot play for two different teams.
- 2.5** Schools can enter a maximum of one team per S1/S2/S3 competitions.
Schools can enter a maximum of two teams per open competition.
- 2.6** Schools entering more than one team into the Open age group competition will be asked to complete a Netball Scotland Team registration list before their first fixture. This list will confirm the names of the players in each team. A player may be moved between teams only once throughout the season, if necessary. Netball Scotland should be notified of any changes to this list.
- 2.7** A maximum of 12 players can compete in any one fixture.
- 2.8** Any team who knowingly and deliberately provides false information regarding their team entry and the identity of players at registration and the naming of players on match record sheets will be expelled from the competition.

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3.0 COMPETITION STRUCTURE

3.1 The competition deadline dates for the Scottish Schools Cup are provided below. All dates must be strictly adhered to as no extensions will be granted.

1st Round	26th November 2016
Pre-2nd Round	16th December 2016
2nd Round	27th January 2017
3rd Round	17th February 2017
Quarter Final	3rd March 2017
Semi Final	16th March 2017
Finals – Ravenscraig	23rd & 24th March 2017

3.2 The Scottish Schools Cup consists of a 'regional' first round of the competition will follow a round robin format, with all teams playing the others in their section once of that age group. The draw will be circulated to all participating teams at the start of the competition.

3.3 Games played in the first round will follow the scoring system below:

Win	5 points
Draw	3 points
Loss by 5 points or less	2 points
Loss with 50% or more of the oppositions score	1 point
Any other loss	0 points

3.4 First round group stage tables will be centrally held by NS. When two teams within the same group are on level points:

- Goal difference i.e. goals score subtract goals conceded.
- Then by Goal Average ie. Goals scored divided by goals against
- In the event of one team having their goal difference affected by forfeited matches, or by using the fair play option, then all goals scored by and against the forfeiting team(s) in all games shall be omitted from the calculations of both teams level on points.
- In the event that neither of the above differentiates between the two teams tied on points, the Competitions Advisory Group (CompAG) will make a decision. Their decision in this case will be final.

3.5 Following the completion of the first round group stages, all teams will progress to the knockout stages where they will be playing in either the Gold, Silver or Bronze depending on their final group stage position.

3.5.1 The winner from each group will progress into the Gold section.

3.5.2 The bottom placed teams in each group will progress into the Bronze section.

3.5.3 All other teams will be placed, by the CCDM, into either the Gold, Silver or Bronze sections based on the group size and placing in their first round group.

A full explanation of competition splits will be provided at the time of publication of the knock-out draws.

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4.0 FIXTURE ARRANGEMENTS

4.1 For the first round only, the first named team on the draw is the home team and is responsible for sourcing the venue and make arrangements to host the travelling team for their fixture before that round deadline date (rule 3.1).

4.2 For the knockout stage onwards, the home team allocation will follow an alternating pattern.

i.e. if your school were the home team in the second round and your next fixture is against a team who travelled away to their second round fixture, then they will be awarded the home tie, and vice-versa. If both teams were either home or away in the previous round, then NS will conduct an independent draw of both team names to decide the home time allocation.

4.2.1 The only exception to the above is if the team who was previously listed as the 'Home team' but were subject to rule 4.10 (where they were travelling to a neutral venue). Under this circumstance both teams will be seen as the 'away' team in the neutral venue draw.

4.3 The home team must contact their opponents to arrange the fixture within the same week of the draw being issued by NS.

4.4 The home team must offer a minimum of 3 dates for their opponents to choose from but common sense should prevail. Within these options there must include:

- 1x date within school hours (9-4pm) Monday – Friday.
- 1x date out with school hours (4-9pm) Monday – Friday
- Plus 1 other available option.

4.5 Consideration should be given to teams who have travelled a far distance, travelling teams should return home no later than 10pm.

4.6 Any weekend fixtures must be mutually agreed.

4.7 If a fixture date is still not mutually agreed, the home team should consider the use of an external facility to suit both team's needs and to ensure the fixture gets played within the deadline date.

4.8 The away team is responsible for travel costs.

4.9 The away team must make contact with the 'home team' to arrange the fixture if this has not be agreed within 7 days of the draw being issued.

4.10 In the event that a one-way travel distance is of greater than 250 miles for the away team, teams are to arrange their fixture in a neutral venue (equidistant where possible) and share the costs of the venue hire. Teams will be expected to cover their own travel costs.

4.11 Netball Scotland would recommend in circumstances where teams must travel significant distances and play where deadline dates are tight, that teams would look to play triangular fixtures. ie. play more than one group fixture in one place on one day or if the next stage knock-out team is known play two stages of the knock-out rounds on the same day at the same venue.

4.12 It is Netball Scotland's aim to see as many of these games played as possible. However, should a team require to forfeit a fixture, Netball Scotland must be made aware of this via email confirmation to the CCDM (competitions@netballscotland.com) and copied to the opposing team. In a forfeit situation the non-offending team will be awarded the win (5 points).

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- 4.13** Ultimately, if a team has followed the above procedure and provided the opposition with the required date options and a fixture still cannot be mutually agreed before the deadline date, then teams should follow the provided "Enquiries and Concerns Protocol" (found within the Enquiries and Concerns Procedure Document).
- 4.14** No extensions will be granted to teams for failing to agree a fixture date before the deadline date unless under truly extraordinary circumstances.
- 4.15** Rule 3.1 confirms no extensions will be granted however NS understand that there may be truly extraordinary circumstances which are completely out with a schools control. These circumstances are governed by the CompAG Group and could include but are not limited to:
- Extreme weather warnings issued by Government bodies against travel
 - Sudden/unexpected school closure
- If this circumstance arises please follow the provided "Enquiries and Concerns Protocol" (found within the Enquiries and Concerns Procedure Document).
- 4.16** Teams are expected to provide an alternatively coloured set of bibs/patch bibs in the event of a colour clash with the opposition. Should this issue arise the away team (second named) will wear the alternative colour.

5.0 RESULTS RECORD

- 5.1** Results are only recorded via the receipt of an official match record sheet (copy here) to the CCDM. Full procedure that teams must follow at the end of all match is detailed in the 'Match and Officials Regulations' Document.
- 5.2** All results will be recorded and held centrally by the CCDM.
- 5.3** All first round fixtures and results (win, loss or draw – not score lines) will be published on the Netball Scotland website following completion of the round.
- 5.4** All knock-out round fixtures and results (including scores) will be published on the Netball Scotland website as the competition continues.

6.0 PHOTOGRAPHY & SOCIAL MEDIA

- 6.1** It is expected, unless otherwise stated in writing to Netball Scotland that all players, coaches and officials agree to the taking of photographs during any centralised event hosted by Netball Scotland, and to the use of these images by Netball Scotland and any event partners/sponsors.
- 6.2** Netball Scotland would encourage schools to celebrate their experience and successes via social media.
- 6.2.1** We want you to share this with us @NetballScotland. Use the #NSSchoolsCup



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