

RULES OF SASN TOURNAMENTS 2025

1. *All matches shall be played according to the rules of IFNA, NSA, SA SCHOOLS NETBALL as amended for the Tournament.*
2. *Matches will be played on a round robin basis to determine play-offs.*
3. *During Pool matches there is no injury time. Should an injury occur, the umpires stop the match, allows a substitute to enter the court and then continue. For the purposes of this event only the injured player may be substituted, and positional changes will only be permitted after a stoppage or if the Centre is involved. This applies to both teams. The length of the games will be determined at the Tournament – usually for u/19 – 4 quarters of 8 minutes and all others 2 halves of 8 minutes. u/15 will be 2 of 8 minutes. Should the teams delay taking the court the time for the rounds will cut.*
4. *Substitution is permitted at half time (u/12-u/17). No positional changes during the games except for an injury.
For the u/19 age group: One tactical change per quarter after a goal. No extra time will be played, the change must be quick and smooth. No changes in the last minute of the game.*
5. *Points will be allocated as follows: 2 (win); 1 (draw); 0 (loss)*
6. *In the event of a tie at the end of the round robin games the average will be taken to determine which team will proceed to the semi-finals. This will be calculated*

$$\frac{\text{goals scored}}{\text{goals against}} = \text{Average}$$

Goal average will only be calculated on goals scores not exceeding 30.

7. *In the final matches, if there is a tie, an extra two (2) minutes per side shall be played, thereafter if a tie still prevails, the toss of the coin shall be taken to determine the next centre pass. The team then scoring will be deemed the winner. At no time during this extra time may the coach or any official be on court. At the end of full- time team changes and/or substitution is permitted, thereafter the team remains unchanged.*
8. *All players have to play 50% of matches including the quarterfinals. Only teams progressing in medal positions may exercise the right to play their top teams in semi-finals and finals (Selected teams). Teams playing 4 quarters must play at least $\frac{3}{4}$ of the quarter to be deemed as having played $\frac{1}{4}$.*
9. *Registration of the teams will take place at the tables marked for each age group. The Executive Committee will appoint officials for scrutiny. Schools register with a team list TYPED neatly on a school letterhead and signed by the principal. Dates of birth and admission numbers must be included. A file consisting of all documentation shall be handed in for each team and once scrutinized shall be handed back.*

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Photograph of the team

Team list on a school letterhead.

Team list – the one travelling through the league

Road to the final

Honour Code of SASN

Officials Code of conduct (Coach and Umpire)

Safeguarding Certificate (All Officials)

Information of player **per player**: (EG. Abby Peters with all her details)

Identity document/birth certificate with a photograph (certified copy)
Indemnity Forms & Medical Forms
POPIA Form
Players' Code of Conduct
Parents' Code of Conduct
SACE Certificate/Police Clearance (All Officials)
A copy of the tournament letter and Rules of the Tournament

- 10. Only registered players who are bone fide learners at a school shall be allowed to play.*
- 11. Match balls (GILBERT) shall remain on court.*
- 12. No skipants, no skirts with tracksuit pants simultaneously, will be permitted.*
- 13. **ONLY the coach/organiser may lodge appeals, in writing with a fee of R500.00. NO OTHER COUNTER APPEALS OR REQUESTS FROM OTHER PARTIES SHALL BE ENTERTAINED. Should the appeal be upheld the fee will be refunded. Appeals will only be entertained if received within 30 minutes of the said game. No appeals shall be considered once the quarterfinals commence.***
- 14. All umpires to be placed by the Committee and are deemed above reproach. For School teams each team shall have their own umpire officiating. For playoffs the umpires shall be placed.*
- 15. Should there be a problem around the central timing, the affected team must notify the committee to send a representative to assist with time keeping.*
- 16. Captains of teams must toss for the centre pass at half time during the previous match.*
- 17. The two scorers shall sit next to one another and both scorecards to be handed together. Failing this procedure shall result in the offending forfeiting the game. **ONLY THE TWO SCORERS AND TWO UMPIRES ARE PERMITTED AT THE TECHNICAL TABLE.** Should there be any untoward behaviour of parents, officials, or players, one (1) point will be deducted off the logs of the offending team.*
- 18. All officials with teams (this includes all staff members) shall stand together, not spaced around the court. No person is allowed behind the goal posts. A maximum of 2 officials + scorekeeper.***
- 19. Should there a discrepancy in the scorecards the President/Tournament Organiser shall have the discretion to determine the result.*
- 20. The log sheets at the scorecard table are preliminary and will ratified once the official scores have been captured.*
- 21. No spectators to be between courts.*
- 22. Should a match be abandoned due to rain or lightening, if the games is more than halfway played the score shall stand.*
- 23. All schools to provide umpires for their own matches. Should an umpire not arrive for the games, the said team will forfeit the game.*
- 24. Should there be a concern of untoward behaviour of an umpire, please alert the executive immediately, not after a game.*
- 25. Players that have long hair or braids that are long, shall tie the hair up. It may not be put into the bibs.***