

South African Schools Netball

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RETURN TO PLAY

Greetings Colleagues

As the Minister of Basic Education has given the green light for school sport, leagues, and trials to resume, obviously under COVID regulations on 1 August 2021 (Gazette vol 674 no 44922 1 August 2021), the following arrangements are set in place:

1. Schools' Championships 23-26 September - (u/13; u/14; u/16; u/19)
2. All Ages 3-6 October – (u/12; u/13; u/14; u/15; u/16)
3. u/17 & 18 Telkom Challenge 2-7 October – (u/17 & u/18)

As 2021 is a year of change and sometimes uncertainty, we are requesting all schools' and provinces to adjust and sometimes make sacrifices. While all our activities are now later this year, we still want to allow the children to play, but not to the detriment of academics. We are also very aware of other sporting codes that are now scheduled to start for Spring. To that end we will not penalise any school or player that withdraws considering the above. I do need to iterate that we have a constitution in place, and this must be respected, thus school teams cannot change because Gr12 learners have withdrawn. You will then need to consider using your "B" team players. I have requested that provinces liaise with me as soon as possible to indicate which schools will be sending u/19 (1st teams) to the SASN Championships. Please may I request that you continue with your Mini Netball festivals?

On the issue of trials, most Provinces have not finalised their trials. Similarly, if matric players withdraw from final trials, please communicate with me by 25 August if you are fielding less teams.

Please adhere to the protocols as set in no. 5 of the Gazette, as well as the protocols set out for schools' Netball. The numbers will be adjusted as the President moves us to a different level:

1. **NO SPECTATORS**
2. COVID-19 compliance officer to be appointed at the venue.
3. One controlled entrance. I suggest you provide some sort of identification, to control the movement after screening.

4. Health and temperature screening and questionnaire (as per SASN request – this is attached) half an hour before games. A person with a temperature of above 37,5 may not be permitted to play or officiate.
5. Social distancing must always be adhered to, this must also apply to bench players.
6. Sanitising must take place regularly. When players enter the court, they must sanitise. Hands must be sanitised after every break, e.g., half time, injury etc. The ball must be sanitised after every half or quarter (u/19). All equipment must be sanitised before and after the practice. A bottle of sanitizer must be part of the coach's/manger's kit. Change rooms must also be sanitized.
7. Not more than 100 people present. This means that as teams finish playing, they should leave to allow the next teams to enter. You might need to adjust your trial dates.
8. Masks must be worn off the court, e.g., bench players etc.
9. A register must be taken at every practice.
10. The COVID Form that is attached must be completed and handed in on entry at the host school and these must be kept for a period of two (2) weeks.
11. No sharing of water bottles, towels etc.
12. Ablution facilities must be sanitised and kept clean regularly. Entry must be regulated.
13. We require that players and officials complete the declaration before resuming play – this must be kept in a file and be readily available for scrutiny.
14. Team lists must please be sent to hosting schools 2 days prior to the event.
15. If teams are required to travel, please inform your District officials as a matter of courtesy
16. Personal details (kept in your file) include:
 - Full names
 - Residential address
 - Cell number
 - Contact details of people living at the same residence

As Schools' Netball is the basis for Federation, we are encouraging you to please get players to resume play.

Netball has always endeavoured to comply with rules and regulations, and I am really appealing to you to comply once again to safeguard our children and yourselves. May I also add that we do this for the love of the game and the child, let us together ensure that we do not do anything to jeopardise the sport for 2021 and beyond.

I wish you a successful season, with all its challenges and concerns. Stay safe and enjoy the sport you love.

Yours faithfully



D Woolley
President