

2026 MACG DAY SEASON COMPETITION MANUAL

This manual outlines the competition for the 2026 MacGregor Netball Association (MacG) Netball Day Season. It's intended for use by club officials, players, and supporters. Questions or clarification on the information provided should be directed to your club first, by email to MacGregor Netball (macgregorna@outlook.com) or visit the front counter during Saturday Fixtures. [Click here](#) for the latest version of the 2026 MacG Day Season Competition Manual on the website.

ABOUT THE DIVISIONS

For the 2026 Season, MacG will have 9 divisions (age is a guide based on ability) including:

- **Firebirds:** 5-8yrs (non-competitive)
- **Lightning:** 9-10yrs
- **Giants:** 11-12yrs
- **Fever** 11-12yrs
- **Vixens:** 13-15yrs
- **Swifts:** 13-15yrs
- **Thunderbirds:** 13-15yrs
- **Mavericks:** 13-15yrs
- **Lions** 16yrs+

All divisions (excluding Firebirds) are competitive and will include rolling subs, with scores being officially recorded through the Netball Connect App, and final rounds being played for all divisions.

Clubs are responsible for nominating teams into a division, with MacG Grading days confirming these nominations.

Firebirds Division

5-8 years are non-competitive, there will be no official scores recorded in Netball Connect App and no Finals rounds.

Game day will consist of a Round Robin with 2 x games with a 5-minute half time break and 5 minutes between games. At the end of the first game teams may be required to move courts before the commencement of the next game.

All participants will receive recognition of participation from MacG on the last fixture day (Grand Final day).

Games for this division will be played with the goal ring set to 6FT and a size 4 ball.

Lightning Division

Lightning division can only play one on one defence. They will play with a size 4 ball.

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GAME DURATION

5-8yrs Firebirds divisions will play a Round Robin each Saturday with 2 games at 10-minute halves and 5-minute breaks for each game and 5 minutes between each game.

Second half of the season they will play full games with 10-minute quarters and 3-minute breaks.

All other divisions will play 15-minute quarters with 3 x 3-minute breaks.

GAME TIMES

Game times during the regular season will remain consistent.

- **Firebirds:** will play at 9.00am (and 9.30am - 1st Half Season Only)
- **Lightning:** will play at 10.15am
- **Giants:** will play at 10.15am
- **Fever:** will play at 11.40am
- **Vixens:** will play split rounds at either 1.05pm or 2.30pm
- **Swifts:** will play split rounds at either 11.40am or 1.05pm
- **Thunderbirds:** will play split rounds at either 1.05pm or 2.30pm
- **Mavericks:** will play split rounds at either 1.05pm or 2.30pm
- **Lions:** will play split rounds at either 1.05pm or 2.30pm

Game times, including opposition and court numbers will be published through the Netball Connect App, and available each Saturday on the information board posted near Control. Players and supporters should check this regularly for any changes.

Players requesting information on games should first direct any queries to their Team Manager, Coach, or Club.

Game times for the Final Series may change from the fixture times. MacG will share details with the Clubs before publishing on our Socials and in the Netball Connect App.

GENERAL RULES

The rules of play are guided by the current "Official Rules of Netball Australia" excluding Tactical Changes.

ROLLING SUBS

Rolling subs may be used in all divisions (excluding Firebirds).

If teams are using 2 x sets of bibs, the second set must be of the same colour for umpire clarification.

Players must follow the rules of netball when subbing on and off the court (i.e., not entering the court from an offside position) and must run behind the umpire so as not to interfere with play.

Players subbing onto the court, must wait in the coach's box until the player subbing off taps their hand.

BOYS

MacG is an inclusive association and welcomes all players. In the 2026 season, MacG have introduced boys playing in any division with a maximum of 2 on the court at one time. In the Firebirds, Lightning, Giants and Fever divisions there is no restrictions on how many boys can play in a team.



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PLAYER ELIGIBILITY

Players taking the court MUST be registered in Netball Connect and appear on the team sheet. Player attendance must be checked off by the Team Manager in Netball Connect at least 5 minutes prior to the start of the game. Failure to submit player attendance prior to the start of the game will result in the loss of any points gained during the game.

Players must be financial members of MacG and Netball Queensland to participate in the Day Season Competition.

Clubs may register new players up to the 4th last fixture round.

COACHES & PLAYERS

Coaches must stand in their allocated Coach's Box during the game time.

Players and team officials must sit behind their allocated Coach's Box on the player's bench. All bags and water bottles must be placed under or behind the team bench.

Spectators are not permitted to sit with the players and must ensure adequate space between themselves and the sideline for safety of coaches, players, umpires, and officials. Spectators must comply with all requests from MacG officials, including moving to a different area so as not to impact the completion of the round.

SCORING

All competitive games will use Live Scoring in the Netball Connect App. Each team must provide a scorer each week. MacG will provide guides to help support scorers. Where there is a failure of Live Scoring paper scoring will be provided.

Scorers from opposing teams must score together in the scorers' box during the game to ensure accuracy in the scores.

Any disagreements in scoring, must be addressed immediately following the game with MacG Officials at Control. Any disputes lodged later than this, will be dismissed. If a team does not provide a scorer, they will be unable to lodge any disputes on the final score.

Scorers have the right to feel safe and protected. MacG will not tolerate any bad behaviour towards volunteers (including scorers). Such behaviour may result in persons involved being asked to leave the venue and/or an ongoing suspension.

FORFEIT

Any team needing to forfeit are to contact their own club and inform them as soon as possible. Clubs must contact MacG as soon as possible in writing via email macgregorna@outlook.com.au so MacGregor can inform all parties. Clubs are not to inform opposing teams or umpires; communication will be made directly from MacG.

Teams forfeiting will receive no points, with the opposing team receiving 2 points.

RESCHEDULING GAMES

Any teams wanting to reschedule games, must submit this request to MacG in writing through their club. If a reschedule is approved, MacG will contact the opposing club to set a date and time. If either team is unable to make the rescheduled game the team who requested the reschedule will take the forfeit and the opposing team will receive 2 points. MacG will provide umpires, officials and timekeepers for any approved rescheduled games.



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PROTEST/INCIDENT REPORTS

All protests or incident reports must be sent to MacG via email macgregorna@outlook.com.au or handed in at the counter and will only be considered if received from an affiliated club and management member within 24 hours of the incident.

UMPIRING

Umpires provide the opportunity for everyone to play the game in a safe, fair and enjoyable environment. Our umpires have the right to feel safe and protected. MacG will not tolerate any bad behaviour towards them. Such behaviour may result in persons involved being asked to leave the venue and/or an ongoing suspension.

Playing captains are allowed to approach the umpire in a respectful and positive way to ask for clarification of rulings – but only during quarter breaks. Coaches, other players and spectators are not to approach the umpire at any time. Should a team have concerns about umpiring, they should approach a club representative, who may then approach MacG (via Control during the game). Remember without the work our umpires do, we simply do not have a game.

INJURY TIME

There is no injury time throughout the regular day season unless a player is seriously injured and cannot be removed from the court.

All finals will have injury time.

All major injuries should be reported to the MacG control as soon as possible, so the appropriate treatment can be arranged, and Injury Form filled in. MacG can only provide limited first aid (for minor injuries). [Click here](#) for the form.

BLOOD

If any participant bleeds during association sporting activities, both the player who is bleeding and any player with blood on them would need to leave the court. The player(s) must leave the court within 30 seconds and receive treatment off the court and cannot return to the court until the blood has been removed and the injury has been covered securely.

PLAYING UP

A team may not play a game with fewer than five players who are registered to the team.

Where teams are requesting players to play up a division, a Club Official must submit a form for approval to MacG at least 5 minutes prior to the start of the round in which they are asking to play. [Click here](#) to download the form.

If a player takes the court without this approval, the team they are playing for will lose 1 competition point and the player will be asked to leave the court. This may also impact the player's ability to play up in the future.

Players can play up in a higher division 4 times – however on the 4th time they will become a registered player in the last team they played in. Individual players are only permitted to play up a TOTAL of 4 times per competition.

5-8yr olds cannot play up. 10yr olds can play up in the Fever & Giants divisions.

Club and Coaches discretion is suggested when asking players to play up, as it can be a great development opportunity for players, with the right support.

If a club has two or more teams in the same division players from these teams must not play across in the other team.



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FINALS FORMAT

Mavericks division will be split in two for the finals.

Players must have played a minimum of three fixture games to be eligible to play for their team in the Finals series.

Division	Round 16 - 05.09.26
Firebirds	Normal Fixtures
Lightning/Vixens /Swifts	PL1 2v3 PL2 4v5
Fever	Normal Fixtures
Giants/ Thunderbirds/ Mavericks/Lions	Normal Fixtures

Round 17 – 12.09.25
Normal Fixtures
GF1 1 v W(PL1) GF2 L(PL1) v W(PL2) L (PL2) - Out
GF1 1 v 2 GF2 3 v 4
GF1 1 v 2 GF2 3 v 4

PL – Prelim Finals GF – Grand Finals L – Loser W – Winner All Games and Times TBC

WEATHER IMPACTED ROUNDS

MacG Competitions Committee will determine if a weather policy should be implemented at any time. Players, spectators and officials should refer to their club team representatives or communications through MacG socials to clarify if changes will occur during their game.

WET/HOT WEATHER

Where rounds need to be reduced due to wet or extreme hot weather, below will become the new game duration:

- Firebirds will be cancelled
- All other divisions will play 12-min quarters.

CANCELLATION OF GAMES DUE TO WEATHER

If a whole day, or division is cancelled due to weather (or other reasons as advised by MacG) - the next time the same round is due to be played (i.e., with the same opposition), half games will be played to record the 2 separate results. Where the round is not due to be repeated, no catch-up round will be played. MacG will inform Club Presidents directly and share any updates through Social Media Channels.

CODES OF CONDUCT

MacG adopts and abides by all Codes of Conduct from Netball Queensland and Netball Australia.



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DELAYED START

If a Team is late to a game, a delay of up to five (5) minutes is allowed and any further time required is at the discretion of the umpires to call a forfeit. In the case that a team may arrive after the scheduled starting time for a match due to unavoidable circumstances, club officials must contact MacG at least 30 minutes prior to the start of the game. Delay of start time may be granted at the discretion of the Competitions Committee.

SUN SAFE POLICY

MacG Netball has a Sun Safe policy, and encourages all members, players, and clubs to adopt this. The policy is available from control and on our website. Sunscreen will be available for use by all players and visitors at control during the 2026 Day Season. [Click here](#) to download the Sun Safe Policy from the website.

PIERCING

As outlined in the INF Rules (2023) players must not wear anything that could endanger themselves or other players, specifically: no body piercings including earrings, and no adornment that may endanger player safety. All other adornments (including medical devices) must be securely covered with tape and/or padding. (Rule 3:12)

PHOTO CONSENT

Spectators, players or officials should show respect to all players and seek approval from the opposing team manager prior to taking any photos or posting images on social media.

CLUB ROSTER

A club roster to help set up and pack up during the season will be shared. It is the club's responsibility to ensure this is communicated to their members and completed.

BREACHING COMPETITION RULES

Any Team that is found to be in breach of any of the Competition rules throughout the season may, at the discretion of the MacG Competitions Committee, be penalised by deduction of Competition points.

GENERAL POLICIES

ANTI-DISCRIMINATION & HARASSMENT

MacG does not tolerate any form of discrimination or harassment. Any complaints or suspicions must be reported promptly to a MacG official at Control where it will be dealt with seriously.

ALCOHOL/DRUGS/SMOKING/VAPING

MacG supports responsible behaviour during the conduct of sporting activities, particularly when children and young people are involved. Consumption of alcohol, drugs, tobacco and vaping products are prohibited on the grounds during any association related events.

DOGS

MacG welcomes dogs to the grass areas only BUT not on the courts AND they must always remain on a leash and under control of the owner or guardian to ensure the safety of players and spectators. Failure to comply with this will result in the animal being removed from the grounds.



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