

2026 Term 1 (Summer) Night Competition

Tuesday 27/01/2026 – 07/04/2026 Team Registrations open 01 December 2025

Competition

HDNA's Night Competition is open to the following players:

- Junior girl competition consisting of teams of girls aged 12 to 15 (in the year of play)
- Junior boy competition consisting of teams of boys aged 12 to 15 (in the year of play)
- Women's competition consisting of teams of female players aged 14 and over (in the year of play)
- Mixed competition consisting of teams of male & female players aged 14 and over (in the year of play)

Please note: a minimum of 5 teams will be required for any competition to run

The 10-week competition commences on **Tuesday 27 January 2026** and concludes with Grand Finals (round 11) on Tuesday 7 April 2026. The games will be played on Tuesday nights at either 7.00pm or 8.10pm with the potential for a third time slot at 6.00pm pending the number of team registrations. All games are played at Pennant Hills Park Netball Complex, Britannia Avenue Pennant Hills.

Team & Player Registration

Registration Fees & process:

- All teams and participants will need to register in PlayHQ.
- The team fee is \$330. If you register before Wednesday 31st December, the team fee is discounted to \$315.
- A special price of 50% reduction in team fee is being offered to mixed teams for the Term
 1, 2026 competition. Mixed team managers should use the voucher code 3BFAD1F7
 at checkout to receive the discount.
- Individual participants are required to be registered with NNSW and NA. For those without a current registration, the current membership fees are:

Player age	3-month	6-month	12-month
	membership	membership	membership
12-17	\$38.00	\$64.00	\$89.00
18+	\$51.00	\$83.00	\$113.00

Team registrations open 1 December 2025 using this <u>link</u> or via Hills District Netball Association on playhq.com.

Full payment of the team fee is required at team registration. Once the team manager
has created the team in PlayHQ, the team manager will receive an email with a
participant link to forward to their team-members. Individual team-member use the link



provided by their team manager to register into the team and pay any necessary membership fees to NNSW.

- Teams will require a **minimum** of 7 players to be registered within the PlayHQ system by Wednesday 14th January 2026 to be included in the competition.
- Teams will also be required to nominate a team umpire at the time of registration.

Team Structure

- Teams can have a maximum of twelve (12) players per team.
- Mixed and Women's are considered two separate divisions, so females may play in both competitions, however, there is no guarantee that the competitions will be run in two different time slots.

Note: you can register as many men for a mixed team as you need, however a maximum of three (3) males and a maximum of five (5) females are allowed on the court at any one time during a mixed game.

Team Registrations close Wednesday 14th January 2026. The late player registration process will be communicated to teams after registrations have closed.

System Support for PlayHQ

- Detailed PlayHQ instructions for team managers: <u>Support Article Registering a Team</u>
- Detailed PlayHQ instructions for participants: <u>Support Article Registering with PlayHQ</u>

Umpires

Each team is responsible for providing an umpire for their grade and time slot. You will need to nominate a suitably experienced umpire to the standard and level of play in the division that you are graded, however this umpire will likely not be allocated to umpire your team.

This cannot be a member of your team. However, your team member could umpire a similar grade in the alternate time slot through arrangements with other teams. HDNA require umpires at Night Competition to be 16 years or older, unless for Junior grades, in which the umpire may be 14 or older. Badged umpires are preferred and essential for higher grades.

If your team umpire is unavailable for a game, it is the responsibility of the team and umpire to find a suitable replacement of an appropriate level to cover the game. This should be communicated with HDNA once a replacement has been confirmed.

After grading and confirmation of time slots there will be further communication from HDNA confirming your umpire and your responsibilities for liaison with and payments to the umpire. Payment for umpires is a minimum of \$25.00 per game.

Uniforms

All teams should wear the same style of uniform. Shorts, leggings, singlets etc are acceptable, however, all players must be dressed in the same style e.g. black leggings and black singlet;



black shorts and white t- shirt. Club uniforms are acceptable. Limited overhead position bibs are available at Control, however, as bibs need to be laundered between wears, teams should provide their own. Position patches or bibs are considered part of the uniform and MUST be worn.

NO JEWELLERY (except as stated in Rule below)

In line with the 2020 Official Rules of Netball, rule 5.1.1 iv) Players must not wear anything that could endanger themselves or other players, specifically:

- a. No adornment or jewellery may be worn other than a wedding ring which must be covered with tape.
- b. A medical alert bracelet may be worn provided it is covered with tape.
- c. Fingernails must be short and smooth.
- d. Hair must be suitably tied back.

Absolutely no taping of earrings will be allowed – players will have to remove jewellery or not play. No wearing of gloves or hats will be allowed during play – nails must be short and smooth.

Fixtures

Fixtures will be displayed on PlayHQ once grading has been completed.

Member Protection Policy

Netball Australia, Netball NSW and HDNA seek to provide a safe, fair and inclusive environment for everyone involved in netball. HDNA seeks to abide by the Netball NSW Member Protection Policy, examples of which include Codes of Behaviour; Anti-Discrimination, Bullying &; Harassment; Working with Children and Photography policies. These policies' expected code of conduct and grievance processes are available on the HDNA website under Policies. Any concerns or questions should be raised to Executives on duty, or our MP Officer: Simon Townsend - president@hdnanetball.com.au.

Should you require any further information, please contact nightcomp@hdnanetball.com.au