

2024

GIG WANL FUTURES

RULES AND REGULATIONS MANUAL





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Facebook – Like & Follow **Netball WA** for regular content and engagement

Instagram – Follow **@netballwa** for all the latest content and updates

Twitter – Follow **@NetballWA** for relevant info

Website – Go to the [Netball WA website](#) for all Competition information and news articles, in particular the [West Australian Netball League](#) page.

3. OVERVIEW

3.1 Vision

The Gold Industry Group WA Netball League (GIG WANL) is a talent training and Competition structure that provides the best opportunities for players, Coaches, Umpires and Officials to develop and maximise their abilities. Additionally Netball WA (NWA) aims to provide opportunities for future players across the state, exposing them to a high level training environment and guiding them through a WANL athlete pathway. GIG WANL Clubs are encouraged to recruit players into a pathway program to compliment their existing GIG WANL division teams. These players will represent their GIG WANL Club in the GIG WANL Futures competition.

3.2 Objective & Outcomes

- To support the GIG WANL athlete pathway and produce GIG WANL players.
- To ensure the continued development of participants by providing the highest standard of match play opportunities for Players, Coaches, Umpires, and Officials.
- Opportunity for GIG WANL clubs to promote their Club and programs.
- Opportunity for coach, umpire, and bench official upskilling, in a WANL simulated environment.

3.3 General Information

The WANL Futures competition will be held across an eight-week period, where all teams will play each other in fixtured matches, the competition will culminate in a one week final series.

Each participating GIG WANL Club will be permitted to enter one (1) team into competition.

Participating clubs for 2024 are:

Fremantle Sharks

Hamersley Comets

Peel Lightning

Rangers Netball Club

Southside Demons

SouWest Jets

West Coast Warriors

Western Roar

4. COMPETITION INFORMATION

4.1 Scheduled Dates & Venues

Round	Date	Venue
1	Saturday 17 February 2024	Gold Netball Centre, Jolimont
2	Saturday 24 February 2024	Gold Netball Centre, Jolimont
3	Saturday 9 March 2024	Gold Netball Centre, Jolimont
4 & 5	Saturday 16 March 2024	Gold Netball Centre, Jolimont
6	Saturday 23 March 2024	Gold Netball Centre, Jolimont
7	Tuesday 26 March 2024	Gold Netball Centre, Jolimont
FINALS	Friday 5 April 2024	Gold Netball Centre, Jolimont

GIG WANL Clubs teams are responsible for all travel to and from these venues and accommodation arrangements (if necessary).

4.2 Venue Entry Fees

There is no entry fee required at any of the Saturday competition games. The final two rounds will be aligned to GIG WANL and entry fees will be applied as per GIG WANL entry fees:

Adults: \$12.00

Concession: \$7

Child (16 & Under): Free

4.3 Club Fees

- 2024 GIG WANL Futures Participation Fees:

All GIG WANL Clubs: \$500 incl. GST

- This club fee covers participation of the team in the GIG WANL Futures competition.
- NWA will invoice each club with the required fees. To be paid by the due date outlined in [Appendix 1: Key Dates](#).
- Any club withdrawing after the fee due date is liable to pay the full balance of their remaining fees, or if already done so, will not receive any refund.
- Club fees are to cover all operating costs for the competition.

4.4 Medical & First Aid

- As a NWA endorsed Competition participants are covered under the National Insurance Program. Only participants who are registered as a member of their Association for the 2024 calendar year on the PlayHQ system are covered under the Netball Australia's National Insurance Policy. For further information on the National Insurance Program Vi-Insurance, coverage please go to the NWA [Insurance](#) page on the website.
- Clubs will be responsible for supplying one (1) Team Official with senior first aid qualification to attend the GIG WANL Futures competition. They will be required to provide any required medical first aid items and administer necessary medical assessment if required.
- The First Aid person ideally will not hold another team official position. If this is unavoidable, an Assistant Coach who holds a senior first aid qualification can be your First Aid person. Head Coaches and Managers cannot assume the role as First Aid person.
- Ice will be supplied by NWA and will be available at the venue for teams to use.

4.5 Policies & Code of Behaviours

- All participants will be bound by all relevant NWA policies, including but not limited to:
 - NWA Photography & Videography Policy
 - NWA Grievance Policy
 - NWA Disciplinary Policy

(Policies can be found at: <https://wa.netball.com.au/policies-procedures>)
- All participants will be bound by all relevant NA policies, including but not limited to:
 - Netball Australia Netball Integrity Policy Framework, Conduct & Disciplinary Policy
 - Netball Australia Tribunal Rules
 - Netball Australia Code of Conduct
 - Netball Australia Member Protection Policy
 - Netball Australia Child Safeguarding Policy
 - Competition Manipulation Policy for Community Netball
 - Australian National Anti-Doping Policy
 - Sports Medicine Policy for Community Netball
 - Supplements Policy
 - Concussion Policy Position Statement

(Policies can be found at: <https://netball.com.au/integrity-policies>)

4.6 Protests & Complaints

- Should a protest or complaint relate to the Competition rules and regulations of a fixtured match, it must be lodged to NWA by no later than one (1) hour after the conclusion of the match. Complaints must be lodged with either the Competition Manager or the NWA Match Official on the day.
- Complaints regarding behaviour, and/or breaches of code of behaviour at a NWA Competition or Event against any playing or non-playing individuals whether a current financial affiliated NWA member or non-member, must be lodged on the Complaint Form available from the Competition Manager or NWA Match Official.
- A Complaint form needs to be lodged with NWA within 24 hours of the incident. Report forms may also be lodged by NWA personnel or contracted staff that believe there has been a possible breach of NWA codes of behaviour, or any other NWA or Netball Australia policy or Competition rules and regulations. Lodgement of the form during the Competition is to be made at the NWA Competition Match Office. If lodging the form outside of Competition hours, please email tracey.swami@westcoastfever.com.au .
- Upon receipt, the incident will be reviewed by member/s of the NWA Competitions Panel which may result in any of the following actions:
 - warning
 - fine
 - exclusion (from match, event, or competition)
 - expulsion
 - judicial tribunal hearing
 - disciplinary hearing (as per NWA Disciplinary Policy)
 - management committee hearing (as per NWA Grievance Policy)
 - any other penalty NWA deems appropriate.
- The Competition Panel consists of, but not limited to, the following NWA personnel:
 - WCF General Manager, Performance & Pathway
 - WCF Competition Manager
 - WCF Pathway Lead
- In the event, that any of the above members are unavailable NWA has the right to appoint another suitable representative to the panel.

4.7 Match Day Official

- The Match Day Official shall be responsible for the functioning of all Competition matches.
- The Match Day Official is the main point of contact for all teams on match day should additional information or clarification on rules and regulations be required.

- The Match Day Official is empowered to cancel any matches deemed unsafe in consultation with Umpires.
- Any protest or complaints relating to the GIG WANL Futures Challenge lodged with the Competition Manager will be dealt with as per the 'Protests and Complaints' section of this manual.
- The Match Day Official will not make decisions on the playing rules applied by the umpires.

4.8 Umpires and Team Officials

- All Umpires, Coaches, Managers, and Team Officials participating at the 2024 GIG WANL Futures must be a current registered non-playing member of NWA in the 2024 calendar year by registering to their Member Association on PlayHQ prior to the competition commencing.
- All officials must have a current Working with Children Check (WWCC) unless an exemption applies.
- All Umpires will be allocated by NWA.
- Teams must have at least one (1) Coach and one (1) Manager. Additional Team Officials may be included and listed on the match day Team List.
- All Coaches must hold a minimum Intermediate coaching accreditation.
- GIG WANL Assistant and Apprentice Coaches are permitted and encouraged to team coach a GIG WANL Futures team. GIG WANL Team and/or Head Coaches are eligible to coach and/or mentor at GIG WANL Futures.

4.9 Bench Officials

Where directed by NWA, Bench Officials may be used on certain matches for training and development purposes only. During these appointed matches, teams may be requested to complete certain tasks to assist with their training requirements.

5. COMPETITION RULES & REGULATIONS

5.1 Team Registration

Netball WA has already completed this.

5.2 Player Registrations & Squad List

- Clubs/Regions must register players through the PlayHQ online team entry to be deemed a listed player for this competition. This must be completed by the due date outlined in [Appendix 1: Key Dates](#).

- Clubs may select up to twelve (12) athletes for their GIG WANL Futures team.
- Should there be any changes to the team after squad lists on PlayHQ have closed, teams must inform the NWA Competitions Manager via email.

5.3 Player & Age Eligibility

- All players participating in the GIG WANL Futures must be a current financial registered member of NWA for 2024 in the PlayHQ database by the due date outlined in [Appendix 1: Key Dates](#).
- A player will not be permitted to take part in a match or be seated on the team bench if relevant paperwork and payments have not been completed.
- Players can only play for the GIG WANL Club team with which they have been entered into on PlayHQ.
- A player wishing to participate in GIG WANL Futures must be at least 15 years of age and no older than 18 years of age as of 31 December of the Competition year (2006 – 2009 birth dates in the 2024 calendar year).
- Age Exemptions may apply at NWA’s discretion only.
- No full contracted GIG WANL players will be permitted to play in GIG WANL Futures.

5.4 Uniforms & Equipment

- All teams participating in GIG WANL Futures shall wear the training uniform with colours being that of the GIG WANL Club or as determined otherwise.
- GIG WANL Futures teams are not to wear GIG WANL playing dresses/uniforms.
- All teams are to provide their own bibs and it is recommended that all teams provide a set of clash bibs to be used when the uniform is of similar colour.
- NWA will supply the match ball for each fixtured match.

5.5 Competition Rules

- Rules for the GIG WANL Futures shall be dictated by the [International Netball Federation “Rules of Netball”](#), unless otherwise stated in this manual.
- NWA reserves the right at any time to change or update the Competition rules to manage specific unplanned situations not otherwise captured in the Competition rules, or other documents as required.

5.6 Competition Draw & Results

- The scheduling of matches in GIG WANL Futures shall be determined by NWA.
- The Competition will consist of minor rounds in a round robin format, with one week of finals to complete the competition.
- Competition points will be awarded, a ladder to be used through PlayHQ.
- Teams will be allocated two (2) points for a win, zero (0) points for a loss and one (1) point for a drawn match.
- If two teams finish the round robin competition on equal competition points, then the ladder percentage will determine the final placings.
- All teams will participate in finals on Friday 5 April. Final fixtures will be determined by ladder positions: 1v2, 3v4, 5v6, 7v8.
- There will be no medals or trophies presented for GIG WANL Futures.

5.7 Rolling Substitutions

- At 2024 WANL Futures rolling substitutions will be permitted.
- Teams will be allowed to make substitutions during play, this includes during stoppages and intervals. There is no limit to the number of substitutions that can be made during a match, and more than one (1) substitution may be made at any time. Play will not be held for substitutions.
- Rolling substitution box for each team will be set up court side. Coaches are permitted to enter the rolling substitution box during the matches.
- For a substitution during play:
 - The substitutions zone will be marked out on the court and will be no more than 1.5m by 2m.
 - The substitute(s) stands wholly inside the team's substitution zone to indicate a substitution is to be made.
 - Players can only enter the play once the subbing player has completely exited the court. Before leaving the substitution box, the substitutes tags (with hands) the player leaving the court.
 - Players must observe the offside rules as they enter/ leave the court in permitted areas for their position and must not interfere with the Umpire's movement during the substitution
 - *Sanction: Free pass where the ball was when the interference or offside entry / exit occurred*
- A player leaving the court must exit via the rolling substitution box and then return to the team bench.
- Players **cannot** change positions whilst on the court. Any changes to positions require a player to sub off and return to the court in the desired position.

5.8 Match Duration

Timing of matches is as follows:

- A match shall be played for a period of 60 minutes divided into four (4) quarters, each of 15 minutes duration.
- An interval shall be taken between each quarter as follows:
 - Three (3) minutes between the end of the first quarter and the beginning of the second quarter.
 - Five (5) minutes between the end of the second quarter and the beginning of the third quarter; and
 - Three (3) minutes between the end of the third quarter and the beginning of the fourth.
- A team shall be required to take the court when requested to do so by the umpires at the start of the scheduled match and at intervals.
- Injury time and blood policy applies as per the INF “Rules of Netball” (*Rule 9.3.1*)
- Umpires will signal the injury stoppage time and the score bench timer will hold time during all matches played.
- In the event of a serious injury where an athlete cannot be moved (i.e., unconscious, suspected spinal etc) then the Match Day Official is to be notified immediately. Where possible the match will be moved.
- The electronic clock will commence to run down 15 minutes prior to the commencement of each match.

5.9 Scoring & Timing

- All matches will be scored using the electronic scoreboard and e-scoring through PlayHQ.
- Each team will need to provide a scorer or timer each week. We encourage clubs to find someone that may be interested in joining our Bench Official team.
- For all minor round and Grand Final matches, the first mentioned team shall be the scorer using the PlayHQ E-Scoring system, and the second mentioned team shall control the timing and the score on the venue scoreboard.
- GIG WANL Bench Officials will be in attendance in the early weeks to support our new scorers and timers.
- GIG WANL Bench Officials may be appointed on some matches; however, this will be for training and development purposes.

5.10 Warm Up & Cool Down

- Teams will be permitted entry to the playing court area from 20 minutes prior to their scheduled match or as otherwise advised by the Match Day Official.
- On completion of the match teams will be permitted a ten (10) minute cool down period on the court after their scheduled match.

5.11 Team Bench

- Team benches will be placed at either end of the side-line nearest to the score bench. The first-mentioned team in the fixtures shall be seated to the right of the centre circle, the second-mentioned team to the left of the centre circle.
- Seating will be provided for a maximum of 12 participating players and five (5) Team Officials, including the Coach, Manager and up to three (3) other Team Officials.
- A secondary bench will also be available behind the team bench for up to five (5) people.

5.12 Team Lists

- Teams lists are required to be entered on PlayHQ at least thirty (30) minutes prior to the start of the scheduled match.
- A maximum of 12 players, five (5) team officials and five (5) secondary bench positions can be listed on the match day team list.
- Should a change to your team list be required within thirty (30) minutes of the match commencing, please see the Match Day Official and they will make the change on PlayHQ.

6. APPENDICES

6.1 Appendix 1: Key Dates

Description	Date
Information including dates and fees sent to GIG WANL Clubs.	Friday 13 October 2023
2024 GIG WANL Futures Challenge Rules and Regulations Manual sent to clubs.	Friday 17 November 2023
Distribution of Fixtures	Friday 1 December 2023
Team Registration on PlayHQ opens	NWA has completed this
Player Squad Lists on PlayHQ opens	Friday 1 December 2023
Team Fees due	Thursday 15 February 2024
Squad Lists on PlayHQ closes. All Umpires, Coaches, Team Mangers, and players to be 2024 registered members of NWA.	COB Friday 2 February 2024
GIG WANL Futures Round 1	Saturday 17 February 2024
GIG WANL Futures Round 2	Saturday 24 February 2024
GIG WANL Futures Round 3	Saturday 9 March 2024
GIG WANL Futures Round 4 & 5	Saturday 16 March 2024
GIG WANL Futures Round 6	Saturday 23 March 2024
GIG WANL Futures Round 7	Tuesday 26 March 2024
GIG WANL Futures Round - FINALS	Friday 5 April 2024



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