



NISSAN ARENA



# 2024 AUSTRALIAN MENS & MIXED NETBALL CHAMPIONSHIPS

# EVENT MANUAL

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# ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF COUNTRY



On behalf of the Queensland Suns and all participants of the 2024 Australian Men's and Mixed Netball Championships, we are grateful for the opportunity to gather and compete on the lands of the Turrbal and Yaggera people.

We acknowledge and pay our respects to their Elders past and present as the Traditional Custodians of the land on which we meet, and extend that respect to all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.

As we come together in the true meaning of sportsmanship, may we play with respect, integrity and unity, honouring the spirit of this place and its people. We commit to respecting and learning from the Turrbal and Yaggera people, to working towards a future of strong relationships and a deeper understanding of the rich culture that surrounds us.



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# ABOUT

The Queensland Suns is hosting the Australian Men's and Mixed Netball Championships at Nissan Arena from 31 March to 6 April 2024.

This year's Championship will see 43 teams descend to Brisbane from 7 states and territories, the Australian Defence Force, and International invitationals.

Teams will fiercely compete across 7 divisions for the glory of being crowned Australian Champions. In addition, eligible players will vie for selection in this year's touring teams, including the pinnacle Australian Men's Team, the Kelpies.

**OPEN MEN**

**OPEN MIXED**

**RESERVE MEN**

**RESERVE MIXED**

**23 & UNDER  
MEN**

**20 & UNDER  
MEN**

**17 & UNDER  
BOYS**



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# AMMNA WELCOME

On behalf of the AMMNA Committee, I wish you a very warm welcome to the 37th AMMNA Championships. This year's tournament marks a return to the Eastern seaboard, to Brisbane for the first time in 10 years. Thank you for all your tireless work, producing what is set to be an exciting week.

I would like to continue to express my appreciation to everyone involved throughout the organisation, both at national and state levels. From our international program, through state programs to junior and grassroots – I continue to be amazed by the calibre of athletes coming through our ever-evolving pathway. Thank you all for your belief in the game, your tireless volunteering, and your continuing support in our united development of the game we all love. I especially want to thank you all for staying strong and steady, growing your programs while there has been so much change around us.

As we look to reflect on the past year, our game continues to make great strides. Our program's recognition continues to increase on the elite stage. We showed our growing presence on a global scale, with our Open Mens team competing alongside the Australian Diamonds in another series of three games as well as the World Netball Fast5 series. Our U23s went to Singapore for the very first time – competing in the Mens Netball Nationals Series – expanding our international connections in the Asia-Pacific even further. Next year we look to broaden our international program further into series with even more of our Pacific partners.

In a world first, we also founded and chaired a meeting including 52 representatives from nearly 20 countries and were joined by World Netball President and CEO, who shared their optimism and drive to grow the Mens Games. We continue those talks with World Netball as we look towards forming a working party to ensure the longevity of the Mens game on the world stage.

Closer to home, we look forward to this showcase of our national domestic talent. We show our full strength in our annual domestic competition – returning to 43 teams and the best qualified umpiring pool we have seen. I continue to be proud of the depth of talent across the Nation. This week, we stand ready to embark on the core of our domestic competitive experience. Our championships not only bring the pinnacle of talent within our game together, but also reunite us with our netball family, be that new friend or old competitor. I wish you well that you may value every precious moment, enjoying the competition and the comradery.

Best wishes for the AMMNA National Championships 2024. I hope you have a great week.

Dr Andrew Simons  
President AMMNA



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# SUNS WELCOME

The QLD Suns welcome you to the 2024 Australian Men's and Mixed Netball Championships in Brisbane, proudly supported by the Queensland Government. On behalf of the Queensland Suns, I extend our thanks to all players, coaches, officials, umpires, sponsors, and supporters for participating in what will be a fantastic week of elite netball and competition. We are excited to have teams competing from all states, the ACT, the Australian Defence Force, SCALA and SA First Nations. We extend our welcome to Singapore who return, strengthening our international relationships.

This year we compete at Nissan Arena which will feature games across 6 courts, including the state-of-the-art show court seating up to 2,000 spectators. This affords our athletes the atmosphere and venue, that Australia's best men's and mixed netball deserves.

To our hardworking and tireless committee and volunteers, I say thank you for your help and support to ensure a successful event. Without these fantastic individuals, we would not be here today and have the opportunity to compete at this fantastic event. To our teams, athletes and officials, I wish you the best of luck. May your hard work and determination be rewarded.

As we embark on this exciting journey together, let us uphold the values of integrity respect and sportsmanship. There will be wins and losses throughout the week, but champions do not let this define them. Let us make this championship an exciting and memorable experience for everyone involved.



Thank you, and let the games begin!

Darren Gillespie  
President: Queensland Suns



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# SUNS PARTNER



OZ PRODUCTS  
[www.fspozproducts.com](http://www.fspozproducts.com)

## ABOUT FSP OZ PRODUCTS

FSP Oz Products was established in 1994 as a designer, manufacturer and distributor of a large variety of high quality, recyclable, heavy duty plastics. FSP Oz Products is a private company with its head office at Yatala Qld with branch offices and distribution centres in Singleton NSW, Dandenong VIC, Mackay QLD and Wangara WA, and globally in NZ, the USA and the UK.



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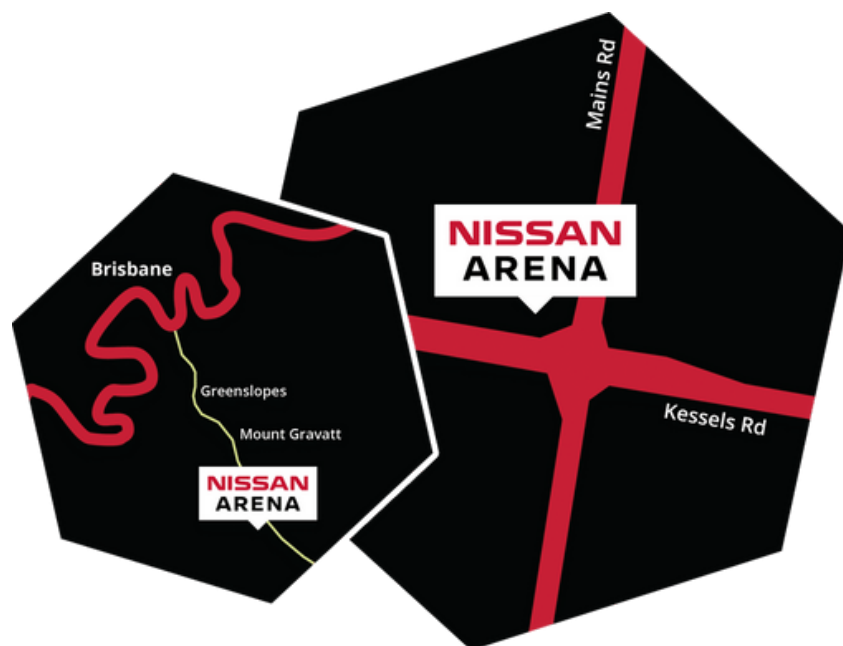




# THE VENUE

The 2024 Australian Men's and Mixed Netball Championships will be held at Nissan Arena, located in the QSAC (Queensland Sport and Athletics Centre) precinct:

**NISSAN ARENA**  
**590 Mains Rd**  
**Nathan, Brisbane**



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# PARKING

**All teams, official personnel, umpires and physios are required to park in P4.** Please refer to parking map (next page) for P4 location. Parking permits will need to be shown to Traffic Management to assist with the directing of traffic.

**All spectators will have access to park in P1 and overflow areas,** see parking map for location. However, please note, the precinct is used as Park'n'Ride facility, which allows commuters heading to Brisbane city to leave their vehicles and transfer to public bus connections. Whilst there are over 600 free parking spaces, this means that **spectators using P1 is a first-come first-served basis on Tuesday 1st – Friday 5th April.** Please seek assistance from traffic controllers if required.



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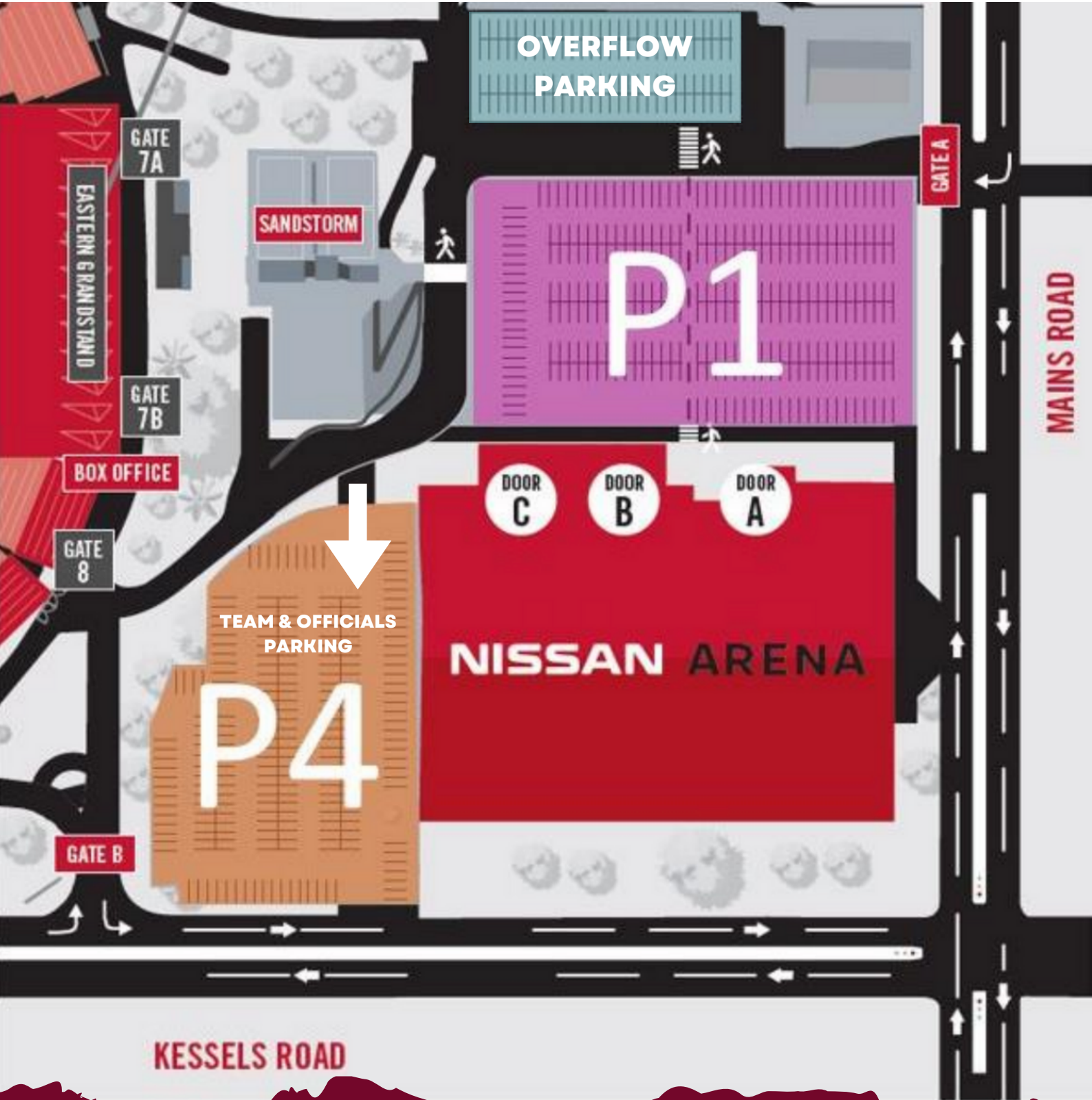
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# PARKING MAP

*\*There is no entry via Kessels Road on event days*

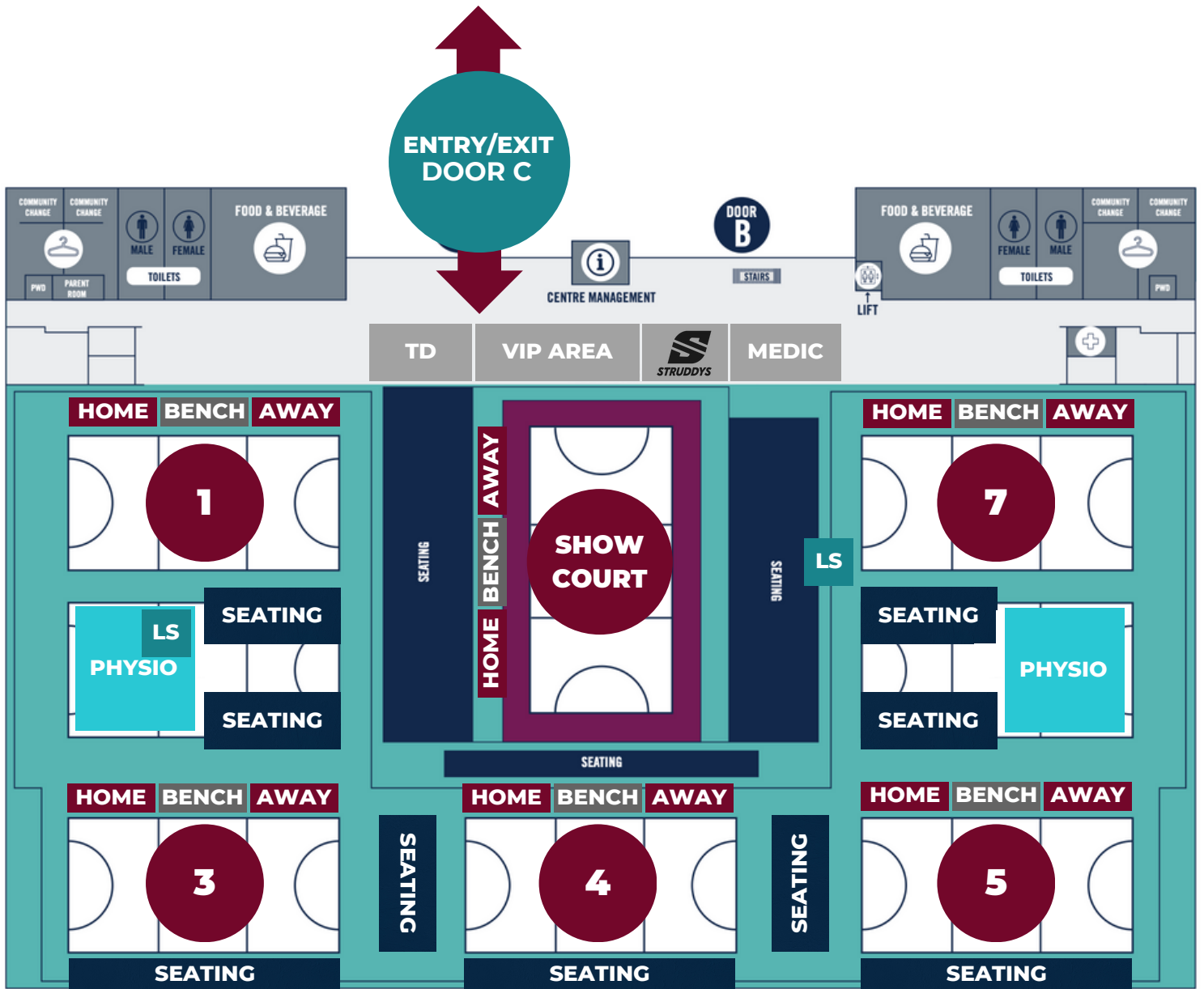


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# VENUE LAYOUT



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# TICKETING ENTRY FEES

## DAILY PASS

	(4-16yrs)	(0-3yrs)
<b>ADULT</b>	<b>JUNIOR</b>	<b>CHILDREN</b>
<b>\$12</b>	<b>\$6</b>	<b>FREE</b>

## WEEKLY PASS\*

*\*excludes grand final day*

	(4-16yrs)	(0-3yrs)
<b>ADULT</b>	<b>JUNIOR</b>	<b>CHILDREN</b>
<b>\$55</b>	<b>\$27.50</b>	<b>FREE</b>

## GRAND FINAL DAY PASS

	(4-16yrs)	(0-3yrs)	
<b>ADULT</b>	<b>JUNIOR</b>	<b>CHILDREN</b>	<b>COURTSIDE</b>
<b>\$15</b>	<b>\$10</b>	<b>FREE</b>	<b>\$25</b>



### GATES OPEN:

8am (Sun, Mon, Wed-Fri)

9am (Tue 2 April)

7am (Sat 6 April)



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# VENUE HOUSEKEEPING

- Visitors (including patrons, athletes, coaches, officials, spectators and contractors) are not permitted onsite within this Facility if they are experiencing any cold or flu-like symptoms (Nissan Arena condition of entry)
- Please respect Nissan Arena and Netball Queensland staff
- Please ensure ALL rubbish is placed in the bins provided
- Participants are advised not to leave their bags unattended - items left unattended will be at owners risk
- No food or drink allowed in the court area (with the exception of water bottles)
- No ice baths are allowed to be setup anywhere in the precinct, including carparks
- Please hand all LOST PROPERTY in to the Tournament Desk
- Please be aware that Nissan Arena has a **NO COMMERCIALY PRODUCED EXTERNAL FOOD ALLOWED** policy: eg fast food or food supplied by catering organisations
- For your convenience, the following food vendors will be open daily:
  - Kiosk from: 11am - 3pm each day
  - Café from: 7.30am - 7.30pm (Sun, Mon, Wed Fri & Sat) & 8.30am - 7.30pm (Tues & Thurs)
- Please note, **Nissan Arena is a cashless venue**



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# DRAW

**PlayHQ**, AMMNA's official match day and results partner, will be used for the duration of the tournament.

All fixtures, results and competition ladders can be found at:



Scan to see the draw and results on PlayHQ website



**NetballHQ**  
Follow community...

Or, jump over to your favourite App Store for iOS or Android then search NetballHQ. Once downloaded find 'Australian Mens and Mixed Netball' under the association tab and add us in your favourites



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# LIVESTREAMING

We have partnered with **BLive Streaming** to provide **FREE BROADCASTING** action across two courts (Show Court & Crt 1) throughout the Championships, including ALL Grand Finals.

Link will be made available through AMMNA & Qld Suns social media channels.

Please share with friends and family, watch the days featured games, re-watch your own game: with increased viewership, comes increased exposure and revenue potential for Men's and Mixed Netball!

**Please be reminded of your own State and AMMNA Code of Conduct(s)**

Participant behaviour is on display (players, coaching staff, umpires and officials), to both a National and an International audience.

Let's showcase the 2024 Australian Men's and Mixed Netball Championships with professionalism, respect, dignity and pride!



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# VIDEO & PHOTOGRAPHY

**Clusterpix Sports Photography**, AMMNA's official Media HQ partner, will be at the courts each day taking photos of participants in action.

Link(s) to all these special captured moments will be made available through AMMNA & Qld Suns social media channels throughout the event.

Patrons, please be reminded that there are children and young people attending this event, as participants or spectators: ensure images are acquired and displayed appropriately.

Patrons are not permitted to transmit, broadcast, sell, license or otherwise publish, disseminate or reproduce any recordings (including, without limitation, photographic, video or sound recordings) of any Live Streamed matches without the prior written approval of the Tournament Director. Such recordings may be confiscated or erased.



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# FIRST AID & MEDICAL ASSISTANCE

There is a First Aid Officer located on site for player and spectator use; however this is not a sports trainer service.

It is the responsibility of each state to supply their own sports trainer/s to look after their squad.

If an Ambulance is required, Nissan Arena's policy is that they will assist with calling ambulances and coordinating the arrival and departure of emergency services.



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# AMMNA AWARDS FUNCTION



Saturday 06 April



Arrival from 6:00pm,  
Function starting at 7:00pm



**Brisbane Showgrounds,  
Royal International Convention Centre,**  
600 Gregory Terrace,  
Bowen Hills, Brisbane



Extra tickets available!  
*Until sold out or by COB 1 April*  
Adult: \$160 | Children: \$120  
*Please see your State Tour Manager*



## Best Parking Option:

The Royal International Convention Centre Carpark: 600 Gregory Terrace, Bowen Hills  
*This is a paid undercover parking facility with a 3m height clearance*



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# VOLUNTEERS

This event is run primarily by volunteers – please be respectful!

If you know anyone that is able to assist throughout the Tournament, please direct them to the **jot form that is on the Qld Suns Facebook page.**

Our friendly volunteer team are more than happy to assist you with any questions you may have throughout the event.

If you have any questions, please visit the Tournament Desk.



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# RULES OF COMPETITION

Matches will be played in accordance with the official rules of the Netball Australia Official Rule Book, with the following Rule Variations listed below.

## Rule Variations

### Rolling Substitutions

Rolling substitutions will be permitted in matches for the Australian Mens and Mixed Nationals Championships. The following procedure is to be followed:

- The substitute(s) stands wholly inside the team's substitution zone to indicate a substitution is to be made.
- Play is not held for rolling substitutions
- Before leaving the substitution zone, the substitute tags (with hands) the player leaving the court
- Players must observe the offside rules as they enter/leave the court 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 return to the team bench
- There is no limit to the number of substitutions that can be made, and multiple substitutions can be made at any time

## Duration of the Game

Preliminary Round matches for all sections will consist of 4 x 15 minute quarters, 3-minute break at  $\frac{1}{4}$  and  $\frac{3}{4}$  time and 5 minutes break at  $\frac{1}{2}$  time. There will be no extra time in the event of a draw at full time.

*\*Exceptions to game duration may be made by the AMMNA executive due to exceptional circumstances.*

## Points

Points will be awarded as follows for preliminary matches:

Win	2 points
Draw	1 points
Loss	0 points

Refer below for information regarding finals. Please note no additional time will be played at the conclusion of a drawn preliminary match.



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## Warm Up

The fixture is structured to allow 15 minutes warm up time for teams immediately prior to their match on their designated match court. Teams participating in the previous match are requested to vacate as soon as their game is completed.

## Officials

1. Scorers and Timers may be provided by the Host.
  - a. If no official is available, each team must provide a scorer/timer.
  - b. In the event of only one official being available, the 'away' team must provide a scorer/timer.
2. Umpires must be appropriately attired in white clothing.

## Appeals & Protests

1. A Team Official may lodge a dispute with the Tournament Director verbally within two hours of match conclusion and in writing within 24 hours of match conclusion. Any appeal or protest during finals must be lodged immediately.
2. The members of the Dispute & Tribunal Panel shall be completely independent of the parties involved in the dispute.
3. The decision of the Panel shall be final.

The Disputes Committee will consist of a pool of suitable persons. To convene a panel for a dispute, the Tournament Director shall appoint three appropriate, independent pool members.

## Match Participants

A maximum of twelve (12) players are permitted to play in any one match in the Men's competition and thirteen (13) players in the Mixed competition.

## Cancellations

In the unlikely event of a match cancellation (i.e. leaking roof – wet weather), prior to the start of the game; both teams will be credited with one (1) point and five (5) goals each and the competition will continue as per fixture unless alternate arrangements can be made to reschedule the match.

When matches are cancelled after the start of the game;

1. Prior to the completion of the first half, teams will be awarded 1 point and 5 goals.
2. After the commencement of the second half, the score stands as at the time of the stoppage.



## Results

Match results and ladders will be published shortly after the completion of each round.

## Drug Policy

AMMNA condemns the use of performance enhancing drugs and doping practices in sport. The use of performance enhancing drugs and doping practices is contrary to the ethics of sport and potentially harmful to the health of athletes.

The only legitimate use of drugs in sport is under the supervision of a physician for a clinically justified purpose.

## Finals

Finals will be conducted at the conclusion of the Preliminary Round matches. The finals structure in each division may vary given the number of teams in each years' Championship.

Where two or more teams in a division have an equal number of premiership points, their relative positions shall be determined on a percentage basis calculated by:

*Percentage = Total Goals Scored For,  
Divided by Total Goals Scored Against  
Multiplied by 100.*

In the event of a draw in any of the finals matches, the teams shall, after a period of three minutes, change ends and play two by seven minute halves of extra time with one minute rest between halves. Teams change ends at half time.

In the event of a tie remaining at the end of extra time, a visual signal is placed at the official bench to indicate that play will continue until one team leads by two goals.





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