

# Netball WA - Origin Energy Metro League 2021

## **Purpose**

The Origin Energy Metro League Competition is an Association representative Competition, underpinning to the WA Netball League. It exists to provide a metropolitan-based competition within Perth to bridge the gap between Association Club netball and the WA Netball League. The competition caters for netballers turning 14 or older in the year of the competition and includes Open, 18U, 16U and 14U age groups for female athletes and a new 18U division for male athletes in 2021. Origin Energy Metro League provides opportunities for players, coaches, umpires and officials to participate and prepare for WA Netball League and Netball WA Underage State Teams.

## **2021 Competition Structure**

The 2021 Origin Energy Metro League season will be played on Wednesday (14U & 18U) and Thursday (16U & Opens) evenings and will run for eight weeks. The season will begin on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> August. There will be seven qualifying rounds played followed by Grand Finals on Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> and Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> September. Matches will be played at Gold Netball Centre (when available) and Perth Netball Association.

Two divisions of eight teams will be permitted to participate in each age group. All Associations will be entitled to enter a team in each age group. Associations will be invited to enter a second team in an age group if positions are available.

## **Coach Accreditations**

Head coaches for all teams are required to have Intermediate Coaching Accreditation. Assistant coaches are required to have Development Coaching Accreditation. WANL Head Coaches (only) are not permitted to coach at the Origin Energy Metro League; they can however be involved as coach mentors. Assistant Coaches and Apprentice Coaches of WANL are permitted to coach within the Origin Energy Metro League.

## **Umpires**

Each association must nominate at least one (1) qualified umpire per team nominated.

For the 18U (Division 1 only) and Open Divisions, associations must register umpires for allocation. Netball WA will be responsible for allocating these umpires and providing payment directly to them. 18U and Open umpires must hold a minimum National B Badge for Open and 18U Divisions.

For the 14U, 16U and 18U (Division 2 only) Divisions, associations must register umpires. However, these umpires will be required to umpire their own association games. It is the responsibility of each association to ensure this umpire is provided and for providing payment to them.

14U and 16U umpires must hold a minimum National C Badge and working towards a National B.