



Netball NZ Domestic Events Location Selection Policy

As at 28/10/21

BACKGROUND

Following the Business Item raised by Dunedin Netball at 2020 Netball NZ AGM around the location of NNZ Domestic Events (U18 Champs, Open Champs, NZ Secondary Schools Champs) Netball NZ undertook consultation with Centres and Zones, resulting in a proposed policy for future domestic event locations.

RATIONALE

The purpose of this policy is to provide clarity and transparency on the process Netball NZ uses to select locations for Domestic Events. This policy also identifies the minimum venue requirements needed for each event and the timelines for the announcement of locations.

CONSIDERATIONS

When selecting venues for the Domestic Events Netball NZ will take into consideration;

1. venue facilities and availability
2. accommodation options
3. flight access, availability and costs

1. Venue Facilities and Availability

The minimum venue requirements for each event are as per below. Some of these requirements Netball NZ may be more flexible on however where possible, a venue that has all the available facilities listed is preferred.

Netball NZ U18 Champs

- Outdoor courts – surface negotiable
- This event is run outdoors as up to 6 match courts are required per round and there are few venues in the country that could manage this number of matches. Holding the event outdoors also means that the entry fee is lower due to the reduced venue costs associated with the event.
- A minimum of 6 playing courts with umpire run off (3.05m is the standard)
- Minimum of 4 warm up courts preferably the same surface as the playing courts
- Changing room facilities for Teams and Umpires
- Public toilet facilities
- Administration offices and meeting rooms
- For the U18 Champs it is recognised that many Netball Centres in NZ have the capacity to host this event.



Netball NZ Open Champs

- Indoor venue with sprung wooden floor
- A minimum of three - four playing courts with umpire run off (3.05m is the standard)
- Warm up court/s (preferably indoors)
- Spectator seating for 200 people
- Changing room facilities for Teams and Umpires
- Public toilet facilities
- Administration offices and meeting rooms
- The venues that have the capacity to host this event are listed in Appendix 1

NZ Secondary Schools Netball Champs

- Indoor venue with sprung wooden floor
- A minimum of two playing courts with umpire run off (3.05m is the standard)
- Warm up court/s (preferably indoors)
- Spectator seating for 200 people
- Changing room facilities for Teams and Umpires
- Public toilet facilities
- Administration offices and meeting rooms
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2. Accommodation Options

Netball NZ will take into consideration the types and quantity of accommodation available when selecting a location for a Domestic Event

3. Flight Access, Availability and Cost

Netball NZ recognizes that some locations in NZ are harder to access and will take into account the number of flights available and the costs of these flights when selecting a location for a Domestic Event.

Selection of Locations

- Where possible Domestic Events will be hosted in the main centres of NZ (or within a 40 minute drive of a main centre) with plenty of flight and accommodation options. For this policy the main centres of NZ (based on population and location – detailed in Appendix 1) are considered to be;
 - Tier 1
 - Auckland (wider Auckland)
 - Hamilton
 - Wellington
 - Christchurch
 - Dunedin
 - Tier 2
 - Tauranga
 - Palmerston North
 - Lower Hutt
- Where possible the U18 Champs and the Open Champs will be held in opposite Islands each year i.e. U18 Champs held in the North Island, Open Champs held in the South Island.

- The NZ Secondary Schools Champs will where possible rotate between Upper North Island, Lower North Island and South Island each year.

Additional Notes

- As the Netball NZ U18 Champs and NZ Secondary Schools Champs are hosted during the school holidays these are often up against other events which can make booking venues etc difficult
- Netball NZ will endeavour to announce the locations of Domestic Events 18-24 months prior to each event.
 - The exception to this is the NZ Secondary Schools Champs which will be announced in the School Sport NZ Calendar which is released at the start of Term 4 the year prior to the event.
- Note that for 2022, the Open Champs and NZ Secondary Schools Champs will be held at the same location that was planned for the cancelled 2021 events. The Open Champs will be held in Palmerston North and the NZ Secondary Schools Champs will be held in Porirua.
- This policy will be reviewed annually to take into consideration new venues, upgraded venues, and changes in accommodation or travel availability in a location.
- Next review date October 2022.



Appendix 1 – Location and Venue Details as at August 2021¹

Location	Population (2020)	Venue/s	Capacity to host Open Champs	Capacity to host NZSS Champs
Whangarei (district)	98,300	McKay Stadium 1 court		
Auckland (region)	1,717,500	Eventfinda Stadium 4 courts		Y
		The Trusts Arena 6 courts	Y	Y
		Auckland Netball Centre 3 courts		Y
		Pulman Arena 6 courts	Y	Y
Hamilton (city)	176,500	N/A		
Tauranga (city)	151,300	Trustpower Baypark Arena 6 + 3 courts	Y	Y
Rotorua (district)	77,300	Energy Events Centre 3 + 1 courts		Y
Taupo (district)	40,100	Taupo Events Centre 3 courts		Y
Napier (city)	66,300	Pettigrew Green Arena 3 courts		Y
New Plymouth (district)	86,100	TSB Stadium 3 courts		Y
Palmerston North (city)	90,400	Central Energy Trust Arena 3 + 2 + 4 + 3 courts	Y	Y
Porirua (city)	61,000	Te Rauparaha Arena 3 + 1 courts		Y
Lower Hutt (city)	111,800	Walter Nash Centre 3 + 2 courts		Y
Wellington (city)	216,200	ASB Sports Centre 6 + 6 courts	Y	Y
Nelson (city)	54,600	Saxton Stadium 5 courts		Y
Blenheim (Marlborough district)	50,200	Stadium 2000 3 courts		Y
Rangiora (Waimakariri district)	64,700	MainPower Stadium 4 courts		Y
Christchurch (city)	394,700	N/A		
Selwyn (district)	69,700	Selwyn Sports Centre 4 courts		Y
Ashburton (district)	35,400	EA Networks Centre 4 courts		Y
Timaru (district)	48,400	Southern Trust Events Centre 3 courts		Y
Queenstown (district)	47,4010	Queenstown Events Centre 2 courts		
Dunedin (city)	134,100	Edgar Centre 3 + 4 courts	Y	Y
Invercargill (city)	57,100	ILT Stadium Southland 7 courts	Y	Y

¹ <http://nzdotstat.stats.govt.nz/wbos/Index.aspx?DataSetCode=TABLECODE7510>