



National Indigenous Tertiary Education Student Games (NITESG) competition rules are based on Australian University Sport and National rules for each of the sports contested. However, due to the nature of NITESG competition, some changes or additions have been made. These are listed below:

1. Team Size

- 1.1. Each team shall name a squad not exceeding sixteen (16) players, with all members of the squad able to compete in any one game. (7 players on the court at any given time)
- 1.2. The minimum number of players that can be fielded without incurring a forfeit is five (5).
- 1.3. Each team must have on court a minimum of two (2) male players and a maximum of (3) male players.
- 1.4. There must be a maximum of one (1) male player in each area of the court i.e. 1 mid-court, 1 defense, 1 offence
- 1.5. If only fielding five players, there must always be a greater number of females on the court.

2. Match Duration

- 2.1 All games will follow the below format:
 - 2.1.1 2 x 12 minute halves
 - 2.1.2 1 minute for half time
 - 2.1.3 The game clock will begin running as per scheduled draw unless there are adverse unforeseen circumstances.

3. Match Format

- 3.1 Preliminaries are a round robin pool format, with points for each match being awarded as follows:
 - 3.1.1 Winning team – 3 points
 - 3.1.2 Drawn match – 2 points per team
 - 3.1.3 Losing team – 1 point
 - 3.1.4 Forfeiting team– 0 points
- 3.2 Teams will be re-ranked according to points following the preliminary round, with only the top team from each pool progressing to the finals.
- 3.3 Finals are a single elimination format, with only the winner of each game progressing through to the next round of finals.
- 3.4 In the event of two or more teams having the same number of points at the conclusion of the preliminary matches, the higher placed team will be decided by applying the following criteria:
 - 3.4.1 The team with the highest goal percentage i.e. (goals for divided by goals against) multiplied by 100
 - 3.4.2 In the event of the goal percentage being equal, the team scoring the highest number of goals shall be placed above the other team(s).
 - 3.4.3 In the event that this still does not separate teams, then the team with the best result against the top team in their pool shall be placed above the other team(s).
 - 3.4.4 In the event that this still does not separate teams, then a toss of a coin will decide the winner.

4. Resolving Drawn Finals

- 4.1 In the event that scores are drawn at the end of normal time, two extra periods of five (5) minutes duration shall be played.
- 4.2 At the end of this extra period, if scores are still tied, play will be recommenced with the team to score a two (2) goal lead to be declared the winner.

5. Forfeits

- 5.1. A forfeit will be declared ten (10) minutes after the scheduled start of play time where either team is unable to commence play. One (1) point will be awarded every two (2) minutes a team is late up until ten (10) minutes. Should the commencement of a match be delayed (up to 10 minutes) due to no fault of either side (as determined by the Umpire in consultation with the Competition Manager) the game shall be played in its full duration.

5.2. **Forfeit Score:** The forfeit score will be Fifteen (15) points to nil (0).

6. Presentations



- 6.1. Presentations will be conducted at the closing ceremony.
- 6.2. One male and one female player will be selected as most valuable player (MVP) which will be awarded at the closing ceremony.

7. Uniform Requirements

- 7.1 Minimum uniform requirements for NITESG events must be met:
 - A competitor must not use equipment or wear anything that is dangerous to him/herself or another competitor (including any kind of jewellery).
 - Long or sharp fingernails are to be trimmed or taped.
 - All participating competitors are to be correctly attired in appropriate, matching team uniforms. Exceptions may be made for some sports in cold weather, providing permission is granted by the appropriate officials. Additionally, the exceptions will only be granted providing they are the same colour, and the extra clothing does not cover up any identification numbers or colours.
 - All numbers on shirts need to be clearly visible, and in a contrasting colour to the dominant colour of the shirt.
- 7.2 Specific Sport Uniform Standards --- The uniform requirements for each specific sport should be as per the national sporting organization standard with the following minimum uniform requirements:

Netball – Skirts and/or shorts for mixed. Sports briefs must be the same colour and style. Teams require 1 coloured set of bibs. Bodysuits are permitted. Playing position initials need to be on both front and back and between 100mm and 150mm high.