

MINISTRY OF CULTURE, YOUTH AND SPORTS  
SPORTS DIVISION

**Rules and Regulations governing**  
**the 2010 Primary Schools Netball Festival**

**1. Festival Basic Format**

- a. The festival will be governed according to the International Netball Rules and Regulations unless provided for in the rules/regulations below.
- b. The festival will be played over three (3) days.
- c. Round Robin Matches will be played on the first (1<sup>st</sup>) day.
- d. Round Two (Semi Finals) will take place on Day 2.
- e. Home Court advantage will go to the team with the better results at the end of the Round Robin.

**2. Qualification**

To qualify: Only bonafide registered players will be allowed to play in the festival

**3. Format for Matches**

- a. Teams will be placed in two groups.
- b. First Round matches will be played over a round robin basis in each group.
- c. The top teams from each group will advance to Round Two.
- d. Round Two (semi finals) will be played as follows:
  - i. 1<sup>st</sup> place team A vs. 2<sup>nd</sup> place team B (semi final one)
  - ii. 1<sup>st</sup> place team B vs. 2<sup>nd</sup> Place Team A (semi final two)

**4. Duration of matches**

- a) Semi-Final and Final - Four - 10 minutes quarters
- b) Other rounds - Four - 5 minutes quarters

**5. Playing Times**

Matches will commence at 3:00 pm.

**6. Reporting for Matches**

- (a) Teams are expected to arrive for a match at least half an hour before the scheduled start (i.e. for matches beginning at 3:00 p.m. teams should arrive by 2:30 pm and for matches beginning at 4:00 p.m. teams should arrive by 3:30 pm)
- (b) A school team should be afforded due supervision and **MUST** be accompanied by a school teacher at **ALL** its matches.
- (c) A team will be considered as having reported for a match, once no less than five players are on hand in the appropriate uniform and accompanied by a teacher.
- (d) A team unable to fulfill a match engagement must notify the Sports Division at least forty-eight (48) hours prior to the match in question.

## 6. Proposed venues

Dominica Grammar School and Salisbury

## 7. Awards

The following awards will be presented at the Annual Schools Sports Awards Ceremony:

1. Champion Team Award
2. 2<sup>nd</sup> Place Team Award
3. Most Valuable Player (MVP) Award

### **MOST VALUABLE PLAYER (MVP)**

- *Coaches shall nominate 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> choices for MVP on the opponents team after each game during the Round Robin phase.*
- *1<sup>st</sup> choice nominees will receive a score of 10 points*
- *2<sup>nd</sup> choice nominees will receive a score of 5 points*
- *Player with most points will be declared MVP. In the event of a tie, the Sports Division will declare the MVP.*

**Note: A team's MVP is the player who had the greatest positive impact on her team's performance.**

## 8. General

- (a) *School teachers are expected to ensure that their players and supporters exhibit attitudes conducive to maintaining the good name of the sport and their respective institutions.*
- (b) *All players and team officials are required to observe the edict: **"THE UMPIRE'S DECISION IS FINAL"***
- (c) *School teachers are required to arrange for their teams to arrive as a group when turning up for their matches.*