



Suncorp Super Netball Launches Super Shot Rules Trial

The Suncorp Super Netball (SSN) league has announced the introduction of the two-goal Super Shot for the 2020 season from the 1st August. The Super Shot will provide goal attacks and goal shooters the opportunity to score two goals by shooting from a 1.9 metre designated zone within the goal circle and will be active in the final five minutes of each quarter, providing a blend of the traditional game with the new.

The decision was made by the Super Netball Limited, the league commission established by Netball Australia to help innovate and grow the commercial opportunities within the SSN and is fully endorsed by Netball Australia. The Suncorp Super Shot is one of three new rules being introduced into the league for 2020.

The Super Shot will only be used in the SSN league and all other Netball in Australia, including international matches, will continue to adhere to the International Netball Federation (INF) Rules of Netball. As stated in the INF Rules of Netball handbook, 'Variations to the Rules may be made for matches that are not for international play. The extent of these variations will depend on the level of competition. Decisions regarding variations will normally be made by the controlling authority for the competition.'

Liz Nicholl, CBE, INF President comments, "The INF is really excited to see Netball Australia trialling new rules for their Suncorp League this season. The year after a Netball World Cup is the perfect time for considering innovation; especially in 2020 when netball has been in lockdown creating space for new thinking. The INF is an advocate for innovation, and we are



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always pleased to work together with our Members to trial rule changes at a national level which may inform the further evolution of our sport. Netball Australia will be using a new innovative scoring system and will share the outcome of the trial with the INF. We look forward to seeing this new development in action from August 1st.”

Liz added, ‘While supporting this new initiative we would like to take this time to provide clarity to our Members and the Netball community that this rule change will only take place in the SSN league and, due to the impact of the trial on the on-court play, International umpire assessments cannot be undertaken on these matches.’”

The Suncorp Super Netball league will return on the 1st August 2020 with the league committed to completing a full 60-match season. The 2020 season was deferred in March as part of wider efforts to protect fans, athletes, staff and the community from the COVID-19 Pandemic.