



# 2026 MENA Netball Festival & All Abilities Tournament Information Pack

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## Tournament Rules:

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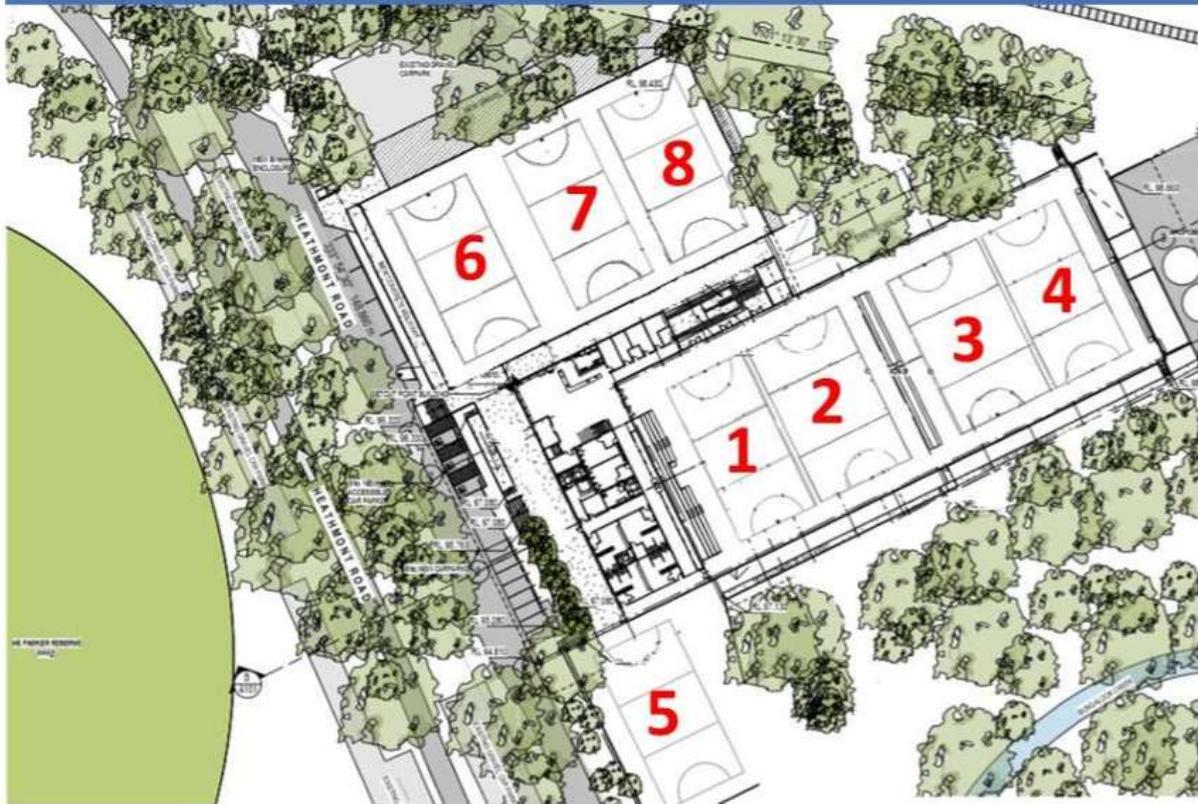
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