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**Good cause: Arthritis ambassador Jessie Soden.** Picture: Stefan Gosatti

# Jessy's ready for a day of run rivalry

■ Megan Bailey

Jessie Soden may have been on crutches yesterday but the determined 10-year-old does not intend to let much get in her way.

Not juvenile arthritis and not a horde of pesky north-of-the-river types whom she plans to compete against during the second annual HBF Run for a Reason fun run in the city on May 22.

The ambassador for the Arthritis Foundation WA, who was diagnosed with arthritis at age two, has persuaded 19 friends to join in.

"Some people have it a lot worse and have to use crutches and wear bandages all the time," Jessie said. "I do OK, I also play netball."

HBF has decided to inject a bit of competition into the fun run this year by lightheartedly pitting north and south of the river competitors against each other.

Money raised from the event goes towards Arthritis Foundation WA, Asthma Foundation WA, Cancer Council WA, Diabetes WA, Heart Foundation WA and Lifeline WA.

HBF managing director Rob Bransby said it was hoped that 15,000 people would run, raising \$350,000. Runners can register at [www.hbfrun.com.au](http://www.hbfrun.com.au)

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See the team captains launch their light-hearted war of words