

Netball By-laws

1. INTERPRETATION

- 1.1. All Australian Netball Association Rules shall apply unless otherwise provided for in the By-laws.
- 1.2. Day to day interpretation of these By-laws shall be the responsibility of the administration and officials together. Appeals against interpretation shall be lodged in writing to Management of the Harvey Recreation and Cultural Centre(HRCC).

2. TEAM/PLAYER RESPONSIBILITIES

- 2.1. All teams must provide their own scorer for the duration of the match
- 2.2. A team shall be held responsible for the conduct of its members and spectators.
- 2.3. All players must ensure, to the satisfaction of the senior match official, that fingernails, rings and/or other apparel do not present a hazard to the other players, and must pad, tape or remove any such items as directed by the umpire.
- 2.4. Any player deemed to be under the influence of alcohol or drugs shall be denied entry to the playing area and will be subject to report by Match Officials.
- 2.5. Whilst recognising the need for teams to introduce new players during a season, the right is reserved to not allow teams to increase their playing strength beyond the compatibility of the grade in which they play, by the introduction of such players.
- 2.6. Children must remain under supervision of an adult. Children should remain in the Court 1 and 2 areas during the game, should the supervising adult be playing, to ensure that they can be seen at all times. Unsupervised children are a danger to themselves, other players, umpires and other HRCC users. Should a parent be taken off court to attend their children, no substitution is allowed. Children are not automatically permitted to play on Court 3 during their parent's netball match. They are required to be supervised as per HRCC policy and normal casual court fees apply (currently \$2.10 per child).

3. TEAM UNIFORMS

- 3.1. All players in each team are required to present themselves in conforming team uniforms.

- 3.2. Three weeks' grace period will be allowed from the commencement of the season to procure conforming uniforms. After the period, players not in correct uniform will be able to participate for the loss of one (1) goal per player per quarter for each player out of uniform.
- 3.3. New players joining a team during the course of the season will be granted one week's grace to procure a uniform.

4. ELIGIBILITY OF PLAYERS

- 4.1. A team is required to ensure that only the full name of players present and ready to play in the match are written on the official scoresheet.
- 4.2. A substitute player who is present and ready to play but does not actually participate in the match does not qualify for that game.
- 4.3. Any player registered for one team can only play as a fill in for another team, provided that that team is not playing at a lower grade than the team in which they are registered, except for finals matches where no fill in players are eligible.
- 4.4. Playing an illegal player will be treated as a forfeiture and may be reported to HRCC management for misconduct. Illegal players will be defined as:
 - 4.4.1. Non observance of qualification criteria for finals matches
 - 4.4.2. Playing whilst under suspension
 - 4.4.3. Playing under an assumed name

5. TEAM CAPTAIN RESPONSIBILITIES

- 5.1. To collect fees from each player and **pay the match fee** prior to the commencement of the game.
- 5.2. Team captains must ensure that any forfeit fees are paid within 2 weeks of the match that was forfeited.
- 5.3. Team captains must make sure that the score sheet is filled out with only players taking part in the game that day and prior to the game commencing. If a player does not turn up, the Team Captain must remove that players name from the score sheet.

6. UMPIRE RESPONSIBILITIES

- 6.1. To follow the rules of the Australian Netball Association and apply them in all instances during the game.
- 6.2. To ensure the safety and wellbeing of all players by checking fingernails, rings and/or other apparel do not present a hazard to other players and request that these items be padded, taped or removed as appropriate.
- 6.3. To check team names on the score sheet are correct before signing the scoresheet and submitting to administration.

7. FINALS MATCHES

- 7.1. To qualify for the finals (semi-final, preliminary final or grand final) match selection a player must have played at least four (4) programmed matches during the season for the team that is participating in the finals.
- 7.2. No fill in players can be used for any finals matches.
- 7.3. In the event of a drawn match at the conclusion of any finals match, there will be 2 mins rest then the teams will play 2 periods of 4 mins without a rest but changing ends between periods. If a draw still occurs after this extra time, further periods of 3 minutes will be played until a winner emerges. In the Grand Final only, the clock will be stopped at every halted play in the extra 3 minute periods.

8. ABANDONED MATCHES

- 8.1. Decisions in relation to outcome of abandoned matches will be determined by the umpires on court at the time.
- 8.2. If a team is unable to continue playing due to injury of a player/s that cannot be removed from the court, the game will be ended and the score will stand as it is when the play stops.
- 8.3. If a team “chooses” to discontinue play for any reason. Then the game will be considered a forfeit by that team. A win will be awarded to the opposite team.
- 8.4. In the event of external circumstances, (such as power outage), which causes a match to be abandoned **before** half time, the game will be deemed a draw with a score of 20-20 awarded to both teams. Should the match be abandoned **after** half time, the score will be recorded as it stands.

9. PREMIERSHIP POINTS

- 9.1. Two (2) points will be awarded for a win, one (1) point for a draw, zero points for a loss. Percentage will be calculated according to points scored.
- 9.2. Any team joining the competition after the commencement of a season will be awarded equal points to the lowest team on the premiership ladder.

10. FORFEITS

- 10.1. If a team wishes to forfeit a scheduled game for any reason, they must call the Harvey Recreation and Culture Centre on 9729 3311 or 0437788143 as soon as possible.
- 10.2. When a team has five (5) players the match must start. Should the other player/s arrive ready to play before the expiration of one (1) quarter play, the match shall proceed as a normal game.
- 10.3. A \$20 forfeit fee will be applied according to the following schedule:

- 10.4. If a team does not have five (5) players on the court and ready to play within Eight (8) minutes of the scheduled starting time, it shall lose the match on a forfeit and be required to pay a forfeit fine as detailed in the Bylaws. The final score awarded will be twenty (20) to nil (0).
- 10.5. No points will be awarded to forfeiting teams

11. DRAWN MATCHES

- 11.1. In the event of an equal score at the conclusion of full time of any non-final match, then that match will be considered a draw and each team will be awarded 1 point.

12. TIME CLOCK OPERATION

- 12.1. The time clock will not be stopped during a match except for injury of a player and at the umpires discretion.
- 12.2. The clock may only be stopped during a Grand Final match. See bylaw rule 7.3.

13. TIMES

- 13.1. All games will be played on a time limit of 4 x 12 min quarters with a half time break of 3 mins and quarter time breaks of 1 min.

14. SUBSTITUTES

- 14.1. Each team shall be permitted a maximum of three (3) substitute players. Substitutions may be made at the break between any quarter, and a player substituted shall be entitled to re-enter the game at any quarter time break.

15. TRANSFERS

- 15.1. A player may transfer from one team to another team only once during the season provided that:
- 15.1.1. Transfers are presented to Management in writing on the night of the player playing for the new team or club.

16. PLAYER AND TEAM ENQUIRIES ABOUT RULES

- 16.1. Approach umpires of the game and try and resolve issues
- 16.2. If player unhappy with umpires outcome, the player can then take the issue to the competition administrator.
- 16.3. Should the competition administrator not be able to resolve the issue immediately – the following steps will apply:
- 16.3.1. Administrator to talk to umpires.
- 16.3.2. Discuss with Centre Management.
- 16.3.3. Seek advice from Netball WA on ruling if required.
- 16.3.4. Take result back to player.

- 16.4. After the above steps and discussion has taken place appropriately the administrator's decision is final.

17. PROTESTS

- 17.1. Protests from teams or players against other teams or players or umpires are to be lodged in writing to the Centre Management on the player/umpire report form.
- 17.2. Competitions Supervisor to liaise with teams or players or umpires and hear all sides.
- 17.3. Competitions Supervisor to discuss with management if the need arises.
- 17.4. An outcome via a letter will be sent out to the team/player or umpire.

18. PLAYERS AND TEAM REPORTS BY UMPIRES OR MANAGEMENT

- 18.1. Players and team officials shall be subject to report by the umpire or any official for any form of misconduct.
- 18.2. Misconduct shall include abusive language, unsporting conduct, undue rough play, striking and attempted striking.
- 18.3. The umpire or HRCC Management shall complete an Officials Misconduct Report Form.
- 18.4. Any player or team official reported will be required to answer the allegations made, either by letter or by appearing in person with HRCC Management for a hearing and will receive the following:
 - 18.4.1. Date that the report emanated
 - 18.4.2. Date, time of HRCC Management interview if required.
- 18.5. The Player will not be eligible to play until the dispute has been resolved by the Centres management.
- 18.6. Non-attendance or response to the HRCC Management without prior notification by the reported person shall be interpreted as an admission of guilt
- 18.7. Penalties for player misconduct range from reprimands through to several weeks' suspension or expulsion from the Centre (worst case scenario) and are dependent on the type of player misconduct committed and its severity.
- 18.8. A player or team found guilty by the HRCC Management has the right of appeal
- 18.9. The appellant player or team will be notified in writing of the date and time of the appeal hearing.
- 18.10. All appeals will be heard by the HRCC Management.
- 18.11. All appeal decisions will be final.