

NAMBUCCA VALLEY NETBALL ASSOCIATION INC

Senior/Mixed By-Laws

THE FOLLOWING RULES APPLY TO ALL REGISTERED PLAYERS/TEAMS IN THE SENIOR/MIXED NAMBUCCA VALLEY NETBALL COMPETITION:-

1 Registration

You **MUST** be a registered player with Netball NSW through your affiliated Club or the Nambucca Valley Netball Association Inc. before taking part in any training or game.

Players wishing to register after the competition has started, shall complete the appropriate form made available at the courts and pay the appropriate fee before a game commences.

2 Team Uniforms

i) Each player **MUST** play in a similar playing uniform, which has been approved by the Committee:-

- Same colour dresses, shirts, shorts / skirts must be worn by all team members.
- Tops must extend past the top of your skirts/shorts.
- All players must wear appropriate footwear.

ii) One (1) warning will be given to players in a team if they are out of uniform. It will be written on the official score sheet and the Match Secretary informed. A two (2) goal deduction per player out of uniform will apply for the next breach of rules.

3 All players **MUST** wear identification patches. If two teams have the same coloured patches, different colours are available at the office.

4 Players may not wear anything that could endanger themselves or other players, specifically:

(a) No adornment or jewellery may be worn. Studs are not permitted.

(b) A wedding ring or medical alert bracelet may be worn provided it is covered with tape

(c) Fingernails must be short and smooth

(d) Hair must be suitably tied back.

(e) Only prescription eyewear may be worn

(f) Players that are required to wear a piercing for medical reason (e.g. daith piercing for migraines) may tape this piercing only and take the court, provided they present the NVNA committee with a copy of a medical certificate which states the medical reason for the piercing.

5 For safety reasons, no hard brimmed hats will be permissible to wear during games.

6 A team cannot consist of more than twelve (12) players.

7 The number of male players permitted on court at any one time is three (3). One in each playing third, ie (1 GA or GS), (1 GD or GK) and (1 C, WA or WD).

8 At the beginning of each season, if a team is of a high standard, a grading system may be brought in. This is reviewed at the beginning of each competition.

9 **Umpires**

- i) No official match will be played without two (2) umpires.
- ii) Umpires have total control of the game. Any concerns about control and safety during the game should be directed to the on-court umpire mentor, Umpires Convenor or MPIO. No coach, spectator or player is to confront or question any umpire during play. Team captains **ONLY** may approach an umpire during any interval or after the game to clarify rules.
- iii) Players should approach an umpire during play if there is an emergency arising on court that the umpires are unaware of.
- iv) A two goal penalty per player may be imposed for players involving in repeated back chatting or poor sportsmanship (2 reports from an umpire, spectator or other players). A letter will also be sent to the club of offending player.

10 **Official Score Sheet**

- i) Players must supply a specimen signature at the beginning of the season on the team sheet and sign on for each match. Score sheets will be audited from time to time against samples kept by the Match Secretary and ineligible signatures will not count as matches play.
- ii) Each team must supply a responsible scorer for their match.
- iii) Team captains, a scorer from each team and umpires are to sign the score sheet.
- iv) The winner of the game is to take the score sheet to the office.
- v) Teams failing to sign the score sheet after the game must accept without challenge, the score sheet as completed by the opposing team.

11 **Match Requirements**

- i) A quorum for a game is **four (4)** registered players from each registered team. You cannot play with three team members and two borrowed players
- ii) If you have four (4) original team members, you can borrow a maximum of three (3) players. If you have five (5) original team members you may borrow a maximum of two (2) players. If you have six (6) original team members you may borrow a maximum of one (1) player
- iii) If the original team members arrive late to a match, they **MUST** take the place of the borrowed players at the next centre pass. They must play the position currently being played by the borrowed player.
- iv) All players **MUST** be filled out correctly on the score sheet. **THIS INCLUDES BORROWED PLAYERS.**
- v) Players taking the court **MUST** appear on score sheet. Substitute name/s only to appear when coming on to play.

12 **Claiming Forfeits**

- i A team may claim a forfeit two (2) minutes after the time set down for the commencement of the match if the opposing team does not have five (5) players ready to play including 4 players registered with that team.
- ii Teams claiming the forfeit must complete the score sheet as usual. Players of the team claiming the forfeit, whose names appear on the score sheet, and who are present at the starting signal for the match, shall be deemed to have played the match.
- iii In the event of a forfeit being declared during the week prior to the Scheduled match, a representative of the team forfeiting, is required to contact the Match Secretary, Umpires Convenor and the team contact for the opposing team.
- iv Goals shall be recorded for a forfeit win — 10 goals to winning team and nil goals to losing team in the event of a draw at the start of the semi-finals.
- v If neither team have five (5) registered players present and ready to play, the game shall be declared abandoned and no points will be awarded to either side.
- vi Teams who commit three (3) forfeits in one (1) season, will incur a fine of \$200 and will be eliminated from the competition forthwith (for teams registered with a club, the affiliated club will incur the fine).

13 The club of any team forfeiting after 5pm on the Friday prior to the scheduled match date shall incur a fine of \$20 that must be paid prior to the team's next match.

14 Any team found playing an unregistered or ineligible player or has no names on the score sheet, will lose two (2) competition points.

15 **Playing for other teams**

YOU CAN PLAY for another team if they are short, only if playing in an Equal grade. Players may only substitute a maximum of five (5) times.

16 **Points Score**

Competitions shall be conducted on points score basis and semi-finals, finals and grand finals shall be played.

The following points will be given to teams for:-

Win	4	Draw	2	Loss	1	Bye	2	Forfeit	4
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Points will be deducted on the day from teams who fail to meet their canteen duties. These points will be equal to a forfeit

17 **Wet Weather**

Wet weather games are considered as games played by all players registered prior to that date.

In the event of wet weather, cancellation of matches shall be broadcast on the Associations current electronic media, Facebook/website. A decision will be made on the day of play, one (1) hour prior to commencement of games.

The following will apply due to inclement weather:-

- i) no game due to wash out — 2 points each;
- ii) game called off before or during half time — 2 points each;
- iii) game called off after commencement of second half — the team leading at the time the Umpires Convenor calls off the game, gets the 4 points.

Note: It is the responsibility of the Umpires Convenor to abandon play due to wet weather.

18 **Injury Time**

No injury time will be added during games **EXCEPT** for semi-finals and grand finals when the following rule will apply:-

Umpires shall apply the time rule for injury and illness as stated in the Netball Australia Rule book. Timekeepers are responsible for stopping the clock when the umpire indicates time and notifying the umpire when the specified time out period has ended. The clock should be restarted on the umpire's whistle to restart play.

19 **Semi-Finals and Grand Finals**

- i) To be eligible to participate in semi-finals, finals and grand finals, players must have played in at least half (1/2) the competition matches with that team. Extenuating circumstances may be considered by the Executive prior to the day of the match.
- ii) Experienced umpires will be appointed to umpire semi-finals and grand finals where possible.
- iii) If two or more teams finish on equal points after the final round of matches, positions for semi-finals, shall be decided by a goal average to decide the winner.

$$\text{Goal Average} = \frac{\text{total number of goals}}{\text{total number of games}}$$

iv) Semi-finals and grand finals shall be individually timed and scored by 2 individuals appointed by NVNA.

v) Positions for semi-finals play:-

First Semi-Final

1st place plays 4th place

Second Semi-Final

2nd place plays 3rd place

Winners of each semi final will play each other in the grand final.

vi) Any team found playing an unregistered or ineligible player in the semi-finals, finals or grand finals, will be considered to have lost that match.

Semi Finals and Grand Finals Extra Time

- a) If there is a draw in semi-finals and finals, a two (2) minute interval shall be taken.
- b) during the interval players may leave the court, the score will be verified with the scorers and the teams change ends. During the interval there may be substitutions and/or team changes;
- c) Two (2) seven (7) minute halves will be played to determine a winner. After the first seven (7) minutes, the teams will change ends with no time out permitted. No substitutions or positional changes shall be allowed during the changeover.
- d) if still a draw at the end of the 14 minutes, play continues and the first team to score a two (2) goals advantage, shall be declared the winner;

21 Protests, Complaints, Reports

- i Any protest, complaint or report must be made to a Member Protection Information Officer.
- ii The Executive shall set up a Complaints Committee to deal with any protest, complaint or report, if necessary, and the persons concerned in the occurrence shall have the right to attend the meeting of this Committee, for the purpose of stating their case.
- iii In the event of any protest, complaint or report being found by the Complaint Committee to be justified, the following penalties may be imposed:-
 - a) order a match to be replayed; OR
 - b) award the match to the non-offending team; OR
 - c) recommend to the Executive Committee that any team, player, umpire, coach, member or spectator be reprimanded, suspended or disqualified.

22 Awards on Presentation Day

All winners and runners-up of each grade will receive an award.

The main trophies to be awarded will be:-

- ❖ The Marion Wood All-Rounder Perpetual Trophy – supports the Association above and beyond the call of duty;
- ❖ Club Person of the Year;
- ❖ Umpire of the Year;
- ❖ Sara Merton Awards; and

Other trophies may be awarded as per the discretion of the Committee.

23 Smoke Free Zone

Please note that the Nambucca Valley Netball Courts are a smoke free zone.

24 **Dogs**

Please note that the Nambucca Valley Netball Courts are a dog free zone.

25 **Skateboard, Bikes and Rollerblades Free Zone**

Please note that the Nambucca Valley Netball Courts are a skateboard, bikes and rollerblades free zone during use by Nambucca Valley Netball Association Inc.

26 **No eating on court**

No players are to eat on court whilst playing, ie no chewing gum.

27 No moveable or portable structures are to be erected on the hard courts due to damage to the surface.

