



**CASEY CARDINIA FOOTBALL
NETBALL LEAGUE**

BY-LAWS

2011

1. DEFINITIONS

In these netball by-laws, the following definitions and provisions apply:

- a) "N.V." means Netball Victoria
- b) "AANA" means the All-Australian Netball Association
- c) "All-Australian Netball Association" ("AANA") is considered the peak body for the control of netball in Australia. AANA is also known as "Netball Australia"; "Netball Victoria" is considered to be the body responsible for management and development of the sport of netball in Victoria. "Netball Victoria" may also be referred to as "Victorian Netball Association" or "VNA".
- d) "club" shall, for the purposes of these by-laws only, mean and include such member clubs of the MPNFL that field netball teams in such netball competitions conducted by the MPNFL and netball associates of the MPNFL.
- e) "MPNFL Netball" means such netball competition(s) as are conducted by the MPNFL.
- f) "CEO" means the Chief Executive Officer of the MPNFL or such person as having his or her delegated authority or acting with the MPNFL Board's authority in his or her stead.
- g) Where there is any conflict between these by-laws or the Rules of the MPNFL, the Rules of the MPNFL shall apply.
- h) Where there is any matter not covered by the provisions of these by-laws, the football by-laws of the MPNFL, with such minimal modifications as are required by the circumstances, shall apply and in any circumstances of doubt, the CEO or Board may make a determination.
- i) Where references are made herein to the powers of the MPNFL Board or actions that may be taken by the MPNFL Board, such powers or actions may be taken the CEO, subject always to the MPNFL Board in its discretion having a supervisory or over-riding authority over any power or action exercised by the CEO or where by necessary implication or by force of law the actions are required to be done by the MPNFL Board.
- j) Reference to the Netball Administrator herein shall include any person delegated the responsibility of administering the Netball Competition as employed by the MPNFL Board.

Otherwise, these by-laws have the same meanings and definitions as set out in the MPNFL Rules, including that words importing the masculine gender include the female gender and vice versa.

2. REGISTRATIONS

- (a) Each club must forward a list to the Netball Administrator of all players, their addresses, phone numbers and date of birth on forms provided by Netball Victoria (Form B&C) or Forms provided by the MPNFL (Form D) before the commencement of each season.
- (b) The Netball Administrator shall keep a record of all registrations in a members register.
- (c) First name, Surname, address and date of Birth for all players must be written on registration forms
- (d) Names of additional players may be added at any time during the year by completing a Form C and Form D forwarded together with payment to the MPNFL. Registrations will only be accepted on these forms.
- (e) Junior teams will comprise:- 13 & Under, 15 & Under, 17 & Under as at 31 December in the year being played.

Minimum age requirements are:

- (i) Open Sections - must be turning 15 years of age in the year of competition
- (ii) 17 & Under - 14 years

- (iii) 15 & Under - 11 years
- (iv) 13 & Under - 9 years

Penalty – in the event of a club playing a player in contravention of By-Law 2(e) refer By-Law 5 Ineligible or Unregistered Players

- (f) All players, coaches and umpires must be a current N.V. Member. All registrations for VNA should be forwarded to the Netball Administrator by the players/coaches/umpires 1st game of the season.

Penalty – Failure to do so will result in player/coach/umpire being ineligible to participate in the match. Where this is discovered retrospectively, the offending team receive a fine as set out in the Schedule of Fines as determined by the Board.

- (g) The details of any player shall not be included on a club registration form as required by this clause 2(a) where a clearance is required for that player hereof, unless the clearance has already been requested and granted.

3. CLEARANCES

- (a) In the event of a transfer of a player from one club to another being desired, written application for clearance, containing the signatures and dates thereof of:-
 - (i) The player
 - (ii) The Secretary of the club in which player seeks transfer

Clearances must be forwarded to the Netball Administrator who shall keep a record of all transfers.

- (iii) Notification of clearances will be forwarded to receiving club.

- (b) Clearances must be approved by and cleared through the Netball Administrator before becoming effective.
- (c) No player shall be granted more than one clearance in any one season except in exceptional circumstances.
- (d) No clearance shall be granted after 30 June in any one season.
- (e) The Netball Administrator has the power to grant or refuse clearances, after 7 days from application if there has been no response from club.
- (f) Junior players do not require a clearance before the start of the season. Once the current season has commenced and the junior player has played a game, a clearance is then required.
- (g) Players who owe outstanding playing fees or are in possession of club/team property (uniform, equipment) will not be granted a clearance.
- (h) No player is permitted to play for another club in MPNFL Netball without a clearance, unless that player has not played for one year in MPNFL Netball.
- (i) Once a player has been registered pursuant to clause 2, they are deemed a player with that club and would require a clearance to play with another club.
- (j) In the event a clearance is required for a player, the club requesting the clearance is prohibited from registering that player in accordance with clause 2 (a) until such time as the clearance has been granted pursuant to clause 3.

Penalty – Where a player takes part in any match without an approved clearance ... refer By-Law 5..Ineligible or Unregistered players

4. CONDUCT OF MATCHES

- (a) The date of commencement and duration of the season shall be determined by the Board, and shall be presented to the member clubs and netball associates no later than the date of the Annual General Meeting of the MPNFL.
- (b) All clubs of the MPNFL Netball must field Junior and Senior teams as follows;
- | JUNIORS | SENIORS |
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| 13 & under | C grade |
| 15 & under | B grade |
| 17 & under | A grade |
- throughout the MPNFL Netball season.
- (c) The rules of play in netball matches shall be those of Netball Australia.
- (d) Each club must play their best senior players in 'A' Grade and the MPNFL Board has the power to enforce this rule.
- (e) All matches shall be played as arranged in the fixture of the MPNFL Netball, but competing teams may, by mutual agreement, play on a court or a time more convenient than that selected in fixtures.
- (f) Matches will be conducted under the following scheduled time frames;

Grade	Start Time	Quarter Length	Breakdown
AGrade	2.15pm	4 x 15 minutes	3 – 5 – 3
BGrade	1.00pm	4 x 15 minutes	3 – 5 – 3
CGrade	12 noon	4 x 12 minutes	2 – 3 – 2
17 Under	11.00am	4 x 12 minutes	2 – 3 – 2
15 Under	10.00am	4 x 10 minutes	2 – 3 – 2
13 Under	9.00am	4 x 10 minutes	2 – 3 – 2

Any competing teams may, by mutual agreement, alter the duration of quarters or breaks due to extenuating circumstances.

5. PENALTY FOR PLAYING INELIGIBLE/UNREGISTERED PLAYERS

In the event that the Netball Administrator substantiates that any player has played without first having granted the necessary registration, clearance and or permit to play required under these rules and is therefore deemed ineligible.

The club with which the player concerned played shall provide a written submission outlining the reasons behind the misdemeanour and forward such submissions to the netball administrator who in turn will address the matter. The club shall be subject to:-

- a) If the club wins the game
- Fine not exceeding \$250.00
 - Reversal of match points
 - Loss of all points For pertaining to that game
 - And maybe subject to further penalty as determined by the Netball Administrator.
- b) If the club loses the game
- Fine not exceeding \$250.00
 - Loss of all points For pertaining to that game

iii. And maybe subject to further penalty as determined by the Netball Administrator.

6. GRADING

- (a) Where a club has entered two or more senior teams in the MPNFL Netball, all players (both junior and senior) may be selected to play in the said senior teams during the home and away season on an open basis PROVIDED THAT;
- (i) where a player (junior or senior) has played six (6) or more games in the A Grade side, she is ineligible to play in C Grade.
- (ii) subject to by-law 6(a)(i) immediately above, where a player (junior or senior) has played six (6) or more games in one particular senior grade, that player may play in a lower senior grade provided that she does not play in more than one senior grade in any one round.
- (b) Senior Players who are currently playing or selected during the season to play in either the:

: Victorian Open team
: Victorian 21 and under team
: Victorian 19 and under team
: State League Championship Division and / or National League
shall only be permitted to play in "A" Grade in the MPNFL Netball Competition.

Penalty – *In the event of a club playing a player in contravention of By-Law a & b hereof, refer By-Law 5 Ineligible or Unregistered Players*

- (c) (i) In the event a senior or junior player who has played more than six (6) games in a particular senior grade wishes to be transferred to a lower senior grade, written application must be made to the MPNFL Board and a permit granted before the player can play in that grade. Once a permit is granted, the player must play in the grade for which the permit was granted for the remainder of the season. No permit will be granted after the completion of the home and away games.
- (ii) A club applying for a permit for a junior player to play in a lower grade, written application must be made to the MPNFL Board and a permit granted before the player can play in that grade.
- (d) Junior players eligible to play in either the 15 & Under or the 17 & Under competition may play any amount of games in senior or higher junior grades and remain eligible to participate in their own age group.
- (f) Junior players participating in the senior grade competition must do so in compliance with the rules stipulated in By-Law 5 (a) – (c)
- (g) Male players – 13 & Under teams are permitted one (1) only male player in this age group. (Age group 9-13 years of age)

7. SCORING

The officials of the game shall be the umpires, scorers, timekeeper and primary carers

- (a) **Umpires** – refer to clause 12 (Umpires & Reporting)
- (b) **Scorers/Timekeepers** - Each team must be accompanied by a scorer/timekeeper.
- (i) The scorers and timekeepers must act together.

- (ii) Each junior scorer must be accompanied by a responsible senior over 18 at all times.
- (iii) No one under the age of 15 may score or time keep
- (iv) Clubs must provide scorers for each game and scorers and timekeepers must verify the scores at the end of each match.
- (v) Timekeepers of each game at twenty (20) seconds to go, MUST FOLLOW THE NEAREST UMPIRE and notify him/her when time is up.
At intervals timekeepers must notify umpires when thirty (30) seconds and then (10) seconds remaining prior to the start of the game, the end of an interval or stoppage.

Penalty – the offending team will receive a fine as set out in the Schedule of Fines as determined by the Board.

- (c) **Primary Carers** – Where possible, each team should identify, by wearing a first-aid armband, a suitably trained and competent primary carer. A Team Manager may be a Primary Carer.
- (d) No one may consume or be under the influence of alcohol whilst officiating.
- (e) Captains and umpires are to sign the score sheet to confirm the final score is correct.

Penalty – failure to do so shall result in a fine as set out in the Schedule of Fines as determined by the Board.

- (f) Club Secretaries/Coaches of each team are to ensure the official score sheet (home and away sheet) is completed and all names correct.

All players' names must be recorded on the score sheet prior to the commencement of the game in which that player plays. Any player who does not take the court shall be deemed as not played and is to be deleted from the Team sheet.

Penalty – Should a player take the court that is not named on the score sheet the offending team will receive a fine as set out in the Schedule of Fines as determined by the Board.

- (g) All players must appear on the scoresheet as they appear on the MPNFL members register. Club Secretaries have until the third round to correct any spelling errors in Members Register. These must be made in writing to the Netball Administrator.
 - (i) Names on score sheet are not to be abbreviated
 - (ii) Players who marry throughout the season are to play under the same name as registered with MPNFL Netball and Netball Victoria at the beginning of the season.

Penalty – Should incorrect names appear on score sheets, either Given or Surname, the offending team will receive a fine as set out in the Schedule of Fines as determined by the Board.

- (h) The secretary of the home team only shall forward the envelope containing the score sheets with the results of matches, names of players and signatures of captain, umpires, score and time keepers, registration forms and vote cards to the Netball Administrator by 12 noon Monday. This must be done even if the weather is inclement.
Note: Once the score sheets have been received by the Netball Administrator no alterations can be made.

Penalty – the offending team will receive a fine as set out in the Schedule of Fines as determined by the Board.

- (i) Four (4) points shall be awarded for a win and two (2) points for a draw.

- (j) All teams on a bye to receive four (4) points, but no percentage, whether the draw is even or uneven.
- (k) The home team shall upload scores onto the Netball Victoria Country Netball Competition module by Interfuse website by 6:00pm on match day and ensure that Team Sheets are completed and any corrections made by Monday at 9am following the match.
Penalty – Failure to comply will result in a fine set out in the Schedule of Fines as determined by the Board.

8. COURTS

- (a) All courts must be sealed, outside and safe to play on.
- (b) Nets must be provided for all rings by the start of the season.
- (c) Goalposts must be padded. In the event of current padding having to be replaced, it must be replaced with padding the full length of the post.
- (d) A scoreboard capable of clearly showing the names of the competing teams and scores shall be supplied and operated by the home club and courts shall be marked in accordance with the Rules of Netball.

Penalty – Failure to comply will result in a fine set out in the Schedule of Fines as determined by the Board.

9. INFRINGEMENTS

- (a) Clubs are to be notified by the Netball Administrator if they have infringed the rules or by-laws before the next match is played.
- (b) Any infringement of the MPNFL Netball By-Laws or any club that does not fulfil their duties to MPNFL Netball may be dealt with by the MPNFL Board as they think fit and shall receive a fine as set out in the schedule of fines as determined by the board.

10 COMPLAINTS

- (a) A club may lodge a complaint or raise an issue resulting from a match played in MPNFL Netball for consideration by the MPNFL Board (“a Complaint”) in writing within forty eight (48) hours of the conclusion of the last match on the day in question.

11. PROTESTS

- (a) A club may lodge a protest resulting from a match played in MPNFL Netball for consideration by the MPNFL Board (“a protest”), provided that the club lodging the Protest notifies the secretary of the club against which the Protest is made and the Netball Administrator in writing within forty eight (48) hours of the conclusion of the last match on the day in which the Protest occurred.
- (b) A fee of \$100.00 must accompany all Protests lodged pursuant to clause 10 (a).
- (c) All protests will be referred to an Investigation Officer who may investigate the allegation as he sees fit. Such investigation shall be completed within 7 days of the matter being referred to her/him unless an extension is requested.

12. FORFEITS and NON FIELDING SIDES

Penalty – In the event of a forfeit, the offending team will awarded zero (0) premiership points and nil to twenty (20) score and will incur a fine as set out in the Schedule of Fines as determined by the Board. The non-offending, opposing team will be awarded four (4) premiership points, club championship points and twenty (20) goals to nil score

(a) Forfeits

- (i) Notification of a forfeit must be given to the opposing club before 9pm on the Friday night prior to playing the match.

Penalty – offending team will incur a fine as set out in the Schedule of Fines as determined by the Board.

- (ii) In the event of an un-notified forfeit, the offending team shall receive a fine as set out in the Schedule of Fines as determined by the Board.

Penalty – offending team will incur a fine as set out in the Schedule of Fines as determined by the Board.

- (iii) In the event of a team is more than ten (10) minutes late for the commencement of a match, the match shall be forfeited, provided the opposition have five (5) or more team players present.

Penalty – offending team will incur a fine as set out in the Schedule of Fines as determined by the Board.

- (b) Where a club is unable, for whatever reason, to field the teams required pursuant to clause 4 (b) for a particular season from the commencement thereof, that club may apply in writing to the MPNFL Board for permission not to field a particular team.

- (i) Such application must be lodged with the MPNFL Board at least twenty one (21) days prior to the commencement of the season. The MPNFL Board will consider any such application and the facts and circumstances thereof and make a determination within seven (7) days from the commencement of the season.
- (ii) Where a club is granted permission not to field a particular team(s) during a season pursuant to clause 4 (b) each game will be classed as forfeit and points awarded to the opposing team accordingly.

Opposing teams will be able to submit a player list for the forfeited match for player qualification purposes

- (iii) The decision of the MPNFL Board pursuant to clause 4 is final and binding for the duration of the season.

- (c) In the event of inclement weather in home and away matches, the umpires shall decide whether the court is fit for play. With regard to juniors, the decision is to be left to the senior person in charge of each team in conjunction with the umpires. If it is decided not to play and each team has five (5) or more players present, two (2) points will be awarded to each team. If both teams have less than five (5) players present, no points are awarded. If play has been commenced and been abandoned, two (2) points will be awarded to each team. If the third quarter is completed and one team is ahead by ten (10) goals or more, that team shall be declared the winning team, however the Board shall retain the right to over-rule, reverse or amend the result following an investigation into the abandonment of the game. If the teams result is closer than ten (10) goals, the match shall be declared a draw, however

the Board shall retain the right to over-rule, reverse or amend the result following an investigation into the abandonment of the game.

- (i) "inclement weather" for the purposes of this by-law includes, but is not limited to, conditions of extreme weather such as very heavy rain, snow, sleet and conditions of extreme heat.
- (ii) A court is not fit for play in the event that lightning is visible at the venue of the court or its immediate vicinity. Play must be suspended in such circumstances. Umpires shall endeavour to resume play as soon as possible once the lightning risk is considered by them to have abated.
- (iii) Whether a court is fit for play pursuant to this by-law includes consideration of the court's surface and also the conditions surrounding the court, including weather conditions.
- (iv) Umpires shall do all things necessary and reasonable within their power to ensure that a match proceeds and that any decision to abandon a match is done as a decision of last resort, whilst ensuring that players' safety and wellbeing is at all times promoted.
- (v) In considering whether a court is not fit for play within the meaning of these by-laws, umpires may take into account the commentary of Netball Victoria in Infonets RM3 and RM5 and may take into account the published ambient temperature and dew point for Melbourne for the day of play, published each day by the Bureau of Meteorology and accessible at <http://www.abc.net.au/melbourne/weather/>.

NOTE: Score Sheets, with names of those players present, signed by captains and umpires must be forwarded to the Netball Administrator in the usual way.

- (d) In the event of a team forfeiting two consecutive matches, except as provided above, the team shall show cause to the MPNFL Board why it shall not be disqualified.

13. UMPIRES & REPORTING

- (a) All umpires for senior grades must be VNA Accredited, badged and current members of Netball Victoria.
- (b) Each club is to provide an umpire for each match. Therefore, every match has two (2) umpires – one from each club – irrespective of where the match is played.
- (c) Umpires are to finish a match unless captains approve otherwise. No more than two (2) umpires are to officiate in any one match unless under extreme circumstances.
- (d) An umpire or player may not play or umpire the game in which she is respectively officiating or playing.
- (e) All umpires are to be dressed predominantly in white or cream top, skirt or trousers no player club tops to be worn.

Penalty - Failure to do so, the club will receive a fine as set out in the Schedule of Fines as determined by the Board

- (f) Each club is to provide at least two (2) members to sit for the Netball Victoria umpires theory exam annually in May. If numbers warrant the setting of a second exam date in September, attendance will be optional and no fines will apply.

Penalty - Failure to do so, the club will receive a fine as set out in the Schedule of Fines as determined by the Board per compulsory candidate not in attendance, and to be charged to the cost of an extra paper.

- (g) All umpires for junior grades must have completed Netball Victoria theory papers before umpiring and are required to attend a Basic umpiring Course before umpiring.
- (h) An umpire may not umpire more than two consecutive MPNFL matches on any given day except in exceptional circumstances.
- (i) An umpire may not criticise or coach any team while a competition match is in progress. Umpires shall be responsible for their own actions. Disciplinary action shall be taken by the MPNFL Board.
- (j) No coaching is permitted during the stoppage by any bench team official or bench player. However the team manager may approach the players at the sideline for the purpose of providing re-hydration. During a stoppage no one except the Primary Carer is permitted on the court.
- (k) Umpires are to complete MPNFL Netball vote cards first, before doing any club votes.
- (l) Umpires must put First name, Surname and Club name of players on vote cards.

14. UNIFORMS

- (a) The Secretary of each club shall register each year the uniform of the club and club colours with the Netball Administrator, for approval by the MPNFL Board before being adopted. A uniform is to comprise suitable netball attire – bodysuit with skirt, skirt, shirt (male players to wear shorts without pockets), club socks and appropriate sports briefs. Short or long-legged bike shorts are not permitted.
- (b) Each new club applying for admission to the MPNFL Netball shall state in writing particulars of its uniform which must be approved by MPNFL Board before being adopted.
- (c) No club shall make any change in its uniform without first obtaining the consent of the MPNFL Board.
- (d) Three (3) matches are allowed at the beginning of the season for teams to be fielded in their correct uniform.

Penalty - Any player in the MPNFL Netball playing out of uniform after the third match shall receive a fine as set out in the Schedule of Fines as determined by the Board.

- (e) Players shall not be permitted to wear leotards (tracksuits) or gloves except in exceptional circumstances for health reasons. Clubs are to apply in writing to the Netball Administrator for approval and enclosing a Medical Certificate.
- (f) Nails may be taped with appropriate sports tape and be checked prior to the match.
- (g) No player or official shall be permitted to play or officiate in a match with apparel or protective equipment which may cause injury to themselves or opponents. This shall include but not limited to; a finger ring, body piercings or other jewellery
- (h) Specialised protective equipment to be approved prior to use by the netball administrator.

15. FINALS

The control of all finals, including the allocation of courts, shall be in the hands of the Board.

- (a) At the conclusion of home and away matches, there will be a final five.
 - 1st week Elimination final between 4th and 5th
 Qualifying final between 2nd and 3rd
 - 2nd week 1st semi final between the loser of the qualifying final and the
 winner of the elimination final.
 2nd semi final between 1st and the winner of the qualifying final.
 - Preliminary Final Loser of 2nd semi final verses the winner of 1st semi final
 - Grand Final Winner of 2nd semi final verses the winner of preliminary Final.
- (b) Suitable awards will be made to each member of the premiership and runner-up team of each grade and a flag will be given to the Premier clubs to keep.
- (c) Umpires from outside MPNFL Netball are to be used for all senior finals matches and junior grand finals. Preference will be given to outside badged umpires for all finals; however the MPNFL Board may select badged umpires that have umpired during the season where necessary.
- (d) In the event of teams being level on points the conclusion of home and away matches, the position shall be determined by the percentage of goals scored for and against.
- (e) In the event of a draw in a final, at the end of the game when scores are tied there is a two (2) minute break during which time there may be substitution and/or team changes.
 - (i) At the end of the two (2) minute break, there shall be a further 2 x 7 minute halves played (which a toss will be made for the centre pass) for seniors and 2 x 5 minute halves for juniors.
 - (ii) At the end of the first seven (7) minutes for seniors and 17 Under and five (5) minutes for 15 Under and 13 Under, simply change ends and there are NO substitutions or team changes.
 - (iii) If at the end of the second seven (7) minutes for seniors and 17 Under and five (5) minutes for 15 Under and 13 Under, the scores are still level, then play continues until one team has a two goal advantage.
- (g) To be eligible to participate in finals, clubs must pay all monies owing to MPNFL.
- (h) Each team in finals to supply own ball except Grand Final.

Player Finals Eligibility

- (i) A player must play 5 matches on separate days for their club to be eligible to participate in finals.
- (j) If a player has played 6 or more games in a higher grade or grades during the home and away season, she may not drop back to play in a lower grade.
- (k) Teams found playing an ineligible player during finals will be considered to have lost that match.
- (l) A junior player playing in a higher grade during the home and away season must play 3 games in the junior age grade to be eligible to play in that grade in junior finals matches.
- (m) Where a club has A & B or B & C or A, B & C teams involved in finals matches on the same weekend by-law (j) above does not apply. (Open selection)

16. CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP

- (a) Club teams to be given points for wins during the season. The club finishing with the most points shall be declared Club Champions.

Points system:

A Grade - 10 points	17 & Under - 5 points
B Grade - 8 points	15 & Under - 4 points
C Grade - 6 points	13 & Under - 3 points

NOTE - ½ points as listed above for a draw

- (b) Club Championship Trophy to be presented to the club with the highest points each year.

17. MEETINGS

A notice will be sent to clubs at least one (1) fortnight prior to an MPNFL Netball meeting including notice of business to be discussed that require voting from the club delegates, unless notified at a prior meeting.

Penalty - Non attendance by a Member Club will incur a fine as set out in the Schedule of Fines as determined by the Board.

18. ALCOHOL – UNDER AGE PLAYERS

The Board may disqualify for up to four (4) matches any player who is under 18 years of age who drinks alcoholic beverages within the precincts of clubrooms and grounds.

19. FOOTBALL RECORD / PUBLICITY

Each club shall submit weekly notes (Maximum of 250 words) to the MPNFL for inclusion in the Netball section of its Football Record on the Monday prior to the next round of matches

20. INTERLEAGUE

- (a) From time to time, the MPNFL may participate in interleague or representative competitions involving netball competitions. For a player to be invited to represent the MPNFL in such competition is considered an honour and she shall make all reasonable efforts to attend selections, train for and play in such competitions.
- (b) Clubs must make all players available for representative or inter-league matches and practice sessions.

Penalty -Any player who is requested to train or is selected to play and does not make themselves available, may incur a fine as set out in the Schedule of Fines as determined by the Board for non-appearance, unless declared unfit by a Doctor appointed by the MPNFL, or provides a valid reason in writing acceptable by the Board.

21. FINES

- (a) The Board shall be empowered to issue fines in accordance with these Rules and By-Laws.
- (b) All fines stated in these Rules and By-Laws shall be automatically levied, however, Clubs wishing to appeal against such fines shall do so in writing to the Board.
- (c) The Board shall have the power to confirm, reduce, amend or withdraw such fine. The decision of the Board shall be final.
- (d) The Fine Schedule is shown in appendix A to these By-laws

22. OFFICIAL LEAGUE FUNCTION

No Club shall conduct a function on the same date as an official MPNFL Function including the VCFL Premiers Dinner. This shall include, but not be limited to, the Annual Presentation Dinner, MPNFL and/or League or Netball Vote Counting Night/s.

Penalty - Will incur a fine as set out in the Schedule of Fines as determined by the Board.

23. CALENDER OF EVENTS

The MPNFL will prepare a Calender of events ready for the beginning of each season.

24. RISK MANAGEMENT

Injury Reporting;

- (a) All Clubs are responsible for recording all injuries at the discretion of the injured player or players' guardian (player under 18) on the Injury Reporting Sheets provided.
- (b) All players in an MPNFL representative team are responsible for recording all injuries at the discretion of the injury player or players' guardian (player under 18) on the Injury Reporting Sheets provided.

Pre Match Checklist

- (a) A pre-match checklist will be supplied by Netball Victoria and completed prior to all MPNFL matches, programs and training. This booklet must be retained by the club for 7 years.
- (b) Any hazards identified will be:
 - (i) Documented
 - (ii) Rectified if possible.
 - (iii) Reported to the appropriate agency (local council, reserve Committee) if major repair is required.

Pregnancy

As per Netball Victoria Infonet RM1 – Pregnancy & Netball, which, for ease of reference, is attached to these By-Laws and is Appendix B.

First Aid

- (a) Each club shall provide a First Aid Kit complying with Netball Victoria Infonet RM2 – First Aid for Netball. RM2 is Appendix C to these by laws.
- (b) The First Aid Kit will be stored in an easily accessible location and all appropriate personnel (court supervisors, primary carers, umpires and coaches) will have access to it.
- (c) Each club shall nominate a person to be responsible for maintaining the first aid kit supplies. An inventory is to be completed on a weekly basis.

25. BEST AND FAIREST AWARDS

- (a) The League shall award a medal and trophy for the Best and Fairest and Runners Up player in each grade of the netball competition each year.
- (b) The voting for the League Best and Fairest Award/s shall be determined as follows;
 - (i) At the conclusion of each of the home and away matches, the umpire/s shall award three (3) votes to the player considered to be the best and fairest player in the match; two (2) votes to the player considered to be the second best and fairest; one (1) vote to the player considered to be the third best and fairest.
 - (ii) Umpires must convene at half time to determine their top 3 at this point in the game. This is to ensure all players are fairly looked at during the entire match.
 - (iii) The umpire shall submit such votes to the Netball Administrator in such manner as is directed by the MPNFL in a secure envelope.
- (c) In the event of a tie for first place in a Best and Fairest Award, the award shall be shared and no count back shall apply.
- (d) Any player who is found guilty of a charge by the MPNFL Tribunal during the home and away matches shall not be eligible to win a League Best and Fairest award, during that season.
- (e) The League shall also make an award available for the Most Valuable Player (MVP) in the A Grade competition.
- (f) Other awards may be awarded annually pursuant to such guidelines and voting system, as may be determined by the board.

26. BLOOD POLICY AND INFECTIOUS DISEASES

The MPNFL adopts Netball Victoria Infonets U4 and RM6 relating to blood policy and infectious diseases. These are Appendices D & E respectively to these by-laws.

27. CODES OF BEHAVIOUR

The MPNFL adopts the Codes of Behaviour as prescribed in the Netball Victoria Member Protection Regulation for the purposes of the regulation of behaviour of coaches, umpires, players (both junior and senior), spectators, parents/guardians and officials in relation to the MPNFL Netball Competition. These Codes of Behaviour are in Appendix F.

28. DRUG POLICY

The MPNFL does not support the use of performance enhancing substances and views any such use as detrimental to both the sport of netball and the spirit of the game. The Netball Victoria drug policy, August 1993 as amended from time to time, is implemented and will apply for all MPNFL netball competitions.

29. AMENDMENTS TO RULES

Any direction from Netball Victoria or Netball Australia or amendments to the Rules of Netball shall automatically be amended.

30. SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCE CLAUSE

Where a by-law is silent, a decision can be made that ensures the integrity of the MPNFL Netball is maintained at all times.

The MPNFL may in using its reasonable discretion, in exceptional or extenuating circumstances, alter, vary or waive the requirements set out in these by-laws relating to the MPNFL.

31. INDEMNITY CLAUSE

Except where provided or required by law and such cannot be excluded, the MPNFL and its respective Directors, Officers, Members, Servants or Agents are absolved from all liability however arising from injury or damage, however caused, arising whilst participating as a member.

MPNFL NETBALL BY-LAWS

**Appendix A
Schedule of Fines**

FINE	BY-LAW	OFFENCE	AMOUNT
1	5 (a)	Playing unregistered/ineligible player	Max \$250
2	7 (b)	Failure to comply with Timekeepers/Scorers duties	\$20
3	7 (e)	Failure of Captains to sign scoresheet	\$20
4	7 (f)	Failure to comply (per player)	\$20
5	7 (g)	Incorrect spelling of name on scoresheet as per registration (per player)	\$20
6	7 (h)	Failure to lodge paperwork by the due time	\$100
7	7 (k)	Failure to upload scores and teamsheets online by 6pm on match day	\$100
8	8 (b,d)	Failure to comply with court requirements (per offence)	\$50
9	12 (a) (i)	Failure to comply	\$25
10	12 (a) (ii)	Failure to comply	\$50
11	12 (a) (ii)	Failure to comply	\$25
12	12 (b)		
13	13 (e)	Incorrectly dressed Umpires	\$50
14	13 (f)	Not providing members to sit for NV Umpires theory	\$50
15	14 (d)	Incorrectly dressed player	\$50
16	17	Non attendance at MPNFL Meeting	\$100
17	20	Failing to attend training for Interleague/Representative side without due notice	\$50
18	22	Holding a Club function on same day as an Official League Function including VCFL Premiers Dinner	\$200

MPNFL NETBALL BY-LAWS
Appendix B
Netball Victoria Infonet RM1 – Pregnancy & Netball

http://www.netballvic.com.au/pdfs/faq/risk_management/InfoRM1_Pregnancy03.pdf

MPNFL NETBALL BY-LAWS
Appendix C
Netball Victoria Infonet RM2 – First Aid for Netball

http://www.netballvic.com.au/pdfs/faq/risk_management/InfoRM2_FirstAid.pdf

MPNFL NETBALL BY-LAWS
Appendix D
Netball Victoria Infonet U4 – Umpires' Blood Policy

http://www.netballvic.com.au/pdfs/faq/umpire/InfoU4_BloodPolicy.pdf

MPNFL NETBALL BY-LAWS
Appendix E
Netball Victoria Infonet RM6 – Infectious Diseases Policy

http://www.netballvic.com.au/pdfs/faq/risk_management/InfoRM6_InfectiousDiseases.pdf

MPNFL NETBALL BY-LAWS
Appendix F
Netball Victoria Member Protection Regulation – Infonet RM12

http://www.netballvic.com.au/pdfs/faq/risk_management/InfoRM12_CodesBehaviour.pdf