

MCDFNL BY-LAWS NETBALL

MARYBOROUGH & CASTLEMAINE DISTRICT FOOTBALL & NETBALL LEAGUE INC.

NETBALL COMPETITION BY-LAWS

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These by-laws are the rules governing the internal affairs of the MCDNFL Netball Competition. They are the operating procedures that determine the conduct and direction of the organisation. These By-laws are specific to the MCDNFL Netball competitions and are an appendix to the MCDNFL By-Laws. Rules in these Netball By-Laws can be overruled by the MCDNFL By-laws when deemed necessary by the MCDNFL Executive.

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1. RULES & DUTY DESCRIPTIONS

- Ordinary meetings of the League shall be held on the first Monday of the nominated months set at the first meeting of the year, being in February with the last ordinary meeting to be held 2 weeks prior to the first weekend of the finals series. The Executive or AFL Goldfields Administration RAC shall call Special meetings as required and provide all clubs with reasonable notice of such meetings.
- If a club is not represented at a meeting during the season they will be fined as per the MCDNFL bylaws
- At all meetings two (2) voting delegates from more than half the total number of Clubs competing will be necessary to form a quorum.

2. FINANCE:

- Affiliation fees shall be fixed at the Annual General Meeting (provided available from Netball Victoria) and payable before taking the court of the first game. Clubs must not play unaffiliated players. Penalty: Loss of four premiership points.
- The MCDNFL shall be empowered to impose a levy of all Clubs if necessary, for the purpose of carrying on the functions of the League.
- "Refunds of Out of Pocket" expenses payable to League Officials shall be decided at the Annual General Meeting.
- The League Administration shall be reimbursed for any costs throughout the season.

3. FIXTURES:

The Netball League follows the draw that has been arranged by the Maryborough & Castlemaine District Football & Netball League. Matches abandoned through adverse weather or other reason shall not be played at a later date without the sanction of the League.

4. REGISTRATIONS:

- Player Registrations must be completed on the My Netball system prior to taking the Court, unless approved by MCDNFL Staff Member.
 - Players registering on game day must be registered on the My Netball system prior to taking the court, to enable uploading of game day data.
 - The Player is responsible for the Date of Birth being included on the registration form
 - All registration forms are to be used as a register. Registration Forms are to be completed and then held by the club.
 - All players will sign (on Registration forms) to abide by the Code of Conduct.
 - If a winning team plays an unregistered player, the game is awarded to the opposing team.
- PENALTY: Four points and the game score awarded to the losing team, and no percentage awarded to the offending team.

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If a losing team plays an unregistered player,

PENALTY: Four points against will be deducted from the premiership ladder and no percentage awarded to the losing team.

g) A player registration is only complete once the player has been entered and registered on the Netball Victoria MyNetball database.

h) All participants are required to sign a photograph/media release form before the commencement of the season with their VNA registration.

5. PLAYERS:

a) All players must have current Netball Victoria registration.

6. PLAYER ELIGIBILITY:

a) A player must play at least six (6) club matches to qualify for the finals. If playing in multiple grades across the same weekend, this will ONLY count as one (1) club match. Four of these matches must be in the grade they wish to play finals in unless playing in a higher grade in finals. This By-Law applies to all grades, A, B, C, 17 & Under, 15 & Under and 13 & Under. Any disputes will be determined by the MCDFNL Executive.

b) i - Once a player plays eight (8) A grade games (including finals) she is then classified as an A grade player. A player who plays A grade then B grade and has played 8 games in A grade will cause the side that she is not eligible in to lose four (4) premiership points.

b) ii - Once a player plays 8 A or B grade games combined (including finals) she is then classified as a B or A grade player and is not eligible to play any further C grade games.

c) A Player who has won the League A grade Best and Fairest in the previous season must play A grade for the following season. A player who has won the League B grade Best and Fairest in the previous season must play in B or A grade for the following season.

d) A 17&U, 15&U and 13&U player must play 6 matches in any grades to be eligible for the finals. If a junior has played 8 A Grade games, they are classified as an A grade player and are not eligible to play in B or C grade games. If a junior has played 8 combined A & B Grade games, they are then classified as a B Grade player and are not eligible to play in C Grade games. However if player has met By-Law 6a, player may return to juniors. Four matches must be played in the grade they wish to play finals in unless playing in a higher grade in finals.

e) MCDFNL Netball Competition Hierarchy from 1 to 6;

- 1- A Grade
- 2- B Grade
- 3 - C Grade
- 4 - 17 & Under
- 5 - 15 & Under
- 6 - 13 & Under

7. AGE REQUIREMENTS:

a) Participant age is determined as at 31st December of that year.

b) Maximum age requirements are:

- (i) A, B & C grades - Open age
- (ii) 17 & Under - participants do not turn 18 years
- (iii) 15 & Under - participants do not turn 16 years
- (iv) 13 & Under - participants do not turn 14 years

c) Where clubs have players aged 5-7 years they are encouraged to run a Tier 1 NetSetGo! program.

d) Where clubs have players aged 8-10 years they are encouraged to run a Tier 2 NetSetGo! program.

e) Boys may participate in junior competitions until the year they turn 14.

f) Boys eligible for 13 & Under may participate in any section of 13&Under competitions.

g) Teams may have up to one (1) male on court at any one time.

h) There is no limit to the number of boys listed on the scoresheet.

8. UNIFORMS:

a) Each Team shall play in colours approved by the League. Netball bibs or patches DO NOT have to be the same colour of the uniform, but must be in the team colours. Bike Pants or boy legged briefs can be worn but shall be no longer than the skirt or dress when a player is standing normally.

b) The League Executive may report to the next League meeting such breaches. The League may impose a fine.

c) When teams wear the same colour uniform, the home team has the right to stay the same and the away team must change their patches to another suitable colour.

d) Any changes to uniforms must be approved by the League

e) Sponsorship logos are permitted to be placed on player uniforms, all branding and placement of logos must be approved by the MCDFNL executive prior to production of uniforms.

f) Gloves may be worn only if a MEDICAL CERTIFICATE is provided to the umpire before the player takes the court. Only plain cotton gloves with no metal clips, sharp adornments, Velcro, rubber spikes or any other covering to enhance the catching of the ball shall be allowed to be worn.

g) No adornment that may endanger player safety shall be worn.

h) White long sleeve t-shirts are permitted to be worn under the playing dress on days of adverse weather. No other coloured t-shirt is permitted.

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9. HOME AND AWAYMATCHES:

- a) The playing rules shall be those of the All Australian Netball Association unless otherwise stated in these by-laws.
- b) Each Match must consist of four quarters, with the following starting times and breaks for each grade:
 13&U – 9.30am start - 10 minute quarters, 2 minutes break at quarter breaks and 3 minute break at half time,
 15&U – 10.30am start – 10 minute quarters, 2 minutes break at quarter breaks and 3 minute break at half time,
 17&U – 11.30am start – 10 minute quarters, 2 minutes break at quarter breaks and 3 minutes break at half time,
 C Grade – 12.25 pm start – 12 minute quarters, 2 minutes break at quarter breaks and 5 minutes break and half time
 B Grade – 1.30pm start – 12 minute quarters, 2 minutes break at quarter breaks and 5 minutes break and half time,
 A Grade – 2.35pm start – 15 minutes quarters, 3 minutes break at quarter breaks and 5 minutes break at half time.
- c) In the case of a draw NO extra time allowed during Home and Away season. Start times for matches can be changed prior to the match with approval from both delegates and notification to the League.
- d) Any club with ONLY one team will be an A grade team. A Grade team should always be the stronger side fielded. A and B grade must be filled before C grade; 17& under stays at the same time unless agreed.
- e) All clubs must enter teams in all six grades of netball being A, B, C, 17&U, 15&U's & 13&U's. Any club unable to field a side must apply for a one-year exemption by the 1st of March of the given season.
- f) In the situation whereby teams entered in the Netball Competition are due to play Clubs without teams entered it shall constitute as a bye for the team entered and they will receive four premierships points.
- g) The Home Club shall supply the approved Worksafe Netballs for all Home matches and in the case of an inadequate Netball the Umpire's decision will be final.
- h) All Clubs must select their match day sides for each grade in the My Netball system by 10am Friday morning. Clubs failing to do this by the required time will receive a written warning for the first offence and subsequent breaches will incur a \$50 fine.

10. UMPIRING:

- a) Each club shall supply one umpire who shall be suitably attired. Club delegates are to be responsible for the enforcement of correct umpire uniform.
- b) Suitable attire includes;
 1. White t-shirt (Long sleeved or short), windcheater or wet weather garment
 2. MCDFNL Umpire Polo, which must be Worksafe branded
 3. Preferably White skirt (females). White Shorts may be worn, but not preferable. White shorts (males).
 4. Tracksuit pants, leggings, skins and any other 'bottom half' attire other than what is listed is not permitted.
 5. Clothing not white or cream is not permitted
 6. Clothing containing club colours or branding is not permitted.
- c) Umpires should be graded where possible and should be unbiased.
- d) Umpires are to attend clinics where scheduled by the League and must be registered with Netball Victoria.
- e) Umpires are not to umpire more than two (2) games in one day. 13&U do not count in as part of the 2 games however an umpire can't officiate more than 2 consecutive games.
- f) Players who umpire are only to umpire one game if they are playing on the same day unless the matches they umpire are before they play.
- g) Every umpire from juniors to seniors must attend one or more courses or sit the theory exam and achieve a pass of 70% or above if due for reaccreditation or training nights as scheduled.
- h) Clubs unable to supply one Umpire for a match are to make arrangements with the opposition to supply another umpire at the clubs cost of \$50 for EACH GAME. If a club turns up on the day with only seven players and no umpire, then one player shall be taken out of the game to be used as an Umpire.
- i) Umpires who officiate for clubs during the home & away season may be used in finals. However if the umpire has officiated on 4 or more occasions for the same club during the home & away season they must not umpire that club during the finals series unless in unforeseen circumstances, in which case, would have to be passed by the league executive.
- j) Umpires booked for finals must be badged & can only officiate 2 games and sit as emergency for 2 additional games per day.

11. SCORERS & TIME KEEPERS:

- a) Each team shall supply one scorer and one timekeeper. The scorers from each team will officiate the Scoresheet and the Timekeepers from each team shall officiate the match time, interval time, injury/illness and blood times. The Scorers must be seated next to each other and the Timekeepers must also be seated next to each other for the duration of the match.
 - b) Scores and Timekeepers cannot play in a game in which they are officiating on the official Bench
 - c) The home team must complete the starting positions on the printed scoresheet for their team list.
 - d) The opposing team complete the starting positions on the printed scoresheet for their team list.
- Scorers must fill in the following
1. The position of players at every quarter (even if no change).
 2. Centre passes.

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3. Each goal and ensure it is confirmed by opposing team's scorer.
4. All players who take to the court and their position marked against their name or the League shall not recognise the player for this game.
5. All goal attempts must be recorded on the score sheet
6. The score at the end of each quarter by tallying each goaler's score and also circling the tally in the running numerals.
7. The final score

e) At the game conclusion, to indicate their satisfaction that the information on the official scoresheet is correct, the official scoresheet is to be signed by;

- i) The captains of both competing teams, and
- ii) The scorers
- iii) The officiating umpires only sign the score sheet to state they have officiated that game.

iii) The officiating umpires only sign the score sheet to state they have officiated that game.

(iv) If a scorer, Team or Club believes the score sheet is incorrect, they must not sign it and follow the grievance procedures to protest. If the score sheet has been signed, but there is a simple addition error affecting the result, the scores can be amended by the League and the amended result will stand.

(v) A team wishing to protest must:-

(vi) The Committee will advise the result of the protest and this decision shall be final..

- a) Notify Hub Administration
- b) Lodge the protest in writing with the Association Secretary within 48 hours of the game being played.

12. RESULTS:

f) f) Home clubs failing to ensure the components of the scoresheet they are responsible for as listed above are correctly recorded, will receive a written warning. Further breaches will incur a fine of \$50. Third and subsequent breaches will incur a loss of 4 premiership points.

g)g) Away clubs failing to ensure the components of the scoresheet they are responsible for as listed above are correctly recorded, will receive a warning. Further breaches will incur a fine of \$50. Third and subsequent breaches will incur a loss of 4 premiership points.

h)h) A team official shall inform the scorers of all changes so they can complete their duties accurately.

i) i) The TIMEKEEPER must be a separate person to the SCORERS.

j) j) The TIMEKEEPER must follow the umpire for a time determined by the umpire before time is called for each quarter.

a) All results including the scoresheet and league best and fairest vote cards must be to the Administration Hub by the Tuesday following the match. All team details and results must be entered by the home club into the My Netball System by 6.00pm on the day of play.

b) Entered match results must include quarter by quarter scores, best players (3,2,1 - 3 being the best) for each side and goal scorers statistics.

C) If a club fails to have the results entered by the required time they will receive a written warning on the first offence and any further breaches will incur a fine of \$50.

13. BEST AND FAIREST VOTES:

Umpire League vote cards must be signed by both umpires and the votes should be given as three (3), two (2) and one (1) vote. If voting envelopes are opened once they have been sealed on the day, then the Umpires are required to initial the back of the envelopes over the seal when they have been resealed.

14. FORFIETS

Should any Club forfeit a match in any grade or forfeit in any of the home and away rounds, provided such opposing Club has a completed team sheet, four Premiership points shall be awarded to the opposing Club, which also shall have added to its percentage account,

i) Fines and Premiership point deductions will be imposed by the MCDNFL to Clubs who forfeit scheduled fixtures or any scheduled match within the Maryborough Castlemaine District Football Netball League.

The following fines will apply to teams who forfeit scheduled MCDNFL fixtures.

- A Grade Netball - \$1000
- B Grade Netball - \$500
- C Grade Netball - \$250
- 17&U & 15&U - \$200
- 13&U - \$150

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ii) The following fines, up to the amount but not exceeding the amount, will apply to teams who fail to affiliate at the start of the season:

- A Grade Netball - \$2,500
- B Grade Netball - \$2000
- C Grade Netball - \$1500
- Any Junior grade of netball - \$500

iii) In addition to the fines determined in the MCDFNL Operations Manual, the following premierships points will be deducted from each grade that the club fields in all other MCDFNL netball competitions, at a total of one deduction per grade per season

- 1st Year - Official Warning
- 2nd Year - Four (4)
- 3rd Year - Eight (8)

iv) Under exceptional circumstances the MCDFNL Executive may consider an offending clubs appeal towards the sanctions set in i), ii) and iii). Offending clubs need to show cause why the above fines and penalties set in i), ii) and iii) should not apply.

15. FINALS

a) Final series method to be decided at the Annual General Meeting.

b) All Netballs and scorebooks for the final's matches are to be supplied by the League and be approved WorkSafe netballs.

c) Start times will be as directed by MCDFNL. These times will be communicated to delegates as soon as available.

d) During 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 substitutions and / or team changes. At the end of the 2 minutes, there are a further 2 halves played – 13&U, 15&U and 17&U = 2 x 5 minutes, C and B grade = 2 x 6 minutes, A grade = 2 x 7 minutes. At the end of the first interval played there will be an interval of one (1) minute where substitutions again can be made. Teams change ends to begin the second half of time on. If at the end of the second interval the scores are still level, then play continues until one team has a two (2) goal advantage.

e) During extra time, normal injury or illness procedures shall apply as per Netball Australia Rule Book.

f) If teams nominated to score and time keep in finals fail to provide required numbers to do so, a fine of \$100 per rostered game will be imposed.

g) Individual clubs score and time keep own matches with an independent scoring supervisor in attendance as nominated by the league.

h) If team sheets for finals are not entered by 10.00am on the Friday prior to the game, a \$100 fine will be imposed

16. CLEARANCES:

a) A clearance is required if a player wishes to transfer to another Club within the MCDFNL during the current season or at the end of a season on an official league clearance form.

b) No player will be granted more than one (1) clearance per season.

c) A clearance will not be granted after the 30th June.

d) Players who owe outstanding playing fees or are in possession of Club property (uniform, equipment) will not be granted a clearance.

e) The player must complete all details including signing of the clearance form.

f) Once the signed and completed form is received by the club, the clearance request can then be entered onto the My Netball system, the completed form must then be faxed or emailed to AFL Goldfields.

g) The existing Club has 7 days to complete the clearance on the My Netball system or the League will automatically clear the player to the new Club.

h) If the Club refuses to clear the player (refer: conditions of clearance), the system will notify the clubs advising the reason why. Any dispute arising from clearance restrictions will be dealt with according to the grievance procedure.

i) Approval must be processed on the My Netball system by the MCDFNL before the player can play for the new club. Approval can only be granted by the MCDFNL once the signed form has been sighted by AFL Goldfields Netball Operations Coordinator.

j) Penalty: Loss of 4 premierships points for every match the non-cleared player has played.

17. SELECTION OF REPRESENTATIVE TEAMS:

a) The Netball Development Coordinator will organise the Representative Team Selection Trials.

b) Selected Players will be notified

c) The selector's decision shall be final.

- a) The Team Officials for Representative Teams are Coach, Manager, Scorer/Timekeeper and Umpire
- b) Coaches
 - (i) A coach shall be appointed for each selected team.
 - (ii) A call for applications to coach shall be made no later than one month prior to the first tournament, unless already appointed.
 - (iii) Applications must be in writing stating the applicant's qualifications and experience.
- c) Managers
 - (i) A manager shall be appointed for each selected team.
 - (ii) A call for applications for the position of Manager shall be made no later than one month prior to the season.
 - (iii) Applications must be in writing stating the applicant's qualifications and experience.
- d) Scorer/Timekeeper
 - (i) A Scorer/Timekeeper shall be appointed for each selected team.
- e) Umpires
 - (i) An umpire shall be appointed for each selected team by the MCDFNL Umpire Convenor.
 - (ii) A call for applications to umpire shall be made no later than one month prior to the season.
 - (iii) Applications must be in writing stating the applicant's qualifications and experience.
 - (iv) All umpires must have a minimum Accreditation of current Section 1 Theory mark and achieved a score of 70% or above attend or have attended an accredited Umpires Course

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21.3 Pregnancy

As per Netball Victoria Infonet RM1 – Pregnancy and Netball

21.4 First Aid

First Aid will be the responsibility of each individual club.

21.5 Emergency Procedures

Emergency phone numbers to be displayed by the clubs.

21.6 Blood Policy and Infectious Diseases

The MCDNFL will refer to the current Netball Victoria Rule Book.

21.7 Pre-participation screening/Medical Indemnity

a) All personnel involved with each club within the MCDNFL will be required to complete a medical indemnity form (Netball Victoria Infonet RM7)

b) A designated official from each club will store all forms and bring them to all events.

c) All forms will be destroyed at the conclusion of the season.

21.8 Smokefree

The MCDNFL will adopt a SmokeFree Policy as prescribed by The Victorian Government.

21.9 Responsible Serving of Alcohol in Sporting Clubs

Each club will adopt a Responsible Serving of Alcohol Policy as prescribed by the Australian Drug Foundation's Good Sports Accreditation Program.

21.10 Sun Protection

Each club will ensure a SunSmart approach as prescribed by the Cancer Council Victoria.

21.11 Drug Policy

The MCDNFL 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 MCDNFL competitions.

21.12 Media Policy

MCDNFL adheres to all media and photograph regulations.

22. SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES / PROVISIONS CLAUSE:

Where this by-law is silent, a decision can be made that ensure the integrity of the Maryborough Castlemaine District Football Netball League, netball competition is maintained at all times. The Committee may in using its reasonable discretion, in exceptional or extenuating circumstances, alter, vary or waive the requirements set out in this by-law relating to the MCDNFL.

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