



WARRNAMBOOL & DISTRICT FOOTBALL NETBALL LEAGUE INC NETBALL BY LAWS 2019

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Allansford
Dennington
East Warrnambool
Kolora Noorat
Merrivale
Nirranda
Old Collegians
Panmure
Russell's Creek
South Rovers
Timboon Demons



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COMPETITION & CONDITIONS

1. (a) The WDFNL Netball Competition will play under the conditions and rules of the Victorian Netball Association, and according to the WDFNL Netball By-Laws.
- (b) The WDFNL Netball Competition will consist of six (6) grades
 - A Grade Competition
 - A Reserve Competition
 - B Grade Competition
 - 17 & Under Competition
 - 15 & Under Competition
 - 13 & Under Competition
- (c) All netball games will be played on outside courts, including finals, unless otherwise directed by the WDFNL Netball Sub Committee and WDFNL League Board
- d) Unless otherwise decided by the WDFNL Netball Sub Committee.
Games shall be as follows:

GRA	START TIME	QTR LENGTH	BREAK TIMES		
			1/4	1/2	3/4
13 & Under	8.50am	4 X 10 mins	2 mins	2 mins	2 mins
15 & Under	9.45am	4 X 10 mins	2 mins	2 mins	2 mins
17 & Under	10.40am	4 X 12 mins	2 mins	3 mins	2 mins
B Grade	11.45am	4 X 12 mins	2 mins	3 mins	2 mins
A Reserve	12.45pm	4 X 12 mins	2 mins	3 mins	2 mins
A Grade	1.50pm	4 X 15 mins	3 mins	5 mins	3 mins

- (e) If any game/s are not started 10 minutes after the appointed starting time, a forfeit will be called by the umpire/s against the late team.



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- (f) Points for games will be allotted as follows:
- Four (4) points for a win.
 - Two (2) points for a draw
 - Nil (0) points for a loss.
 - Four (4) points for a bye.
- (g) If play is abandoned due to extreme weather conditions, prior to commencement of game, points will be allocated as if a draw. (i.e. two (2) points per team).
- (h) If play is abandoned due to any unforeseen circumstances the following will apply:
- If play is abandoned before $\frac{3}{4}$ time points will be allocated as if a draw.
 - If play is abandoned after $\frac{3}{4}$ time points will be awarded to the team that is winning. The score will stand at time of abandonment and the percentage will be calculated

MEETINGS

2. (a) Only Financial Members of a Club are eligible to vote at Club Delegate Meetings.
- (b) Only one Club delegate present at a Committee Meeting is eligible to vote. In the event of a tied vote on any issue, the Netball Chairperson will cast the deciding vote.
- (c) All correspondence forwarded by Club's must be received by the WDFNL Netball Sub-Committee 7 days prior to WDFNL Netball Sub Committee Meeting.
- (d) The Netball Sub Committee will make recommendations to the WDFNL Executive Board to enforce or nullify any penalty.
- (e) **Nomination of Candidates to Netball Sub Committee Positions**
Nominations of candidates for election as members of the Netball Sub Committee of the League:

Shall only be made in writing, in the prescribed form, and proposed and seconded by a member of the League accompanied by the written consent of the candidate (which may be endorsed on the form of nomination);
And shall be delivered to the Regional Administration Centre (RAC) not less than the set closing date.



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FEES & MEMBERSHIP

3. (a) The WDFNL Executive Board will set the Affiliation Fees for all teams and grades prior to the commencement of the season.
- (b) All netball players **must be** an affiliated and financial member of a football/netball club in the WDFNL
- (c) (i) All on court participants must be registered with Netball Victoria and WDFNL club (in MyNetball) before commencing play.
- (ii) A team will be penalized four (4) premiership points and percentage for each and every time it plays a player not registered as a Netball Victoria Member. The appointed game will be awarded to the opposing team. In the case of offending team not recording premiership points, a fine of \$50 will be imposed for each offending player.
- d) All NEW players during the season must supply a Netball Victoria Membership Card or pay membership fee on the day of play, **prior to** taking the court.
- (e) All teams must be entered on an 'Official Registration' Team Sheet, and must be submitted to the WDFNL Netball Subcommittee prior to the commencement of the season. Registration time & date to be set by the Netball Sub Committee.

All NEW players, junior or senior to a Club during a season must complete a Single Registration Form. This form must be forwarded to the Netball Sub- committee for approval and grading by **12.00 noon on the Friday** prior to the game in which the player is to participate in. Failure to do this will result in the same penalty as 3 (c)(ii).

NO NEW REGISTRATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED AFTER ROUND 8.



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GENERAL

4. (a) Each team will provide one person per club to undertake the combined duties of scoring/timekeeping. Official scorers/time keepers are to be 14 years or older. An air horn supplied by the home team must be used by all Timekeepers to signal the end of all quarters.
No person shall approach the score bench during any game to ask for score or time.
- (b) The Home Team will provide a Score/Team Sheet generated from the MyNetball program for each game. Additional names added to scoresheet must be written in black or blue biro. Each team can name up to twelve (12) players which must be provided to the Scorers **BEFORE** the start of the game. There shall be no limit to the number of substitutions which can be made in a game.
- (c) A maximum of seven (7) players may be included on the team sheet lodged by a winning team on forfeit and each such team sheet entry will be treated as a valid home and away match for the purpose of finals eligibility.
League Best & Fairest votes will not be given or counted in respect of any forfeited matches.
- (d) All Club Umpires are required to have a ***current and up to date*** Netball Victoria *Online Theory Exam*, a ***current and up to date*** *Level 1 Umpiring Course* **prior to** umpiring for their Club and a valid ***Working with Children Check*** – that has been linked to the WDFNL and/or their associated club. A Copy of both certificates must be provided to the League before commencing umpiring.

All umpires must have current Netball Victoria Membership. This must be checked by the clubs prior to the umpire officiating a game.

Panel umpires Netball Victoria Membership and WWC validity will be checked by the Netball Sub – Committee

Club umpires may only umpire a total of 3 games on any given day. No more than 2 games can be umpired in succession.



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- (e) All Primary Coaches are required to be accredited, having gained minimum level of **Foundation Coaching Accreditation** and a valid **Working with Children Check** – that has been linked to the WDFNL and/or their associated club prior to coaching. Assistant coaches are not required to be accredited, however they cannot coach their associated team in the absence of the primary coach, therefore are encouraged to obtain accreditation.
ALL coaches must have current Netball Victoria Membership. This must be checked by the clubs prior to the season commencing. Checks will also be completed by the Netball Sub - Committee
Evidence of accreditation must be provided to the Netball Sub - Committee before commencing coaching. Working with Children details are to be maintain at club level and are to be provided within 48hrs when requested by the Executive Board.
- (f) All players, coaches, umpires and team personal and officials must abide by Netball Victoria Cybersafety Policy.
- (g) Comments in the Media or Social Media – Any club member, player or official found to have made inappropriate comments in the media or on Social Media in relation to any WDFNL or Netball Umpire, shall have action taken against them. The WDFNL Executive Board shall decide upon the appropriateness of the alleged comments made and the offending party will be given the opportunity to explain their actions. If the comments are found to be inappropriate, a fine as determined by the WDFNL Executive Board will be levied against the offending party's Club.

(h) Overage Exemptions

The WDFNL Netball Sub Committee will only consider an overage exemption for a junior player if the player has a psychological or physical disability that affects their ability to play at their age level and in playing as an overage player will not impact on the competition.

- i. Requests for overage exemptions must be made to the Netball Sub Committee and must be submitted with the relevant evidence of the player's condition from their treating Medical Practitioner or Specialist for consideration by the League.
- ii Any players considered for an exemption must be observed either training or playing by the League Netball JDO or a nominated League Netball Committee Member prior to being granted an exemption.
- iii. The preliminary view of the WDFNL will always be that players play in their age group if possible.



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- iv. If an exemption is granted the player must be marked on the Team Sheet as an overage player.
- v. As an overage player they are ineligible to receive League Best & Fairest Votes.
- vi. If the overage player is sent off by an Umpire or reported for any reason, permission will be automatically revoked.
- vii. The League reserves the right to revoke permission at any stage if it sees fit.

RESULTS

- 5. (a) Enter match results, Best on Court and Goal scorers for **ALL** Grades onto My netball by **5.00pm**
- (b) All original score sheets must be lodged in the Club envelope that is submitted by Monday 9am.to the WDFNL league headquarters

UNIFORMS

- 6. (a) Uniforms shall consist of a dress,full briefs or short boy legs (no longer than the length of the dress), white sports socks **MUST** be seen above the ankle (no black or colored socks) and playing position bibs. Boys to wear same coloured shorts & top as club uniform dress. Tops shall be tucked into shorts. Appropriate netball footwear to be worn.
- (b) Any changes to Club Uniform must be submitted to the Netball Sub Committee for approval.
- (c) All umpires must wear full whites consisting of the WDFNL approved white top as the outer garment, and white sports bottoms consisting of skirt, shorts or pants and sport shoes. If a skirt is the chosen garment full briefs or short boy legs no longer than the skirt are also to be worn.
During Finals Umpires who choose to wear skirts **MUST** wear **WHITE** full briefs.

This will be enforced from Round 1 and fines of \$20 will apply ***per offending umpire***. Clubs will be fined for club supplied umpires and panel umpires will be dealt with by the Netball Sub Committee.

This shall be recorded on the Team Score Sheet.



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GRADING OF PLAYERS

7. (a) ***Seniors - A Clubs first priority is to fill their A Grade team with their best senior players.***

Any concerns regarding players must be referred in writing to the Netball Sub Committee.

- (b) At a date set by the Netball Sub Committee, prior to the commencement of the season, Clubs will submit an 'Official Registration' Team Sheet for all Grades to the Netball Sub Committee. The Netball Chairperson will advise Club's of any ineligible players prior to the commencement of the season.
- (c) Any concerns by Club's regarding grading of players must be referred in writing and submitted to the official WDFNL netball email 48 hours prior to the match the player wishes to participate in.
- (d) Clubs seeking permission to play a player in a lower grade than that nominated on the Official Registration Team Sheet prior to weekend matches must gain permission from the Netball Sub Committee Members, and submitted to the official WDFNL netball email 48 hours prior to the match the player wishes to participate in.

TRANSFERRING OF PLAYERS FROM ONE CLUB TO ANOTHER DURING THE SEASON

8. (a) Any player registered with a WDFNL Club and plays one game with that Club cannot transfer to another WDFNL for the remainder of that season.

The only exceptions to this rule being if the player's partner/spouse has received clearance to another Club during that season or under exceptional circumstances as decided by the League Netball Sub Committee.



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TEAM QUALIFICATIONS

9. (a) (i) To be eligible to play in finals matches, a player must play a **minimum of six (6)** Home and Away Rounds during the season for their Club.
- (ii) A junior player to be eligible to play in a junior final must have played a **minimum of six (6)** Home and Away Rounds in the junior competition during the season for their Club.
- (b) A player who plays **six (6)** home and away matches in any higher Grade in the competition is ineligible to play in the lower grade.
- Eg. 3 A Grade games + 3 A Reserve games = 6 games in higher grade. **Cannot play B Grade** but can still play A Reserve.
- 6 A Grade games = **Cannot play in A Reserve or B Grade.**
- 6 A Reserve games = **Cannot play in B Grade.**
- (c) Any one senior player may only play one (1) game of netball per weekend of the finals series. (For juniors See Clause 7. (i).)
- (d) A player must be ten (10) years of age as of the 1st of January of each calendar year to play in the WDFNL Netball Competition. A player must be thirteen (13) years of age and Under on and before the 31st December of that calendar year to be eligible to play in the 13 and Under competition. (ie can not turn 14 during that year) Any Exemptions may be considered by the WDFNL Netball Sub-Committee and will be looked at on a case by case basis.
- (e) A player must be fifteen (15) years of age and Under on and before the 31st December of that calendar year to be eligible to play in the 15 and Under competition. (ie ca nnot turn 16 during that year)
- (f) Boys are allowed to play in the 15 and Under Competition but there will only be allowed two (2) boys per team on the court at one time. Only one (1) boy is allowed to play in each third of the court.
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- (g) A player must be seventeen (17) years of age and Under on or before the 31st December of that calendar year to be eligible to play in the 17 and Under Competition. (ie can not turn 18 during that year)
Any Exemptions may be considered by the WDFNL Netball Sub-Committee and will be looked at on a case by case basis.
- (h) 13 & Under, 15 and Under and 17 and Under player's dates of birth must be listed on 'Official Registration' Team Sheet or Individual Registration Form.
Any junior player is eligible to play 2 games (either 2 junior or 1 Junior & 1 Senior game) on any given Round, **including finals**, throughout the season.
Any senior player is eligible to play 2 games on any given Round, **excluding finals**, throughout the season.
- (i) Any player playing for a club in another Football Netball League as well as the WDFNL competition must play the six (6) qualifying club games as per the WDFNL rules of competition by the conclusion of **Round 8**.
Any team(s) that have a scheduled bye allocated between round 1 and round 8, will have until the conclusion of round 9. This will be monitored by the Netball Sub-committee.
Failure to do so will result in loss of points for all games the ineligible player has participated in after the conclusion.

FINALS

10. (a) The WDFNL Executive Board will decide all finals Venues.
- (b) A final five will be played in conjunction with the WDFNL Football finals.
- (c) During a Final - at the end of the game when scores are tied, a two minute break will follow - during which time there may be substitutions and/or team changes.
At the end of that 2 minutes, there are a further 2 X 5 minute halves played (2 X 7 minute halves for A Grade).
At the end of the first 5 minutes (7 minutes A Grade) there will be a 1 minute interval during which there may be substitutions and/or team changes allowed.
If at the end of the second 5 minutes (7 minutes A Grade) the scores are still level, then play continues until one team has a two goal advantage.
- (d) The official duration of game time expired and scores will not be conveyed from the scorebench to any team or team official during the final series.



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AWARDS

11. (a) Each Grade will compete for a Perpetual Shield, Premiership Pennant and a Premiership Cup
- (b) A maximum of Twelve (12) suitable awards will be made (if required) to each Premiership Team in each Grade.
- (c) A Best & Fairest Trophy and Runner's-up Trophy will be awarded on the umpire's votes for the Best & Fairest Player in each Grade. This will be done on a three (3), Two (2) and One (1) system. If a tied first or second vote, trophies will be awarded to each player.
- (d) Any player reported in a Home and Away Match by an Umpire/s and found guilty as *per Netball Victoria Regulations*, shall be ineligible to win WDFNL Netball Best and Fairest Awards.

PENALTIES

The following penalties are determined by the WDFNL Netball Sub Committee.

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| 12 (a) | Failure to attend first meeting with an apology | \$50.00 |
| | Failure to attend first meeting without an apology | \$150.00 |
| | Failure to attend subsequent meetings throughout the season | \$150.00. |
| | Failure to attend Annual General Meeting | \$150.00. |

After non-attending at fourth meeting, Club will be disqualified from competition for remainder of season. There shall be no more than two apologies accepted in any one year.

- (b) Teams forfeiting will pay a penalty of:

- (i) \$100 for First Forfeit
- \$150 for Second Forfeit
- \$200 for Third Forfeit

Teams will be disqualified from competition for remainder of the season for a fourth (4th) forfeit.



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- (ii) A \$50 penalty will apply for the following:
- Failure to enter scores onto My Netball on time
 - Failure to supply correct match paperwork on time to the League.
 - Incorrect completion of scoresheets.
 - Omitting information from scoresheets.
 - Other paperwork errors & omissions.
 - Failure to wear the correct Club uniform
 - Failure to attend compulsory events
- (c) Any Club fined by the WDFNL has 14 days to make payment of the fine from the date of the penalty/invoice incurred to the League. Failure to make payment of the fine within the time frame the Club shall not be permitted to take any further part in the Competition until such fines have been paid.
- (d) A team will be penalized four (4) premiership points for each and every time it plays an ineligible player. The appointed game will be awarded to the opposing team. The offending team will incur a fine of \$50 for each and every time it plays an ineligible player.
- (e) The Netball Sub Committee has the power to levy penalties to Clubs in the event of circumstances not covered by the above, when required. The amount of the penalty imposed will be determined by the Netball Sub Committee.

PROTESTS AND REPORTS

13. (a) All protests and reports by the Club and/or person/s concerned must be lodged by phone to the Netball League chairperson no later than forty eight (48) hours after the match concerned. A written statement giving details of the protest/report must be forwarded to the League Secretarys email (wdfnlnetball@outlook.com) no later than forty eight (48) hours after the event.
- (b) All protests/reports shall be dealt with by the Netball Sub Committee within fourteen days of the protest/report being lodged.
- (i) Any persons called to give evidence by the Netball Sub Committee must attend, providing twenty four (24) hours notice is given.
- (iii) Any person who is called before the Netball Sub Committee to answer any charge, may be accompanied by a representative of their Club, to act as an Advocate. That person shall not be a member of the Legal Profession.



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- (c) Umpire/s reporting a player/s must notify the player/s concerned at the end of the Match, also the Captain/s of the Team/s concerned.

The report must be in writing, signed by the Umpire/s, and handed to the WDFNL Netball League email no later than forty eight (48) hours after the match, and is to be heard by the Tribunal Committee within fourteen (14) days of the match.
- (d) No right of Appeal shall be requested in any dispute or matter rising from these rules.

BY-LAWS

- 14. (a) The WDFNL Netball Sub Committee, only have the authority to add, delete or alter any By-Laws by recommendation/s to Clubs and then through vote process at a Netball Sub Committee Meeting.
- (b) Any recommendation/s by Clubs to change the WDFNL Netball By-Laws during a season must be received in writing to the WDFNL Netball Sub Committee. Recommendation/s to be dealt with by the Netball Sub Committee, and if required the Netball Sub Committee, will make recommendation/s to Clubs add, delete or alter By-Law.

LIFE MEMBERSHIP

- 15. The WDFNL shall have the power to elect Life Members as per the following criteria:
 - (i) Players concluding three hundred (300) A Grade games in the WDFNL shall qualify as a life member.
 - (ii) Executive Members, Netball Sub Committee members or any person volunteering in a role delegated by the WDFNL Executive who gives more than 10 years or more service shall qualify as a life member.

All nominations for life membership must be lodged with the Regional Administration Centre (RAC) fourteen (14) days prior to the WDFNL Annual General Meeting (AGM) and all nominations are to be accompanied by a history of the nominee.

Life members shall have the privileges of Board Members excepting they shall not be able to vote.

Successful nomination/s shall be presented with their life membership at a WDFNL Function.