



KYABRAM DISTRICT FOOTBALL NETBALL LEAGUE  
INCORPORATED

NETBALL BY LAWS

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## 1. BY- LAWS

1.1 These Rules must be read in conjunction with:

- (a) Laws of Netball Victoria
- (b) Netball Victoria Rules and Regulations as published each year or as amended by notification from Netball Victoria.

1.2 In the event that any KDL By Law is in conflict with Netball Victoria, the KDL By Law shall stand implemented.

1.3 Definitions and Interpretation

In these By-Laws unless the contrary intention appears:

**“KDL”** means the Executive of the Kyabram District Football Netball League Incorporated. In these rules referred to as “KDL” or “the Kyabram District Football Netball League”.

**“Commission”** means the Commission of AFL Goulburn Murray

**“Rules of Australian Netball”** means the Rules of the game of Netball Australia adopted by the Netball Victoria as modified for the League

**“League”** means the Executive and Club Delegates of the Kyabram District Football Netball League

**“Penalty Unit”** equals one monetary unit as a reference point for all fines

1.4 Any appendices and schedules attached should be read in conjunction with and form part of the By-Laws of the Kyabram District Football Netball League.

1.5 One Penalty Unit is equal to \$50.

1.6 Annual Affiliation Fee

Each Affiliated Club shall pay an annual affiliation fee of the sum prescribed by the KDL from time to time and payable in accordance with Kyabram District Football Netball League invoicing provisions. This fee will be advised at the Annual General Meeting.

## 2. PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS

2.1 Each Club must pay all outstanding accounts to Kyabram District Football Netball League as determined by the KDL.

2.2 All monies due to be paid to the KDL by Affiliated Clubs shall be payable in full no later than Twenty-One (21) days after the date of the invoice issued by the League unless contrary arrangements are specifically authorised by the KDL.

2.3 If the account is not paid within 21 days, a 10% interest charge will be applied on the amount due.

2.4 Where a KDL Club is in default of payment/s to the Kyabram District Football Netball League, the Club shall be ineligible to accrue premiership points in all grades of Football and Netball and be able to host any final in that current year until such time as:

- (a) The debt has been paid in full; or

- (b) A signed satisfactory arrangement has been made between the KDL Executive and the Club to eliminate the debt during the current calendar year.
- 2.5 PROVIDED THAT - should there be a default on this arrangement, the defaulting Club not be eligible to accrue further points until such time as the default is remedied; and premiership points forfeited because of non-payment or default not be reinstated.
- 2.6 Clubs that have more than one payment owing by the due date before the next scheduled meeting will;
  - (a) Have voting rights suspended at meetings scheduled by the League.
  - (b) Not be entitled to present Notices of Motion to be voted on at League meetings.
  - (c) Not be eligible to be allocated as a finals game venue.
  - (d) That all accounts to be paid by 31st October in the current season. If not paid shall forfeit all voting rights until fully paid
  - (e) Any account balance that is outstanding after the 31<sup>st</sup> October, that club shall not be entitled to receive any rebate from the KDL.
- 2.7 In the case of clubs failing to make such payments, unless acceptable alternative arrangements are made with the KDL, Clubs will be subject to Kyabram District Football Netball League Payments Default Policy as outlined above.
- 2.8 Disputed Invoices
 

Any dispute must be finalised within the payment date period through negotiation with the KDL. In such instances payment of original or negotiated amount must still be made within period indicated on original invoice.
- 2.9 Eligibility of Clubs to Vote
 

At the commencement of each meeting, each club will be identified if they are eligible to vote or not.

### **3. CLUB ANNUAL MEETINGS AND ANNUAL REPORTS**

#### **3.1 Club Annual Meetings**

All affiliated Clubs must hold their Annual General Meeting no later than 30 November unless the KDL gives approval. 3 Penalty Units.

#### **3.2 Club Annual Reports**

Affiliated Clubs must submit to KDL an Approved / Official copy of their Annual Report including audited financial reports showing Profit and Loss Statements, and Balance sheet for the previous year within 21 days of the conducting the Annual General Meeting. 10 Penalty Units.

### **4. CLUB OFFICE BEARERS**

Not later than 15 December each year, all affiliated clubs must lodge with the league (on the form provided from time to time), a list of all club office bearers for the ensuing year. 2 Penalty Units

## **5. ALTERATIONS AND AMENDMENTS TO THE BY-LAWS**

- 5.1 The By-Laws may be amended from time to time at an Annual General Meeting or Special General Meeting
- 5.2 Proposed amendments must be submitted to the Secretary / General Manager at least twenty-eight (28) days prior to the Annual General Meeting or Special General Meeting
- 5.3 The Secretary / General Manager shall forward the proposed changes to all Board members at least twenty-one (21) days prior to the meeting referred in By-Law 5.2
- 5.4 The proposed amendment(s) to the By-Laws shall be duly determined in their original state with no amendments being permitted during such meeting via a simple majority vote of the Board.

## **6. FINES FOR BREACH OF BY LAWS**

- 6.1 Any failure to comply with or violation of these bylaws, the KDL may impose such penalty unit as per the relevant bylaw.
- 6.2 In their discretion, the KDL may suspend a maximum of two (2) such penalties for failure to comply with or violation of these by-laws.
- 6.3 In the event an offending club is issued a third (3rd) penalty, the previous suspended fines will be due and payable by the offending club. For the avoidance of doubt, the accumulation of any suspended fines together with the third (3rd) penalty will be payable.
- 6.4 If the failure to comply or violation of these bylaws is serious in nature or is a continuous breach of the same by-law (as determined by the KDL in their own discretion), it will result in the following:
  - (a) the KDL shall forward a "please explain" letter to the offending club
  - (b) the offending club must respond to the "please explain" letter within fourteen (14) days from receipt of the "please explain" letter.
  - (c) upon receipt of the offending club's response, the KDL shall impose such penalty as determined by these by-laws and in the event, there is no penalty assigned to the by-law, the penalty shall not exceed six (6) penalty units or \$300 whichever is lower.

## **7. CORRESPONDENCE**

The KDL must approve any intended correspondence with the Netball Victoria or other Leagues. The correspondence must be on official Club letterhead and signed by the Club President.

## **8. UNAUTHORISED MEDIA STATEMENTS**

No club shall permit any of its officers or members to make any statement to the media (including radio, television, newspapers or social media) in connection with any policies or acts of the KDL without the prior approval of the KDL. To do so shall render the club concerned liable to:

- (a) A fine for any breach at the discretion of the KDL;
- (b) Suspension from the League;

- (c) Expulsion from the League in accordance with the Rules of the Association

## 9. COMPETITIONS, PROGRAMS AND FIXTURES

- 9.1 The KDL shall be responsible for the organisation of matches in all competitions by preparing fixtures for each team in each Division for each season. The KDL may amend a fixture as required.

### 9.2 Home and Away Rounds

The league shall conduct a series to:

- (a) the maximum of 18 (or such number as the KDL shall from time to time determine) home and away matches for A grade, B Grade, C Grade, 17 & Under, 15 & Under, 13 & Under, 11 & Under Grades.
- (b) a minimum number games for C Reserve, as agreed by the Board at the AGM, depending on the number of clubs competing in C Reserve in the upcoming season.

### 9.3 Competition & Programs

The league offers the following competition & programs:

11&U	Mixed (females and males)
13&U	Mixed (females and males)
15&U	Mixed (females and males)
17&U	Female
C Reserve	Female
C Grade	Female
B Grade	Female
A Grade	Female

### 9.4 Match Times

- (a) 11 & Under and 13 & Under are to play 12-minute quarters with 3 minutes, 5 minute and 3-minute breaks during the home and away season
- (b) 15 & Under, 17 & Under, C Reserve, C, B, & A grade are to play 15-minute quarters with 3 minutes, 5 minute and 3-minute breaks during the home and away season

Game Start Times:

Time	Court 1	Court 2
9.15am	15 & Under	11 & Under
10:30am	17 & Under	13 & Under
11:45am	C Grade	

1:00pm	B Grade	C Reserve
2:15pm	A Grade	

#### 9.5 Fixture Alterations

- (a) Clubs desiring to conduct matches on a day or time other than that published by the league in the official fixture may do so providing the following requirements have been satisfied:
  - (i) An agreement is reached between both clubs competing in the matter; and
  - (ii) An email from both clubs confirming the change of times to the KDL, acknowledging their agreement to vary such match times.
- (b) The finals series will be developed as per By Law 17

#### 9.6 Fixtured Games for Draw Equality

To maintain equality and integrity in the draw the KDL shall, at its discretion, identify for some additional games to be scheduled to rebalance the draw for equality of byes and games. This process will be completed in the following manner:

- (a) When the fixture is finalised for the season the Secretary/General Manager shall notify clubs, whose teams will be required to complete extra games outside of the scheduled fixture. Clubs will also be notified which Division and against which team games will need to be scheduled.
  - (b) The KDL is responsible for the scheduling of games with the two competing clubs
  - (c) Once scheduled the scheduled 'home' club shall notify the Secretary/General Manager also identifying the venue.
  - (d) Match conditions and post-match paperwork and processes will be as per the usual practice outlined in these By Laws
- 9.7 In the event clubs fail to play the required games by the completion of the last fixtured round neither team will receive any points and both clubs will be fined. 4 Penalty Units

### 10. PLAYER AND TEAM REGISTRATIONS

- 10.1 If any club in the KDL are unable to enter eight (8) netball teams, they must notify the League. Senior sides must be fielded in the order of A Grade, B Grade, C Grade then C Reserve (if applicable). If unable to field three (3) senior teams, being A Grade, B Grade or C Grade, it is at the League Executives' discretion to grade said teams.
- 10.2 Any player wishing to be registered with a club in the Kyabram District Football Netball League must complete their registration with Netball Victoria online, prior to taking the court.
- 10.3 Participant age is determined as at 31st December of the year in which the competition is being played.
  - i.e. 15 & under player must not turn 16 during that playing year 01/01 – 31/12.

Penalty for playing an overage (ineligible) player without permission from the KDL league executive see 11.1.

- 10.4 Minimum playing age of a Netball player in an open side in the Kyabram District Football Netball League must be 13 years of age as at the 31<sup>st</sup> December of the current season.
- 10.5 A player participating in the junior competition has a minimum age of 8 years as at the 31<sup>st</sup> December of the current season.
- 10.6 Over & Under age players can apply for special circumstances to play in the junior & senior competition – they must apply to the League in writing
- 10.7 15 & under, 13 & Under and 11 & Under mixed competition teams may have up to two (2) boys playing at any one time. If two (2) boys are on the court at any one time they must play in separate thirds of the court.

Thirds are as follows:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Third consists of GK or GD
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> Third consists of WD or C or WA
  - 3<sup>rd</sup> Third consists of GA or GS
- 10.8 Single game vouchers, these vouchers will be made available to each club on a request to the League Administrator, based on the following conditions:
- One (1) game per player, per voucher.
  - A maximum of three (3) vouchers per player per home and away season, up until 31<sup>st</sup> July. A player who plays under Single Game Vouchers will be ineligible for finals unless VNA registration is subsequently paid and the required number of qualifying games is played.
  - Single game voucher games do not qualify as a qualification game

The fee for the Single Game Voucher will be determined prior to the commencement of the home and away season by the KDL Executive. This fee will cover costs associated for the KDL and insurance. Any club fees are at the discretion of the individual club requesting the Voucher.

- 10.9 If less than five (5) players are not on the court when the umpire blows her whistle then the game is forfeited. 4 Penalty Units

#### 10.10 Forfeits

If the League and Club Secretary are not notified by Friday 5.00pm prior to the match, the forfeiting club will be fined for any A, B, C Grade or C Reserve match forfeited during the season and will be subject to a penalty fine of 10 Penalty Units and shall be liable for the cost of umpires scheduled for that match.

- (a) When the forfeiting club is the away team, the fine will be distributed to home club as compensation; or
  - (b) When the forfeiting club is the home team, the fine will be retained by the KDL
- 10.11 The percentage for any game forfeited in any grade matches during the season, will be dealt with by awarding 30 goals to the team receiving the forfeit and zero



points to the team giving the forfeit.

## **11. PLAYER ELIGIBILITY**

11.1 Playing an ineligible / unregistered player will result in the following process:

- (a) A 'Please Explain' letter will be sent to the offending club requiring an explanation of why the ineligible / unregistered player took part in the game.
- (b) The offending club shall respond to the "Please Explain" letter within seven (7) days of receipt of the "Please Explain" letter.
- (c) Upon receipt of an offending club's explanation, the KDL may decide the following:
  - (i) Accept the Club's explanation and issue a warning to the offending Club; or
  - (ii) Issue a fine of not more than 15 penalty units per ineligible or unregistered player per game and loss of premiership points for any game in which the player played whilst unregistered or ineligible; or
  - (iii) Any other penalty or reprimand as the KDL sees fit

11.2 No player shall be registered with the KDL after July 31st each year.

11.3 Any player, within the current season, wishing to:

- (a) transfer to another Club within the KDL Netball Competition; or
- (b) compete with a Club within the KDL Netball Competition, who is registered with another League, Association or other Competition, must apply for a clearance through the Executive Committee. Such clearance must be submitted on or before 8pm on Thursday prior to the match. The Executive Committee shall in their absolute discretion refuse or approve such clearance request.

11.4 A Senior player may play in two (2) games within the League on the same day. This is limited to five (5) times per player, during the current Home and Away season.

- A junior player is unlimited as to how many games they play on any one day for the home and away season.

11.5 Any Senior player who has played three (3) or more games in any grade in the previous season, is ineligible to play two (2) or more grades lower in the following season, without permission from the League Executive.

11.6 If a player is injured during a match and cannot be moved from the court, (and unable to recommence the game within 30 minutes) and the game is unable to be transferred to a nearby court on the day then the following will apply:

- If the match progression is before half time then 2 points will be awarded to each side,
- If the match had progressed after the half time interval the current score will stand.

11.7 After playing eight (8) times at a higher level, a senior player shall not play in a lower grade without permission of the League Executive.

## **12. UMPIRES AND SCORERS**

- 12.1 Each club is to have at least two (2) club members (Netball Victoria Registered) to attend an umpire's course when held by the League. Failure to complete the course will result in a fine. 2 penalty units.
- 12.2 Unless an umpire gets injured during a game they must complete umpiring that game, sign the scoresheets and best and fairest votes for the League.
- 12.3 Scorers shall score for the entire game, unless agreed on by both umpires. 2 penalty units.
- 12.4 All umpires must wear a white top. No club colours shall be worn whilst umpiring. 2 penalty units.
- 12.5 If a goal post is damaged or broken during a match and the game is unable to be transferred to a nearby court on the day then the following will apply:
  - If the match progression is before half time then 2 points will be awarded to each side,
  - If the match had progressed after the half time interval the current score will stand.
- 12.6 A coach may umpire his/her own team after receiving consent from the opposition team and must, from that moment, forfeit all coaching rights for the duration of the entire game, including breaks.
- 12.7 Late arrival of match stationary after the first Wednesday following the game will incur a fine. 1 penalty unit.
- 12.8 Each club must supply one Netball Victoria registered umpire per game during the home and away season. 1 penalty unit
- 12.9 Score sheets must be filled out correctly; legible, using players registered names and signed by team captains, umpires and scorers. 2 penalty units.
- 12.10 A player(s) name may be added to the scoresheet after they have taken the court, but before the final signing of the scoresheets.
- 12.11 An Umpire can only umpire a maximum of 2 games on a day. If the umpire is also a player, the two games must be umpired prior to playing. Penalty – 2 units

## **13. CLUB REQUIREMENTS**

- 13.1 Clubs are to purchase and supply own netball for the home and away season. The suitability of the ball is to be assessed by the opposition captain and umpire before use.
- 13.2 All goal rings must be padded at least 1 inch thick and 10 feet high and goal rings must have nets, as per Netball Victoria regulations.
- 13.3 Each club is to supply their own refreshments and First Aid Kit.
- 13.4 Scores must be entered by the home team into the Netball Web based program by 5.00pm on match day. 1 penalty unit
- 13.5 Clubs are to submit weekly notes to footballer program. 1 penalty unit
- 13.6 All Club must submit uniforms at the AGM and must be approved by the KDL

before adoption, must include approved club colours and design of match uniform.

13.7 Every player must be correctly uniformed. 2 penalty units per player

#### **14. FINALS & FINALS QUALIFICATIONS**

14.1 All clubs are to have outstanding accounts paid to the League to be eligible to play finals.

14.2 After playing eight (8) times at a higher level in the KDL, a senior player shall not play finals in a lower KDL grade.

14.3 A senior player cannot play two (2) games on any one day during the finals series.

14.4 A junior player is unlimited as to how many times they play on any one day for the finals series.

14.5 All players must play five (5) games for their Club in the current Home and away season to be eligible for finals.

14.6 Ineligible player in finals

A Club playing an ineligible player in a finals game will forfeit the match in the event of it scoring more points than the opposing team and be subject to a fine to be set by the KDL.

14.7 During a final – at the end of each 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 those two (2) minutes, there is a further 2 x 5-minute halves played. At the end of the first five (5) minutes teams simply change ends and there are no substitutions or team changes allowed. If at the end of the second five (5) minutes the scores are still level, then play continues until one team has a two-goal advantage.

14.8 The league will purchase balls for finals and official matches.

#### **15. LADDERS**

15.1 Points Allocation

In the home and away matches, four points will be allotted for a win, four points for a team in whose favour a forfeit is ruled, two points for a draw and zero points for a loss. Where an affiliated Senior Club deemed to be not financial competes in a home and away match, four points will be awarded to the opposition club

15.2 All decisions of the KDL in respect of the calculation of the points and percentages shall be final and binding.

#### **16. NON-COMPLETION OF MATCHES**

16.1 Failure by any club to play an arranged match as set out in the fixture of the League from time to time shall render the club liable to a Fine for breach to be fixed by the KDL unless a satisfactory reason is received by 5.00 p.m. on the Monday following the failure to play the arranged match.

16.2 If any match which has been started and cannot be completed for reasons beyond the control of the affiliated Clubs, or where a match has been cancelled at the direction of the officiating umpire, the following procedures shall apply:

(a) If a game is concluded prior to half time and the match cannot proceed within

the scheduled time, the teams shall depart the arena and the match will be declared a draw. Each team will be awarded two premiership points and the scores of the teams at the time the match was interrupted would be used to calculate the percentages.

- (b) If a game has progressed beyond half time and is unable to proceed within the scheduled time for the match, the teams will depart the arena and the scores of the clubs at the time the match was interrupted shall be deemed to be final scores of the match and shall be used to calculate percentages. The team with the highest score will be declared the winner and awarded four premiership points.

16.3 If a match has been started and cannot be completed within the time scheduled for reasons within the control of any club, such club will be dealt with by the KDL.

## 17. FINALS

### 17.1 Finals Arrangements

On completion of the home and away matches, the Affiliated Clubs gaining positions one to six on the premiership ladder of each of the grades shall form the Final Six, except where altered by the KDL.

17.2 All finals matches shall be played on grounds to be decided by the KDL and where a charge for admittance can be made.

17.3 The finals structure for all grades shall be as follows:

<b>Week 1</b>	<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Elimination Final 1 (E1)</b>	<b>3<sup>rd</sup> v 6<sup>th</sup></b>
	<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Elimination Final 2 (E2)</b>	<b>4<sup>th</sup> v 5<sup>th</sup></b>
<b>Week 2</b>	<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Semi Final 1 (S1)</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup> v 2<sup>nd</sup></b>
	<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Semi Final 2 (S2)</b>	<b>Winner E1 v Winner E2</b>
<b>Week 3</b>	<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Preliminary Final (PF)</b>	<b>Loser S1 v Winner S2</b>
<b>Week 4</b>	<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Grand Final</b>	<b>Winner S1 v Winner PF</b>

### 17.4 Fixtures and venues

The KDL shall exercise full control to the arrangement of the playing venues of the finals matches. Times for minor final matches shall be the same to those times during the Home and Away Season. Times for the Grand Final shall be at the discretion of the KDL in consultation with the KDL Clubs prior to the commencement of the finals services to allow for presentation times post matches.

### 17.5 Entrance Fees

The KDL shall be responsible for the fixing of all entrances fees at all finals series matches.

## **18. COURT INSPECTIONS**

- 18.1 For both home and away and finals matches, the KDL retains the right to take whatever action is deemed necessary to address any issue arising from the condition of courts, including but not limited to; moving the game to another venue, cancelling the game or re-scheduling the game to another day or time.
- 18.2 On the day of any official match arranged by the KDL a designated representative from each participating team must make a full inspection of the court on which the match will be played prior to the match commencing. The representative shall complete the official Match Day Checklist and the representative from each club shall sign the checklist. The official Match Day Checklist must be uploaded with the scorer sheets to the KDL in the Match Day paperwork, which will be retained by the KDL for seven (7) years.
- 18.3 If the same Clubs are competing in all games on the same day at the same venue only one form is required, if more than two Clubs are competing on the same day at the venue then separate forms are to be completed by the Clubs competing in that match.

## **19. INTERLEAGUE MATCHES**

- 19.1 The KDL may select any players registered with the League from time to time to participate in inter-league matches to represent the KDL.
- 19.2 Any player selected to participate in inter-league matches must play for the KDL and any failure to do so shall be dealt with by the KDL.
- 19.3 In all cases under 19.2 of this Rule it shall be:
  - (a) An initial squad will be announced at the conclusion of round 2 by the KDL
  - (b) All players nominated by the KDL in the initial squad have 5 days to advise the KDL of their availability for interleague requirements.
  - (c) Any player that advises the KDL in the 5-day time frame that they are unavailable for interleague requirements will be removed from the squad with no penalty.
  - (d) At the completion of finalising the squad after the 5-day time period, no player can advise that they are unable to compete in the interleague team.
  - (e) Any player selected for inter-league who fails to participate as selected shall automatically be ineligible to play in the next home and away round of their club.
  - (f) The club the player(s) are representing and who fail to participate shall be liable to a fine per player(s). 5 Penalty Units.
- 19.4 No person shall be qualified to play in any interleague team unless they are qualified to play for a League Affiliated Club in matches played under the auspices of the League.

## **20. MEETINGS OF CLUB REPRESENTATIVES**

- 20.1 The KDL may convene compulsory meeting(s) for Club Presidents and/ or officials as stipulated by the KDL from time to time. These meetings shall include, but are

not limited to: Presidents, Club Administrators, Team Managers, Senior and Junior Coaches Forums.

20.2 The designated person may, with the prior approval of the KDL, appoint another person to attend Annual and Special Meetings or other compulsory meetings in their place.

20.3 All Clubs must be represented when requested at all official League meetings (e.g. presidents, secretaries, managers, coaches etc.) and functions. 2 penalty units.

## **21. CODES OF CONDUCT AND OTHER POLICIES**

21.1 All players, officials and Club members at all League matches shall be subject to the Policies and Codes of Conduct as issued by the KDL from time to time.

21.2 The KDL is required to adopt complementary rules and regulations in netball competitions under their respective control and jurisdiction as those of Netball Victoria.

21.3 The KDL adopts Netball Australia and Netball Victoria policies as policies of the KDL.

21.4 Smoke Free Policy, All KDL, League and associated meetings shall be conducted in a smoke free environment.

21.5 All KDL, League and associated matches shall adhere to current local, state and federal legislative tobacco requirements.

## **22. DISPUTES**

22.1 The KDL has the power to deal with and settle all disputes arising out of or in connection with this competition.

22.2 The KDL may have such disputes heard and decided by the Independent Tribunal.

22.3 The KDL has the power to appeal any decision handed down by the Independent Tribunal.

22.4 Should the party or parties concerned refuse or neglect to abide by such decision they shall be suspended from the competition for such time as the KDL or Tribunal may determine and shall be liable to a fine in default of payment of such fine the party or parties concerned may be excluded from playing in the competition.

## **23. BARRACKERS AND SUPPORTERS**

Any supporters or barrackers who are known to be members of any Club, within the League who, in the opinion of the Umpire, Commissioner or KDL Officer, behave in an offensive manner by spoken remarks, or openly incite players on the court to play in a manner not conducive to the best interests of the game, or are the cause of any disturbance between onlookers, will render the Club to which they belong liable to appear before the KDL or Tribunal who will have the power after dealing with the case to impose a special fine, suspend or expel such Club from the League.

## **24. ANNUAL AWARDS**

Clubs are required to nominate for the Annual League Awards no later than 31st July in the current home and away season. Clubs are permitted only one (1) nominee for each award.