



By-Laws – April 2020

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1. THE COMPETITION

- a) Participant age is determined as at 31st December of that year
- b) Age requirements are:
 - I. Open Sections – 15 years & Over
 - II. 17/Under – 14 years to 17 years
 - III. 15/Under – 12 years to 15 years
 - IV. 13/Under – 11 years to 13 years
 - V. 11/Under – 10 years to 11 years (grades 4 and 5)
 - VI. 9/Under – 8 years to 9 years (grades 2 and 3)
 - Vii. Junior – 11 years to 17 years (grades 6 to year 11)

Note: Players in grade 5 turning 12 years old and players in year 11 turning 18 years old can request to play in the lower age division (i.e. 11 & under and Juniors respectively) to continue to play with their school peers.

- c) Players aged 5 - 10 years can participate in NetSetGo! or equivalent skills based program.
- d) Players aged 10 - 11 can participate in 11/Under no finals.
- e) In competitions where participants are 12 years and under, males can participate unrestricted.
- f) WDNA is an inclusive Association and provides a competition for all. Where male participants are aged 13 and above, the section will be considered a mixed section. If there is more than one boy on court at any one time, they must play in separate thirds of the court – (GK/GD – WD/C/WA – GA/GS). In addition to this, to allow all players to feel welcome, WDNA will allocate female only sections.

Teams wishing to compete in female only sections must make this request in writing with the team entry. Female only sections will be named the section number followed by an F to indicate that males over the age of 12, as at the beginning of the season, cannot participate in the section.
- g) Teams may have a maximum of two male players in the team at one time. Sections will have a combination of female only and mixed teams.
- h) Any Player playing out of their age group, without the permission (in writing) of the WDNA committee, shall result in a loss of 4 points to the offending team.
- j) WDNA may run different competitions such as female only, male only, mixed, modified mixed and reverse mixed.

2. REGISTRATION & FILL IN PLAYERS

- a) All Clubs must submit to WDNA, at least seven (7) players for each team, by the entry close date advised by WDNA.
- b) No player may play in more than one match in the same section, on the same day.
- c) Players may participate in a maximum of two (2) matches per day as long as;
 - I. The team manager/coach accepts responsibility for the welfare of all fill in players at all times during the subsequent match.



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- II. The team only has a maximum of three (3) players as fill-ins in any one match.
 - III. The request is not made for any finals games, unless one (1) week prior notice is given to the WDNA committee.
 - IV. The team is aware that by-laws 2d, 2e, 2f & 2g apply to fill in players
 - V. The additional player's full name & *registered team* MUST be added to the score sheet
 - d) If a player plays in a third game (on any one day of play) then the third team played in will forfeit the match under the ineligible players rule.
 - e) There shall be no limitation on the movement of players between teams of the same Club, except that no player shall play below their registered grading.
 - f) Should a Club have more than one (1) team in any one grade, such teams shall be deemed separate Clubs, and the use of players as fill ins between such teams is not permitted.
 - g) Any members who play, coach or umpire must have current Netball Victoria membership, prior to playing, coaching or umpiring to cover them in the event of injury or accident whilst participating in matches. Any Player playing without Netball Victoria membership shall result in a loss of four (4) points to the offending team
 - h) **Winter Season**
A player may play as a fill in player in up to four (4) games above their registered grade during the season. They may play these games in one or more teams. A player playing in a fifth game for the season;
 - 1. Will be deemed as having qualified in the higher grade and are to remain in the team in which the fifth game was played
 - 2. Will not be eligible to play again in their original registered team, unless with the written approval of the WDNA committee.
- Spring Season**
As above, except the number of games is reduced to three (3) and fourth during the season.
- i) The Association shall maintain the players register.

3. TRANSFERS / CLEARANCES

- a) Any player wanting to transfer to another Club/team during the season, must apply in writing to the WDNA committee, accompanied by a clearance from their registered Club/Team.
- b) No player will be granted more than one (1) transfer permit per season. No transfer permit shall be granted after the seventh (7) round of matches in Winter and the fifth (5) round of Spring.
- c) A clearance may be refused by a Club if there are any outstanding fees or equipment.
- d) All players are free to move between Clubs at the conclusion of the season up to the receipt of the current season's team entries.
- e) Players moving between Clubs between seasons must provide a clearance from their old Club to their new Club before team entries are due and a copy of the clearance must be provided with the team entries.



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- f) A financial penalty will apply to and Clubs registering players without a clearance

4. UNIFORMS

- a) The official colours of the WDNA are black and red, and no Club shall be permitted to wear these colours.
- b) Clubs/independent teams entering a WDNA competition are to apply to the WDNA committee for approval of style and colour. The application is to include colour swatches and design of their playing uniform.
- c) Clubs/independent teams changing their style or colour of their uniform are to apply to the WDNA for approval. Once approved, Clubs have a two-year phase in period to update the relevant teams to the new uniform.
- d) Upon request, Clubs must provide WDNA details of their playing uniform.
- e) Clubs are to refer to and comply with the WDNA uniform policy WDNA 02
- f) WDNA Officials have the right to stand off a player out of uniform before the start of a game, or during breaks. WDNA Officials may not stand off a player during a playing quarter.
- g) WDNA will make exceptions for other items of clothing for religious or medical reasons. The Club or team must notify WDNA committee in writing before the player takes court stating the reason for the non-standard uniform. A copy of the acknowledgement from WDNA must be provided on game day if requested.
- h) Nails must be short and smooth or taped using the approved material tape or approved sporting gloves. No other form of tape is allowed.
- i) During the home and away games, teams can play with a mix of uniform styles (i.e. dresses & skirts) but they must be of the Club/Team colours. This is because of players being allowed to fill in (play up from lower sections).
- j) During Finals, each team must take the court, all in the same uniform style unless approval is received from WDNA at least three days prior to the final.

5. UMPIRES

Club supplied umpires

- a) Teams required to supply umpires must nominate their umpires to be approved by the WDNA committee.
- b) Nominated umpires must pass, or have passed an examination, attend meetings or demonstrations as required. Failure to do so may result in a financial penalty payable by the Club they are representing.

WDNA Umpires

- a) All umpires must have passed the introduction to umpiring or demonstrate equivalent experience before joining the pool.
- b) WDNA is responsible for the coordination and training of all umpires for each season.

Umpire uniform

Umpires shall either:

- 1/ wear clothes that are white in colour
- 2/ wear the WDNA umpire uniform



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6. **COMMITTEE**

Each Club is required to nominate representatives for the WDNA committee or sub-committee annually as per the policy document.

7. **RULES**

- a) The playing rules shall be those of the "All Australian Netball Association unless otherwise stated in these bylaws."
- b) Duration of matches shall be fixed by the WDNA committee and timed from a central clock. Game duration is 8 to 10-minute quarters with 1-minute quarter and 2-minute half time breaks.
- c) Four (4) points will be awarded for a win, and two (2) for a draw. Four (4) points and a 10 - 0 percentage gain for a Bye / walkover. Penalties, set by the WDNA committee, will apply for late notice of any walkover and consecutive or frequent walkovers by a team. The Club / Team giving the walkover should email walkovers@wdna.com.au no later than 19:30 on the Thursday before the Saturday, after that the following penalties apply. 2 points loss from 19:30 Thursday 19:30 Friday, after 19:30 Friday 4 points will be lost.

Walkovers notified after 19:30 Thursday may incur a \$50 penalty payable before the Team's next scheduled match as well as the loss of points. WDNA will notify the Club if a penalty applies within 48 hours of the scheduled game time.

All walkovers during the Finals series will incur a \$100 fine.

- d) Each team must provide a competent scorer both of whom shall stand together and check the result. The first named team is to collect score card and score the match.
- e) Score card must be filled in with all players, positions, substitutions and fill in players prior to the start of the game. The name, registered team and date of birth of fill in players must be listed on the back of the score card.
- f) Each team must supply a suitable ball to be used for half the match.
- g) The first named team shall have the centre pass, the other team has choice of end.
- h) Score sheet to be returned to the control box, by one of the match umpires at the end of each game signed by both Team Captains.
- i) Should the score be incorrectly recorded, the official score sheet will stand as signed by the Captains and Umpires. If there is any discrepancy, then a protest may be placed as per the protest procedure outlined in the By-Laws.
- j) No time off is allowed for injury.
- k) A player playing in more than two matches on the same day will be deemed ineligible.

8. **FORFEITS/WALKOVERS**

- a) Any team not ready for play at starting time will be penalised one (1) goal per minute of delay up to ten (10) minutes, when the match will be awarded to the non-offending team a corresponding 0 - 10 score will be credited against the offending team. All players on the score sheet of the non-



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offending team, will be credited with a played game while the offending team players will not.

9. PENALTIES

- a) Any team playing an ineligible player will lose four (4) points, and a 0 -10 score recorded against them. The non-offending team will be awarded four (4) premiership points, and a 10 - 0 score.
- b) A team will lose four (4) points and a 0 -10 score recorded against them for playing an unregistered player (VNA)
- c) A team will lose four (4) points and a 0-10 score for failing to record any fill in or new players not on the score sheet.
- d) Clubs may be fined up to \$100 for the following:
 - I. Non-attendance of Club umpires at umpire's meetings or demonstrations.
 - II. Non-attendance of Club umpires for rostered matches
 - III. Each walk over or forfeit given
 - IV. Non-attendance of Club Delegates at any meeting called by the WDNA committee including the AGM.
 - V. Non-attendance of Club representative for any scheduled duties
 - VI. Non-completion by Club representatives of any scheduled duties

10. CLUB DELEGATE MEETINGS

- a) A maximum, two (2) Club Delegates Meetings will be held annually.
- b) All Clubs with over three teams must be represented by at least two delegates at all Club Delegates Meetings. Clubs with three or less teams must be represented by at least one delegate at all Club Delegates Meetings.
- c) If a vote is required at a Club Delegates Meeting and the result is not unanimous, votes will be allocated as per the AGM representation required before the result is confirmed.
- d) Penalty of Non-attendance of Club Delegates at any meeting called by the WDNA committee will be at the discretion of the WDNA committee.

11. WEATHER CONDITIONS

- a) All teams must report to the venue to play at their scheduled time, The WDNA committee will make the decision at round start time if a round will be abandoned as per Inclement Weather conditions, at which time all Score cards will be returned to the control box. Any team not attending will lose two (2) points, and a 0 -10 score recorded against them and all their players will be shown as not played. The non-offending team will be awarded two (2) premiership points, and a 10 - 0 score and all their players will be showed as played.
- b) If matches are not played or are abandoned before half time each team receives two (2) points. If the match is abandoned after the end of the second quarter due to weather conditions the scores stand and points awarded accordingly.



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- c) In the event of half the grades matches being abandoned, all teams in that grade shall receive two (2) points each.

12. **PROTEST**

A team wishing to lodge a protest must:

- a) Notify the opposing team coach or representative as soon as possible after the match to lodge intended protest.
- b) Lodge protest in writing with the WDNA committee not later than Wednesday following the match.
- c) The WDNA committee shall decide on all protests.

13. **FINALS**

- a) At the conclusion of "Home and Away" matches, finals shall be played. In the event of teams being level on points, their position shall be determined by percentage. In the event of teams being equal on percentage, positions shall be determined by goals scored for.
- b) To qualify for finals, a player must have played *four (4)* matches with the team involved for the Winter season and three (3) matches in Spring
- c) Final Series Matches shall be played as follows:

WINTER SEASON

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| SEMI FINALS | 1 v 2 | 3 v 4 |
| PRELIMINARY FINALS | Loser of 1 v 2 plays winner 3 v 4 | |
| GRAND FINAL | Winner of 1 v 2 Semi plays the Winner of Preliminary Final | |

Except where there are nine (9) or more teams in a grade, when the WDNA committee will decide the Final Series System

SPRING SEASON

Team finishing 1st - straight into Grand Final.

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| PRELIMINARY FINAL | 2v3 |
| GRAND FINAL | 1 st plays winner of 2 v 3 |

Except where there are seven (7) or more teams are in a grade, WDNA committee will decide the Final Series System

In the event of a draw in the Semi-Final, Preliminary Final or Grand Final matches, there will be an interval of 2 minutes at the end of full time. Substitutions and/or team changes may be made during intervals. Extra time shall consist of two (2) halves of three (3) minutes each. Teams will change ends at half time.

In the event of a draw at the end of extra time, teams will toss for the centre pass and play will continue until one team has a two (2) goal advantage.

If a final does not reach half time, the ladder position will stand.



14. DISPUTES RESOLUTION

14.1 The Committee will impose the prescribed penalty or any other penalty to any member that fails to adhere to these Bylaws.

- (a) Any member of a Club or Team which does not agree with a penalty or action of the Committee made under this By-law, may advise the Committee within 48 hours of the penalty or decision being made. The Committee may then:
 - (i) Discuss the issue with the relevant Club or Team and make a decision regarding the matter. The Committee shall inform the party/ies involved of their decision either verbally or in writing; or
 - (ii) Have a meeting with the relevant party/ies in order to discuss and resolve the dispute.

14.2 The Association also adopts the following policies, regulations and procedures:

- (a) Netball Victoria CyberSafety Policy
- (b) Netball Victoria Competition Regulation
- (c) Netball Australia Member Protection Policy
- (d) Constitution

The Hearing Officer is responsible for determining the appropriate procedure for any dispute.

The Committee's decision is final

15. SELECTION OF REPRESENTATIVE TEAMS

15.1 The Representative Teams Sub-Committee will organise the representative team selection trials.

- (a) Selection trials will be conducted under the following conditions:
 - (i) All players up to the age of 16 wishing to be considered for a representative team must, play, umpire or coach at WDNA and be considered a fulltime member of their team or umpiring panel.
 - (ii) At least 70% of players aged 17 years and over selected for a representative team must play, coach or umpire at WDNA and be considered a fulltime member of their team or umpiring panel. If a member of WDNA competing for the same position is of the same skill level as a non WDNA member being considered, the WDNA member must be selected.



- (b) The WDNA Representative Team Sub-Committee must gain approval from the WDNA Committee for any exceptions to the above rules.
- (c) All players who have submitted a Player Registration Form shall be informed in writing of the date, time and place where selection trials are to be held.
- (d) Notice of selection trials must be received at least seven (7) days prior to the date of the trials.

15.2 Team Selection Panels

- (a) A minimum of three selectors must be appointed for each age group and shall be made up of the team coaches and an independent selector
- (b) Selectors may be appointed to more than one panel.

15.3 Players shall be notified, in writing, of the team in which they have been selected within a timely manner.

15.4 The selectors, in consultation with WDNA Sub-Committee, decision shall be final.

16. Special Circumstance Clause

Where this By-Law is silent, a decision can be made that ensures the Integrity of the Waverley District Netball Association 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 Waverley District Netball Association.

17. INDEMNITY

Except where provided or required by law and such cannot be excluded, the Association 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.