

## BLACKWOOD RECREATION CENTRE MIXED NETBALL BY-LAWS

The rules of the game shall be those adopted by the ALL AUSTRALIAN NETBALL ASSOC.(current edition). They will be applied in conjunction with the following BY-LAWS.

1. INTERPRETATION – Day to day interpretation of the BY-LAWS shall be the responsibility of the Match Umpire in the absence of the Umpire in Charge. Appeals against interpretation may be lodged in writing with the Sports Co-ordinator.
2. REGISTRATION
  - (a) Players registered with one team *may* fill in for another team, but no more than 3 times.. *Fill in players must be clearly marked on the score sheet.*
  - (b) Players must be at least fifteen (15) years of age in all mixed competitions.
3. MIXED TEAM COMBINATIONS – A minimum of two (2) and a maximum of three (3) men in each team, to be on court in any playing positions. If correct number start the match and due to injury, only one (1) male is left on court, the match will not be a forfeit. The injured player may be replaced by a female if no male player available.
4. FORFEITS AND FORFEIT FINES
  - (a) A team has five (5) minutes to have the correct number and gender of players on court after which time the match will be considered a forfeit.
  - (b) **\$100.00 forfeit fine applies** to forfeited matches.
  - (c) A forfeit match may be played; with both teams paying their normal match fee and a forfeit fine will not be imposed.
  - (d) To ensure that matches run to scheduled times, the clock will be switched on at the scheduled match time, whether or not teams are ready and in position on court. **One (1) goal every 30 seconds will be awarded to the team ready on court.** After five (5) minutes forfeit conditions will apply.
  - (e) Forfeited match results will be 20 – 0.
5. DURATION OF MATCHES – Matches will consist of 4 x 10 minute quarters. At each quarter time the timer will be set to 11 minutes, giving teams a one minute break between quarters.
6. INJURY TIME – Due to substitution rule, injured players are to be replaced without time being held. Umpires discretion for serious injury. BLOOD RULE STILL APPLIES. Exception for finals.
7. FINALS MATCHES – A player must have played a minimum of three (3) matches to be eligible to play in finals.
8. UNIFORMS – Three (3) weeks grace will be given for players to acquire correct uniform. After this time a 3 goal penalty will apply for any player not in correct uniform. Skirts or shorts of colour on the registration form. (e.g. sports knickers are **not to show** below skirt hemline) All skirts or shorts must be the correct colour/shade. Regulations netball gloves are permitted.
9. JEWELLERY – No jewellery or body piercing allowable. Plain wedding bands and medi-alert bracelets must be securely taped.
10. CAPTAINS – Have the following duties each match:
  - (a) Fill in score sheet prior to match with players full names and sign afterwards
  - (b) Pay the team fee at reception. Ensure team registration is paid at the start of the season.
11. SCORER – Both teams are to provide a scorer. If a scorer is not provided, other team may ask existing scorer if they will score for them, if not a player may be taken from court to score.

12. **DISCIPLINE- During game**

(a) A player may be sent off for:

- i. Abusive, threatening or foul language towards umpires, players or spectators.
- ii. Dissent towards umpires or persistent questioning of umpiring decisions. Captains may approach the umpires during a break to discuss rules and interpretations.
- iii. Unduly rough play or continual rough play, which includes deliberate contact, obstruction or breaches of the rules.
- iv. Any actions, gestures or behaviour which in the opinion of the umpire or supervisor is not in the spirit of the game or could bring the game or stadium into disrepute, or may endanger or intimidate persons in the stadium.

(b) Players will be given only *one (1) official warning* by an umpire for infringements, any further breach of the rules will result in the player being *sent off* the court for a period of time as specified by the umpire. *If sent off for the remainder of the match, a minimum one (1) week suspension will be incurred. A player sent from the court can not be replaced.*

(c) IN AN EXTREME CASE AN UMPIRE MAY SEND A PLAYER FROM THE COURT WITHOUT ANY WARNING. I.e. Any player striking, kicking or playing in a violent or dangerous manner will be sent off without any warning and may not return to the court. This requires an umpires report and automatic investigation by management.

(d) Spectators may be removed from the stadium by an umpire or supervisor for any actions gestures or behaviour which in their opinion is not in the spirit of the game or could bring the game or the stadium into disrepute, or may endanger or intimidate persons in the stadium.

(e) Any major misconduct must be reported by umpires to the centre management in a written statement.

13. **WARNING POLICY (3 STRIKE RULE)** –A warning can be given for any inappropriate behavior in relation to a game. An umpire, program coordinator or staff member can give a verbal warning (first warning). Second and third warnings can be given at the discretion of the BCRC Management. These warnings can be given for codes of conduct not specified in the bylaws or rules. The warning process resets after 12 months of the initial incident. The warnings do not have to be for the same incident.

- 1. Verbal Warning. This warning is to notify the person that their behavior is inappropriate and to stop doing it. Verbal warnings can be given by any umpire, program coordinator or staff member. These must be recorded and documented by the sports coordinator.
- 2. Written warning. Management can issue written warnings for behavior deemed inappropriate to the sport. This does not have to be the same incident as the initial warning.
- 3. Third Warning is an automatic tribunal hearing. This warning states the previous warnings and this warning.

14. **PENALTIES INDEX**

Individuals can be called to tribunal for any of the listed penalties. The index serves as a guide for the tribunal panel to make the final judgement.

|  | Minimum                    | Maximum                      |
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| Abusive Language<br>Derogatory, offensive, or abusive comments, excessive audible swearing, obscene remarks, Discriminatory slur | One (1) match              | three (3) matches            |
| Unsportsmanlike Conduct<br>Offensive gestures, deliberate provocation, throwing, hitting or kicking of articles or equipment     | One (1) to Two (2) matches | Three (3) matches            |
| Intimidation<br>Threatening gestures, words or actions   | One (1) to Two (2) matches | Three (3) to Six (6) matches |

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| <b>Unduly Rough Play (during play)</b><br>Undue physical action used to gain advantage, pushing, tripping, elbowing, jumping into, barging | One (1) to Two (2) matches    | Four (4) or more matches        |
| <b>Resisting</b><br>Refusal to obey any reasonable and legal instruction given by an official.   | One (1) to Two (2) matches    | Three (3) or more matches       |
| <b>Fighting</b><br>Any form of fighting, wrestling, shoving (pushing)  | Three (3) to Six (6) matches  | Eight (8) or more matches       |
| <b>Attempted Striking</b><br>Attempting to slap, hit, kick, but excludes head butting or punching.   | Three (3) to Four (4) matches | Eight (8) or more matches       |
| <b>Striking</b><br>Slapping, hitting, kicking , but excludes head butting or punching.   | Ten (10) or more matches      | Indefinite                      |
| <b>Malicious Striking</b><br>Multiple striking, apparent intent to injure, head butting or punching.                                       | Not optional                  | Twenty (20) matches to Life ban |

15. **TRIBUNAL**

A tribunal can be called by the BCRC if any of the penalties listed have been reported. A tribunal can also be called if the BCRC cannot reach a timely resolution. Please note the centre may prohibit players from playing until the tribunal process has been completed.

Any suspension given must be served immediately after the player has been notified. Individuals will not be permitted to play in any league/division until the full sentence has been served in the grade they receive the sentence.

The Blackwood Community Recreation Centre Tribunal Procedure outlining the guidelines for a tribunal are forwarded to relevant persons involved in the tribunal.