



# NETBALL OFFICIAL BYLAWS

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# Preamble

The rules of the game shall be those adopted by the International Netball Federation *Rules of Netball 2020*. They will be applied in conjunction with the following Bylaws.

The Blackwood Community Recreation Centre reserves the right to make judgements based on fairness and for the betterment of the competition on issues that arise and are not covered in the Team Sport Policy or in these By-Laws.

All persons attending the Centre must abide by the Code of Conduct as outline in the *Blackwood Recreation Centre Team Sport Policy*.

*Interpretation* – The bylaws shall be interpreted by the responsible match umpires. Appeals against interpretation may be lodged with Sport Coordinator and must be in writing.

## **PLAYERS SAFETY**

**IMPORTANT!** ALL Players play at their own risk. Each player must register and sign the waiver via the Player Registration Form.

Any person who participates whilst pregnant accepts full and sole responsibility of any injury they sustain or the unborn child sustains. Participants shall not make any claim against the Blackwood Recreation Centre or any of the officials, staff or any other player.

# Teams

Players must be registered with one primary team.

Players must be at least fifteen (15) years of age in all competitions.

## **FILL INS:**

Players are allowed to fill in for other teams throughout the regular season. Players are allowed to play a maximum of 3 games per night, any games played in excess of 3 will be classified as a forfeit.

Each player will be listed on the score sheet at the start of the game, by full name. Fill in players must also be clearly marked on the scoresheet. The Umpire may suspend play (with the clock running) at any time that they realise the scoresheet has not been filled in correctly.

## **MIXED COMPETITIONS:**

Combinations – A minimum of two (2) and a maximum of three (3) men are to be on court at any one time. Male players must be split throughout the thirds. If the 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.

# Eligibility

To qualify for finals, a player must have played 5 games for a team during the regular season.

## **FINALS**

Players can play finals in their registered primary team and **one** other team as long as they have played enough games to qualify for that fill-in team. If a team is found to have played finals with ineligible or unregistered players the game will be classified as a forfeit.

# Game play

Regular season games 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.

Time is not held for any reason.

## FINALS

In the event of a draw after full time in finals, an extra period of 5 minutes will be played each way with teams shooting in the same direction as in the last quarter of the match. Substitutions and positional changes are allowed at the start of the extra period but not in the change of ends.

# Scorers

Each team is to provide a scorer for their match. The penalty for not having a scorer is 3 points being awarded to the opposition, by the umpires, at quarter time.

# Captain Responsibilities

- a. Fill in the score sheet prior to the match with players full names, or organise for another player to do so
- b. Pay the weekly team fee at reception prior to the start of the game, or organise for another player to do so
- c. Make sure all team members have signed the individual player registration
- d. If an enquiry or dispute occurs on court, only the Captain of the team is to approach and communicate with the umpires.

# Discipline; During Games

- (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. ONLY 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, obstructions 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 official warning by an umpire for infringements, any further breach of the rules will result in the player being sent off the court for 3 goals. If further infringements occur larger penalties may occur. For serious or major infringements players may be sent off for the remainder of the match. A player sent off for the remainder of the match, a minimum one-week suspension will be incurred. A player sent from the court cannot be replaced.
- (c) IN AN EXTREME CASE, an umpire may send a player from the court without an official warning; i.e Any player striking, tripping, kicking and playing in a violent or dangerous manner will be sent off without any warning and may not return to the court. This requires an umpire to report the incident to the Sports Coordinator
- (d) Spectators may be removed from the stadium by an umpire or supervisor for any actions, gestures or behaviour which in the umpire's opinion 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.
- (e) Any major misconduct must be reported by umpires to the Sports Coordinator in a written statement.

## BLOOD RULE:

During the match, should a player bleed, they must inform the official and leave the court immediately and will not be allowed back on until:

- (a) All bleeding is stopped or the wound is securely covered
- (b) Blood is removed from person
- (c) Clothing with blood has been replaced

# Complaints Procedure

Complaints procedure for all sports are outlined in the Blackwood Recreation Centre Team Sport Policy.

## Finance

### LATENESS, FORFEITS AND FORFEIT FINES

- (a) To ensure that matches run to a scheduled time, the clock will be switched on at the scheduled match time, whether or not teams are ready and in position.
- (b) 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
- (c) A forfeit match may be played; with both teams paying their normal match fee and a forfeit fine will not be imposed
- (d) A \$100.00 forfeit fine applies to all other unplayed forfeited matches
- (e) Forfeited match results will be 20-0.

## Uniform

Teams must wear tops of a uniform colour and players must wear preferably dark coloured shorts, skirts or leggings.

Registered players must ensure they are in correct team colours. A penalty of 2 goals per registered player not in uniform will be incurred, up to a maximum of 6 goals. Goals are applied to the opposition team, at quarter time.

Teams must supply their own set of bibs. Bibs are available to purchase or hire at reception.

Regulation netball gloves are permitted.

### JEWELLERY

Blackwood Community Recreation Centre is guided by the International Federation for Netball, Netball Australia and Netball SA in regards to participants wearing jewellery and other accessories while on court.

The 2020 Official Rules of Netball - International Federation for Netball, Section 5.1.1 pg. 23 outlines that:

- (iv) Players may not wear anything that could endanger themselves or other players, specifically:
  - a. No adornment or jewellery (including piercings) may be worn.
    - Players with expansion plug piercings will need to remove plugs and tape the holes left by the removed plugs
  - b. A medical alert bracelet may be worn provided it is covered with tape and labelled 'medical' in case of an emergency.

Additionally, players requiring glasses must wear contact lenses or prescribed sports goggles approved by umpires while on court. *DISCLAIMER: If players want to wear their glasses on court they may do so at their own risk.*