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REGISTRATION NUMBER

A0059205A

SPRING COMPETITION BYLAWS

THESE BYLAWS ALLOW SOME EXEMPTIONS TO THE BDNA BYLAWS AND MUST BE USED IN CONJUNCTION WITH THEM.

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1. REGISTRATION OF PLAYERS

- (a) Eligible players named on the team registration are deemed to be registered with that team.
- (b) Players can only be registered with **two teams** per Spring season within our association.
- (c) There are no geographical restrictions on player registration for the spring competition.

That is, (Section 5.2 (c) of BDNA Bylaws does not apply). Registration in Spring will not render a player eligible for the Autumn/Winter competition.

2. CLEARANCES

- (a) Players may form teams with players from other clubs for Spring competition.

3. NETBALL VICTORIA MEMBERSHIP

- (a) All players must have Netball Victoria Membership either through registration or by purchasing a game day voucher for the game that they participate in.
- (b) The following penalties will apply for players participating in a game who do not hold a Netball Victoria Membership

Penalties:

- 1. The offending team will incur a **2 point** penalty for any Game in which the player has participated and the team has won.**
- 2. The other team will be declared the winner and will receive **2 points** for the win and the goals scored by the offending team will be deleted from the score. The other team will be deemed to have won by 10 goals to nil or the number of goals scored to nil, whichever is the greater.**

4. AGE REQUIREMENTS

Minimum age requirements are:

- (a) 9&U – 7 years
- (b) 11&U – 9 years
- (c) 13&U – 11 years
- (d) 15&U – 12 years
- (e) 18&U – Must be turning 14 years that year
- (f) Open Sections - 15 years



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Penalty: After a team has received one warning, second and subsequent breaches will incur a loss of two (2) premiership points to the offending team.



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5. BORROWING PLAYERS

- (a) Teams may only borrow players from other teams if they have less than seven (7) of the original players listed on the team sheet available. Players may only be borrowed from a lower or equal grade and must have their attendance recorded on Netball Connect.
- (b) Players may not play more than 3 games each Saturday and the player must play in the team/s they are registered with. (Exceptions: Bye or forfeit)
- (c) **After the 4th game** in another team, players are deemed to be a member of that team and can no longer play in their original team.

6. FINALS - PLAYER QUALIFICATION

- (a) **Players must play at least two (2) games** with their registered team throughout the season to be eligible to participate in that team's final series.
- (b) If a game is cancelled on account of a factor beyond the control of the Teams (e.g., weather, unavailable courts, or some other extenuating circumstances), all players registered with the team will be allocated the Game as played and this will be deemed to be one of their two (2) games to qualify for finals.
- (c) Players may only play finals Games in their registered team/s unless 5.C applies.

7. UNIFORM & DRESS CODE

- (a) All players must wear the team nominated uniform.
- (b) Positional bibs must be worn.
- (c) Uniform items should not constitute a danger or hazard to any other player on the court. They should be neat and secure as possible.
- (a) Shorts (without pockets) and bike shorts are allowed but must be all the same colours.
- (b) Singlet tops are allowed but must be all the same colours.
- (c) A player may wear a soft hat or head covering. Hard brimmed or peaked hats are not permitted. If a hat is not secure it must be removed.
- (d) Fingernails must be short and smooth. Fingernails that would not be classified as short and smooth by the Association must be taped to the Association's approved standard, available on the BDNA website.



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8. FORFEITS & FINES

- (a) If a team notifies the Association (complete the form on the BDNA website) by 9pm on the **Wednesday** before the Saturday competition of its intent to forfeit, no penalty will be imposed.
- (b) A forfeit fine of \$45.00 will apply to teams who forfeit a Game after 9pm on the Wednesday prior to the Saturday Game. A game day forfeit will incur a \$100 forfeit fine. Fines must be paid to the Association Treasurer within seven (7) days.
- (c) Repeated forfeits may result in that Club or Team being excluded entry into future competitions.

9. **EXTREME** WEATHER POLICY

- (a) Unless teams are advised otherwise, all teams must turn up to play, a decision is made at the start of each round as to whether a Game goes ahead or not. Each round is assessed individually.
- (b) In the event of extreme weather conditions, a BDNA executive committee member and the umpire coordinator will determine whether Games will proceed.
- (c) If the competition is determined to be a washout by the BDNA Executive and the Game is cancelled, Netball Connect will be updated to notify all team managers.

10. MIXED OPEN

- (a) At all times no more than three (3) male players shall be on the court during play unless an exemption has been granted.
- (b) Male players may only play one in each third unless an exemption has been granted.

Note: This rule does not indicate that the male centre third player shall be the centre player; he may be WA or WD. It is not necessary for a male player to be opposed to a male player.

11. SUPER SHOT SCORES

A high score system will be used.

Only goals shot by the GS and GA will be counted.

- 3 points for a goal shot outside the circle,
- 2 points for a goal within the outside circle and inner circle, and
- 1 point for a goal shot inside the inner circle.



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12. COMPETITION LADDERS

- (a) Competition ladders will be made available by the Association
- (b) Premiership points are awarded during competition seasons as follows:
- **2** points for a win or bye or a team forfeited against
 - **1** point for a draw
 - **2** points for weather abandonment prior to half time; and
 - **0** points for a loss, abandonment or forfeits advised before game day and in accordance with Bylaw 8. Forfeits not in accordance with Bylaw 8 may attract a penalty of a loss of points.
- (c) In the event of teams being equal on points, positions shall be determined by the percentage of goals scored for and against each team. The team with the higher percentage will result in the higher position on the ladder. In the event of teams being equal in percentage, positions shall be determined by the team with the greater number of goals scored.



13. CANCELLATIONS

- (a) When Games are cancelled on account of a factor beyond the control of the Teams (e.g., weather, unavailable courts, or some other extenuating circumstances) the match will be deemed a draw. Both teams will be credited with two (2) points and five (5) goals each.
- (b) **Game cancelled before half time:**
If a Game begins and is cancelled before half time, then it is deemed a cancelled Game and will be declared a draw. Both teams will be credited with two (2) points and five (5) goals each.
- (c) **Game cancelled after half time:**
If a Game begins and is cancelled after half time the score will stand and the Team with the most goals will be declared the winner.
- (d) **Finals – Games cancelled before half time:**
If a final Game is cancelled before half time, then it is deemed a cancelled Game. The final position of the teams as placed on the current ladder will determine the outcome of the game.
- (e) **Finals – Games cancelled after half time:**
If a Final Game begins and is cancelled after half time the scores will stand and the team with the most goals will be declared the winner.
- (f) If the entire finals competition is determined a washout out by the BDNA Executive, Netball Connect will be updated to notify all team managers.

The final position of the teams as placed on the current ladder will determine the outcome of the competition. The team that was placed 1st on the ladder will be declared premiers and the 2nd placed team will be declared runners up.