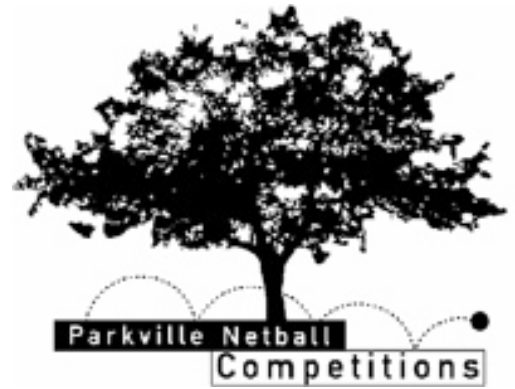


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Parkville Netball Competitions By Laws

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DEFINITIONS

In these By-Laws, except where stated the following definitions apply;

- "PNC" is the Parkville Netball Competition.
- "Competition Administrator " is a member of Netball Victoria appointed to manage the specified Competition.
- "A Club" is an Association/Region/Club/Team.
- A "Partially Completed Clearance" is a Parkville Netball Competition Clearance Form, which has been completed and signed by the player seeking clearance.
- A "Fully Completed Clearance" is a Parkville Netball Competition Clearance Form, which has been completed and signed by the player **and** the club from whom the clearance is sought.
- "Competition Matches" include all fixtures in the Competition Calendar.
- "NCAS" is the National Coaching Accreditation Scheme.
- "Calendar Year" includes 1st January – 31st December of the Competition Year.
- "Week" is defined as commencing 00:01 Monday and concluding 24:00 Sunday.

1. ENTRY INTO THE COMPETITION

1.1 *CLUBS/TEAMS CONDITIONS*

- 1.1.1 A Club applying for entry into the Competition shall;
- (a) Register for entry on the official Entry Form and pay the required Entry Fee.
 - (b) The Entry Form and Entry Fee shall be submitted on or before the stated closing date and time.
 - (c) No late entries will be accepted.
 - (d) Additional relevant information may be submitted with the Entry Form.
 - (e) Satisfy the Competition Administrator that they are prepared to field a team for all fixtured matches and are in a position to meet the financial requirements of the Competition/s they are entering.
- 1.1.2 The Club shall agree to abide by the policy and rules of Parkville Netball as notified from time to time.
- 1.1.3 The Club shall agree to adhere to the requirements of the sponsor/s of the Competition/s they are participating in.
- 1.1.4 In the event of a Club withdrawing a team from the competition;
- (a) After the confirmation of Acceptances – there will be no reimbursement of the Entry Fee.
 - (b) Once competition matches have commenced – there will be no reimbursement of Fees received, and any outstanding Court Fees must be paid.
 - (c) Subsequent entry into future Competition/s may be jeopardised.
- 1.1.5 Parkville Netball reserves the right to use discretion in the acceptance and rejection of entries.
- 1.1.6 Teams will be required to attend Grading if directed by the Competition Administrator, with players as listed for the required Team, on their Club Entry Form.

1.2 *CLUBS/TEAMS*

- 1.2.1 A Club/Team shall provide a list of eligible players on their entry form/s from which their team/s will consist for the specified Competition/s.

2. PERSONNEL

2.1 *COURT SUPERVISOR*

- (a) The Court Supervisor shall be responsible for the functioning of Competition matches on their allocated Competition night/day.
- (b) The Court Supervisor shall be empowered to cancel any matches deemed unsafe on their allocated Competition night/day.

2.2 GRADING COMMITTEE

- (a) An independent Grading Committee will be appointed by Parkville Netball to evaluate and grade all Competition applications.
- (b) The Grading Committee has the right to reject any team applying for entry to the Competition.
- (c) Grading allocations are subject to final ladder positions (promotion and relegation)
- (d) Parkville Netball will be the ultimate adjudicator of all grading decisions.
- (e) Teams entering for a first time will be allocated to grades based on availability.

2.3 COMPETITION ADMINISTRATOR

- (a) The scheduling and rescheduling of all matches is the responsibility of the Competition Administrator.
- (b) The Competition Administrator will ensure Clubs follow the correct administrative procedures and adhere to these By Laws.

2.4 PLAYERS

2.4.1 Netball Victoria Membership

- (a) All players participating in a Competition must hold a current Netball Victoria Membership.
- (b) Single Game Vouchers will be available for all Competitions and will only constitute a current Netball Victoria Membership for the game issued.
- (c) Mixed Competitions Registration.

2.4.2 Weekly Player Regulations

- (a) To play in any open competition the player must be 14 years of age.
- (b) A player may only play one match per night/day in any Competition.
- (c) A player is eligible to play in a Competition if they are listed on the Team/ Clubs' Entry Form for that Competition.
- (d) There shall be no limitation on the movement of players between teams of the same Club during the season, except when there is more than one team from the same Club in the same Division.
- (e) In the event that there is more than one team from the same Club in the same Division, players may transfer between teams until the player takes the court for their third game with the one team. Once this occurs the player must remain with the team they played their third match with for the remainder of the Competition.

2.4.3 The Competition Administrator in extenuating circumstances may give special consideration.

2.4.4 Adding Players to the Score Sheet

- (a) Additional Players can be added to the team list by adding players details to the back of the score sheet. (Registration Number, DOB, Name & Address - Phone Number optional).

2.4.5 Clearances

- (a) Clearances are required for players in all Competitions whom wish to transfer from one Club to another during the current competition year.
- (b) In the event that a player not requiring a Clearance is submitted on then Entry Form of more than one Club, written verification from the Player shall be sought.
- (c) Clearance forms must be lodged with the Competition Administrator.

2.4.6 Fully Completed Clearances

- (a) Must be received by Competition Administrator/ Court Supervisor prior to the player taking the court.
- (b) If a club is refusing to grant a clearance the Competition Administrator must be notified in writing within 14 days.

2.4.7 Male Players

- (a) In Competitions where participants are 11&under, boys may participate unrestricted.
- (b) Where participants are aged 12-15 inclusive, a modified mixed division may be offered in appropriate age groups in addition to girls only divisions. In modified mixed divisions, teams may have up to three boys playing at any one time. If two or more boys are on the court at any one time, they must play in separate thirds of the court – (GK/GD - WD/C/WA - GA/GS).

2.5 SCORERS

- (a) Each team shall provide a non-participating scorer for all matches.
- (b) These people must sit together for the duration of the match.
- (c) The court supervisor will provide the Official Score sheet.
- (d) Score sheet must be filled in correctly for players to be credit with a game.

2.6 UMPIRES

- (a) A panel of badged umpires will be named by the Umpires Supervisor/s for all Open Competitions.
- (b) Umpire Development will be conducted on Monday A1 & A2 grades. Thursday Night Open Competitions
- (c) 17& Under & Thursday 15 & Under must provide one Badged umpire for each team entered. Team Umpires are to report to Umpire Supervisor prior to game time for court allocations.
- (d) If team umpires are not provided as scheduled, the team shall forfeit their game & a fine will be imposed. Repeat offences will jeopardise team/club entry into future competitions.
- (e) Team Umpires in 17 & Under & Thursday Night 15 & Under will not umpire their own team/clubs.

- (f) Saturday Morning Junior Competition Clubs must provide one umpire for each team entered.
- (g) Unbadged umpires must (a) have attended an Introduction to Umpiring course or (b) be currently completing or have completed a Junior Level 1 Umpiring course, prior to or during the Competition Season.
- (h) Umpires Supervisors for all Competitions shall be appointed by Parkville Netball to allocate and supervise umpires for their appointed Competition.
- (i) Umpires on Competition Panels may not officiate:
 - 1. A Division in which they are a Coach, Player or Official.
 - 2. A match involving a Club in which they are a Coach, Player or Official.
- (j) All Competition Umpires and Umpires Supervisors must hold a current Netball Victoria Membership.
- (k) Team umpires are not permitted to umpire more than 3 games on any competition night. The competition reserves the right to request a club/team to replace their umpire if that said umpire is not to the standard of the grade in which they officiating.

2.7 UMPIRES UNIFORM REQUIREMENTS

- (a) All female umpires must wear a skirt and shirt or bodysuit distinct from those of the players and preferably white or cream in colour. Suitable shoes shall be worn.
- (b) All male umpires must wear shorts and shirt or long pants and shirt distinct from those of the players and preferably white or cream in colour. Suitable shoes shall be worn.
- (c) Track pants may be worn underneath the umpiring uniform on cold nights when umpiring outdoor games.
- (d) Permission to be out of uniform must be obtained from the court supervisor prior to the commencement of your umpiring duties for the day/night.

3. COMPETITION ORGANISATION

3.1 GAME ORGANISATION

3.1.1 Game rules shall be those of Netball Australia, excepting:

- (a) Timing, refer (d).
- (b) Failures to Take the Court refer (e).
- (c) Blood Policy, refer (f).

3.1.2 Fixtures will be arranged for all Competitions indicating courts and times. Copies will be forwarded to Clubs prior to the season commencing. The "home" team is the first-named team in the fixture.

3.1.3 Timing of games is as follows:

- (a) 4 x 10 minute quarters

- (b) Change ends ($\frac{1}{4}$, $\frac{3}{4}$ time)
- (c) 2 minutes ($\frac{1}{2}$ time)
- (d) NO INJURY TIME – A match may be stopped by the Umpires in extenuating circumstances to ensure a safe playing Area is maintained.

3.1.4 Failure to Take the Court

(a) At the Start of the Game:

1. All Competition games will commence at the time as listed in the fixture.
2. If there are at least five players present, a team shall be required to take the court to start play. Players arriving after the game has commenced are “Late Arrivals” and will be able to enter the game only as specified in Rule 5 of the Official Rulebook – Revised July 1997. If the centre is missing, one player shall move to that position.
3. In the event that there are fewer than five players present for one team, a maximum period of 10 minutes shall be allowed for at least five players of a team to arrive. The non-offending team shall be awarded one (1) penalty goal per minute passed of this time. If at the end of this time, there are fewer than five players present; the game shall be awarded to the non-offending team. (4 points, score 10-0)
4. In the event that there are fewer than five players present for both teams, a maximum period of 10 minutes shall be allowed for at least five players of a team to arrive. A team can only be awarded penalty goals per minute if the opposing team has at least five players in position to play. If at the end of this time, there are fewer than five players present for both teams, the game shall be abandoned and no points or score shall be credited to either team.

(b) At the end of an Interval:

1. Prior to the end of an interval the umpire shall give a thirty (30) second warning for the team to take the court.
2. If the team fails to take the court at the end of that 30 seconds, the Umpire shall give a one minute warning and require that team to take the court within that time.
3. If the offending team fails to take the court by the end of the one (1) minute warning, the game shall be awarded to the non-offending team.
4. The non-offending team shall receive 4 points and a score of (10-0).

(c) Blood Policy

All forty (40) minute matches, shall follow this procedure:

1. The game is stopped - the clock is not stopped.
2. Player leaves the court - substitution rules apply (with no time allowance).
3. Play is resumed.

3.2 FINALS

- (a) These will be played at the conclusion of the rounds in each Division of each Competition, except 11 & Under and Netta Round Robin.
- (b) The number of points gained during the season shall determine teams qualifying for finals. In the event of teams being equal on points, positions shall be determined by the percentage of goals scored for and against. In the event of teams being equal on percentage, the greater number of goals scored for shall determine positions.
- (c) Players in all Competitions must play at least a quarter of the season in one division of any Competition to be eligible to participate in that Division's Final Series.
 - 1. Once a player has played a quarter of the season for their team/club in one division they are eligible for finals in any higher divisions for that Club on that Competition Night/Day.
 - 2. Players may only play in one division during the final series.
- (d) Teams found playing an ineligible player during finals will be considered to have lost that match.
- (e) Matches shall be conducted for finals as for rounds. The starting time of finals matches may alter slightly.
- (f) Drawn matches in finals:
 - 1. During a Final – at the end of the game when scores are tied there is a two minute break **during which time there may be substitutions and/ or team changes.**
 - 2. At the end of the 2 minutes, 2 x 5-minute halves will be played for forty (40) minute matches.
 - 3. At the end of the first 5 minutes teams simply change ends and there are no substitutions or team changes allowed.
 - 4. If at the end of the second 5 minutes the scores are still level, then play continues until one team has a two goal advantage.
 - 5. In the event of injury or illness during extra time, positional changes and/or substitutions may be made.

NB: It is only the underlined section of this regulation which has changed

3.3 FORFEITS

- (a) In the event that a team forfeits prior to the match clock starting, games shall only be awarded to nominated players of the non-offending team. No games shall be awarded to players of the offending team.
- (b) A forfeit fine determined by the Competition Administrator would be imposed, which must be paid before the next fixtured match of the offending team.
- (c) If a team notifies the Competition Administrator by 12:00pm on the day of competition (Friday for weekend competitions) of its intent to forfeit, no penalty will be imposed.
- (d) A forfeit in any Competition may result in that Club being excluded entry into future Competitions.

3.4 CANCELLATIONS

- (a) When matches are cancelled on account of a total strike (eg; power, or situation created by a prolonged petrol strike), wet weather or some other cause, both teams will be credited with two (2) points and five (5) goals each and the Competition will continue as per the fixture.
- (b) If games are cancelled at or after half time scores will stand.
- (c) In the event that a match is cancelled due to wet weather, games can only be awarded to nominated players to a maximum of twelve players.
- (d) Should circumstances occur in which successive rounds need to be cancelled, the Competition Administrator will consider the position and determine a suitable course of action.

3.5 PROTESTS

3.5.1 A club/ team wishing to protest must: -

- (a) Not sign the Official Scoresheet and notify the Court Supervisor of the intention to protest.
- (b) The club/ team secretary /contact person shall lodge the protest in writing with the Competition Administrator c/- Parkville Netball Competitions within 48 hours of the match being played.
- (c) A Club/team shall have a right of appeal to the Competition Administrator within 48 hours of notification of a penalty.
- (d) The Competition Administrator will advise the result of the appeal and this decision shall be final.

3.6 MEDIATION AND GRIEVANCES

Refer to the Netball Victoria Statement of Purposes and Rules of Incorporation Part 2.13 - Discipline of Members and Grievance Procedure.

3.7 DRUG POLICY

Netball Victoria does not support the use of performance enhancing substances and views any such use as detrimental to both the sport of netball and the spirit of the game.
The Netball Victoria drug policy, August 1993 as amended from time to time, is implemented for the Parkville Netball Competitions.

3.8 SCORESHEETS

3.8.1 One Official Score sheet will be used for each match.

- (a) This Score sheet will list the complete names (both given and surname) of all players including substitutes intending to take the court
- (b) The Score sheet must indicate a playing position or tick for all players to be credited with a game.
- (c) The final match score is calculated by the addition of the goals scored (strokes) for the total Match.

- 3.8.2 At the match conclusion, to indicate their satisfaction that the information on the Official Scoresheet is correct, the Official Scoresheet is to be signed by;
- (a) The Captains of both competing teams.
 - (b) The officiating umpires.
 - (c) The scorer/s
- 3.8.3 There will be no scores recorded for Netta & 11 & Under teams they need to fill in only the players names.

3.9 PROGRESSIVE LADDERS

- 3.9.1 A weekly progressive points table will be kept and displayed at the SNHC for all Competitions, except 11 & Under and Netta Round Robin. This information will also be available on the Netball Victoria website – www.netballvic.com.au

3.10 UNIFORM/EQUIPMENT

3.10.1 Uniform

- (a) All players must wear their team/club's registered playing uniform.
- (b) Regulation playing initials (bibs) are reserved for the Competition sponsor.
- (c) Regulations re nails/jewellery as per Netball Australia Rule Book.
- (d) No Bike shorts, leggings or $\frac{3}{4}$ length pants
- (e) All players must be in the same colour uniform (special consideration may be given)
- (f) All players in the female only competitions must wear a skirt or bodysuit (no shorts allowed)

3.10.2 Sponsorship

- (a) Individual Club Sponsorship is acceptable but must not conflict with the major sponsor of Netball Victoria, or the Competition sponsor. Sponsorship is permitted on the Playing and Non Playing Uniform.
- (b) All Competitions adhere to the guidelines provided in the Marketing Infonet: Sponsorship Guidelines for Associations/Clubs. This Infonet and further information about Sponsorship can be obtained from Netball Victoria.

3.10.3 Equipment.

- (a) Each team must supply regulation playing bibs and a match ball.
- (b) Should there be a ball sponsor, then the sponsored ball must be used.

4. ADDITIONAL RULES FOR MIXED COMPETITION

- (a) There shall be at all times at least one (1), but no more than three (3) male players on the court during play. There must be at least one (1) male player on the court at the fixtured match time.

- (b) Male players shall play one in each third (NOTE: this rule does not indicate that the male centre third player shall be the centre player; he may be WA or WD).
- (c) It shall not be necessary for a male player to be opposed to a male player.
- (d) Mixed Teams do not need to register their playing uniform, but must adhere to Parkville Netball Uniform Code, and bibs must be of the same colour.
- (e) Girls may wear playing shorts
- (f) No bike shorts, leggings, $\frac{3}{4}$ length pants, shorts must be above the knees
- (g) No bond, gym singlets (singlets must have a wide shoulder strap)

5. PENALTIES

Any breach of these By-Laws may incur one or more of the following penalties:

- (a) A fine may be imposed
- (b) Loss of points may occur
- (c) Repeat instances shall be considered by the Competition Administrator and may result in exclusion from the current and future Competitions.
- (d) Penalties will be determined and reviewed by the Competition Administrator.