

**ALICE SPRINGS NETBALL ASSOCIATION INCORPORATED
COMPETITION BY-LAWS
2019**

Definitions

Fines: Monies owed for breaches of by-laws. Failure to pay fines by the due date will result in the loss of a further two (2) competition points per played round.

Nomination: The team within a grade that a registered player has been nominated to play in (see registration).

MyNetball The electronic competition management system by which players are registered, teams are compiled and scores are entered.

Registration: The division in which a player is registered on the 'MyNetball' system. Players must be registered in their age group but may nominate in team of a higher age group (see nomination).

1. REGISTRATION

- 1.1. No team shall be nominated with less than seven (7) players and must remain with 7 registered players through the season.
- 1.2. Club Affiliation and Team/Player Registration fees must be paid on or before the date set by the Committee unless arrangements have been made with the Treasurer. Failure to pay registration fees by the date set, shall result in player/s being considered unregistered and the team will incur the **penalty for Breaches of Registration**
- 1.3. Player registration forms and Team List/Payment forms shall be completed and returned to the Committee on, or before, the date set by the Committee. (refer 1.5)
- 1.4. New Team Nominations received after commencement of the competition and approved by the Committee shall be placed in the nominated grade at the discretion of the Committee. New teams shall start the season at 0 points.
- 1.5. To register a new player during the season:
 - (a) The player must either be registered on 'MyNetball' or a form shall be submitted to ASNA prior to the player taking the court
 - (b) Player registration fees must be paid before they play their first game for their club.
 - (c) Their name and the grade they are to be nominated in shall be placed in the box marked 'NEW REGISTRATIONS' on the team's scorecard
 - (d) Failure to do so shall result in such player/s being considered unregistered and the team shall incur the penalty for breaches of registration.

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PENALTY FOR BREACHES OF REGISTRATION

The offending team shall be advised by the Committee that they shall:

- lose that match despite the recorded score and gain no points
- have no goals scored for that match
- lose two (2) competition points
- be fined an amount set by the Committee. (*see definition Fines*)
- such fine must be paid by the date notified. (*see definition Fines*)

2. CLEARANCES

- 2.1. Clearances are required for players registered in the 11 & Under, 13 & Under, 15 & Under, 17 & Under, and Senior Grades of the previous year's and/or current ASNA Winter Competition and wishing to transfer from one club to another
- 2.2. Clearance may be obtained either online via the MyNetball database or via a form signed by an appointed official of her/his previous club.
- 2.3. This form shall be lodged with the Registrar or Administrative Officer by email or by hand. Either paper forms or online approval via the MyNetball database can be used to obtain a clearance but must be approved and lodged with ASNA before the transferee plays her/his first game for her/his new club.

NOTE: Players wishing to apply for a clearance must allow at least one week for officials of her/his present club to check their records for outstanding fees or dues, before her/his clearance is granted.

- 2.4. If a player has commenced the season with a particular club no application for clearance shall be accepted after 1st June without approval from the Committee which is limited to exceptional circumstances. Such applications must be made in writing and decisions shall not override section 2.3. Players who have **not** commenced the season with a club may apply for a clearance at any time during the season.
- 2.5. Refusals for clearance can only be considered if the player is un-financial to her/his present club.
- 2.6. Any player refused a clearance has the right of appeal to the Committee.
- 2.7. Clearances are not necessary if a player has not played for two years in the ASNA Winter Competition, or if her/his club from the previous season is not represented in the current season.

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PENALTY FOR BREACHES OF CLEARANCES

The offending team shall be advised by the Committee that they shall:

- lose that match despite the recorded score and gain no points
- have no goals scored for that match
- lose two (2) competition points
- be fined an amount set by the Committee.
- such fine must be paid by the date notified. (*see definition Fines*)

3. TEAM GRADING

- 3.1. Clubs must nominate their teams for the season in appropriate grades.
- 3.2. The Executive/Match Committee may conduct pre-season matches and place teams in suitable grade for competition.
- (a) Clubs shall be notified of the grades in which their teams have been placed as soon as possible after the grading has been completed.
- (b) Teams wishing to protest grading must do so in writing within forty eight (48) hours of notification, to ASNA, by email, or fax 8952 1975
- (c) In the event of a team being regraded during a competition, that team shall be put into fourth position in their new grade.
- 3.3. The season shall comprise a Senior Competition and a Junior Competition.
- (a) Senior grades shall be 'A', 'A' Reserve, 'B', 'B2', 'C', 'C2', 'D', and 'E'.
- (b) Junior grades shall be 17&U, 15&U, 13&U and 11&U.
- 3.4. Players shall be nominated in a team in either the Senior Competition or the Junior Competition.
- 3.5. Players nominated in a team in the Senior Competition shall not play in the Junior Competition
- 3.6. In Junior grades, a player's age on 31st December of that playing year shall determine age group.

PENALTY FOR BREACHES OF TEAM GRADING

The offending player's team shall be advised by the Committee that they shall:

- lose that match despite the recorded score and gain no points
- have no goals scored for that match
- lose two (2) competition points
- be fined an amount set by the Committee, and
- such fine must be paid by the date notified. (*see definition Fines*)

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4. PLAYING REGULATIONS

4.1. All players shall be registered as per By Law 1 - Registration.

4.2. Junior Grades (17&U, 15&U, 13&U and 11&U)

(a) Players registered in 17&U shall not play in Senior teams graded lower than B2 grade.

(b) Clubs with two (2) or more teams in the same division of a Junior Grade shall be able to use up to two (2) players per game from Team 1 in Team 2 (and vice versa) for a total of two (2) matches each during the minor season only. A player who plays (3) three matches in their non-registered team shall be considered re-registered to that team, un-registered in the original team, and unable to participate in her original team's matches. Players cannot play across junior grades during the final series.

(c) Where a grade has two (2) divisions, players from Division I shall not be able to play in Division II, but player's from Division II shall be able to play in Division I for a total of two (2) matches each during the season (refer to Uniforms 7.5 (b)). The playing of three games in the higher division of the players registered grade shall cause that player to be considered re-registered to that higher division, un-registered in the lower division, and unable to participate in her original team's matches.

(d) Players registered in Junior grades shall be eligible, without penalty, to play any number of times for their own Club's teams in higher Junior or Senior grades during the minor rounds. Separate rules apply for 17&Us (refer 4.2 (a)) and for finals (refer 9.6).

(e) Boys turning twelve (12) in the calendar year of competition will be allowed to play in the 13&U competition. Such players must be registered with the association and cannot play outside the 13&U division.

(f) A Junior player who has played 6 games or more combined total in either A or A Reserve is ineligible to play in Junior finals or a grade lower than A Reserve unless they have played more than 6 games in that Junior or lower grade.

(g) 11&U Players are not permitted to play for any Senior Team.

4.3. 'A' and 'A' Reserve Grades

(a) At the beginning of the season, Clubs entering teams in these two grades shall be required to list their players as a squad. Each team within the squad shall be nominated with a minimum of 7 players (by-law 1.1).

(b) Until 1st June in each season, players within the same Club in these two grades shall be able to be selected to play in either or both grades on the same competition day or in either grade on different competition days.

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(c) In the case of a Club having more than one team in either of these grades, all players shall be considered to be members of that squad, but players that have played in one team in a grade cannot play for the other team in the same grade in any match during the current season.

(d) As of June 1st the squad shall be dissolved, and players shall be listed and registered as either 'A' or 'A' Reserve.

(e) Players listed in either of these grades shall be deemed to be available to play for the remainder of the season in their nominated team.

(f) As of June 1st, Playing Regulations as set out in By Law 4.4 shall apply.

(g) A forfeit by any 'A' Grade team from a club with teams in A Res or 17&U grades, shall incur, in addition to the loss of the match, the loss of two (2) competition points and a fine as set by the Committee, payable prior to their next match. Failure to pay the fine prior to their next match will incur a loss of two (2) points for every match played until the fine is paid.

(h) A forfeit by any 'A Reserve team scheduled to play an A Grade team shall incur, in addition to the loss of the match, the loss of two (2) competition points and a fine as set by the Committee, payable prior to their next match. Failure to pay the fine prior to their next match will incur a loss of two (2) points for every match played until the fine is paid.

4.4. These Playing Regulations shall apply to Senior Grades 'B', 'B2', 'C', 'D', 'E' from the beginning of the season, and to 'A' and 'A' Reserve as from 1st June. In the event of a breach of these by-laws, the player(s) in default shall be treated as an unregistered player(s) (refer Penalty for Breaches of Registration).

(a) Players registered in any Senior Grade shall not play in any team in a lower grade, unless permission has been granted by the Committee for the re-grading of that player.

(b) Where a Club has only one team in any one grade, a player registered in a lower Senior Grade shall be able to play two (2) games in any of her club's teams in a higher grade during the season.

(c) Where a Club has two or more teams in the one grade, a player registered in a lower Senior Grade shall be able to play once for Team I, and once for Team II, or twice for either Team I or Team II.

(d) The playing of three (3) games in a higher grade shall cause that player to be considered re-registered to that higher grade and in the team in which the player played their third (3) game, un-registered in the lower grade, and unable to participate in her original team's matches.

(e) Clubs with two or more teams in the same Senior Grade shall not interchange players at any time.

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4.5. Exemptions for players in NNT, the NTIS, NNT Indigenous Carnival and School Sports Council Squads/Representative Teams.

(a) Players selected for NNT, NTIS, NNT Indigenous Carnival and/or School Sports Council Representative Teams, and who belong to a Club without 'A' or 'A' Reserve Grade teams shall be able to apply in writing to the Committee for permission to play for one other Club in any of these higher grades, until completion of their respective Australian Championships.

(b) An A grade team may apply for one (1) re-schedule per season of any match if they meet the following criteria:

- If the team has three (3) or more players committed to NNT, NTIS, NNT Indigenous Carnival and/or School Sports Council Representative Team selections/trainings or matches on ASNA competition day.
- If the club that is applying for the reschedule has no more than one (1) A Reserve team registered in the A Reserve competition.
- There must be 5 or more teams registered in the current A grade competition.
- The team has not been granted a re-schedule during the current season.
- The team has applied for the re-schedule at least 2 weeks prior to the date of the match requested to be rescheduled.

(c) Such re-scheduling shall be done in consultation with both/all affected teams, and in consideration of availability of umpires etc., and importance of team positions in the competition.

4.6. Team Withdrawal.

(a) Clubs that withdraw a team from the current competition must notify ASNA in writing and may incur a fine set by the Committee.

(b) Players in teams that have been withdrawn from the competition may apply in writing for approval, from the Committee to be transferred to an already existing team in the same club. This will be at the discretion of the Committee. Players may also apply for a clearance to another club. (See 2. Clearances)

4.7. In the event that no penalty is stated and there is a breach of Article 4. Playing Regulations, the player(s) in default shall be treated as an unregistered player(s) (Refer Penalty for Breaches of Registration)

5. COMMENCEMENT OF COMPETITION MATCHES

5.1. Play must commence at the scheduled time, unless:

(a) an umpire or team member has been delayed because of a previous umpiring, playing, coaching or other duty.

(b) an umpire arrives late.

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6. FORFEITS

- 6.1. A forfeit shall be claimed if the opposition cannot field the minimum team of five (5) players when the starting signal is given.
A forfeit win - two (2) points
A forfeit loss - nil (0) points
- 6.2. Players of the team claiming the forfeit, whose names appear on the score sheet, shall be deemed to have played the match.
- 6.3. Goals shall be recorded for a forfeit win:
20 goals to winning team and nil goals to losing team. In the event of a match being forfeited after commencement, the score at the time of the forfeit or 20 goals to nil, whichever is the greater margin, will be recorded to the non-forfeiting team.
- 6.4. A team that forfeits a match with less than 48 hours' notice may be subject to a fine as set by ASNA.

7. UNIFORMS

ASNA's uniform policies are centred on the spirit of inclusion and aim to promote the sport of netball to players of all beliefs, religion, appearance and ability. Uniforms can be bodysuits, netball dresses, shorts and t-shirts or similar.

- 7.1. Clubs, upon affiliating with the Association, shall notify the Committee of the colours and uniforms to be worn by their team/teams. In the case of a multi-coloured material being used, the first two colours nominated shall be predominant in the uniform.
- 7.2. Details of all proposed new uniforms and colours shall be forwarded to the Committee for approval.
- 7.3. If a delay occurs in the delivery of new uniforms, Clubs can apply to the Committee for an extension of time before all the teams are outfitted
- 7.4. Clubs shall be able to register different styles of uniform for various teams/grades, but the registered colours shall be predominant in each style.
- 7.5. With the exception of Registered Junior Players playing in higher Grades, all players in a team must wear the same colour and style of uniform.
- 7.6. Uniforms must not be covered by any garment other than a position bib while on the court.
- 7.7. Players may not wear anything that could endanger themselves or other players, specifically:
(a) All uniforms, including garments worn underneath the uniform must be above the knee and must be either black or in keeping with registered colours
(b) Uniforms must contain no pockets or metal fasteners

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- (c) No adornment or jewellery may be worn other than a wedding ring which must be covered with tape
- (d) A medical alert bracelet may be worn provided it is covered with tape
- (e) Fingernails must be short and smooth
- (f) Hair must be suitably tied back.
- (g) Suitable sports footwear must be worn (spiked soles, sandals or thongs are not allowed)
- (h) Prescription glasses, sunglasses, sun visors, and soft peak hats are permitted at the players own risk.

7.8. Modifications to the uniform outside of these bylaws must receive written approved from the Committee prior to playing.

7.9. Colours will remain registered to each club for a period of two playing seasons after their withdrawal from the competition and will not be approved by the Committee for any other club during that period.

8. SCORING / SCORE CARDS

8.1. After the match, captains shall ensure that names of all players who took part in the match, including late arrivals and replacements for injury, have been included on the team list. Names of late arrivals may be added to the scorecard after the commencement of the match. Refer 1.5.(c)

8.2. Only scores recorded on the official score card shall be accepted by the Registrar.

8.3. Teams failing to supply a score card, or to sign the score sheet after the match, must accept without challenge, the score card as completed by the opposing team.

8.4. Points: Competition points are awarded as follows:

WIN – 2 points DRAW – 1 point LOSS – 0 points FORFEIT WIN – 2 points

8.5. Captains are responsible for ensuring that the scores are correct. If there is a discrepancy in the score, and cannot be resolved by the Registrar, then the lowest score for each team shall be considered correct. If a score discrepancy results in two different winners and it cannot be resolved by the registrar then the game is declared a draw.

9. FINALS

9.1. To be eligible to play in the Finals Round, a player must have played at least three (3) weeks of competition matches with that club.

9.2. At the end of the Minor Round in each grade, up to four teams that have gained the most competition points shall compete in the Major (finals) Round.

9.3. The team with the highest total of points in each grade shall be known as the Minor Premier.

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- 9.4. In the event of two or more teams in a grade gaining the same number of premiership points, their position shall be determined on a percentage of the goals that they scored throughout the Minor Round, by:
- (a) adding the total of their goals
 - (b) adding the total of goals scored against them by all teams,
 - (c) multiplying (a) by 100, divide by (b).

9.5. Method of Play for Finals

1) For 4 Teams

- (a) Semi -Finals (i) First versus Second

- (ii) Third versus Fourth

- (b) Preliminary Final - Loser Semi Final 1 v 2 versus Winner Semi Final 3 v 4

- (c) Grand Final - Winner match Semi Final 1 v 2 versus Winner Preliminary Final

2) For 3 Teams

- (d) Semi -Finals (i) First versus Second

- (ii) Third bye

- (e) Preliminary Final - Loser Semi Final 1 v 2 versus 3

- (f) Grand Final - Winner match Semi Final 1 v 2 versus Winner Preliminary Final

- 9.6 Players registered in junior grades may participate in Senior finals; restrictions apply to the following grades. A violation of the rule 9.6 will result in a the offending team recording a loss of the match

***A combined total of 3 juniors allowed on court at any one time**

E Grade* 13 & Under players: unlimited

15 & Under players: None

17 & Under players: None

D Grade* 13 & Under players: unlimited

15 & Under players: 1 player on court at any one time.

17 & Under players: None

C2 Grade* 13 & under players: unlimited

15 & Under players: 2 players on court at any one time

17 & Under players: None

C Grade* 13 & under players: unlimited

15 & Under players: 2 players on court at any one time

17 & Under players: None

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B2 Grade* 13 & under players: unlimited
 15 & Under players: 3 players on court at any one time
 17 & Under players: 2 players on court at any one time

***A combined total of 3 juniors allowed on court at any one time**

10. PROTESTS, COMPLAINTS, REPORTS

- 10.1. Any protest, complaint or report must be made in writing to the Association Registrar or Manager/Admin Officer (by the close of business (5pm) on the following day after match) in which the alleged offence occurred. Fax 8952 1975 or via email at netball@alicespringsnetball.com.au).
- 10.2. The Committee shall set up a Complaints Board to deal with any protest, complaint or report, if necessary, and the persons concerned in the occurrence shall have the right to attend the meeting of this Committee, for the purpose of stating their case. Any correspondence or information relating to the protest, complaint or report shall remain confidential.
- 10.3. In the event of any protest, complaint or report being found by the Complaint Board to be justified, the following penalties may be imposed:
- (a) order a match to be replayed
 - (b) award the match to the non-offending team
 - (c) recommend to the Committee that any Club, team, player, umpire, coach, member or spectator be reprimanded, suspended or disqualified.

11. TEAM/CLUB DUTIES

- 11.1. Umpiring duty:
- (a) All teams shall supply duty umpires as rostered.
 - (b) Umpires must be fully qualified with evidence of having current Foundation Umpire Education Course and Rules of Netball Theory Exam certificates.
 - (c) Any team failing to carry out their allocated umpiring duty, shall lose two (2) competition points, and shall be fined an amount as set by the Committee.
 - (d) Any team who supplies an umpire without the required qualifications shall be fined an amount as set by the Committee. Should this occur more than twice in a season by any one team that team shall then be subject to by-law 11.1 (c) for all further violations.
- 11.2. Delegates meetings:
- (a) Delegates' meetings shall be held as listed in the ASNA Calendar.

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- (b) All Clubs with teams covered by these By-Laws shall have one delegate in attendance.
- (c) Any Club failing to attend a Delegates' meeting shall have two (2) competition points deducted from each of its teams, and be fined an amount as set by the Committee.

12. Special Circumstances / Provision Clause

- (a) Where these By-Laws are silent, the Committee will have full authority to make any decision that ensures the integrity of the Alice Springs Netball Association is maintained at all times. The Committee may in using its reasonable discretion and, in exceptional or extenuating circumstances, alter, vary or waive the requirements set out in the By-Laws relating to the Alice Springs Netball Association.