**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).

**Netball Connect:** 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 ‘Netball Connect’

system. Players must be registered in their age group but may nominate in team of

a higher age group (see nomination).

1. **REGISTRATION**

No team shall be nominated with less than seven (7) players and must remain with 7 registered players through the season.

* 1. Club Affiliation and Team 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.
	2. Player registrations and payment shall be completed online via the Netball Connect Platform. Please note payment of registration will occur at time of registration for each player.
	3. Association and Netball NT registration fee components will be directly debited at time of registration of each player.
	4. Clubs may be able to negotiate instalment payments for players with the Association. The first instalment will be received at the time of registration and will cover Netball NT fee component.
	5. 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.
	6. To register a new player during the season:
	7. The player must be registered on the Netball Connect Platform
	8. The player’s name must be added to the team list prior to the game they are participating in via the Netball Connect App.
	9. Failure to do so shall result in such player/s being considered unregistered and the team shall incur the penalty for breaches of registration**.**

**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*).
1. **CLEARANCES**
	1. Clearances are required for players registered in the 11 & Under, 13 & Under, 15 & Under, 17 & Under, and Senior Divisions of the previous year’s and/or current ASNA Winter Competition and wishing to transfer from one club to another.
	2. Clearance must be obtained online via the Netball Connect Platform.
	3. Clearance requests must be approved and lodged with ASNA before the transferee plays her/his first game for her/his new club.

NB: 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.

* 1. 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. Refusals for clearance can only be considered if the player is un-financial to her/his present club.
	3. Any player refused a clearance has the right of appeal to the Committee.
	4. 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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* 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).
1. **TEAM GRADING**
	1. Clubs must nominate their teams for the season in appropriate grades by the due date online via Netball Connect platform.
	2. From the commencement of the season until the completion of Round Nine (9) the following shall apply:
2. Clubs will nominate Junior teams into the following Age Divisions:
* 11 & Under,
* 13 & Under,
* 15 & Under, and
* 17 & Under.
1. Clubs will nominate Senior teams into the following Divisions:
* Division 1,
* Division 2,
* Division 3, and
* Division 4.
1. **SENIOR GRADING**
	1. For the first Five (5) weeks of the Senior Competition the following will apply:
* Teams nominated in Division 1 and Division 2 will play in a combined competition called Competition A
* Teams nominated in Division 3 and Division 4 will play in a combined competition called Competition B.
	1. Each club with teams involved in Competition A are required to nominate a minimum of (2) teams in Division 1 or 2 (Competition A) at the start of the season. If a club is unable to nominate two teams in competition A, they will only be eligible to nominate teams in Division 3 and Division 4 (Competition B).
	2. Following the completion of Round Five (5) a grading process will occur. A Grading Committee will review each competition by examining the points tables with win/loss ratios and percentages considered. The Grading committee will be comprised of the following members:
1. One (1) member of each club, nominated by their club at the commencement of the season. Please note that if this representative is unable to attend the club can send one proxy representative to the meeting.
2. One (1) member of the ASNA Committee
3. If a decision is tied the ASNA Committee member will have the deciding vote,
4. If a club representative does not attend the Grading Meeting their vote will automatically take on that of the ASNA member.
	1. Following the completion of Round Five (5) Senior Teams will be graded into Divisions 1,2, 3 and 4 playing the remaining thirteen (13) rounds in these Divisions and competing for Division Championships.
	2. The following outcomes may occur at the discretion of the Grading Committee at the completion of Week 5:
5. Teams playing in Competition A will be divided into Division 1 or Division 2,
6. Teams playing in Competition B will be divided into Division 3 or Division 4
7. If a Senior team is considered not to be suited to the nominated Competition by the Grading Committee they may be moved up or down a Division i.e. a team moved from Competition A to Division 3 or a team moved from Competition B to Division 2
8. Clubs shall be notified of the teams that will be re-graded in each Division following the decision of the Grading Committee. A weeks break will be provided between Rounds 9 and 10 to allow for finalisation of Grading.
9. In the event of a team being regraded to a higher Division then the competition they originally nominated in (i.e From Competition B to Division 2) their competition points will be transferred to their re-graded Division.
10. If a team is regraded to a lower division than originally nominated in (i.e. From Competition A to Division 3), that team will start with an average point score and an average “goals for” and “goals against” adjustment on the ladder, equal to the division they have been re-graded to. The average calculation method is to take the average of the scores from the teams left in the grade after any re-graded team/s is taken out and before any newly graded team/s is included.
	1. ASNA Committee retains the right to request the Grading Committee review grading allocations at any point of the season prior to or following Round Five (5) and apply decisions as set out in section 2.5.
	2. Playing Regulations as set out in Section 6 shall apply to all Senior Divisions from the commencement of the ASNA Winter Netball Season.
	3. To assess its suitability and applicability forthe future development of Alice Springs Netball, this Grading Policy will be reviewed annually at the conclusion of each season.
11. **JUNIOR GRADING**
	1. At the commencement of the Junior Competition teams will play in the relevant age divisions (11 & Under, 13 & Under, 15 & Under, 17 & Under).
	2. At the completion of Round Five (5) the Grading Committee will review the need for Grading in each Junior Division
	3. If it is deemed necessary in a Junior Age Group for grading to occur teams may be divided into Division 1 and Division 2 based off examination of the points tables with win/loss ratios and percentages considered.
	4. ASNA Committee retains the right to request the Grading Committee review grading allocations at any point of the season prior to or following Round Five (5) and apply decisions as set out in section 3.3.
12. **PENALTIES FOR BREACHES OF TEAM GRADING**
	1. When a club is advised of a team being regraded, that team will be scheduled to play in the relevant new division. A club that fails to comply with a competition grading decision made by the Association may be penalised in any of the following ways:
13. The team that fails to comply with the grading decision may have two (2) competition points deducted.
14. Subsequent non-compliance may result in two (2) competition points being deducted from all teams within that club
15. Continued failure to comply may result in two (2) competition points being deducted from all teams within that club for every round, until such time that the club has complied with the grading decision.
16. May be fined an amount set by the ASNA Committee

1. **PLAYING REGULATIONS – JUNIOR AGE GROUPS (17&U, 15&U, 13&U and 11&U)**
	1. Players registered in 17&U shall not play in Senior teams graded lower than Division 3. If a player registered in 17&U plays for a team in Competition B during the grading period that team will only be considered to play in Division 3 following grading taking place.
	2. 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) 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/his original team’s matches. Players cannot play across junior grades during the final’s series.
	3. Where a grade has two (2) divisions, players from Division I shall not be able to play in Division II, but players from Division II shall be able to play in Division I for a total of two (2) matches each during the season. 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/his original team’s matches.
	4. 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. This is to be in accordance with the club’s player welfare policy which is to be submitted prior to commencement of the season. Separate rules apply for 17&Us and for final.
	5. 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.
	6. A Junior player who has played 6 games or more combined total in Division 1 is ineligible to play in Junior finals or a grade lower than Division 1 unless they have played more than 6 games in that Junior or lower grade.
	7. 11&U Players are not permitted to play for any Senior Team.
2. **PLAYING REGULATIONS – SENIOR DIVISIONS**
	1. These Playing Regulations shall apply to all Senior Divisions. 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).
	2. All players must be nominated to a team prior to the commencement of the season or that individual’s first game.
	3. Players registered in a team in Competition A shall not play in any team in Competition B unless permission has been granted by ASNA Committee for the re-grading of that player.
	4. Until the completion of Round Five (5) players are permitted to play in any of their club’s teams without restriction within the same competition. Player’s registered in a Competition B team are also permitted to play without restriction in any of their club’s Competition A teams.
	5. Following the completion of Round Five (5) if a player has played more games for a team other than their nominated team, they will be re-registered to this team for the remainder of the season.
	6. Following the completion of Round Five (5), The playing of three (3) games in a higher Division shall cause that player to be considered re-registered to that higher Divisionand in the team in which the player played their third (3) game, un-registered in the lower Division, and unable to participate in their original team’s matches.
	7. Exemptions for players in NNT, the NTIS, NNT Indigenous Carnival and School Sports Council Squads/Representative Teams.
3. Players selected for NNT, NTIS, NNT Indigenous Carnival and/or School Sports Council Representative Teams, and who belong to a Club without a Division 1 team shall be able to apply in writing to the Committee for permission to play for one other Club in the Division 1 Competition, until completion of their respective Australian Championships.
4. A Division 1 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) Division 2 team
* 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.
1. 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.
	1. Team Withdrawal
2. Clubs that withdraw a team from the current competition must notify ASNA in writing and may incur a fine set by the Committee.
3. 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)
	1. In the event that no penalty is stated and there is a breach of Article 8. Playing Regulations, the player(s) in default shall be treated as an unregistered player(s) (Refer Penalty for Breaches of Registration)
4. **COMMENCEMENT OF COMPETITION MATCHES**
	1. Play must commence at the scheduled time, unless:
5. an umpire or team member has been delayed because of a previous umpiring, playing, coaching or other duty.
6. an umpire arrives late.
7. **FORFEITS**
	1. A forfeit shall be claimed if the opposition cannot field the minimum team of five (5) players when the starting signal is given.
8. A forfeit win - two (2) points
9. A forfeit loss - nil (0) points
	1. Players of the team claiming the forfeit, whose names appear on the team list, shall be deemed to have played the match.
	2. 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.
	3. A team that forfeits a match with less than 48 hours’ notice may be subject to a fine as set by ASNA.
	4. A forfeit by any Division 1 team from a club with teams in Division 2 or 17&U Divisions, 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.
10. **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.

* 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.
	2. Details of all proposed new uniforms and colours shall be forwarded to the Committee for approval.
	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.
	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 (See ASNA Uniform Policy)
	5. With the exception of Registered Junior Players playing in higher Grades, all players in a team must wear the same colour and design of uniform.
	6. Garment types (e.g., shorts and tank tops as well as dresses) can be mixed and matched between a team as long as design and colour are consistent and approved by the ASNA Committee.
	7. Uniforms must not be covered by any garment other than a position bib while on the court.
	8. Players may not wear anything that could endanger themselves or other players, specifically:
1. All uniforms, including garments worn underneath the uniform must be either black or in keeping with registered colours.
2. Uniforms must contain no pockets or metal fastener.
3. No adornment or jewellery may be worn other than a wedding ring which must be covered with tape.
4. A medical alert bracelet may be worn provided it is covered with tape.
5. Fingernails must be short and smooth.
6. Hair must be suitably tied back.
7. Suitable sports footwear must be worn (spiked soles, sandals or thongs are not allowed).
8. Prescription glasses, sunglasses, sun visors, and soft peak hats are permitted at the player’s own risk.
	1. Modifications to the uniform outside of these bylaws must receive written approval from the Committee prior to playing.
	2. 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.
9. **SCORING**
	1. Match Scoring, team lists and timing will be completed electronically via the Netball Connect App.
	2. Each team is responsible for supplying a responsible manager / scorer / timekeeper for their match and these people must sit together at the scoring table.
	3. The responsibility of scoring the match will be assigned to the team designated as the “home team”. The “away team” scorer can follow the score through the live scoring aspect of Netball Connect.
	4. After the match, captains and assigned scorers 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 electronic team list.

* 1. Captains are responsible for ensuring that the scores are correct. If there is a disagreement in the score, the matter should be presented to the ASNA General Manager or Registrar. If the matter 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.
	2. Points: Competition points are awarded as follows:
* WIN – 2 points
* DRAW – 1 point
* LOSS – 0 points
* FORFEIT WIN – 2 points
1. **FINALS**
	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.
	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.
	3. The team with the highest total of points in each grade shall be known as the Minor Premier.
	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:
2. adding the total of their goals
3. adding the total of goals scored against them by all teams,
4. multiplying (a) by 100, divide by (b).
	1. Method of Play for Finals
* For 4 Teams
1. Semi-Finals
* First versus Second
* Third versus Fourth
1. Preliminary Final
* Loser Semi Final 1 v 2 versus Winner Semi Final 3 v 4
1. Grand Final
* Winner match Semi Final 1 v 2 versus Winner Preliminary Final
* For 3 Teams
	+ 1. Semi-Finals
* First versus Second
* Third bye
	+ 1. Preliminary Final
* Loser Semi Final 1 v 2 versus 3
	+ 1. Grand Final
* Winner match Semi Final 1 v 2 versus Winner Preliminary Final
	1. Players registered in junior age groups may participate in Senior finals; restrictions apply to the following divisions. A violation of the rule 10.6 will result in the offending team recording a loss of the match.

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| Division 4\* | 13 & under players: unlimited |
|  | 15 | & Under players: 2 players on court at any one time |
|  | 17 | & Under players: None |

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| Division 3\* | 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 |

NB: a combined total of 3 juniors allowed on court at any one time.

1. **COMPLAINTS, REPORTS AND APPEALS**
	1. Any complaint or report, as defined in the ASNA Complaints, Reports and Appeals Policy, must be made in writing to the ASNA Manager by 5pm on the following day after match in which the alleged offence occurred. via email at netball@alicespringsnetball.com.au).
	2. The person/s against whom the complaint or report has been made will be advised and in the interests of natural justice will be provided with the details of the complaint or report. Depending on the nature of the complaint/report will determine if the respondent is dealt with directly or through their club representatives.
	3. The ASNA Manager will convene a Match Committee to deal with any complaint or report, if necessary, and the persons concerned in the occurrence shall have the right to provide information, for the purpose of stating their case via the respondent form. Any correspondence or information submitted to the Match Committee will be considered in relation to the complaint or report and shall remain confidential.
	4. In the event of any complaint or report being substantiated, the following penalties may apply:
2. A Penalty as guided by Table 1 in the ASNA Complaints, Reports and Appeals Policy
3. order a match to be replayed
4. award the match to the non-offending team.
5. penalise a team competition points
6. recommend to the Association Board that any club, team, player, umpire, coach, member, or spectator be reprimanded, suspended or disqualified.
	1. The Club, Team, or person to whom a penalty has been applied has the right to appeal the decision of the Match Committee, through lodging a notice of appeal, within 7 days of the penalty being applied.
	2. The appellant must demonstrate a reconsideration of the decision is required based on one or more of the conditions for appeal set out in the ASNA Complaints, Report and Appeals Policy as required. A fee of an amount set by the Committee from time to time, and detailed in the ASNA Complaints, Reports and Appeals Policy, may apply.
	3. The ASNA Manager will appoint an Appeals committee as required consisting of no less than three members, and no more than one Board member
	4. No Appeals Committee member hearing an appeal shall have been involved in the original Match Committee decision.
	5. An Appeal’s Committee meeting will be convened to assess the grounds for any appeal within 7 days of ASNA receiving a notice of appeal.
	6. An Appeals Hearing will be held at a time and date determined by Appeals committee. The Appeals Committee will not be compelled to expedite an appeal hearing.
	7. Any penalty applied by the Match Committee prevails and must be served until the Appeals Committee has considered an appeal in full and decide.
7. **TEAM/CLUB DUTIES**
	1. Umpiring duty:
8. All teams shall supply duty umpires as rostered.
9. Umpires must be fully qualified with evidence of having current Foundation Umpire Education Course and Rules of Netball Theory Exam certificates.
10. Any team failing to carry out their allocated umpiring duty, shall be fined an amount as set by the Committee and lose (2) competition points
11. 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 12.1 (c) for all further violations.
	1. Delegates’ meetings:
		* + 1. Delegates’ meetings shall be held as listed in the ASNA Calendar.
				2. All Clubs with teams covered by these By-Laws shall have one delegate in attendance.
				3. 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**
	1. 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.