



## **Netball SA City Night Division – Conditions of Play**

### **1. Rules of Netball**

The Netball SA (NSA) City Night Division (CND) will be conducted with reference to the World Netball Rules of Netball (2024 edition), unless where modified in these Conditions of Play or associated documents.

### **2. CND Terms**

#### **2.1. Each team affiliated to CND shall:**

- a) Be bound by the constitution, policies and regulations of NSA.
- b) Be bound by these Conditions of Play.
- c) Be liable for such fees as set out by NSA.
- d) Ensure that all volunteers, officials (including umpires) and paid administrators hold a valid Working With Children Check.

#### **2.2. Clubs will be invited to join the CND season via PlayHQ. Any clubs or teams who don't receive an invitation to CND and who wish to play can contact the NSA Competitions Administration Officer via [competitions@netballsa.asn.au](mailto:competitions@netballsa.asn.au) by August 31. Late applications may or may not be accepted at the discretion of NSA.**

#### **2.3. If a team withdraws:**

- a) Within 21 calendar days prior to the scheduled first match of the season, a \$100.00 fine will be payable by the club on receipt of an invoice from NSA; or
- b) After the scheduled first match of the season, a \$500.00 fee will be payable by the club on receipt of an invoice from NSA.

#### **2.4. If a club does not pay any fees payable to NSA by the advised due dates, NSA may direct that no premiership points be allocated to the unfinancial club while fees remain unpaid, unless an extension has been granted. Premiership points will not be reinstated once the fees have been paid, unless otherwise approved by NSA Management.**

### **3. Health, Safety and Wellbeing**

#### **3.1. Concussion Protocols**

Club management officials shall ensure familiarity with Netball Australia Guidelines for the Management of Sports Related Concussion in Netball, NA Pathways, Youth and Community Netball, 5<sup>th</sup> April 2024 and ensure this is communicated to all players, coaches, umpires, team managers and primary carers.

**Note:** Complete document available [here](#).

The purpose of these Guidelines is to:

- a) Provide Healthcare Practitioners (HCP), coaches, managers, primary carers, umpires, bench or other officials, teachers, players and parents/guardians with best practice guidance for the recognition and management of Sports Related Concussions (SRC).
- b) To safeguard and protect the short- and long-term health and safety of netball players from the potential risks of SRC and repeat head impacts.

It is important to recognise that umpires and coaches, while participating in netball activities, may also sustain a concussion, and that, while these Guidelines apply to athletes, they are not intended to be limited in scope, and an umpire or coach should also follow these Guidelines in this event.

### 3.2. Graded Return to Play Framework

- a) The management, coaches, umpires, team managers, primary carers, players and parents/carers shall be familiar with and abide by the Graded Return to Play Framework for return to play/participation following concussion.

**Note:** Section D, Scope, Clause 4 of the above document

- b) The player's club shall provide a clearance for resumption to play signed by a medical practitioner indicating the player's fitness to resume play, prior to the player taking part in further netball activities.

### 3.3. Hazards and Risks

- a) Hazard or risk shall include, but not limited to severe weather conditions, facility issues, threatening behavioral issues or security issues.
- b) In the event of identification of a hazard or risk shall have the right to terminate / cancel / reschedule / abandon matches to negate any potential threat to the wellbeing of participants.

## 4. Competition Structure Matches

### 4.1. Sub Primary, Primary, Sub Junior matches will run over four (4) ten (10) minute quarters

Quarter and half-time breaks are three (3) minutes.

### 4.2. Junior matches will run over four (4) twelve (12) minute quarters.

Quarter and half-time breaks are three (3) minutes.

4.3. Intermediate and Senior matches will run over four (4) fifteen (15) minute quarters.

Quarter time breaks are three (3) minutes and half-time breaks are five (5) minutes.

4.4. Tactical Substitutions may be used for all Divisions except the Sub Primary Divisions as per the following:

- a) During a match, both teams have the right to make substitutions and / or team changes:
  - i) During an interval; or:
  - ii) When play is stopped for injury / illness of a player, or blood.
- b) Both teams may make tactical changes immediately after a goal has been scored following a request from an on-court player to hold time for this purpose, ensuring that:
  - i) The umpire is clear the request is for a tactical change and not for injury / illness of a player or blood;
  - ii) Any on-court players leave the court or change playing positions without delay,
  - iii) Any substitutes take up their position on court without delay;
  - iv) All team officials including primary care persons remain at the team bench; and
  - v) The umpire is able to restart play quickly so the momentum of the match is not affected.
- c) If undue time is taken by either team to complete substitutions and / or team changes, the infringing team will be penalised for delaying play. For a tactical change, this will be immediately following the whistle for the next centre pass.
- d) The number of substitutions and / or team changes is unlimited during a match provided the players used are those named for the match. However, if the number of requests for tactical changes becomes frivolous the umpires may refuse the request and / or penalise the infringing team for delaying play.

4.5. Sub Primary, Primary, Sub Junior & Junior matches will be held on Saturday mornings. Intermediate and Senior matches will be held on Sunday nights, unless otherwise scheduled by NSA.

4.6. All matches will be played at Park 22 (SAUCNA Courts, Corner Anzac Highway & Goodwood Road), unless otherwise scheduled by NSA.

4.7. The commencement of matches will be centrally timed from the Duty Room. The home team (white scorecard) will time the quarters, and the away team (green scorecard) will time the breaks.

4.8. Teams must provide a scorer and a timekeeper. Scorers and timekeepers shall stand together opposite the centre circle.

a) Match officials must be over 14 years of age.

4.9. The scorer of each team shall be responsible for the following in respect of their team:

a) Ensuring any Single Game Registration Forms are attached to the scoresheet with fill-in players' names and surnames recorded on the scoresheet.

b) Ensure any players playing under a Single Game Voucher have completed the online form prior to the match starting. Single Game Voucher players must have names and surnames recorded on the scoresheet.

c) Ticking player names if they participated in the match.

d) Ensuring the scorecard has been signed by the captains.

e) Printing the first name and surname of the umpires on the scorecard.

f) Returning the scorecard to the duty office after the match.

g) The white scorecard is the official scorecard for the match to be completed by the home team and the green scorecard is the check scorecard to be completed by the away team.

h) The scorecards will be used as the only evidence to determine whether a player has or has not played a match and to determine finals eligibility.

4.10. The following conditions apply to the match timekeeping:

a) A timer must be supplied by each team which accurately records seconds and minutes.

b) The use of household timers or mobile phones by an official timekeeper of a match is not permitted.

c) The first team named (home team) shall:

i) Supply a timer and is the official match timekeeper to time match durations as specified in clauses 4.1, 4.2 & 4.3; and

ii) Hold time and recommence time as directed by the umpire for tactical changes, tactical substitutions and injury time

d) The second team named (away team) shall supply an official timekeeper to time stoppages for quarter and half-time breaks.

4.11. In the minor round matches, points will be allocated according to the table below;

Win	Two (2) points
Draw	One (1) point
Loss	Zero (0) points

Bye	Two (2) points
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- 4.12. The home team (team listed first on the scoresheet) will be responsible for applying goal padding prior to the first match:
- 8:00am Match (Saturday)
  - 7:00pm Match (Sunday)
- 4.13. The home team (team listed first on the scoresheet) will be responsible for removing goal padding at the completion of the final match:
- 11:00am Match (Saturday)
  - 8:30pm Match (Sunday)
- 4.14. Failure to comply with clauses 4.12 & 4.13 will result in the following;
- First instance: Written warning
  - Any further instances: \$100 fine per goal padding

## 5. Grading and Regrading

- 5.1. Teams from one club may be placed in the same grade.
- 5.2. Regrading may occur.
- All grades except Sub Primary 2, shall play on standard height goal posts (not modified). Please see below for Sub Primary rules:

### • Division 1:

- Older and more experienced age group (predominately 8 to 9 year olds).
- Normal rules with the following exception:
  - The coach may move along the sideline (but may not interfere with the umpire) to provide players with immediate feedback as required.
- Match duration: 4 x 10 minute quarters.
- Ball size: Size 5.
- Goal post: 3.05m high.

### • Division 2:

- Younger and more inexperienced age group (predominately 7 to 8 year olds).
- Normal rules with the following exceptions:
  - Players should be given guidance by the umpire (in the first instance) if they break, hold the ball or step, rather than being penalised for the infringement.
  - The coach may move along the sideline (but may not interfere with the umpire) to provide players with immediate feedback as required.
- Match duration: 4 x 10 minute quarters.
- Ball size: Size 4.
- Goal post: 2.4m high.

- Umpires should take a common sense approach to umpiring these divisions whereby learning and development is the focus.

## 6. Forfeits and Cancellations

- 6.1. A who is forfeiting must advise the Competitions Administration Officer via email, [competitions@netballsa.asn.au](mailto:competitions@netballsa.asn.au) and the opposition team by:
- a) **Juniors:** prior to 12 noon Friday
  - b) **Seniors:** prior to 5:00pm Saturday
- 6.2. If a team fails to advise the Competitions Administration Officer and the opposing team by the advised time above, a non-compliance fee of \$50.00 will be issued.
- 6.3. The forfeiting team will incur a 0 – 20 loss.
- 6.4. If the opposing team wishes to register the game as played, a scoresheet must be submitted to the duty room on the day of the forfeited match.
- 6.5. No forfeits are permitted in the following divisions: A1, A2, Inter 1 and Junior.  
Non-Compliance: \$500.00 fee payable to NSA
- 6.6. CND have an extreme weather (including hot weather and thunderstorms) policy in place to ensure the safety of players.
- a) In extreme circumstances matches may be abandoned during play at the discretion of the Competitions Administration Officer and Umpire Supervisor. The following conditions will apply:

When Match is Cancelled	Score	Player Qualification	Points Allocated
Prior to match commencing	0 – 0	No	Draw (1)
Before or at half time	0 – 0	Yes	Draw (1)
From half time	Score at stoppage of match	Yes	Win (2) Loss (0)

- 6.7. If a match does not go ahead as scheduled due to extreme weather, or any other reason as communicated by NSA, NSA may reschedule matches if practicable.

## **7. Finals**

- 7.1. Finals Structure:
- a) Teams placed 1 – 4 on the ladder (determined by points and percentage) will play in the finals series at the end of the minor round.
  - b) Semi Final will be between 1 v 4 and 2 v 3, the winners of these matches will then play in the Grand Final.
- 7.2. In the event of a draw in finals, the following applies:
- a) After an interval of two (2) minutes teams will change ends and play extra time.
  - b) Extra time is deemed to be:

- i) Two halves of 5 minutes with an interval of 1 minute at half time for Primary and Sub Junior; or
    - ii) Two halves of 7 minutes with an interval of 1 minute at half time for Junior, Intermediate and Seniors.
  - c) Teams must change ends at half time or extra time;
  - d) Players may interchange positions at the conclusion of the match and at half time of extra time; and
  - e) If the result is still a draw at the end of extra time, play shall continue until one team has a 2-goal advantage.
- 7.3. In the event matches are cancelled during finals, NSA will endeavour to reschedule these matches within a timely manner.
- a) In the event where finals matches cannot be rescheduled, results will be taken as per the final places of the minor round ladder.

## **8. Umpires**

- 8.1. NSA will appoint an Umpire Supervisor to be on duty during match play.
- a) All umpires will umpire their own teams, except in finals where the CND Umpire Supervisor and NSA will allocate umpires.
  - b) Clubs participating in finals are expected to submit umpire names six (6) weeks prior to finals commencing. NSA must approve umpire suitability for specific grades.
  - c) If clubs do not submit suitable umpires for the number of finals matches the club is playing in, games may be forfeited.
  - d) No umpire testings are to occur on games occurring in the final 2 rounds of the minor season, or any finals matches.

## **9. Player Eligibility**

- 9.1. All players must be registered playing members of Netball SA through PlayHQ.
- a) Fill-in players who are not registered playing members of Netball SA must play under a Netball SA Single Game Voucher, which must be completed on PlayHQ by the end of the playing day.
    - i) Single Game Vouchers are priced at \$10, invoiced to clubs at the midpoint and end of season.
    - ii) Failure to complete the online registration will result in the Single Game Voucher being charged at \$25 per voucher.
- 9.2. Where an ineligible player takes the court in any grade in breach of this clause 9.1:
- a) In the minor rounds, the offending team will lose 2 premiership points. The

nonoffending team will retain all goals scored and the offending team will be reduced to nil goals.

- b) In the finals series, the offending team will forfeit the match and the non- offending team will be deemed the winner.

9.3. CND consists of various age groups with relevant grades.

- a) Seniors are players turning eighteen (18) years or older as of 31 December in the year the competition commences.
- b) Intermediates are players turning seventeen (17) years or younger as of 31 December in the year the competition commences.
- c) Juniors are players turning fifteen (15) years or younger as of 31 December in the year the competition commences.
- d) Sub Juniors are players turning thirteen (13) years or younger as of 31 December in the year the competition commences.
- e) Primary are players turning eleven (11) years or younger as of 31 December in the year the competition commences.
- f) Sub Primary are players nine (9) years or younger as of 31 December in the year the competition commences.

9.4. All players must be at least seven (7) years of age by the commencement of the first match.

9.5. Intermediate, Junior, Sub Junior, Primary and Sub Primary grades are referred to as playing in the “Age Competition”, and any Senior grades will play in the “Senior Competition”.

9.6. A player cannot play for a younger age grade than which they are eligible to participate in, but they can play for an older age grade. Where an ineligible player takes the court;

- a) In the minor rounds, the offending team will lose 2 premiership points. The nonoffending team will retain all goals scored and the offending team will be reduced to nil goals for the match.
- b) In the finals series, the offending team will forfeit the match and the non- offending team will be deemed the winner.

9.7. No player can play for more than one club during the season. Players are deemed to be registered with the club they first play with.

- a) If a player plays for another club, any team for that club in which the player takes the court shall be recorded as a forfeit.

9.8. A player cannot play in more than one (1) match in the CND Competition on the same day. Where an ineligible player takes the court in any grade;

- a) In the minor rounds, the offending team will lose 2 premiership points and in addition will lose 2 premiership points for each ineligible player. The nonoffending team will retain all goals scored and the offending team will be reduced to nil goals.
  - b) In the final's series, the offending team will forfeit the match (and will take no further part in the finals series) and the non-offending team will be deemed the winner.
- 9.9. A player must play five (5) matches in any division during the season and be a registered playing member of NSA on PlayHQ to qualify for finals.
- 9.10. Games played on a Single Game Voucher, or a City Night Division Single Registration Form do not count towards a player's finals eligibility.
- 9.11. If a player has not played the Qualifying Number of matches in one particular grade (but they have played the Qualifying Number of matches across a number of different grades) that player will only be eligible to play in the finals series in the highest grade for which they have played in that year of the competition. Where an ineligible player takes the court in a finals match in breach of this clause:
  - a) The offending team will forfeit the match and the non-offending team will be deemed the winner.
- 9.12. If a club has two (2) teams in the same grade, a player can move between the two (2) teams in the minor rounds.
- 9.13. As per the Equal Opportunity Act 1984 (SA), boys can play in any netball competition/team until the age of twelve (12).
- 9.14. Boys who are under twelve (12) years of age at the commencement of the competition will be permitted to continue in the competition until its conclusion, even if they turn twelve (12) during the competition.

## **10. Uniforms**

- 10.1. Each team must have a Standard Regulation Uniform as nominated by the club and approved by NSA.
- 10.2. A Player must wear the approved Standard Regulation Uniform for their Club during a match.
- 10.3. A Player will not be permitted to play in a match if they:
  - a) are not wearing the Standard Approved Uniform for their Club
  - b) are wearing gloves
  - c) are wearing anything which is offensive or may negatively impact the reputation of the CND Competition or Netball SA.

- 10.4. Players and umpires must comply with uniform requirements in the World Netball Rules of Netball. For any inconsistency between the Rules of Netball and these Conditions of Play, the Conditions of Play will apply.
- 10.5. If a Standard Regulation Uniform has been approved by previous NSA, the club will not be required to apply for approval of the same Standard Regulation Uniform in subsequent years (unless on request by NSA).
- 10.6. A Club may only alter its Standard Regulation Uniform with the prior approval of NSA.
- a) The club must submit its request to alter its Standard Regulation Uniform by no later than eight (8) weeks prior to the start of competition, or such other date as approved by NSA in writing.
  - b) The club must submit a manufacturer's graphic of the proposed Standard Regulation Uniform.
- 10.7. Standard Regulation Uniform includes:
- a) a playing uniform which could include:
    - i) a dress;
    - ii) a top and skirt; and / or
    - iii) a top and shorts;
  - b) sports briefs or bike shorts (which may be in Club colours or plain black or navy); and
  - c) playing position bibs
- 10.8. The following is permitted to be worn by a player during a match without prior approval from NSA:
- a) prescription glasses
  - b) headscarfs, long sleeved tops, long tights or leggings for cultural or religious reasons.
- 10.9. Where a match involves two (2) teams from the same club or with Standard Regulation Uniforms of similar colours, the away team will be required to wear clash playing position bibs or a pre-approved clash dress.

## **11. Codes of Behaviour**

- 11.1. All teams, players, members, officials, umpires and spectators are subject to compliance with the Member Protection Policy and the Integrity Policies which are available on the Netball SA website.

## **12. Grievance Procedure**

- 12.1. A member with a grievance in relation to any CND match shall, in the first instance, be referred to the Competitions Administration Officer. The Competitions Administration Officer is contactable through the Duty Room on the day of the Match.

- 12.2. The Competitions Administration Officer will use their best endeavours to resolve the grievance and make a determination on the day of the match. A formal complaint may be lodged with Netball SA per clause 13.

**13. Complaints Procedure**

- 13.1. Any person may lodge a formal complaint in relation to CND.
- 13.2. Any complaint pertaining to a member of a Club should in the first instance be directed to the Secretary of the relevant Club.
- 13.3. If a complaint cannot be resolved between Clubs, Clubs will follow the process of the Complaints Lodgement Form.
- a) If the complaint refers to an alleged breach of a [Netball Australia Integrity Policy](#), Clubs should follow the [Netball Australia Netball Integrity Policy Framework, Conduct & Disciplinary Policy](#).
- 13.4. If a complaint does not refer to an alleged breach of a Netball Australia Integrity Policy, a formal complaint may be lodged in writing by email from the Club Secretary to NSA within four (4) business days of the match , attaching a copy of the Complaints Lodgment Form. An administrative fee of \$100.00 may be payable to NSA on lodgment of the formal complaint.
- 13.5. If required, a formal complaint will be reviewed by a Complaints Panel. The panel will comprise of at least one (1) NSA staff member and up to two (2) independent persons. No member on the panel shall have any perceived or actual conflict of interest and/or be a member of any Club which is the subject of the grievance.
- 13.6. If a Complaint Hearing is held, the Complaints Panel will hear all concerned parties as well as appropriate witnesses.
- 13.7. The Complaints Panel may impose any penalty it deems appropriate.
- 13.8. The outcome of a Complaint Hearing is to be communicated in writing to all parties within 24 hours of the conclusion of the Complaint Hearing.
- 13.9. All members upon whom a penalty has been imposed shall have the right to appeal. Appeals will only be accepted on the grounds of denial of natural justice, new evidence or alleged misconduct of the Complaints Panel. Appeals and disputes must be directed to the Complaints Panel and Netball SA.