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## NETBALL RULES, POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

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# 1. SUBSCRIPTION FEES, FINES AND LEVIES

Fees, fines or levies shall be published by the CNA board at the Annual Business Meeting in August of each year and will apply from 1 January the next calendar year. Fees, fines or levies will be payable:

- a. within two (2) weeks of receipt of the fine notice or invoice, or
- b. as directed by written notification by the CNA board.

## Definitions:

- a. **subscription** – fees payable not less than two (2) weeks prior to the AGM of each year and submitted with application for non-club membership of CNA.
- b. **capitation fees** – fees payable by CNA to Netball Queensland for each player registered with CNA and such fees shall be paid by CNA within two (2) weeks of the commencement of each playing/competition season.
- c. **affiliation fees** – payable not later than 1 March each year and shall be submitted by any club or subscriber with their application for membership of CNA Association.
- d. **registration fees** – payable by any player wishing to be a member of CNA and compete in any fixture competition controlled by CNA.
- e. **ground/court fees** – payable by each team competing in any fixture competition controlled by CNA.
- f. **fines** – imposed on any club or players for breaches of regulations as set out hereunder:
  - i. failure to supply a delegate at any Association Meeting;
  - ii. failure to carry out rostered grounds duty;
  - iii. failure of a club convenor or representative to attend a scheduled Umpires Convenor meeting;
  - iv. failure to supply an umpire when a club's umpire has been rostered to officiate and fails to attend;
  - v. failing to supply sufficient umpires as per Section 14;
  - vi. late team nomination;
  - vii. failure to attend grading or a scheduled grading meeting;
  - viii. failure to comply with uniform dress standards;
  - ix. for any other reason as may be decided upon by CNA Board.

- g. **levy** – may be imposed by CNA on any affiliated club for a specific purpose e.g., lights for training, hire of equipment, Suncoast Regional or canteen.

## **2. REGISTRATION**

### **a. General Information**

- i. Registration fees shall be decided upon by the CNA board and published at the annual business meeting or following the release of capitation fees by Netball Queensland.
- ii. Netball Queensland and CNA registration fees shall be paid online when a player/official/non-playing member self-register on Netball Connect or comparative platform.
- iii. It is the responsibility of each player to register on the Netball connect website. Clubs are to complete all paperwork to nominate the number of teams participating in a competition and submit to the Competitions Director by the designated date. Clubs are not to register players on the Netball connect Website. Registrations after team nominations have been accepted by CNA and independent team players registration must be submitted to the Competitions Director for approval.
- iv. After designated due dates, the only team entries accepted shall be those which take up byes in a corresponding division.
- v. Before the commencement of the grading process, each team must have:
  - a. at least eight (8) registered players; and
  - b. no more than ten (10) players.
- vi. Late players registrations and periodic registrations shall be accepted only at the discretion of CNA Competitions Director. These late registrations must have completed the online self-registration process and paid the registration fee before the player may take the court.
- vii. Late club registrations shall be accepted only at the discretion of the CNA Competitions Director. These late club registrations must have completed the relevant forms prior to seeking acceptance from the CNA Competitions Director. Payment by the late registering club shall be due immediately upon any acceptance being agreed by the CNA Competitions Director.
- viii. In the event of a team or club disbanding during a season, its members shall not transfer to another club without the consent of CNAs Competitions Director. Any such transfer, if granted, must comply with relevant clauses of the registration processes and policies.

### **b. Invoicing:**

- i. Invoicing for all registrations shall be issued to each club/team by CNA's Finance Director and will be based on reports from the Netball Queensland Netball Connect system and team registration forms.

**c. Refund of Registration Fees:**

- i. Registration fees shall be refunded to a Club/and or player who has not taken part in any fixture game in the current season. If Netball Queensland capitation fees have been submitted, then this figure shall be deducted from any refund.
- ii. Any other refunds are at the absolute discretion of CNA.

**d. Senior Competitions:**

- i. On a date fixed by CNA, clubs/teams shall be required to submit the team nomination sheets and the preferred division.
- ii. All players must register in the Netball Connect system prior to the start of the season.
- iii. Court fees are due by round 4 of the season.

**e. Intermediate/Net/Set/Go/Cadets/Twilight Competition**

- i. Relevant paperwork shall be submitted to CNA Competitions Director on a date and time notified to the clubs.
- ii. All players shall register through their clubs via Netball Connect or equivalent system.
- iii. Registrations submitted directly to the Competition Director will not be accepted.
- iv. Players who are registered after the nominated date and time shall be deemed to be a late registration and shall follow the procedure for late registrations.
- v. Notification should be given to the registrar twenty-four (24) hours before play by the club. The late registration form shall be submitted to the Competitions Director with the required fees before any such player shall be permitted to play for their club.
- vi. The Competition Director reserves the right to regrade a team into a higher division should they decide that a team gains an advantage by accepting a new player registration for that team.
- vii. No alterations can be made to the original team sheet after registration, unless a player plays twelve (12) quarters in a higher division.

**f. Late Registration**

- I. Late registrations are only accepted if there is an extenuating or compelling circumstance, some examples could include serious injury or illness. Approval would need to be sought from the Competitions Director
- II. Players/Clubs must submit a "Late Registration Form" to request consideration of the proposed registration, no registration is to occur until written conformation is provided
- III. In the instance of a late registration a club may have to deregister or move players to another team/s to accommodate that player under the approval of the CNA Competitions Director.

- IV. If a player who is a late registration after the grading period is deemed to be incorrectly placed in a team not comparative with their ability CNA reserves the right to regrade that player to a more appropriate team.

**g. Player Transfers between clubs**

- i. An application to transfer form must be submitted for approval by CNA
- ii. The original club and the new club must complete the transfer request form
- iii. The original club must confirm that the departing player does not have any registration money outstanding, should this be the case that outstanding amount would need to be paid prior to transfer approval
- iv. One (1) transfer per player only shall be granted during anyone (1) season, unless in extenuating circumstances, whence CNA Board may decide otherwise.

**h. Finals eligibility**

- i. Teams shall have the right to play new players up to semi-finals: such registrations shall comply with the regulations.
- ii. Penalty for playing an unregistered player:
  - a. the points for the match shall be awarded to the opposing team, and
  - b. no goals shall be recorded for the infringing teams.
- iii. No player may compete in semi-finals, finals or grand finals unless they have played in their respective team for twelve (12) quarters during that competition's regular season.
- iv. At times, the CNA board may schedule a regular season game to be played as two (2) halves to constitute one (1) game (due to an interruption of the original set date i.e.. wet weather). For the purpose of a player's qualification for finals, each half of these games will be deemed to be one (1) quarter.
- v. Teams can draw players up for fill ins if needed but any player is still required to have played at least 12 quarters with a team in their club to qualify.

### **3. FIXTURE COMPETITIONS**

CNA shall conduct senior and junior competitions in the grade/divisions designated as follows:

**a. Senior:**

- i. Indoor and Outdoor – 1st and 2nd Night Season

- ii. Teams will be allowed to register only four (4) players that are fifteen (15) within the nominated fixture period during any single season. There is no limit to the number of players registered in any single team who are already sixteen (16) before the start of the nominated fixture period. Players under fifteen (15) are not permitted to play night season in the senior competition.
- iii. Players must be fifteen (15) years old as of round 1 to be eligible to participate
- iv. CNA Board reserves the right to allow exemptions to the Senior Monday night competition age ruling for the benefit of CNA.
- v. For further information regarding the Monday and Tuesday night competition all interested parties are directed to refer to the relevant information book

**b. Saturday Competition**

- i. Intermediate:
  - a. for eleven (11) to eighteen (18) years of age, are eligible to play day season competition in that year providing they are still attending high school, on a competitive basis.
- ii. Go:
  - a. for players nine (9) and ten (10) years of age on a competitive basis.
- iii. Set:
  - a. for players seven (7) to ten (10) years of age on a non-competitive basis.
- iv. Net:
  - a. for players five (5) to seven (7) years of age using CNA approved modified rules on a non-competitive basis;
  - b. players must have turned five (5) before being eligible to take the court.
- v. Divisions:
  - a. for players ten (10) to eighteen (18) years of age providing still at high school, on a competitive basis.
- vi. Nets and Sets:
  - a. for players five (5) to ten (10) years of age on a non-competitive basis;
  - b. players must have turned five (5) before taking the court.

**Summer Competition**

- i. Intermediate:
  - a. for eleven (11) to eighteen (18) years of age, are eligible to play day season competition in that year providing they are still attending high school, on a competitive basis.
- ii. Go:

- a. for players nine (9) and ten (10) years of age on a competitive basis.
- iii. Set:
  - a. for players seven (7) to ten (10) years of age on a non-competitive basis.
- iv. Net:
  - a. for players five (5) to seven (7) years of age using CNA approved modified rules on a non-competitive basis;
  - b. players must have turned five (5) before being eligible to take the court.
- v. Divisions:
  - a. for players ten (10) to eighteen (18) years of age providing still at high school, on a competitive basis.
- vi. Nets and Sets:
  - a. for players five (5) to ten (10) years of age on a non-competitive basis;
  - b. players must have turned five (5) before taking the court.

#### **Age clarification**

A junior player is a player whose age is eleven (11) years to eighteen (18) years as of the 31st of December of the current year.

A senior player is a player whose age is eighteen (18) or over unless they commence playing their current season as a junior player.

Male Players: may participate in NetSetGo, Net, Set and Go non-competitive competitions or may compete up until the end of the season in which they turn twelve (12) years of age.

## **4. SCORESHEETS AND POINTS ALLOCATION**

- a. The team named first on the draw shall be responsible for collecting the scoresheet from control.
- b. The scoresheet must indicate each player's time on court. It is the responsibility of the scorer to check that this is complete, prior to returning the scoresheet to Control.
- c. The scoresheet shall readily indicate the correct scores and the only score recognised shall be that indicated in the 'Scores Total' section on the scoresheet.
- d. Only scores recorded on the official scoresheet shall be accepted by the Competitions Director.



- e. It is the responsibility of each team to provide a scorer to adjudicate together. The scorer shall sit with the opposition team's scorer for the duration of the game.
- f. Each scorer shall be responsible for recording the scores and centre passes for equal period of time (i.e., half a game each or alternating quarters.)
- g. The scorer of both teams is responsible for signing the scoresheets as correct. If a scorer considers the score sheet to be incorrect, they shall notify the opposing scorer immediately and the complaint shall be referred to the board member on duty to investigate the matter.
- h. The score sheet shall be signed by umpires, scorers and team captains at the conclusion of the game.
- i. When a player from a lower division plays up, it shall be endorsed on the score sheet which team and division that player normally represents.
- j. The winning team is responsible for returning the score sheet to control.
- k. When a team notifies the CNA Competitions Director of a forfeit within twenty-four (24) hours of their scheduled game, the opposing team official shall be contacted by CNA Competitions Director advising of the forfeit. Competition points will be allocated to the non-forfeiting team.
- l. The registrar shall allocate two (2) points for any win or win by forfeit, one (1) point for any draw and zero (0) points for any loss or loss by forfeit.
- m. Where any team is considered to have played an unregistered player in accordance with the Policies and Procedures, points for the match shall be awarded to the opposing team and no goals shall be recorded for the infringing team. Where both teams break the rules, no points and scores shall be allocated for the match. The failure of a team to complete the scoresheet correctly (all positions filled in) may result in the team losing one (1) competition point.
- n. When a club considers it has been unjustly deprived of points from a match, a written request for the board to review the decision must be submitted to the CNA Secretary within forty-eight (48) hours of receipt of the notice advising the club of the loss of competition points.
- o. In the event games being postponed or cancelled (due to weather or other circumstances), no points shall be allocated to any team regardless of advice of forfeits. Refer clause 15 for further clarification on forfeits if the round is played on an allocated rain day.

## **5. UNIFORMS**

- a. Upon joining CNA, clubs shall submit their uniform style and colours to the CNA Secretary for approval by CNA. If a club wishes to alter their registered uniform, they must submit the new style and colours to the CNA Secretary, for approval by CNA.
- b. Players taking part in any fixture, grading or carnival match shall wear the full registered uniform of their club.

- c. In special circumstances, club secretaries should submit in writing to CNA a request for player(s) to be out of uniform. Upon approval, the club has three weeks in which the situation should be rectified. Further requests will be considered on their merit.
- d. Players who fail to meet the required standard of uniform dress may be removed from the court of play and not permitted to return to the court until their uniform is correct. Clubs may be fined.
- e. Uniforms acceptable to CNA are:
  - i. Suitable sport shirt, singlet, skirt, dress/body suit of a length that does not reveal underwear before movement;
  - ii. Male players must wear shorts, that do not have zippers, buttons or pockets, and that adhere to club colours, and the approved club shirt; or
  - iii. As otherwise approved by CNA.
- f. Socks worn by team players shall be uniform in colour, as approved for their club.
- g. Players are required to wear suitable sports shoes.
- h. Sports briefs of the same colour, as approved for their club, must be worn by all team players.
- i. Players may not wear any jewellery, unless for medical reasons, as per Netball Australia rules.
- j. Wearing of gloves: Netball approved gloves may be worn. These gloves need to be shown and approved by the game umpire prior to the commencement of the game to ensure they are in working order and nails are not able to be seen or felt through the fingertips. Juniors can wear gloves within 7 days of a school formal
- k. Gloves are not to be worn to cover jewellery or sharp/long nails. Players disregarding this ruling must complete the appropriate indemnity form. They may not be covered by insurance and will be responsible for any injury to themselves and/or injury to any other persons. Any players wearing gloves will be noted against the players name on the score sheet by the umpire.
- l. Identification patches shall be worn by all of a team whilst participating in any competition match controlled by CNA. Playing initials shall be worn both front and back above the waist and shall be 150mm (6" high).

## 6. GRADING

Grading may be completed by different methods that will be decided by the Competitions Director after consultation with the CNA board. If a grading subcommittee is required for the purpose of grading fixtures the following shall apply:

- a. Clubs shall be held responsible for the standard of the graders they nominate to serve as graders during the grading process.
- b. The grading subcommittee shall be responsible for grading teams into grades, divisions or age groups according to their standard of play.

- c. When clubs have more than one (1) team in the same grade/division/age group, they shall grade their teams and number them in order of standard.
- d. Players must wear their registered club uniform at grading, as per section 5.
- e. Teams failing to field eight (8) registered players at grading matches will be graded at the discretion of the grading subcommittee.
- f. If a player is unable to play at grading, then the convenor of the grading subcommittee or the CNA Competitions Director shall be advised (in writing) by the club Secretary, not less than one (1) hour before grading commences. The absence of a registered player from a team during grading will result in the team being graded at the discretion of the grading subcommittee.
- g. Clubs shall be advised by an association official the grade, division or age group in which their teams have been graded.
- h. Any players registered after the grading period has concluded, shall remain provisionally registered until assessed by a CNA board member or independent person appointed by CNA.
- i. If a player who is a late registration after the grading period is deemed to be incorrectly placed in a team not comparative with their ability CNA reserve the right to regrade that player to a more appropriate team.
- j. In the instance of a late registration a club may have to deregister or move players to another team/s to accommodate that player under the approval of the CNA Competitions Director.
- k. The definition of a provisionally registered player is one that has not been independently assessed as to their suitability to be placed in an intended team by an affiliated club because the grading period has expired.

## **7. RULES OF PLAY**

The rules adopted by CNA shall be those of the All-Australia Netball Association except where noted by CNA constitution and Policy and Procedures.

## **8. RULES RELATING TO FIXTURES**

- a. Players must be registered in accordance with the condition prescribed by section 2 – Registrations.
- b. The names of up to ten (10) players must be provided to the scorers before the start of the game. There shall be no limit to the number of substitutions which can be made in a game.
- c. All team players, late arrivals or any substitute players must sign the score sheet before they take the court of play.
- d. No player shall play in a lower grade than that in which they are registered.
- e. When a club is fielding more than one team in any grade/division or age group, players must not interchange in that same grade/division or age group.
- f. Players can only play for a total of twelve (12) quarters, no matter how many teams they play for in higher divisions; therefore, if a player plays six (6)

quarters for one team and six (6) quarters for another team that is the maximum they can play for any team higher or division than there own for the rest of that season

- g. Should a player play for two teams of a higher grade for example at seven (7) and six (6) quarters the lower of the two teams will be allocated that player for the rest of the season
- h. Players who turn 10 in the current calendar year can fill in for an Intermediate team (bottom 2 divisions) for a maximum of 12 quarters per season (including finals). Once they have played up for 12 quarters in any team, the player can no longer be available to play up and must remain in their Go team. If they play up more than 12 quarters, any games they subsequently play in will be deemed as a forfeit. Players playing up must be added to the scoresheets once they have taken the court. Please include full name, original team and quarters played with positions.
- i. A forfeit may be claimed if opposition cannot field the minimum team of five (5) original players within five (5) minutes of the playing court and umpires becoming available. If the playing court and umpires are available and the opposing team have five (5) players, then play must commence on time. A forfeit may be claimed if this team refuses to play. Exception will be considered if a late player is still umpiring another match. In the event of a team forfeiting three (3) matches during the playing season, they may have to show cause to CNA Board for such forfeiture and shall be fined \$50.00 on the third offence.
- j. No player arriving after play has started is allowed to replace a player who is already on court unless there is an injury, illness or until the next game break.
- k. Before taking the court, late arrivals must notify the umpires of their arrival. Late arrivals may not take the court while play is in progress.
- l. Late arrivals may take the court:
  - i. after a goal is scored, but only to play in a position left vacant in the team; or
  - ii. immediately following an interval; or
  - iii. after a stoppage for injury or illness.
- m. After the commencement of a competitive game, umpires are not allowed to interchange except in case of injury, illness or at the discretion of CNA.
- n. Any player found guilty of disputing an umpire's decision on the netball court, or other misconduct relating to the game of netball, shall be liable for disqualification from taking part in any match under the control or jurisdiction of CNA. The time period of disqualification may be decided upon by either the disciplinary committee or CNA board.
- o. Any official or umpire may report misconduct in writing to CNA.
- p. The officials of the game shall be umpires and scorers. Each team shall provide a scorer – these two (2) must act together. Scorers, captains and umpires shall sign the scoresheet at the conclusion of the game.
- q. At the conclusion of fixture games, the team with the highest number of points shall be minor premiers in its respective division/grade or age group.
- r. Go Divisions will have a winner and runners up for the season with no finals being played. The winner will be the team that ends the season on top of the

ladder and the runner up the team that finishes second on the ladder at the end of the season. If any teams are tied on points the team with the highest percentage will be deemed as finishing higher. A winner and runners up trophy/medallion will be awarded to these teams at the conclusion of their season.

## 9. FINALS

CNA competition finals for each division, grade or age group shall consist of semi-finals and grand finals to be contested by qualifying teams, as determined by the following:

For divisions/grades/age groups with less than ten (10) teams:

The top four (4 teams) as determined by competition points at the end of the regular season.

Finals Format

Game A: 1<sup>st</sup> v 2<sup>nd</sup>

Game B: 3<sup>rd</sup> v 4<sup>th</sup>

Game C: Loser of Game A v Winner of Game B

Grand Final: Winner of Game A v Winner of Game C

Finals Format (for two weeks of finals)

Game A: 1<sup>st</sup> vs 4<sup>th</sup>

Game B: 2<sup>nd</sup> vs 3<sup>rd</sup>

Grand Final: Winner from Game A and Game B

For divisions/grades/age group with ten (10) or more teams:

A final five (5) finals system will be used, as determined by competition points at the end of the regular season.

Final Five Qualifier: 4<sup>th</sup> v 5<sup>th</sup>

Game A: 1<sup>st</sup> v 2<sup>nd</sup>

Game B: 3<sup>rd</sup> v Winner of Final Five Qualifier

Game C: Loser of Game A v Winner of Game B

Final: Winner of Game A v Winner of Game C

There shall be no right of challenge for finals games.

Ties on competition points

In the event of multiple teams finishing the regular season on equal competition points, the ladder order shall be determined by goal ration percentage, where the team with the highest goal ration percentage shall be awarded the higher position.

The method used to determine the Goal Ration percentage shall be:

Goals scored by team x 100 divided by the Goals that were scored against team x 100 divided by the number of games played. Games played excludes any bye games and games where they were forfeited against.

Tied finals games

If a finals game reaches full time with scores tied:

1. There is a two (2) minute break during which time there may be substitution and/or team changes;
2. At the end of the two (2) minutes break, two (2) x seven (7) minute extra-time halves are played;
3. After the first extra-time half, teams must change ends without substitutions or team changes;
4. If scores are level at the end of the second extra-time half, play continues without breaks until one team has a two-goal advantage;
5. Substitutions during extra time are only permitted in the event of an injury or illness;
6. Injury time is played in all final fixtures.

## **10. REPRESENTATIVE TEAMS**

For Coach, Manager and Player Codes of Conduct please contact the Representative Director for copies.

All coaches, managers and players must agree to the respective Codes of Conduct either as a signed document or by agreeing to the terms and conditions when registering electronically.

### **Disciplinary Procedure for Representative Program**

The representative program and teams participate in competitions that Caboolture Netball attend and due to the nature and the formats of day and State Carnivals for Representative teams the standard disciplinary policy process would be difficult to enact. Therefore, the Representative Disciplinary Policy and Procedure is in place to:

- a. deal with reports of breaches; and
- b. expedite the process and appropriate action/steps taken to ensure that potential breaches are dealt with in a timely manner, so CNA's standards of behaviour are upheld.

### **Process:**

Upon receiving a report or complaint lodged either verbally or in writing by an official (umpire, coach or attending CNA board member, carnival organising body) the CNA Representative Director will consult with the CNA Chairperson to determine the appropriate

course of action. The Representative Director and Chairperson may take the following actions:

1. Discuss the alleged report with the person/s involved. If the person involved is under the age of eighteen, a support person must be present (for example: team manager, senior umpire, parent/guardian).
2. The Representative Director and Chairperson will determine if the report/complaint is genuine/undisputed and may proceed with action that is appropriate for the nature and severity of the incident. This may include but is not limited to the following:
  - a. If deemed to be a minor incident:
    - i. a formal verbal counselling with the person in the presence of the support person (and coach if applicable); and
    - ii. a follow up email from the Representative Director to the player (and parent/guardian if applicable).
  - b. If a complaint is referred to a review panel:
    - i. all involved persons (and parent/guardian if applicable) will be contacted and informed of the decision to convene a review panel;
    - ii. if a person or parent/guardian does not consent to the review panel process, at the discretion of the Representative Director and Chairperson, that person may be stood down from participating in the carnival or state event.
    - iii. if review panel cannot be convened for a major incident at the Representative carnival or state event, the incident will be referred to the CNA board to be dealt with under the CNA disciplinary regulations.

## **Umpires**

Umpires will be required to submit their availability for representative carnivals, including state competitions. The Representative Director and Development Director will notify umpires of which carnival they are required for. All codes of conduct, travel arrangements and appropriate uniforms will be communicated to the umpires prior to each carnival.

## **11. DURATION OF PLAY**

CNA shall conduct fixtures utilising any one of the playing periods out below:

Option 1:

- a. Four (4) quarters of 10 minutes each
- b. 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter break – 2 minutes
- c. Half time break – 5 minutes
- d. Total fixture time (inc. breaks) – 49 minutes

Option 2:

- a. Four (4) quarters of 15 minutes each
- b. 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter break – 2 minutes
- c. Half time break – 5 minutes
- d. Total fixture time (inc. breaks) – 1 hour 9 minutes

Option 3 (wet weather):

- a. Two (2) halves of 15 minutes each
- b. Half time break – 5 minutes
- c. Total fixture time (inc. breaks) – 35 minutes

## **12. MIXED NETBALL**

- a. Each mixed netball team must have a minimum of two (2) and a maximum of three (3) male players on the court at any one time.
- b. Each team must have one (1) male player in the following positions at all times:
  - i. Goal shooter or goal attack;
  - ii. Wing attack, centre or wing defence;
  - iii. Goalkeeper or goal defence.
- c. Should two (2) males only be on the court – points (i) and (iii) will apply.
- d. Substitutions may occur following Netball Australia rules and applying the mixed netball rules (a) and (b).
- e. All male players from each team must wear the same colour shorts. Male players must wear plain regulation shorts and a T-Shirt of uniform colour. Bike pants (without shorts) or shorts with pockets and/or buckles are not permitted.

## **13. BALL**

- a. The playing ball for junior, intermediate, and senior fixtures shall be a club or association size 5 netball made of leather, rubber or similar material. The playing ball shall measure between 690mm (27”) and 710mm (28”) in circumference and weigh between 400 grams (14 ounces) and 450 grams (16 ounces).
- b. The playing ball for net fixtures shall be a club or association size 4 netball made of leather, rubber, or similar material.

## **14. UMPIRES**

- a. Clubs shall be required to organise and supply umpires for Net/Set fixtures that their teams are participating in.
- b. Day season clubs must submit (on the provided form) the names, qualifications and club team identification of the umpires who will be umpiring for the club.



- c. Clubs are required to supply enough umpires to cover all nominated divisional teams.
- d. All nominated umpires must have completed the nominated course online and have been awarded a minimum of an association merit badge.
- e. Any club failing to supply sufficient umpires shall be liable for the fine as published at the Annual Business Meeting held each year.
- f. A club receiving a penalty for a third offence shall be issued with a notice for their club delegate to appear before the CNA Board and give reasons why the offending club should not be penalised competition points or disqualified from further participation in the fixture competition.
- g. The umpire convenor from each affiliated day season club shall be held responsible to ensure the club's nominated umpires are fulfilling their allotted times. If directed by the Development Director a club's umpire convenor may be required to find a suitable replacement for an umpire failing to fulfil their duties.
- h. Any club failing to be represented at an umpires meeting by their convenor or representative, may be fined for each meeting when not represented.
- i. It is the responsibility of each umpire to supply their own whistle.
- j. Umpires are required to be attired in a white shirt for all fixtures as a minimum.
  - a. Monday Night Umpires are to wear white shirts with plain black sports shorts or skirt, except for umpires who have/or are about to participate in a game as a player.
  - b. Tuesday night Umpires are to be attired in a white shirt or top as a minimum with black sports shorts or skirt preferred.
- k. No bummers/bike pants are to be worn by umpires as their main garment of clothing for any CNA fixtures. Shorts, slacks, jeans, or any other form of street clothes shall not be accepted as suitable dress for umpires.
- l. Umpire mentors present at CNA fixtures may offer feedback to individual umpires to assist with umpire development and performance. The umpire mentors reserve the right to offer support to merit-badged umpires in semi-final games. Umpire mentors must only offer feedback to preliminary and grand final umpires after the completion of the game.

## 15. SPONSORSHIP

- a. Prior to securing a sponsor, clubs/teams are required to ensure that no conflicting sponsorship agreements are entered into by Netball Queensland, member associations, clubs, teams and individual players.
- b. A list of current sponsors for:
  - i. CNA can be obtained by contacting the CNA Secretary, and
  - ii. Netball Queensland can be obtained by contacting the NQ marketing department.
- c. The club/team sponsor name and/or logo may appear only once on any article of the playing uniform. Where sponsor identification appears on the uniform or bib, it may not exceed a total of 64cm<sup>2</sup>(8cm x 8cm). This also applies to the non-playing uniform.

- d. Approval for sponsorship is required and such requests shall be submitted in writing to CNA Secretary.
- e. Sponsorship that is approved for uniforms worn at CNA may not be accepted at other associations and may need to be covered when playing at other association venues.

## **16. GROUND AND COURT FEES**

Ground fees shall be published by the CNA board at the Annual Business Meeting.

- a. Day season clubs will be issued with one (1) account only in any one (1) playing season and must be paid by a date decided by the Finance Director and the method of payments as determined by CNA. Junior court fees are included in their registration at the start of the year
- b. Night season clubs/teams ground fees are to be paid by direct deposit prior to the due date. Night season finals court fees are payable before the fixture commences.
- c. Teams withdrawing from any competitions forfeit all rights to a refund.
- d. Night season teams that advise CNA of a forfeit with a minimum of twenty-four (24) hours notice will forfeit their game fee for that game but will not be penalised with a forfeit fee.
- e. Night season teams that forfeit without the required notice must pay their game fee and a penalty amount equal to one (1) game fee.
- f. The opposing team to the forfeiting team will receive a refund/credit to the amount of one (1) team game fee for that competition, to be paid at the completion of the season.

## **17. WET WEATHER**

- a. During wet weather conditions, a CNA representative shall decide if the courts are playable for that day or night fixture. The decision will be made one (1) hour before the allotted commencement time of that fixture.
- b. In the event of inclement weather, a CNA representative will notify each club of any game cancellations. If all games are affected, the board will decide if the fixture is cancelled or played on a later date.
- c. For fixtures that are cancelled, all teams with cancelled fixtures will receive zero points
- d. If a part round is played before rain cancellation, remaining games will be rescheduled by the board. Clubs will be notified of date and time.
- e. Players shall contact their own club when in doubt regarding play.
- f. Any fixture or finals match cancelled due to wet weather after the first half has been completed, shall be taken as having been completed. The scores for any such match shall be taken at the time of cancellation and points for the match shall be allocated accordingly.

- g. If a team notifies CNA of a forfeit and CNA subsequently declares the game rained out, no competition points will be awarded to any team. If, the rained-out game is played on a scheduled wet weather day, the team who initially declared a forfeit is not be eligible to play for points and the opposing team will be automatically awarded two (2) points.
- h. If a scheduled Tuesday semi-final, final or grand final have to be cancelled due to wet weather, the games are to be played at a time to be set by the board after consultation with the clubs/teams involved.

## **18. SPECTATORS**

- a. Clubs shall be held responsible for their spectators. Netball Australia Codes of Behaviour clearly identifies the behaviours deemed as acceptable and any harassment of umpires or players will not be tolerated under any circumstances.
- b. Spectators may be asked to leave the grounds if a CNA official has sufficient grounds to request the spectator to remove themselves.
- c. The club the spectator is aligned to may be asked to assist in this process as failure of the spectator to leave may cause the games points to be awarded to the non-offending team.

## **19. CORRESPONDENCE**

- a. Correspondence from parents, spectators, coaches, managers, or club officials should be addressed to the club the person is submitting the correspondence from. The club can ascertain if it needs to be forwarded to CNA for consideration or response. All correspondence for CNA shall be forwarded to:
  - i. C/- The Secretary, PO Box 760, CABOOLTURE QLD 4510; or
  - ii. [admin@cabnetball.org.au](mailto:admin@cabnetball.org.au).
- b. Any correspondence from an affiliated club shall be signed by the secretary for that club or, in their absence, an appointed club official.