

CABOOLTURE NETBALL ASSOCIATION

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NETBALL RULES, POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

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Definitions:

- a. **affiliation fees** – payable annually for applicable calendar year and shall be submitted by any club with their application for membership of CNA Association.
- b. **associate fees** – payable annually for applicable calendar year and shall be submitted by any team with application for membership of CNA Association.
- c. **registration fees** – payable by any player wishing to be a member of CNA and compete in any fixture competition controlled by CNA.
- d. **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.
- e. **levy** – may be imposed by CNA on any affiliated club and or external hirer for a specific purpose e.g., lights for training, hire of equipment, or canteen.
- f. **Occasion** - any instance where a player takes the court, regardless of whether they play part of a game or the entire match.

1. 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.

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 membership 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 / online components to nominate the number of teams participating in a competition and submit to the Competitions Director by the designated date.
- iv. After designated due dates, the only team entries accepted shall be at the discretion of the competition director.
- v. Before the commencement of the grading process, each team must have:
 - a. at least eight (8) registered players; and
 - b. no more than twelve (12) players.
- vi. Late players registrations and periodic registrations shall be accepted only at the discretion of CNA Competitions Director in conjunction with the CNA Board. 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. Refund of Registration Fees:

- i. Registration fees shall be refunded to a Club/and or player at the absolute discretion of CNA.

c. Night (Indoor) Competition:

- 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.

d. Winter / Summer Competition

- i. Relevant paperwork / online component shall be submitted to CNA Competitions Director on a date and time notified to the clubs.
- ii. 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.
- iii. CNA 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 / transferring player registration for that team.

e. 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 written request for consideration of the proposed registration; no registration is to occur until written confirmation 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.

f. Player Transfers between club

- i. After initial registration and CNA grading process has started any player transfer between clubs will need to be applied to CNA for approval.
- ii. An application to request a player transfer can be submitted by either the exiting or receiving club for approval
- iii. The player transferring must be financial with the departing club.

g. Finals eligibility

- i. A player is only eligible to participate in finals where they;
 - i. Are a registered player in that team
 - ii. Have played at least 8 occasions for that registered team
 - iii. Exemptions may be approved by the Board on medical grounds only
- ii. A fill in player is only eligible to participate in finals where they;
 - i. From a lower division
 - ii. Have played at least 8 occasions for their club
 - iii. Do not take a position of an original player

3. FIXTURE COMPETITIONS

CNA shall conduct its competitions in the grade/divisions designated as follows:

a. Night (Indoor):

- i. Indoor – 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 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
- vi. Mixed fixtures are played in accordance with section 3. b. v.

b. Winter / Summer Competition (Outdoor)

- i. Intermediate:
 - Intermediate – players turning eleven (11) to eighteen (18) females and eleven (11) to fourteen (14) males, in that year are eligible to play.
- ii. **Clubs wanting to enter a team with more than 3 males, consultation will need to be had with the CNA Board.**

- iii. CNA Board reserves the right to allow exemptions of the age ruling at their discretion
- iv. Go:
 - a. for players (10) years and (9) years of age on an ability and competitive basis
- v. Set:
 - a. for players seven (7) to ten (10) years of age on a non-competitive basis.
- vi. 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.
- vii. Mixed:
 - a. Each mixed netball team must have 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 if available
 - i. Goal shooter or goal attack;
 - ii. Wing attack, centre, or wing defence;
 - iii. Goalkeeper or goal defence.
 - c. Substitutions may occur following Netball Australia rules and applying the mixed netball rules (a) and (b).
 - d. 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. Shorts with pockets and/or zips are not permitted.
 - e. CNA may, at its discretion, permit female only teams to participate in a mixed competition where it is considered to be in the best interests of the Association.

Age clarification

When a competition rule refers to an age it is the age that player is turning in that competition year from 1 January to 31st December.

4. SCORESHEETS, PLAYER ATTENDANCE AND POINTS ALLOCATION

a) Scoring

- i. Scoring will be conducted via the Live Scores function in the Netball Connect App.
- ii. All teams must supply a responsible scorer for all fixture games and finals
- iii. Scorers must sit together in the allocated position for the duration of the game and jointly carry out the responsibility for scoring the game. The scoring app must always be visible to both parties.
- iv. The team first on the draw shall be assigned as scorer within Netball Connect
- v. Scores must be confirmed by both scorers between each quarter and before clicking “Accept score” at the conclusion of the game.
- vi. If an issue occurs in Live Scores during the game and the score cannot be confirmed, both scorers must present the agreed final score to the CNA Control immediately after the game.

b) Player Attendance

- i. Player attendance must be recorded by the Live Score function in the Netball Connect App, prior to the commencement of each game. If player attendance is not recorded, players may not register enough games played to be eligible for finals.
- ii. When a player from a lower division fills in, they must be recorded as a “borrowed player” within Netball Connect Live Scores.
- iii. Failure to enter a “borrowed player” may result in the player being deemed an illegal player, penalty may apply. (Refer 4.c.iv)

c) Points Allocation

- i. CNA 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.
- ii. The result of a forfeit match will be recorded as 20 – 0 (Division 1-6) & 10 – 0 (Division 7- lowest division including GO). No score is recorded for Net Set forfeits.
- iii. If a match has commenced and, due to injury a team is unable to maintain five original players, the match is deemed a forfeit. In this circumstance, no for and against points will be recorded.
- iv. Where any team is considered to have played an unregistered or illegal 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.
- v. 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 Board within forty-eight (48) hours of receipt of the notice advising the club of the loss of competition points.

- vi. In the event games being postponed or cancelled (due to weather or other extraordinary 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 Board via email to admin@cabinetball.org.au for approval. If a club wishes to alter their registered uniform, they must submit the new style and colours to the CNA Board admin@cabinetball.org.au for approval for approval.
- 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 at the discretion of CNA.
- 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. Players may not wear any jewellery, unless for medical reasons, as per Netball Australia rules.
- i. Gloves are not permitted under the Rules of Netball unless specified by CNA
- j. Positional patches shall be worn by all a team whilst participating in any competition match controlled by CNA. Playing initials shall be worn both front and back.

6. GRADING

Grading may be completed by different methods that will be decided by the Competitions Director after consultation with the CNA board.

- a. 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.

- b. Players must wear their registered club uniform at grading, as per section 5.
- c. Teams failing to field eight (8) registered players at grading matches will be graded at the discretion of the CNA Competitions Director
- d. If a player is unable to play at grading, 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 CNA Competitions Director
- e. Clubs shall be advised by an association official the grade, division, or age group in which their teams have been graded.
- f. 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.
- g. 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.
- h. 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.
- i. 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 World Netball Association except where noted by CNA Policy and Procedures.

8. RULES RELATING TO FIXTURES

a) General

- i. No player shall play in a lower grade than that in which they are registered.
- ii. 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.
- iii. During the current season, including all grading and fixture games, any player may play for a team with their club in a higher division than their own registered team for a maximum of 4 occasions and still be able to play for their registered team. Players who play out of their team on 5 occasions they must permanently move to the higher division.
- iv. If required to move up in accordance with above, CNA will consult with the club to identify the appropriate division based on the previous substitutions
- v. 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 may be fined \$50.00 on the third offence.

- vi. In the event of a forfeit, clubs are required to contact both CNA and the opposing team as soon as the club is aware.
- vii. Before taking the court, late arrivals must notify the umpires of their arrival.
- viii. 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.
- ix. 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 period of disqualification may be decided upon by either the disciplinary committee or CNA board.
- x. Any official or umpire may report misconduct in writing to CNA.
- xi. The officials of the game shall be umpires and scorers. Each team shall provide a scorer – these two (2) must act together.
- xii. 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.

b) Rolling Subs

- i. CNA will be responsible for identifying the substitution zones for each team.
- ii. Teams will be permitted to make substitutions during play; this includes during stoppages and intervals. There is no limit to the number of substitutions that can be made, and more than one substitution may be made at any time. Play will not be held for substitutions
- iii. The substitute player must stand wholly inside their team's substitute zone to indicate a substitution is to take place.
- iv. The incoming player must wait until the player being replaced enters the substitution zone before entering the field of play
- v. Players must observe the offside rules when leaving or entering the court. Failure to do so will result in a sanction in line with Rule 14 Offside, with the free pass awarded where the ball was at the time of the infringement or at the point of the infringement whichever favours the non-infringing team

9. FINALS

For Finals eligibility for players refer to Section 2.h.

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

The format will be at the determination of the CNA Board and the CNA Competitions Director and will be announced prior to finals

There shall be no right of challenge for finals games.

Final Position will be based on Netball Connect Ladder Positions at the completion of all rounds.

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 equal halves which equals one regular quarter are played; or as determined by CNA Board.
3. After the first extra-time half, teams must change ends with no break.
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. Injury time is played in all final fixtures.

10. BALL

- a. The playing ball for junior, intermediate, and senior fixtures shall be a club or association size 5 netball.
- b. The playing ball for net fixtures shall be a club or association size 4 netball.

11. UMPIRES

- a. Clubs shall be required to organise and supply umpires for Net/Set fixtures that their teams are participating in.
- b. Winter and Summer 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. It is the responsibility of each umpire to supply their own whistle.
- i. 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.
- j. No bummers/bike pants are to be worn by umpires as their main garment of clothing for any CNA fixtures.
- k. 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.

12. WET WEATHER

- a. During wet weather conditions, the CNA Board shall decide if the courts are playable for that day or night fixture. The decision will be made a minimum of one (1) hour before the allotted commencement time of that fixture.
- b. Where weather conditions are uncertain or deteriorating, CNA will continue to monitor conditions and consult with clubs at regular intervals throughout the day or evening, and decisions may be reviewed and amended as required in the interests of player safety and competition preservation.
- c. 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.
- d. For fixtures that are cancelled, all teams with cancelled fixtures will receive zero points.
- e. 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.
- f. Players shall contact their own club when in doubt regarding play.

- g. 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.
- h. 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.

13. 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.
- d. Any person attending the CNA grounds are required to comply with all directions issued by event officials, including those relating to designated spectator areas.

14. CORRESPONDENCE

- a. Correspondence from parents, spectators, coaches, managers, or club officials should be addressed to the club from which the person holds membership. 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. CNA Board PO Box 760, CABOOLTURE QLD 4510; or
 - ii. 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.