



## **BY-LAWS**

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## 1. MEMBER RESPONSIBILITY

- 1.1. It is the duty of every Member Secretary to ensure that the members of the club know the rules and regulations of the Mount Gambler Netball Association as set out in the Constitution and By-Laws.
- 1.2. Members are requested to check emails, the notice boards and pigeonholes in the clubrooms for correspondence, court duties and other rosters.
- 1.3. Member announcements may be given over the PA system provided they are courteous and are within the Netball SA Code of Conduct.
- 1.4. No member may invite teams from outside MGNA to play/train against without notifying the MGNA Secretary prior to the event.
- 1.5. Any Member that fails to fulfil any commitment set by the by the Board for programmed events will be fined or penalised at the discretion of the Board.

## 2. MATCHES

- 2.1. All teams shall play the number of rounds and finals as set by the Board.
- 2.2. Matches shall be played as listed in the official draw and shall start at the time stated.
- 2.3. A team forfeiting in the minor round must notify the Secretary one clear day before the listed match. Failure to do so will result in a fine as determined by the Board.
- 2.4. In the case of a forfeited match, all fees must be paid by the defaulting team/s.
  - 2.4.1. Any team wanting to play a match outside their scheduled round of matches must submit their request in writing to the Games Official seven days prior, stating their **valid reason** for the change.
  - 2.4.2. Nominating team must seek approval from opposing team with both coaches' signatures on written application.
  - 2.4.3. Decision to be finalised by the Games Official by written authority.
  - 2.4.4. Match must be played prior to the next scheduled round.
- 2.5. With matches played outside of the normal game dates- match fees and scoresheet to be handed in on the date of the following scheduled round. Failure to comply will result in a fine and/or loss of premiership points.
- 2.6. As soon as practical following completion of the game, results are to be entered into PlayHQ and the Games Official advised.
- 2.7. All members must nominate an A grade team before any other senior grade will be accepted, and the 19 & under grade will be excluded from the nomination restrictions.



### **3. AGE GROUPINGS**

3.1. Age groupings shall be 19 and under, 17 and under, 15 and under, 13 and under and 11 and under and 9 and under as at 31st December of the current season.

### **4. 11 & UNDER COMPETITION**

4.1. Matches shall consist of four quarters of 12 minutes each, with an interval of 3 minutes between the first-second and third-fourth quarters and with an interval of 5 minutes at half time.

4.2. Official netball rules will apply for matches, posts 3.05m, ball size 5.

4.3. All players must be rotated through all positions on court on a weekly basis.

4.4. No premiership points will be awarded for the competition.

4.5. No Best and Fairest selection will take place.

4.6. The competition will be completed on the day of the last minor round in other grades

4.7. If 9/U competition does not go ahead for a season, the 11B/U competition is to abide by the 9/U rules (refer 5).

### **5. 9 & UNDER COMPETITION**

5.1. Matches shall consist of four quarters of 8 minutes each, with an interval of 2 minutes between the first-second and third-fourth quarters and with an interval of 3 minutes at half time.

5.2. Official Netball rules will apply for matches, posts 2.43m, ball size 4.

5.3. All players must be rotated through all positions on court on a weekly basis.

5.4. When a 9 & under team is short of players interchange players from another team from the same grade may take the court. The name of each fill in player and their club is to be recorded on the scorecard.

5.5. No premiership points will be awarded for the competition.

5.6. No Best and Fairest selection will take place.

5.7. The competition will be completed on the day of the last minor round in other grades.

### **6. DUTIES OF TEAMS**

6.1. Each team shall supply a scorer, a timekeeper, and primary care person

6.2. The scorer supplied by the first named team shall be deemed Scorer 1 and shall be the official scorer of the game.

6.3. The timekeeper supplied by the second named team shall be deemed the official timer.



6.4. Before the commencement of the match, the first named team captain shall toss the coin, the other captain calling heads or tails, for first centre pass or choice of goal and notify the umpires of the result.

6.5. Both teams shall:

6.5.1. Ensure Christian and surnames of players are recorded clearly and correctly on the scoresheet prior to the match.

6.5.2. Ensure that their court is clear of all litter prior to leaving.

6.6. Each team is responsible for submitting their scoresheets to the Games Official.

6.7. Each team must provide their own basic first aid equipment and digital timer (a mobile phone is not considered a timer).

## 7. PLAYERS ON-CALL

7.1. The "on-call" player must inform the officiating umpires and the opposing team prior to the commencement of the match of the possibility of being called away.

7.2. In the event of a player needing to respond to an emergency on-call beeper/phone during a match, the inter-change player may take the position.

7.3. If the "on-call" player is the Centre and in the event of no inter-change being available, one positional alteration may be made.

7.4. Notation to this effect is to be made on the scoresheet and "OC" alongside the player's name.

## 8. ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES

8.1. In accordance with City of Mount Gambier By-Laws, no alcoholic beverages are permitted inside the court area.

## 9. COURT HIRE

9.1. Courts may be booked through the MGNA Secretary.

9.1.1. Court fees for Association teams will be set annually by the Board.

9.1.2. Court fees for others will be set annually by the Board.

9.2. Only those rostered may use courts for evening practices.

9.3. Clubs are to ensure that unless needed by another club, the lights must be switched off at the end of practice.

9.3.1. Teams leaving lights on after practice will be liable to a fine of \$50.00.

9.4. Clubs that invite other teams to practice with them will be held responsible for any fines incurred by the visiting team(s).



## 10. REGISTRATION AND AFFILIATION FEES

- 10.1. Registration fees will be determined annually by the Board.
- 10.2. A, A2, A3, B1, B2, C, 19U Senior Registration as per Netball SA Registration
- 10.3. 17U, 15U, 13U, 11U and 9U Junior Registration as per Netball SA Registration
- 10.4. Single Game Voucher as per Netball SA Registration
- 10.5. All registration and affiliation fees are per player with minimum of 5 players per team.
  - 10.5.1. Single Game Vouchers can only be used for one match in a round.
  - 10.5.2. A maximum of 2 Single Game Vouchers are allowed per player per season.
  - 10.5.3. Single Game Vouchers are not allowed for finals
- 10.6. All registration and affiliation fees are per player with a minimum of 5 players per team
- 10.7. Any junior nominated in a senior team will pay junior registration fees.

## 11. MATCH FEES

- 11.1. Per senior team per match \$80.00 (excluding finals)
- 11.2. Per junior team per match \$60.00 (excluding finals)
- 11.3. Match fees are per team no matter how many players are involved.
- 11.4. Clubs may elect to pay all match fees at the commencement of the season or prior to the start of the days play.
- 11.5. Match fees must be received by the Treasurer within 30 mins of the completion of the scheduled round or a fine will apply at the discretion of the Board.

## 12. FINES AND FEES

- 12.1. Failure of members to be adequately represented at General Meetings and Special General Meetings as referred to in Clause shall incur a fine of \$20.00.
- 12.2. Submission of an incorrect scoresheet or other official form by a member, or a late scoresheet may incur a fine at the discretion of the Games Official.
- 12.3. Matches in which teams play an unregistered player shall be forfeited and/or a fine imposed.
- 12.4. Written complaints, as referred to in [Rule 13.1](#), must be accompanied by a deposit of \$50.00.



- 12.5. Players coming from other associations will only pay MGNA affiliation fee providing the Netball SA fee has already been paid.
- 12.6. Any member that fails to fulfil their commitments as set by the Board are to be fined as per the discretion of the Board.
- 12.7. Late fee for outstanding invoices shall incur a fine as per discretion of the Board.

### **13. COMPLAINTS**

- 13.1. Any complaint may be lodged with MGNA. All complaints must be made in writing to the Secretary and be accompanied by a deposit (refer 12.4), which may be forfeited if it is found that the complaint is of a trivial or of a vexatious nature.
- 13.2. A complaint related to an Association match shall be lodged on or before the Monday following the match.
- 13.3. The hearing of a complaint shall commence and be finalised before the following Saturday or matches, following the receipt of such complaint and if required the complainant must attend or forfeit the deposit, whereupon the complaint shall lapse.
- 13.4. If a tribunal committee is likely to be required the Secretary of the Association shall notify all members of the Board within twenty four hours of receiving any written complaint.
- 13.5. In the event of any complaint being found justified, the deposit shall be returned and the Board may impose a penalty at their discretion.
- 13.6. Any minor round matches in which teams play an unregistered player shall be forfeited and/or a fine imposed as per the discretion of the Board.
- 13.7. Any major round matches in which a team plays an unregistered or unqualified player shall be forfeited.

### **14. MEMBER INFORMATION**

- 14.1. Player and official contact details can be obtained on game day from the MGNA Games Official, Treasurer or Secretary, and can only be given to the member official.

### **15. TRANSFERS**

- 15.1. No player shall play for more than one affiliated member during any one season without first obtaining a permit from the Board.

### **16. UNIFORMS AND COLOURS**

- 16.1. The Association uniform colours are Grey, Red and White as registered with Netball SA.
- 16.2. No member may apply for registration of or use of any similar colours.
- 16.3. The Association uniform may not be worn except as directed by the Board, or the official appointed to take charge of an Association team.



- 16.4. The uniform shall be the property of the Association and players shall be responsible for their return or replacement in good order and condition as directed.

## 17. CLUB UNIFORMS

- 17.1. Players must wear complete registered club uniform or they will not be permitted to play.
- 17.2. All sports briefs and bike shorts must be above the knee. No bikinis to be worn.
- 17.3. Application in writing to play in anything below the knee must be made to the Board.
- 17.4. All socks must cover the ankle bone.
- 17.5. Hats, if worn, must be registered with the club uniform and must be soft brimmed.
- 17.6. No club shall alter its colours or uniform except with the approval of the Board.
- 17.7. No player shall play in any uniform or colours not registered in the name of his/her member.
- 17.8. If long sleeves are worn they must be registered, and the umpire may request players to remove long sleeves if they do not conform with the registered uniform.
- 17.9. Uniforms of newly affiliated members must be approved by the Board.

## 18. REPRESENTATIVE TEAMS

- 18.1. A player shall not be eligible for selection unless he/she is registered with the Association. Players selected for the Mount Gambier Squad Teams shall abide by the Rules of Selection as detailed by the Board and when called upon carry out such duties for the Association as the Board may direct.

## 19. ASSOCIATION COACHES AND MANAGERS

- 19.1. Applications for the position of Coach and Managers of all or any one of the Association's teams shall be called for in such manner and at such time or times as the Board may determine.
- 19.2. All Officials' travel and accommodation expenses will be paid by the Association.

## 20. MATCH REGULATIONS

- 20.1. Refer Rules of Netball as per International Netball Federation
- 20.2. Once players have played six (6) games in any higher grade they are ineligible to play in a lower grade unless the Board has granted a permit for such player to "pass down".



- 20.3. Any junior player playing in a junior grade 17/U down can play any number of games in the senior grades (without contravening 20.2).
- 20.3.1. Any player in 19/U can play any number of games in B1 senior grade or below.
- 20.3.2. Once a 19/U player has played 6 games in A or A2 grade they are ineligible to play 19/U.
- 20.4. 19 & under grade will be classed as a junior grade and playing regulations are to follow those as a junior player (see 20.3, 20.3.1, 20.3.2).
- 20.5. An application for a permit for any player to "pass down" to a lower grade shall be lodged in writing by the Secretary of the member to the Games Official no later than 1 pm on the Sunday preceding the match in which such player is required to play and shall state the purpose for the transfer. The Board will then meet and advise of their decision.
- 20.6. A player who has been granted a permit to "pass down" may not subsequently play in any team in a higher grade during that season.
- 20.7. A player qualified in a lower grade may play a second match on the same day/night, in a different time slot, in a higher grade providing he/she does not contravene 23.1.2.
- 20.8. A player may not play a second match in the same round in a different time slot in the same grade.
- 20.9. Clubs with more than one team in any one grade may not interchange players after a player has played six matches in that one team in that grade.
- 20.10. Any reserve named on the scoresheet must take the court to be considered as having played the game. Any length of time on the court constitutes as a match (even if only taking the court for an injury)
- 20.11. A player not recorded on the score sheet at the commencement of the game may take the court once the match has started providing his/her name is added to the score sheet prior to her taking the court and LA (late arrival) is written alongside the name.
- 20.12. A player who has been suspended from participating in or during a match as a result of a disciplinary action by officiating umpires is not eligible for Best and Fairest selection.
- 20.13. The disciplinary action must be noted on the scoresheet and must be signed by the officiating umpires.
- 20.14. All players play at their own risk; including wearing glasses. MGNA is not responsible for any accident or sickness
- 20.15. Any minor round matches in which teams play an unregistered player shall be forfeited and/or a fine imposed as per the discretion of the Board.
- 20.16. Any major round matches in which a team plays an unregistered or unqualified player shall be forfeited.



## 21. SCORESHEETS

- 21.1. If any match is abandoned or forfeited the team or teams concerned must submit their scoresheet with a list of players who would have played and the scoresheet will be accepted for the purpose of qualification of players.
- 21.2. The home score sheet is the official score sheet. If in the event that the result on the two score sheets do not match, the home score sheet is deemed the official result.

## 22. PREMIERSHIP POINTS

- 22.1. Premiership points shall be awarded to teams as follows:
- 22.1.1. A team winning a match shall receive two points.
- 22.1.2. A team involved in a drawn match shall receive one point.
- 22.1.3. A team receiving a forfeit shall be awarded two points.
- 22.1.4. For the purpose of calculating percentages, the forfeiting team's goals shall be NIL and goals against shall be the highest goals scored by a team in that grade on that day.

## 23. FINALS

### 23.1. QUALIFICATION

- 23.1.1. In order to be eligible for finals a player must have played at least five (5) minor rounds in a junior or senior grade.
- 23.1.2. If a player has qualified as a junior, they are eligible to participate in a senior major round providing he/she does not contravene [20.2](#).
- 23.1.3. Any junior player who has only played in senior grades throughout the minor rounds is not eligible to play in a junior major round.
- 23.1.4. Finals matches in which teams play an unregistered or unqualified player will be forfeited.

### 23.2. MATCHES

- 23.2.1. At the end of the minor rounds the four teams in each grade that have gained the most premierships points shall compete in the major round.
- (a) In the event of two or more teams in a grade gaining the same number of premierships points, their position shall be determined on their average goal percentage.
- 23.2.2. The major round shall be played on the dates set down in the programme as follows:
- (a) Semi-Finals



- i. Match A - First team versus second team
- ii. Match B - Third team versus fourth team
- (b) Preliminary Final
  - i. Match C - Winner of Match B versus Loser of Match A
- (c) Grand Final
  - i. Winner of Match A versus Winner of Match C

23.2.3. If a match in the major round results in a draw:

- (a) There will be an interval of four (4) minutes at the end of full time.
- (b) Extra time consists of two (2) halves of equal length, not exceeding seven (7) minutes each, with a half time interval of one (1) minute. Teams change ends at half time.
- (c) The first centre pass in each half is taken by the team entitled to the next centre pass.
- (d) In the event of a tie remaining at the end of extra time, a visual signal is placed at the official bench to indicate that play will continue until one team leads by two (2) goals.

## 24. TROPHIES

24.1. Heather Mund Goal Throwing Trophy is awarded to the team with the highest number of goals scored during the minor round.

24.2. The Nunan Perpetual Junior Trophy is awarded to the player with the highest number of first preference best and fairest votes over all junior grades. If a draw results, second and third preference votes are to be counted.

24.2.1. In the event of a tie each player concerned shall receive a trophy

24.3. The Nunan Perpetual Senior Trophy is awarded to the player with the highest number of first preference best and fairest votes over all senior grades. If a draw results, second and third preference votes are to be counted.

24.3.1. In the event of a tie each player shall receive a trophy.

### 24.4 Best and Fairest Trophies

24.3.2. A trophy shall be given to the Best and Fairest player in each grade, calculated as follows from the umpires' votes:

- (a) First vote                      3 points
- (b) Second vote                    2 points
- (c) Third vote                       1 point



- 24.3.2. In the event of a tie each player concerned shall receive a trophy.
- 24.5 Premiership Trophies are perpetual and remain the property of the Association
- 24.6 Members shall be responsible for the safe custody of all trophies won by them during the period in which they are held after presentation.
- 24.6.1 Any club that upon request fails to return a trophy in good order and condition shall be liable to pay the cost of replacement or such repairs as may be necessary.
- 24.7 Senior and Junior Umpire Award is awarded to an umpire as voted by the member umpire coordinators.
- 24.7.1 Both umpires are to be awarded an engraved whistle as their trophy.
- 24.7.2 A perpetual trophy is also awarded.
- 24.8 Team of Year
- 24.8.1 Team of the Year is awarded by each A Grade coach casting their votes prior to the last minor round.
- 24.8.2 There will be preferential votes (3, 2, 1) given in each area 3 Defence, 4 Mid-court and 3 Attack positions. Coach of the Year will be preferential votes (2, 1).
- 24.8.3 If a draw results a countback of 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> preference votes are to be done. In the event of a tie each player concerned shall receive a trophy.

## **25 BREACH OF CONSTITUTION, RULES AND BY-LAWS**

- 25.1 The Board may impose on its members such penalties as may be deemed necessary for breach of the Constitution and By-Laws of the Association.
- 25.2 The Board shall have power to direct that no premiership points be allotted to any member or team playing matches while any fees or fines remain unpaid, unless such member applied in writing for and has been granted, an extension of time for payment.

## **26 BLOOD POLICY**

- 26.1 Refer Rules of Netball as per International Netball Federation.

## **27 EXTREME WEATHER POLICY**

- 27.1 HEAT (refer to 29.6 for Social Servies heat policy)
- 27.1.1 If the forecasted temperature on [www.bom.gov.au](http://www.bom.gov.au) at 7.00am is to reach 34 degrees or above, all matches will be cancelled.
- 27.2 WET WEATHER



27.2.1 Matches to proceed unless conditions are considered unsafe. Consideration needs to be given to the following factors:

- (a) Amount and intensity of rain
- (b) Thunderstorm activity with lightning
- (c) Water volume on courts
- (d) Lack of grip on courts
- (e) Player age level on courts

27.2.2 Once play has commenced, the umpires can stop play on their court in times of extreme weather and determine the length of time for the stoppage and ensure that play resumes as soon as possible. If match does not resume refer to 27.5 to determine the outcome of the match.

### 27.3 HAIL

27.3.1 If matches have commenced the umpires must stop play on their court and everyone seek cover. If match does not resume refer to 27.5 to determine the outcome of the match.

### 27.4 LIGHTNING

27.4.1 If matches have commenced, umpires must stop play and everyone to move inside the club rooms. Play must not resume until 30 minutes after the last lightning strike is seen and thunder heard. If match does not resume refer to 27.5 to determine the outcome of the match

### 27.5 Match results:

27.5.1 If half of the game has been completed, the score stands as the final result.

27.5.2 If less than half of the game has been completed, the teams have one week to replay the whole match.

## 28 WORKING WITH CHILDRENS CHECKS

28.1 The following persons must provide the Association with a valid working with children check (DHS) prior to their first scheduled match: Committee members, coaches, managers and umpires.

28.1.1 MGNA Board Members;

28.1.2 MGNA Umpires' Coordinator, Publicity Officer and Canteen Manager;

28.1.3 All MGNA Squad Officials; and

28.1.4 Committee members, coaches, managers and umpires from all Members.

28.2 The working with children check (DHS) is to be sighted by the nominated



executive within one month of submission.

- 28.3 Failure to provide a working with children check (DHS) within the nominated time frame, their position will be forfeited.

## 29 SUMMER SERIES

- 29.1 Nomination \$100.00 per team (\$50 refundable if all rounds played). Match fees \$35.00 per team per match.
- 29.2 The Summer Series competition shall be conducted at the discretion of the Summer Series Sub-Committee.
- 29.3 Matches shall be centrally timed and shall consist of four ten minute quarters with 1 minute changeover of ends at quarter and three quarter time and a three minute half time break.
- 29.4 Each team must supply their own umpire.
- 29.5 Scoresheets must be completed correctly with the full names of all players.
- 29.6 If the temperature at 5pm is over 35°C according to B.O.M, the games may be cancelled at the discretion of the Chair of the Social Series Sub-committee and the Minute Taker, in that order.

## 30 GOVERNMENT DIRECTIVES

- 30.1 MGNA will abide by all SA Health and Netball SA Health Directives
- 30.1.1 MGNA Board reserves the right to amend rule 2.4 as required to abide by Government Directives



## Revision History

Version	Date	Endorsed	Amendments
1.0	3/04/2017	Board meeting 3/04/2017	New document – amalgamation and review of previous By Laws and Rules in line with newly adopted Constitution
2.0	9/05/2017	Board meeting 5/05/2017	Clause 12.3 – added clause Clause 23.3 – minor wording change, added “only”
3.0	16/05/2019		Clause 4 – changed to GO (Ages 9-10) Competition and added rules regarding movement of players Clause 5 – changed to SET (Ages 7-8) Competition Clause 6 – added requirement to provide primary care person; digital timer (not mobile phone) Clause 10 – added SET & GO registrations; single game voucher conditions Clause 20 – match regulations, added 20.5, 20.15 (last sentence), 20.16 (previously 13.6) and 20.17 (previously 13.7) Clause 21 – added 21.2, 13.1.4 Clause 27 – added Clause 28 – changed to Working with Children Check (WWCC) as per legislative changes effective 1 July 2019 Clause 29 – renamed to Social Series
4.0	19/04/2022	Board Meeting 19/04/2022	Clause 2.7 – Change Mt Netball to Play HQ Clause 3.1 – Reverted back to V2 Clause 4 – Reverted back to V2 Clause 5 – Reverted back to V2 Clause 10.3 and 10.4 reverted back to V2 Clause 10.8 – Removed Clause 12.7 – Removed Clause 20.3 – Changed to make U19 a junior grade Clause 28 – Changed WWCC to DHS Clause 30 - Added
5.0	28/03/2023	Board Meeting 20/03/2023	Clause 11.1,11.2 – Change of Fees Clause 20.2 – Wording – ‘ineligible’ replaced ‘no allowed’ Clause 20.3 – Added ‘17/U down’ and corrected typo ‘23.2’ to ‘20.2’ Clause 20.3.1 – Added Clause 20.3.2 - Added