

# **NORTHERN NETBALL LEAGUE INCORPORATED**



## **BY-LAWS**

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## **NORTHERN NETBALL LEAGUE INCORPORATED BY-LAWS**

### **1. NNL BY-LAWS DEFINITION AND INTERPRETATION**

- 1.1. The NNL By-Laws are the Statement of Rules of the Northern Netball League.
- 1.2. By-Laws are rules which apply to members which generally deal with internal and administrative matters. The By-Laws are made under the Statement of Rules. Accordingly, the By-Laws are subordinate to the Statement of Rules and must not be inconsistent with the Statement of Rules. An association shall have a clause in the Statement of Rules that provides the power to the Board or Committee to create By-Laws.
- 1.3. If any rule is silent within the Northern Netball League By-Laws refer to the Northern Football League By-Laws, which shall apply.

### **2. AFFILIATION**

- 2.1. The League requires that all Netball Clubs that participate in the League to be an Incorporated club under the Incorporation Act.

### **3. PERSONNEL**

- 3.1. NNL Manager is a staff member of the League who is appointed to manage the competition.
- 3.2. NNL Umpire Supervisor is a staff member of the League who will oversee the recruitment, appointments, development and badging of all umpires throughout the season.

### **4. CORRESPONDENCE**

- 4.1. All correspondence from the club must be from the Club Secretary or authorized person to the NNL's Netball Manager.
- 4.2. All correspondence from the Northern Netball League shall be directed to the club Secretary and the Authorized Netball Contact, as listed on Club registration form.

### **5. NORTHERN NETBALL ADVISORY/APPEALS COUNCIL**

- 5.1. The Northern Netball League shall appoint an advisory council of up to four members each season to assist and advise the Netball Manager with any complex issues which arise and to handle appeals and any administrative decisions made.

### **6. NORTHERN NETBALL SUB COMMITTEES**

- 6.1. Northern Netball shall appoint the following sub committees to assist the Netball Manager throughout the season if required:
  - I. Finals Sub-Committee;
  - II. Representative Teams Sub Committee;
  - III. By Laws review sub Committee;
  - IV. Development Sub-Committee;
  - V. Grading Committee.

## 7. REGISTRATION OF CLUBS

### 7.1. Club/Team Conditions

7.1.1. Clubs may enter as many teams as they wish. All teams are to be graded at the start of the season.

7.1.2. A Club applying for entry into the Competition shall ensure the following:

- I. No late entries will be accepted (no correspondence will be entered into) following the grading period;
- II. Satisfy the Competition Manager that they are prepared to field a team for all fixture matches and are in a position to meet the financial requirements of the Competition/s they are entering;
- III. The Club/Team shall agree to abide by the policy and rules of NNL;
- IV. The Club/Team shall agree to adhere to the requirements of the sponsor/s of the Competition/s they are participating in;
- V. Club/Team shall agree to abide by Netball Victoria Codes of Conduct;
- VI. In the event of a Club withdrawing a team from the competition;
- VII. After the confirmation of Acceptances – there will be no reimbursement of the Entry Fee;
- VIII. Once competition matches have commenced – there will be no reimbursement of Fees received, and any outstanding Court Fees must be paid;
- IX. Subsequent entry into future Competition/s may be jeopardised;
- X. NNL reserves the right to refuse an entry from any club/team for any reason.

7.1.3. Club Fees shall be set the NNL each year and circulated to all clubs by December prior to coming season.

### 7.2. Membership/Registrations

7.2.1. Netball Victoria's membership fee is set annually by the Victorian Netball Association Inc. and shall be communicated to Affiliated Clubs annually.

7.2.2. All Players, coaches & umpires must be registered with the Northern Netball League.

7.2.3. All players are to be financial with Netball Victoria before taking the court or prior to Commencing participation.

**7.2.4. *Players must make payment online via Netball Victoria. Clubs are to record the player's current VNA number and forward all registration forms to the NNL Competition Manager on a date to be advised.***

7.2.5. Penalty for playing a player who is not registered with the League and/or Netball Victoria:

- I. Loss of 4 Premiership Points; and/or
- II. \$50 fine;
- III. *Second offence: Penalty determined at the CEO's discretion.***

## **8. TRANSFERS/CLEARANCES**

### **8.1. General**

8.1.1. Any player wanting to obtain a transfer permit to another Club during the season must complete a Clearance and forward to the Competition Manager for processing.

**8.1.2. No transfer permit shall be granted for the current season after the 30<sup>th</sup> of June.**

8.1.3. A player must have received notification in writing from the Association before playing for the new Club.

8.1.4. A transfer permit may be refused if there are any outstanding fees or equipment.

### **8.2. Procedure**

8.2.1. The exiting club has 6 days to complete the transfer or the player will automatically transfer to the new club. The 6 days commence from the time the transfer is lodged with NNL.

8.2.2. An email will be sent to the new club detailing the transfer has been accepted or rejected.

8.2.3. If the transfer permit is refused by the club then it is up to the player to ensure that the issue is resolved before another transfer permit application is submitted.

8.2.4. Best and Fairest votes will transfer permit with the player should they remain in the Northern Netball League.

8.2.5. The number of games played in the current season will NOT transfer with player to the new club, i.e. they will need to qualify for finals with the new club.

### **8.3. Penalties**

8.3.1. Playing a non-cleared player shall result in a forfeit with a 10-nil score recorded in favor of the non offending team as well as a fine for each game a non-cleared player takes the court.

➤ Fine for breach: In accordance with Schedule 20.

### **8.4. Summer Competition Permit**

8.4.1. If a player wishes to play in the NNL Summer Competition and their club has not entered a team, they can apply for a permit to play for another club during the Summer Competition only. At the completion of the competition they must return to their original club for the Winter Season.

8.4.2. If a player wishes to continue playing with the other club for the Winter Season they must apply for a full transfer.

8.4.3. Players can apply for a permit for the Summer Competition only.

## **9. PLAYERS**

### **9.1. General**

9.1.1. All Players participating in the competition must hold a current registration with Netball Victoria.

9.1.2. Single game vouchers will be available for all competitions and will only constitute a current Netball Victoria Membership for the game granted.

- 9.1.3. A Participant's age group is determined by their age as at 31<sup>st</sup> December of that year.
- 9.1.4. The League may run competitions in the following age groups each season dependent on participation:
- I. Open Section (15 years and over);
  - II. 17/Under (minimum age 14 years);
  - III. 15/ Under (minimum age 12 years);
  - IV. 13/Under (minimum age 11 years);
  - V. 11/Under;
  - VI. Net Set Go (Ages 5 to 10 years).
- 9.1.5. A player may only play in one game per night.
- 9.1.6. A player is eligible to play in a competition if they are listed on the Club/Team entry for that competition.
- 9.1.7. There will be no limitation on movement of players between teams of the same club, except when there is more than one team from the same club in the same section. In the event that there is more than one team from the same club in the same section, players may transfer between teams until the player takes the court for their fourth (4) game with a particular team. Once this occurs the player must remain with the team they played their fourth match with for the remainder of the season.

## **9.2. Male Players**

- 9.2.1. Males eligible for Under-13 and below competitions are permitted to play in the NNL.
- 9.2.1..1. Teams may have up to one male on the court at one time.

## **10. FINALS**

### **10.1. General**

- 10.1.1. The number of Premiership points gained during the season shall determine teams qualifying for finals. In the event of teams being on equal points, positions shall be determined by percentage of goals scored for and against. In the event of teams being equal in percentage, positions shall be determined by the greater number of goals scored for.
- 10.1.2. All sections shall consist of a minimum of a top 4 for finals purposes. However the number of teams eligible for finals in a particular section may be increased at the discretion of the NNL Manager should it be determined the number of teams in that section warrants an increase in the number of finalists.
- 10.1.3. Teams found playing an ineligible player during the finals will be considered to have lost that match and be subject to a fine set by the League.
- Fine for breach: In accordance with Schedule 20.
- 10.1.4. Matches shall be conducted for finals as per home and away matches. The start time may vary and clubs will be advised accordingly.

**10.1.5. In the event a team withdraws from the finals series, the NNL Manager will determine which team, if any, shall replace the withdrawing team.**

## **10.2. Drawn Games in Finals**

10.2.1. In the event of a finals game being tied at the end of the fourth quarter, the following process shall occur:

10.2.2. There shall be a one (1) minute time allowance to enable teams to change ends and scores to be verified on score sheet.

10.2.3. 2 x 5-minute halves will be played.

10.2.4. Positional changes and/or substitutions may be made during change over time and also at half time of the two extra time periods.

10.2.5. Should scores still be level at the end of the second half of extra time, play continues until one team has a 2 goal advantage.

## **10.3. Final Qualifications**

10.3.1. Players must play at least three (3) matches with their affiliated club in a particular team during the home and away season in order to qualify for finals with that team.

**10.3.2. Players may only play in one team during the finals series per season. A player who qualifies for finals in multiple sections is not permitted to play finals in the lower section once they have played five (5) or more home and away matches in the higher section.**

10.3.3. Teams found playing an ineligible player during the finals series will be considered to have lost the match and/or be fined an amount determined by the League.

**10.3.4. Where a team has a genuine shortage of eligible players for finals games, the club may seek approval from the League for the utilisation of players from other teams for each finals match played.**

**10.3.5. For the purpose of By-Law 9.2.4, a team has a “genuine shortage” for finals games when they have less than 7 players.**

**10.3.6. An application under By-Law 9.2.4 must include at least three (3) players. League approval will only be given for players from a team in a lower section. In exceptional circumstances variations to this rule may apply upon application to the League.**

**10.3.7. Players approved under By-Law 9.2.4 are eligible to play finals with the team who sought approval. Finals teams utilising players approved under By-Law 9.2.4 may play a finals game with eligible and approved players on the Team Sheet to a maximum on the Team Sheet of 7 players.**

## **11. COACHES**

11.1. All coaches must hold or obtain a minimum of the “Foundation” Accreditation for the first season in which they coach.

11.2. Accreditations must be obtained prior to 30th June of current year.

11.3. All coaches must have a current Netball Victoria Membership (VNA).



- 11.4. All coaches must wear an official NFL Coach Armband during games.
- 11.5. In the event of the appointed Coach being absent, the nominated person in charge of that team must be accredited.
- 11.6. Coaching is permitted during any stoppage by appointed coach that is listed on Team sheet. The Coach shall be the only person that may approach the players at the Side Line. Bench players may also approach the Side Line if coaching occurs.
- 11.7. During a Stoppage any Team Official may approach the players at the Side Line for the purpose of providing rehydration. At no time during a match (including intervals) are coaches permitted to approach umpires. Any discussion made with the umpires MUST be made by the team captain.
- 11.8. Coaches can speak with the Umpire Supervisor only.
  - Fine for breach: In accordance with Schedule 20.

## **12. UMPIRES**

- 12.1. The Northern Netball League will appoint an Umpire Supervisor to oversee the recruitment, appointments, development and badging of all umpires throughout the season.
- 12.2. All umpires must have a current VNA membership. Umpires officiating must be A, B or C Grade accredited or approved trainees as part of the development team.
- 12.3. Umpires shall not be changed during a game, but for exceptional circumstances.
- 12.4. Umpires must supply their own whistle.
- 12.5. Umpires are to be dressed appropriately in umpire's attire: white t-shirt to be purchased from the League, white shorts or skirt, correct sport shoes.
- 12.6. Finals Umpires shall be appointed by the League.
- 12.7. Any conduct deemed to be unbecoming or bringing the game into disrepute will be reportable by one or both officiating umpires. Any report is to be recorded and submitted to Northern Netball League by 10am Monday post match.

## **13. LEAGUE BEST AND FAIREST VOTING**

- 13.1. Voting for Best and Fairest shall be as follows:
  - I. The match umpires shall award votes of the best and fairest three players in each game;
  - II. Voting shall be 3 votes for the best and fairest player, 2 votes for the second best and fairest player and 1 vote for the third best and fairest player.

## **14. DRESS CODE**

### **14.1. General**

- 14.1.1. Each Club must register its uniform prior to the commencement of the season.
- 14.1.2. The League must approve all the uniforms, colors and designs.
- 14.1.3. Clubs must notify the League of any changes to their uniform.

- 14.1.4. All Uniforms must have the NNL Logo on the right hand breast.
- 14.1.5. All uniforms are to be purchased through a League approved supplier with all orders to be submitted through the office (no club is to directly place orders with a supplier).
- 14.1.6. All players are to be in correct uniform for matches unless prior approval has been given by the NNL Manager on an agreed interim uniform.
- 14.1.7. No bikini pants, see through pants, slacks, or track suit pants are permitted.
- 14.1.8. Skins/bike pants may be worn under the dress, but must be white, beige or black and must not extend below the dress unless a medical certificate can be provided to the NNL Manager.
- 14.1.9. The NNL Manager or acting Court Supervisor may, at their discretion, deem a player's or official's uniform inappropriate and request action to be taken to ensure the uniform is deemed appropriate for future matches.**
- 14.1.10. If there are religious or medical reasons why a player should wear particular head coverings or other items of clothing, the club or team must notify the NNL Manager in writing BEFORE the season commences, or as soon as possible. It must state the reason for the non-standard uniform. Only the player/s named in the correspondence will be permitted to be "out of uniform" during match times. Any item to be worn must not interfere with play or be a hindrance or danger to other players on the court.
- Fine for breach: In accordance with Schedule 20.

## 14.2. Nails

- 14.2.1. Nails must be short and smooth or taped using the approved material tape or approved sporting gloves.
- 14.2.2. Long nails must be tapped even if players choose to wear gloves.
- 14.2.3. Nails should be taped as follows: 1 piece of tape over the top of nail and 1 piece of tape around the nail.
- 14.2.4. Tape can be purchased from the competition desk by teams for their players use.

## 14.3. Jewellery

- 14.3.1. No item of jewellery except a wedding ring and or a medical alert bracelet may be worn and shall be taped.
- 14.3.2. Body piercing (ears, nose and eyebrow or other) which cannot be removed should be taped. No adornment that may endanger player safety may be worn.
- 14.3.3. The Umpire Supervisor shall have the right to prevent a player out of uniform from taking the court before the start of a game, however, once they have taken the court they may not be removed.

## 15. GRADING

- 15.1. There will be four (4) grading games at the beginning of the season. Scores shall be entered with the winning team receiving 4 points for a win, 0 points for a loss and 2 point for a draw. Percentage is not to be given.**

- 15.2. All Clubs shall have the opportunity to submit request to change sections on the completion of Round 3. The NNL Manager shall have the final decision regarding grading.
- 15.3. Grading allocations are subject to final ladder positions (promotion and relegation).

## **16. CONDUCT OF MATCHES**

- 16.1. All Senior and Junior Sections shall play on a Friday night at venues designated by the NNL Manager which are displayed on the Fixture.
- 16.2. All Section 1 games are to be 4 x 15 minute quarters in length with an Interval of 1 minute between the first and second quarters, an interval of 2 minutes at half time and another 1 minute between third and fourth quarter.
- 16.3. All other Sections' games and Junior matches are to be 4 x 10 minute quarters with a 30 second interval between the first and third quarters and a 1 minute interval at half time (subject to change).
- 16.4. Once the interval time has elapsed the umpire(s) will signal the players and the game clock for the next quarter will begin, regardless of whether players are in position.
- 16.5. No team is permitted to take the court unless 5 players are present.
- 16.6. All players must be listed on the score sheet; a late player may take the court after a goal has been scored by either team and after notifying an umpire.
- 16.7. Any team failing to start on time shall forfeit a goal per minute to the non offending team until 10 minutes has elapsed. A forfeit shall then be declared, providing the non-offending team has at least 5 or more players present.
- 16.8. The umpire shall toss a coin with the presence of both team captains in order to determine starting ends prior to the start of each game.
- 16.9. Time keepers and scorers must sit together on the sidelines (if electronic scoreboards or clocks are available they are permitted to be used).
- 16.10. There is no injury time – a match may be stopped by the umpires in extenuating circumstances to ensure a safe playing area is maintained.
- 16.11. Mercy Rule for Juniors: Once there is a 20 goal or more difference, the centre pass shall be taken by the losing side for as long as the margin stays at 20 goals or higher.
- 16.12. Any conduct deemed to be unbecoming or bringing the game into disrepute will be reportable by one or both officiating umpires. Offenders may receive any or all of the following penalties as deemed suitable by Northern Netball League Interdependent Tribunal:
- I. Fine up to \$100; and/or
  - II. Loss of Premiership points; and/or
  - III. Suspension from the League Home and Away games, finals, and/or Interleague games.

## **17. SEND OFF RULE**

### **17.1. General**

- 17.1.1. For rough or dangerous play, persistent and/ or deliberate breaking of the rules, misconduct or any other conduct which is considered inappropriate, the umpire may, in addition to any penalty awarded:
- I. Warn a player and/ or team official
  - II. Send a player off the court for a specified time; or
  - III. Order a player to leave the court and take no further part in the game;
  - IV. In extreme circumstances, stop the game and require the exclusion from the area of any team official whose inappropriate comments or behaviour continues after warning.

## **17.2. Sending Off**

- 17.2.1. A player may be sent off during a game for a specified period. When sending a player off the umpire shall:
- I. Signal to the time keepers to hold time;
  - II. Advise the player of the reasons for the send off;
  - III. Advise the time keepers that the player is sent off for five minutes;
  - IV. Signal to the time keepers and blow the whistle for the game to be resumed;
  - V. The sent off player shall remain beside the score bench.
- 17.2.2. When a player is sent off, no substitution can be made for that player or that playing position. The position shall remain vacant during the send off period unless the sent off player is a centre. In this case, the team may move one player so that play may continue and this player must remain as centre until the end of the send off.
- 17.2.3. At the end of the send off period, the player must return to the position from which they were sent off from and any player moved to centre must return to the position they were playing at the time of the send off.
- 17.2.4. After notifying the umpire, the sent off player may enter the court immediately after a goal has been scored or immediately following an interval.

## **17.3. Ordering Off**

- 17.3.1. In the case of more serious misconduct or of misconduct following a send off, the umpire may order a player to leave the court and take no further part in the game. When ordering a player off the umpire shall:
- I. Signal to the time keepers to hold time;
  - II. Advise the player of the reasons for the ordering off;
  - III. Signal to the time keepers and blow the whistle for the game to be resumed.
- 17.3.2. The player ordered off shall report to the appropriate team bench. No substitute may be made for a player ordered off. The position shall remain vacant during the send off period unless the sent off player is a centre. In this case, the team may move one player so that play may continue.

## **18. SCORING/TIMEKEEPING**

- 18.1. Each team must provide a non-participating scorer/timekeeper for all matches. The scorers/timekeepers from each competing team must sit together at the scorers bench and must be 14 years or over.
- 18.2. All players are to be listed on the score sheet with complete given and surname of those players intending to take the court order prior to the commencement of play. Any player, who takes the court without having been named on the score sheet must be removed immediately and cannot participate in the remainder of the match. The scores sheet must also indicate the players positions played each quarter, the goals they score and the match score.
- 18.3. All players must sign the score sheet prior to commencement of game.
- 18.4. At the conclusion of the match, to indicate their satisfaction that the information on the official score sheet is correct, it is to be signed by:
  - I. The captains of both competing teams;
  - II. The officiating umpires;
  - III. The scorers/timekeepers.
  - IV. Penalty for By-Law 18 non-compliance: \$20 fine.
- 18.5. The NNL Manager shall be responsible for entering of all results onto the Leagues Website and is to include the following:
  - I. Team players;
  - II. Quarter by quarter scores and full time scores;
  - III. Goal scorers.
  - Fine for breach: In accordance with Schedule 20.

## **19. LADDERS**

### **19.1. Composition**

- 19.1.1. Four (4) Premiership points will be awarded for a win in the Home and Away matches.
- 19.1.2. Two (2) Premiership points will be awarded to each side in the event of a drawn Home and Away match.
- 19.1.3. Zero (0) Premiership points will be awarded for a bye.
- 19.1.4. Two (2) Premiership points will be awarded to each side in the event of a game being abandoned due to equipment fault before half time.
- 19.1.5. Four (4) Premiership points will be awarded to the team which is leading in the event of a game being abandoned due to equipment fault after half time.

### **19.2. Forfeits**

- 19.2.1. In the event of a game being forfeited, the forfeiting team will be considered to have lost the game and shall not include the game in club playing records. The team against whom the forfeiting

team was scheduled to play shall be awarded four (4) Premiership points and be entitled to include the game in club playing records.

19.2.2. Scores will be calculated by taking the average winning score and the average losing score from matches played in that section during that round, with percentage awarded accordingly.

19.2.3. If a match is forfeited due to lack of numbers, the teams may agree to conduct an unofficial practice match and the umpires are requested to assist if necessary.

19.2.4. If any club forfeits a scheduled match in either Senior or Junior Competition, penalties may be imposed as below:

- I. A penalty not exceeding \$1000 for any game forfeited;
- II. In addition to any financial penalty, the Board may at its discretion withhold Premiership points for the relevant competing team;
- III. Junior clubs may receive a fine at the discretion of the CEO if they forfeit a game in the first four rounds.

### **19.3. Match Ratio**

19.3.1. In competitions involving an uneven number of byes for competing teams, the League shall prepare a match ratio ladder which reflects the number of wins by each team against the number of matches played by each team.

## **20. APPEALS/PROTESTS/DISPUTE RESOLUTIONS**

20.1. A team wishing to protest a scoring issue must:

I. Not sign the Official score sheet, immediately notify the Court Supervisor and or the Umpire Supervisor of the intention to protest;

II. Lodge the protest in writing to the NNL Manager within 24 hours of the match being played.

20.2. A club shall have the right to appeal to the Northern Netball League within 24 hours of notification of a penalty and must do in writing to the CEO. If a club wishes to appeal to the Northern Netball Appeals Committee, a cheque of \$250 should be forwarded to Northern Netball League of which:

I. \$200 will be returned to the club if the appeal is upheld;

II. Up to \$150 will be returned to the club if the appeal is dismissed (at the discretion of the Advisory/Appeals Committee);

III. Up to \$150 will be returned to the club if the appeal is not heard (at the discretion of the Appeals committee).

20.3. The appeal notification will then be forwarded to the Northern Netball Appeals/Advisory Committee who will decide the outcome.

20.4. The club will then be notified in writing if the appeal will not be heard.

20.5. The Northern Netball League Appeals Board decision is final.

## **21. GRIEVANCES/REPORTS**

21.1. To be in conjunction with the NFL Football By-Laws.

I. Grievance Committee – NFL By-Law 26.5;

II. Conciliation – NFL By-Law 29;

III. Reportable Incidents – NFL By-Law 30.

## **22. SELECTION OF REPRESENTATIVE TEAMS**

22.1. The NNL Manager will organise the Representative Team selection trials and matches.

22.2. Selection trials will be conducted under the following conditions:

22.2.1. All players that have registered with the competition shall be informed in writing of the Selection trial date, time and place where selection trials are to be held.

22.2.2. Notice of selection trials must be received at least ten days prior to the date of the trials.

## **23. AWARDS**

23.1. The following player awards will be presented each season in each Section:

I. League Best and Fairest;

II. Star Shooter – Leading goal scorer.

23.2. Other forms of recognition will be awarded by Northern Netball League as deemed appropriate.

## **24. PRESENTATION NIGHT**

24.1. At the conclusion of the playing season a Presentation Night shall be held.

24.2. Presentation of awards shall be made on the evening.

24.3. All clubs will be billed within their fee structure of 2 tickets for the Netball Club. Extra tickets can be purchased from the office.

## **25. WORKING WITH CHILDREN CHECK**

25.1. All persons working with juniors up to and including the under-18 competitions require a current Working with Children Check.

## **26. RISK MANAGEMENT**

### **26.1. Injury Reporting**

26.1.1. All Clubs are responsible for recording all injuries at the discretion of the injured player or players' guardian (player under 18) on the Injury Reporting Sheets provided.

26.1.2. All players in the Northern Football Netball League representative team are responsible for recording all injuries at the discretion of the injured player or players' guardian (player under 18) on the Injury Reporting Sheets provided.

### **26.2. Pregnancy (As per Pregnancy in Netball – Netball Australia)**

**26.2.1. An individual who is pregnant is free to play in the NNL. However, a pregnant player should:**

- I. Be aware that her own health, and the wellbeing of her unborn child, is of utmost importance in her decision about whether to continue playing sport;**
- II. Obtain expert medical advice as to the risks associated with playing sport when pregnant. She should ensure she understands this advice and where necessary question the advice until she is sure she understands the risks taken in participating in Netball;**
- III. Have regular antenatal reviews with her doctor, including ongoing review of her exercise participation;**
- IV. Take into account her changed physical condition, use common sense and not take unnecessary risks;**
- V. Remember that the ultimate decision to participate in Netball will always be hers, whilst having regard to all the circumstances.**

### **26.3. First Aid**

**26.3.1. The Northern Netball League will ensure that a qualified first aider is present at all NNL matches.**

### **26.4. Emergency Procedures**

**26.4.1. Any emergency procedure plan shall be displayed next to the venue phone and in the venue first aid kit and will include emergency phone numbers for ambulance, doctor, physiotherapist, health clinic and police.**

### **26.5. Extreme Weather**

**26.5.1. The NNL Manager, at their discretion, may cancel any official Northern Netball League match where they deem playing conditions unsafe and/or unfit for competition.**

**26.5.2. If the air temperature, as broadcast on ABC radio, is below 0 degrees Celsius, or in excess of 35 degrees Celsius, one hour prior to the scheduled start time of an official Northern Netball League match, the match shall be cancelled.**

**26.5.3. In the event that any game is cancelled, the match will be deemed a draw and both team shall be awarded two (2) premiership points.**

**26.5.4. If the Board, or its representative, during the review of a match, is not convinced that match should have been cancelled or abandoned or the reason for the cancellation or abandonment was not in good faith, it reserves the right to award points or any penalty as it sees fit.**

**26.5.5. In the event of severe inclement weather immediately prior to commencement or during a game, such as lightning, very heavy rain, hailstorm or fog, the game can be suspended:**

- I. In all senior grade games, upon the agreement of the competing captains in consultation with the umpire(s); and**
- II. In all junior grade games upon agreement of the competing coaches.**



**26.5.6. A match may be suspended for such time as the competing captains/coaches consider appropriate, but not for a time exceeding 20 minutes.**

**26.5.7. Special Arrangements: Once it becomes apparent that a match will not finish prior to the scheduled start time of a following match, the length of the breaks and/or quarters may be reduced at the discretion of the League. The breaks/and or quarters must be shortened into equivalent time periods and be consistent throughout the remainder of the match.**

## **26.6. Blood and Infectious Diseases Policy**

**26.6.1. The NNL will adopt Sport Medicine Australia's Infectious Diseases policy (Schedule 26).**

26.6.2. The following applies to both Senior and Junior competitions when a player is actively bleeding:

- I. The game is stopped (the clock is not stopped);
- II. The bleeding player shall leave the court – substitution rule applies with no time allowance;
- III. Play is resumed.

## **27. SMOKE FREE**

27.1. The NNL will adopt a SmokeFree policy as per Schedule 9 .This will include indoor venues and outdoor court surroundings.

## **28. RESPONSIBLE SERVING OF ALCOHOL IN SPORTING CLUBS**

28.1. The NNL will adopt a Responsible Serving of Alcohol Policy as prescribed by the Australian Drug Foundation's Good Sports Accreditation Program.

## **29. CODES OF CONDUCT**

29.1. The NNL will adopt Codes of Behaviour as prescribed in the Netball Victoria Member Protection Regulation.

## **30. DRUG POLICY**

30.1. The NNL does not support the use of performance enhancing substances and views any such use as detrimental to both the sport of netball and the spirit of the game. The Northern Football League Schedule 11 drug policy is implemented and will apply for all NNL competitions.

## **31. VILIFICATION DISCRIMINATION POLICY**

31.1. The NNL will adopt the Vilification discrimination Policy as stated in Schedule 10.

## **32. PRIVACY POLICY**

32.1. The NNL will adopt the Northern Football League Privacy Policy as stated in Schedule 13.

## **33. MEDIA POLICY**

33.1. The NNL will adopt the Northern Football League Media Policy as stated in Schedule 18.

## **34. SOCIAL MEDIA POLICY**

34.1. The NNL will adopt the Northern Football League guidelines for Social Media as stated in Schedule 23.

### **35. INDEMNITY CLAUSES**

35.1. Except where provide or required by law and such cannot be excluded the Northern Netball League and its respective directors , officers, members, servants or agents are absolved from all liability however arising from injury damage, however cause , arising whilst participating as a member.

### **36. SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES CLAUSE**

36.1. Where this By Law is silent, a decision can be made that ensures the integrity of the Northern Netball League is maintained at all times.

36.2. The board and Management may in using its reasonable discretion, in exceptional or extenuating circumstances, alter, vary or waive the requirements set out in this By Law relating to the Northern Netball League.

### 37. AMENDMENTS TABLE

Date of Issue	Amendment / Version	Remarks
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