

## Netball SA City Night Division – Conditions of Play

### 1. Rules of Netball

1.1 The Netball SA (NSA) City Night Division (CND) will be conducted regarding the Official Rules of Netball, unless where modified in these Conditions of Play or associated documents.

### 2. CND Teams

2.1 Each team affiliated to CND shall:

2.1.1 Be bound by the Constitution, Policies and Regulations of NSA.

2.1.2 Be bound by these conditions of play.

2.1.3 Be liable for such fees as set by NSA and CND.

2.1.4 Ensure that all volunteers, officials (including umpires) and paid administrators hold a valid Working With Children Check.

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

2.3 Following acceptance of team nominations, teams shall be liable for all fees.

2.3.1 If a team withdraws within and including twenty-one (21) calendar days prior to the scheduled first match of the season, or after grading has occurred (whichever is applicable) a \$100.00 fine may be issued.

2.3.2 If a team withdraws after the scheduled first match of the season, a fine of \$200.00 and all applicable fees will be issued.

2.4 If teams do not pay fees by the advised due dates, NSA may direct that no premiership points be allocated to that team while fees remain unpaid, unless an extension has been granted.

2.4.1 Premiership points will not be reinstated once the fees have been paid, unless an extension has been granted.

### 3. Competition Structure Matches

3.1 Sub Primary, Primary, Sub Junior matches will run over four (4) ten (10) minute quarters. Quarter and half time breaks are three (3) minutes.

3.2 Junior matches will run over four (4) twelve (12) minute quarters. Quarter and half time breaks are three (3) minutes.

3.3 Intermediate and Senior matches will run over four (4) fifteen (15) minute quarters. Quarter time breaks are three (3) minutes and half time breaks are five (5) minutes.

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

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

3.5 Sub Primary, Primary, Sub Junior and Junior matches will be held on Friday nights. Intermediate and Senior matches will be held on Tuesday nights, unless otherwise scheduled by NSA.

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

3.7 Teams must provide a scorer and a timekeeper. Scorers and timekeepers shall stand together opposite the centre circle. Mobile phones are not permitted for timing.

3.7.1 Match officials must be over 14 years of age.

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

- (a) Ensuring any Single Registration Forms are attached to the scoresheet with fill-in players' names and surnames recorded on scoresheet.
- (b) Ensure any players playing under a Single Game Voucher have completed the online form prior to the match starting. Single Game Voucher players must have names and surnames recorded on the scoresheet.
- (c) Ticking player names if they participated in the match.
- (d) Ensuring the score card has been signed by the captains.
- (e) Printing the first name and surname of the umpires on the score card.
- (f) Returning the score card to the duty office after the match.

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

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

3.11 The following conditions apply to the match timekeeping:

- (a) a timer must be supplied by each team which accurately records seconds and minutes;
- (b) the use of household timers or mobile telephones by an official timekeeper of a match is not permitted;
- (c) the first named team (home team) shall:
  - (i) supply a timer and is the official match timekeeper to time match durations as specified in clauses 3.1, 3.2 and 3.3; and
  - (ii) hold time and recommence time as directed by the umpire for tactical changes, tactical substitutions and injury time; and
- (d) the second named team (away team) shall supply an official timekeeper to time stoppages for quarter and half time breaks.

3.12 Two (2) points will be recorded for a win, zero (0) for a loss, one (1) for a draw and two (2) for a bye.

#### **4. Grading and Regrading**

4.1 Teams from one club may be placed in the same grade.

4.2 Regrading may occur.

4.3 All grades except Sub Primary 2, shall play on standard height goal posts (not modified). Please see below for Sub Primary Rules:

- **Division 1:**
  - Older and more experienced age group (predominately 8 to 9 year olds).
  - Normal rules with the following exception:
    - The coach may move along the sideline (but may not interfere with the umpire) to provide players with immediate feedback as required.
  - Match duration: 4 x 10 minute quarters.
  - Ball size: Size 5.
  - Goal post: 3.05m high.
- **Division 2:**
  - Younger and more inexperienced age group (predominately 7 to 8 year olds).
  - Normal rules with the following exceptions:
    - Players should be given guidance by the umpire (in the first instance) if they break, hold the ball or step, rather than being penalised for the infringement.
    - The coach may move along the sideline (but may not interfere with the umpire) to provide players with immediate feedback as required.
  - Match duration: 4 x 10 minute quarters.
  - Ball size: Size 4.
  - Goal post: 2.4m high.
- Umpires should take a common sense approach to umpiring these divisions whereby learning and development is the focus.

## **5. Forfeits and Cancellations**

5.1 A team who is forfeiting must advise the CND Recording Officer and the opposition team by 4:00pm on the day of the competition. If a team fails to advise the CND Recording Officer and the opposing team by the advised time, a fine may be issued.

5.2 The forfeiting team will incur a 0 – 20 loss.

5.3 If the opposing team wishes to register the game as played, a scoresheet must be submitted to the duty room on the day of the forfeited match.

5.4 CND have an extreme weather (including hot weather and thunderstorms) policy in place to ensure the safety of players.

5.4.1 In extreme circumstances matches may be abandoned during play at the discretion of the Duty Room and Umpire Supervisor.

5.4.2 If matches have completed a half or more of play, the final score will be recorded as per the half time result. If match is abandoned prior to half time, the final score will be 0-0.

5.4.3 If a match is cancelled due to the extreme weather policy, no match qualifications for players will occur.

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

## **6. Finals**

6.1 Teams placed 1 – 4 on the ladder (determined by points and percentage) will play in the finals series at the end of the minor round.

6.2 Semi Final will be between 1 v 4 and 2 v 3, the winners of these matches will then play in the Grand Final.

6.3 In the event of a draw in finals, after an interval of two (2) minutes teams will change ends and play extra time. Extra time is deemed as two halves of seven (7) minutes with an interval of one (1) minute at half time for Intermediate and Senior grades, and two halves of five (5) minutes with an interval of one (1) minute at half time for Primary, Junior and Sub-Junior grades.

6.3.1 Teams shall change ends at half time.

6.3.2 Players may interchange at the conclusion of the match and at half time.

6.3.3 If the result is still a draw at the end of extra time, play shall continue until one team has a two (2) goal advantage.

6.4 In the event matches are cancelled during finals, CND & NSA will endeavour to reschedule these matches within a timely manner.

6.4.1 In the event where finals matches cannot be rescheduled, results will be taken as per the final places of the minor round ladder.

## **7. Umpires**

7.1 NSA will appoint an Umpire Supervisor to be on duty during match play.

7.2 All umpires will umpire their own teams, except in finals where the CND Umpire Supervisor and NSA will allocate umpires.

7.3 Clubs participating in finals are expected to submit umpire names four (4) weeks prior to finals commencing. CND and NSA must approve umpire suitability for specific grades.

7.4 If clubs do not submit suitable umpires for the number of finals matches the club is playing in, games may be forfeited.

7.5 No umpire testings are to occur on games occurring in the final 2 rounds of the minor season, or any finals matches.

## **8. Player Eligibility**

8.1 All players must be registered playing members of Netball SA through PlayHQ.

8.1.1 Fill-in players who are not registered playing members of Netball SA must play under a Netball SA Single Game Voucher, which may be purchased online through PlayHQ.

8.1.2 Where an ineligible player takes the court in any grade in breach of this clause:

(a) In the minor rounds, the offending team will lose 2 premiership points. The nonoffending team will retain all goals scored and the offending team will be reduced to nil goals.

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

8.2 CND consists of various age groups with relevant grades.

8.2.1 Seniors are players turning eighteen (18) years or older as of 31 December in the year the competition commences.

8.2.2 Intermediates are players turning seventeen (17) years or younger as of 31 December in the year the competition commences.

8.2.3 Juniors are players turning fifteen (15) years or younger as of 31 December in the year the competition commences.

8.2.4 Sub Juniors are players turning thirteen (13) years or younger as of 31 December in the year the competition commences.

8.2.5 Primary are players turning eleven (11) years or younger as of 31 December in the year the competition commences.

8.2.6 Sub Primary are players nine (9) years or younger as of 31 December in the year the competition commences.

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

8.2.8 Intermediate, Junior, Sub Junior, Primary and Sub Primary grades are referred to as playing in the "Age Competition", and any Senior grades will play in the "Senior Competition"

8.3 A player cannot play for a younger age grade than which they are eligible to participate in, but they can play for an older age grade.

8.7.1 Where an ineligible player takes the court in breach of this clause:

(a) In the minor rounds, the offending team will lose 2 premiership points. The nonoffending team will retain all goals scored and the offending team will be reduced to nil goals for the match.

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

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

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

8.5 A player cannot play in more than one (1) match in the CND Competition on the same day.

8.5.1 Where an ineligible player takes the court in any grade in breach of this clause :

(a) In the minor rounds, the offending team will lose 2 premiership points and in addition will lose 2 premiership points for each ineligible player. The nonoffending team will retain all goals scored and the offending team will be reduced to nil goals.

(b) In the finals series, the offending team will forfeit the match (and will take no further part in the finals series) and the non-offending team will be deemed the winner.

8.6 A player must play five (5) matches during the season, and be a registered playing member of NSA on PlayHQ to qualify for finals.

8.6.1 Games played on a Single Game Voucher or a City Night Division Single Registration Form do not count towards a player's finals eligibility.

8.6.2 If a player has not played the Qualifying Number of matches in one particular grade (but they have played the Qualifying Number of matches across a number of different grades) that player will only be eligible to play in the finals series in the highest grade for which they have played in that year of the competition.

8.6.3 Where an ineligible player takes the court in a finals match in breach of this clause:

(a) The offending team will forfeit the match and the non-offending team will be deemed the winner.

8.7 If a club has two (2) teams in the same grade, a player can move between the two (2) teams in the minor rounds.

8.8 As per the Equal Opportunity Act 1984 (SA), boys can play in any netball competition/team until the age of twelve (12).

8.8.1 Boys who are under twelve (12) years of age at the commencement of the competition will be permitted to continue in the competition until its conclusion, even if they turn twelve (12) during the competition.

## **9. Uniforms**

9.1 Each team must have a Standard Regulation Uniform as nominated by the club and approved by NSA.

9.2 A Player must wear the approved Standard Regulation Uniform for their Club during a match.

9.3 A Player will not be permitted to play in a match if they:

- (a) are not wearing the Standard Approved Uniform for their Club
- (b) are wearing gloves
- (c) are wearing anything which is offensive or may negatively impact the reputation of the CND Competition or Netball SA.

9.4 Players and umpires must comply with uniform requirements in the International Netball Federation Rules of Netball. For any inconsistency between the Rules of Netball and these Conditions of Play, the Conditions of Play will apply.

9.5 If a Standard Regulation Uniform has been approved by previous CND management committees, the club will not be required to apply for approval of the same Standard Regulation Uniform in subsequent years (unless on request by NSA).

9.6 A Club may only alter its Standard Regulation Uniform with the prior approval of NSA.

9.6.1 The club must submit its request to alter its Standard Regulation Uniform by no later than eight (8) weeks prior to the start of competition, or such other date as approved by NSA in writing.

9.6.2 The club must submit a manufacturer's graphic of the proposed Standard Regulation Uniform.

9.7 Standard Regulation Uniform includes:

- (a) a playing uniform which could include:
  - (i) a dress;
  - (ii) a top and skirt; and / or
  - (iii) a top and shorts;
- (b) sports briefs or bike shorts (which may be in Club colours or plain black or navy); and
- (c) playing position bibs

9.8 The following is permitted to be worn by a player during a match without prior approval from NSA:

- (a) prescription glasses
- (b) headscarfs, long sleeved tops, long tights or leggings for cultural or religious reasons.

9.9 Where a match involves two (2) teams from the same club or with Standard Regulation Uniforms of similar colours, the away team will be required to wear clash playing position bibs.

9.10 NSA reserves the right, in its sole discretion, to amend, vary or waive any of the requirements under this clause 5, on a case by case basis, on request from a Club (which may include on grounds of cultural, religious or medical reasons).

## **10. Codes of Behaviour**

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

## **11. Grievance Procedure**

11.1 A member with a grievance in relation to any CND match shall, in the first instance, be referred to the allocated CND Supervisor. The CND Supervisor is contactable through the Duty Room on the night of the Match.

11.2 The CND Supervisor will use their best endeavours to resolve the grievance and make a determination on the match night. A formal complaint may be lodged with Netball SA per clause 12.

## **12. Complaints Procedure**

12.1 Any person may lodge a formal complaint in relation to CND.

12.2 Any complaint pertaining to a member of a Club should in the first instance be directed to the Secretary of the relevant Club.

12.3 If a complaint cannot be resolved between Clubs, Clubs will follow the process of the Complaints Lodgement Form.

12.3.1 If the complaint refers to an alleged breach of a [Netball Australia Integrity Policy](#), Clubs should follow the [Netball Australia Netball Integrity Policy Framework, Conduct & Disciplinary Policy](#).

12.4 If a complaint does not refer to an alleged breach of a Netball Australia Integrity Policy, a formal complaint may be lodged in writing by email from the Club Secretary to the NSA CND contact within four (4) calendar days from midnight on the night of the match to 5:00pm on the fourth calendar day, attaching a copy of the Complaints Lodgement Form. An administrative fee of \$100.00 may be payable to NSA on lodgement of the formal complaint.

12.5 If required, a formal complaint will be reviewed by a Complaints Panel. The panel will comprise of one (1) CND personnel, at least one (1) NSA staff member and up to two (2) independent persons. No member on the panel shall have any perceived or actual conflict of interest and/or be a member of any Club which is the subject of the grievance.

12.6 If a Complaint Hearing is held, the Complaints Panel will hear all concerned parties as well as appropriate witnesses.

12.7 The Complaints Panel may impose any penalty it deems appropriate.

12.8 The outcome of a Complaint Hearing is to be communicated in writing to all parties within 24 hours of the conclusion of the Complaint Hearing.

12.9 All members upon whom a penalty has been imposed shall have the right to appeal. Appeals will only be accepted on the grounds of denial of natural justice, new evidence or alleged misconduct of the Complaints Panel. Appeals and disputes must be directed to the Complaints Panel and Netball SA.