

# **QUAKERS HILL NETBALL CLUB**

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## **BY-LAWS**

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## **QUAKERS HILL NETBALL CLUB INCORPORATED**

### **BY-LAWS**

#### **1 MEMBERSHIP**

- 1.1 New Members should apply to the Club Secretary advising their name, date of birth, medical information, accreditations achieved and playing history.
- 1.2 All members must agree by signature annually to all governing membership requirements as detailed in the QHNC Constitution and By-Laws.
- 1.3
  - i) A member is affiliated with the Club by payment of an affiliation fee.  
\* see Finance By-Law 34.3.
  - ii) On payment of the affiliation fee each member will be issued with a member registration identification number and/or updated service records.
- 1.4 The Club is required to:
  - a) Keep a record, in alphabetical order, of the names and addresses of their senior members, both playing and non-playing.
  - b) Keep a record, in alphabetical order, of the names, addresses and birth dates of their junior members, both playing and non-playing. For Netball NSW purposes, a junior member is one who is under the age of 18 years on 31 December in the current year. This is subject to Netball NSW ruling.
  - c) Submit to the Association, on the appropriate form, a junior and senior membership list as per a) and b) above, of all players and non-players. This list is to accompany team registrations for Winter Competition.
  - d) Submit to the Association, on the appropriate form, a junior and senior membership list as per a) and b) above, for all new members registered for Night Competition. This list is to accompany team registrations for Night Competition.
  - e) Submit to the Association, on the appropriate form, all junior and senior late registrations for membership for the current year.
  - f) Keep a record, in alphabetical order, of the names and addresses of their volunteers i.e. coaches, managers, umpires etc. working with children under the age of 18 years

- g) Submit to the Association, a Club Declaration Form stating that all their officials have completed and signed a 'Working With Children Check Consent Form'. This declaration form to accompany team registrations for each Association competition/s.

No team may take the court without their Club Declaration Form being submitted.

- h) Keep a record, of all signed Netball NSW Registration Forms for Junior/Senior Players and Non Players registered in the current season. Verify by placing a tick in the column headed NSW Form on the New Member Registration Form.

## **2 LIFE MEMBERSHIP**

2.1 To be considered for Life Membership of the Club, criteria are:

- a) Outstanding service; and
- b) (i) 10 years as a Club Executive member, OR
  - (ii) a combination of 10 years as a Club Executive member and either an Executive of Blacktown City Netball Association or a member of a BCNA Committee.

2.2 Acceptance of nomination under By-Law 2.1 b) ii) is subject to ratification by the Executive Committee. Concurrent service is deemed to be one year's service.

2.3 Copies of Executive and Council Meeting Minutes and copies of updated Constitution and By-Laws are to be forwarded to Life Members if they so request.

## **3. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

3.1 The duties of the Office Bearers of the Club are detailed in Annex A to these By-Laws.

3.2 A list of nominees and their resume outlining qualifications is to be circulated for receipt by voting Members twenty-one days before the date set down for the Annual General Meeting.

3.3 Nominations are to be submitted on the Club Nomination Form. \* see also Constitution Clause 20 b) i).

3.4 Any Office Bearer suspended by Council shall, on demand by the President or any approved member of Council, hand over all Minute, Cash, Bank, Receipt or any

other books, papers or documents and any other property in their possession or custody belonging to or relating to the Club. Any Office Bearer, suspended shall have the right of appeal to the Council, but such right shall be forfeited in the event of non-compliance.

#### **4 MEETINGS**

- 4.1 Club General Meetings are held on the First Friday of each month. No meetings will be held in December and January.
- 4.2 Delegates failing to attend three consecutive General meetings shall be considered a casual vacancy and their position declared vacant. Casual vacancies are filled by nomination at General meetings.
- 4.3 Meeting times are 7.30 pm to 10.30 pm. Failure to be in attendance for the duration of the meeting, including any extension of time, may be noted as a "non-attendance" meeting. Failure to attend for the duration of the Annual General Meeting may result in a fine.
- 4.4 All correspondence, with the exception of controversial matters will be accepted up until the commencement of General Meetings. Other such correspondence (with the exception of By-Law 4.5 will be held over to the following General Meeting.
- 4.5 Matters of a controversial nature should be forwarded to the Club Secretary. Correspondence received from members and/or families of affiliated teams, will be handled by the executives.
- 4.6 Any notice of proposed repeal or alteration to the Constitution or By-Laws be received by the Secretary thirty-five (35) days prior to the Annual General Meeting or Special General Meeting, except that in the case of any notice or proposed repeal or alteration to the Constitution or By-Laws proposed by the Executive Committee, Clause 31. a) of the Constitution applies.

#### **5 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

- 5.1 The ballot for the election to the following positions shall take place at the Annual General Meeting. \*see also Constitution Clause 20-23
- 5.2 Grading Committee
- 5.3 Umpires Education & Development Committee

- 5.4 Coaches Education and Development Committee
- 5.5 Events Committee
- 5.6 Finance Committee
- 5.7 Promotions Committee
- 5.8 Uniform Committee
- 5.9 Appointments Panel
- 5.10 Appeals Panel
- 5.11 Parks Committee
- 5.12 Nominations for elections, signed by two Ordinary Members and with the written consent of the nominee, shall be lodged with the Club Secretary no later than 8.30pm on the date fixed for the scheduled October Council Meeting.

## **6 COMPETITIONS**

- 6.1 Teams are registered in the Blacktown City Netball Associations Winter Competition, at the discretion of the Grading Committee and approved by the Executive Committee, in the following age groups:-  
7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 18 years and Seniors. In the Senior Grade, a Masters grade may be played if sufficient teams register.
- 6.2 A night competition may be conducted for all players except Juniors.
- 6.3 AGES. A player's age on 31 December in the year of play will determine their age group. For example, should a player turn 10 on 31 December next, they will play in the 10s, but should a player turn 10 on 1 January next they are eligible to play in the 9s as they are still 9 on 31 December next.
  - a) Netta are players who must be under the age of 10 years at 31 December in the year of play.
  - b) Juniors are players who shall have reached the age of 10, 11 or 12 years at 31 December in the year of play.
  - c) Intermediate players shall have reached the age of 13, 14 or 15 years of age at 31 December in the year of play.

- d) Seniors are players who shall have reached the age of 16 years of age at 31 December in the year of play.

## **7 REGISTRATION - GENERAL**

- 7.1 Teams may contain a maximum of 12 players and a minimum of 5 players per team to be registered. A player may register in only one team.
- 7.2 Birth certificates, passports or drivers' licenses are to be accepted as only means of proof of age up to and including age 18 and Masters competitions.
- 7.3 No person under the age of 18 years in the year of registration will be registered unless they have a birth certificate or passport. Application may be made to the Registrars in exceptional circumstances.
- 7.4 Any player withdrawing from a team prior to or during a competition will not be allowed to play for another Club team in the Association during that competition.
- 7.5 Before submitting a new registration, players are to declare whether they have previously registered or played with another Club.
- 7.6 Netta – 9 years: \*refer also By-Laws page 9, Clause 15,15.1-15.5
  - a) The Club at the recommendation of the grading committee may register a nine (9) year old team/s to be graded into the current winter competition to play AA Rules.
  - b) The Club at the recommendation of the grading committee may register a nine (9) year old team/s to be graded into the current winter competition to play AA Netta Rules.

## **8 REGISTRATION PROCEDURES**

- 8.1
  - a) All members are required to complete annual registration details on the required form for the current season to maintain service record details. Length of service is determined by participation in each winter competition. Incomplete forms will not be accepted.
  - b) If a player is pregnant or has an injury or illness and does not play, service is deemed not to have elapsed but excludes the word consecutive.
  - c) Having a break from winter competition for any reason shall be discussed and voted upon by club executives, playing for another club deems this clause invalid.
- 8.2
  - a) A minimum registration fee of 50% per player is required upon initial

registration with the balance due in full prior to week 1 of the competition before a player will be officially registered or allowed to play. Individual financial circumstances in writing to the Club Secretary may be considered for exception by Club Executives.

- b) Where there are three (3) or more immediate family members registered in any given year, then the fourth and subsequent player/s in age will only be required to pay an amount equal to that imposed on the club to cover compulsory fees.
  - c) Any player over fifteen (15) years will be deemed a Senior but will pay fees in accordance with the BCNA competition.
  - d) Any player graded in a Team higher than their current age group shall only pay the set fee required for their current age group, any additional costs shall be incurred by the club.
- 8.3
- a) All players who have been selected in an Association development squad or representative team are required to fill their club commitments in full. Failure to meet these commitments will result in the club not supporting future nominations for endorsement.
  - b) Players BCNA Representative nominations must be accompanied by club registration commitments, a signed players undertaking for the following season and the non-refundable nomination fee as set. This fee will be deducted from the player's registration for the following season.
- 8.4 All registered members who hold voluntary positions within the Club are required to complete a "Prohibited Employment Declaration" under the child protection policy act each season, and may be subject to a police record check. No position can be confirmed until this declaration has been completed.
- 8.5
- a) The Club must provide the name of an appropriately qualified umpire for each team entering the competition. All Club members over 14 years are required to sit the umpires theory exam. Failure of the exam will require a re-sit the following year. A player that has not met this requirement may be refused registration.
  - b) All registered players fifteen (15) years and over are required to fulfill a minimum of two (2) allocated umpiring duties in a season. A player that has not met this requirement may be refused registration.
- 8.6
- a) No Teams will be registered as complete teams except at executive discretion.
  - b) Grading is compulsory with players placed into teams by the grading committee on each players individual ability, history and playing position.



## 8.7 SIGNATURE SHEETS

- a) Teams must submit, to the Appropriate Club Registrar, on the approved form, a signature sheet for each Winter and Night Competition in the current year.
- b) Signature sheets for each junior and senior team registered must be submitted to the Registrars 1 week before the first scheduled competition game in the current year.
- c) No team may take the court without their signature sheet being submitted. Penalty for not complying is - team to lose two competition points and no goals recorded.

## 9 LATE REGISTRATIONS

- 9.1 After a team has been graded, any late registrations will only be accepted to fill existing teams and must be of an equal playing standard. Previous experience is to be considered and the Grading Coordinator is to make the decision. In the event of an appeal, circumstances are to be reviewed by the Grading Committee, which is to have power to change any decision so made. A player retains the right of appeal to the Executive Committee.
- 9.2 Late registrations of players will be taken on dates as fixed by the Association each year. All late registrations must be complete in full, the club registration forms.
- 9.3 Consideration will only be given for any further late registration of players when membership of a team has been reduced to less than seven (7) players through pregnancy, injury or exceptional circumstances.
- 9.4 Proof of pregnancy, injury or exceptional circumstances must be submitted to the Registrars and be accompanied by support documentation before any late registrations will be considered.
- 9.5 No more than four (4) players may be late registered per team.
- 9.6 PENALTY for playing an unregistered player - team to lose two competition points and no goals recorded.
- 9.7 Late registration of non-players is to be notified to the Secretary on the approved Form.

## **10 DEREGISTRATIONS**

- 10.1 A player requesting to be de-registered may not take any part in the competition originally registered for, even if able to at a later date. No de-registered player may be late registered again in the same competition.  
No Refund of fees will apply after club grading has occurred.

## **11 GRADING**

- 11.1 a) Grading is compulsory for all players and Teams will be reviewed on an annual basis by the Grading Committee. Players that cannot attend grading must contact the Grading Coordinator to secure placement in a Team.
- b) When the Club has more than one team in the same age group, the teams will be graded and numbered in the recommended order of playing ability on the team Registration Sheet. Team Colours will be allocated in graded order of Green, White and Gold.
- (c) Teams will be advised within 14 days, after grading day, of the selected Teams for the current competition/s.
- 11.2 Grading is on paper followed by an on court selection. Promotion/relegation is to be left to the discretion of the Grading Committee who is responsible for grading. Teams must have a minimum of six players registered per team by the date set for grading. \* see also By-laws 7.1.
- 11.3 A maximum of three (3) State League Players per club team will be permitted. All State League Players must be registered with the club with which they intend to play prior to BCNA grading.
- 11.4 The Grading Committee may recommend to the Executive Committee, after consultation with the team concerned the placement of a team in a grade that is consistent with the conduct of a balanced competition. This may include, where appropriate, the combining of age groups, or a complete team of 14 year olds, or a complete team of 15 year old players playing in a Cadet/Senior Division.
- 11.5 Teams will be advised within 7 days, after BCNA grading day, of the grades in which their teams have been placed.
- 11.6 Alterations to teams will only be considered by written application and in the following circumstances only:
- a) A team reduced to less than seven players through injury or illness may use a player registered in a lower team. Having played three games in this team, this player will then be considered to be a member of that team. Should this situation occur, the Club Secretary must notify the Association Registrar in

writing and the players signature must be recorded on the approved Signature Sheet of that team.

- 11.7 For the Night Competition the Grading Committee has the discretion to place teams in grades that are consistent with the conduct of a balanced competition.
- 11.7 That wherever possible the Grading Committee place players, in Teams consistent with their playing standard and the conduct of a balanced BCNA competition.

## **12 GRADING APPEALS**

- 12.1 An appeal against a team grading decision must be lodged with the Secretary of the Club on the form, 'Application to Appeal/Protest' within 24 hours of receipt of the grading decision.
- 12.2 An Appeals Panel comprising a member of the Grading Committee, an Executive Committee member and a member not involved in an Appeal application will hear the Appeal. An Appeal Committee hearing will be scheduled within 48 hours of receipt of the Appeal.
- 12.3 The Player will be given a reasonable opportunity to present their case before a decision is made which will affect the Player.
- 12.4 The Appeals Panel will hear all available evidence and make their decision within 24 hours of the hearing. The decision of the Appeals Panel will be final.

## **13 REGRADING**

- 13.1 a) **SIX WEEK DRAW:**  
At the end of the fifth (5<sup>th</sup>) week of the Winter Competition the BCNA Grading Committee will examine any requests for regrading and together with these requests, examine any other grades where it is perceived that a grading inequity may have occurred. Before the commencement of the sixth (6<sup>th</sup>) week of the competition the Grading Committee will advise the Executive Committee of any changes made to competition draw(s) for the Winter Competition. These decisions will take effect for the commencement of the sixth (6<sup>th</sup>) week of the competition.
- b) Requests for BCNA re-grading by the club must be submitted by the Secretary by 5.30 pm on the day of the third (3<sup>rd</sup>) week of the competition.
- 13.2 a) **EIGHT WEEK DRAW:**  
At the end of the seventh (7<sup>th</sup>) week of the Winter Competition the BCNA Grading Committee will examine any requests for regrading and together with these requests, examine any other grades where it is perceived that a grading inequity may have occurred. Before the commencement of the

eighth (8<sup>th</sup>) week of the competition the Grading Committee will advise the Executive Committee of any changes made to competition draw(s) for the Winter Competition. These decisions will take effect for the commencement of the eighth (8<sup>th</sup>) week of the competition.

- b) Requests for BCNA re-grading by the club must be submitted by the Secretary by 5.30 pm on the day of the fourth (4<sup>th</sup>) week of the competition.
- 13.3 The Club Registrars together with the Grading Committee will assess all re-grading as provided in 12.1
- 13.4 Where a team is re-graded downwards that team will either take up a bye in the grade in which they have been re-graded or alternatively the place of a team that has been promoted. In exceptional circumstances an entire age group or grade may be re-graded.
- 13.5 The Club will be advise within 48 hours, after re-grading day, of the grades in which their teams have been placed.
- 13.6 No appeals in respect of the re-grading process will be accepted.

## **14 DURATION OF PLAY**

- 14.1 Duration of play matches will be as follows:
- a) JUNIORS AND INTERMEDIATES. Junior and intermediate matches will be four quarters of between 10 and 15 minutes' duration.
  - b) SENIORS. Senior matches will be four quarters of 15 minutes' duration
  - c) NIGHT. Matches will be played in two halves of 20 minutes' duration or four quarters of 15 minutes' duration.
- 14.2 The time of interval between each period of play will be determined by BCNA Executive.

## **15 PLAYING REGULATIONS – GENERAL**

- 15.1 The age of players for registration to play in a grade and/or to play in a grade other than that in which they are registered shall be as follows:
- Senior A Grade - any player aged 15 years or over in the year of play
- Senior B, C and D Grades - any player aged 15 years or over in the year of play

- Masters - any player aged 35 years or over in the year of play
- Cadets - any player aged 14 to 18 years in the year of play
- 15 years - any player aged 13 to 15 years in the year of play
- 14 years - any player aged 12 to 14 years in the year of play
- 13 years - any player aged 11 to 13 years in the year of play
- 12 years - any player aged 10 to 12 years in the year of play
- 11 years - any player aged 9 to 11 years in the year of play
- 10 years - any player aged 8 to 10 years in the year of play
- 9 years - any player aged 7 to 9 years in the year of play
- 8 years - any player aged 6 to 8 years in the year of play
- 15.2 A player or an umpire who has a medical condition, or a pre-existing medical condition, is required to provide to the Club a medical certificate from a registered medical practitioner, stating that the medical condition will not constitute a health risk to either other players or to any other person either now or in the future.
- 15.3 Where a player with a disability submits appropriate medical evidence, the Association Registrar has the discretion to grade a player into a team that is lower than the age of the player that has the disability.
- 15.4 Players are not permitted to chew gum.
- 15.5 In all other aspects, the AANA Rules shall apply to all competition matches, except where special domestic rulings are applied.
- 16 PLAYING REGULATIONS - COMMENCEMENT OF MATCHES**
- 16.1 Play must commence at the time set down. If a team is ready at the time set down and the Umpire has not arrived, a Coach or Manager from the playing teams should notify Control.
- 16.2 Players in each team are responsible for ensuring that the court playing surface is suitable to play on and clear of any debris.
- 16.3 If courts are unplayable in any timeslot and if no spare courts are available, two points will be awarded to each team involved.

## **17 PLAYING REGULATIONS - POINTS SCORE**

- 17.1 The following points for games shall be awarded:
- a) Win                      2 points
  - b) Draw                    1 point
  - c) Loss                     0 points
  - d) Bye                      2 points
  - e) Forfeit                 2 points to team receiving forfeit

## **18 PLAYING REGULATIONS - FORFEITS**

- 18.1 If a team official is willing to forfeit, then the game may cease.
- 18.2 A forfeit may be claimed if the opposition cannot field the minimum team of five players within five minutes from commencement of the game.
- 18.3 If court and umpires are available and opposing team has five players, then play must commence on time. A forfeit may be claimed if this team refuses to play.
- 18.4 Teams claiming forfeits should complete and have Captain sign scoresheet as usual and place in the Association scoresheet box, if forfeit has not been notified beforehand.
- 18.5 Teams (junior and senior) forfeiting or withdrawing without the required notification given to the Registrars, umpires and opposing team will be liable for a fine.
- 18.6 After three forfeits in any competition the Club will be fined and/or offending team may be suspended at the discretion of the Executive Committee.
- 18.7 If a team is forced to forfeit on the day due to insufficient players, those players present must sign the scoresheet. In this case 18.5 would not apply.
- 18.8 No registered player of a team forfeiting shall be permitted to play in any other competition match on that day.

#### 18.9 Notified Forfeits:

- a) Each team is allowed one notified forfeit without incurring a fine.
- b) Any team aware that it will forfeit a match must give notice of such intention to one of the Club Registrars by 6.00 pm on the day prior to the game.
- c) In the event of a notified forfeit, the BCNA Registrar will notify the Secretary of the Club receiving the forfeit, the Club Umpire Coordinator of the umpires allocated to the game, and the Association Umpire Education Officer.

### **19 PLAYING REGULATIONS - SCORING & SCORESHEETS**

- 19.1 Each team should supply a scorer for their match. Teams failing to supply a scorer must accept without challenge the scoresheet as submitted by the opposing team. Scorers should stand together near the centre of the court and jointly carry out the responsibility of scoring.
- 19.2 The BCNA Registrars will only accept the score as kept on the official scoresheet by the scorers. However, in circumstances where Club Secretaries of both teams involved testify that the scoresheet submitted to the Association Registrar is incorrect and further they agree on the correct score, then the Association Registrar has the discretion to vary the official scores. The official scores are those maintained by the Association Registrars.
- 19.3 Scoresheets must be completed correctly.
- 19.4 All players must sign the scoresheet with their usual signature. The signature on the scoresheet must match that recorded on the approved Signature Sheet.
- 19.5 Penalty for not complying with 19.4
  - a) First offence - warning issued in writing to the Club Secretary
  - b) Second offence - loss of 1 competition point
- 19.6 No person may sign the scoresheet for another player. Only players participating in the match shall sign the scoresheet.
- 19.7 The Captain of the winning team is responsible for placing the scoresheet in the Association scoresheet box immediately at the conclusion of the game. If scoresheets are not returned to the scoresheet box within 30 minutes after the end of the game, then points and goals scored are forfeited.

- 19.8 Should the Captain omit to sign the scoresheet, they must accept, without challenge, the scoresheet as submitted.
- 19.9 In the event of a drawn match both teams are responsible for the scoresheet being placed in the box.
- 19.10 Scoresheets to be filled in with biro pen.

## **20 PLAYING REGULATIONS - SUBSTITUTES**

- 20.1 There is no limit to the number of substitutions that can be made by a team provided that players used do not exceed twelve.

## **21 PLAYING REGULATIONS - PLAYER FROM ANOTHER TEAM**

- 21.1 Eligibility criteria for playing players from another team within the same Club are as follows:

- a) **SENIORS.** A senior player may take part in a maximum of two competition matches in one day provided that they play in either the team in which they are registered or in a team of a higher grade on the same day.

A player from a lower grade team may play in a higher grade only if that team has less than seven of its registered players available.

By playing a player from another team a team is declaring they do not have seven players available, therefore, any unavailable player who is substituted, forfeits her place in any team for that match day.

A player from a lower grade team may only play TWO competition matches in a higher grade team during the Winter Competition.

A player from a lower grade team may only play TWO competition matches in a higher grade team during the Night Competition.



A player from a lower grade team may play two competition matches in a team of a higher grade but, having played a third competition match in a team of a higher grade, shall be considered a member of that team.

For example, a player graded in C1 plays a match in B3 grade, a second match in A2 grade, a third match in B2 grade. That player is now considered a member of the B2 grade and cannot return to her original C1 grade team.

Masters are not permitted to draw players from any grade.

By-law 15.1 also applies \* refer also By-Laws 11.1 a).

- b) INTERMEDIATES. An intermediate player may take part in a maximum of two competition matches in one day provided that they play in either the team in which they are registered or in a team of a higher grade on the same day.

A player from a lower age group and grade team may play in a higher age group and grade team only if that team has less than seven of its registered players available.

By playing a player from another age group and grade, a team is declaring they do not have seven players available, therefore, any unavailable player who is substituted, forfeits her place in any team for that match day.

A player from a lower age group and grade team may only play TWO competition matches in a higher grade team during the Winter Competition.

A player from a lower age group and grade team may only play TWO competition matches in a higher grade team during the Night Competition.

A player from a lower age group and grade may play two competition matches in a team of a higher grade but, having played a third competition match in a team of a higher age group and grade, shall be considered a member of that team.

For example, a player graded in 14A plays a match in 15B grade, a second match in Cadet/Div.3 grade, a third match in 15A grade. That player is now considered a member of the 15A grade and cannot return to her original 14A grade team.

A player who is turning 15 years in the year of play may play a second game in a Senior team provided that they only take part in a game that is graded higher than that in which they are registered.

A player who is turning 14 years in the year of play may play a second game in a 15 year or Cadet team.

By-Law 15.1 also applies. \*refer also By-Laws 11.1 a).

- c) JUNIORS. A junior player may take part in a maximum of two competition matches in the one day provided that they play in either the team in which they are registered or in a team of a higher grade on the same day.

A player from a lower age group and grade team may play in a higher age group and grade team only if that team has less than seven of its registered players available.

By playing a player from another age group and grade, a team is declaring they do not have seven players available, therefore, any unavailable player who is substituted, forfeits her place in any team for that match day.

A player from a lower age group and grade team may only play TWO competition matches in a higher grade team during the Winter Competition.

A player from a lower age group and grade may play two full competition matches in a team of a higher grade but, having played a third competition match in a team of a higher age group and grade, shall be considered a player of that team.

For example, a player graded in 11A competition plays a match in 12C grade, a second match in 13B grade, a third match in 12B grade. That player is now considered a member of the 12B grade team and cannot return to her original 11A grade team.

By-Law 15.1 also applies. \*refer also By-Laws 11.1 a).

- 21.2 No player shall play in a lower grade than that in which they are registered.
- 21.3 No team may use more than two players from a lower age group and grade team.
- 21.4 When a Club is fielding more than one team in any one age group and grade, players may not interchange in that same age group and grade.
- 21.5 When a player from a lower grade takes part in a game in a higher age group and grade (whether it is the only game played or the second game played for the day), the scoresheet must indicate the grade of the team from which the player is drawn. Failure to do so will incur a loss of 1 point.

## **22 PLAYING REGULATIONS - ELIGIBLE/INELIGIBLE PLAYERS**

- 22.1 Should a team official feel that the opposing team is fielding an ineligible player, they should contact a Club Executive Member immediately. Where both teams are fielding an ineligible player, no points or goals will be awarded for that game.
- 22.2 All players must play in at least three competition matches with the relevant team within the season to be eligible to participate in semi finals, finals and grand finals. Any player found to be ineligible to take part in the final series will not be permitted to take any further part in the final series.
- 22.3 Any team found playing an ineligible player in the final series will be considered to have lost that match in which the ineligible player has taken part.
- 22.4 Penalty for not complying with playing regulations relating to eligible players and/or players from another team is that the game will be awarded to the opposing team and no goals will be recorded by the infringing team.

## **23 PLAYING REGULATIONS - INJURY**

- 23.1 Except for semis, finals and grand finals, up to 'two minutes' injury time may be taken for each injury, but no extra time shall be added to the match. In semis, finals and grand finals, up to 'two minutes' injury time may be taken for each injury and all injury time may be added to the last period of play if required.

## **24 FINALS SERIES**

- 24.1 If two or more teams finish on equal points after the final round of matches, positions for semi finals shall be decided on goal averages for Winter and Night competitions.
- 24.2 The goal average for each team shall be decided as follows"

Total number of goals scored by the team, divided by the total number of goals scored against the team, multiplied by 100, divided by the actual number of matches played by the team, ie

$$\frac{\text{Goals scored} \times 100}{\text{Goals scored against matches played}}$$

The number of matches actually played includes a match a team has forfeited, but does not include a match where the team has received a forfeit.

- 24.3 All games including semis, finals and grand finals must be played on the date set down as per the draw, the only exception being for inclement weather. See By-Law 25.6 for wet weather during finals series.

**Eight (8) Team Draw Competition:** (Top four (4) teams only qualify).

Semi Finals            1 plays 2  
                              3 plays 4

Finals                    Loser of 1 vs 2 plays winner of 3 v 4

Grand Finals            Winner of 1 vs 2 from semis plays winner of finals

**Six (6) Team Draw Competition:** (Top three (3) teams only qualify).

Minor Premiers proceed straight to Grand Final

Finals                    2 plays 3

Grand Finals            Winner of 2 vs 3 from finals plays minor premiers

- 24.4 Method of Play for Draws at Full Time in Semis, Finals and Grand Finals: Change ends, play five minutes, change ends and play a further five minutes. If it is still a draw play continues from where the ball was when play was stopped and teams play until one team has a two-goal advantage.

- 24.5 Teams participating in the finals series, that have suddenly been reduced to less than seven (7) players only, prior to or during the finals series, shall be permitted to borrow up to two (2) players only from a lower grade provided that those players are not from a team that has qualified for the finals series and in accordance with all other By-laws (exception Clause 22 sub-clause 22.2 ) and subject to:

- a) The team competing in the finals series has been reduced to less than seven (7) players due to injury, illness or extenuating circumstances.

**Injury or illness:** A letter stating player/s registered name/s and grade/s accompanied by medical certificate/s must be forwarded from the Club Secretary, on club letterhead, to the appropriate Association Registrar/s. All relevant documentation must be sighted by the Registrar/s and opposing team Coach or Manager prior to the commencement of the scheduled finals game.

**Extenuating Circumstances:** A letter stating player/s registered name/s and grade/s accompanied by all relevant documentation proving extenuating circumstances exist prior to the commencement of the scheduled finals game must be forwarded from the Club Secretary, on club letterhead, to the appropriate

Association Registrar/s. The Registrar/s and Grading Committee are to view all documentation presented and their decision will be final. A hearing with both Association Registrars and two members of the Grading Committee may be convened when extenuating circumstances have occurred where forty eight (48) hours notice has elapsed.

- b) The appropriate Registrar to contact the Club Secretary either by telephone or electronic mail as soon as a decision has been reached.
- c) The appropriate Registrar to contact the opposing Club Secretary either by telephone or electronic mail as soon as a decision has been reached.

## **25 WET WEATHER**

25.1 Association Executive are to decide if the day's or night's matches are to be played.

25.2 a) For Winter and Night Competitions, courtside decisions on wet weather will be made by 8.00 am prior to the commencement of the first morning timeslot and 12.00 noon prior to the commencement of the first afternoon timeslot.

Club Secretaries will be notified of cancellation. Club members are to contact their own club or the Association 'Infocall' Service Number. 1902 260 680.

- b) When games in a round are called off because of wet weather, they will be played as half games on the next scheduled Saturday, followed by the scheduled games for that day, also played as half games. Games will continue to be played as half games in order of schedule for as long as is necessary to catch up on wet weather postponements.
- c) The exception to 25.2 b) is the last game of round one, which will be played on the next scheduled Saturday as a full game, with the first two games of round two played as two half games the following scheduled Saturday.
- d) Once play has commenced the Umpires Education and Development Committee and/or Executive will decide whether play will continue in the event of wet weather.

- e) When a whole grade is playing at the same time and the games are washed out after play has commenced:
    - i) prior to half time - teams will be awarded one point each.
    - ii) during or after half time - score stands at the time the game was stopped.
- 25.3 Where grades are played in split timeslots, and some games have been completed, for any games in progress and abandoned (due to wet weather):
- a) prior to half time - games will be replayed.
  - b) during or after half time - score will stand at the time the game was stopped.
- 25.4 Teams receiving wet weather points are recorded as playing.
- 25.5 When grass courts are unplayable the wet weather draw will be implemented.
- 25.6 Finals Series:
- a) Should any day be completely washed out, the finals series will be postponed by one week and all games will be played the following Saturday.
  - b) Should any timeslot be washed out during a finals series, the games for that timeslot will be played the following day (weather permitting) and failing this, the following Monday commencing at 7.00pm.
  - c) If games have been washed out for two Saturdays following the scheduled date for the Grand Final, the series will be abandoned and the two teams to play in the Grand Final will be declared Joint Premiers.

## **26 UMPIRING - GENERAL**

- 26.1 The Club Umpires Convenor shall be the Association's point of contact for umpiring matters within the Club and make recommendations as required.
- 26.2 The approved Club dress code for all umpires is as follows:
- a) **FEMALE UMPIRES:** Predominantly white/cream dress/skirt, approved shirt or polo shirt with or without collar, jacket, socks, joggers, playing uniform.

Club or Association tracksuit. Tracksuit pants and shirt are permitted. Club shorts and shirt are permitted.

- b) MALE UMPIRES: Predominantly white/cream shorts, slacks, approved shirt or polo shirt with or without collar, jacket, socks, joggers, or playing uniform. Club or Association tracksuit. Tracksuit pants and shirt are permitted.
  - c) Female and Male umpires shall only wear white/cream attire during finals series.
  - d) All umpires wearing white or cream must wear white underwear - no bikinis. Club or Association tracksuit is permitted over corresponding playing uniform. Association/White/ Club/ tracksuit pants and Association/White/Club approved shirt or polo shirt, with or without collar, is permitted. Skirts over tracksuit pants are not permitted.
- 26.3 No umpire is to try for a National badge without the knowledge of the Umpires Convenor, as badging should be arranged through the Club/Association.
- 26.4 If dissatisfaction is felt with the umpiring of a game, Managers should see the Club Convenor, who will contact the Association Umpires Education Officer.
- 26.5 All Teams have the responsibility to provide competent umpires to support BCNA Competitions, Representative teams for Carnivals, State League, Night Inter-district competitions and Team selections.

## **27 UMPIRE ELIGIBILITY**

### **27.1 SENIOR GAMES:**

- a) To be eligible to umpire A1, a National or approved District White badge must be held. To be eligible to umpire A2, a District White badge or higher must be held. An Association Umpires Coordinator may also substitute any umpire to umpire A1 or A2 at their discretion.
- b) To umpire all other senior A grades, a District Gold badge or higher must be held. A National or District Gold badge must be held to umpire all B grades and Cadet Division 1 & 2 grades, with the exception of new Clubs.

### **27.2 INTERMEDIATE GAMES:**

To umpire 15A grade a District Gold badge or higher must be held. To umpire all other 15 years grades, 14A and 13A, a District Black or higher must be held with the exception of new Clubs. A current theory pass must be held to be eligible to umpire all other Intermediate games, with the exception of new Clubs.

### 27.3 JUNIOR GAMES:

A current theory pass must be held to be eligible to umpire all junior games, with the exception of new Clubs.

### 27.4 UNBADGED UMPIRES:

- a) An unbadged umpire may umpire C and D grade provided they have had at least six weeks' Association umpiring experience within the current or previous season. Application may be made to the Association Umpires Education Officer for exemption of umpires new to the District.
- b) Unbadged umpires who are training for their badges shall be allowed to umpire Senior B grades for up to four weeks with at least a District Gold or experienced umpire as a runner.

### 27.5 UMPIRING PAYMENTS:

- a) Club umpires will only be paid for allocated duties, which are fulfilled.
- b) If a replacement umpire is required to fulfill an umpiring timeslot, then the replacement umpire shall be paid by the club directly.
- c) Wet Weather half games shall not be considered as full games for payment. Two half games shall equate to payment of one full game.

27.6 Where a junior umpire is less than 13 years of age they may, on being sighted by a member of the Association Umpires Education and Development Committee, be given permission to umpire junior grades. A runner to be provided for the first four games they umpire. In all other instances a junior umpire must be 13 years of age before they can umpire.

27.7 The following table details the minimum requirements to umpire various grades, with the exception of new Clubs:

Grade/Age Group	Minimum Qualification to Umpire
1. Netta - 7, 8, 9 years	Experienced umpire with current theory pass and a minimum of 12 weeks' umpiring experience.
2. Juniors - 10, 11, 12 years	Current theory pass



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| 3. Intermediate - 13 years, 14 years      | Current theory pass  |
| 4. Intermediate - 13A, 14A, 15B, 15C, 15D | Association District Black Badge   |
| 5. Intermediate - 15A                     | Association District Gold Badge  |
| 6. Senior - Cadet Div.3, 4, 5             | Association District Black Badge   |
| 7. Senior - Cadet Div.1, 2                | Association District Gold Badge  |
| 8. Senior - A1, A2                        | National Badge or Association District White Badge approved by Association Umpire Coordinator. |
| 9. Senior - A3                            | Association District Gold Badge  |
| 10. Senior - B1, B2, B3, B4, B5, B6       | Association District Gold Badge  |
| 11. Senior - C and D Grades               | Current theory pass and six weeks' practical on junior games.                                  |
| 12. Masters                               | Association District Black Badge   |
- 27.8 The Association Umpire Education Officer has the discretion to substitute umpires for any match.

## **28 COMPETITION UMPIRING**

- 28.1 Spare umpires are to be allocated to each time slot.
- 28.2 Two umpires must be present on the court before play can commence when the hooter sounds for the start of play. When another umpire arrives play can commence.
- 28.3 If an umpire is more than five minutes late to the court after the hooter has sounded for the start of play, or does not turn up at all, a fine of \$50.00 plus GST will apply.
- Notification of being more than five minutes late, or failure to turn up at all, should be made in writing by the winning team on the approved form to the Umpires Education Officer for verification.
- 28.4 Clubs are requested not to allocate trainee umpires on match games in the final round of competition.

- 28.5 The training and development of umpires is the obligation of each Club. Clubs conscientiously carrying out this duty will assist throughout the season in providing better games for all players.
- 28.6 If an umpire cannot carry out the allocated match, it is the responsibility of the Club to provide a replacement of at least equal standard.
- 28.7 An umpire sending a player from the court for disciplinary reasons must give details of this dismissal on the approved form. This matter will be investigated by the Technical Services Manager, President or nominated Executive person, who will then decide whether or not further action is to be taken.
- 28.8 An umpire is permitted to stop a match and award the game to the opposing team if there are any continued abusive remarks or unduly loud criticisms of their umpiring from a team or their spectators.

## **29 UMPIRES THEORY EXAM**

- 29.1 The Club Umpires Convenor in accordance with BCNA shall set and advise exam venues and dates.
- 29.2 Holders of District Badges must pass their theory exam every three years. Persons holding a District Badge failing to comply will result in the loss of their badge. It is recommended that National Badges also sit for their theory exam every three years.
- 29.3 In accordance with AA rules, every six years National Badged umpires must pass Section 1 Theory exam with a pass relevant to the badge held.

## **30. CLUB UNIFORMS AND EQUIPMENT**

- 30.1 No player shall be allowed to compete in competition matches unless wearing the full, clean registered Club uniform.  
Exception may be made by Executive for extenuating circumstances.
- 30.2 Suitable attire is to be worn to training e.g. joggers, tracksuits etc. No thongs, Jewellery or Jeans are permitted.
- 30.3 **PLAYING UNIFORMS:**
- a) **FEMALES:** Uniform shall be the approved Club bodysuit.

- b) MALES: Uniform shall be approved shorts and shirt with collar.
- c) Bicycle pants may not be worn by players.
- d) Socks above the ankle must be worn.
- e) All visible studs must be removed.
- f) Anything of a dangerous nature (such as watches, rings, ear-rings etc) must not be worn. A wedding ring and/or medical alert bracelet, is allowed but must be taped. Fingernails shall be short and smooth.

#### 30.4 PATCHES:

- a) Letters on positional patches or bibs are to be easily distinguishable. Playing position initials shall be worn above the waist both front and back and shall be 150 mm (6 inches) The use of safety pins with patches is not permitted.
- c) Where teams with the same or similar colours are playing each other, teams must wear easily distinguishable bibs. The umpires may abandon the game if this rule is not adhered to and no points will be awarded.

30.5 The ball shall be a netball size 5 and shall measure between 890 mm and 710 mm in circumference, and weigh between 400 grams and 450 grams. The ball may be of leather, rubber, or similar material.

### 31 MEMBER RESPONSIBILITIES

- 31.1
- a) Players must attend on time for training and games.
  - b) Players must notify Team officials if unable to attend training or Games.
  - c) All Players must be prepared to play at least two (2) playing positions.
  - d) Players must play three (3) games to be eligible for pennants or trophies. If a player misses three (3) consecutive games without reason they will be disqualified.
  - e) No person can act on the clubs without the prior knowledge and approval of the club executives.
  - f) No member, playing or non-playing may join or perform duties for other clubs without the prior knowledge and approval from Club executives.
  - g) Bad language and or Bad sportsmanship at training or competition games will not be tolerated and dealt with by the clubs executive. BCNA may also Fine or suspend players as required.

- 31.2 Players failing to attend on time and/or complete their rostered duties will be fined. This includes Canteen duties, Control duties, Clean-up duties, Carnival duties, umpiring commitments and any other rostered duties on opening and closing days. Players non-compliance of duties as rostered by the Club will result in a fine of \$50.00 per duty.
- 31.3 a) If any Team (Senior or Junior) in the competition cannot supply enough players for their game then the team below that team which is closest in age group/grade or available timeslot shall supply available players to the team in need.
- b) This request must be notified initially to the appropriate register and arranged with the team officials concerned with prior notice. No player may be approached before such action has occurred.
- c) Any Team/official in breach of clauses a) or b) will be penalised.

## **32 CODE OF CONDUCT**

- 32.1 Clubs are responsible for the control and conduct of their spectators, players and Club officials, which include coaches, managers and umpires.
- 32.2 All members of the Association and spectators attending games and/or events controlled by the Association are required to adhere to the appropriate Codes of Conduct relative to their particular circumstance, as follows:

a) PLAYERS

- Play by the rules.
- Never argue with an official; if you disagree, have your captain, coach or manager approach the official during a break or after the game.
- Control your temper; verbal abuse of officials or other players, deliberately distracting or provoking an opponent, is not acceptable in our sport.
- Work equally hard for yourself and your team; your team will benefit, as will you.
- Be a good sport; applaud all good plays, whether by your team or the opposition.
- Treat all players as you would like to be treated; do not interfere with, bully or take unfair advantage of another player.
- Co-operate with your coach, team-mates and opponents; without them there would be no competition.
- Play for the fun of it, and not just to please your parents or coach.
- Do not interfere with the progress and/or conduct of a game.

b) PARENTS

- Remember that children play sport for their enjoyment, not yours.
- Encourage children to participate; do not force them.
- Focus on the child's efforts and performance rather than winning or losing.
- Encourage children always to participate according to the rules.
- Never ridicule or yell at a child for making a mistake or losing a game.
- Remember that children learn best by example; applaud good play by all teams.
- Support all efforts to remove verbal and physical abuse from sporting activities.
- Abide by officials' decisions and teach children to do likewise.
- Show appreciation of volunteer coaches, officials and administrators; without them, your child could not participate.
- Do not interfere with the progress and/or conduct of a game.

c) SPECTATORS

- Applaud good performance and effort from both teams.
- Abide by officials' decisions and encourage others to do the same.
- Encourage players positively, never using negative comments which may ridicule or embarrass; focus on fair play and honest effort.
- Encourage players to play by the rules.
- Make your comments free of any bad language or any form of harassment.
- Condemn the use of violence in any form by any person in our sport.
- Support those, particularly children, who play the sport for enjoyment.
- Do not interfere with the progress and/or conduct of a game.

d) ADMINISTRATORS AND OFFICIALS

- Give all children equal opportunities to participate

- Provide quality supervision and instruction for junior players.
- Remember that children participate for enjoyment.
- Ensure that everyone involved in Netball emphasises fair play, not winning at all costs.
- Set an example, with positive and supportive behaviour and comments.
- Compliment and encourage all participants.
- Be consistent, objective and courteous when making decisions.
- Condemn unsporting behaviour and promote respect for all opponents.
- Emphasise the spirit of the game rather than errors.
- Be a good sport yourself, actions speak louder than words.
- Do not interfere with the progress and/or conduct of a game, unless called to do so by another official.
- Abide by Officials' decisions.

e) COACHES

- Respect the rights, dignity and worth of every human being.
- Treat everyone equally regardless of sex, ethnic origin or religion.
- Ensure the athlete's time spent with you is a positive experience.
- All athletes are deserving of equal attention and opportunities.
- Treat each athlete as an individual.
- Respect the talent, developmental stage and goals of each individual athlete.
- Help each athlete reach their full potential.
- Be fair, considerate and honest with athletes.
- Be professional in, and accept responsibility for your actions.
- Language, manner, punctuality, preparation and presentation should display high standards
- Display control, respect, dignity and professionalism to all involved with the sport - this includes opponents, coaches, officials, administrators, the media, parents and spectators.
- Encourage your athletes to demonstrate the same qualities.
- Make a commitment to providing a quality service to your athletes.
- Maintain or improve your current NCAS accreditation.
- Seek continual improvement through performance appraisal and ongoing coach education.
- Provide a training programme which is planned and sequential.
- Maintain appropriate records.
- Operate within the rules and spirit of your sport.
- The guidelines of national and international bodies governing Netball should, where possible, be followed.

- The Australian Sports Drug Agency provides regulations to operate within.
- Any physical contact with athletes should be:
  - Appropriate to the situation
  - Necessary for the athlete's skill development
- Refrain from any form of physical abuse towards your athletes.
  - This includes verbal, physical and emotional abuse.
  - Be alert to any forms of abuse directed towards your athletes from other sources whilst they are in your care.
- Refrain from any form of sexual harassment towards your athletes.
- Provide a safe environment for training and competition.
  - Ensure equipment and facilities meet safety standards.
  - Equipment, rules and the environment need to be appropriate for the age and ability of the athletes.
- Show concern towards sick and injured athletes.
  - Provide a modified training programme where appropriate.
  - Seek medical advice when required.
- Maintain the interest and support towards sick and injured athletes.
- Be a positive role model for your sport and athletes.
- Coaches should:
  - Be treated with respect and openness.
  - Have access to self improvement opportunities.
  - Be matched with a level of coaching appropriate to their level of competence.
  - Not interfere with the progress and/or conduct of a game unless called on to do so by another official.
  - Abide by the officials' decisions and direct players to do likewise.

32.3 Where a member or a spectator is reported for a serious breach of the code applicable to that class of person, action may be taken in accordance with either By-Laws 33.7 - 33.11, or Clause 30 of the Constitution.

32.4 After the first incident of any action involving spectator(s), player(s), or Club official(s), the Club will be sent a letter of warning and then a subsequent fine will be imposed if the same person(s) re-offends.

### **33 APPEALS/PROTESTS/DISCIPLINARY DISPUTES**

- 33.1 **GENERAL.** Council delegates its powers under Clause 30 of the Constitution to the Executive Committee to determine and adjudicate upon all protests/appeals/disputes within the Club through the:
- Appeals/Protests mechanism,
  - Appeals/Protests Appeals mechanism,
  - Disputes Committee mechanism, and
  - Disputes Appeal Committee mechanism
- 33.2 All complaints are to be submitted in writing to The Club Secretary and will be handled by The Vice President (Complaints Officer) unless requested otherwise.
- 33.3 The Vice President shall convene and advise the required panel for the matter to be heard and distribute all information required to panel members to ascertain a decision. In the event the Vice President is involved in the matter a replacement executive will be appointed.
- 33.4 **APPEALS/PROTESTS.** All appeals/protests must be in writing and forwarded to the Club Secretary within 48 hours of the time set down for the completion of the matter in question. All protests, complaints or objections must state valid reasons for the action taken.
- 33.5 All appeals/protests in respect of action taken under the By-Laws will be dealt with by the Executive Committee or a panel of three persons appointed by the Executive Committee.
- 33.6 Once a protest has been determined by the Executive Committee or the appointed panel no further appeal can be made unless the member lodging the protest can provide new evidence that was not previously considered. In such circumstances the new evidence must be provided to the Secretary of the Club within 48 hours of notification of the outcome of the original protest decision. The Appeal Committee shall comprise three members of the Executive Committee, or three members of the Club, or a combination of Executive and Club members, appointed by the Executive Committee, who were not involved in the protest.
- 33.7 **DISCIPLINARY DISPUTES.** Where a player(s), team(s), spectator(s), and/or Club official (which includes coach, scorer or umpire) is reported by an umpire and/or Club Committee member at any event under the control of the Club, and action is to be taken, a Disputes Committee hearing may be convened. At this time a decision is to be made whether the hearing will be convened under Clause 30 c) of the Constitution or under By-Laws 33.7 - 33.11.
- 33.8 The composition of the Disputes Committee hearing will be as provided in Clause 30 d) of the Constitution.



- 33.9 The Committee convened to hear the matter shall determine who will be required to appear before the Committee. An official from the Team responsible for the alleged offender shall be invited to attend the hearing with the alleged offender. Where a person under the age of 18 years is called before the Committee, that person's parent(s) or guardian(s) is permitted to attend with the person.
- 33.10 Where a Disputes Committee determines that the person(s) appearing before the Committee is to be suspended from playing and/or attending any competition matches and/or is to be fined, the decision of the Committee is to be conveyed to the person(s) immediately on completion of the hearing. The penalties that may be imposed can be suspension from one week to an indefinite period and/or a fine. Where a fine is imposed, that fine is to be imposed on the individual Team or person(s).
- 33.11 Where a person(s) considers the penalty to be unjustly harsh or onerous, that person has 48 hours in which to lodge a written appeal, which must state the grounds of the appeal, through the Club Secretary. The Club Secretary will refer the matter to the Disputes Appeal Committee who will review the evidence and either confirm or vary the decision of the Disputes Committee. While the Disputes Appeal Committee is considering the appeal, any penalty imposed will not apply.

#### **34 FINANCE**

- 34.1 **GOODS & SERVICE TAX.** GST is added to all charges raised by the Club. This includes affiliation and registration fees, costs for clothing, materials and all other sundry items.
- 34.2 All monies owed to the Club must be paid in accordance with requirements. Failure to comply will result in that person being deemed unfinancial.
- 34.3 **AFFILIATION FEE.** Existing Members are to pay a \$1.00 annual affiliation fee before the February Council Meeting.
- 34.4 **REGISTRATION FEES:**
- a) **PLAYERS.** A Registration fee (including insurance) for each Competition, shall be set by Council at the Annual General Meeting each year. The registration fee applicable to each player will be the fee relevant to the age group in which the player is registered.
  - b) **NON-PLAYERS.** A fee for non-players' membership is to be paid annually.
  - c) If a non-player then becomes a player within that same competition, the balance of the normal registration fee will apply.

- d) **LIFE MEMBERS:** The membership fee for all active life members will be paid by the Club annually.
- 34.5 Any monetary increases made by Netball NSW after the Club's Annual Meeting may be passed on to Members.
- 34.6 Late registrations to be paid in accordance with By-Laws 9.1 - 9.7
- 34.7 **NO REFUND** of registration fees (including insurance) will be given once either a player has been graded into a team, taken the court in a competition match, or after first late registration.
- 34.8 In the event of a team defaulting after grading, the team registration will not be refunded and a fine of \$100.00 will be imposed. This fine will be levied on the Team in question, who have the right to recover all monies lost from the members of the defaulting team. Teams do have the right of appeal to Council.
- 34.9 Any Member in default to the Club or to any other Club affiliated with the Association shall have its delegates debarred from voting at any meeting until such default shall be removed.
- 34.10 Any person who is unfinancial to the Club is not permitted to play in competition games including Semis, Finals and Grand Finals until all outstanding monies have been paid.
- 34.11 A Member deemed to be unfinancial shall be given seven days' notice in writing to clear outstanding debts, failing this the member will be deregistered and submitted as unfinancial with Blacktown City Netball and NSW Netball Ltd ceasing membership entitlements in the State of NSW.
- 34.12 Where a member is unfinancial to the Club, and wishes to register with another Club, that member must pay to the Club the relevant outstanding monies which would clear the total outstanding debt.
- 34.13 **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE UNIFORM SUBSIDY.** Persons elected to the Executive Committee may purchase all QHNC clothing, including bag, at the approved subsidised rate.
- 34.14 **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OPERATIONS**
- To undertake Club commitments, the Executive Committee may determine which events/functions should be attended by appropriate Club Executive Committee members at the club's expense, up to a combined maximum of \$2,000.00 per annum.

**35 FINANCE - FINES****35.1 MEETINGS**

- a) Failure to attend two consecutive Council/Special Meetings \$50.00
- b) Failure to attend subsequent Council/Special Meetings \$50.00
- c) Failure to attend AGM \$50.00

**35.2 COMPETITION**

- a) Forfeit not notified \$50.00
- b) Each subsequent forfeit (whether notified or not) \$50.00
- c) Second failure by same person to abide by Code of Conduct \$50.00
- d) Team defaulting after grading \$100.00

**35.3 UMPIRES**

- a) Failure to provide umpire as per draw \$50.00
- b) Accumulation of five umpiring fines \$100.00
- c) Accumulation of ten umpiring fines \$200.00

**35.4 DISPUTES**

Maximum fine for breach of Code of Conduct \$200.00

**35.5 ROSTERED DUTIES**

Failure to perform rostered duties \$50.00

## **36 SERVICE AWARDS**

### **CLUB SERVICE AWARD**

36.1 A badge shall be struck and known as the 'QHNC Service Award'. This badge is to be awarded to such persons as recommended by the panel and approved by the Executive Committee. This award is to be announced at the Annual Club Presentation.

36.2 A member of the Club shall be eligible to receive the award provided that the nominated member has given twelve months outstanding service to Netball for the Quakers Hill Netball Club.

36.3 The following area of contribution are indicative as appropriate for nomination. It is not necessary for a nominee to meet all the criteria, but it is necessary that they have undertaken a combination of these for the current twelve months for the Club or Association.

Outstanding service should include:

- a) Coaching, managing, umpiring, serving on either Club or the Association Executive Committee, and/or
- b) Representing their Club at the Association level; and/or
- c) Coaching/managing/umpiring at the representative level; and/or
- d) Undertaking outstanding service in other areas of their Club, eg in representing the interests of their Club or Association at the Local/State Government level.

36.4 Any two Ordinary Members of the Association may nominate candidates for the award.

36.5 Club Executives shall consider and recommend the names of recipients to the Club.

36.6 Nominations are to be submitted in writing to the Club Secretary by 31 August each year. Qualifications must accompany all nominations.

36.7 No more than five awards are to be given in any one year.

## **37 PERPETUAL AWARDS**

### **UMPIRING**

- 37.1 The Senior Umpire Award is to be awarded to the person who is assessed as having outstanding achievement in all areas of umpiring. The recipient of the award will be determined and advised to club executives in the Umpires Convener's report submitted to the August General Meeting and announced at the Annual Club Presentation.
- 37.2 The Junior Umpire Award is to be awarded to an umpire under the age of 16 years. The recipient of the award will be determined and advised to club executives in the Umpires Convener's report submitted to the August General Meeting and announced at the Annual Club Presentation.
- 37.3 The Umpires Convenor and Umpires Education and Development Committee members shall nominate and determine the recipients of these awards.

### **COACHING**

- 37.4 The "Coach of the Year" is to be awarded to the person who is assessed as having outstanding achievement and success in all areas of Coaching. The recipient of the award shall be determined and advised to Club executives in the Coaching Coordinators report submitted to the August General Meeting and announced at the Annual Club Presentation.
- 37.5 The Coaching Coordinator and Coach Education and Development Committee members shall nominate and determine the recipients of these awards.

### **PLAYERS**

- 37.6 a) All Teams reaching the Semi Finals, Finals and Grand Finals will be awarded a trophy, medallion or similar where finances permit.
- b) To be eligible for awards players must play three (3) games minimum.
- c) Any player that misses three (3) consecutive games without reason will be disqualified.

- 37.7 Individual Perpetual Awards nominations shall be submitted in writing to the Club Secretary by 7.30pm at the August General Meeting by any two ordinary members and determined by consideration and voting in the following categories.
- a) “Most Improved Modified Player”  
Criteria – Modified Age 6-9yrs, displayed recognisable improvement.
  - b) “Junior Player of The Year”  
Criteria – Junior Age 10-12yrs, displaying outstanding achievement.
  - c) “Junior Defender of The Year”  
Criteria – Junior Age 10-12yrs, displaying outstanding achievement.
  - f) “Intermediate Player of The Year”  
Criteria – Intermediate Age ~~12~~ **13**-15yrs, displaying outstanding achievement.
  - g) “Junior Club Person”  
Criteria – Under 18yrs, with outstanding achievement and club contribution.
  - h) “Senior Club Person”  
Criteria – Senior with outstanding achievement and club contribution.
- 37.8 The “Players Player Award” for Teams over 15 years will be determined by a players secret ballot vote to the Team delegate. The Team nomination is submitted in writing by the Team delegate to the August General Meeting for consideration and voting.
- 37.9 The “Longest Playing Member” award is determined by player’s length of service.

**Annex A:** Duties of Office Bearers

**Annex B:** Duties of Sub-Committees

**Annex C:** Players, Team & Team Official By-laws

**Annex D:** Application to Appeal/Protest