



# **PEEL FOOTBALL AND NETBALL LEAGUE INC.**

## **NETBALL BY-LAWS**

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# **NETBALL BY-LAWS**

## **1. RULES OF COMPETITION**

- 1.1 The rules of play will be governed by the International Netball Federation Rules of Netball, Netball Australia, PFNL General and Netball by-laws.

## **2. REGISTRATION AND AFFILIATION**

- 2.1 Each club will ensure that their players are registered with the PFNL before being eligible to play.
- 2.2 All game day club coaches will be a minimum foundation accreditation and must attend the pre season Game Management Workshop.
- 2.3 All players, coaches and umpires must be affiliated with Netball WA and registered with the PFNL before participating in the competition.
- 2.4 The affiliation fees will be advised prior to the season commencing each year.

## **3. PLAYERS/TEAMS**

- 3.1 The minimum age for players to be eligible to play in any senior division is 16 years of age in the current year of playing. The maximum age for the 20U division is 20 years of age in the year of playing.
- 3.2 One week before the first round, Clubs must submit a team list in PlayHQ for each team in the League, Reserves and 20U division.
- 3.3 Players (aged 18 years and older) who have represented their State or registered with an Open division WANL team, currently or within the previous 4 years must be listed as a PFNL League player. WANL training partners are considered WANL players and each PFNL division team may only play a maximum of 2 current WANL registered players in any one game. Should a third current WANL registered player take the court, they will be deemed an ineligible player.
- 3.4 PFNL League listed players may only move down one division from the previous year played. A maximum of six weeks special permission for players returning from major injury/pregnancy to transition back via the open division, may be granted at the discretion of the PFNL Netball Co-ordinator.
- 3.5 New player registrations must be received by the PFNL registrar a minimum of one hour before the game commences. Clubs cannot have more than 36 players registered. De-registrations must be emailed to the PFNL Registrar and if approved, the Registrar will complete the de-registration.
- 3.6 A player may only play a maximum of 5 quarters each round for their club during the qualifying season. If they play more than the 5 quarters in a round, they will be regarded as an ineligible player in the game in which they are playing their 6<sup>th</sup> quarter.
- 3.7 Teams can only list 10 players on the scoresheet and names must be listed 15 minutes before the game commences.
- 3.8 A player may not participate in two games occurring at the same time.
- 3.9 Players may only play in games above their nominated division and take the court a maximum of three games. Should a player take the court in a fourth game, they automatically become a member of that division.
- 3.10 Any team that includes a player determined to be "ineligible" in accordance with the above by-laws 3.1 – 3.9 shall automatically lose any premiership match points gained by winning or drawing the game in which such player participates. The opposing side shall be declared the winner and credited with the two (2) premiership points. The team receiving the premiership points shall be credited and debited with the official scores and the offending team shall have their score reduced to zero.
- 3.11 All players must wear their registered club uniform. Should there be two teams with the same-coloured bibs; the team listed as away will wear another coloured bib.
- 3.12 The General Manager will maintain a list of approved colours and uniform design for each of the clubs. Any club wishing to change their colour and/or design must first submit the proposed changes to the PFNL board for approval.

#### 4. TRANSFERS

- 4.1 No player registered with one club in PFNL league shall be allowed to play for another club in PFNL league unless an application to transfer has been granted from their existing club.
- 4.2 Applications for a transfer shall be submitted on the approved "Application to Transfer" form by the club to which the player intends to transfer. The previous club shall respond to the PFNL co-ordinator within 5 working days. If no response is received within that period, the transfer will be automatically approved.
- 4.3 The players previous club can only be permitted to refuse such application if the player owes the club money or has club equipment that must be returned.
- 4.4 Clubs who transfer a player without following PFNL procedure will be required to reimburse the previous club's cost (if any) and pay a fine of \$100 to the PFNL.
- 4.5 Any player who has a request for a transfer refused may appeal to the PFNL Board.
- 4.6 Any team that plays a player who is ineligible to play with that club shall forfeit the match and the game will be scored by 80 goals to one and fined as per by-law 12.3

#### 5. FIXTURES

- 5.1 The competitions will play a fourteen (14) round season in the competition following the standard fixtures produced for the Peel Football and Netball groups. In the event of any emergent disruption to the approved fixtures due to outside influences, such as a pandemic, the Netball Co-ordinator shall have the responsibility to organise suitable alternate arrangements.
- 5.2 The netball competition will be played in alignment with the football competition, with finals played as per rule 8.1.
- 5.3 Games will consist of four (4) x fifteen (15) minute quarters with a three (3) minute break at quarter times and five (5) minutes break at half time.
- 5.4 Captains **must** sign the scorecard to acknowledge that all is correct (players names, scores etc) including any reports of injuries or other such incidents.

#### 6. PREMIERSHIP POINTS

- 6.1 The following premierships shall be awarded for each qualifying game:
  - \* Two (2) points for each win.
  - \* One (1) point for each draw.
  - \* Zero (0) points for each loss.
- 6.2 In the event of two or more teams gaining the same number of premierships points, their relative position on the premierships table shall be determined by dividing the goals scored by the number of goals scored against them, multiplied by 100.

#### 7. FORFEITS

- 7.1 The umpires may rule a forfeit on game day as per INF rules of netball.
- 7.2 In the event of one team forfeiting, the opposing team shall receive two (2) premierships points and a score of 80 goals to one.
- 7.3 If a club needs to forfeit a match in a fixture they must contact the PFNL Netball Co-ordinator immediately. The game forfeited shall be the 20 under division.
- 7.4 Any team that forfeits a game shall be fined and the premierships points awarded to the team receiving the benefit of the forfeit. All match costs will be borne by the forfeiting team. Any appointed umpires who attend the court where the game is forfeited shall be paid the full fee for such game provided they are not notified in time of such forfeit.
- 7.5 The team receiving the forfeit must submit a full team list of all players present and available to play.
- 7.6 A team that forfeits three qualifying games in a season shall be withdrawn from the competition for the remainder of the season.

## 8. FINALS AND QUALIFICATIONS

- 8.1 The final round matches will consist of a top four teams in each division playing the following sequence of games; and venues to be decided by the Sub-committee:
- First Semi-final: Team 3 playing team 4.
  - Second Semi-final: Team 1 playing team 2.
  - Preliminary Final: Loser of Second Semi-final playing the winner of the First Semi-final.
  - Grand Final: Winner of the Second Semi-final playing the winner of the Preliminary Final.
- 8.2 A player must play a minimum of 18 quarters for their club in that division, during the season to qualify to play in final round matches. A player shall only be qualified to play finals in the division in which they have played the most quarters.
- 8.3 There will be no drawn game in final round matches. If the scores are tied at the end of full time, the umpires shall apply the relevant rule under the INF rules of netball.
- 8.4 Permission may be requested for a lower division player to be a substitute as an 8<sup>th</sup> player for the purpose of an injury. This player may only be activated in the event of an injury to one of the starting seven, once this player is activated the injured player who was replaced cannot return to the court.

## 9. PROTESTS AND DISPUTES

- 9.1 Any club wishing to lodge a complaint on any matter involving players, officials or umpires shall lodge their protest in writing within twenty four (24) hours of the match ending to the General Manager of the PFNL, through their Club President.
- 9.2 Any officially reported incidents or lodged complaints will follow Netball Australia and PFNL general by-law procedures and guidelines.

## 10. MATCH DAY PERSONNEL AND PROCEDURES

- 10.1 Each club must provide a club representative at every game. This nominated person will be responsible for maintaining the code of conduct for everyone associated with their club.
- 10.2 Umpires: it is the responsibility of each umpire to upskill in the Official Rules of Netball 2018.
- 10.3 Umpires will wear a white top and black bottoms (leggings and club dresses not accepted).
- 10.4 Game management: During a match the umpires are the sole judges of fact and of the rules. Any player found guilty of misconduct or disputing/dissent INF Rule 13.2.3 (i) with an umpires decision on or off the netball court, shall be liable to censure and/or suspension and/or disqualification. This also includes discipline of team officials and bench players INF Rule 13.3 (i) (ii) & (iii).
- 10.5 If a player is cautioned or receives a warning the scorer must record this on the scoresheet. Should a player be suspended or ordered off for the remainder of the game, the umpire must record this on the scoresheet. Any player ordered off will be required to face a Tribunal where a penalty may apply.
- Rule 13. Game Management
- (i) While umpires are expected to set and maintain clear standards and tone throughout a match, **players are ultimately responsible for changing their own behaviour.**

## 11. AWARDS

- 11.1 The Most Valuable Player and Runner Up to Most Valuable Player awards for each division shall be presented at the Peel Football and Netball League annual presentation evening.
- 11.2 Voting shall be performed by the match umpires who shall rate the three most valuable players in each match with a 3-2-1 voting system on the voting slip provided.
- 11.3 All-Star player awards will be awarded to the top seven (7) position players as voted by that divisions club coaches, at the end of the regular season.
- 11.4 An All-Star coach will be awarded for each division as voted by each club.
- 11.5 An Umpire of the Year as voted by the clubs and a Rising Star umpire as selected by the PFNL Umpire Co-ordinator will be awarded.
- 11.6 A Volunteer of the Year will be awarded. Clubs to send their nominations to the PFNL Netball Co-ordinator by the end of the regular season.

- 11.7 A Rising Star Trophy will be awarded to a player 21 years of age and under in the year of playing, who polls the most number of votes across the competition.

## 12. FINES

**These fines are in addition to the PFNL General by-law fines are not GST inclusive**

12.1	Incorrectly dressed player (dress and boy leg shorts at an appropriate length)	\$50 p/p
12.2	Incorrectly dressed umpire	\$50
12.3	Ineligible player	\$100 p/p
12.4	No score/timer provided or team player scoring/timing	\$50
12.5	Incorrect information on scorecard (player's name/quarters played)	\$50
12.6	Captain not signing scorecard	\$20
12.7	Scorecard and stat sheets not received by COB Monday	\$50
12.8	Forfeiting a game with more than 48 hours' notice of game time.	\$100
	Forfeiting a game with less than 48 hours' notice of game time.	\$200
	Regardless of notice given: a Club's second forfeit	\$400
	Regardless of notice given: a Club's third forfeit	\$800
12.9	Non attendance at Netball meeting	
	1 <sup>st</sup> offence is \$100,	
	subsequent offences \$500	

**All fines must be paid prior to the next fixtured game and copy of receipt to be provided.**