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**PDFNL NETBALL REGULATIONS**

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1       LEAGUE FINANCES

**1.1      Team Fees**

The team fee per registered team shall be determined at the Annual Meeting each year and must be paid prior to the first match of the season.

**PENALTY RULES 1.1, 1.2, 1.3:** Loss of 4 Premiership points and goals scored in that match.  Match awarded to Opposition

* 1. **Grades**

Senior – A , B C and C Res ( all female only )

Junior – U17’s / U15’s ( female only )’

* U13’s Male and Female.

2       CORRESPONDENCE

**2.1      Inwards Correspondence**

(a)   All correspondence must be received from either a Club President or Club Secretary

(b)  No individual member correspondence shall be accepted by the Board

(c)   Correspondence will be accepted in the form of written, facsimile, or electronic

**2.2      Outwards Correspondence**

(a)        All Correspondence from the League to member Clubs shall be directed to the Club President and Secretary.

**2.3      Club Correspondence**

(a)        All Correspondence received from a Club President or Club Secretary shall be dealt with at the next scheduled Board Meeting unless deemed by the Board to be handled discreetly

3       REGISTRATION TYPES

**3.1      NETBALL VIC (NV) &PDFNL Registration**

A player must be NV registered and PDFNL registered PRIOR to playing any match.

(a)        All NV and PDFNL registrations shall cease after Round 14

**PENALTY:** Loss of 4 premiership points and goals scored in each match played.  Match awarded to non-offending team

**3.2      Single Game Vouchers**

A Single Game Voucher may be purchased for a player to play on any one given day.

(a)  Single Game Vouchers do not count towards finals qualification games

(b)  There is no limit to the amount of a player may purchase.

(c)  If a Full NV/PDFNL registration is purchased after playing on SGV registration, there is no deduction in the fees payable.

(d)  All Single Game Voucher registrations shall cease after Round 14

(e)  Once a SGV is purchased by a player, they are then considered registered with that Club and cannot purchase further SGV from other PDFNL Clubs.

**PENALTY:** Loss of 4 premiership points and goals scored in each match played.  Match awarded to non-offending team

**3.3      Further Registrations after Closing Date**

If a Club wishes to do any further registrations after Round 14, they must satisfactorily substantiate to the Board Committee that a change of residence or employment transfer has occurred.  There must be genuine reason that further players are required.

**3.4      Unregistered/ Ineligible**

Any player found to be unregistered or ineligible to register shall have any Best & Fairest votes voided for the match in question

4       REGISTRATION PROCESS

**4.1      Registration Forms required**

All registrations must be completed on correct registration forms (detailed below), and emailed, faxed or posted to Netball Operations Manager:-

                        (a)        Form B – previous years registered players

                        (b)        Form C – Additional players

                        (c)        Form P -  Picola & District Netball League Levy Only

                        (d)        Form S – Single Game Voucher

                   (e)        Form A – Summary Page

**4.2      Registration Details Required**

All registrations must include:

(a)   Full name of Player

(b)   Date of Birth

(c)   Current Address

(d)   Current VNA number if using Registration Form P

**4.3      Match Day Registration**

(a)   No scoresheet registrations shall be accepted

(b)   If a player is to be registered on match day, the correct registration form is to be completed, and;

(i)            Signed by a Club delegate from BOTH clubs PRIOR to match commencement

(ii)           Posted with the match day stationary as per Rule 12.8.

**4.4      Payment of Registrations**

Upon receiving registrations, the League shall issue an invoice to the Club Treasurer.  All monies due are to be paid by 30th of each month.

(a)   If a Club is issued with an invoice on or after the 25th of any month, the monies due on this invoice shall be due by the 30th of the month thereafter.

**PENALTY for all of Rule 4**:  $100 fine

5       Club Administration Pack

The information previously supplied within the administration pack is now available upon the PDFNL Website, Netball Victoria Website or upon written request from the league operations manager.

(a)        Netball Victoria and Picola & District Football Netball League Registration forms;

(b)        Match day stationary;

(c)        League and Club Contact details;

(d)        Playing Area Safety Checklist;

(e)  Event Calendar;

(f)         Injury Reporting Form;

(g)        Return to Play Consent Form;

(h)        Incident Report form;

(i)         Medical Indemnity Form (RM7);

               (j)  Photographic Consent Form;

(k)        A current listing of ALL Netball Victoria Infonets referred to in these By-Laws

(l)         A current listing of ALL League Policies referred to in these By-Laws

6       CLEARANCES

**6.1      Clearance Procedure**

Any player wishing to transfer Clubs within the League, in the current season must apply for a clearance through their intended Club.

(a)        The correct clearance form supplied in the Administration Pack shall be completed

by the intending player, signed by herself and either of the intending Club President or Secretary.

(b)        The clearance shall be forward to the Secretary/Registration Officer, who shall then forward the clearance to the Players current Club Secretary.

(c)        The player’s current club has seven (7) days to approve/reject the clearance and forward signed clearance to Secretary/Registration Officer, or the League shall clear the said player automatically.

(d)        If a club rejects a clearance from a player (refer to Infonet: Conditions of Clearance) the said players shall be informed of reason why, by the Secretary/Registration Officer  Any dispute arising from clearance restrictions will be dealt with according to the Grievance Procedure in the Constitution.

(e)        Players who are in possession of League/Club equipment or owe monies shall not be granted a clearance.

(f)         All clearances must be processed by the League Secretary/Registration Officer and monies paid before the player is deemed cleared and eligible to play.

(g)  No clearances accepted after Round 14, except as per Rule 3.3

**PENALTY:** Loss of 4 premiership points and goals scored in the match/matches played.  Match awarded to non-offending team

7       PLAYER QUALIFICATION

**7.1      Player Qualification Rules**

A player may not play in a lower grade once they have played seven (7) games in the same higher grade, or she is deemed an ineligible player.  The player may not return to a lower grade

**PENALTY:** Loss of 4 premiership points and loss of goals scored in the match.  Match awarded to non-offending team.

**PENALTY IN FINALS:** Match awarded to opposition team

**7.2      Qualifying Players for Finals**

All players in a finals match must have played four (4) matches in any one grade to be eligible to play in that grade finals match, or a higher-grade finals match for their Club.

**PENALTY**: Match awarded to opposition.

(a)         If less than 50% of Teams in the Competition can submit a team in any one said Grade, then the  Board have the power to alter the finals qualification rule at the request of a Club.  If this occurs, then the qualification rule must be altered for that Grade by the end of one complete round of home and away matches.

**7.3      Junior Players in Finals**

Senior grade teams (A, B, C, CRES) shall be restricted to fielding no more than two (2) junior players in any one quarter of a finals match.  The junior player must be eligible as per By-Law 7.1 and 7.2

(a)   Any player who is eligible by age to play junior netball, but has only qualified in a senior team shall be exempt from Rule 7.3

**PENALTY:** Match awarded to non-offending team

**7.4      Recording of Games Played**

All home and away matches and finals matches played are recorded in the players progressive games tally

**7.5      Junior Development Rule**

Junior players shall be exempt from Rule 7.1, 7.2 and 7.3 if they are playing Senior Competition in A Grade only.

(a)    Any junior playing abiding by this Rule 7.5 may return to play Junior grade finals provided that they have played a minimum of ten (10) matches in the grade they wish to qualify for.

8       GRADING OF TEAMS

**8.1      Entering a Team after season commencement**

Any Club entering a team after the commencement of the season the opposition teams that have in prior rounds played these clubs will have the match awarded as a forfeit, and ladders adjusted accordingly

**8.2      Withdrawing a Team after season commencement**

If a club is unable to continue fielding a team after commencing the season, the match points for games already played shall be awarded as a forfeit to the opposition. Best & fairest votes for both teams shall become void.  Clubs that are scheduled to play the particular team during the remainder of the season shall have the match awarded as a forfeit

**8.3      Modified Teams (11 Under)**

The League abides by the Netball Victoria direction that the games for Mini-Midgets (Under 11 Modified Netta) are to be run as an introductory fun game of netball.

(a)        Scorebooks are not to be introduced and League votes are not given.

(b)  Games should not be played in inclement weather and wearing of Club uniform should not be compulsory.

(c)        Netball Victoria Registration fees must be paid

(d)        Boys may play unrestricted in this age group

(e)        Team fees are not applicable

**8.4      Grading of Senior Teams**

In the event that a Club can only field ONE senior team in the Picola & District Football Netball League (Netball Competition);

The  “A” Grade team must be entered in the competition first, and subsequent Senior teams will be entered in “B” Grade, then “C” Grade then C Reserve.  Any variance to that order because of exceptional circumstances must be applied for in writing to the Board no later than 21 days prior to season commencement.

(a)        The Grading process shall consider the following guidelines;

(i)  The ladder position of the team in question at the completion of the previous 2 seasons.  If the team finished higher than 5th last, the request shall be denied

(ii)  The competitiveness of the Club’s other Senior Teams shall be considered

(iii)  If there is some question as to a Player from another Competition, then discussion shall be made with a Club Delegate from the said players’ previous Club

(iv)  The application for Exceptional Circumstances shall contain a list of all intending players, their age, previous playing standard, previous injuries.

(v) The Board has 3 matches to adjudicate whether the team holds their position in

the set grade, or is promoted or demoted to another grade.

(vi)  The “Team” constitutes those names listed of all intending players submitted by the said Club in their exceptional circumstance request.

(b)        The final decision will be determined by the Board. Any Board member that is associated with the Club applying for Exceptional Circumstances is ineligible to vote.

(c) “Any one grade shall have a maximum of only two teams missing in that grade competition, due to applying for, and being successful for exceptional circumstances”

(d) If the request for Exceptional Circumstances is rejected by the Board, a written response outlining th reason for non-approval will be provided.

(e)           An appeal process may be followed should a club demonstrate additional or new exceptional circumstances.  The results from the 3 match adjudication process shall also be considered.

**8.5      Grading of Junior Teams**

Junior Teams – 17 Under, 15 Under and 13 Under grades shall be entered subject to player availability.

**8.6      Boys Participating**

(a)   Netball Victoria rules shall always apply regarding boys playing in junior netball competition.

**8.7      Overage Player – Under 13’s, Under 15’s and Under 17’s**

Clubs can apply in writing to the league Operations Manager up to 2 weeks prior to the start of the season for permission to have an over age player/s.

No overage player will be allowed excepting in exceptional circumstances.

The league will appoint a committee of 3 persons to oversee if a player is eligible. This appointed committee will have the final if a person/s can be used as an overage player.

Overage Players will not be eligible for any league award.

Any player who has been granted permission to play overage may only play finals, if the club has requested written permission, to play overage during finals, prior to round 14.

The board may withdraw the right to play overage at any given time and at the board’s sole discretion.

9       CONDUCT OF MATCHES

**9.1      Home & Away Match Guidelines**

(a)  Playing rules shall be those of the All Australian Netball Association, unless otherwise specified in these by-laws

(b)  If a match is cancelled for unforeseen circumstances, 2 points shall be awarded to each team and no best & fairest votes given.

(c)        In all matches 4 premiership points shall be awarded for the winning team, 2 points each for a draw.

(d)        Each Bye has 4 premiership points awarded.

**9.2      Duration of Matches**

13/Under:  Play 10 minutes with 2 minutes between 1st & 3rd quarters & 3minutes @ half time.

15/Under:  Play 12 minutes with 3 minutes between 1st & 3 quarters and 5 minutes @ half time.

17/Under:  Play 15 minutes with 3 minutes between 1st & 3rd quarters and 5 minutes@ half time.

C Reserve: Play 12 minutes with 3 minutes between 1st & 3rd quarters and 5 minutes @half time.

C Grade:  Play 15 minutes with 3 minutes between 1st & 3rd quarters and 5 minutes@ half time.

         B Grade:  Play 15 minutes with 3 minutes between 1st & 3rd quarters and 5 minutes at half time.

A Grade:  Play 15 minutes with 3 minutes between 1st & 3rd quarters & 5 minutes at half time

**9.3      Match Commencement Times**

 (a) Commencement of play:-

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| **Minis and U15's** | 10.00am |
| **U13's & U17's** | 11.10 am |
| **C Reserves & B Grade** | 12.30 pm |
| **A Grade and C Grade** | 2.00 pm |

(a)  Any alteration to these times should be by mutual agreement of the Clubs concerned by Thursday prior to the match.  If no agreement can be made, the official commencement times will remain

(b) The responsibility for games starting on time is in the hands of Team Captains, Coach’s, and Umpires, thus relieving this responsibility from Club Secretaries.

(c)        A period of five minutes extra time shall be given to a player who has umpired/coached the previous game

(d) In any given year due to an abundance of junior players and in agreement with Clubs, additional teams at Junior age levels will be decided between Clubs concerned and the Board .  Match commencement times will be varied to accommodate these additional teams in any given year.

10   FORFEITS

**10.1   Match Day forfeit**

In the event of a forfeit on the day of the scheduled match a scoresheet with the names of players present must be signed by BOTH the umpire and the captain of the non-forfeiting team and posted with Match stationary.  The forfeited match will be counted as a match played for qualification purposes for the NON-forfeiting team

**10.2   Pre-Match Day Forfeit**

If a forfeit occurs PRIOR to the day of the scheduled match, no scoresheets are required to be completed and submitted, unless the NON-offending team wishes games to be recorded for qualification purposes. The scoresheet is to be received by the Friday following the forfeited match

**10.3   Points Allocation**

Any team receiving a forfeit against them shall receive 4 premiership points and a 20-0 goal score

**10.4   Subsequent Forfeits**

A payment of 2 x $20 forfeit fees must be paid with team fees prior to season commencing.  If no forfeit occurs fee is carried over.

(a) If a team forfeits a third time in a season, the fee increases to $100 per forfeit payable by the Friday following the match

**10.5**

If a Match is unable to commence or continue within the time scheduled for the Match for reasons beyond the control of either Team (including circumstances where it is unsafe for the Match to proceed) the following shall apply:

(a) Match Not Commenced: The result of a Match which is unable to commence for reasons beyond the control of the Team shall be determined by the Controlling Body.

(b) Prior to Half Time: If a Match has commenced but is not able to proceed at any time within the time scheduled for the Match, the Teams shall depart from the Court.

If the Match is unable to recommence within a 30-minute period, the Match shall be deemed to be drawn and the scores of the Teams at the time the Match was interrupted shall be used in

calculating the percentage of each Team.

(c) Half Time & Beyond: If the Half Time interval has been reached

and the Match is unable to proceed at any time within the time scheduled for the Match, the Teams shall leave the Arena, or in the case of Half Time, not return to the Arena. If the Match is unable to recommence within a 30-minute period, the scores of the Teams at the time the Match was interrupted shall be deemed to be the final scores of the Match. The Team with the highest score shall be deemed the winner of the Match and the scores shall be used in calculating the percentage of each Team.

(d) Match Not Able to Proceed: Unless otherwise determined by a Controlling Body, the Umpires shall, having regard to the health and safety of the Players and any other relevant circumstances, determine whether a Match is unable to commence or proceed. The Umpire’s must determine that a Match is unable to commence or proceed for such time as lightning is present at or within the immediate proximity of the venue where the Match is being conducted.

(e) Recommencing of Play: Where a Team is directed to recommence play by the Umpires and the Team fails, refuses or neglects to recommence play, the Team shall be deemed to have forfeited

the Match, in which case Clause 10.3 and 1.3 shall apply.

(f) The Controlling Body may vary the length and scheduling of the intervals, to suit practical circumstances.

11   AGE GROUP REQUIREMENTS

**11.1   Dates for Age Grouping**

Age groups are determined at 31st December each year.

**11.2   Minimum Player Age**

The League Competition consists of 7 competitive grades with the minimum age group requirements in the year of playing are:

(a)       A Grade, B Grade, C Grade, C Reserve – *13 years of age*

(b)      17 Under – *13 years of age*

(c)           15 Under – *11 years of age*

            (d)        13 Under – *no minimum age*

12   scoresheets/scorers/timekeepers

**12.1   Completing scorebooks**

(a) The home club must supply a scoresheet printed from the mynetball website with up to 12 players listed. All teams must be upon IT system by 12pm the night prior to the match.

Only emergency unforeseen changes are to be made to the scoresheet and must be made prior to the start of the match with the player(s) name written as registered .

                (b)  If a player takes the court who was not upon the scoresheet, the league operations manager is to be informed and provided all relevant details.

**12.3   Scorer/Timekeeper/Clocks**

Each team is to provide their own person to be scorer/timekeeper and home team to supply three (3) time-clocks. One time-clock is to be set for 2 minutes injury time and one time-clock is for match time.

**12.4   Minimum Age for scorers**

Scorers and Timekeepers must be aged 14 years minimum, must be seated together, and cannot be substitute players of the game in progress

**12.5   Duties of scorer**

(a)   Scorers shall ensure ALL centre passes and goals are recorded.

(b)  Positional changes are to be filled in EACH quarter, prior to the match re-commencing.

(c)   Each team TOTAL is to be recorded.

**PENALTY:** Clubs that submit an incorrect scoresheet, not complying with the above rules, will incur a $25     fine

**12.6   Discrepancy**

The scorers shall resolve any discrepancy in the score prior to recommencing the game or giving the match result

**12.7   Captains/Umpires**

Scorers shall ensure both Captains & both Umpires sign both score sheets, after the scoresheets are finalized

**12.8   Home Club duties**

It is the responsibility of the HOME club to:

(a)   Enter results of all matches played on Netball Victoria website by 5.30pm match day

(b)  Provide Best & Fairest vote cards for all grades

(c)  Post all match day stationary and any match day registration forms to the Operations Manager.

(d)   All match day stationary etc must be **express posted** on the Monday after  match day

(e)  All match day stationary must be received by the Wednesday after match day

**PENALTY**: $100 fine

13   FINALS REQUIREMENTS

**13.1   Final 8 format**

The number of premiership points gained during the season shall determine teams qualifying for finals.  In the event of teams being equal on points, positions shall be determined by the percentage of goals scored for and against.  In the event of teams being equal on percentage, positions shall be determined by the greater number of goals scored

A final eight (8) will operate for all grades.

**Final Eight**

**Week 1**  
Elimination Final   #1         5 x 8  
Elimination Final #2 6 x 7

Qualification Final  #1      1 x 4

Qualification Final #2 2 x 3

**Week 2**  
2nd Semi Final                          Loser 2nd QF vs Winner of 2nd EF   
1st Semi final                            Loser 1st QF vs Winners of 1st EF

**Week 3**  
Preliminary Final #1                 Winner 1st QF v Winner 2nd Semi   
Preliminary Final #2                 Winner 2nd QF v Winner 1st Semi

**Week 4**  
Grand Final                               Winners of 1st and 2nd Preliminary final

**13.2   Umpires**

Finals matches are to be officiated by neutral Current Badged Umpires from;

(a)              Other Leagues if possible;

(b)        Our own League Current Badged umpires whose team is not in that grade finals where possible,

(c)        Our own League Current Badged umpires whose team is not in that grade final being played that day.

**13.3   Teams Playing – Official Requirements**

Teams playing in the finals shall provide their own scorers and timekeepers for their match. That is 1 scorer and 1 timekeeper from each club who are responsible persons 14 years and over. The 4 sit together for the duration of the match.  The League shall provide time clocks & scorebooks.

**13.4   Drawn Matches**

In the event of a draw there shall be a 2 minute interval at the end of full time.  Substitutions and/or team changes are permitted.

(a)           Extra time of 2 halves each shall be played as follows:

A & B Grade                                             7 minutes

C Grade                                                   7 minutes

C Reserve 15 Under                                  6 minutes

17 Under                                      7 minutes

 13 Under                                     3 minutes

(b)          There shall be an interval of one (1) minute at half time;

(c)           Teams shall change ends at half time;

(d)          During these intervals, substitutions and/or team changes may be made;

(e)           During extra time, normal injury or illness procedures shall apply, however, during the entire extra time;

(i) the first stoppage for each team shall be up to two (2) minutes

(ii) each subsequent stoppage for each team shall not exceed thirty (30) seconds

(f) In the event of a draw remaining at the end of extra time, a visual signal shall be used to indicate that play shall continue until one team has a two (2) goal advantage.

**13.5   Weather Conditions**

If prior to or during a finals match, the weather conditions change to make play unsafe, a member of the  Board , together with the 2 officiating umpires, shall make a decision that is in the best interest of participant safety   *(Infonet RM5 & RM3 Weather guidelines)*

**13.6   Match times**

Commencement times for finals shall be distributed to Clubs at the general meeting prior to finals

**13.7   Other requirements**

A doubleheader final may be held to coincide with the Football League.  All Board members will be required to assist. Clubs may be rostered to assist on this day also.

**13.8   Similar Uniforms**

If 2 teams with similar uniforms are scheduled to play each other in a finals match, one team will wear an alternate colour bib/patch. Clubs shall have two sets of bibs available at all finals  This shall be decided on the toss of a coin between the 2 captains.

**13.9   Host Clubs Requirements**

Clubs hosting a final match must supply;

(a)        Ice available for injury upon all courts in use.

(b)        Afternoon tea/lunch for umpires and officials

(c)        Brooms to sweep the court

(d)        Drinking Water available for umpires

(e)        Portable scoreboards and a person to attend them if required

(f)   A designated sheltered (weather compliant) bench area for each match, ie 2 separate areas. Teams are to vacate this area as soon as match is complete.

(g)        Administration area for officials and umpires

(h)        Scoretables for both courts, and provision to keep scorers dry if inclement weather prevails

(i)         Run-off on the court perimeter must be free from spectators

(j)         Make available water and bucket to remove spillage from courts

**13.10 Scorebooks**

              (a)      Scorebooks shall be provided by the League

(b)   Scorebooks for finals matches must have all players names written at least 30 minutes prior to the scheduled starting time.  This is to be completed with the official administration area.

   (c)  Playing positions may be completed courtside providing they are completed five minutes prior to match   commencement under supervision of a Board Member.

**PENALTY:** **$100 FINE**

**13.11  Ineligible Finals Player**

Any Club who allows a player to take the court who is not included in the 12 players listed on the official scorebook shall immediately forfeit the game.  As soon as it is apparent that this player has taken the court the match shall we awarded to the non-offending team.

14   best & fairest voting award

**14.1   Provision of vote cards**

Voting Cards for the League Best & Fairest Voting shall be provided by the League for all Clubs for each grade entered

**14.2    Allocation of Votes**

Home teams supply the Best & Fairest vote cards & envelopes for the 7 grades for the days matches. B*oth* Umpires shall confer regarding voting during the course of the match and sign the Vote card and Vote envelope.

(a)    Votes are accumulative only in their own grades, in their own Club

(b)        Vote Cards shall consist of;        Best Player      =  3 Votes

2nd Best Player =  2 votes

                                                                              3rdBest Player  =  1 Vote

(c)        If the two umpires cannot agree, after every effort has been made to do so, the votes are void for that match.  The void vote card is to be sent with match stationary

(d)        Best & Fairest Medallions and Runner Up Trophies are awarded in each of the affiliated grades, other than 11 Under Modified. In the case of joint winners a runners up trophy shall not be awarded.

(e)Should there be an outright winner and joint runner-up,all players concerned will be declared trophy winners

((f)         Players found guilty of offence/s in accordance with the Rules of Competition Regulation/ Dispute Resolution, shall be ineligible to receive the Best & Fairest or Runners Up that season

**14.3   Confidentiality**

Votes shall be opened by the Operations Manager to be recorded each week.  No other person is to sight the votes until the preparation of Vote Count Presentation commences.

**14.4    Presentation to Winners**

Best & Fairest Medallions and Runner Up Trophies are awarded in each of the affiliated grades, other than 11 Under Modified

15   RISING STAR AWARD

The best player aged 19 years and under at 31st December of the current year shall receive the’ Rising Star Award’.  The Award shall be determined by the player who gains the most votes in Senior A Grade League Best and Fairest vote count.

(a)            In the event a number of players receive equal votes, all players concerned shall be declared joint winners

(b)            The top 6 players in this category shall be invited to Presentation Evening, with all players called onto stage and announced as Rising Stars, prior to the overall winner being awarded.

(c)            A player is only eligible to receive this award once

(d)            The Rising Star recipient shall receive a trophy of recognition.

16   UNIFORMS & REGISTRATION OF COLOURS

**16.1   Club colours**

Club colours must be uniform and correspond with those of the Clubs’ Football colours

**16.2   Uniform regulations**

(a)        All teams must wear uniform skirt & top OR dresses

(b)  If skirt/tops are worn then players are permitted to wear long sleeves providing they are the same colour as the registered shirt colour

(c)  Shirts may be worn untucked provided they are no longer that one quarter of the skirt length, unless deemed unsafe by the Umpires.

(d)  Wearing of bike shorts is permitted providing they are in Club colours and NOT visible below the hem line of the uniform

(e)  Football socks are not allowed

(f)   Females are permitted to wear shorts if boys are participating in that grade competition.  Boys’ sports shorts are not allowed

(g) All players in the one team must be in the same style uniform.  Ie all players in dresses or all players in skirt/top.

(h)  Clubs have the choice of which grades wear dresses or skirt/tops

The board upon application may approve any variance to the above

**16.3   Bibs/Patches**

Initialed bibs/patches are to conform to the rules of Netball Australia Rulebook

**16.4    Uniform Changes**

(a)   The Board must approve any variance to the Clubs previously registered uniform

(b)  New Clubs entering the League shall submit their preferred uniform to the Board for approval prior to the Annual General Meeting

(c)   The Board reserves the right to request the new club to alter their preferred uniform

**16.5   Jewellery**

(a)   No jewellery or adornments are to be worn

(b)  A wedding band or medic alert bracelet may be worn, provided it is adequately taped

**16.6    Hair adornments**

No plastic hair combs, clips, or adornments shall be worn

**16.7   Gloves**

Wearing of gloves is not permitted unless a medical certificate is provided to the League Operations Manager prior to match day

**16.8    Fingernails**

Fingernails are to be kept short or taped

(a)   Taping must be done with surgical tape, not Band-Aids or sticky tape

(b)  Tape must cover the first joint and be completely around each finger

**16.9   Exemptions**

Any variance to the wearing of correct uniforms will only be allowed if a medical certificate is provided to the League Opertions Manager prior to match day.

17   COACHES

**17.1   NV Registration**

(a)   All coaches are required to be registered with Netball Victoria

(b)  All coaches are to be familiar with the League Constitution and these By-Laws

**17.2   Workshops/Clinics**

Upon the League holding coaching or umpriing workshops, all Clubs are required to have two (2) relevent attendees in attendance.

**PENALTY**: $50 fine per non-attendance plus any costs incurred.

**17.3    Representative Team**

Coaches of Junior Representative teams shall complete a Working With Children Check (WWCC) as per Netball Victoria requirements.  All associated costs shall be reimbursed.

18   UMPIRES

**18.1   Club requirements**

Each Clubs shall provide one umpire per match.

**18.2   NV Registration**

All umpires are required to have a current NV registration with Netball Victoria

**18.3   Umpire Uniform**

(a)   Umpires shall not umpire in Club Colours or playing uniforms and no club colours shall be visible.

(b)  Umpires must wear appropriate clothing and footwear, and preferable to wear “Worksafe Umpire Polo Shirt” as provided to all Clubs by the League

**PENALTY:** If a Board member is present at the match, they shall inform the Club President or Secretary of inappropriate umpire uniform.   Fine $50

**18.4   Votes for Best & Fairest**

Both Umpires are required to complete League vote card and sign scoresheets after completion of match

**18.5   Injury/Illness**

An umpire must umpire for the whole match unless an injury or illness occurs.

**18.6   Theory Exams/Workshops/Clinics**

Each Clubs is encouraged to run their own umpire workshops/clinics

19   GRAND FINAL DAY PRESENTATION

(a)   Premiership Cups shall be presented to Premiership Teams

(b)  Thirteen (13) individual medallions shall be presented to Premier team

(c)   Perpetual Premiership Shields shall be retained by the Premiership Team until the following season.  The Club shall be responsible for any costs involved in replacing/repairing a shield.

(d)  Premiership Pennants in Club colours shall be given to Premier teams as soon as available after Grand Final

(e)   Any Club requiring more than thirteen (13) awards shall make their own arrangements to order more

(f)  A “Best on Court” medallion shall be presented to one player as deemed suitable by the 2 officiating umpires of each match

(g) Umpires who officiate in each Grand Final match shall be awarded a PDFNL embroidered hand towel.

20   CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP

**20.1   Points allocation**

Points shall be allocated to the winning team as follows:-

            A Grade 6 points             B Grade 5 points             C Grade 4 points

            C Reserve         4 points                        17 & Under       5 points             15 & Under       5 points

            13 & Under       5 points

(a)   In the event of a drawn match, the allocated points shall be halved

(b)   In the event of a forfeit, the allocated points shall be awarded as a win to the non-forfeiting team

(c)    In the event that a Club has Ladder points deducted, their allocated Club Championship points shall also be deducted.

21   GENERAL REQUIREMENTS

**21.1   Weekly Results**

Netball results from each Club shall be forwarded to the Media each week

22   RISK MANAGEMENT

**22.1   Injury Reporting**

(a)   All Clubs are responsible for recording all injuries sustained at the discretion of the injured player on the PDFNL Injury Reporting sheets.

(i)            If a player is under 18 years of age, it shall be at the Parent/Guardian discretion

(b)  Representative Team Injuries shall be recorded in the same manner

(c)   Any player recovering from injury must complete a “Return to Play” form, as provided by their Club

**22.2   Pre-Match Safety Checklist**

(a)        A pre-match court inspection shall be completed and documented on correct forms by a member of both participating Clubs prior to the first match of the day

(b)        Any hazards identified will be;

            (i)         documented

            (ii)        rectified if possible

            (iii)       reported to the appropriate agency if major repair is required (ie Council)

**22.3   Pregnancy**

Refer to Netball Victoria Risk Management Infonet (RM1 Pregnancy and Netball)

**22.4   First Aid**

(a)        Participating Clubs shall provide a first aid kit for their own use in both Home & Away matches and in Finals series

(b)        First Aid Kits shall be in an accessible location for all appropriate Club members

**22.5   Emergency Procedure**

Clubs shall display a list of all Emergency Contacts – Ambulance, Doctor, Hospital, Police, Fire

Advised to also have this list in the First Aid Kit

**22.6   Blood Policy & Infectious Diseases**

Refer to Netball Victoria Risk Management Infonet (RM6 Blood Policy and U4 Umpire Blood Policy)

**22.7   Medical Indemnity**

(a)        All players and Club Officials shall complete a Medical Indemnity form provided by their Club

(b)        A designated official from each Club shall store all forms and have access to the information on match days.  All information pertaining to medical information provided by the individual remains confidential.

(c)        Clubs shall destroy all form as season end

**22.8   Smoke Free**

Refer toNetball Victoria Risk Management Infonet (RM11 Smoke Free)

**22.9   Codes of Behavior**

Refer to Netball Victoria Risk Management Infonets

            (a)        P5         Junior Player Code of Behavior

            (b)        P6         Parent/Guardian Code of Behavior

            (c)        A14       Spectator Code of Behavior

            (d)        C2        Coaches Code of Behavior

            (e)        A13       Administrator Code of Behavior

            (f)         PD1      Senior Player Code of Behavior

23   SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES & PROVISIONS CLAUSE

Where this Regulation is silent, a decision can be made that ensures the integrity of the Picola & District Football Netball League is maintained at all times.  The Board may in using its reasonable discretion, in extenuating or exceptional circumstances, alter vary or waive the requirements as set out in this regulation relating to the Picola & District Football Netball League

24   INDEMNITY

Except where provided and required by Law and such cannot be excluded, the Picola  & District Football Netball League and its respective officer, members, servants or agents are absolved from all liability arising from injury or damage, however caused, arising whilst participating as a member.

25   Regulations

The Board may, on the recommendation of the Delegates Committee, make regulations and alter, amend or rescind the same as recommended by the Delegates Committee, and enforce penalties for their breach. Such regulations shall have the same force and effect as this Constitution, but shall not be in any way oppose or be in conflict with this Constitution. Such regulations shall be available for inspection in the League premises.

**25.1   Amendments, Alterations. Additions**

Amendments, alterations, interpretation or other changes to Regulations shall be advised to Members by means of notice approved by the Board. Notices shall be binding upon all Members.

26   APPENDICES

**26.1   Job Descriptions**

(a)        Umpire Co-Ordinator

(i)   Role – to promote Umpire Courses/clinics/theory exams within the PDFNL

(ii)  Keep records of all badged umpires within the League

(iii) Attempt to notify members when qualification updates are due

(iv) To encourage players and non-players to become qualified Umpires

(v)  To assist the League with Umpires for Representative teams

(vi) To organise umpires for finals

(vii)   To arrange meetings with umpires and coaches to develop a better understanding of Constitution

(viii)            To attend and report to League meetings

(ix) To be familiar and abide by the PDFNL Umpire Accreditation Policy

(b)        Representative Team Co-Ordinator

(i)      Organise League selection trial in relevant age group sections within 4 weeks of the season commencing. (Refer to Team Selection Guidelines)

(ii)  Arrange Umpires for Tournaments (Must have a minimum of current “C” Grade Badge) with assistance of the umpire co-ordinator.

(iii)    Arrange transport and accommodation where necessary.  Board to be advised for approval.

(iv) Arrange Team Managers for each team and advise Board  for endorsement

(v)     Organise and document League Uniforms.  A record of each dress given to an individual must be provided to the League Secretary

(vi) Arrange for Match Balls and First Aid supplies in conjunction with Board

(vii)   Arrange for shirts to be ordered and given to each Team Member, Team Manager and Team Coach, in recognition of their contribution to the sport and the League.  Approval of the design must be approved in conjunction with the Board prior to placing an order.

(viii)   All costs incurred shall be reimbursed where claimed.  All receipts must be kept and provided to the League Operations Manager

(ix) Team Selection Guidelines;

a.      Where possible, have three persons to select players.  If practical, they should be from three different Clubs

b.      Selectors to select a minimum of ten (10) players, with five (5) emergency players

c.       Players must be versatile to play in various court positions

d.      All Players to be supplied with Netball Victoria  “Players Code of Conduct”.  Players are to be reminded they are representing the League and shall act accordingly.  Any breach of the Players Code of Conduct may result in a player being suspended from playing in the regular round of League games.

e.      The team coach may be one of the selection panel.  Where possible, a parent should not select in their own child’s age group

f.       Senior Players may be nominated by opposing Clubs in the first three weeks of the season competition.  Nominations should be forwarded to the League Operations Manager with match-day paperwork. The nominated players shall receive written invitation to attend selections

        (x)            Coach and Team Manager Selection Guidelines;

a.      Coaches shall be appointed by the Board.  Clubs wishing to nominate a coach, should forward their nomination to the Board within 2 weeks of season commencement.  Nominated coaches should have a minimum of “Development Coaching” Accreditation

b.      Team Managers must be endorsed by the Board and be current members of Netball Victoria (for insurance purposes).

c.       Working with Children Checks must be completed if personnel do not have one.  The League shall reimburse Coaches and Team Managers for any out of pocket expenses where claimed.

   (xi)          League Dresses;

a.      A deposit of $75.00 per dress shall be paid by the player.  A full refund of $75 shall be paid to the player on return of the dress to the League, providing it is in the same condition as when received by the player.

b.      Players are to be mindful that the dresses are the property of the League and shall remain so.  They should be worn only to play netball.

c.       Dresses may not be worn around the waist during warm up sessions

d.      Any player seen no to be compliant with the above Constitution will return their dress immediately, and shall not play for the League Representative Team

(xii) League Team

a.      Clubs shall be levied costs associated with funding the Rep Teams when the League funds are insufficient to meet this need. (ie shirts, buses, accommodation, umpires, entry fees).  This is regardless of whether the Clubs has players that represented the League or not.  These costs shall be distributed evenly between all affiliated Clubs.

**26.2   Netball Victoria Info-nets**

All Info-nets referred to in this document may be downloaded from [www.netballvic.com.au](http://www.netballvic.com.au/)

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| **INFONET NO:** | **NAME** |
| Administrative Infonet A12 | Restrictive Participation |
| Administrative Infonet A8 OR A12 | Clearances OR Restrictive Participation |
| Risk Management Infonet RM5 | Wet Weather Guidelines |
| Risk Management Infonet RM3 | Hot Weather Guidelines |
| Administrative Infonet A16 | Contracts for Volunteer Coaches |
| Member Protection Infonet MP3 | Consent to Release Information |
| Risk Management Infonet RM1 | Pregnancy & Netball |
| Risk Management Infonet RM6 | Blood Policy |
| Risk Management Infonet U4 | Umpire Blood Policy |
| Risk Management Infonet RM7 | Pre-Participation Screening |
| Member Protection Infonet  MP1 | Member Protection Regulation |
| Member Protection Infonet  MP2 | Screening Procedure |
| Member Protection Infonet  MP7 | Working With Children Check (WWWC) |
| Participation Infonet P1 | Skill Development |
| Participation Infonet P5 | Junior Player Code of Behaviour |
| Participation Infonet P6 | Parent/Guardian Code of Behaviour |
| Administrative Infonet A14 | Spectator Code of Behaviour |
| Coach Development Infonet C2 | Coaches Code of Behaviour |
| Administrative Infonet A13 | Administrator Code of Behaviour |
| Player Development PD1 | Senior Player Code of Behaviour |
| Risk Management Infonet RM10 | Sunsmart |
| Risk Management Infonet RM11 | Smoke Free |