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MIXED NETBALL

Associations and Associates affiliated with Netball Victoria follow the Official Rules of the All Australia Netball Association (Ltd). These rules apply to all competitions conducted in Victoria including those conducted for females, males and mixed.

Association bylaws vary across the state and are developed based on the particular requirements of the competitions. Junior bylaws must comply with legislation that has particular requirements for the participation of junior males in netball. Please refer to "Info-net – Equal Opportunity in Junior Netball" if your Association runs competitions for junior age groups.

It is recommend that associations conduct an information meeting or a memo prior to the commencement of each season in order to explain to players, both experienced and new to the game, about the basic rules and expectations for behavior from participants. Topics could include:

- Basic rules of the game
- Composition of teams – male/female ratio
- Conduct of the game – who can speak to the umpire – when and how
- Discipline

Any mixed rules adopted by associations should be added to association bylaws.

All umpires should be provided with a copy of the association's bylaws relating to mixed competitions including any bylaws governing the conduct of matches.

STANDARD MIXED RULES

The following clauses have been developed for use in senior competitions however may also be used in younger age groups if desired.

- (a) There must be a minimum of two (2), but not more than three (3) male players on the court during play.
- (b) It shall not be necessary for a male player to be opposed to a male player.
- (c) Male players shall play one in each third.
- (d) In mixed competitions, females must be given the option to wear shorts.

Separate thirds of the court incorporate playing positions as follows:

- i. GS or GA
- ii. WA or C or WD
- iii. GD or GK



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MODIFIED MIXED RULES

Modified mixed rules enable associations to select the best type of competition for their members, taking into account the number of males wishing to play and the number of sections available.

There are three types of modified mixed as well as the standard mixed rules usually used in adult competitions:

- a) Teams *may* have up to one (1) male on court at any one time.
- b) Teams *may* have up to two (2) males on court at any one time. If two (2) are on court at one time they must play in separate thirds of the court (as indicated above in the standard mixed rules).
- c) Teams *may* have up to three (3) males on court at any one time. If two (2) or more males are on the court at any one time they must play in separate thirds of the court (as indicated above in the standard mixed rules).
- d) Associations may also conduct mixed sections as per the standard mixed rules above, i.e. teams *must* have three (3) males and four (4) females on the court at any one time. If two (2) or more males are on the court at any one time they must play in separate thirds of the court (as indicated above in the standard mixed rules).

The version offered and the number of sections offered at the various age groups should take into consideration the requirements outlined above. Decisions should also be based on the total number of players, the number of males and girls, the number of courts available etc.

For any questions or for further explanations on mixed rules please contact Netball Victoria.