

**COMPETITION REGULATIONS**

**FOR**

**NETBALL NSW PREMIER LEAGUE COMPETITION**

**2016**



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## **1 INTRODUCTION**

The Netball NSW Premier League (NNSWPL) Competition Regulations exists to ensure that the strategic objectives of Netball NSW (NNSW) are achieved. These objectives include:

- 1.1 To be the premier netball competition in New South Wales that provides the best opportunities for elite netballers.
- 1.2 To provide an elite pathway for developing players, coaches, officials and administrators throughout NSW in an effort to increase the depth and quality of these persons at the elite level within NNSW.
- 1.3 To create a seamless link in the high performance pathway between State League, NNSWPL, National underpinning programs, Australian Netball League (ANL) and Trans-Tasman Netball League (TTNL) Teams.
- 1.4 To have formalised partnerships between Licensee's and Associations to ensure longevity of the Licensee and a grassroots pathway.
- 1.5 To develop and implement a financially sustainable competition that will increase commercial and sponsorship opportunities for the sport, competitions and teams.
- 1.6 To raise and enhance the profile of netball across NSW through increased media and promotional opportunities.
- 1.7 To enhance the reputation of the sport in the community.
- 1.8 To increase the engagement of fans and enhance the connection with the wider NSW netball community.

## **2 STATUS OF REGULATION**

- 2.1 The NNSWPL Competition Regulation is issued by the NNSW Premier League Commission (PLC).
- 2.2 This Regulation may be changed from time to time by resolution of the PLC.
- 2.3 NNSW reserves the right to vary, waive or supplement the requirements of this Regulation if it deems necessary.

### 3 DEFINITIONS

**Allocations Panel** means a panel of personnel as appointed by Netball NSW who are responsible for coordinating and appointing appropriately qualified and experienced umpires to NNSWPL Matches.

**ANL** means Australian Netball League.

**Association** means any Affiliated Member Association deemed as an Association in accordance with clause 9.1 of the Netball NSW Constitution and any association of Members who have applied for membership to the Board in accordance with clause 9.4 of the Netball NSW Constitution and such application has been approved by the Council.

**Calendar Year** means the period commencing 1<sup>st</sup> January and ending 31<sup>st</sup> December inclusive.

**Competition** means the NNSW Premier League Competition.

**Competition Matches** means all proposed matches of the NNSW Premier League Competition.

**Competition Regulations** means the rules and format of the competition, including the INF Rules and Regulations for the sport of netball (as adopted for the NNSWPL), the system of regulating player eligibility and registration, as developed, varied and promulgated by NNSW from time to time.

**Court** means the designated area that includes the defined court area, team benches and score bench.

**Division** means one of two competition divisions within the NNSWPL called either Open Division or Under 20 Division each of which will contain 8 teams per division.

**Finals Series** means the semi-finals, preliminary final and grand final of the NNSWPL or any other configuration as determined by NNSW from time to time.

**Key Personnel** means appropriate personnel or staff required for the effective administration of the Licensee.

**Licensees** means the Licensee and those parties who have entered into a participation agreement with NNSW on terms similar or identical to this agreement.

**Match** means all netball matches played between the Teams as part of the NNSWPL and all netball matches between some or all of the Teams in respect of Other Events (but excludes Other Matches).

**NCAS** means National Coaching Accreditation Scheme.

**NNSW** means Netball New South Wales.



**NNSWPL** means the Premier League conducted by NNSW.

**NNSW Premier League Commission** means an Advisory panel consisting of personnel appointed by the NNSW Board.

**NNSWPL Competition Manager** means the person appointed by NNSW to manage the NNSWPL, or their delegate.

**Other Events** mean other events or functions organised or controlled by NNSW relating, directly or indirectly, to the NNSWPL, including any official pre-season tournament between Teams which is organised or sanctioned by NNSW, training matches involving Teams, any all-star type matches involving Players and any ceremonies, awards nights, official dinners or functions organised by NNSW.

**Other Matches** means any match played by the Team other than a Match (such as training or exhibition matches).

**Personnel** means any personnel engaged by the Team (whether paid or unpaid), including Key Personnel and Team Officials, but excluding Players.

**Player** means any person who has a current financial registration with NNSW and has been formally listed with the Licensee to play for its Team and who the Licensee has lodged the appropriate NNSWPL Player Registration Form for such person with the NNSW Competitions Manager.

**Player List** means the list of all players playing with a Licensee in the Competition.

**Replacement Player** means any person who validly joins the Team from time to time in accordance with the Competition Regulation and who has a current financial registration with Netball NSW and has been formally listed with the Licensee to play for its team.

**Rules of Netball** means the **International Netball Federation (INF)** – “Rules of Netball”, 2016 edition.

**Score Bench** means the designated area on the Court where the bench officials (timers and scorers) are located at each game.

**Season** means the period NNSW sets aside for the Competition within any 12 month period, including the Finals Series and any pre or post season tournament or knockout competition or matches organised and/or sanctioned by NNSW.

**Team** means each of the Licensee’s netball teams granted the right to compete in the NNSWPL by NNSW in accordance with this Agreement.

**Team Bench** means the designated area within the field of play where all team Players and Team Officials must be located during a game.

**Team Officials** mean officials involved with the management, preparation and participation of the Team, including the coaches, manager, doctor, physiotherapist and other support staff.

**Participation Agreement** means the signed agreement between NNSW and a Licensee for inclusion into the NNSWPL.

**TTNL** means trans-Tasman Netball League also known as ANZ Championship.

**Venue** means the venue known as Netball Central being 2 Olympic Boulevard Sydney Olympic Park or any alternate venue approved by NNSW.

**Venue Supervisor** means the person employed by NNSW to assist in the daily operations and event management of the NNSWPL.

**Voting Panel** means a panel of personnel appointed by Netball NSW to determine the recipient/s of identified awards within the NNSWPL.

## **4 NNSW PREMIER LEAGUE PERSONNEL**

### **4.1 NNSW PREMIER LEAGUE COMMISSION**

4.1.1 This Commission will be appointed by the Board of NNSW on an annual basis, and will include:

- (a) the Chief Executive Officer;
- (b) the General Manager – Commercial and Communications and/or the General Manager – Corporate Services; and
- (c) an independent member.

4.1.2 The NNSW Premier League Commission has the right to co-opt relevant personnel as required.

### **4.2 NNSWPL COMPETITION MANAGER**

4.2.1 The NNSWPL Competition Manager shall be responsible for the operations of all Competition Matches.

4.2.2 Where appropriate and/or after consultation with the NNSW Venue Operations Manager or the NNSW Premier League Commission, the NNSWPL Competition Manager is empowered to cancel or postpone any Competition Match that is deemed to be unsafe.

4.2.3 The scheduling and rescheduling of all Competition Matches is the responsibility of the NNSWPL Competition Manager.

- 4.2.4 The NNSWPL Competition Manager will assist the Licensee to understand their obligations of the Competition Regulations so they are able to follow the correct administrative procedures and adhere to the Competition Regulations.
- 4.2.5 The NNSWPL Competitions Manager is responsible to the General Manager – Commercial and Communications and NNSW Premier League Commission for the management of the Competition, and for this purpose, is responsible for upholding all rules and regulations of the Competition.
- 4.2.6 Further to regulation 4.2.5 above, the NNSWPL Competition Manager, may in their absolute discretion, in exceptional or extenuating circumstances, alter, vary or waive any of the requirements set out in the rules and regulations relating to the Competition, including this Competition Regulation. The primary, but not exclusive, purpose of the exercise of such discretion is to ensure that the integrity of the Competition is maintained at all times.

#### 4.3 **NNSWPL UMPIRES**

- 4.3.1 Umpires who hold an A badge or higher may be allocated to Competition Matches by the NNSW Allocations Panel. Other umpires may be appointed to Competition Matches at the discretion of the NNSW Allocations Panel, subject to the approval of the appropriate NNSW staff member.
- 4.3.2 NNSWPL umpires may not hold positions as a coach, player or official with a NNSWPL team/s.
- 4.3.3 All NNSW Allocations Panel members and NNSWPL umpires must be current financial members of NNSW.
- 4.3.4 A NNSW staff member will be appointed by NNSW to communicate umpire allocations for the NNSWPL.

#### 4.4 **NNSWPL BENCH OFFICIALS**

- 4.4.1 Accredited bench officials will officiate at all Competition Matches. Bench officials will be appointed by NNSW. NNSW will allocate those who hold a National Level Accreditation to matches as first preference.
- 4.4.2 All NNSWPL bench officials must be current financial members of NNSW.
- 4.4.3 All Licensees must provide two persons who hold current Bench Official State Level accreditation who will be allocated to act as a reserve at specified matches.
- 4.4.4 A NNSW staff member will be appointed by NNSW to communicate bench official allocations for the NNSWPL.



## **5 COMPETITION STRUCTURE**

- 5.1 The NNSWPL will operate according to the scheduled dates published by NNSW, and will be played at the Venue.
- 5.2 The NNSWPL is a competition for female players only.
- 5.3 The NNSWPL will consist of two divisions – Open Division and Under 20 Division, and will include eight teams per division, as determined by NNSW.
- 5.4 Each Licensee will be required to submit a team for both divisions.
- 5.5 Only one team shall be permitted in each division of the NNSWPL, per Licence.
- 5.6 The Competition will consist of preliminary match rounds and a finals series. The number of match round games and competition draw will be determined by NNSW.
- 5.7 Each team will be scheduled one match per week. This may change at the discretion of NNSW.

## **6 LICENSEE REQUIREMENTS**

### **6.1 ENTRY INTO THE COMPETITION**

- 6.1.1 Licensees accepted into the NNSWPL will have completed the application process including:
  - (a) Submission of the Expression of Interest (EOI) Form as well as paying the initial deposit.
  - (b) Meeting the criteria and other requirements of the NNSWPL.
  - (c) Payment of the License Fee as stated in the NNSWPL Participation Agreement.
  - (d) Signed the NNSWPL Participation Agreement, in which they agree to abide by the, rules, regulations and procedures governing participation in the NNSWPL and cover the responsibilities in relation to, but not limited to, player/coach/official movement, development, welfare, education, communication, marketing and penalties.
- 6.1.2 Entry into the Competition will be granted by the NNSW Premier League Commission by application.
- 6.1.3 As part of the application process, the Licensee must submit its proposed Key Personnel appointments for approval by NNSW (acting reasonably). Where the Licensee and NNSW cannot agree to the appointment of the Licensee's Key Personnel, the dispute resolution procedure outlined in the Participation Agreement must be followed.

- 6.1.4 Licensees must be affiliated with NNSW by paying the required annual affiliation fee, unless they are already controlled or are partly controlled by at least one other entity who is already an affiliated Association of NNSW in which case affiliation of the Licensee will not be required.
- 6.1.5 Licensees agree to abide by the policy and rules of NNSW, and the NNSWPL, as notified from time to time.
- 6.1.6 Licensees agree to adhere to the commercial requirements of the sponsor/s of the NNSWPL as defined in the NNSWPL Commercial Guidelines.
- 6.1.7 Licensee's agree to field one team per Division of the NNSWPL.
- 6.1.8 In the event of a Licensee withdrawing from the NNSWPL, or the termination of the Participation Agreement by NNSW:
  - (a) There will be no reimbursement of fees paid, and any outstanding fees must be paid.
  - (b) Subsequent re-entry into the future NNSWPL may be jeopardized.
  - (c) Both teams will be immediately withdrawn from the NNSWPL and the Licensee will not be permitted to apply for another license for a minimum of one year.
- 6.1.9 For the avoidance of doubt, this Regulation is intended to supplement the NNSWPL Participation Agreement and all other rules and regulations of NNSW that are relevant to the Competition. If there is any inconsistency between this Regulation and the NNSWPL Participation Agreement, the NNSWPL Participation Agreement will take precedence.

## **7 PLAYER ELIGIBILITY**

### **7.1 TRANS TASMAN NETBALL LEAGUE (TTNL)**

- 7.1.1 A TTNL player is any player who has signed a TTNL player contract in the current year.
- 7.1.2 The NNSWPL Competitions Coordinator will be responsible for notifying all NNSWPL Licensees of which players are TTNL contracted players.
- 7.1.3 NNSWPL Licensees may include one TTNL player per Open Division Team, at any one time.
- 7.1.4 Once a TTNL player has formally registered with a NNSWPL Licensee, they must remain with that Licensee for the Season following registration, or if registered during a Season under regulation 7.5, for the balance of that Season.
- 7.1.5 TTNL players are eligible to play in the Open Division only.

- 7.1.6 TTNL players must play at least five competition matches in the NNSWPL in order to qualify for the finals series.

## 7.2 GENERAL

- 7.2.1 All players participating in the NNSWPL must be current financial members of NNSW and must complete and sign a NNSWPL Player Registration Form for their team which must be sent to the NNSW Competitions Manager by Team Officials via email.
- 7.2.2 All Licensees must lodge their complete Player List eight (8) weeks prior to the pre-season tournament.
- 7.2.3 Once the NNSW Competitions Manager has received a completed and valid NNSWPL Player Registration Form for a particular Season and acknowledged receipt of this registration form, that person will be unable to be registered for any other Team for a different Licensee for that particular Season.
- 7.2.4 All players participating in the NNSWPL must be available for NSW representative team selection (into 17/19/21 & Under State Teams, ANL, NSW Swifts), where applicable, unless exceptional circumstances apply. A minimum of nine (9) players must be available for NSW representative team selection from the Open Division. Exceptional circumstances must be approved by the NNSW Premier League Commission.
- 7.2.5 A player may not play in two Divisions per night.
- 7.2.6 Any Licensee wishing to play an Under 20 player in the Open Division must follow Clause 7.5 – Replacement Players.
- 7.2.7 Players must be at least 16 years of age as at 31st December of the Competition year to participate in either Division of the NNSWPL.
- 7.2.8 Any Replacement Player must fulfil eligibility requirements as stated in this regulation 7.2 and specific eligibility requirements for the relevant Division.
- 7.2.9 Players may drop back into the Netball NSW Metro League Competition to play with the Association with whom they are registered with providing they have played one or less quarters of the Premier League in the preceding round. Refer to clause 5.6 of the Netball NSW Metro League Rules document.

## 7.3 OPEN DIVISION

- 7.3.1 The Open Division Team for each Licensee will consist of up to 15 players.

7.3.2 The Open Division Team players will be considered by the Licensee to be the best 15 players available for selection.

7.3.3 A maximum of 12 players may sit on the Team Bench for Competition Matches each week.

#### 7.4 UNDER 20 DIVISION

7.4.1 The Under 20 Division team for each Licensee will consist of up to 15 players aged between 16 – 19 years (as at 31st December of the NNSWPL competition year).

7.4.2 A maximum of 12 players may sit on the Team Bench for Competition Matches each week.

#### 7.5 REPLACEMENT PLAYERS

##### 7.5.1 Replacement Player

- (a) In applying for a Permanent Replacement Player, or a Temporary Replacement Player, the Licensee must provide NNSW with sufficient information to assess the application. This may include, but not necessarily limited, to:
  - (i) Written confirmation from the player to be replaced or other interested parties that the grounds for replacement apply; and/or
  - (ii) the results of any medical examination that the Player to be replaced has undergone or is required by NNSW to undergo (examination to be at the Team's cost) and all other relevant medical or supporting certificates.
- (b) All replacement player applications must be received by NNSW no later than 24 hours before the scheduled start time of the relevant Match. NNSW will then notify the outcome no later than 4 hours prior to the scheduled start time of the relevant Match.
- (c) Once a Player has been approved as either a Permanent Replacement Player or a Temporary Replacement Player for a Licensee, they cannot be a Permanent Replacement Player or Temporary Replacement player for any other Licensee during the same Premier League Season.

##### 7.5.2 Permanent Replacement Players

- (a) A Licensee may only permanently replace a Player in its Final Squads if:
  - (i) the Player is no longer available to play for the Team due to serious injury/illness or for other reason(s) acceptable to NNSW. This may include but is not limited to pregnancy, moving overseas or work commitments;

- (ii) the Player's conduct or lack of fitness does not justify keeping them in the team; and/or
- (iii) the Player's contract has been terminated.

### 7.5.3 Temporary Replacement Players

- (a) A Licensee may apply to NNSW to temporarily replace one of its Players:
  - (i) in the event of injury and/or illness to a player;
  - (ii) where a Player requires a release to fulfil her obligations with NNSW State Teams during the Premier League Season;
  - (iii) for other reason(s) acceptable to NNSW including but not limited to injury, bereavement, work commitments, illness of a dependent, or sitting an exam;
  - (iv) subject to the proposed Temporary Replacement Player meeting the criteria; and/or
  - (v) provided that NNSW reserves the right to investigate applications if necessary and appropriate, so that Licensees are prevented from replacing Players for non-genuine or illegitimate reasons.

## 8 TEAM OFFICIALS ELIGIBILITY

- 8.1 The Licensee's Team Officials must consist of a Coach, Assistant Coach, Manager and Primary Carer, as a minimum. All Team Officials must be in full team uniform.
- 8.2 All primary care personnel must hold one of the following qualifications:
  - Senior First Aid Certificate
  - Level 2 Sports Trainer
  - Physiotherapy Degree
  - Doctor (Medical Practitioner)
- 8.3 Team Officials may also include, but is not limited to, Coach Mentor, Performance Analyst, Psychologist, Nutritionist, Massage Therapist, Doctor and any other qualified personnel as the Licensee has determined.
- 8.4 The Licensee must disclose all details of Team Officials' positions at the time of application, or as otherwise agreed to by NNSW.
- 8.5 A maximum of five Team Officials may sit on the Team Bench for Competition Matches each week.

- 8.6 The Team Officials entitled to sit on the bench during Competition Matches include the Head Coach, Assistant Coach, Manager and Primary Carer. The remaining one position on the Team Bench may be filled by any of the personnel as listed in clause 8.3 and may change from match to match.
- 8.7 All NNSWPL Team Officials must be current financial members of NNSW, unless exceptional circumstances apply and prior approval has been granted by NNSW.
- 8.8 Licensees accepted into the NNSWPL competition shall ensure that coaching staff adhere to the following:
- (a) They are current financial members of NNSW.
  - (b) Open Division Coach must hold a current NCAS Advanced netball accreditation or above.
  - (c) Open Division Assistant Coach must hold a minimum current NCAS Intermediate netball accreditation and have commenced the NCAS Advanced accreditation.
  - (d) Under 20 Division Head Coach must hold a minimum current NCAS Advanced netball accreditation.
  - (e) Under 20 Division Assistant Coach must hold a current NCAS Intermediate netball accreditation or above.
- 8.9 NNSWPL coaches agree to work with the NNSW High Performance personnel to enhance the development opportunities for their Players.
- 8.10 NNSWPL coaches agree to comply with injury management protocols for any State / National / TTNL Players as determined by NNSW medical personnel.

## **9 MATCH PROCEDURES**

### **9.1 ROUND MATCHES**

- 9.1.1 Competition Matches shall be conducted in accordance with the International Netball Federation (INF) "Rules of Netball" (2016 edition).
- 9.1.2 The NNSWPL Competition draw will be posted on the NNSW website a minimum one (1) month prior to the commencement of the Competition.
- 9.1.3 Timing of games is as follows:
- (a) 4 x fifteen minute quarters, with four minutes breaks after the first and third quarters ( $\frac{1}{4}$  and  $\frac{3}{4}$  time) and a twelve minute break after the second quarter ( $\frac{1}{2}$  time).

- (b) Injury time as per the INF “Rules of Netball” (2016 edition).
- 9.1.4 Teams are required to complete a team list of up to twelve players and submit this to the NNSWPL Venue Supervisor at least thirty minutes prior to the scheduled playing time.
- 9.1.5 Any team found playing an ineligible player during the round matches will be considered to have lost that match in which the ineligible player has taken part and the game will be awarded to the opposing team. Any player found to be ineligible to take part in the round matches will not be permitted to take any further part in the Competition.
- 9.1.6 The official score sheet is to be completed by the official scorer and no players can be added to the list within 15 minutes of the scheduled match time.
- 9.1.7 The official scoresheet is the only true record of a Competition Match.
- 9.1.8 In the round matches, points will be awarded as follows:
  - (a) Two points for a win.
  - (b) Zero points for a loss.
  - (c) Two points for a forfeit.
  - (d) Zero points for a Bye.
  - (e) One point each for a drawn game.
  - (f) One point for an abandoned match.\*

Note: \* If the Competition Match is abandoned prior to half time, one point will be allocated to each team.

Note: \* If the Competition Match is abandoned at or after half time, the results as per the scoresheet shall apply.

- 9.1.9 At the conclusion of the round matches, teams will be ranked:
  - (i) If two or more teams finish on equal points after the final round of Competition Matches, positions for the finals series shall be decided on goal averages.
  - (ii) 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 and divided by the actual number of matches played by that team.

$$\frac{\text{i.e. goals scored}}{\text{goals scored against}} \times \frac{100}{\text{matches played}}$$

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.

9.1.10 All Competition Matches will commence at the time as listed in the fixture.

9.1.11 The Competition Match clock shall start when requested by the umpire at the start of the scheduled match. A running clock will be started 30 minutes prior to the introduction of teams.

9.1.12 Notification of substitution changes:

(a) Teams are required to complete a substitution form at any break during a Competition Match, where players change position.

(b) Substitution forms are to be handed to the official scorer immediately following a change.

## 9.2 FINALS SERIES

9.2.1 Finals will be played at the conclusion of the round matches in each Division.

9.2.2 Finals matches shall be conducted in accordance with the INF "Rules of Netball" (2016 edition).

9.2.3 The top four teams (based on points) will qualify for the finals series.

9.2.4 The format for finals will be as follows:

Semi Finals:	Major Semi Final:	Ladder Position 1 v Ladder Position 2
	Minor Semi Final:	Ladder Position 3 v Ladder Position 4

Preliminary Final: Loser of Major Semi Final v Winner of Minor Semi Final

Grand Final: Winner of Major Semi Final v Winner of Preliminary Final

\*Any abandoned Finals Series matches will be re-scheduled at the discretion of NNSW.

9.2.5 In the event of teams being equal on points at the conclusion of the Competition round matches, positions shall be determined by the Goal Average, as per Clause 9.1.9 ii.

9.2.6 Players in the Open Division and Under 20 Division must play a minimum of five Competition Matches in their relevant Division, in order to be eligible to compete in a Finals Series.



- 9.2.7 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 and the game will be awarded to the opposing team. 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.
- 9.2.8 NNSW will determine the starting time and dates of finals matches.
- 9.2.9 In the event of drawn matches in the finals series, and as per the “Rules of Netball” (2016 edition):
- (a) There shall be a four minute interval at the end of full time.
  - (b) Extra time shall consist of two halves not exceeding seven minutes each with an interval of one minute at half time. Teams shall change ends at half time. The centre pass is taken by the Team entitled to the next centre pass.
  - (c) During both of these intervals, substitutions and/or team changes may be made.
  - (d) During extra time, normal injury or illness procedures shall apply.
  - (e) In the event of a tie 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 goal advantage.

### 9.3 SCORESHEETS

- 9.3.1 One official (A3) scoresheet will be used for each Competition Match.
- 9.3.2 This scoresheet must list the complete names (both given and surname) of all players intending to take the court, prior to the commencement of play. Once the official scoresheet is completed by the bench official no alterations can be made to this form in any way after the game has commenced.
- 9.3.3 This scoresheet shall also indicate the positions played each quarter, the centre pass taken, all injury stoppages and the final match score.
- 9.3.4 The final match score is calculated by the addition of the goals scored (strokes on the scoresheet) for the total match.
- 9.3.5 At the match conclusion, the officiating umpires and bench officials must sign their names to indicate they have officiated on this match. Bench officials must include their accreditation number.
- 9.3.6 Once signed, the official scoresheet is deemed to be conclusive evidence for further purpose of regulation of these competition rules.

9.3.7 The official scoresheet and all supplementary documentation must be returned by the bench officials to the Competition Manager after games.

9.3.8 Any player positional changes made during a game must be recorded on the team substitution sheets and handed to the score bench prior to play recommencing. The quarter break changes and/or injury stoppage changes must be clearly written on these sheets.

#### 9.4 **FORFEITS**

9.4.1 In the event that a team forfeits prior to the match clock starting, one game shall be awarded to the twelve nominated players of the non-offending team.

(a) Two points will be awarded to the non-offending team.

(b) No games or points shall be awarded to players of the offending team.

9.4.2 A forfeit fine of \$500.00 will be imposed for each forfeit which must be paid by the offending team before the next match of the Competition. Teams will have the option to appeal this fine in extenuating circumstances.

#### 9.5 **CANCELLATIONS**

9.5.1 When matches are cancelled due to an event which NNSW determines was beyond its control or beyond the control of either team (including, but not limited to, a strike, power loss, wet weather that causes stadium damage), in consultation with the teams concerned, NNSW may reschedule the match. In this instance two matches may be required to be played in one week.

(a) Two points can only be awarded for fully completed games.

(b) For partially completed games, refer to regulation 9.1.8.

#### 9.6 **NOISE MAKERS**

9.6.1 No noise makers will be permitted for use inside Netball Central during Competition. This includes but is not limited to drums, horns, clappers etc. Any persons found to be using a noise maker may be asked to leave the centre and/or have the noise maker confiscated.

### 10 **DISPUTE RESOLUTION**

#### 10.1 **PROTESTS AND APPEALS**

10.1.1 A Licensee wishing to protest against a match result must:

- (a) Not sign the official scoresheet and notify the Competition Manager of the intention to protest.
- (b) Lodge the protest in writing with the NNSWPL Competition Manager within 48 hours of the Competition Match being played.
- (c) Submit a cheque made out to NNSW for \$200.00. This money will be refunded if the protest is upheld.
- (d) NNSW will advise the result of the protest within 14 days of receipt of the written protest and this decision shall be final.

10.1.2 A Licensee wishing to appeal a decision of NNSW:

- (a) Must lodge the appeal using the official NNSW Appeal Form with the NNSWPL Competitions Manager within 48 hours of notification of the decision.
- (b) Submit a cheque made out to NNSW for \$200.00. This money will be refunded if the appeal is upheld.
- (c) NNSW will advise the result of the appeal within 14 days of receipt of the NNSW Appeal Form and this decision shall be final.

10.1.3 Appeals will be heard in accordance with the NNSW's Appeals Committee procedure.

10.2 **PENALTIES**

10.2.1 Any breach of these Competition Regulations may result in any one or more of the following penalties being imposed on a Licensee by NNSW in its absolute discretion:

- (i) a fine;
- (ii) loss of competition points;
- (iii) exclusion from the current season of the NNSWPL and future NNSWPL seasons; or
- (iv) any other penalty considered appropriate by NNSW.

10.2.2 Repeat instances shall be considered by NNSW in its absolute discretion and may result in immediate exclusion from the current season of the NNSWPL and future NNSWPL seasons.

10.2.3 Penalties will be determined and reviewed by NNSW Premier League Commission.

### 10.3 **DISCIPLINARY PROCEDURE**

- 10.3.1 The parties agree to all Player, Team Official and Key Personnel disciplinary matters being dealt with in accordance with the Netball NSW Member Protection Policy.
- 10.3.2 All matters relating to anti-doping are governed by the Netball Australia Anti-Doping Policy, which is WADA compliant.
- 10.3.3 NNSW reserves the right to develop its own WADA compliant Anti-Doping Policy and will notify the Licensee if it exercises such right to develop its own policy.

## 11 **COMPLIANCE WITH POLICIES**

- 11.1 Licensees and players will comply with the NNSW Member Protection Policy, Anti-Doping Policy and any other policies as described in the Participation Agreement for NNSWPL, which are available from the NNSW website.

## 12 **UNIFORM AND EQUIPMENT**

- 12.1 All players must wear their Licensee's registered playing uniform.
- 12.2 Regulation playing initials (bibs) are reserved for the Competition sponsor.
  - 12.2.1 Each Licensee is to provide 2 sets of playing initials (bib) in a clash situation.
- 12.3 Licensees must comply with the requirement of the Commercial Guidelines for NNSWPL document in reference to any uniform issue.
- 12.4 Only non-marking sports shoes will be permitted to be worn.
- 12.5 NNSW will supply all match balls for all matches during the Competition.
- 12.6 NNSW will provide each team with four duplicate match balls to be used as warm up balls courtside. No other balls will be permitted courtside.

## 13 **AWARDS**

- 13.1 The NNSWPL Voting Panel will award the "NNSWPL Medal". Each team will nominate the two best players from the opposition in a 3, 2 and 1 point each system for each match in the NNSWPL. These votes will be tallied at the end of the Season.
- 13.2 The votes and awards will be tallied during round matches only.
- 13.3 Other awards may be implemented as determined by NNSW.