

NEW SOUTH WALES NETBALL ASSOCIATION

Minutes of the Council Meeting held on Saturday 3 November 2007 at Dooleys Club,
John Street, Lidcombe

Present

Directors: W. Archer AM, R. Watson, M. Murphy, J. Hahn, L. Quinn, J. Troy,
C. Campbell (General Manager)

Delegates:

M. Leonard (Bankstown)	S. McLeod (Bankstown)
C. Murphy (Baulkham Hills)	C. Aird (Baulkham Hills)
H. Smith (Blacktown)	S. Marks (Blacktown)
E. Godkin (Blue Mountains)	E. Konza (Blue Mountains)
M. Bourke (Brunswick-Byron)	R. Doyle (Brunswick-Byron)
R. Bracken (Camden)	K. Thomas (Camden)
J. Halcrow (Campbelltown)	S. Connolly (Campbelltown)
J. Peel (Cessnock)	V. Cochrane (Cessnock)
D. Pascoe (Charlestown)	D. Couburn (Charlestown)
S. Dawes (City of Sydney)	H. Atzemis (City of Sydney)
A. Doring (Eastwood Ryde)	J. Marscham (Eastwood/Ryde)
C. Mulvey (Fairfield)	J. Occhito (Fairfield)
H. Eadie (Gosford)	J. Brook (Gosford)
C. Walls (Grafton)	L. Mears (Grafton)
T. Cooper (Gunnedah)	J. Small (Gunnedah)
K. Austin (Hastings Valley)	K. Regan (Hawkesbury)
T. Chalk-Cullen (Hawkesbury)	L. Burgess (Hills)
K. Hartill (Hills)	V. Curren (Illawarra)
C. Lear (Illawarra)	C. Hamilton (Inner West)
T. Beedles (Kiama)	B. Pope (Kuring-gai)
G. Corderoy (Kuring-gai)	S. Fitzgerald (Lakeside)
L. Bowne (Lakeside)	L. Webster (Lismore)
B. Dew (Lismore)	E. Lawler (Liverpool)
K. Whiteley (Liverpool)	E. Hayes (Lower Clarence)
E. Brown (Macleay)	O. Brown (Macleay)
L. Taylor (Maitland)	B. Bird (Maitland)
H. Dean (Manly)	M. Cliff (Manly)
C. O'Donnell (Mt. Druitt)	A. Shutt (Nelson Bay)
A. Saunders (Newcastle)	E. Monaghan (Newcastle)
P. Wilson (Orange)	S. Wilson (Orange)
L. Welfare (Parramatta/Auburn)	J. Gillette (Penrith)
B. Olsen (Penrith)	D. Breust (Queanbeyan)
L. Morgan (Quirindi)	C. Hicks (Randwick)
M. Kelly (Randwick)	R. Stephenson (Sapphire Coast)
S. Mitchell (Shoalhaven)	M. Caddies (Singleton)
T. Willetts (St. George)	L. Mina (St. George)
V. Morris (Sutherland)	Y. Richardson (Taree)
J. Jarmain (Westlakes)	C. Cairns (Westlakes)
M. Thoms (Woy Woy)	S. Bailey (Woy Woy)
F. Passmore (Wyong)	C. Baiton (Young)

Life Members: M. Dunn OAM N. Kenny OAM
M. Corbett P. Weston OAM
M. Melhuish OAM N. Matthews OAM
K. Fullagar

Observers: G. Urquhart (Newcastle) M. Hoad (Kurri Kurri)
E. Hamilton (Woy Woy) L. Kirk (Brunswick-Byron)
M. Bettini (Sutherland) K. Higgins (Parramatta Auburn)
F. Reynolds (Randwick) J. Peare (Hawkesbury)
N. Breust (Queanbeyan) B. Woodward Queanbeyan)
V. Mullett (Blue Mountains) D. James (Mt. Druitt)
L. Mears (Grafton) D. Clark (Gunnedah)
J. Webster (Liverpool)

Staff Members: A. Smith (Corporate Services Manager)

Returning Officer: Les Turner

The President declared the meeting open at 1.45pm

Apologies: R. Havrlant (Director Technical Services)
M. Archer (Port Stephens) S. Zenos (Port Stephens)
M. Holmes (Shoalhaven) L. Bonnett (Taree)
B. Mann (Hills) K. Smith (Lower Clarence)

MOVED Sutherland seconded Grafton that apologies be accepted
CARRIED

Announcements – W. Archer (President)

- Introduce Andrew Smith, our Corporate Service Manager
- Congratulate the 5 NSW players selected to play for Australia in the World Championships in NZ next week; Liz Ellis, Cath Cox, Selina Gilsenen, Susan Pratley and Mo'onia Gerard.
- Congratulations also the NSW 21's who finished runners up at the recent National Championships in Brisbane

MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 28 AUGUST 2007 – as distributed

CORRECTIONS

- Nil

MOVED Illawarra seconded Young that the minutes of the Council meeting held on 28 August 2007 be accepted
CARRIED

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 28 AUGUST 2007

- Newcastle – pg 4/47 – Can we have an update on the Falls Prevention Program
 - C. Campbell (General Manager) – NNSW implementation of program is underway; meeting held last week with NSW Health and there is now some revision of the program being discussed to ensure the continuation of the program
 - M. Melhuish (Life Member) – as a member of the working committee for this program, would commend NNSW staff on the presentation to NSW Health; Christina Rollo is outstanding in her role; the new proposals are very good and will be adopted by NSW Health moving forward

- Newcastle – pg 6/47 – can we have an update on the ANL competition
 - C. Campbell (General Manager) – ANL will commence in 2008 on the first week end in August – 10 teams will be participating, 2 teams from NSW; will be played as a budget version on home and away basis over weekends – fixture is not yet finalized – selection of NSW teams will be from players competing in State League Waratah Cup competition; selection procedures will be distributed

- M. Melhuish (Life Member) – pg 9/47 – Technical Services Report – can we please name the new badged umpires
 - AA's – Helen George and Collette Brennan
 - A's – Alan Melville, Jason Baker, Lyn Puderick, Tara Gregory, Lauren Hill, Gemma Carlton, Kristy Thomas

NOTICES OF MOTION

1. Proposed changes to the Championship & Competition rules as put forward by the Board of Directors

MOVED and seconded the Board of Directors, with reference to the clauses headed GENERAL POLICY, for the deletion of clauses 2, 3, 4, 5, & 6, insert new wording and renumber clauses as shown below

GENERAL POLICY

1. Except where specifically identified the term Districts shall also be taken to include League Associations, ACT, Regions, Zones and Teams as defined by Netball NSW.

2. ~~NSWIS shall be permitted to enter a maximum of two (2) teams into the State League Region 1 competition.~~

3. Only affiliated districts are eligible to enter competitions or events conducted by Netball NSW.

Deleted: The NSWIS, Jaegers Development team and the Swifts Development team shall be permitted to enter the State League Region 1 competition only.

4. The ACT/Regions/Zones are permitted to enter all competitions ~~with prior permission of the Board of Directors.~~

Deleted: except for State and State Age Championship events.

5. No changes shall be made to any rule for any Championship or Competition after the November Council meeting in the year preceding any event.
6. Entry fees for competitions for the ensuing year shall be advised at the November Council meeting.
7. ~~.....~~
8. All entries for Championships & Competitions must be lodged on the official Team Entry form by the published date for close of entries. Late entries will only be accepted as detailed in Clause ~~.....~~ below.
9. Where a District entry is not received by the published closing time for entries, upon the payment of the prescribed fee, a late entry will be accepted provided that the late entry is received by Netball NSW by 5.00pm on the next Tuesday after the close of entries for the relevant competition. Close of entry dates are notified at the November Council Meeting.
10. The late entry fee for Region 1 competitions shall be \$1,000. No late entry fee shall be applicable to competitions held in Regions 2-8.
11. The late entry fee for State and State Age Championships shall be \$500 for all Districts.
12. ~~.....~~

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Deleted: In the event of a team withdrawing from any competition after the fixture has been completed, a fine of \$250.00 shall be imposed.

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Deleted: All team entries submitted by the published closing date, including late entries, must be accompanied by the relevant umpires details as required.

Discussion:

- Manly – clause 6 – who decides cost of entry fees?
 - W. Archer (President) – the Board will decide all entry fees as part of the budget process
 - Manly – believe it should still be Council who decides entry fees
- Newcastle – advise will foreshadow motion to delete “decided” and insert instead “recommended”
- Baulkham Hills- will Council vote on the proposed entry fees
 - W. Archer (President) – no – fees will be advised as part of overall budget process

FORSHADOWED MOTION: MOVED Newcastle seconded Young for the deletion of the word “decided” from clause 6 above and insert instead “recommended for a decision”

- Newcastle – for further clarification, insert words “for voting”
- Kiama – do not see need for new motion
- Newcastle – believe entry fees should be recommended to November Council meeting for a decision by Council

FORESHADOWED MOTION PUT

LOST (F:34 A:54)

MOVED M. Murphy seconded Taree for the deletion of clause 12 above and all clauses to be renumbered accordingly

CARRIED

MOVED N. Matthews (Life Member) seconded Liverpool that motion as put forward by Board be put **CARRIED**

MOVED M. Murphy (Director State Administration) seconded K. Fullagar (Life Member) with reference to the clauses headed GRADING POLICY & PROCEDURE, for the deletion of clauses, insertion of new wording as shown and renumber clauses as appropriate

GRADING POLICY AND PROCEDURE

GRADING PROCEDURE

1. The format for each competition shall be divisional, if possible, according to the number of entries received.
2. A District is permitted to have one team only in each division or section of a competition except in special circumstances as approved in the Men's Division and Regions 2 – 8.
3. Districts shall register teams on the approved player entry form together with full details of a minimum of seven (7) and up to twelve (12) players' names and their relevant experience, by the published closing date for the competition.

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4. ~~.....~~
5. ~~.....~~

Deleted: The Jaegers Development team shall register nine (9) players' names together with the names of three (3) players from the NSWIS squad, by the published closing date.

6. All grading shall be based on names submitted on the official entry forms and previous playing experience as detailed in the Netball NSW Player Database.

The base point for grading will be the retention of five (5) players from the previous year or five (5) players with appropriate status.

Grading status is only retained over the two (2) previous consecutive years

Deleted: The Swifts Development team shall register nine (9) players' names together with the names of three (3) players from the NSWIS squad, by the published closing date.

7. Where a player's name appears on more than one team entry form the player will be contacted by Netball NSW personnel and the player must then nominate the district that they will be playing with. The Districts concerned will be advised accordingly.
8. On completion of grading all official team entry forms together with final player grades are to be updated and maintained by the Netball NSW office. The database is to be made available for further grading changes and appeal purposes as required.
9. Provisional grading of teams for any Netball NSW Championship or Competition must be completed and distributed to participating Districts within ten (10) days of the published close of entries.

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10. Districts will have seven (7) days from the date of the posting of the provisional grading in which to lodge an appeal with the Appeals Committee with regards to their grading.

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Discussion:

- Newcastle – why does status only apply for last two years?

- W. Archer (President) – if grading committee has issues with grading, previous status is used as a starting point for grading
- L. Quinn (Director Championships & Competitions) – also clarifies status of previous CBT players for grading purposes

MOTION PUT

CARRIED

MOVED M. Murphy (Director State Administration) seconded Kiama with reference to the clauses headed GRADING POLICY FOR STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS, for the deletion of clauses, insertion of new wording as shown and renumber clauses as appropriate

GRADING POLICY

STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS

1. ~~Entries will close eight (8) weeks prior to the commencement of the competition. Closing date as advise don entry form~~

Deleted: Entries for the Championships will close 8 weeks before the event.

~~Districts shall register teams on the approved player entry form together with full details of a minimum of seven (7) and maximum of twelve (12) players' names and their relevant experience, by the closing date for the competition.~~

2. Entries shall be graded into Divisions where applicable, being Championship and Divisions 2 and 3 as required, according to the number of entries received.

3. A final team list ~~will consist of those players from the original registration form who are available to compete and up to a maximum of four (4) late registrations. This list shall be lodged with Control~~ by 8.00am on the first morning of the Championships.

Deleted: of up to twelve (12) players' names including up to a maximum of three (3) replacement players for players from the original team entry form shall be submitted

~~At no time is a team permitted to have more than 12 players registered~~

~~The base point for grading will be the retention of five (5) players from the previous year or five (5) players with appropriate grading status~~

4. Grading shall ~~proceed~~ on the teams final placing from the previous year's Championship results. Where a team did not enter in the previous year's Championships, ~~or where a District loses its points/placing~~, the District can make a recommendation as to the preferred Division for participation ~~but the final decision regarding grading shall be made by the Championship & Competitions Committee.~~

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5. Where Divisions apply, in each year and for each division, at least the two bottom teams shall be relegated to the lower divisions and at least the two top teams promoted to the higher division. Placing for relegation and promotion shall be based on point scores and where applicable goal averages.

MOVED M. Murphy (Director State Administration) seconded Sutherland with reference to the clauses headed POLICY AND RULES FOR STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS, for the deletion of clauses, insertion of new wording as shown and renumber clauses as appropriate

POLICY AND RULES FOR STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS

1. STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS

- (a) Are held over the Queen's Birthday weekend.
- (b) Are conducted in six (6) sections:
 - (i) Open – no minimum age qualification
 - (ii) ~~21~~ and Under – for players who have not attained the age of twenty ~~two~~ (22) years as at December 31 in the year of play.
 - (iii) 17 and Under – for players who have not attained the age of eighteen (18) years as at December 31 in the year of play.
 - (iv) Over 35 years – for players who have attained the age of thirty five (35) years as at December 31 in the year of play.
 - (v) Over 40 years – for players who have attained the age of forty (40) years as at December 31 in the year of play.
 - (vi) Over 45 years – for players who have attained the age of forty-five (45) years as at December 31 in the year of play.
- (c) There shall be no finals or joint placing. Placing will be decided on point scores and goal averages will be used, if required to determine final individual placing.

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2. UMPIRES

- (a) At least one (1) non-playing **preferably B** badged umpire for each team entered.
- (b) The Umpires Operating Panel has the discretion to vary the number of umpires required from each District after the number of teams has been finalised. Preference will be given to National AA, A and B grade umpires.
- (c) Nominated umpires may not play, coach or manage a team during the State Championships
- (d) Umpires are to be nominated with entries eight (8) weeks prior to the commencement of the competition. Team entries will not be accepted without umpire nominations

Two (2) weeks prior to the competition, umpires are to be confirmed. Districts withdrawing named umpires after this period will incur a \$100.00 fine per umpire withdrawn. Districts must replace the umpire with an equivalent badged umpire.

Umpires who withdraw for medical reasons within the two (2) week period will be required to produce a medical certificate, to ensure the District is not fined however the umpire will still need to be replace.

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Districts whose umpires withdraw on the day or do not show will incur a \$500.00 fine per umpire

3. **GENERAL**

- (a) All teams in each division shall play each team in their division during the Championships.
- (b) The winners of the Championship Division of each section shall be declared State Champions.
- (c) A trophy shall be presented to the winning and runner-up District in each Division.
- (d) Embroidered patches shall be awarded to the Manager, Coach, Assistant Coach and Players of the winning and runner up teams in each Division.
- (e) Playing times of matches is at the discretion of the Championships and Competitions Committee provided there is a minimum of one (1) minute half-time break and a minimum of two (2) minutes between games.
- (f) Each player in the team must play in the identical playing uniform, except where prior approval has been given.
- (g) Each team is to have available two sets of position patches, of different colours.
- (h) A player can only participate in a competition where they meet the respective age requirement for that particular competition.
- (i) Each team is to provide an approved match ball.
- (j) Substitution of players is permitted in accordance with official rules.
- (k) Up to two (2) minutes injury time may be taken according to official rules, but no additional time shall be added to the match.
- (l) The umpire's whistle shall start and finish games on the indication from the central timing device.
- (m) A team may claim a forfeit one (1) minute after the umpire's whistle to indicate commencement of play on the indication from the central timing device and if the opposing team does not have five (5) players in full uniform on court and ready to play. The umpire will sign the official score sheet attesting to the forfeit.
- (n) The method of distribution of score sheets will be determined by the Championships and Competitions Committee each year.
- (o) Score sheets are to be returned by the winning team immediately after each match.
- (p) One (1) official from each team is to sign the score sheet.

In circumstances where team officials of both teams involved testify that the score

sheet submitted to Netball NSW is incorrect and further they agree on the correct score then the Championships and Competitions Committee has the discretion to vary the official scores.

- (q) If, in the opinion of the Championships and Competitions Committee games are unable to be completed or played due to severe inclement weather or adverse court conditions, each team will be awarded one (1) point.

Points Table

<u>State Championships Points Table</u>						
<u>Win</u>	<u>Loss</u>	<u>Draw</u>	<u>Forfeit</u>	<u>Bye</u>	<u>Abandoned</u>	
<u>2</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>1*</u>	

* If game abandoned prior to half time – 1 point each team

If game abandoned after half time – result as per score sheet

Goal average

(a) If two or more teams finish on equal points after the final round of matches, positions shall be decided on goal averages

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(b) The goal average for each team shall be decided as follows:

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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 the team

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

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

- (r) All Championships shall be played on all weather hard courts or a combination of indoor courts and all weather courts.
- (s) A minimum of 34 courts is required to host the Championships. No venue will be considered to host an event unless all necessary facilities are in place.

Discussion:

- Manly - \$500 fine is a colossal increase
 - M. Murphy (Director State Administration) – many problems experienced with withdrawing of umpires right up to morning of Championships – need to discourage this
 - Eastwood/Ryde – against a \$500 fine – believe it is excessive
- Randwick – if able to replace the umpire with another umpire of equal status then no fine should apply

MOVED Newcastle seconded Lakeside for amendment to proposed clause 2 (d) above with insertion instead of wording “Two (2) weeks prior to the competition, umpires are to be

confirmed. Districts withdrawing named umpires after this period will incur a \$100.00 fine per umpire withdrawn unless District does not replace with an equivalent badged umpire” and delete words “Districts must replace the umpire with an equivalent badged umpire.”

AMENDMENT PUT

CARRIED

AMENDMENT ACCEPTED AS PART OF MOTION

MOVED Manly seconded Mt. Drutt for amendment to motion that fine for withdrawal or non show of umpire be amended to be \$200 and include wording “except in extenuating circumstances”

AMENDMENT PUT

CARRIED

AMENDMENT ACCEPTED AS PART OF MOTION

- Manly – two points should be awarded for a bye; if games abandoned then no points should be awarded
 - L. Quinn (Director Championships & Competitions) awarding points either way gives appearance of someone being disadvantaged – the proposed points table is the fairest we can in the circumstances which occurred this year

MOTION PUT WITH AMENDMENTS AS ACCEPTED ABOVE CARRIED

MOVED M. Murphy (Director State Administration) seconded Sutherland with reference to the clauses headed GRADING POLICY FOR STATE AGE CHAMPIONSHIPS, for the deletion of clauses, insertion of new wording as shown and renumber clauses as appropriate

GRADING POLICY FOR STATE AGE CHAMPIONSHIPS

1. Entries will close eight (8) weeks prior to the commencement of the competition. Closing date as advise don entry form.

Deleted: for the Championships will close 8 weeks before the event.

Players turning eleven (11) years of age in the year of play are not eligible to play in State Age Championships. There are no exceptions.

Districts shall register teams on the approved player entry form together with full details of a minimum of seven (7) and a maximum of twelve (12) players’ names and their relevant experience, by the closing date of the competition.

2. Where an age qualification applies, players must play in their correct age group. Any request for players to play in a higher age group than for which they are eligible, must have the prior approval of the Championship & Competitions Committee.

3. A final team list will consist of those players from the original registration form who are available to compete and up to a maximum of four (4) late registrations. This list shall be lodged with Control by 8.00am on the first playing day of the Championships.

Deleted: of up to twelve (12) players’ names including up to a maximum of three (3) replacement players for players from the original team entry form shall be submitted

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At no time is a team permitted to have more than twelve (12) players registered.

The base point for grading will be the retention of five (5) players from the previous year or five (5) players with appropriate grading status.

4. Entries shall be graded into divisions, being Championship Division, Division 2 and 3 as required according to the number of entries received. There shall be ~~26 teams in~~ Championship Division and Division 2 of all age groups.
5. Grading shall ~~proceed~~ on the teams final placing from the previous year's Championship results. Where a team did not enter in the previous year's Championships, or where a District loses its points/placing, the District can make a recommendation as to the preferred Division for participation but the final decision regarding grading shall be made by the Championship & Competitions Committee
6. In each year and for each Division, at least the two bottom teams shall be relegated to the lower division and at least the two top teams promoted to the higher division. Placing for relegation and promotion shall be based on point scores and where applicable goal averages.
7. Where a District has five (5) players or less remaining from the previous year's State Age team and it believes that the standard of the team entry is significantly compromised an application can be made to the Appeals Committee to seek grading in a Division lower than that provisionally graded.

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MOVED N. Matthews (Life Member) seconded Fairfield that the motion be put
CARRIED

MOTION WAS PUT **CARRIED**

MOVED M. Murphy (Director State Administration) seconded Manly with reference to clause 1 only headed POLICY AND RULES FOR STATE AGE CHAMPIONSHIPS, for the deletion of wording and insertion of new wording as shown

POLICY AND RULES FOR STATE AGE CHAMPIONSHIPS

1. STATE AGE CHAMPIONSHIPS

- (a) Are to be held commencing on the first weekend of the second term school holidays.
- (b) Are conducted in the 15 years, 14 years, 13 years and 12 years age groups.
- (c) The age of the players shall be determined by their ages as at December 31 in the year of play.
- (d) All players in all age groups must play the equivalent of seven (7) full games, of the total number of available games over the Championships. For the purposes of calculation of seven (7) full game rule, two half games equals one full game.

Deleted: at least 30%

Deleted: the 30% rule

Each team will receive with their score sheets, a spreadsheet to be completed for

each game over the three days of the competition. The sheet will show each players name and the games they have played. The completed sheet must be handed in at the end of each day and on the third day with the final score sheet of the championships prior to the presentation. The sheet must be signed by the Coach and/or Manager prior to being submitted at the end of the competition.

The penalty for a breach of the seven (7) game rule is disqualification from any placing and the District responsible will be fined \$1,000.00.

Deleted: 30%

When entries for State Age Championships are forwarded, a declaration of commitment of the seven (7) game rule for all players to be signed by all Coaches and the Association Secretary. If the form is not received, teams will not be accepted into Championships.

Deleted: 30% of games

(e) There shall be no finals or joint placing. Placing will be decided. Point scores and goal averages will be used, if required, to determine final individual placing.

Deleted: If two (2) or more teams finish with equal points as winners or runners up of a Division of State Age Championships they shall be declared joint winners or runner up as the positions dictate.

(f)

Discussion:

- Randwick – against the deletion of clauses (e) and (f) above – should acknowledge joint winners at State Age.
- Macleay – why is the 30% rule changed to 7 games?
 - M. Murphy (Director State Administration) – the rules now say that there will be 26 teams in each division and therefore 25 games will be played; 7 games is roughly 30% so for ease of recording and administration, changed to 7 games
- L. Quinn (Director Championships & Competitions) very difficult for grading for the following year when there are teams on equal placing and those placings are not named when we grade with 2 teams going up/down

Deleted: Where there are joint winners in a Division of State Age Championships, no ¶ runners-up will be awarded

MOVED Sutherland seconded Brunswick Byron for an amendment to the motion in the clauses (e) and (f) be put as a separate motion

CARRIED

MOVED Shoalhaven seconded Kiama that the motion with the above amendment be put

CARRIED

MOTION WITH ABOVE AMENDMENT PUT

CARRIED

- L. Quinn (Director Championships & Competitions) – seek clarification from Manly re comments made about seven game rule and ability to give players court time
 - Manly – concern if Districts forced to play players – know some Districts are falsifying 30% games rule
 - M. Murphy (Director State Administration) – Board would have real concerns that a direction from this Council is being blatantly disregarded by any District

MOVED M. Murphy (Director State Administration) seconded Charlestown that clause (e) be adopted and for the deletion of clause (f) as shown

(e) There shall be no finals or joint placing. Placing will be decided. Point scores and

goal averages will be used, if required, to determine final individual placing.

Deleted: If two (2) or more teams finish with equal points as winners or runners up of a Division of State Age Championships they shall be declared joint winners or runner up as the positions dictate.

(f)

Discussion:

- Sapphire Coast – speak for motion – in one year there were 4 runners up – placings are important and winners need to win the most games
- Cessnock – playing Championships to get the State Age Champions

Deleted:) Where there are joint winners in a Division of State Age Championships, no ¶ runners-up will be awarded

MOTION PUT

CARRIED

MOVED M. Murphy (Director State Administration) seconded Young with reference to clause 2 only headed POLICY AND RULES FOR STATE AGE CHAMPIONSHIPS, for the deletion of wording and insertion of new wording as shown including changes as applied to State Championships under clause 2 Umpires

2. UMPIRES

- (a) One non-playing badged umpire for each team entered plus one additional non-playing badged umpire per District.
- (b) The minimum requirement for umpiring at State Age Championships is a National 'C' badge
- (c) Nominated umpires may not play, coach or manage a team during the State Age Championships.

(d) Umpires are to be nominated with entries eight (8) weeks prior to the commencement of the competition. Team entries will not be accepted without umpire nominations.

Two (2) weeks prior to the competition umpires to be confirmed. Districts withdrawing umpires after this period will incur a \$100.00 fine per umpire withdrawn. Districts must still replace the umpire with an equivalent badged umpire

Umpires who withdraw for medical reasons within the two (2) week period will be required to produce a medical certificate to ensure that the District is not fined however the umpire will still need to be replaced.

Districts whose umpires withdraw on the day or do not show will incur a \$500.00 fin per umpire.

Clause including changes made for State Championships to read:

(d) Umpires are to be nominated with entries eight (8) weeks prior to the commencement of the competition. Team entries will not be accepted without umpire nominations.

Two (2) weeks prior to the competition umpires to be confirmed. Districts

withdrawing umpires after this period will incur a \$100.00 fine per umpire withdrawn unless the District does not replace the umpire with an equivalent badged umpire

Districts whose umpires withdraw on the day or do not show will incur a \$200.00 fin per umpire.

Discussion:

- Charlestown – is the additional umpire still required for State Age?
 - M. Murphy (Director State Administration) - Yes

MOTION PUT WITH CHANGES AS DETAILED

CARRIED

The President adjourned the meeting at 3.40pm to reconvene on 4 November 2007 commencing at 10.00am at Dooleys Club, John Street, Lidcombe

The President reconvened meeting on 4 November 2007 at Dooleys Club, John Street, Lidcombe

Present

Directors: W. Archer AM, R. Watson, M. Murphy, J. Hahn, L. Quinn, J. Troy, C. Campbell (General Manager)

Delegates:

M. Leonard (Bankstown)	S. McLeod (Bankstown)
C. Murphy (Baulkham Hills)	C. Aird (Baulkham Hills)
H. Smith (Blacktown)	S. Marks (Blacktown)
E. Godkin (Blue Mountains)	E. Konza (Blue Mountains)
R. Doyle (Brunswick-Byron)	R. Bracken (Camden)
K. Thomas (Camden)	J. Halcrow (Campbelltown)
S. Connolly (Campbelltown)	J. Peel (Cessnock)
V. Cochran (Cessnock)	D. Pascoe (Charlestown)
M. Harrison (Charlestown)	S. Dawes (City of Sydney)
H. Atzemis (City of Sydney)	A. Doring (Eastwood Ryde)
J. Marscham (Eastwood/Ryde)	C. Mulvey (Fairfield)
J. Occhito (Fairfield)	H. Eadie (Gosford)
J. Brook (Gosford)	C. Walls (Grafton)
L. Mears (Grafton)	T. Cooper (Gunnedah)
J. Small (Gunnedah)	K. Austin (Hastings Valley)
K. Regan (Hawkesbury)	T. Chalk-Cullen (Hawkesbury)
L. Burgess (Hills)	K. Hartill (Hills)
V. Curren (Illawarra)	C. Lear (Illawarra)
C. Hamilton (Inner West)	V. Bruncker (Kiama)
T. Beedles (Kiama)	B. Pope (Kuring-gai)
S. Fitzgerald (Lakeside)	L. Bowne (Lakeside)
H. Herbert (Lismore)	L. Webster (Lismore)
E. Lawler (Liverpool)	K. Whiteley (Liverpool)
E. Hayes (Lower Clarence)	E. Brown (Macleay)
O. Brown (Macleay)	L. Taylor (Maitland)
B. Bird (Maitland)	H. Dean (Manly)

M. Cliff (Manly)	C. O'Donnell (Mt. Druitt)
A. Shutt (Nelson Bay)	A. Saunders (Newcastle)
E. Monaghan (Newcastle)	T. Field (Northern Suburbs)
S. Wilson (Orange)	L. Welfare (Parramatta/Auburn)
J. Gillette (Penrith)	B. Olsen (Penrith)
L. Morgan (Quirindi)	C. Hicks (Randwick)
M. Kelly (Randwick)	R. Stephenson (Sapphire Coast)
S. Mitchell (Shoalhaven)	M. Holmes (Shoalhaven)
M. Caddies (Singleton)	T. Willetts (St. George)
L. Mina (St. George)	V. Morris (Sutherland)
Y. Richardson (Taree)	J. Jarman (Westlakes)
C. Cairns (Westlakes)	M. Thoms (Woy Woy)
S. Bailey (Woy Woy)	F. Passmore (Wyong)
C. Baiton (Young)	

Life Members:	M. Dunn OAM	N. Kenny OAM
	M. Corbett	P. Weston OAM
	M. Melhuish OAM	N. Matthews OAM

Observers:	G. Urquhart (Newcastle)	M. Hoad (Kurri Kurri)
	E. Hamilton (Woy Woy)	L. Kirk (Brunswick-Byron)
	M. Bettini (Sutherland)	K. Higgins (Parramatta Auburn)
	F. Reynolds (Randwick)	J. Webster (Liverpool)
	B. Dew (Manly Warringah)	

Returning Officer: Les Turner

The President declared the reconvened meeting open at 10.10am

Apologies:	R. Havrlant (Director Technical Services)	M. Bourke (Brunswick Byron)
	K. Fullagar (Life Member)	Queanbeyan N.A.
	K. Smith (Lower Clarence)	G. Corderoy (Kuring-gai)
	P. Wilson (Orange)	M. Archer (Port Stephens)
	L. Bonnett (Taree)	
	S. Zenos (Port Stephens)	

MOVED M. Dunn (Life Member) seconded Sutherland that apologies be accepted
CARRIED

MOVED M. Murphy (Director State Administration) seconded Sutherland for the suspension of standing orders
CARRIED

ANNOUNCEMENTS – W. Archer (President)

Following the State Dinner held last night, would like to make the following announcements of awards given:

Hall of Fame Inductees: Maureen Boyle OAM, Nicole Cusack
Margaret Corbett Award for State League Coach of the Year:
Anita Keelan (Eastwood Ryde)

Neita Matthews Umpires Award:

Helen Dolbell (Penrith)

Nance Kenny Award for State League Player of the Year:

Joanne Day (Eastwood Ryde)

Marilyn Melhuish Award for NSW CBT Player of the Year:

Emma Koster (NIB Hunter Jays)

Anne Clark Service Awards: Aileen Shutt (Newcastle)

Beverleen Woodward (Queanbeyan)

Margaret Cliff (Manly Warringah)

Berwyn Collings (Kuring-gai)

Lesley Milner (Hills)

MOVED M. Murphy (Director State Administration) seconded Blue Mountains for the resumption of standing orders

CARRIED

MOVED M. Murphy (Director State Administration) seconded Pat Weston (Life Member) with reference to clause 3 only headed POLICY AND RULES FOR STATE AGE CHAMPIONSHIPS, for the deletion of wording and insertion of new wording as shown

3. **GENERAL**

- (a) All teams in Championship Division and Division 2 shall be fixtured to play each team in their division during the Championships where possible.
- (b) Where there are more than 26 teams graded in an age grouping in Division 3 a maximum of 25 games in that age group will be played.
- (c) The winners of the Championship Division of each section shall be declared State Champions.
- (d) A trophy shall be presented to the winning and runner-up District in each Division.
- (e) Embroidered patches shall be awarded to the Manager, Coach, Assistant Coach and Players of the winning and runner up teams in each Division.
- (f) Playing times of matches is at the discretion of the Championships and Competitions Committee provided there is a minimum of one (1) minute half-time break and a minimum of two minutes between games.
- (g) Each player in the team must play in the identical playing uniform, except where prior approval has been given.
- (h) Each team is to have available two sets of position patches, of different colours.
- (i) A player can only participate in a competition where they meet the respective age requirement for that particular competition.
- (j) Each team is to provide an approved match ball.
- (k) Substitution of players is permitted in accordance with official rules.

- (l) Up to two (2) minutes injury time may be taken according to official rules, but no additional time shall be added to the match.
- (m) The umpire's whistle shall start and finish games on the indication from the central timing device.
- (n) A team may claim a forfeit one (1) minute after the umpire's whistle to indicate commencement of play on the indication from the central timing device and if the opposing team does not have five (5) players in full uniform on court and ready to play. The umpires will sign the official score sheet attesting to the forfeit.
- (o) The method of distribution of score sheets will be determined by the Championships and Competitions Committee each year.
- (p) Score sheets are to be returned by the winning team immediately after each match.
- (q) In circumstances where team officials of both teams involved testify that the score sheet submitted to Netball NSW is incorrect and further they agree on the correct score then the Championships and Competitions Committee has the discretion to vary the official scores.
- (r) One (1) official from each team is to sign the score sheet.
- (s) If, in the opinion of the Championships and Competitions Committee games are unable to be completed or played due to severe inclement weather or adverse court conditions, each team will be awarded one (1) point.

Points Table

<u>State Age Championships Points Table</u>					
<u>Win</u>	<u>Loss</u>	<u>Draw</u>	<u>Forfeit</u>	<u>Bye</u>	<u>Abandoned</u>
<u>2</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>1*</u>

* If game abandoned prior to half time – 1 point each team

If game abandoned after half time – result as per score sheet

Goal Average

(a) If two or more teams finish on equal points after the final round of matches, positions shall be decided on goal averages.

(b) 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 the team

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

- (t) All Championships shall be played on all weather hard courts or a combination of indoor courts and all weather courts.

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- (u) A minimum of three venues are to be used for State Age Championships with a minimum total of 78 courts and a minimum of 26 courts at any one venue.
- (v) No venue will be considered to host an event unless all necessary facilities are in place.

MOTION PUT

CARRIED

MOVED M. Murphy (Director State Administration) seconded Liverpool with reference to the clauses headed GRADING POLICY FOR REGION 1 – STATE LEAGUE, for the deletion of clauses, insertion of new wording as shown and renumber clauses as appropriate

GRADING POLICY FOR REGION 1 - STATE LEAGUE

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Entries will close eight (8) weeks prior to the commencement of the competition. Closing date as advised on entry form.

Districts shall register teams on the approved player entry form together with full details of a minimum of seven (7) and a maximum of twelve (12) players' names and their relevant experience, by the closing date for the relevant competition.

All grading shall be based on names submitted on the official entry forms and previous playing experience as detailed in the Netball NSW Player Database.

The base point for grading will be the retention of five (5) players from the previous year or five (5) players with appropriate grading status

Grading status is only retained over the two (2) previous consecutive years

There shall be no late registration of players accepted between the close of entries and one week before the commencement of the competition.

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1 Excluding the Men's Division the number of teams that can be entered in the Region 1 State League competitions by a District is unlimited subject to Clause 3 of the Grading Procedures.

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2. There shall be a maximum of eight (8) divisions including a 17 years & Under division where applicable. There will be ten (10) teams graded into each Division.

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Deleted: Each District may enter a maximum of four (4) teams in the Night Inter District competition.

6. In the Men's Division each District may enter a maximum of three (3) teams unless in special circumstances approved by the Championships and Competition Committee.

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7. A minimum of six (6) teams shall be graded into each Division in the Men's competition.

Deleted: A maximum of ten (10) teams and a minimum of six (6) teams shall be graded in each division of the Night Inter District competition.

8. In the 17 Years and Under Divisions players must be turning 16 or 17 years of age in the year of play and a maximum of three (3) players who turn 15 years of age in the year of play may be included in a team competing in the 17 Years & Under Division at any one time.

NSWIS shall be permitted to enter a team in Division 1 and Division 2

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Deleted: All team entries must list a minimum of seven (7) players for each team entered as at the closing date of entries and of those, five (5) players, as a minimum, shall be considered for grading.

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Deleted: The Jaegers Development team and the Swifts Development team shall be graded into State League Division 1.

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Deleted: NSWIS shall have one (1) team entered in State League Division 2 and shall be exempt from relegation.

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Deleted: NSWIS shall be entitled to register up to 12 players. The three (3) NSWIS players registered with the Jaegers Development team and the three (3) NSWIS players registered with the Swifts Development team cannot be registered in the NSWIS team.

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Deleted: Any player listed as a CBT player shall be graded as being of State League Division 1 standard.

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16. RELEGATION – STATE LEAGUE DIVISIONS

Relegation shall automatically occur each year where a team:

- (a) Finishes bottom of the table of that division except where clause 14 (e) applied.
- (b) Should two teams finish on equal points in the last two places, final placing shall be determined by goal averages (for and against).

17. PROMOTION – STATE LEAGUE DIVISIONS

For a team to be eligible for promotion from a lower grade:

- (a) Shall be winners of the grand final in that Division.
- (b) Have registered for grading a minimum of five (5) players who were registered in the team in the competition that won the Grand Final.
- (c) The District does not already have a team graded in the higher grade.
- (d) Should a winning team eligible for promotion already have a team in the higher division from the same District, promotion may be considered for the second placed team.
- (e) Should there be no team meeting the criteria for promotion in any grade, relegation from the higher grade shall not apply.

18. The 17 Years and Under competition is a stand-alone competition and teams are not eligible for promotion and relegation as provided in Clauses and

19. In the 17 years & Under competition, the grading status of each player in each team for the next year's competition shall be determined by the Championship & Competitions Committee at the conclusion of the current year's competition.

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- Deleted: (c)
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Discussion

- Camden – clarify that there is a limit of 8 divisions
 - W. Archer (President) – Yes
- L. Quinn (Director Championships & Competitions) – based on this years competition, obvious we cannot service two venues and therefore need to limit competition to 8 divisions of 10 teams based on grading of each team

MOTION PUT

CARRIED

MOVED M. Murphy (Director State Administration) seconded Charlestown with reference to the clauses headed POLICY AND RULES FOR REGION 1 – STATE LEAGUE, for the deletion of clauses, insertion of new wording as shown and renumber clauses as appropriate

POLICY AND RULES FOR REGION 1 - STATE LEAGUE

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1. The commencing dates for all Region 1 competitions shall be advised at the November Council Meeting.
2. Competition matches are to be played as follows:

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Anne Clark Centre

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| (a) | State League Division 1 | Wednesday night |
| (b) | State League Division 2 | Tuesday night |
| (c) | State League Division 3 | Monday night |
| (d) | State League Division 4 | Thursday night |
| (e) | State League Divisions <u>5, 6, 7 & 8</u>
<u>and 17 years & Under</u> | Saturday |

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- Deleted: Saturday morning at the Anne Clark Centre if possible dependent on number of entries; alternate venue to be advised if required.
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In extenuating circumstances the Championship & Competitions Committee has the discretion to alter the playing time, night and/or location of fixtured matches after consultation and agreement of the teams/Districts concerned.

3. In the Men's Division competition matches will be played on days and times as approved by the Championships and Competitions Committee.
4. Fixture books shall be forwarded to each District taking part in the competition at least two (2) weeks prior to the commencement of the competition, if possible.

At no time is a team permitted to have more than 12 players registered. A maximum of four (4) players may be late registered in each team anytime from one week before the commencement of the competition until the end of the competition.

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Late registrations are to be submitted on the appropriate form by a District official to Netball NSW prior to the commencement of the match in which the player is to play.

7. A de-registered player may only be re-registered in the same team in the same grade for the duration of the competition. A re-registered player is counted as a late registration.
8. Players cannot play in a grade lower than the grade in which they were originally graded.
9. Each player must play in the identical playing uniform except where prior approval has been given.
10. Where applicable, a player can only participate in a competition where they meet the respective age requirement for that particular competition.
11. Any change to name of a player already registered is to be advised in writing by a District official to Netball NSW within seven (7) days. Failure to confirm the change shall result in the loss of two competition points.

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13. After a team has been graded, any late registration should be of an equal playing standard. The Championships and Competitions Committee may reject a late registration where it considers the inclusion of the player would affect the grade of the team. In such circumstances the District or player concerned has the right of appeal to the Appeals Committee.
14. If a District records the name of an unregistered player on the score sheet, the District will be required to prove within seven (7) days that the person who played under that name is registered with that team.

This proof shall be in the form of a Statutory Declaration to Netball NSW. Failure to submit such proof within seven (7) days of notification shall result in the loss of two competition points.
15. A team may claim a forfeit one (1) minute after the time set down for the commencement of the match, if the opposing team does not have five (5) players in full uniform on court and ready to play.
16. Each team is to provide up to two (2) approved scorers/timekeepers according to the draw. Districts shall provide an approved stopwatch.
17. A score sheet having been signed by both captains and umpires and lodged with the relevant official will not be returned to any team for any correction. No disputes will be

entered into regarding score sheets.

18. In circumstances where team officials of both teams involved testify that the score sheet submitted to Netball NSW is incorrect and further they agree on the correct score then the Championships and Competitions Committee has the discretion to vary the official scores.
19. 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.
20. 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.
21. A trophy shall be presented to the winning and runner-up District in each Division.
22. Embroidered patches shall be awarded to the Manager, Coach, Assistant Coach and Players of the winning and runner up teams in each Division.

24. Each team is to have available two sets of position patches, of different colours.

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25. In the Men's Division any team winning a match against an invitation team(s) shall receive two (2) competition points.

Points Table

State League Points Table					
Win	Loss	Draw	Forfeit	Bye	Abandoned
2	0	1	2	0	1*
* If game abandoned prior to half time – 1 point each team					
If game abandoned after half time – result as per score sheet					

26. GOAL AVERAGE

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- (a) If two or more teams finish on equal points after the final round of matches, positions for the finals series shall be decided on goal averages.

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- (b) 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 the team.

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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.

27. A player may participate in a maximum of two matches per week provided that they play either in the team in which they are registered or in teams in higher grades. At all times the player must play with the District with which they are registered. A playing week is

deemed to be from Wednesday to Tuesday.

28. Where a player plays three matches in a grade higher than that originally graded, on playing the third game in the higher graded team, the player will remain in that higher graded team.

29. To be eligible to participate in semi finals, finals and grand finals players must have played in at least three (3) competition matches with the relevant team in that competition.

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30. In the Men's Division players must have played two (2) matches to qualify for semi finals, finals or grand finals in one round competitions

31. Competitions shall be conducted on a points score basis and semi finals, finals and grand finals shall be played.

32. If there is a draw in semi finals, finals and grand finals, a two (2) minute interval shall be taken.

During the interval the score will be verified and the teams change ends. During the interval there may be substitutions and/or team changes.

The umpire will indicate which team has the next centre pass and play will commence. Then two (2) seven minute halves will be played to determine a winner. After the first seven (7) minutes the teams will change ends. No substitutions or positional changes shall be allowed during the changeover.

If still a draw at the end of the second (7) minutes, play continues and the first team to score a two (2) goals advantage shall be declared the winner.

33. The following rules apply to players who are members of a CBT Team.

(a) To be eligible to play in the final series, any player registered to play in the CBT competition must have played a minimum of 50% of the competition rounds of the State League Region 1 competition.

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UMPIRES

- (a) The Umpires Operating Panel will determine the umpiring format for the competitions
- (b) The Umpires Operating Panel will undertake the allocation of umpires to all matches
- (c) The names of approved umpires qualified to umpire State League are to be forwarded by Districts to Netball NSW on the team nomination form by the closing date for entries
- (d) Approved umpires for each Division are as follows:
 - (i) Waratah Cup
Each District may be required to provide an accredited National 'A' badge or higher qualified umpire
 - (ii) State League Divisions 2 & 3 and Men's Competition
Each District is required to provide an accredited National 'B' badge or higher qualified umpire for each team entered
 - (iii) State League Divisions 4 – 8 & 17 years & Under
Each District is required to provide an accredited National badged umpire for each team entered
 - (iv) Where a District does not supply a National 'A' badged or higher qualified umpire for the Waratah Cup that District will be required to provide an additional qualified National badged umpires for allocation to other matches
- (e) For State League Divisions 5 – 8 and the 17 years & Under competitions the Umpires Operating Panel will compile the allocation pool
- (f) If an umpire has not arrived 30 minutes prior to the commencement of the match, a replacement umpire may take the court, providing that umpire meets the provisions laid down.

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- Deleted:** Each District is required to provide an accredited National 'B' badge or higher umpire for each team entered in Division 2, division 3 and the Men's competition.
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- Deleted:** (iv)
- Deleted:** Any qualified umpire may apply to the Umpires Operating Panel to be allocated to matches.

- (g) Districts whose umpires fail to fill their allocation will be fined \$500.00 for each duty not fulfilled
- (h) Female umpires shall be dressed in white dress or skirt and top, male umpires shall be dressed in white shorts and shirt
- (i) Any qualified umpire may apply to the Umpires Operating Panel to be allocated to matches

MOVED Manly seconded Mt. Drutt for an amendment to the above clause (g), fine to be reduced to \$200.00

Discussion

- L. Quinn (Director Championships & Competitions) – speak against the amendment – extremely difficult this year to provide umpires for games; days where 10-14 umpires were withdrawing as late as Friday afternoon
- W. Archer (President) – expectation that when a District enters a State League team they should also have an umpire to service that team

AMENDMENT PUT

LOST (F:43 A:44)

MOVED Camden seconded Newcastle for an amendment to include the words “extenuating circumstances” in clause (g) above

CARRIED

AMENDMENT ACCEPTED AS PART OF MOTION

- Manly – clause 27 above – what happens when a player plays in several higher divisions, what team does she have to stay up in if playing third game?
 - L. Quinn (Director Championships & Competitions) – in the team where the third higher game is played and then must play three games in that team to qualify to play in finals
 - Manly – believe it would be fairer to put player in the lowest of the higher grades played in
 - L. Quinn (Director Championships & Competitions) – do not agree – should continue to apply this rule as it is applied in Districts

MOTION PUT WITH AMENDMENT

CARRIED

MOVED M. Murphy (Director State Administration) seconded N. Matthews (Life Member) with reference to the clauses headed GRADING POLICY FOR REGION 1 – NIGHT INTER DISTRICT, for the deletion of clauses, insertion of new wording as shown and renumber clauses as appropriate

GRADING POLICY FOR REGION 1 - NIGHT INTER DISTRICT

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Entries will close eight (8) weeks prior to the commencement of the competition. Closing date as advised on entry form.

- 4. Each District may enter a maximum of four (4) teams in the Night Inter District competition.
- 5. A maximum of ten (10) teams and a minimum of six (6) teams shall be graded in each division of the Night Inter District competition.

Districts shall register teams on the approved player entry form together with full details of a minimum of seven (7) and a maximum of twelve (12) players' names and their relevant experience, by the closing date for the relevant competition.

All grading shall be based on names submitted on the official entry forms and previous playing experience as detailed in the Netball NSW Player Database

The base point for grading will be the retention of five (5) players from the previous year or five (5) players with appropriate status

Grading status is only retained over the previous two (2) consecutive years.

- 15. There shall be no late registration of players accepted between the published date for the close of entries and one week before the commencement of the competition. Late registration are to be submitted on the appropriate form by a District official to Netball NSW prior to the commencement of the match.

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~~1. The commencing date for the Night Inter District competition for the ensuing year shall be at the November Council Meeting.
2. The competition shall be conducted on a point score basis with the team scoring the highest number of points at the conclusion of the competition being declared the winner. In the event of two or more teams being on equal points at the conclusion of the competition, a goal average will be used to decide the winner.
3. All matches shall be played at the Anne Clark Centre on Wednesday nights.
4. Wet weather games are considered as games played by all players registered prior to that date.~~

20. For the Night Inter District Night competitions the Championships and Competitions Committee shall, based on the number of entries received, be responsible for determining:

- (a) the number of rounds to be played
- (b) the number of teams to participate in each division
- (c) the format of the competition

MOTION PUT

CARRIED

MOVED M. Murphy (Director State Administration) seconded Charlestown with reference to the clauses headed POLICY AND RULES FOR REGION 1 – NIGHT INTER DISTRICT, for the deletion of clauses, insertion of new wording as shown and renumber clauses as appropriate

POLICY AND RULES FOR REGION 1 – NIGHT INTER DISTRICT

1. The commencing date for the Night Inter District competition for the ensuing year shall be at the November Council Meeting.
2. The competition shall be conducted on a point score basis with the team scoring the highest number of points at the conclusion of the competition being declared the winner. In the event of two or more teams being on equal points at the conclusion of the competition, a goal average will be used to decide the winner.
3. All matches shall be played at the Anne Clark Centre on Wednesday nights.
4. Wet weather games are considered as games played by all players registered prior to that date.

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5. No player may play in more than one (1) competition match on any one night.
6. Fixture books shall be forwarded to each District taking part in the competition at least two (2) weeks prior to the commencement of the competition, if possible.

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8. At no time is a team permitted to have more than 21 players registered. A maximum of four (4) players may be late registered in each team after the commencement of the competition.
9. A de-registered player may only be re-registered in the same team in the same grade for the duration of the competition. A re-registered player is counted as a later registration.
10. Players may not play in a grade lower than the grade in which they were originally graded.
11. Each player must play in the identical playing uniform except where prior approval has been given.
12. Any change to name of a player already registered is to be advised in writing by a District official to Netball NSW within seven (7) days. Failure to confirm the change shall result in the loss of two competition points.
13. Late registrations are to be submitted on the appropriate form by a District official to Netball NSW by 4.00pm on the day of anticipated play..
14. After a team has been graded, any late registration should be of an equal playing standard. The Championship & Competitions Committee may reject a late registration where it considers the inclusion of the player would affect the grade of the team. In such circumstances the District or player concerned has the right of appeal to the Appeals Committee.

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Where a player plays three matches in a grade higher than that originally graded, on playing the third game in the higher graded team, the players will remain in the higher graded team.

15. If a District records the name of an unregistered player on the score sheet, the District will be required to prove within seven (7) days that the person who played under that name is registered with that team.

This proof shall be in the form of a Statutory Declaration to Netball NSW. Failure to submit such proof within seven (7) days of notification shall result in the loss of two competition points.

16. A team may claim a forfeit one (1) minute after the time set down for the commencement of the match, if the opposing team does not have five (5) players in full uniform on court and ready to play.
17. Matches shall be timed from Central Control.
18. Up to two (2) minutes injury time may be taken according to the rules, but no additional

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time shall be added to the match, unless approved testing is being carried out with individual timing.

19. Each team shall provide a scorer.
20. Score sheets shall be returned to Central Control at the conclusion of each match.
21. Any team not participating in any match due to inclement weather may forfeit the match. Points shall be awarded for all other matches played on that night.
22. If in the opinion of the Championships and Competitions Committee and the Umpires Operating Panel matches are unable to be played due to inclement weather or the condition of courts, each team will be awarded one (1) point.

Points table

Night Inter District Points table

<u>Win</u>	<u>Loss</u>	<u>Draw</u>	<u>Forfeit</u>	<u>Bye</u>	<u>Abandoned</u>
<u>2</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>1*</u>
<u>* If game abandoned prior to half time – 1 point each team</u>					
<u>If game abandoned after half time – result as per score sheet</u>					

Goal Average

(a) If two or more teams finish on equal points after the final round of matches, positions shall be decided on goal averages

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(b) The goal average for each team shall be decided as follows:

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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 the team

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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

23. A score sheet having been signed by both captains and umpires and lodged with the relevant official will not be returned to any team for any correction. No disputes will be entered into regarding score sheets.
24. In circumstances where team officials of both teams involved testify that the score sheet submitted to Netball NSW is incorrect and further they agree on the correct score then the championships and competitions Committee has the discretion to vary the official scores.
25. A trophy shall be presented to the winning and runner-up District in each Division.
26. Embroidered patches shall be awarded to the Manager, Coach, Assistant Coach and Players of the winning and runner up teams in each Division.

27. Each team is to provide an approved match ball.

29. Each team is to have available two sets of position patches of different colours.

31. UMPIRES:

- (a) Each District is to provide a National badged umpire or other approved umpire for each team entered.
- (b) All umpires will be allocated to matches by the Umpires Operating Panel as follows:

(ii) Unbadged umpires may be tested for practical badges:

- After consultation with the Umpires Operating Panel; and
- Games comply with all requirements stated in the PPP book.

MOTION PUT

CARRIED

MOVED M. Murphy (Director State Administration) seconded Liverpool with reference to the clauses headed GRADING POLICY FOR REGION 2-8 – STATE LEAGUE/INTER DISTRICT COMPETITIONS, for the deletion of clauses, insertion of new wording as shown and renumber clauses as appropriate

GRADING POLICY FOR REGIONS 2 – 8 - STATE LEAGUE INTER DISTRICT COMPETITIONS

1. The Regional Coordinator is responsible for convening a meeting of participating District to decide dates, venues and the format for the ensuing year.
2. Team entries are to be received by the Regional Coordinator by the published closing date as agreed by the Region.
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Deleted: The competition will be conducted in a format agreed upon by the participating Districts and approved by the Championships and Competitions Committee.

4. A District is permitted to one team only in each division, unless additional teams are required to ensure the viability or continuation of the competition.
5. The format for the final series is to be decided at the regional meeting, prior to the commencement of the competition.
6. a minimum of four (4) teams and a maximum of eight (8) teams will participate in each division. Exception only with prior permission of the Championships and Competitions Committee.
7. There shall be no registration of players accepted between the published date for the close of entries and one week before the commencement of the competition.
8. Teams shall be graded according to the information detailed on the official entry form and as detailed in the Netball NSW Player Database.

Deleted: Not more than eight (8) teams shall participate in each division, except in special circumstances.

MOTION PUT

CARRIED

MOVED M. Murphy (Director State Administration) seconded Brunswick Byron with reference to the clauses headed POLICY AND RULES FOR REGIONS 2-8 – STATE LEAGUE/INTER DISTRICT COMPETITIONS, for the deletion of clauses, insertion of new wording as shown and renumber clauses as appropriate

POLICY AND RULES FOR REGIONS 2 - 8 - STATE LEAGUE AND INTER DISTRICT COMPETITIONS

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1. Fixture books shall be forwarded to each District taking part in the competition at least two (2) weeks prior to the commencement of the competition, if possible.
3. The name, address and telephone number of the Regional Coordinator and all District Secretaries names, addresses, telephone numbers and the location of each District's courts and telephone numbers will all be listed in the fixture Book.
4. Matches may be played on grass or hard courts, preferably hard courts. If matches are played on grass courts, notice to this effect shall be included in the fixture book.
5. At no time is a team permitted to have more than twelve (12) players registered. A maximum of four (4) players may be late registered in each team after the commencement of the competition.
6. A de-registered player may only be re-registered in the same grade for the duration of the competition. A re-registered player is counted as a later registration.
7. Players may not play in a grade lower than the grade in which they were originally graded.
8. Players must play in the identical playing uniform except where prior approval has been given.
9. The competition shall be conducted on a points score basis.

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10. Players need to have played two (2) matches with the relevant team, to qualify for the finals series in one (1) round competitions.

Points table

Night Inter District Points table

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* If game abandoned prior to half time – 1 point each team

If game abandoned after half time – result as per score sheet

Goal Average

(c) If two or more teams finish on equal points after the final round of matches, positions shall be decided on goal averages

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(d) The goal average for each team shall be decided as follows:

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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

Players need to have played two (2) matches with the relevant team to qualify for the finals series in one (1) round competitions.

11. If two (2) or more rounds are played, players must have played at least three (3) games to be eligible for the finals series
12. Score sheets are to be returned to the Regional Coordinator at the conclusion of each match.
13. If in the opinion of the Regional Coordinator and the host District matches are unable to be played due to inclement weather or the condition of courts, each team will be awarded one (1) point. By mutual agreement, teams may transfer the match to another venue. Points shall be awarded for all other matches played on that day.
14. Under extreme circumstances if a team is unable to fulfill their playing commitments, arrangements may be made with the Regional Coordinator to have the game(s) played within the next fourteen (14) days.
15. Any change to the name of a player already registered is to be advised in writing by a District official to the Regional Coordinator within seven (7) days. Failure to confirm the change shall result in the loss of two competition points.

16. Late registrations are to be submitted on the appropriate form by a District official to the Regional Coordinator before playing.
17. After a team has been graded, any late registration should be of an equal playing standard. The Regional Coordinator may reject a late registration where it considers the inclusion of the player would affect the grade of the team. In such circumstances the District or player concerned has the right of appeal to the Appeals Committee.
18. If a District records the name of an unregistered player on the score sheet, the District will be required to prove within seven (7) days that the person who played under that name is registered with that team.

This proof shall be in the form of a Statutory Declaration to the Regional Coordinator. Failure to submit such proof within seven (7) days of notification shall result in the loss of two competition points.

19. A team may claim a forfeit one (1) minute after the time set down for the commencement of the match, if the opposing team does not have five (5) players in full uniform on court and ready to play.
20. Each team is to provide up to two (2) approved scorers/timekeepers according to the draw. Districts shall provide an approved stopwatch.
21. A score sheet having been signed by both captains and umpires and lodged with the Regional Coordinator will not be returned to any team for any correction. No disputes will be entered into regarding score sheets.

In circumstances where team officials of both teams testify that the score sheet submitted to the Regional Coordinator is incorrect and further they agree on the correct score then the Regional Coordinator has the discretion to vary the official scores.

22. 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.
23. 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.
24. A trophy shall be presented to the winning and runner-up District in each Division.
25. Embroidered patches shall be awarded to the Manager, Coach, Assistant Coach and Players of the winning and runner up teams in each Division.
26. Each team is to have an approved match ball.
27. Each team is to have available two sets of position patches, of different colours.

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29. Final results of each competition will be forwarded to Netball NSW for promulgation at the November Council meeting.
30. Any team forfeiting three (3) consecutive games will be excluded from the remainder of the competition.
31. The winning team shall be responsible for forwarding score sheets to reach the Regional Coordinator within five (5) days following each match. Failure to do will result in a fine. The amount of the fine will be determined by Council each year.
32. If there is a draw in semi finals, finals or grand finals, a two (2) minute interval shall be taken.

During the interval the score will be verified and the teams change ends. During the interval there may be substitutions and/or team changes.

The umpire will indicate which team has the next center pass and play will commence. Then two (2) seven minute halves will be played to determine a winner. After the first seven (7) minutes the teams will change ends. No substitutions or positional changes shall be allowed during the changeover.

If still a draw at the end of the second seven (7) minutes, play continues and the first team to score a two (2) goal advantage shall be declared the winner.

33. UMPIRES

- (a) Each District is to provide a National badged umpire or other approved umpire for each team entered.
- (b) All umpires will be allocated by the Regional Organising Committee in conjunction with the Regional Coordinator.
- (c) With the approval of the Regional Organising Committee and in conjunction with the Regional Coordinator unbadged umpires may be accepted as part of a District's quota provided that they hold a current Section 1 pass (70%) and a current Level 1 Accreditation at the time of nomination.
- (d) Female umpires shall be dressed in a white dress or skirt and top, male umpires shall be dressed in white shorts and shirt.
- (e) In the event of inclement weather, white track suit pants and white wet weather jackets may be worn.

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- (f) Unbadged umpires may be tested for practical badges:
- After consultation with the Regional Coordinator; and
 - Games comply with all requirements stated in the PPP book.

MOTION PUT

CARRIED

MOVED M. Murphy (Director State Administration) seconded Neita Matthews (Life Member) with reference to the clauses headed DISTRICT CARNIVALS, for the deletion of clauses, insertion of new wording as shown and renumber clauses as appropriate

DISTRICT CARNIVALS

1. Each District will be granted one (1) official carnival per year.
3. Entries shall be made on the standard entry form as recommended by Netball NSW and shall be submitted by a District official to reach the appropriate District twenty-one (21) days prior to the date of the carnival.
4. The entry fee shall be \$22 including GST.
5. The following rules apply to all District carnivals:
 - (a)
 - (i) Players must be registered members of Netball NSW.
 - (ii) Players shall wear the registered uniform of their District or club.
 - (iii) Positional patches shall be worn.
 - (iv) All umpires should wear white, or playing uniform
 - (v) each team shall supply a scorer; and an umpire, preferably badged.
 - (b) Districts conducting carnivals have the right to re-grade or withdraw any team found not playing in the correct age group or grade.
 - (c) District should ensure that any umpire accompanying a team is capable of controlling that grade.
 - (d) Where there is more than one division in any one grade or age group and play offs are necessary, a maximum of twelve (12) trophies shall be awarded to winners and runners up.
 - (e) Where no semi finals or finals are played, a maximum of twelve (12) trophies shall be awarded to the winners of each division.
6. The inclusion of representative sections shall be at the discretion of the District conducting the carnival.
 - (a) Districts are permitted to hold 'Representative' only carnivals prior to the Championships.

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- (b) Representative teams may be permitted to enter District carnivals on an invitation only basis when there is no representative section.
- (c) Should Districts not wish to have representative teams enter a carnival, they must state this on their entry form.
- (d) Games for representative teams are to be played on a round robin basis with no trophies being awarded.
- (e) Where a District hold a 'Representative Section' carnival prior to the Championships, the District may, at its discretion, include a section for players 11 years of age known as 'Development Squads'. Games are to be played on a round robin basis and in these circumstances trophies may be awarded.

7. PLAYERS:

- (a) Where Districts have a multi team situation in the same age group for representative selection purposes players may interchange between teams.
- (b) Players registered with representative teams may not play with a club team from District at the same carnival on the same day.

8. AGE GROUPS

- (a) Senior Players shall have reached the age of 18 years at December 31 in the year of play.
- (b) Junior Players 11 to 17 years of age as at December 31 in the year of play.
- (c) Netta Players under 11 years of age as at December 31 in the year of play.

9. UMPIRES:

- (a) Teams qualifying for semi finals and finals shall provide a badged umpire who shall be allocated to a match by the host District.

10. MATCHES:

- (a) In Representative sections, Districts are encouraged to have regard to the results of previous years' championships when preparing draws.
- (b) The draw for all carnivals shall consist of a minimum of ~~seven (7)~~ games and a maximum of ~~nine (9)~~ games in each grade.
- (c) Where a District has arranged a draw where everyone plays one another or a minimum of seven (7) games are hold, it shall not be necessary to play quarter finals, semi finals and finals.
- (d) Where possible, fixtures shall be organised so that teams play on a '1 on 1 off' basis. Teams should not play more than ~~two (2)~~ games straight or have more than three (3) games straight off including a bye.

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(e) Interchange of players during the match is only permitted during a stoppage for injury or illness or at an interval. Up to two (2) minutes injury time may be taken according to the official rules, but no additional time shall be added to the match.

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(f) Winners and runners up shall be decided on a points score basis. Should teams finish on equal points, the goal average shall be taken into consideration to determine the winner.

(g) The format for the draw for quarter finals, semi finals and finals, if applicable shall be printed on the information or fixture sheets.

(h) Fixtures should be arranged so that all matches are completed not later than 4.30pm.

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11. GOAL AVERAGE

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(a) If two or more teams finish in equal points after the final round of matches, final positions or final series shall be decided on goal averages.

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(b) The goal average for each team shall be decided as under:

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 the team.

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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.

12. FORFEITS:

(a) Districts entering teams that forfeit or withdraw after fixtures have been arranged, may be liable for a fine of up to \$50 per team, such fine shall be paid to the District conducting the carnival within seven (7) days of receipt of the account, provided the account is forwarded to the offending district within twenty one (21) days of the date of the carnival. However, the host District will be entitled to charge a \$100 fine on any team which does not appear on the day of the carnival. Notification of such fine to be forwarded to that team's District within twenty one (21) days of date of carnival.

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13. CANCELLATION OF CARNIVALS OR BALLOTING OUT OF TEAMS

(a) At least seven (7) days written notification shall be given in both instances, except in the case of extreme emergency.

(b) In the event of cancellation of a carnival or the balloting out of teams, all entry fees shall be refunded within thirty (30) days of the date of the carnival.

No balloting out of teams shall be conducted prior to the closing date for entries.

- (c) Balloting out of teams whose entries have been received by the closing date shall be completed within seven (7) days. ▼

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Discussion:

- Macleay – clause 10 (b) – often only get five teams in a grade – can we continue to hold that grade?
 - L. Quinn (Director Championships & Competitions) - if five entries into a grade is all you receive can continue to hold that grade
- Macleay – where there is a forfeit and therefore a fine, is there a timeframe for payment of the fine?
 - W. Archer (President) – this is at the District's discretion and should be in line with normal payment procedures.
- Camden – does the minimum number of games apply to Netta?
 - L. Quinn (Director Championships & Competitions) – Netta is actually not a formal competition however you would not normally play more than 7 games in a day for Netta.

MOTION PUT

CARRIED

MOVED M. Murphy seconded Macleay that renumbering of all clauses be completed as required throughout policy and procedures

CARRIED

2. Motion as received from Eastwood Ryde Association – as distributed

MOVED and seconded Eastwood Ryde that for Region 1 State League, Night InterDistrict under Relegation State League Divisions 2-8, delete clauses (a) and (b) and insert instead the following:

- (a) The Championship and Competition Committee has the ability to promote or relegate up to three teams in each division each year
- (b) Should teams finish on equal points in the lower placings in each Divisions, that final placing shall be determined by goal averages (for and against)

Discussion:

- L. Quinn (Director Championships & Competitions) – grading is not just one team up and one down, grading has a rolling effect; grading is based on player ability
- Kuring-gai – speak against motion for 3 teams to be involved, suggest should only be for 2 teams up and down

MOVED Kuring-gai seconded Cessnock that the motion as presented be amended to allow promotion and relegation of up to two teams in each division

Discussion:

- L. Quinn (Director Championships & Competitions) – if number 2 team already has a team in the higher divisions does that mean that teams 3 and 4 go up?
- Manly – why do we not allow 2 teams from same District to be in same division based on grading?

- L. Quinn (Director Championships & Competitions) – teams in this competition are representing their District, 2 teams from representing the same District do not play each other in any other sport – if a District is grading players properly one team will always be stronger than the other and should be graded in the higher division
- Shoalhaven – have already passed a clause that includes the wording (may) for grading purposes
- Sapphire Coast – speak against 3 teams, 2 teams is a possibility but not for next year – should consider for future so teams do not become complacent with their grading
- Eastwood/Ryde – support amendment of up to 2 teams

AMENDMENT PUT

CARRIED (F:42 A:37)

AMENDMENT NOW THE MOTION – MOTION PUT

CARRIED

- Camden – will this apply to grading/results of this year's competition?
 - W. Archer (President) – Yes

CORRESPONDENCE

- M. Murphy (Director State Administration) – daily correspondence lists from 21 August 2007 to 28 October 2007 – tabled

MOVED M. Murphy (Director State Administration) seconded Macleay that correspondence be accepted

CARRIED

REPORTS

BOARD OF DIRECTORS REPORT – as distributed – M. Murphy (Director State Administration)

- C. Campbell (General Manager) – National Membership Database – looking to be part of national scheme by next year; issues which have caused the delay were based on the size of our membership
- Baulkham Hills – concerns re the future of State/State Age Championships – proposal means every District will have four teams spread across four venues creating problems logistically with transport and supporting teams including allocation of umpires, All of this presents more problems than given credence to – suggest create another division which would mean not every District would be spread – ask that Board report be moved with this proposal being exempt with further discussion to be had with Districts
- Sutherland – agree with Baulkham Hills – proposal would split resources for all Districts – costs would double, even triple for every District
 - W. Archer (President) – Championships are becoming so big, we are running out of venues able to host them and as such the same Districts are being used year in/year out – previously we have advised Council we were looking at various options and have looked at splitting the weekends for two age groups but again logistic issues – Board will review again but cannot say decisions will be different – will ask for submissions from Districts. L. Quinn

will provide a report on court requirements for each event and a paper will come out requesting submissions from Districts.

- Penrith – why not have 4 divisions using 4 venues?
 - L. Quinn (Director Championships & Competitions) – 4 divisions does not solve venue problems. Limits set on number of games player per day and would assume that teams do not want to play games into the night . 13 & 14 years are main divisions which are increasing each year – Board keeps asking itself what is the maximum number of teams we can accommodate in the current format.
 - Campbelltown – do we have the number of venues who can host a division?
 - L. Quinn (Director Championships & Competitions) – have approximately 10 districts who have all the facilities required to host – a survey was recently sent to all Districts to gain up to date information
- M. Melhuish (Life Member) – can we have an update on the Tasman Trophy?
 - W. Archer (President) – have recently attended meetings with General Manager to discuss sections of the participation agreement that Australian teams are not happy with – have now received final agreement which is with our legal people for further advice. Movement forward is extremely slow – specific answers in writing are hard to get – still no player agreement but advised that it is close to being finalized. Sponsorship being sought and we are moving forward with name/logo and team colours.
 - Baulkham Hills – C. Aird – was invited to be part of the focus group and would say the process has been very good and thorough – thank Board for invite to participate.
 - W. Archer (President) – process has been very extensive with very broad consultation and we expect announcements to be made very soon.
- Camden – with NSWIS now having two teams in State League will this mean the third placed team will be going up?
 - L. Quinn (Director Championships & Competitions) – operative word in policy is “may” – movement up/down is not a given – players in division 1 are vying for selection into ANL teams as there is now no development teams – those players from this year's teams now going in division 1 teams and status for grading is now very extremely important.

MOVED M. Murphy (Director State Administration) seconded Baulkham Hills for the adoption of the Board report as distributed excluding statements relating to State/State Age future format which will be subject of further discussion **CARRIED**

FINANCE REPORT – as distributed – J. Hahn (Director Finance)

- 2008 membership fees as presented

MOVED J. Hahn seconded Young that the 2008 membership fees as follows be

accepted: Senior	\$57.00
Junior	\$40.50
Netta	\$29.50
Fun Net/PWD	\$16.50

Non Players \$28.50 - a decrease of 10cents for rounding purposes from that presented in report **CARRIED**

- Insurance – please ensure all members details are submitted prior to 2007 year end as we will be changing insurers as of 1 January 2008
- Registered members 2007 – as of this week we have 101,621 registered members and envisage that by year end will reach 108,000

MOVED J. Hahn (Director Finance) seconded Northern Suburbs for the adoption of the Finance report as distributed **CARRIED**

MARKETING & COMMUNICATIONS REPORT – as distributed

MOVED Mt. Druitt seconded Grafton for the adoption of the Marketing and Communications report as distributed **CARRIED**

TECHNICAL SERVICES REPORT – as distributed

- Macleay – thank you to Jan Simpson for invitation to attend Academy Games – it was a great opportunity to receive coaching for my umpiring

MOVED Charlestown seconded P. Weston (Life Member) for the adoption of the Technical Services report as distributed **CARRIED**

GENERAL BUSINESS

1. L. Quinn (Director Championships & Competitions) – carnival dates for 2008 as distributed – majority of Districts want to hold carnivals in May and June and it is difficult to meet all requests – rules have been strictly applied

2. **2008 dates**

State League dates:

Closing date for entries: 15 February 2008

Provisional grading notified: 22 February 2008

Appeals close: 29 February 2008

Appeals heard: 5 March 2008 (depending on number received)

Decisions notified: 14 March 2008

Draw posted: 21 March 2008

2008 Council meeting dates:

AGM/First Council meeting: Saturday 8 March 2008

Council meeting: Tuesday 27 May 2008

Council meeting: Tuesday 26 August 2008

Council meeting: Saturday 1/Sunday 2 November 2008

State Dinner: Saturday 1 November 2008

- R. Watson (Vice President) – in relation to dates announced, hearings for appeals may extend beyond first council meeting and election of new committees – suggest we need to take steps to ensure continuity of process

beyond AGM. Foreshadow motion for Extra Ordinary meeting in March to be dealt with prior to AGM

3. Ad-Hoc Historical Committee report – as read – L. Burgess (Convenor)
 - o Thank life members for information sent in. Great to see Moira McGinness at state dinner last night. Like to thank staff in office for formatting presentation last night and we now have commenced to collate a great source of information which we have now available.
 - W. Archer (President) – commend Lyn and the committee on the work done to preserve our history for future generations
 - N. Matthews (Life Member) – as part of the historical committee my role is the history of NSW AA umpires – experiencing some problems accessing information and ask for District to assist in providing information on any AA umpires they have or have had.
4. C. Campbell (General Manager) - World Championships final – currently canvassing support to appeal to ABC TV re time of broadcast of world championship grand final – running a media campaign and website campaign with letters to ABC
5. C. Campbell (General Manager) – NNSW Coaching/Umpiring Conference being held on 9/10 February – program will be circulated
6. Baulkham Hills – Codes of Conduct are not on the NNSW website and went contacted NNSW office was told to go to ASC website and use theirs – is this correct?
 - C. Campbell (General Manager) – we do have our own codes of conduct and they will be posted on our website tomorrow.
7. Baulkham Hills – whilst we were disappointed with the change to the announcement of 15 years TID away from State Age, further disappointed in that process is complete and players notified but no official announcement has been made as to players selected
8. Baulkham Hills – attended regional meeting in March and again asked for information from other regional meetings to be distributed throughout the year – would like regular updates from other meetings on matters discussed. Would suggest it is easy to use website as a communication tool and would like opportunities to participate in discussions prior to decisions being made
 - Newcastle – commend Baulkham Hills on comments
9. Newcastle – have all recommendations from Eastman report been completed?
 - C. Campbell (General Manager) – Member Protection Policy progress as detailed in the Board report is nearing completion. Training and education for Appeals Panel will be undertaken by our legal representatives. Believe all recommendations are complete or near completion.
10. Sapphire Coast – commend Baulkham Hills on comments and the implementation of the General Manager's operational report to Council – need to use internet more as a communication tool and suggest General Manager's

report be posted on internet and should cover all issues – should be a working party for decisions re structure.

11. Manly – is there any change to the player registration form for 2008?
 - W. Archer (President) – no change
12. Grafton – media award last night announced a winner from Grafton – would like to thank the Board on her behalf for this award
 - Camden – also note the overall media award winner was from Camden
 - Maitland – would like to pass on congratulations for a wonderful night last night. We have been developing a new relationship with the Maitland Mercury and having a local paper on board is a great boost to our Association.
13. W. Archer (President) – would like to thank Les Turner our returning officer for his hard work during the meeting, especially yesterday. Wish everyone a Merry Christmas
14. P. Weston (Life Member) – congratulations to Wendy on chairing the meetings over these two days and congratulations to NSW Board and staff, the NSW blue shirts look great

The President declared the meeting closed at 12.10pm.

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In the 17 Years and Under Divisions players must be turning 16 or 17 years of age in the year of play and a maximum of three (3) players who turn 15 years of age in the year of play may be included in a team competing in the 17 Years & Under Division at any one time.

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All team entries must list a minimum of seven (7) players for each team entered as at the closing date of entries and of those, five (5) players, as a minimum, shall be considered for grading.

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Teams shall be graded according to the information detailed on the official entry form and as detailed in the Netball NSW Player Database. Teams may be required to attend a visual grading.

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The Jaegers Development team and the Swifts Development team shall be graded into State League Division 1.

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NSWIS shall have one (1) team entered in State League Division 2 and shall be exempt from relegation.

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NSWIS shall be entitled to register up to 12 players. The three (3) NSWIS players registered with the Jaegers Development team and the three (3) NSWIS players registered with the Swifts Development team cannot be registered in the NSWIS team.

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Any player listed as a CBT player shall be graded as being of State League Division 1 standard.

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RELEGATION – STATE LEAGUE DIVISIONS

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Relegation shall automatically occur each year where a team:

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In the 17 years & Under competition, the grading status of each player in each team for the next year's competition shall be determined by the Championship & Competitions Committee at the conclusion of the current year's competition.