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Competition Rules

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3 Definitions and Interpretations

3.1 Defined Terms

ANL means the Australian Netball League which is a National Competition conducted by Netball Australia.

ANL Player means a Player who is registered with an ANL team in the current year.

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

Bench Officials comprises two (2) scorers and one (1) time keeper who are to be present on the Score Bench for each Match.

Board means the Board of Netball NSW.

Constitution means the constitution of the New South Wales Netball Association Inc. whose trading name is Netball NSW.

Competition means the Netball NSW Metro League.

Competition Rules means the rules of the Competition as articulated within this document.

Council means the Council as constituted in accordance with the Netball NSW Constitution.

Divisions mean the six competition divisions within the Metro League called Division 1, Division 2, Division 3, Division 4, Division 5 and Division 6; each of which will contain ten (10) teams per division.

Finals Series means the Major Semi Final, Minor Semi Final, Preliminary Final and Grand Final of the Competition.

Import Player means a Player who is registered in a Suncorp Super Netball (SSN) team in the current year or a national representative level Player who has played for their national team in an internationally sanctioned event within the previous calendar year.

Match means any netball match or game, excluding training matches, played by or between Association Teams within the Competition.

Minor Round Matches means a series of Matches played in the Competition as specified in clause 4 prior to the Finals Series.

Netball NSW means the New South Wales Netball Association Inc.

Player means any person who has a current financial registration with NNSW and who has been registered with the relevant Association Team.

Premier League means the Premier League Competition conducted by Netball NSW between teams representing the Premier League Licensee across the Opens and U23s Divisions.

Score Bench means the official bench for the scoring of Matches.

SSN means the National Netball League (NNL) currently known as Suncorp Super Netball (SSN), whether known by this name or any other name.

Team means each of the Associations netball teams granted the right to compete in the Competition by Netball NSW.

Team List is the official team list where the Team Manager will record the starting seven (7) players and all player positions and substitutions throughout the match.

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

Umpire means an umpire appointed by Netball NSW to officiate in a Match.

3.2 Administration

- a) Subject to these Competition Rules, the Netball NSW Constitution and any other document, the Netball NSW Competitions Manager shall have the authority to enquire and adjudicate all questions and disputes arising out of the Competition. If a matter is not provided for in the Competition Rules, the Netball NSW Constitution or any other document, the Netball NSW Competitions Manager may make any determination after consultation with the Netball NSW Head of Netball, and/or the Chief Executive Officer, where appropriate, and the decision shall be final;
- b) Any participating Team refusing or neglecting to abide by a decision of the Netball NSW Competitions Manager may be excluded from the Competition for such time as the Netball NSW Competitions Manager, in consultation with the Netball NSW Chief Executive Officer and Netball NSW Board, shall determine;
- c) All relevant correspondence shall be addressed to and received at the Netball NSW Office by either post; hand delivery; email or facsimile marked attention of the Netball NSW Competitions Manager;
- d) All outward correspondence shall be dispatched from the Netball NSW Office and directed to the Association Secretary by either mail or such other means unless the Association nominates another person to also receive the correspondence;
- e) All Competition Rules and supporting documents will be reviewed by Netball NSW representatives at the conclusion of each Season.

4 Conduct of Matches

4.1 Rules of Netball

- 4.1.1 The Competition will be conducted with reference to the International Netball Federation Official Rules of Netball and International Netball Federation Regulations (INF Rules) as published by the INF from time to time, unless where modified in these Competition Rules.

4.2 Competition Structure

- 4.2.1 The commencement dates for the Competition shall be advised to Associations by Netball NSW via email and the Netball NSW website.
- 4.2.2 Competition Matches are to be played as advised by Netball NSW.
- 4.2.3 The fixture for all Divisions of the Competition will be posted on the Netball NSW website at least two (2) weeks' prior to the commencement of the Competition, where possible.
- 4.2.4 The Competition consists of Association Teams competing in Division 1 – Division 6 which includes a maximum of ten (10) Teams per Division.
- 4.2.5 The Competition will consist of eighteen (18) Minor Round Matches followed by a Finals Series for each of the Divisions.
- 4.2.6 The Netball NSW Competitions Manager will make the final decision as to the draw and the scheduling of Matches.
- 4.2.7 The top four (4) Association Teams from the Minor Round Matches for each of the Divisions advance to the respective Finals Series.
- 4.2.8 The Finals Series for each of the Divisions will be conducted as follows:
- a) Major Semi Final – 1st position on the premiership table at the completion of the Minor Round Matches (being designated as the 'Home Team') versus 2nd position on the premiership table at the completion of the Minor Round Matches (being designated as the 'Away Team').
 - b) Minor Semi Final – 3rd position on the premiership table at the completion of the Minor Round Matches (being designated as the 'Home Team') versus 4th position on the premiership table at the completion of the Minor Round Matches (being designated as the 'Away Team').
 - c) Preliminary Final – loser of the Major Semi Final versus winner of the Minor Semi Final with the Major Semi Final loser (being designated as the 'Home Team').
 - d) Grand Final – winner of the Major Semi Final versus winner of the Preliminary Final with the Major Semi Final winner (being designated as the 'Home Team').

4.3 Match Duration and Match Format

- 4.3.1 A Match shall be played for a period of sixty (60) minutes divided into four (4) quarters, each of fifteen (15) minutes duration. The fifteen (15) minute duration for each quarter will be actual playing time and will not include stoppages in play.
- 4.3.2 An interval shall be taken between each quarter as follows:
- a) A maximum period of three (3) minutes between the end of the first quarter and the beginning of the second quarter;
 - b) A maximum period of five (5) minutes between the end of the second quarter and the beginning of the third quarter; and
 - c) A maximum period of three (3) minutes between the end of the third quarter and the beginning of the fourth quarter.
- 4.3.3 Only the officiating Umpires may stop a Match (temporarily or indefinitely) due to an extraordinary circumstance that may be deemed an emergency. This may include but is not limited to equipment damage or failure, a seriously injured Player or any other reason deemed necessary by the officiating Umpires.
- 4.3.4 The officiating Umpires will determine if a Match may continue to proceed or if that Match must be delayed, postponed or abandoned.
- 4.3.5 In the event that a Match is delayed, postponed or abandoned, that Match must be resumed as soon as is conveniently possible as directed by the officiating Umpires or if prolonged delaying occurs, the Netball NSW Competitions Manager shall direct accordingly.
- 4.3.6 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 Players in full uniform on court and ready to play.
- 4.3.7 Each Team will be allowed a maximum of one (1) forfeit throughout the Competition without penalty. On the second occasion the forfeiting Team's Association will be fined \$500.00. Each subsequent forfeit, the fine will increase by \$100.00. A Team who withdraws from the Competition after the commencement will be classed as forfeiting each Match after this date. Extenuating circumstances may be considered at the discretion of Netball NSW.
- 4.3.8 Where a team abandons a match after the commencement of the scheduled match, the team will have deemed to have forfeited the match. Any score recorded at the point that the match was abandoned will be void.
- 4.3.9 Players must play in the identical playing uniform except where prior approval has been given by Netball NSW.
- 4.3.10 Each Team is to have available two (2) sets of position patches, of different colours.

4.4 Match Points

4.4.1 The official score sheet is the only true record of the Match.

4.4.2 In the Minor Round Matches, points will be allocated accordingly:

Win	Loss	Draw	Forfeit	Bye	Abandoned
2	0	1	2	0	1

4.4.3 In the event that due to unforeseen and exceptional circumstances a Match cannot be rescheduled for completion, and has been declared an abandoned Match by the Competitions Manager or their delegate, the following will apply:

- a) A drawn result shall be declared if the Match was stopped prior to or during the second quarter. Each Association Team involved in that Match will be awarded one (1) Match point;
- b) If the Match had entered the third or fourth quarters, a win will be awarded to the Association Team with the highest score at the time in which the Match was stopped;
or
- c) In the event that both Association Teams were on the same score and the Match had entered the third or fourth quarter, a drawn result will be declared and each Team awarded one (1) Match point.

4.4.4 At the conclusion of the Minor Round Matches, Association Teams will be ranked according to:

- a) Points awarded for a win, loss or draw as outlined in 4.4.2.
- b) In the event of Association Teams having the same level of points at the end of the Minor Round Matches, the respective placing shall be determined by ranking the Association Teams according to the Goal Average achieved by each Association Team during the Minor Round Matches.
- c) The goal average for each Team shall be decided as follows:
Total number of goals scored by the Team, divided by the total number of goals scored against the Team, multiplied by 100 and divided by the actual number of Matches played by that Team.

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

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.

4.5 Finals Series

- 4.5.1 If there is a draw in semi -finals, finals and grand finals, a four (4) minute interval shall be taken.
- a) During the interval the score will be verified and the Teams change ends. During the interval there may be substitutions and/or Team changes.
 - b) The Umpire will indicate which Team has the next centre pass and play will commence. Then two (2), seven (7) minute halves will be played to determine a winner. After the first seven (7) minutes there will be a one (1) minute interval and the Teams will change ends. Substitutions and positional changes are allowed during the changeover.
 - c) If still a draw at the end of the second seven (7) minutes, a visual signal will indicate that play continues and the first Team to score a two (2) goal advantage shall be declared the winner.
 - d) During extra time, normal injury or illness procedures shall apply, in accordance with INF rules.
- 4.5.2 A trophy shall be presented to the winning and runner up Team in each Division.
- 4.5.3 Embroidered patches shall be awarded to the Manager, Coach, Assistant Coach, Primary Care and Players of the winning and runner up Teams in each Division.

4.6 Competition Results

- 4.6.1 The Bench Official officiating each Match will be responsible for submitting official score sheets to the Netball NSW Competition Manager or their delegate at the completion of each Match on the same day.
- 4.6.2 The official score sheet must be completed accurately by the Association Teams and the Bench Officials to ensure the number of quarters for each player can be tracked by the Netball NSW Competitions Manager.
- 4.6.3 No disputes will be entered into regarding score sheets.

5 Eligibility and Selection

5.1 Application

- 5.1.1 Only affiliated Associations are eligible to enter competitions or events conducted by Netball NSW.
- 5.1.2 Any Netball NSW affiliated Association, or a grouping of Netball NSW affiliated Associations, or ACT can be admitted to enter the Competition subject to the approval of the Netball NSW Competitions Manager.
- 5.1.3 The closing date for Team applications into the Competition will be notified to Affiliated Associations by Netball NSW. The closing date will also be included on the relevant entry form and promoted on the Netball NSW website.

- 5.1.4 Entry fees for the Competition for the ensuing year will be notified to Affiliated Associations by Netball NSW before 30 November in the previous year.
- 5.1.5 All entries for the Competition must be lodged in accordance with procedures as determined by Netball NSW and must be accompanied with supporting documentation where required and as requested by Netball NSW from time to time. All Team entries must be received by Netball NSW by the published time and date for close of entries.
- 5.1.6 Where an entry is not received by Netball NSW by the published closing time for entries, a late entry may be accepted. A late entry will only be considered if the prescribed fee has been paid and the late entry is received by Netball NSW in accordance with the late entry closing date.
- 5.1.7 The late entry fee for the Competition shall be \$1,000.00.
- 5.1.8 If an Association Team withdraws from the Competition prior to the draw being finalised at the commencement of the Minor Round Matches, the draw will be reconstructed. This may provide an opportunity for an Association to be invited to submit a team to replace the withdrawing team. If an Association Team withdraws from the Competition after the draw has been finalised and released to all participating Associations, the withdrawing Association Team will be replaced with a bye in the draw.
- 5.1.9 Where an Association Team withdraws from the Competition within three (3) weeks before the commencement of the Competition the offending Association will be fined \$500.00.

5.2 Grading Procedure

- 5.2.1 There will be a maximum of four (4) Team entries per Association eligible to compete in the Competition.
- 5.2.2 Only one (1) Association Team or Grouping of Association Team (subject to clause 5.1.2) is permitted in a Division of the Competition.
- 5.2.3 Where there is less than sixty (60) nominations for the Competition, an Expression of Interest (EOI) period will be called to canvass the interest of additional Teams to enter into the Competition. This may provide the opportunity for affiliated Associations to nominate up to five Teams. This would overrule clauses 5.2.1 and 5.2.2.
- 5.2.4 Grading for the Competition will be determined by the results from the previous season finishing positions, following the finals series. Association Teams will remain in the same Division if they have not been either promoted or relegated.
- 5.2.5 Associations who did not compete in the Competition in the previous year, and who make an application for inclusion into the Competition may be automatically graded into the lowest Division, where space permits.
 - a) The last two ranked Teams in Division 6 at the end of the Minor Round Matches will not be relegated unless new applications are made by Associations to enter the Competition.
 - b) In this case, a qualifying competition will be held within 3-4 weeks prior to the commencement of the new Competition to determine the successful Teams to be included into Division 6.

- c) The format of the qualifying competition will be determined by the number of Teams required to participate and will be communicated to Association Teams within a reasonable timeframe prior to the event.
 - d) The provisional date for the qualifying competition will be advertised on the Netball NSW website in advance of the competition.
- 5.2.6 Provisional grading of Teams will be completed and advised on the Netball NSW website within seven (7) working days of the published closing date for entries.
- 5.2.7 On completion of final grading, all Players' names and the Team and Division in which they have been placed will be listed on the Netball NSW website for the duration of the Competition.

5.3 Promotion and Relegation

- 5.3.1 The top two (2) ranked Association Teams, following the finals series, from the lower Division are automatically promoted into the higher Division, where the following applies:
- a) In the event whereby an Association already has a Team in the higher Division, the lower Division Team from the same Association may not be promoted. In this instance the next highest ranked Teams in position 3 and 4 of the lower Division may be promoted.
 - b) Teams who finish in positions 5-8 will not be considered for promotion into the next highest Division.
 - c) Where it is not possible to promote teams into the higher Division due to restrictions as per clause 5.3.1, the teams from the higher Division may not be relegated.
- 5.3.2 The bottom two (2) ranked Association Teams from the higher Division are automatically relegated to the next lowest Division, where the following applies:
- a) The Association Team that finished last in their respective Division after the completion of the Minor Round Matches is automatically relegated.
 - b) The Association Team that finished second last in their respective Division after the completion of the Minor Round Matches is automatically relegated subject to two (2) teams being automatically promoted from the next lowest Division.
 - c) Where an Association Team has been relegated and that Association also has a team in the Division where the relegated team is to be placed, only one Team per Association will be permitted to play in the Division.
 - d) Where it is not possible to relegate teams into the lower Division due to restrictions as per clause 5.3.2, the teams from the higher Division may not be relegated.
- 5.3.3 Where a team does not return in the following year, teams finishing in position 3 and 4 of the lower division may be promoted to fill the vacant position. This promotion will continue in the lower divisions leaving the vacant position in Division 6.
- 5.3.4 All final decisions relating to promotion and relegation will be made at the discretion of Netball NSW. Where needed, final placings following the final series and minor rounds will be considered, Netball NSW will endeavour to consult with Associations if required.

5.4 Appeal on Grading Decision

- 5.4.1 An Association may request a review of their provisional grading that has been actioned as per clause 5.2 and 5.3 of this policy, by submitting a request for an appeal including the grounds for a review to the Netball NSW Competition Manager within five (5) working days of the announcement of the relevant grading decision.
- 5.4.2 The request for the appeal must state the grounds for review, or why the grading decision should be changed. It must specifically address issues regarding how the team was evaluated under situations that put them at a distinct disadvantage to other teams being evaluated.
- 5.4.3 The Netball NSW Competition Manager shall appoint an Appeals Panel to determine the appeal.
- 5.4.4 All requests for appeals must be submitted in writing by email to the Competitions Manager at competitions@netballnsw.com.
- 5.4.5 It should be remembered that in general an appeal will only be considered if clause 5.2 & 5.3 of the Metro League Competition Rules was not adhered to.
- 5.4.6 An Association can only lodge an appeal regarding a decision made which directly affects their Association. An Association cannot lodge and appeal for or on behalf of another Association or Associations or in relation to another Associations grading.
- 5.4.7 The decision of the Appeals Panel is final and binding on the parties.

5.5 Player Registration

- 5.5.1 All Players entered into the Competition must show as a financial registered member of Netball NSW or relevant State or Territory in the MyNetball Member database at the time of lodging the team registration.
- 5.5.2 Associations shall register Teams in accordance with procedures as determined by Netball NSW with a minimum of seven (7) and a maximum of twelve (12) Players' names.
- 5.5.3 An Association Team is not permitted to have more than twelve (12) Players registered at any time. Clause 5.7.1 provides an exception to this issue in relation to the registration of Premier League Players.
- 5.5.4 Where a Player's name appears on more than one team entry form the Player will be contacted by Netball NSW personnel prior to grading and the Player must then immediately nominate the Association that they will be playing with. The Associations concerned will be advised accordingly. The Association not nominated by the Player will be given forty-eight (48) hours from the time of advice to replace the Player without penalty.
- 5.5.5 Where a Player's name is removed from a team entry form by Netball NSW personnel prior to grading, the Associations concerned will be advised accordingly. The Association will be given forty-eight (48) hours from the time of advice to replace the Player without penalty. Associations will be allowed to nominate one (1) Player (per Player removed by Netball NSW personnel) who was not on the original entry forms.
- 5.5.6 Associations are permitted to register only one (1) Import Player into the Competition.

- 5.5.7 The Import Player must play in their highest ranked Association team within the Competition.
- 5.5.8 An Import Player or ANL Player returning after injury may participate in the Competition under the following conditions:
- a) Netball NSW in consultation with the relevant Association will allocate the Player to a Team.
 - b) The Player may participate in Competition Matches for a maximum of eight (8) quarters within a four (4) week period.
 - c) Only one Import Player can be on the court at any one time.
 - d) The Player returning from injury does not count as a late registered Player.
 - e) There is no requirement to de-register any Player to accommodate the Player returning from injury.
- 5.5.9 Players must turn 16 years of age in the year of play to be eligible to be registered in the Competition.
- 5.5.10 There shall be no registration of Players accepted between the close of entries and one (1) week before the commencement of the Competition.
- 5.5.11 A maximum of four (4) Players may be “late registered” in each team any time from one week before the commencement of the Competition until the end of the Competition. A “late registration” is defined as follows:
- a) Where a Player has not been registered in the current competition or has been de-registered and is to be re-registered in the same team in the same grade. A late registration fee is payable.
 - b) Where a Player transfers from one Division to a higher Division by virtue of playing five (5) Matches in the same higher graded team that Player is counted as a “late registration” in that higher graded team. A Late registration fee is not payable.
 - c) It is the responsibility of the Association to manage team lists and advise Netball NSW when a player is transferring to a higher division by virtue of playing five (5) matches. Refer to 5.6 for player eligibility. Should the team the player is transferring to, already have twelve (12) players registered in this team, a player will need to be de-registered to allow for the transfer.
- 5.5.12 Late registrations are to be submitted to Netball NSW prior to the commencement of the Match in which they are to play, and:
- a) The Player must be a registered member of Netball NSW or relevant State or Territory.
 - b) A re-registered Player is counted as a late registration.
- 5.5.13 Where Netball NSW rejects an application to late register a Player, the Association or Player concerned has the right of appeal to Netball NSW.
- 5.5.14 A de-registered Player may only be re-registered in the same team in the same grade.

5.5.15 Players cannot play in a grade lower than the grade in which they were originally graded.

5.6 Player Eligibility

5.6.1 If an Association records the name of an unregistered or ineligible Player on the score sheet, the Association will be required to prove within seven (7) days of notification that the person who played under that name is registered or was eligible to play with that team.

- a) Such proof shall be in the form of a Statutory Declaration to Netball NSW.
- b) Failure to submit such proof within seven (7) days of notification shall result in the loss of the Competition match in which the ineligible player took part and:
 - i) The points from winning the Competition Match will be awarded to the opposing Team (provided the opposing team itself has not played ineligible player),
 - ii) The Team playing the ineligible player will lose two (2) competition points
 - iii) Goal averages for the match will be adjusted. The team playing the ineligible player will have their goals scored adjusted to zero (0) and the opposing team will have the goals scored against them adjusted to zero (0).

5.6.2 Players may play up to two (2) matches in any given week subject to the following conditions:

- a) Matches must be in alternate time slots if played on the same night;
- b) One (1) Match must be in the team in which the Player is registered; or
- c) Additional Match must be in a higher graded team from the same Association as the Player is currently registered for.

5.6.3 A Metro League player may play up in Premier League for a maximum of seven (7) matches. Once they have been listed on the score sheet as taken the court in seven matches (7) in Premier League a player is no longer eligible to play Metro League.

It is the Association responsibility to manage players playing up in Premier League and to monitor how many times they have taken the court.

5.6.4 A Player may only be a member of a Team in a maximum of two Divisions in one season. Should a player become a member of a higher graded Team to what they were originally registered by virtue of a player transfer under clause 5.5.11, the Player may then be borrowed by a Team in a higher grade than this Team, but only a maximum of four (4) times.

5.6.5 To be eligible to participate in semi-finals, finals and grand finals Players must have played in at least five (5) Minor Round Matches, in the team participating in the finals series.

5.6.6 Premier League Players are ineligible to play in the Finals Series Matches of the Competition.

5.6.7 Any Team found playing an ineligible Player in the Finals Series Matches will be considered to have lost that Match in which the ineligible Player has taken part and the Match will be awarded to the opposing Team. Any Player found to be ineligible to take part in the Finals Series Matches will not be permitted to take any further part in the Finals Series.

5.6.8 It is the responsibility of the Association to manage team lists and be aware of players playing in higher divisions which may result in player transfers and finals eligibility.

5.7 Premier League Players

5.7.1 Premier League Players who are registered with a Netball NSW Premier League Licensee, may move down into the Competition to play with the Association with whom they are registered with, according to the following:

- a) Netball NSW Premier League Players must play in the Association Team within the highest ranked Division of the Competition.
- b) Once a player has been recorded on a Netball NSW Premier League scoresheet as having taken the court in seven (7) matches in the minor rounds or final series of a season in either the U23s or Opens Division they are ineligible to play in the Metro League Competition.
- c) Association Teams competing in any Division of the Competition will only be permitted to access a maximum of two (2) Netball NSW Premier League Players in any given Minor Round Match.

5.7.2 Netball NSW Premier League Players will not be classified as Late Registrations.

6 Team Officials

6.1 The Association must disclose all details of Team Officials positions at the time of team entry.

6.2 Metro League Team Officials must:

- a) Hold a current Working with Children Check, which Associations are responsible for verifying.
- b) Be a current registered financial member of Netball NSW prior to the commencement of the Competition

6.3 Coaches of Metro League must:

- a) Head Coaches must hold or be working towards a minimum 'Development' Coaching Accreditation by way of completion of the on-line module.
- b) Assistant Coach must hold or be working towards a minimum 'Foundation' Coaching Accreditation by way of completion of the on-line module.

6.4 A maximum of five (5) Team Officials may sit on the Team bench for any Competition Match and those so entitled in priority to any other Team Official are the Head Coach, Assistant Coach, Manager and Primary Carer.

Netball NSW may appoint an observer or assessor who is assessing or observing a coach for training or selection purposes, and they may sit on the bench in addition to the five (5) Team Officials.

- 6.5 All Team Officials must wear Association uniform for every match when on the Team Bench.

7 Umpires

- 7.1 Netball NSW will determine the umpiring format for the Competition and appoint personnel to undertake the allocation of Umpires to all Matches.
- 7.2 The names of approved Umpires qualified to participate in Metro League are to be forwarded by Associations to Netball NSW by the due date as directed by the Technical Officials Manager and NSW Umpire Coach.
- 7.3 Where an Association fails to forward the names of the approved Umpires by the due date a fine of \$500.00 will be imposed on the offending Association. Repeated offences by an Association will result in the Association having to show cause to Netball NSW as to why their Association's Team(s) should not be excluded from the Competition.
- 7.4 Approved Umpires for each Division are as follows:
- a) Metro League - Division 1
Each Association is required to provide an accredited National "B" badge or higher qualified Umpire.
 - b) Metro League Divisions 2 – 6
Each Association is required to provide an accredited National "C" badge or higher qualified Umpire for each Team entered.
- 7.5 If an Umpire has not arrived thirty (30) minutes prior to the commencement of the Match, a replacement Umpire may take the court, providing that Umpire meets the provisions laid down.
- 7.6 Associations whose Umpires fail to fill their allocation by a non-attendance will be fined \$500.00 for each duty not fulfilled except in extenuating circumstances.
- 7.7 All umpires must be dressed in white.
- 7.8 Any badged Umpire may apply to Netball NSW to be allocated to Matches.

8 Match Operations

8.1 Bench Officials

- 8.1.1 Each Team is to provide up to two (2) approved Bench Officials who have completed the online Bench Officials Education Course and the Netball NSW practical training workshop.
- 8.1.2 Where an Association fails to provide the appropriate number of approved Bench Officials a fine of \$50.00 will be imposed.
- 8.1.3 Netball NSW will remove any person who has not completed the online Bench Officials Education Course and the Netball NSW practical training workshop from the bench and a fine of \$50.00 will be imposed on the offending Association.

8.2 Equipment

- 8.2.1 Score sheet, Team List, countdown clocks and a Match Ball, will be supplied by Netball NSW and will be available for each Match on the Score Bench.

8.3 Team List

- 8.3.1 All Players included on the Team List must also be included on the Team registration form. In order for a Player to be included on the Team list who is not on the Team registration form, the rules outlined in clause 5.5 must be complied with.
- 8.3.2 No less than fifteen (15) minutes before the commencement of the Match, a Team Official must submit to the Score Bench the Team list which will commence the Match.
- 8.3.3 The Team List must include the seven (7) Players and their “on court” positions, and up to five (5) Player reserves.
- 8.3.4 Upon submission of the Team List as detailed in clauses 8.3.1 and 8.3.2, no change to the Team List can be made, except in the event of an injury and/or illness to a Player listed on the Team List prior to the commencement of the Match which deems that Player to be unable to commence and/or take the court for the Match.
- 8.3.5 Upon receipt of the Team List from both Association Teams, a Team Official may request from the Bench Officials the starting line-up of the opposition Association Team.
- 8.3.6 Player substitutions at the end of each quarter or during a Match are to be recorded on the Team List and provided to the Bench Officials as soon as possible after the substitution has occurred.

9 Cancellations

- 9.1 When matches are cancelled due to an event which Netball NSW determines was beyond its control or beyond the control of either Team (including, but not limited to, a strike, power loss, wet weather that causes stadium damage), in consultation with the Teams concerned Netball NSW may reschedule the Match. If the Match is not rescheduled, the Match will be deemed to be a draw and each Team will receive one (1) competition point each.

10 Complaint Handling

- 10.1 All complaints lodged with Netball NSW in relation to the Competition will be dealt with in accordance with the procedures of the Netball NSW Policies.
- 10.2 All registered Players, Umpires, Bench Officials and Team Officials are required to abide by the Code of Behaviour, as published from time to time within the Netball NSW Member Protection Policy.
- 10.3 All participants of the Competition including but not limited to Players, Umpires, Bench Officials and Team Officials, who have breached the Code of Behaviour, Netball NSW Member Protection Policy and/or the Netball NSW Disciplinary Policy, may be subject to disciplinary action as listed within the Corresponding Policy.