



Parkville Netball By-Laws

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DEFINITIONS

In these By-Laws, except where stated, the following definitions apply:

- “PN” is Parkville Netball.
- “Calendar Year” includes 1st January – 31st December of the Competition Year.
- “Season” is defined as either the Autumn Season, which runs in the first half of the Competition Year, or the Spring Season, which is played in the second half of the Competition Year.
- “Week” is defined as commencing 00:00 Monday and concluding 23:59 Sunday.
- "Competition Games" are all scheduled games in a Season in the Competition Calendar.
- “Club/Team Contact” is the nominated individual who will serve as the liaison between the Club/Team and Parkville Netball.

1. ENTRY INTO PARKVILLE NETBALL.

1.1 CLUBS/TEAMS CONDITIONS OF ENTRY

Entry Forms will be available April then September for the following Spring and Autumn seasons respectively. It is the responsibility of the Club/Team to ensure that they obtain an entry form into Parkville Netball.

A Club/Team applying for entry into Parkville Netball shall:

- (a) Register for entry on the official Entry Form and pay the required Entry Fee;
- (b) Submit the fully completed Entry Form and Entry Fee on or before the stated closing date and time. No late entries will be accepted and no correspondence will be entered into;
- (c) Submit additional relevant information with the Entry Form;
- (d) Satisfy the Parkville Netball Coordinator that they are prepared to field a team for all fixtured matches and are in a position to meet the financial requirements of the competition/s they are entering;
- (e) Abide by the policies and rules of Parkville Netball as indicated on the Entry Form;
- (f) Agree to adhere to the requirements of any Competition sponsor/s they are participating in;
- (g) Abide by Netball Victoria's Codes of Behaviour of Players, Coaches, Spectators and Parents;
- (h) Provide a list of eligible players on their Entry Form/s from which their Team/s will consist for the specified Competition/s. These players must qualify under Section 2.3;

1.1.1 Parkville Netball reserves the right to refuse an entry from any Club/Team for any reason;

1.1.2 Teams entering for the first time may be accepted into Competitions subject to availability;

1.1.3 A maximum of 5 Teams from one Club can be accepted in the Premier Open Competitions;

1.1.4 Clubs/Teams must enter both Autumn and Spring seasons to be considered for entry;

1.1.5 Outstanding court fees will result in a Club/Team not being accepted into future Seasons;

1.1.6 In the event of a team being withdrawn from Parkville Netball;

- (a) After the confirmation of Acceptances – there will be no reimbursement of the Entry Fee.
- (b) Once Season's games have commenced – there will be no reimbursement of Fees received, and any outstanding Court Fees must be paid.

Note: Subsequent entry into future Competition/s may be jeopardised.

2. PERSONNEL

2.1 GRADING COMMITTEE

- 2.1.1 An independent Grading Committee will be appointed by Parkville Netball to evaluate and grade all received Competition entries.
- 2.1.2 Teams will be considered for promotion and relegation between Grades for the upcoming Season based on the final ladder positions after the end of scheduled rounds in the current Season.
- 2.1.3 Parkville Netball will be the ultimate adjudicator of all grading decisions.

2.2 PARKVILLE NETBALL COORDINATOR

- 2.2.1 The scheduling and rescheduling of all matches is the responsibility of the Parkville Netball Coordinator.
- 2.2.2 The Parkville Netball Coordinator will ensure that Clubs/Teams are aware of and follow the correct administrative procedures and adhere to these By-Laws.

2.3 PARTICIPANTS

2.3.1 Netball Victoria Membership

- (a) All players, coaches, umpires and officials participating in a Competition must hold a current Netball Victoria membership for the Calendar Year.
- (b) Single game vouchers will be available for all Competitions and will constitute a temporary Netball Victoria membership for the date issued only.
- (c) Team Insurance is available for Sunday Mixed Competitions instead of Netball Victoria memberships for individual players.

Note: If a Sunday Mixed netball player chooses to play at Parkville Netball on any other night of competition and/or at any other Netball Victoria affiliated Association/s, she/he must have a current Netball Victoria membership.

2.3.2 Weekly Player Regulations

- (a) A player may only play one game per night/day of Competition.
- (b) To play in an Open Aged Competition (Tuesday Premier Open, Monday Open A, Thursday Open B, Monday Outdoor C or Sunday Mixed), the player must be turning at least 14 years of age during the competition year (1st of January – 31st of December).
- (c) To play in a 17 and Under Competition, the player must be turning at least 14 years of age during the competition year (1st of January – 31st of December).
- (d) To play in a 15 and Under Competition, the player must be turning at least 13 years of age during the competition year (1st of January – 31st December).
 - a. Even though the 15 and Under Competitions run on two separate days, it is still viewed as one complete age group, with the higher grades (Division 1-7) to be played on Thursday nights and the lower grades (Divisions 8-10) to be played on Saturdays. Players cannot play in two grades in the same age group, regardless of

whether they are on the same day or not. Regulations and penalties relating to player qualification (Section 3.4.4) are applied under these situations.

- (e) Male players may participate unrestricted in Competitions until they turn 14 years of age .
- (f) There shall be no limitation on the movement of players between Teams of the same Club during the season, except:
 - a. When a player has played one quarter (1/4) of the season in a higher division, she is ineligible to play in a lower division for their Club/Team on that particular day/night of Competition for the remainder of the season; or
 - b. In the event that there is more than one Team from the same Club in the same division, players may transfer between Teams until the player takes the court for their third game with the one Team. Once this occurs, the player must remain with the Team they played their third game with for the remainder of the season.

2.3.3 In extenuating circumstances, the Parkville Netball Coordinator may give special consideration for a player to play for a Team outside of the Weekly Player Regulations listed in Section 2.3.2. It is the responsibility of the Club/Team Contact to apply in writing for special consideration a minimum of 7 days prior to the match in question.

2.3.4 Players can be added to the team list by providing the player's details to the back of the score sheet (Registration Number, DOB, Name & Address - Mobile Number optional). Refer to Section 2.3.2 for player eligibility.

2.3.5 Clearances are required for players at Parkville Netball who wish to transfer from one Club to another during the current Calendar Year. A player does not need a clearance to play for a Club if she/he has not taken to the court for a Club in a Competition in the preceding Calendar Year or the current Calendar Year.

2.3.5.1 Clubs can request a clearance through the MyNetball Portal, if administrative rights have been authorised. Stand-alone Teams can make a request for a clearance by contacting Parkville Netball office.

2.3.5.2 The player cannot take to the court until the application for clearance has been lodged through the MyNetball portal and subsequently granted.

2.3.5.3 Clubs are permitted to refuse to grant a clearance for any player who owes outstanding playing fees or is in possession of Club property (uniform/equipment). If a Club is refusing to grant a clearance the Parkville Netball Coordinator must be notified in writing by the Club/Team Contact within 10 working days. The Parkville Netball Coordinator will write to the player advising the reason why and forward a copy to both Clubs. If a clearance is refused, the player may appeal in writing to the Parkville Netball Coordinator. Consideration of the appeal shall be within 10 working days of receipt. Any dispute arising from clearance restrictions will be dealt with according to the grievance procedure outlined in Netball Victoria's Member Protection Policy.

2.3.5.4 No player will be granted more than one (1) clearance per Calendar Year.

2.3.6 **Penalty:** If a player has participated and not met the requirements stated throughout Section 2.3, the Team she/he played for will be penalised 4 points per game.

2.4 UNIFORM/EQUIPMENT

2.4.1 Uniform

- (a) All players must wear their Club/Team's registered playing uniform. All Clubs/Teams must nominate their playing uniform in the Club/Team Entry Form.
- (b) All players must be in the same colour uniform (special consideration may be given).
- (c) Each Team must supply regulation playing bibs. Regulation playing initials (bibs) are reserved for the Competition sponsor.
- (d) Regulations regarding nails/jewellery as per the Netball Australia Rule Book.
- (e) Leggings, tights, bike shorts, tracksuit pants and gloves are not permitted, except:
 - a. on the grounds of a medical condition which is confirmed with a Doctor's certificate signed by a qualified medical practitioner; or
 - b. Religious and cultural reasons upon application in writing to the Parkville Netball Office.
- (f) All players in the female only Competitions must wear a skirt or bodysuit (no shorts allowed).
- (g) Sunday Mixed netball players and Monday Outdoor Competitions must follow the Parkville Netball Uniform By-Laws as outlined in Section 3.10.1 unless stated below:
 - i. Sunday Mixed Teams do not need to register their playing uniform, but must adhere to Parkville Netball Uniform Code, and bibs must be of the same colour.
 - ii. Players may wear shorts that are of an above-knee length.
 - iii. Compression tights of any length may be worn by players but male players must wear compression tights underneath their playing shorts.
 - iv. Playing tops must have a wide shoulder strap (No Shoe-string straps or gym singlets are to be worn).

2.4.2 Sponsorship

- (a) Individual Club Sponsorship is acceptable but must not conflict with the major sponsors of Netball Victoria, or Parkville Netball's sponsors. Sponsorship logos are permitted on the Playing and Non Playing Uniform.
- (b) All Competitions adhere to the guidelines provided in Netball Victoria's Marketing Infonet: Sponsorship Guidelines for Associations/Clubs. This Infonet and further information about Sponsorship can be obtained from Netball Victoria's website.
- (c) Should there be a ball sponsor, the sponsored ball must be used.

2.5 UMPIRES

- 2.5.1 A panel of umpires will be supplied for all Open Competitions.

- 2.5.2 Tuesday 17 & Under & Thursday 15 & Under Teams must provide one (1) Badged umpire for each Team entered. Teams must list their team umpire, badge and course and theory on the Entry Form.
- 2.5.3 Team umpires in Tuesday 17 & Under & Thursday 15 & Under will umpire their own Club/Team unless they have been instructed to move by the Court Supervisor. Team umpires are to report to the Court Supervisor 15 minutes prior to the scheduled starting time to get their court allocations.
- 2.5.3 Team umpires are not permitted to umpire more than three (3) games on any Competition day/night. Parkville Netball reserves the right to request a Club/Team replace their umpire if the provided umpire is not to the standard of the grade in which they are officiating.
- 2.5.4 In the event that a Team's umpire is late for their game, the non-offending Team shall be awarded one (1) goal for every minute the said umpire is late. A maximum of 10 goals will be awarded before the game is declared a forfeit. Four points will be deducted for a first offence and a monetary fine imposed. More severe penalties can be imposed by the Parkville Netball Coordinator for repeat offences. Repeat offences will jeopardise Club/Team entry into future Competitions.
- 2.5.5 Saturday Junior Competition Clubs must provide one umpire for each Team entered.

Note: Unbadged umpires must (a) have attended an Introduction to Umpiring course or (b) be currently completing or have completed a Level 1 Umpiring course, prior to or during the Competition Season.

2.6 UMPIRES UNIFORM REQUIREMENTS

- 2.6.1 All umpires must wear clothing that is distinct from the team's playing uniforms. Suitable shoes shall be worn.
- 2.6.2 Track pants or sporting tights may only be worn underneath the umpiring uniform on cold nights when umpiring outdoor games.

3. COMPETITION ORGANISATION

3.1 GAME ORGANISATION

- 3.1.1 Game rules shall be those of Netball Australia unless otherwise stated in these By-Laws.

3.1.1.1 Additional Rules For Mixed Competitions:

3.1.1.1.1 At all times at least one (1), but no more than three (3) male players shall be on the court during play. There must be at least one (1) male player on the court at the fixtured match time.

3.1.1.1.2 Male players may only play one in each third.

Note: This rule does not indicate that the male centre third player shall be the centre player; he may be WA or WD. It is not necessary for a male player to be opposed to a male player.

- 3.1.2 Fixtures for all Competitions indicating courts and times will be available online to be viewed by Clubs/Teams prior to the season commencing.

3.1.3 Timing of Games is as follows:

- (a) 4 x 10 minute quarters
- (b) Straight changeover intervals at $\frac{1}{4}$ and $\frac{3}{4}$ time
- (c) 2 minute interval at $\frac{1}{2}$ time
- (d) A game may be stopped by the umpires in extenuating circumstances to ensure a safe playing area is maintained.

3.1.4 Failure to Take the Court

All Competition Games commence at the time listed in the fixture.

3.1.4.1 In the event that there are fewer than five (5) players present for one Team, a maximum period of 10 minutes shall be allowed for at least five players of a Team to arrive. The non-offending Team shall be awarded one (1) penalty goal per minute passed of this time. If at the end of this time, there are fewer than five players present; the Game shall be awarded to the non-offending Team (4 points, score 10-0).

3.1.4.2 In the event that there are fewer than five players present for both Teams, a maximum period of 10 minutes shall be allowed for at least five players of a Team to arrive. A Team can only be awarded penalty goals per minute if the said team has at least five players in position ready to play. If at the end of this time, there are fewer than five players present for both Teams the Game shall be abandoned and no points or score shall be awarded to either Team.

3.1.5 Blood Policy:

All forty (40) minute games shall follow this procedure:

1. The umpire calls "Time" to halt play.
2. Player leaves the court to have the flow of blood stopped and/or have blood cleaned up from player's body and/or uniform. Substitution rules apply.
3. The umpire will inspect the ball and court for presence of blood and clean if necessary.
4. Play is resumed
5. When the player is ready to come back on the court she/he must wait until the next stoppage in play. The umpire will inspect the player to ensure the blood flow has ceased and there is no blood on the player or her/his uniform.

3.2 SCORESHEETS

3.2.1 One official scoresheet will be used for each game.

3.2.2 This scoresheet will list the names (both given and surname) of all players including substitutes nominated for each Team. Please refer to Section 2.3.4 for adding players to the team list.

- 3.2.1.1 The scoresheet must be filled in for players to be credited with a Game by either placing a tick or the position played by the player in one (1) of the appropriate boxes.
- 3.2.1.2 Tuesday Premier Division 1 scoresheets must have the positions for every player for every quarter recorded.
- 3.2.2 Each team should provide a non-participating scorer for each game. These scorers must sit together at the score bench for the duration of the match.
- 3.2.3 The final Game score is calculated by the addition of the goals scored (strokes) at the end of the Game.
- 3.2.4 At the Game's conclusion, to indicate their satisfaction that the information on the scoresheet is correct, the official scoresheet is to be signed by:
 - (a) The captains of both competing Teams;
 - (b) The officiating umpires; and
 - (c) Scorers for both competing Teams.

3.3 PROGRESSIVE LADDERS

- 3.3.1 A weekly progressive points table will be kept and displayed at the SNHC for all Competitions, except 11 & Under and Set Competitions. This information will also be available on the Parkville Netball website.

3.4 FINALS

- 3.4.1 Finals are played at the conclusion of the rounds in each division of each Competition except Saturday 11 & Under and Set Competitions as well as Sunday Mixed Social Competitions.
- 3.4.1 Games shall be conducted for finals in the same format as for rounds. The starting time of finals Games may alter slightly.
- 3.4.2 The number of points gained during the season shall determine Teams qualifying for finals. In the event of multiple Teams being equal on points, positions shall be determined by the percentage of goals scored for and against. In the event of multiple Teams are equal on percentage, the greater number of goals scored shall determine positions.
- 3.4.3 A player may only play one Game per night/day of competition during the final series.
- 3.4.4 Players in all Competitions must play at least one quarter (1/4) of the Season in one division to be eligible to participate in that division's finals.
 - 3.4.4.1 Once a player has played one quarter (1/4) of the Season for their Club/Team in one division, they are eligible for finals in any higher divisions for that Club/Team on that Competition day/night. A player is only permitted to play in **one division during the finals series.**
 - Note:** In the event a player has qualified for finals across multiple divisions on one day/night of Competition, the said player will be allocated to play at the highest division they are eligible. Refer to 2.3.2 (d) a. of these By-Laws for further information.

3.4.4.2 **Penalty:** Teams that play an ineligible player during finals will forfeit that Game.

3.4.5 Drawn Games in finals:

- At the end of the Game when scores are tied there is a two (2) minute break during which time there may be substitutions and/or positional changes.
- At the end of the two minutes, 2 x 5 minute halves will be played.
- At the end of the first 5 minutes Teams immediately change ends with no substitutions or positional changes allowed.
- If, at the end of the second 5 minutes the scores are still level, then play continues until one Team has a two (2) goal advantage.
- In the event of injury or illness during extra time, positional changes and/or substitutions may be made.

3.5 FORFEITS

3.5.1 In the event that a Team forfeits prior to the Game clock starting at the scheduled time, the Game shall be awarded to the non-offending team (4 points, score 10-0). A maximum of 12 nominated players of the non-offending Team shall be credited a game for qualification purposes. Players of the offending Team shall not be credited a game.

3.5.2 A forfeit fine will be imposed which must be paid before the next fixtured Game of the offending team unless:

- a) The Team notifies the Parkville Netball office no later than 12:00pm on the day of the Game of its intention to forfeit competition. Teams playing Saturday Junior and Sunday Mixed Competitions have until 12:00 on Friday to notify the Parkville Netball office of their intention to forfeit. Under these circumstances, no fine will be imposed.

3.5.3 Multiple forfeits in any Competition by a Club/Team may result in being excluded entry into future Competitions.

3.6 CANCELLATIONS

3.6.1 If Parkville Netball cancels a Game due to player safety (e.g. wet weather) both Teams will be credited with two (2) points and five (5) goals each. A maximum of 12 nominated players can be credited a game for qualification purposes.

3.6.1.1 If a Game is cancelled at or after half time the scores will stand.

3.6.2 Once the Game is underway, if one Team abandons the Game, then four points are awarded to the opposition. If both Teams wish to abandon the Game, no points are awarded. Court fees must still be paid as the Game was not cancelled by the Competition.

3.7 PROTESTS

3.7.1 A Club/Team wishing to protest must:

- (a) Not sign the official scoresheet and notify the Court Supervisor of their intention to protest.

- (b) The Club/Team Contact shall lodge the protest in writing to the Parkville Netball Coordinator c/- Parkville Netball within 48 hours of the Game being played.
- (c) A Club/Team shall have a right of appeal to the Parkville Netball Coordinator within 48 hours of notification of a penalty.
- (d) The Parkville Netball Coordinator will advise the result of the appeal and this decision shall be final.

3.8 MEDIATION AND GRIEVANCES

Refer to the Netball Victoria Statement of Purposes and Rules of Incorporation Part 2.13 - Discipline of Members and Grievance Procedure.

3.9 DRUG POLICY

Netball Victoria does not support the use of performance enhancing substances and views any such use as detrimental to both the sport of netball and the spirit of the game. The Netball Victoria drug policy, August 1993 as amended from time to time, is implemented for Parkville Netball.

4. PENALTIES

Any breach of these By-Laws will be reviewed by the Parkville Netball Coordinator. If appropriate, the Parkville Netball Coordinator may determine one or both of the following penalties will be incurred:

- (a) A monetary fine
- (b) Loss of points

Repeat instances shall be considered by the Parkville Netball Coordinator and may result in exclusion from the current and future Competitions.

5. SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES / PROVISIONS CLAUSE

Where this By-Law is silent, a decision can be made that ensures the integrity of Parkville Netball is maintained at all times.

The Parkville Netball Coordinator may, in using their reasonable discretion, in exceptional or extenuating circumstances, alter, vary or waive the requirements set out in these By-laws relating to Parkville Netball.

6. INDEMNITY

Except where provided or required by law and such cannot be excluded, Parkville Netball and its officers, members, servants or agents are absolved from all liability however arising from injury or damage, however caused arising whilst participating as a member.