



Fremantle Netball Association

Junior Mixed Competition Handbook Winter 2022

Rules, Information & Policy

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1. OBJECTIVES

The objective of this document is to provide competition rules for the Junior Mixed Competition pilot conducted by Fremantle Netball Association Inc.

2. TERMS USED

In this document, unless the contrary intention appears:

Association means Fremantle Netball Association Inc.;

Association Development Officer or **ADO** means the person appointed to that role by the Association;

Association Umpire Development Officer or **AUDO** means the person appointed to the role by the Association;

Casual Fill-in Voucher or **CFV** means a voucher purchased to enable a Player who is registered at a Netball WA-affiliated Association other than Fremantle Netball Association to play a Match at the Association;

Clearance means the approval of a Member moving from one Club to another after registration has occurred for the Winter Competition by the Club where that Member was first registered;

Club means any netball club affiliated and financial with the Association, and as otherwise defined in **Rule 11(8)(a)** of the Constitution;

Committee means the management Committee of the Association as determined by the Constitution;

Competition Committee means the subcommittee of the Association responsible for Winter Competition tasks such as Grading;

Constitution means the constitution of Fremantle Netball Association Inc.;

De-register means removing a Member from the membership list of a Club or Entity Team;

Division means a Graded group of teams who play against each other in the Winter Competition;

Entity Team means a single team entering the Winter Competition at the Association that is not affiliated with a Club;

Finals Match means any Match played during a Finals Round;

Finals Round means a week of finals competition such as the Semi, Preliminary, and Grand Finals;

Fixtures means the list of scheduled Matches between teams for a Division of the Winter Competition;

Grade means the team nomination categories within a competition that are subsequently split into Divisions;

Grading means the process used by the Competition Committee to allocate Club teams into Divisions;

Grounds means the Frank Gibson Park netball courts and associated facilities;

Junior means any Player who is under the age of 18 at 31st December of the current year;

Match means a game of netball played between two teams on a scheduled fixture date of the Winter Competition;

Match Day means the day on which official Matches of the Association are played;

Member means an affiliated, financial member of the Association or Club, including Players, coaching and umpiring officials, volunteers, Clubs, and Club members;

NetSetGo means Netball Australia's junior entry netball program available to 5 to 10-year-old Players and endorsed by Netball WA;

Netball WA means the incorporated association Netball WA (Incorporated), the governing body of netball in Western Australia;

Player means a person who is a registered and financial Club or Entity Team member and who is eligible to play in the Winter Competition;

PlayHQ means the national netball database used for recording registrations and facilitating competition management;

Points means the scoring system applied for winning or drawing Matches during the Winter Competition, with the total points gained during a season determining a team's relative position on the ladder;

Premiership means the winning of the Grand Final Match in any Division;

Regular Season means any Rounds that take place prior to Finals Rounds;

Round means all Matches scheduled to be played on a particular day;

Rules of Netball means the World Netball Rules of Netball (2020 Edition);

Senior means any Player who is, or will be, 18 years or older at 31st December of the current year;

Single Game Voucher or **SGV** means a voucher purchased by an unregistered Player to enable them to play a Match at the Association;

Transfer means the transfer of a Member's membership and data from one Club or Entity Team to another within PlayHQ for the purpose of participating in the Winter Competition;

Winter Competition means the winter netball competition run by Fremantle Netball Association;

Withdraw means to remove a Member from the team lists of a Club or Entity Team;

World Netball means the worldwide governing body for netball, previously known as the International Netball Federation or INF.

3. AFFILIATION

3.1. CLUB AFFILIATION

- i. All Clubs and Entity Teams who enter teams into the Winter Competition must affiliate with the Association.
- ii. Clubs and Entity Teams will be required to apply for affiliation annually.
- iii. Each Club and Entity Team affiliating with the Association shall be required to complete any affiliation documentation required by the Association, including the Club Affiliation Agreement.

- iv. All individuals participating in the Winter Competition with the Association, whether as a playing or non-playing member, must be affiliated via a Club, Entity Team, or the Association to Netball WA.
 - a. Affiliation fees may vary from year to year and between Clubs and Entity Teams.
 - b. Affiliation fees may be levied at multiple levels of administration, including by Netball Australia, Netball WA, the Association, and Clubs.
 - c. Affiliation will not be accepted from individual members who are non-financial with Clubs, the Association and/or Netball WA.

3.2. INDIVIDUAL MEMBER AFFILIATION

3.2.1. PLAYER REGISTRATION

- i. The registration of all Players, whether pre-season or after the commencement of the Winter Competition, must be made via PlayHQ, and can only be completed online by the individual member, or their parent or guardian.
- ii. Players must be registered in PlayHQ before they can be placed into a team entered into the Winter Competition.
- iii. Unless an exemption has been agreed to by the Association prior to registration occurring, Players must be registered into the correct competition for their age at 31 December of the year of the Winter Competition.

3.2.2. LATE REGISTRATIONS

- i. Clubs shall notify the Association of the details of any Player requesting to be added to a nominated team after the closure of the team nomination period [via email](#) within seven (7) days of the change occurring. The changes must be submitted on the [Team Registration Changes Form](#) and include all details requested in the form.
- ii. Each Club's [Team Registration Changes Form](#) will be a working document, with subsequent changes to be added to the existing list in chronological order.
- iii. All Players must be registered in PlayHQ, or otherwise have a valid Single Game Voucher or Casual Fill-in Voucher, prior to taking the court.
- iv. The Association will organise the addition of the Player to the team list.

3.2.3. WITHDRAWAL AND DE-REGISTRATION OF PLAYERS

- i. Clubs shall notify the Association of the details of any Player requesting to be withdrawn from a nominated team after the closure of the team nomination period [via email](#) within seven (7) days of the change occurring. The changes must be submitted on the [Team Registration Changes Form](#) and include all details requested in the form.
- ii. Clubs are permitted to Withdraw a Player providing that:
 - a. The Player has not taken the court in any Matches of the current Winter Competition, and;
 - b. The Player will not be taking any further part in the current Winter Competition as a Player.
- iii. Clubs are permitted to De-register a Player providing that:
 - c. The criteria in **rule 3.2.3(i)** have been met, and;
 - d. The De-registration lock out date, set by Netball WA, has not passed.
- iv. It is strongly recommended that Clubs ensure that they have set their registration forms to close prior to this date to ensure that they don't receive additional registrations that will not be eligible for de-registration and refund.

- v. To Withdraw or De-register a Player, Clubs must contact the Association.
- vi. If a refund is required, then the request must meet the requirements of the [Refund Policy](#).
- vii. If a Player is not De-registered correctly prior to Netball WA's de-registration lock out date, then the Player is not entitled to a refund of the Netball WA fee.
- viii. Clubs must notify the Association as soon as possible of the details of any Player to be Withdrawn or De-registered on the [Team Registration Changes Form](#) (see **clause 3.2.2**) [via email](#).

4. COMPETITION MANAGEMENT

4.1. WINTER COMPETITION STRUCTURE

4.1.1. COMPETITION OVERVIEW

- i. The Association will conduct a pilot Junior Mixed competition during the 2022 Winter Competition.
- ii. Teams are to be entered into the Junior Mixed competition by Clubs only.
- iii. The competition will run on Saturdays alongside the Winter Competition.
- iv. Clubs are expected to provide a coach and umpire for each team entered into the Junior Mixed competition.
- v. The competition will run as a short season, taking place during Term 2.

4.1.2. COMMON BYES

- i. There will be one common bye during the Junior Mixed competition:
 - a. 4 June 2022 (WA Day long weekend)

4.1.3. DIVISION STRUCTURE

- i. There will be four (4), six (6), or eight (8) teams per Division where practical.
- ii. The first mentioned team is the scoring team and the second mentioned team is the timing team.
- iii. Points will be allocated for all Matches on the following basis:
 - a. 2 points for a win
 - b. 1 point for a draw
 - c. 0 points for a loss
 - d. Goals for and against will be recorded
- iv. Ladders will be kept in PlayHQ for each Division based on weekly Match result.
- v. During the Regular Season, teams are ranked within their Division on points gained and percentage achieved (total goals scored divided by total goals scored against).

4.1.4. ASSOCIATION AND CLUB OFFICIALS

- i. To ensure a smooth-running competition, the Association has Officials available on Match Days to resolve any issues that may arise.
- ii. Officials can be contacted via the Association office. The following roles (and their delegates) are considered Match Day Officials:
 - a. Competition Coordinator
 - b. Association Umpire Development Officer
 - c. Association Development Officer
 - d. All other Members of the Association Committee and Umpire Committee.

- iii. Clubs are required to have at least one official available on Match Days to discuss any matters pertaining to the Club during the Winter Competition.

4.2. TEAM NOMINATIONS

- i. Clubs will be required to nominate teams for the Junior Mixed competition via PlayHQ.
- ii. Each team nominated should have a minimum of seven (7) Players and a maximum of twelve (12) Players.
- iii. Team nominations must include a minimum of one (1) male Player and a maximum of four (4) male Players.
- iv. Team nominations may include Players who are also registered to participate in another competition in the Winter Competition.
- v. Clubs will be required to supply reasons for their nominated Grade for each team, including a general description of the skills/ability of the overall team.
- vi. Clubs are required to indicate what Club and Division each Player was in for the previous year's Winter competition and if the Player is, or has been in the previous twelve months, an Association Representative Team, Metro League, State Cup, WA Netball League or State Team Player.

4.3. GRADING

4.3.1. GRADING GUIDELINES

- i. Where there are enough teams entered into the Junior Mixed competition to allow for multiple Divisions, the Association completes its Grading of Divisions manually. The following guidelines are used by the Competition Committee when they convene to Grade a competition:
 - a. Teams are Graded on ability.
 - b. Teams are Graded on age, where possible.
 - c. Teams with five or more Players from the previous year are considered to constitute the same team.
 - d. Where variation to these guidelines is required due to changes in circumstances in the competition, such as other team withdrawals within the Grade, or a drop in total team nominations, best efforts will be made to create competitive Divisions.
- ii. Once the final Grading process has taken place:
 - a. The final Grading will be circulated to Clubs.
 - b. Clubs will be advised the Division timeslots.

4.3.2. PROCEDURES FOR CLUBS

- i. When a Club has entered more than one team into the Junior Mixed competition, grading will be completed by the Association according to the Club rankings provided, which should be done using the following:
 - a. Clubs should Grade their Players into teams according to ability and age, where possible.
 - b. Clubs must rank and number their teams from strongest to weakest in each competition, for example:
 - 1. Club Junior Mixed 1, Club Junior Mixed 2, (...) etc.

- ii. Clubs are required to nominate a Club Grading Contact who will be the immediate contact for any Grading or team queries during the Grading period for the Winter Competition. The Club Grading Contact needs to be available by phone during the Grading period and be able to give a quick response to any queries from the Competition Committee.

4.4. WITHDRAWAL OF A TEAM

- i. The withdrawal of a team from the Winter Competition is managed by the [Team Withdrawal Policy](#).

4.5. INSURANCE

- i. Membership with Netball WA includes cover under the Netball Australia National Insurance Program. This program is handled by V-Insurance Group (Corporate authorised representative of Willis) as our insurance broker.
- ii. Registration via PlayHQ and full payment of fees is required for the insurance coverage to be engaged for individual Members.
- iii. Clubs are covered for public liability insurance through the Netball Australia National Insurance Program.
- iv. If an injury or accident occurs to a Member, they should report to the First Aid room so the injury can be assessed and recorded for insurance purposes.
- v. More information on the products and coverage available under the Netball Australia National Insurance Program is available on the [Netball WA website](#).

4.6. MATCH TIMES

- i. All Matches in the Winter Competition will be played on a Saturday unless otherwise specified by the Association.
- ii. Matches are expected to be played across the following time slots at the Association during the Junior Mixed Competition:
 - a. 1:25pm
- iii. All Finals Round Matches will be played at the same time that each Division played during the Winter Competition.

4.7. CHANGES TO MATCHES

4.7.1. FORFEITS

- i. Matches may be forfeited by Clubs.
- ii. Matches may be forfeited where a breach of a rule or policy of the Association has a forfeit as the penalty.
- iii. Any team intending to forfeit a Match must have a Club Official contact the Association by email no later than 12pm on the Friday prior to the fixtured Match.
- iv. Should a team forfeit a Match after 12pm on the Friday prior to the fixtured Match, this will be deemed a late forfeit and will incur a late forfeit penalty of \$50, which will be payable by the Club before the next fixtured Match.
- v. In the event of a forfeit, the following rules shall apply:
 - a. To the non-forfeiting team:
 - 1. Two Points shall be awarded;
 - 2. Twenty (20) goals shall be credited, and;
 - 3. The Players will be deemed as having played the Match.
 - b. To the forfeiting team:
 - 1. No Points shall be awarded;

2. Twenty (20) goals shall be debited, and;
 3. The Players will not be deemed as having played the Match.
- c. For umpiring:
1. Where teams provide their own umpires, it is each Club's responsibility to inform their umpire of the forfeit.
 2. Where a different Club is scheduled to umpire the Match, the Association will inform the Club scheduled to umpire.
- vi. In the event of a team forfeiting after the commencement of a Match, including as the result of breach of a rule or policy, the result will be recorded as:
- a. The score on the scorecard, or;
 - b. A twenty to nil score line;
- whichever is greater, in favour of the non-forfeiting team.
- vii. In the event of a team forfeiting two (2) consecutive Matches, the team shall show cause to the Association for such forfeiture.

4.7.2. CANCELLATION

- i. The Association may cancel Matches.
- ii. The cancellation of Matches due to adverse weather is managed by the [Adverse Weather Policy](#).
- iii. The cancellation of Matches for any reason other than adverse weather is at the discretion of the Association.

4.7.3. POSTPONEMENT & RESCHEDULING

- i. The Association may postpone or reschedule Matches.
- ii. Clubs may seek permission from the Association to postpone or reschedule Matches.
- iii. Where a Club wishes to postpone or reschedule a Match during the Winter Season:
 - a. The Club must approach the opposition Club to seek an agreement to change the date and time of the Match.
 - b. The Match must be played at the Grounds.
 - c. Unless otherwise agreed by the Association, the rescheduled Match must take place in the weeks either directly before or after the originally scheduled playing date.
 - d. If a rescheduled Match is agreed to by the opposition Club:
 1. The requesting Club must apply to the Association for approval for the Match to be played at the agreed date and time.
 2. Each team must provide an appropriate umpire and scorer or timer for the Match.
 3. The first named team shall score, and the second named team shall time.
 4. The scoring team is responsible for collecting the scorecard from the Association office, and which must be by arrangement with the Association.
 5. The winning team is responsible for communicating the result to the office within 24 hours, including a clear and legible photograph of the scorecard and results, and returning the scorecard to the Association during the next Match Day.
 - e. The Association reserves the right to refuse a request to reschedule a Match if it is felt that doing so would be detrimental to the Winter Competition or is not being arranged in good faith.

- f. If the opposition team does not agree to reschedule the Match, then the requesting team must either play the Match at the originally scheduled time or forfeit the Match.
- g. Senior teams participating in rescheduled Matches are still required to complete their allocated umpiring duties for the original Saturday Match Day fixtures.

4.7.4. REPLAYS

- i. The Association may require a replay of a Match.
- ii. In all cases where a replay of any Match is necessary such replay shall be regarded as a new Match and any Players eligible to play in the teams concerned may be included, irrespective of whether or not such Player was included in the team on the day on which the original Match was played.

4.7.5. MUTUAL ABANDONMENT

- i. If teams agree prior to the commencement of a Match to a mutual abandonment, then the Match shall be recorded as a nil all draw.
- ii. Unless both teams mutually agree to abandon the Match, it becomes the responsibility of one of the teams to forfeit the Match.
- iii. Where teams agree to the mutual abandonment of a Match, the captain of each team, along with a representative from each Club, must jointly attend the Association office to inform the Association.

4.8. FIRST AID

- i. First Aid services are available each Match Day in the First Aid room from 7.30am until 5:30pm.
- ii. Charges may be levied for consumables.
- iii. All members requiring First Aid should attend the First Aid room to ensure that the injury is recorded correctly for any later claim on insurance.
- iv. Ice from the First Aid room may be provided after First Aid treatment at the discretion of the First Aid personnel.
- v. Strapping services are available for a fee from the First Aid room, where possible.
- vi. Any member requiring First Aid will be given priority over a member attending First Aid for the purposes of strapping.
- vii. Wheelchairs can be collected from the First Aid room for the purpose of transporting an injured Player to the First Aid room for treatment.

4.9. UMPIRES

4.9.1. UMPIRING PROCEDURES

- i. For all Winter Competition Matches, Clubs and Entity Teams shall be required to supply umpires based on the structure of allocation provided by the Association.
- ii. During the Regular Season, all teams are required to provide one umpire for each Match Day in which they are scheduled to play.
- iii. For all teams participating in the Junior Mixed competition:
 - a. Each team shall provide an umpire for their own Match
 - b. No umpire may be the coach of a team in that Match.
 - c. A failure by a team to provide an umpire for the Match will result in that team being deducted two Points and the Club being issued with a \$50 fine.

4.9.2. UMPIRING RESPONSIBILITIES

- i. Clubs are responsible for:
 - a. The supervision of inexperienced umpires, and;
 - b. Allocating Matches suitable to the umpires' level of experience.
- ii. Clubs are required to accept the Association Umpire Squad and Junior Umpire Development Program umpires as and when advised by the AUDO.
- iii. Umpires released by Association Umpire Squad and Junior Umpire Development Program umpires must report to the Association office as soon as they are notified of their release, with failure to do so will be treated as a failure to umpire under **clause 4.9.1(iii)(c)**.
- iv. Umpires must wear suitable attire:
 - a. A white shirt, such as a white Club umpiring shirt, which can be worn over Club uniform.
 - b. White or black skirt, shorts, or pants, such as active wear, sport shorts or skirts.
 - c. Enclosed and appropriate sporting footwear.
 - d. Where possible, a clear or white jacket for wet weather.

4.9.3. UMPIRING FEE STRUCTURE

- i. An umpiring payment guideline has been produced by the Association for use by Clubs.
- ii. The Association requests that Clubs seriously consider applying the guidelines.

5. GROUNDS AND FACILITIES

5.1. GENERAL ADMISSION

5.1.1. FUNDRAISING

- i. The Association believes that it is important that Members and patrons are not unduly approached to participate in fundraising activities, such as purchasing chocolates or raffle tickets.
- ii. The current policy is no raffle tickets are to be sold on the grounds or at cake stalls, without prior approval from the Association.
- iii. No fundraising chocolates or sweets can be sold at cake stalls nor around the grounds.

5.1.2. ANIMALS

- i. Dogs at the Association have caused tripping hazards on the side of the court or by entering the field of play during Matches and Club training.
- ii. The Association requests that Clubs strongly urge their members to not bring their dogs to netball.
- iii. All dogs that are brought to the Grounds must be kept on a leash at all times.
- iv. No dogs are permitted between the sidelines of the courts.
- v. No dogs are permitted on the goal lines of the courts.

5.1.3. BIKES, SCOOTERS AND SKATEBOARDS

- i. The Association requests that Members do not use skateboards, scooters, rollerblades, and other micromobility devices at the Grounds.
- ii. No micromobility devices are permitted between the sidelines of the courts.
- iii. No micromobility devices are permitted on the goal lines of the courts.

5.1.4. CHAIRS

- i. The Association does not permit chairs, stools, prams, or wheelchairs to be placed or used between the sidelines or the goal lines of the courts.
- ii. Members and spectators may be asked to move these items to a safer position by an umpire or Match Day Official.
- iii. Any team official requiring wheelchair access to the team bench should contact the Association to discuss appropriate management.

5.1.5. LITTER

- i. The Association provides bins for general rubbish and recycling around the Grounds.
- ii. All Members and other visitors to the Grounds are expected to dispose of all rubbish appropriately.

5.1.6. LOCKERS

- i. A limited number of lockers with programmable combinations are available in the female changeroom.
- ii. All lockers should be cleared of personal belongings before Members leave the Grounds.
- iii. The Association clears the lockers weekly.

5.1.7. SUNSCREEN

- i. The Association makes sunscreen available at the Match office window and the canteen.

5.1.8. BALL PUMP

- i. An electric ball pump is available for use in the goalpost protector storage room, adjacent to Court 16.
- ii. It is not recommended for use by persons under the age of 13 years old.

5.1.9. EFTPOS

- i. EFTPOS is available in the canteen, kiosk, barista & the Match office window.
- ii. No cash withdrawals are available.

5.1.10. ASSOCIATION MERCHANDISE

- i. The Association has essential Match Day products available for purchase, including whistles, rule books, coach Match day handbooks, raincoats, and FNA branded socks.

5.2. MATCH DAY COURT SPECIFICATIONS

5.2.1. THE BALL

- i. Each team is to provide a ball for the Match.
- ii. The Match ball should be checked by the umpire before play commences.
- iii. All Junior Mixed competition Matches are played with a size 5 netball.

5.2.2. THE COURT

- i. Should there be any concern over the surface of a court, please advise the Association immediately.
- ii. Brooms & court sweepers may be made available where suitable to sweep debris or water from the playing area.
 - a. These items must be returned to the designated position following use.
 - b. These items should not be used on a court where a Match is in progress.

- iii. Members and spectators are asked to refrain from sweeping debris or water into the court surrounds that are used by the umpires.

5.2.3. THE GOAL POST AND NET

- i. Should there be any concern over the goal posts or nets, please advise the Association immediately.
- ii. For the safety of all participants, goal post padding is required on all courts during Matches.
- iii. Goal post pads are located in the storage room at the corner of the main building adjacent to Court 16.
- iv. The first teams to use a court on a Match Day will be required to collect the goal posts pads and ensure they are fitted on both goal posts prior to commencement of the Match.
- v. The teams playing last on each court should each return one goal post pad to the storage area at the end of the Match.
- vi. Failure to return the goal post pads to the shed as required results in a \$25 fine for both teams who played the last Match on that court.

5.2.4. THE SIDELINES

- i. Spectators on the hard courts are requested to view the Match from behind the yellow lines painted on the court surrounds.
- ii. No spectators may view from a position between goal lines of two adjacent courts.

5.2.5. THE ADJUSTABLE GOAL POSTS

- i. Goal posts on the grass courts will be adjusted by authorised Association personnel at appropriate times during competition days.
- ii. To prevent possible damage to the post hydraulic systems, no unauthorised person should attempt to adjust the posts.

6. CODES OF BEHAVIOUR AND COMPLAINTS HANDLING

6.1. CODES OF BEHAVIOUR

- i. The Association has **Codes of Behaviour** that apply to all Members and spectators, including when playing, training or taking part in any Association-sanctioned activities.
- ii. Clubs and Entity Teams are expected to ensure that their Members and spectators display appropriate behaviour on Match Days and throughout the Winter Competition.
- iii. All Members are expected to display appropriate behaviour on social media in relation to Fremantle Netball Association and its Members.
- iv. The Association's **Codes of Behaviour** can be found on [the website](#).

6.2. COMPLAINT AND DISPUTE MANAGEMENT

6.2.1. COMPLAINT AND DISPUTE PROCEDURES

- i. Disputes between Members shall be dealt with under **Constitution Division 3**.
- ii. Complaints relating to competition-related offences and disputes shall be dealt with under the [Competition Related Offences and Disputes Policy](#).
- iii. Complaints come under any topics covered by [Netball Australia's Member Protection Policy](#) shall be dealt with under that policy.

- iv. Any other complaints or disputes will be dealt with under the most relevant policy.

6.2.2. MEMBER PROTECTION INFORMATION OFFICER

- i. The Association has a Member Protection Information Officer who may be available to assist Members with navigating the complaints handling process.

7. HEALTH AND SAFETY

7.1. WORKING WITH CHILDREN CHECKS

- i. The Association complies with its obligations under the [Working with Children Act 2004 \(WA\)](#).
- ii. Clubs and Entity Teams are expected to comply with their requirements under the [Working with Children Act 2004 \(WA\)](#).

7.2. ALCOHOL AND ILLEGAL SUBSTANCES

- i. No alcohol is permitted at the Grounds, unless under circumstances compliant with requirements under the [Liquor Control Act 1988 \(WA\)](#).
- ii. No illegal substances are permitted during netball activities at the Grounds.
- iii. No Player may take the court whilst under the influence of alcohol or any illegal substance.
- iv. No person may participate, or act in any official capacity, with any Club or Entity Team, or represent the Association, whilst under the influence of alcohol or any illegal substance.
- v. Players or officials suspected of acting under the influence of alcohol or any illegal substance will be asked to leave the Grounds immediately.

7.3. SMOKING

- i. The Association aligns with the Healthways sponsorship of Netball WA, and the Grounds is a smoke-free zone.
- ii. Smoking is only permitted in areas designated by the Association.
- iii. Members and spectators may be asked to move if they are smoking anywhere on the Grounds that is not a designated area.

7.4. INTEGRITY FRAMEWORK POLICIES

- i. The Association, Clubs, and Entity Teams have obligations to protect and maintain the integrity of netball, as well as the health and wellbeing of athletes.
- ii. All Members are required to abide by all Netball Australia policies relating to integrity in netball, including, but not limited to:
 - a. [Integrity in Netball Framework](#);
 - b. [National Policy on Match Fixing in Netball](#);
 - c. [Australian National Anti-Doping Policy](#).

7.5. NETBALL AUSTRALIA'S MEMBER PROTECTION POLICY

- i. All Members are required to abide by the [Netball Australia Member Protection Policy](#).
- ii. Members should contact the Association if they need assistance from the Member Protection Information Officer.

8. AWARDS

8.1. SERVICE AWARDS

8.1.1. CLUB COACHING SERVICE AWARDS

- i. Up to five (5) Club Coaching Service Awards are presented annually to Club coaches who are nominated by their Clubs and meet the criteria for nomination.
- ii. Criteria for this award is determined by the ADO and set out on the nomination form.
- iii. Clubs can nominate coaches by completing the Club Coaching Service Award nomination form and submitting it to the ADO by the due date.

8.1.2. OUTSTANDING COACH AWARD

- i. One Outstanding Coach Award is presented annually to a Club coach who is nominated by their Club and meets the criteria for nomination.
- ii. Criteria for this award is determined by the ADO and set out on the nomination form.
- iii. Clubs can nominate a coach by completing the Outstanding Coach Award nomination form and submitting it to the ADO by the due date.

8.1.3. FNA COACHING AWARDS

- i. FNA Coaching Awards are presented annually to all successful Association Representative Team coaches.

8.1.4. CLUB UMPIRE SERVICE AWARDS

- i. Up to five (5) Club Umpire Service Awards are presented annually to Club umpires who are nominated by their Clubs and meet the criteria for nomination.
- ii. Criteria for this award is determined by the AUDO and set out on the nomination form.
- iii. Clubs can nominate an umpire by completing the Club Umpire Service Award nomination form and submitting it to the AUDO by the due date.

8.1.5. JUNIOR UMPIRE SCHOLARSHIP

- i. One Junior Umpire Scholarship is awarded annually.
- ii. This is a discretionary award and criteria is determined by the AUDO.
- iii. The recipient will be an umpire selected by the AUDO, Umpiring Coordinator, and members of the Umpiring Committee.

8.1.6. SENIOR UMPIRE SCHOLARSHIP

- i. One Senior Umpire Scholarship is awarded annually.
- ii. This is a discretionary award and criteria is determined by the AUDO.
- iii. The recipient will be an umpire selected by the AUDO, Umpiring Coordinator, and members of the Umpiring Committee.

8.1.7. FNA UMPIRING SERVICE AWARDS

- i. FNA Umpiring Service Awards may be awarded annually.
- ii. This is a discretionary award and criteria is determined by the AUDO.
- iii. The recipient(s) will be selected by the AUDO and Umpiring Coordinator.

8.2. COMPETITION AWARDS

8.2.1. JUNIOR MIXED DIVISION PREMIERSHIPS

- i. The team that wins the Grand Final Match in each Junior Mixed competition Division will receive a Premiership Banner inscribed with the Division and year, and up to 10 medals inscribed with the Division and year.
- ii. These are presented following the Grand Final of each Division.

9. COMPETITION RULES - REGULAR SEASON

9.1. GENERAL PLAYER ELIGIBILITY RULES

9.1.1. PLAYER ELIGIBILITY

- i. All Players in the Junior Mixed competition must be either registered as a Player in PlayHQ with a Club or playing on a Single Game Voucher or Casual Fill-in Voucher to be eligible to take the court in Matches in the Winter Competition.
- ii. In addition to **clause 9.1.1(i)**, the following Player eligibility rules apply to the Junior Mixed competition:
 - a. This competition is available to Players based on year of birth:
 - 1. Turning no younger than 13 and no older than 15;
 - b. Players must turn at least 12 years of age during the year of competition to be eligible to compete in a Junior Mixed Division.
 - c. Where a Club wishes for a Player who is turning 12 to participate in a Junior Mixed Division team, they must acquire an exemption from the Association.
 - d. The Junior Mixed competition allows for the participation of all genders on the following basis:
 - 1. Teams must include a minimum of one male Player;
 - 2. Teams must include no more than four male Players;
 - 3. No more than one boy can play in any specific area of the court during a quarter; for example, two or more boys cannot:
 - I. Play both GS/GA, or;
 - II. Play in more than one of WA/C/WD, or;
 - III. Play in both GD/GK
 - 4. As many as three boys can be on the court at any one time, for example:
 - I. GS, WA, GD
 - II. GA, C, GD
 - III. GA, WD, GK
 - 5. On Match days, teams need not have any male Players on court in a given quarter, as long as they have at least one male Player named on the team.
 - e. Female Players who are registered to play in another competition in the Winter Competition are eligible to participate in the Junior Mixed competition as long as they meet all other eligibility requirements in **clause 9.1.1**.
- iii. Exemptions:
 - a. Clubs may seek exemptions for Players to participate in Divisions in which they are not eligible according to **rule 9.1.1** in accordance with the **Exemption Policy**.

9.1.2. PLAYERS PLAYING UP

- i. Players in the Junior Mixed competition are not eligible to play up into other competitions where they are not eligible.

9.1.3. PLAYERS PLAYING DOWN

- i. Applications for Players to play down into a lower Grade, Division, or competition, or for interchange of Players within a Grade, shall be lodged in writing with the Association at least 24 hours prior to the commencement of the Match concerned.
- ii. Any Player granted permission to play down for the whole season of the Winter Competition may not subsequently play up into a higher Grade during that season.

9.1.4. SINGLE GAME VOUCHERS

- i. The use of Single Game Vouchers is managed under the **Playing Voucher Policy**.

9.1.5. CASUAL FILL-IN VOUCHERS

- i. The use of Casual Fill-in Vouchers is managed under the **Playing Voucher Policy**.

9.1.6. PLAYING AN INELIGIBLE PLAYER – PENALTIES

- i. In the event of a team playing a Player who is not eligible, the offending team shall forfeit the Match.
- ii. For any further instances where a team who has been penalised under **clause 9.1.6(i)** in the current season plays a Player who is not eligible, the offending team shall forfeit the Match and shall be penalised a further two (2) points.

9.1.7. PLAYER CLEARANCES

- i. Prior to the commencement of the Winter Competition, Clubs and Entity Teams may advise the Association of any Players that they will not clear to play with another Club or Entity Team, and reasons for such refusal.
- ii. No clearances are required from Clubs that disband at the conclusion of a season unless that Club is non-financial with the Association, when the Association may require the Player to pay their portion of the debt of their previous Club.
- iii. Any Club or Entity Team has the right to request an appeal meeting with the Association regarding a Player who transfers to another Club or Entity Team and still has some obligation to their former Club or Entity Team.
- iv. At any appeal meeting, both Clubs or Entity Teams concerned are entitled to have representatives in attendance to present their case.
- v. The Association may refuse or grant a clearance depending on the merits of the cases presented, and their decision will be final.

9.1.8. ETHICS AND MEMBER TRANSFERS

- i. Clubs and Entity Teams are expected to conduct themselves ethically when dealing with the movement of Players between Clubs and Entity Teams, and to avoid Player poaching.
- ii. Clubs and Entity Teams are expected to encourage their coaches and other volunteers to avoid approaching Players from other Clubs and Entity Teams for the purpose of recruiting them.
- iii. Where a Player chooses to change Clubs or Entity Teams of their own volition, this is not considered Player poaching.

9.2. MATCH DAY

9.2.1. COACHING FROM THE SIDELINES

- i. In all Junior Mixed competition Divisions, coaches are required to remain within the team bench area during play, as per the Rules of Netball.

9.2.2. MATCH LENGTH AND TIMING

- i. Matches must start on time and shall consist of four quarters.
 - a. All Junior Mixed competition Grades will have 15 minute quarters.
- ii. To ensure maximum time between games, the quarter breaks will be as follows:
 - a. Two (2) minutes at quarter time and three-quarter time.
 - b. Four (4) minutes at half time.

9.2.3. NUMBER OF PLAYERS AND PUNCTUALITY

- i. A team must take the court if there are at least five (5) Players present, one of whom must play Centre.
- ii. Any team failing to field five (5) or more Players within a reasonable time after the start of the Match must forfeit the Match.

9.2.4. MATCH OFFICIALS AND TECHNICAL OFFICIALS

- i. The Match Officials of the Match are the two umpires.
- ii. Technical Officials are the Scorer and Timekeeper.
 - a. The Timekeeper must use a time clock that is not a mobile phone.
 - b. The Technical Officials must be positioned together next to the sideline of the court, outside the playing and umpire area, and in line with the centre circle.
 - c. The Technical Officials are both responsible for checking both the time and the scores with each other.
 - d. All Technical Officials should be adults.
 - e. The team who is not providing the Timekeeper should have an additional time clock to support the umpires during held time for Injury/Illness/Blood and suspensions, or in case of the other time clock failing.

9.2.5. SCORECARDS

- i. The scoring team shall collect the official scorecard from the Association office.
- ii. The completed score card with the results of the Match, including the names of the Players, the grade of the teams, and the date of Match, must be returned to the Association office by the winning team.

9.2.6. CONDUCT OF MATCHES

- i. The Winter Competition will utilise the Rules of Netball, unless otherwise stated.
- ii. The Association reserves the right to disallow a Player to participate in Matches when their presence may be detrimental to other Players.
- iii. During a Match, the umpires are the sole judges of fact and of the Rules.
- iv. Players are not restricted to playing in one Match per day, however any additional Matches played must be within the Association rules.

9.2.7. PLAYER SAFETY MANAGEMENT

- i. The Association recognises that Clubs and Entity Teams may not have one single primary care person for their teams, and requests that any incidents occurring on court that would require the attendance of a primary care person is managed sensibly and with no more people attending the Player(s) involved than is necessary.
- ii. All instances of concussion, or suspected concussion, should be dealt with under the **Concussion Policy**.

- iii. Clubs and Entity Teams are encouraged to have spare sets of bibs and spare uniforms available in the event that they are impacted by blood.
- iv. Where blood has affected the uniform of a Player, that Player:
 - a. May continue the Match with only one position bib on.
 - b. May finish the Match in a different coloured skirt or shirt etc.

9.2.8. UNIFORMS

- i. It is strongly encouraged that all Players wear the registered uniform of their Club.
- ii. Where a Club does not have a uniform suitable for all Players in their Junior Mixed team, all Players must be in the same uniform, which must be approved by the Association prior to the first Match.
- iii. Where possible, Clubs should comply with the [Uniform Policy](#) when entering teams into the Junior Mixed competition.

9.2.9. PERSONAL ADORNMENTS

- i. The Association follows the Rules of Netball with regards to personal adornments on Players, including jewellery, splints, and other items that may impact on-court safety.
 - a. Players are not permitted to wear earrings during Matches, and taping of earrings is not allowed.
 - b. Players who wear glasses during games should wear glasses with plastic frames and plastic lenses, and which should be held on securely by a band.
 - c. Players may wear close fitting sports gloves, however fingernails shall be short and smooth beneath the gloves.
 - d. Soft brimmed sun visors may be worn during Matches, however hard brimmed hats of any kind are not permitted on court.
 - e. Players may wear soft headbands only during Matches.
- ii. Players seeking to compete in Matches while wearing prohibited personal adornments must do so under the **Exemptions Policy**.

9.2.10. MATCHES PLAYED AND MATCH POINTS CALCULATION

- i. The Junior Mixed competition will take place over nine Match Days, seven of which will constitute the Regular Season and two of which will constitute Finals Matches.
- ii. Divisions of 8 will play each other once (7 Matches) during the Regular Season.
- iii. Divisions of 4 will play each other two times plus one game (7 Matches) during the Regular Season, however any points gained in the final week of Matches will not be used to calculate the final ladder positions.
- iv. Divisions of 6 teams will play each other once times plus two games (7 Matches) during the Regular Season, however any points gained in the final two weeks of Matches will not be used to calculate the final ladder positions.
- v. Divisions of 7 will play each other once plus one bye (6 Matches) during the Regular Season, except one team who will have three byes instead of the extra game (12 Matches), however any points gained in Round 15 of the competition will not be used to calculate the final four positions.

9.2.11. FINES AND PENALTIES

- i. All fines are monetary and must be received by the Association before the next playing date.

	Reason for Fine/Penalty	Fine	Penalty
1	Failure to return post pad to storage at completion of Match	\$25.00 for each team that played the last Match on the court	Fine
2	Failure to provide an umpire	\$50.00	Fine and loss of two Points for the team allocated to umpire. For Clubs allocated to umpire their own team, the team playing will lose two Points.
3	Failure to provide an umpire (including reserve umpire) for a Finals Match	\$100.00	Fine
4	Forfeiting a Match without giving the required notice (Late Forfeit)	\$50.00	Fine and forfeiture of the Match
5	Playing an ineligible Player – first instance	N/A	Forfeit of Match
6	Playing an ineligible Player – further instances	N/A	Forfeit of Match and loss of a further two (2) Points.

10. COMPETITION RULES – FINALS

10.1. FINALS STRUCTURE

- i. At the conclusion of Matches under **clause 9.2.10**, Finals Rounds shall commence.
- ii. Where teams in a Division finish the season with equal number of Points, the relative positions on the ladder shall be arrived at by using the goal percentage.
- iii. Finals based on ladder position attained in the Regular Season will be played as follows:

Finals Round	Match Code	Match Name	Team 1		Team 2
1	A	Semi Final 1	Rank 1	v	Rank 4
	B	Semi Final 2	Rank 2	v	Rank 3
2	C	Grand Final	Winner A	v	Winner B

- iv. All teams in the Division who are not taking part in a Semi Final Match will play a placing Match during that week of the competition, for example:
 - a. Rank 5 v Rank 6
 - b. Rank 7 v Rank 8
- v. The only Match played for the Junior Mixed competition in the week of the Grand Final will be the Grand Final.
- vi. The Association will give consideration to changing the date of the Grand Final where it is the best option for the competition.

10.2. EXTRA TIME

10.2.1. REGULAR SEASON MATCHES

- i. Extra time is not played during any Matches during the Regular Season.

10.2.2. FINALS ROUNDS MATCHES

- i. In the event of a draw in Finals Matches, extra time shall be played.
- ii. The following structure will apply to extra time:
 - a. At the end of the Match when scores are tied, there is a three-minute break, during which:

1. The teams may make substitutions and team changes, and;
 2. The teams change ends, and;
 3. The Match is restarted by the team entitled to the next centre pass.
- b. The extra time periods shall be:
1. Two 7-minute halves, and;
 2. A one-minute interval between the two halves.
- c. The teams must change ends at the end of the first 7 minutes.
- d. The teams may make substitutions and team changes during the one-minute interval.
- e. After the one-minute interval, the Match is restarted by the team entitled to the next centre pass.
- f. At the conclusion of the second 7 minutes, the Timekeeper will advise the umpire that it is time.
- g. The umpire should blow their whistle and note where the ball is and who has it in their possession.
- h. The umpires should keep all players on court whilst they check the scorecard with the Scorer.
- i. No coaching is permitted during this process, and no team changes or substitutions can be made.
- j. If the Match is still drawn at the end of the second 7 minutes, play will continue on the umpire's whistle from where the ball was when time was called until one team has a two-goal advantage.
- k. The Scorer and Timekeeper must advise the umpire when a two-goal advantage has been achieved, at which point the umpire's whistle stops the game.
- l. All other rules of the game remain the same.

10.3. FINALS ROUNDS RULE VARIATIONS

10.3.1. UMPIRES

- i. Clubs will not be allocated to umpire their own Club.
- ii. Clubs must provide their strongest available umpires.
- iii. All umpires are required to have completed the Rules of Netball Theory Exam within the last three years prior to the Finals Rounds.
 - a. A copy of the Exam Result certificate should be given to the Club umpiring coordinator.
 - b. The Club umpiring coordinator shall collate results and provide an excel spreadsheet containing names, date completed and result of the exam to AUDO [via email](#).
- iv. Should a Club supply a named umpire to the Association for allocation to Finals Matches that the Association considers appropriate, this will count as a Club commitment and will be traded off the Club's umpiring commitments.
- v. Umpires are requested to wear whites or be suitably attired.
 - a. If wearing Club uniform, a white shirt must be worn.
 - b. Skins or Leggings are not permitted during Finals Matches.
 - c. Black shorts and a white shirt will be accepted.
- vi. Fines for failure to umpire finals are \$100.00 per Umpire, including reserve umpires if they fail to report in.

- vii. Clubs should check the reserve umpire lists in addition to the umpires allocated to Matches at each time slot.

10.3.2. PLAYERS

- i. All Players must comply with the Rules of Netball, the **Uniform Policy**, and **clause 9.2.9**.

10.3.3. PLAYER ELIGIBILITY

- i. In addition to **clause 9.1.1**, the following eligibility rules apply to all Finals Matches:
 - a. The Player must be fully financial with their Club or Entity Team, the Association, and Netball WA.
 - b. The Player must have played three (3) times with the Club in the Junior Mixed competition during the season, on three (3) separate dates.
 - c. The Player must be registered via PlayHQ with the Club for whom they are playing Finals Matches.
 - d. Should the Player have played an equal number of Matches in more than one Grade or Division, the higher Grade or Division will be deemed to be the team in which the Player is registered.
 - e. A Club which has a team short of one or more Players for Finals Matches may bring up a Player from a lower team, provided that the Player has met all other eligibility requirements in **clause 10.3.3** and a Finals Permit has been approved.

10.3.4. PERMITS

- i. Requests for Finals Permits for Players must comply with the **Permit Policy – Finals**.

10.3.5. CLUBS

- i. All Matches will be scored on the official scorecard which the umpires will bring to the court and return to the Association office at the end of the Match.
- ii. All scorecards should be filled in completely and correctly.
- iii. All Finals Matches will be played on hard courts.
- iv. Scorers and Timekeepers must be adults and comply with **clause 9.2.4(ii)**.
- v. All Clubs must be financial with the Association for their teams to be permitted to participate in the Finals Rounds.