



1. PURPOSE

The purpose of this Policy is to provide rules and guidance to Clubs in relation to the design, update, and development of their registered Club uniform, registered Club colours, and uniform requirements for participants in Fremantle Netball Association Inc's competitions.

2. APPLICABILITY

- a. This Policy applies to all Members taking part in the Association's competitions.
- b. This Policy applies at all times during Association competitions, unless otherwise specified by supplementary documentation provided by the Association.

3. DEFINITIONS

In this Policy, unless otherwise stated:

Association means Fremantle Netball Association Inc.;

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

Constitution means the constitution of Fremantle Netball Association Inc.;

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

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

Members means all affiliated members of the Association, including players, coaching and umpiring officials, volunteers, Clubs, and Club members;

Policy means this policy;

School Club means a Club that is run by, or otherwise has a direct affiliation with, a school;

Uniform Coordinator means the Uniform Coordinator of the Association, as defined in the Constitution.

4. THE POLICY

- a. Club uniform requirements:
 - i. Clubs must register their uniform and Club colours with the Association annually on the prescribed form, and which must include:
 - (1) The primary uniform items (dress, top, skirt, shorts, etc);
 - (2) Playing bibs or patches;
 - (3) Any other playing uniform item that is optional or required by the Club.
 - ii. Any changes to a Club's uniform or colours must be approved by the Committee before the Club may proceed with any changes.
- b. Player uniform requirements:
 - i. Players are required to wear the registered uniform of their Club.

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- ii. Full sports briefs, or equivalent, must be worn by any player wearing a dress or skirt as their selected Club uniform.
- iii. Briefs or pants of any kind that are longer than the length of the Club uniform when standing upright, and undershirts with sleeves longer than those of the Club uniform, are only permitted where they are part of the Club's registered playing uniform.
- iv. Players are expected to adhere to **Rules of Netball 5.1.1(iv)** relating to adornments¹. In addition to this:
 - (1) Players are only permitted to wear prescription glasses. No sunglasses are permitted to be worn, with the exception of prescription transition lenses. All glasses must be secured by a soft band.
 - (2) Players may wear soft, close-fitting sports gloves, however fingernails must still be short and smooth beneath these, in adherence with the Rules of Netball.
- v. When a medical condition exists or special circumstances require a variation to **clause 4(b)(i)-(iii)**, a written application for an exemption under the **Exemptions Policy** shall be submitted to the Association annually, as long as applicable, for approval of a variation.
- c. Club umpiring uniform requirements:
 - i. Club umpires are expected to wear suitable attire, including a white umpiring shirt or other designated umpiring uniform. Suitable attire includes:
 - (1) Suitable footwear;
 - (2) Shorts, skirt, or leggings in plain colours.
- d. Representative Team participant requirements:
 - i. Players:
 - (1) The Association provides a playing uniform for athletes.
 - (2) The provided uniform is only to be worn when representing the Association at carnivals and the wind-up function, not to training or at any other time unless directed by the Association.
 - (3) Athletes are required to wear the Association socks, which can be purchased from the Association.
 - (4) Athletes are responsible for acquiring their own black sports briefs.
 - (5) Athletes are required to purchase a training shirt from the Association, which is to be worn to training and as directed on other occasions.
 - ii. Coaches, Team Managers, and Umpires:
 - (1) The Association provides a uniform for Coaches, Team Managers and Umpires.
 - (2) Coaches and Team Managers are required to wear the provided uniform to trainings, carnivals and the wind-up function. Shorts may be available for purchase to wear during hot weather.
 - (3) Umpires are required to wear the provided uniform to carnivals and the wind-up function.
- e. Advertising and sponsorship requirements:

¹ Players may not wear anything that could endanger themselves or other players, specifically:

- (a) No adornment or jewellery may be worn other than a wedding ring which must be covered with tape.
- (b) A medical alert bracelet may be worn provided it is covered with tape.
- (c) Fingernails must be short and smooth.
- (d) Hair must be suitably tied back.



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- i. All sponsorship or advertising on Club playing uniforms must adhere to the **Sponsorship Policy**.

5. PROCEDURES

- a. An application to change a Club's uniform or colours must include a photo, detailed picture, or sample of the proposed new uniform.
- a. Clubs are permitted to apply for different uniform items for different divisions.
- b. Clubs who apply for different uniform items for different divisions must ensure that when a player from a lower division is playing into a higher division, the uniform has a very similar appearance, such that the player from the lower division is easily recognised as being in the same team.
- c. Clubs are permitted to offer uniform options within their registered uniform to their players to be selected freely by players in the same team, including, but not limited to:
 - a. A dress;
 - b. Top and skirt or shorts.
- d. If a Club provides uniform options for their members, all uniform options should be of a very similar appearance, such that all players in the same team are easily recognised as being in the same team.
- e. A Club that has been approved to change to a new uniform is allowed one transitional season. During this period, the Club is permitted to have teams with players wearing either the old or new uniform, provided the uniforms are of similar appearance and the players are easily recognised as being in the same team.
- f. Any new Club to the Association must have their Club Uniform and colours approved by the Committee before proceeding to purchase uniforms, or, if the Club is an existing Club at another Association, with sufficient time to allow for the purchase of new uniforms should their existing uniform not be suitable for use at the Association.
- g. School Clubs may elect to register their school's Physical Education uniform, regardless of whether another Club has the same colours. If another Club does have the same uniform colours, the School Club may be required to supply an alternative bib option that can be used in the case of a clash of uniform colours.

6. MANAGING BREACHES OF THE POLICY

- a. If a Club breaches **clause 4(a)** of this Policy:
 - i. The Club and their Members may be disallowed from wearing one or more uniform items that are not suitable for use at the Association;
 - ii. The Club may be asked to redesign their uniform to meet the requirements of the Association, or;
 - iii. The Association may apply any other penalty that is appropriate and proportionate for the nature of the breach.
- b. If a player breaches **clause 4(b)** of this Policy, the matter will be dealt with via the procedures in the **Exemptions Policy**.
- c. If an umpire breaches **clause 4(c)** of this Policy, this will be managed via the procedures in the **Winter Competition Handbook**.
- d. If a Representative Team participant breaches **clause 4(d)** of this Policy, this will be managed via the procedures in the **Representative Teams Policy**.
- e. If a Club breaches **clause 4(e)** of this Policy, the matter will be dealt with via the procedures in the **Sponsorship Policy**.

7. RESPONSIBILITIES

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- a. The Committee is responsible for the timely review of Club uniform requests.
- b. Clubs are responsible for making timely and appropriate requests for changes to their registered uniform, in adherence with this Policy.
- c. The Uniform Coordinator is responsible for the management of the approval process with the Committee and the Club making the application.
- d. Club are responsible for ensuring that their Members are familiar with this Policy, and in adherence with it when applicable.
- e. The Representative Teams Coordinator and Association Development Officer are responsible for ensuring that Representative Team participants are familiar with this Policy, and in adherence with it when applicable.
- f. The Umpiring Coordinator and Association Umpire Development Officer are responsible for ensuring that umpires and Club Umpiring Coordinators at the Association are familiar with this Policy, and in adherence with it when applicable.

8. CHANGES TO THE POLICY

This Policy may be cancelled, amended, or supplemented by the Association as and when it sees fit. Any variation will be given to Members in writing by the Association.

The Association will review this policy on a regular basis to ensure that it remains effective in supporting the objectives and strategic direction of the Association, and to ensure ongoing best practice governance.

Signed

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Sondra Anderson'.

13/06/2023

Sondra Anderson
PRESIDENT
Fremantle Netball Association

Date