

Prahran Netball Association Inc. (PNA Inc.)



Junior Competition By-laws

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These By-laws are the rules governing the Internal affairs of the Prahran Netball Association. They are the operating procedures that determine the conduct and direction of the organisation.

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1. The Competition

- a) Prahran Netball Association Inc. (hereafter known as PNA INC.) will provide junior netball competitions for girls and boys aged 8-15 years.
- b) Participants age is determined at 31st December of that year.
- c) Age requirements are:-
 - i. 15 Under – 12 years
 - ii. 13 Under – 11 years
 - iii. 11 Under – 9 years
- d) Players aged 5 – 7 years will participate in the Net Set Go program.
- e) Players age 8 – 10 will participate in the Rookies competition.
- f) Players age 11 will participate in the 11/U competition **NO FINALS**
- g) In a competition where participants are 11 and Under, boys participate unrestricted.
- h) Where participants are aged 12 – 15 Inclusive, a modified mixed division may be offered in appropriate age groups in addition to girls only divisions, e.g. in modified mixed divisions, teams may have up to two boys playing at any one time. If two boys are on the court at any one time, they must play in separate thirds of the court (GK/GD – WD/C/WA – GA/GS)
- i) Any player playing out of their age group, without the permission of the Court Supervisor, shall result in a loss of 4 points to the offending team.
- j) Players cannot fill-in/play for any other team in their own grade. If there is more than one section in any grade (eg. 13 Reserve) players cannot fill-in for any other team in that grade.
- k) If more than one team from the same school/club is entered in the same grade they must also follow the above rule 1(k).
- l) Teams who do not follow this rule will have four (4) points deducted from their team.

2. Registration

- a) All teams/clubs must submit to PNA INC. at least five (5) players for each team prior to the start of the netball season.
- b) No player may play in more than one match in the same section, on the same day.
- c) Teams/clubs who use fill-in players accept responsibility for the welfare of all fill-in players at all times during the match. A single game voucher is available for a player who is only filling in for one (1) game and is not a registered member of Netball Victoria and will not play again for the team/club. All details of fill-in players must be written on the back of the scoresheet – details must include full name, address and date of birth.

Note: Fill-in players are not eligible to play in finals.

- d) Any members who play, coach or manage teams must have Netball Victoria membership to cover them in the event of an injury or accident whilst participating in any netball activity, e.g., training, coaching, umpiring, playing. Any player who plays without a Netball Victoria membership shall result in the loss of four (4) points to the offending team.
- e) The PNA Inc. shall maintain a current updated register of all players.

3. Uniforms

- a) All teams will wear a uniform and this must be submitted on the team registration form at the start of the netball season.
- b) Only black or matching sports briefs may be worn.
- c) Bike pants, leggings, tracksuit pants or bikini pants are not permitted.
- d) If there are religious or medical reasons why a player should wear particular head coverings or other items of clothing, the club or team must notify the Court Supervisor in writing BEFORE the season commences, or as soon as possible if for medical reasons. It must state the reason for the non-standard uniform. Only the player/s named in the correspondence will be permitted to be “out of uniform” during match times. Any item to be worn must not interfere with play or be a hindrance or danger to any other players on the court.
- e) Boys may only wear shorts without pockets. Girls’ teams who also choose to wear shorts must also have shorts without pockets, the colour of the shorts must be the same as the team colours.
- f) THE OFFICIAL COLOURS OF THE PNA INC. SHALL BE NAVY TOPS AND PALE BLUE SKIRTS. NO TEAM/CLUB SHALL BE PERMITTED TO WEAR THESE COLOURS.
- g) Nails must be cut short – NOT TAPED.
- h) Earrings, studs are NOT permitted.

4. Umpires

- a) PNA Inc. will provide umpires for all fixtured matches.
- b) Trainee umpires who have completed and passed the pre-requisites will also umpire fixtured junior matches with a senior umpire as mentor.

5. Rules

- a) The playing rules shall be those of the All Australian Netball Association unless otherwise stated in these by laws.

- b) Duration of matches shall be fixed by the PNA Inc. and timed from a central clock.
- c) Duration of matches for each grade will also be fixed by the PNA Inc.
- d) Four (4) points will be awarded for a win and two (2) points will be awarded for a draw. Forfeited games will result in four (4) points and 10-0 goals to the team which receives the forfeit.
- e) No points will be awarded for a bye except in those grades where teams receive two (2) byes in a season. Four (4) points ONLY will be awarded to the team(s) who receive a second bye.
- f) Teams who give a walkover will pay a walkover fine (the weekly playing fees) if inadequate notice is given of a walkover. Teams must notify the PNA INC. office forty eight (48) hours prior to the fixtured match to avoid paying a walkover fine. Email: pnainc.@prahranetball.com.au no later than 1900hrs on the Thursday before the fixtured Saturday game/s.
- g) Each team must provide a competent scorer as per fixture. The first named team is the "Home Team" and will provide the scorer. Children under the age of eleven (11) cannot be the official scorer – they must be accompanied by an adult.
- h) Score sheets must be filled in with ALL players including substitutions, ten (10) minutes prior to the start of the game. Fill-in players, names, addresses and date of birth (DOB) must be written on the back of the scoresheet.
- i) Each team must supply a suitable netball to be used for half of the match.
- j) Each team must supply a set of netball bibs for their team.
Note: Teams who have the same or clashing netball bibs will be supplied with an alternative colour by the Court Supervisor. The "Home Team" will wear their set of bibs.
- k) The first named team (known as the "Home Team") shall have the first centre pass; the opposing team will have choice of end.
- l) The scoresheet must be returned to the Court Supervisor by one of the match umpires at the end of each game signed by BOTH TEAM CAPTAINS.
- m) Should the score be incorrectly recorded the official scoresheet will stand as signed by the Team Captains and the Umpires.
- n) No time off is allowed for injury during home and away matches.
- o) A player playing in more than two (2) matches on the same day will be deemed ineligible. Teams playing ineligible players will have four (4) points deducted.

6. Cancellation of Matches

- a) In the event of a total power strike or other emergency which occurs after the commencement of fixtured matches for the day, teams will receive two (2) points for matches currently in progress. All other cancelled matches will receive no points – every endeavour will be made to contact all teams involved.

7. Finals

- a) At the conclusion of Home and Away matches, finals will be played in 13 Reserve, 13 Under and 15 Under grades ONLY. In the event of teams being level on points, their position shall be determined by percentage. In the event of teams being equal on percentage, positions shall be determined by goals scored for.
- b) To qualify for finals, a player must be a registered member of Netball Victoria and have played three (3) matches with the team during the season.
- c) NO FILL-IN PLAYERS ALLOWED IN FINALS.
- d) Final Series Matches shall be played as follows:
Knock Out Finals – 1 v 4 and 2 v 3
Grand Final – The two (2) winners of Knock Out Finals.
- e) In the event of a draw in finals matches, teams will immediately change ends and play a further three (3) minutes each end with a one (1) minute break.
NO SUBSTITUTIONS CAN BE MADE DURING EXTRA TIME.
Should another draw result at the end of extra time there will be a two (2) minute break. Teams will then play a further three (3) minutes without any interval.
Should another draw eventuate teams will change ends and the first team to score a two (2) goal advantage will be the winner.

8. Discipline, Suspension and Expulsion

- a) A player may be suspended/not allowed to take the court for the following reasons:
- i.) If they do not have a current Netball Victoria Membership
 - ii.) Failing to comply with the current Netball Victoria codes of conduct.

9. Disputes and Mediation and the Association.

- a) The grievance procedure set out in this rule applies to disputes under these rules between – a person and another Member, or a person and the Association. The procedure will follow Netball Victoria's "Disputes, Grievances and Mediation guidelines.

NOTE

Where it is not otherwise stated in these By Laws, Netball Victoria's policies and procedures will be followed.