

Prahran Netball Association Inc (PNA Inc.)



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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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Rules Governing Competition Matches

All players in senior competition, shall be fifteen years and over and amateurs

The age of players in any junior competition shall be fifteen years and under (see Junior By-laws). All players shall be amateurs.

“An amateur is one who does not play, and has never played netball for money or material gain”

No player shall carry on his/her person, any trademark exceeding 6cm in length and 1 cm in height.

1. Penalties

Any breach of these By-laws may incur one or more of the following penalties:

- a) A fine may be imposed, and/or
- b) Loss of points may occur

2. Team Entry

1. Any team wishing to join the Prahran Netball Association Inc (hereinafter called PNA Inc), shall register for entry on the official PNA Inc entry-form and pay the required Team Entry Fee
2. The Team Entry Form and Team Entry Fee shall be submitted on or before the stated time and closing date. Late entries may not be accepted. However, a late entry may also incur a penalty if accepted after the stated closing date.
3. Teams must satisfy PNA Inc 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 that they are entering
4. Team Entry Forms for registration will be made available by PNA Inc to all teams in previous competition/s plus all new teams making application
5. Lodgement of Team Entry-
 - a) After the confirmation of acceptances there will be no reimbursement of the Team Entry Fee
 - b) Once the competition matches have commenced, there will be no reimbursement of fees received and any outstanding fees must be paid
 - c) Subsequent entry into future competition/s may be jeopardised if financial commitments have not been met in previous competitions of PNA Inc.

3. Registration of Team and Players

1. A team having paid the required Team Entry Fee may register any number of players during the competition
2. Netball Victoria Membership

- a) All players participating in any competitions of PNA Inc., must hold a current Netball Victoria Membership
 - b) Single Game Vouchers will be available for all competitions and will only constitute a current Netball Victoria Membership for the game for which it is issued
 - c) A player is entitled to two (2) single game vouchers only in any season
3. Netball Victoria Membership is determined annually by the Netball Victoria Board
 4. Additional Players may be added to the team's register during a competition, provided such details are written on the back of the scoresheet – name, address and Date of Birth
 - a) The Netball Victoria membership fee must be paid before the player takes the court for the first competition match in which they participate, or details of Netball Victoria Membership registered elsewhere must be provided.
 - b) In the event that there is more than one team from the same club in the same grade, players may transfer between teams until the player takes the court for the third time with one team after the commencement of the season. Once this occurs, the player must remain with the team they played their third match with for the remainder of the competition
 5. A player may only play in one match per night in any competition
 6. A player may, however, register with more than one team and up to four (4) teams – three (3) ladies and one (1) mixed team in any week of competition
 7. Matches won with defaulting players shall be forfeited to the opposing team – ten (10) goals to nil (0) and four (4) points to the opposing team
 8. Finals -
 - a) Finals will be played at the conclusion of competition matches in each section/grade of each competition.
 - b) Teams qualifying for finals shall be determined by the number of points gained during the season
 - c) In the event of teams being equal on points, positions shall be determined by percentage of goals scored for and against
 - d) In the event of teams being equal on percentage, positions shall be determined by the greater number of goals scored for
 - e) Players in 6, 7 and 8 team competitions must have played three (3) games to be eligible for finals or as determined by Committee of Management.
 - f) Players in 9, 10 and 11 team competitions must have played four (4) games to be eligible for finals or as determined by Committee of Management.
 - g) Matches for finals shall be conducted as for competition rounds. The starting time for finals matches may alter slightly
 - h) Matches for finals will be conducted as a 'knock-out' series held over a two (2) week period
 - i) Drawn Matches in Finals –
 - i. There is one (1) minute allowed for teams to change ends and scores to be checked on the office scoresheet
 - ii. Neither positional changes nor substitutions may be made during the change-over period
 - iii. Two (2) x five (5) minute halves will be played

- iv. At the end of the first half, teams change ends – No substitutions or positional changes allowed
- v. Should there still be a draw at the end of the second half of extra time, play continues until one team has a two (2) goal advantage
- vi. In the event of illness or injury during extra time, positional changes and/or substitutions may be made

4. Club Colours and Uniforms

1. Each team shall wear a uniform of the same design and colour
2. The dress-code for Ladies Competitions may be one-piece dresses, sports skirts/shorts and polo or T-shirts, NOT singlets

The dress-code for Mixed Competitions will be sports skirts or shorts and matching polo or T-shirts, NOT singlets. Male players will wear matching shorts and polo or T-shirts, NOT singlets.

3. Tracksuit pants, leggings, bike shorts, slacks or board shorts are not permitted. Also not permitted are multi-coloured shorts, shorts with buttons, basketball or board shorts and shorts with pockets or zips.
4. Each team shall register the team's uniform giving full team details and colours on the entry form
5. The PNA Inc colours of Sky Blue skirts and Navy Blue shirts will be maintained exclusively by PNA Inc and are not permitted by registered teams
 - a. From the commencement of the season until the end of the season, players not in full uniform will not be permitted to take the court
 - b. Players on court and not in correct uniform may be ordered to leave the court by the officiating umpires in consultation with Supervisor
 - c. One goal will be deducted for each piece of incorrect clothing should players take the court not in correct uniform
 - d. Teams in Ladies' Competitions who choose to wear sports skirts must wear dark coloured or matching sports briefs. Bike shorts, bikini briefs and G-strings are not permitted
 - e. Positional patches must be worn by all players – lettering to be 15cm high and worn both front and back
 - f. Fingernails must be cut or taped correctly with PNA Inc approved sports tape
 - g. Gloves are not permitted

5. Clearances

1. In the event of a team/club disbanding in a season, players affected will be free to play with other teams/clubs
2. No team/club shall be disbanded after the seventh (7th) round of competition – penalties will apply

6. Fees/Fines

1. The Team Entry Fee shall be determined annually by the Committee of Management
2. The Team Entry Fee must accompany the Team Registration form
3. Playing fees for the season shall be determined annually by the Committee of Management
4. Team playing fees are to be paid to the supervisor prior to the fixtured match
5. No playing fees are to be paid by a team when it has a fixtured bye
6. Outstanding fines by teams are to be paid prior to the next fixtured match

7. Walkovers

1. All competition games will commence at the time as listed in the fixture
2. If there are at least five (5) players present, a team will be required to take the court to start play. Players arriving after the game has commenced are 'late arrivals' and will be able to enter the game only as specified in Rule 5 of the official rule book – Revised 2007. If the centre player is missing, one player shall move to that position in order for the game to commence.
3. In the event that there are fewer than five (5) players present for one team, a maximum of five (5) minutes will be allowed for at least five (5) players of the team to take the court. The non-offending team will be awarded one (1) penalty goal per minute for up to five (5) minutes.
If at the end of the maximum five (5) minute period, there are still less than five (5) players present, the game shall be awarded to the non-offending team (4 points and a score of 10-0)
4. In the event that there are fewer than five (5) players for both teams, a maximum period of five (5) minutes will be allowed for at least five (5) players of a team to take the court. A team can only be awarded penalty goals per minute if the opposing team has at least five (5) players in position to play. If at the end of this time there are fewer than five (5) players present for both teams, the game shall be abandoned and no points or score shall be credited to either team – Walk-over fees will apply to both teams.
5. When a game is in progress with a team fielding five (5) players, should a player from their team be injured or unable to continue playing, a walkover shall be declared and 10 goals to Nil and four (4) points awarded to the opposing team, regardless of the score at the time the walkover is determined – walkover fees will not apply.

8. Cancellations

1. When matches are cancelled on account of total strike (eg. power or a situation created by a prolonged petrol strike), wet weather or some other cause, both teams will be

credited with two (2) points and five (5) goals each and the competition will continue as per the fixture. Playing fees will not be required

2. Should circumstances occur in which successive rounds need to be cancelled the Committee of Management will consider the position and determine a suitable course of action and advise teams accordingly, via electronic mail

9. Conduct of Matches

1. Game rules shall be those of Netball Australia, except:
 - a. Timing (refer to points 3 and 5 below)
 - b. Failure to take the court (refer to 7.3 to 7.5)
 - c. Blood policy (refer to point 4 below)
2. Fixtures will be provided for all competitions stating courts, venues and times. Copies will be emailed to teams/clubs prior to the season commencing. Fixtures will also be available on the PNA Inc website (www.prahrannetball.com.au). The Home Team is the first numbered team.
3. Timing of games is as follows:
 - a. 4 x 9 minute quarters
 - b. Straight change of ends between 1st and 2nd Quarters. Straight change of ends between 3rd and 4th Quarters.
 - c. 2 minutes ½ time break
 - d. NO INJURY TIME

A match may be stopped by the umpires in extenuating circumstances to ensure a safe playing area is maintained
4. Blood Policy – All forty (40) minute matches shall follow this procedure:
 - a. The game is stopped – the clock is not stopped
 - b. The player leaves the court – substitution rules apply (with no time allowance)
 - c. Play is resumed
 - d. No injury time – a player must call injury time – NOT the umpires
5. All games shall be timed from a central clock
6. Four (4) points shall be awarded for a win and two (2) points for a draw
7. In the event of a team having five (5) players on court and an injury occurs in the third (3rd) or fourth (4th) quarter of a scheduled match the score at the time of the injury stands if the injured player is unable to continue playing

10. Rules for Mixed Competition

1. There shall be at all times at least one (1) but not more than three (3) male players on the court during play. There must be at least one (1) male player at the start of the fixtured match.
2. Male players must play one (1) in each third of the court (NOTE: this rule does not indicate that the male centre player shall be the centre player, he may be the WA or WD)

3. It is not necessary for a male player to be opposed to a male player
4. Male players shall wear shorts, shirts/t-shirts of the same team colours as the female players, which will be lodged on the official team registration form
5. Not Permitted :
 - a. Track pants, bike pants, board shorts, basketball shorts, multi-coloured shorts or shorts with buttons, pockets or zips. Basketball singlets are also not permitted

10. Umpires

1. All due care and responsibility will be taken to provide double-umpiring on all fixtured matches, with umpires selected from a panel provided by the Association
2. All umpires will hold a current Netball Victoria Membership
3. Umpires for the finals will be organised by the Association
4. The Association will be responsible for the training of potential umpires and may use competition matches for the practical training of trainee umpires. Trainee umpires will be supervised at all times as determined by the Association

11. Official Score Sheets

1. One (1) official scoresheet will be used for each fixtured match. The score sheet will list the complete names (both given and surname) of all players taking the court prior to the commencement of play
2. Each team is to supply one (1) scorer when required, as per fixture, such scorer to arrive on time and to score the match indicated as per the fixture
3. Penalty for non-scoring duties is loss of four (4) points
4. At the match conclusion, to indicate their satisfaction that the information on the official scoresheet is correct, the official scoresheet is to be signed by;
 - a. The captains of competing teams
 - b. The officiating umpires
5. The official scoresheets must be returned to the supervisor

12. Progressive Ladders

1. A weekly progressive ladder will be displayed by supervisors at all venues. It will also be displayed on appropriate noticeboards. This information will also be available on the PNA Inc website (www.prahrranetball.com.au).

13. Protests

A team wishing to protest :

1. Must not sign the official scoresheet and notify the supervisor of their intention to protest
2. Must lodge the protest in writing with the Committee of Management within 48 hours of the match being played
3. Shall have the right of appeal to the Committee of Management within 48 hours of notification of the penalty
4. The Committee of Management shall appoint three (3) of its members to deal with the protest, advise the team(s) concerned, the result of the appeal and this decision will be final

NOTE : Where it is not otherwise stated in these By-laws, Netball Victoria's Policies and Procedures will be applied.

14. Association Meetings

1. All members of the Association may attend the Annual General Meeting
2. All registered clubs/teams of the Association must be represented at the Annual General Meeting
3. Clubs/teams not present at the Annual General Meeting will incur a penalty – loss of four (4) points
4. A General Meeting of the Association may be held prior to the commencement of any competition

15. Lost Property

PNA Inc. will take no responsibility for property left at designated venues at which the Association conducts netball competitions or programs.

16. Disputes and Mediation and the Association

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".

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