

SHEPPARTON NETBALL ASSOCIATION INC

INCORPORATED ASSOCIATION NUMBER: A5824

BY LAWS 2026

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1. GENERAL

1.1 These by – laws (the By-Laws) are to be read in conjunction with the Rules of the Shepparton Netball Association Inc. (SNA) and can be changed by the SNA Committee of Management (the “CoM”)

1.2 The By-Laws apply to all Sections of the SNA. A Section refers to either the Saturday Afternoon Section, Saturday Morning Section, Night Section, or any Section the CoM create. Each Section may elect a committee to manage its affairs (a “Section Committee”).

1.3 Each section will hold a Sectional Annual Meeting and elect a Convenor (the “Convenor”). The Convenors or nominated delegate (the “Delegate”) will represent their Section at the CoM monthly meeting.

1.4 The Convenor or Delegate must attend 80% of the monthly CoM meetings. If a person holds more than one position on the CoM a delegate representing each position must attend every meeting

1.5 Minutes of the monthly CoM meeting will be distributed within 14 days to the relevant parties.

1.6 At all Sectional Annual meetings, Annual General Meetings and Special General Meeting of the Shepparton Netball Assoc. Inc, each club may be represented by two (2) voting delegates to be nominated at the commencement of the Meeting.

1.7 If required each Convenor and Section must prepare competition guidelines for the CoM.

1.8 Each Section may review and vote on its own sectional by-laws and if required vote and present same to the Committee of Management. Each section shall review its By Law and present to Committee.

1.9 A By Law may be altered at any Committee of Management Meeting. Proposed alterations must be submitted in writing to the Association Office Administrator at the Meeting for ratification by the Committee of Management. Any changes will be presented at the AGM of the Association

1.10 Any suspended Club/Team/Player shall forfeit all rights and privileges, including playing, held under the SNA at the discretion of the SNA and/or CoM.

1.11 All Registration and other fees must be paid on the date and at the times determined and publicised by the Section concerned.

1.12 The winning team is responsible for handing in the Score sheet signed, and scores correct. Each team is responsible for the completion of their own team information on the correct side of the score sheet. All details are to be completed in FULL This also includes putting the particulars of borrowed players on the score sheet. Teams have 48 hours after the completion of their match to notify on the slip available at the control box the sectional recorder or sectional convenor if borrowed players have not been recorded. Failure to comply with this by-law will result in your team losing (4) premiership points.

1.13 All players have the option to play more than one game per day/night but may only take the court in one game per time slot.

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

1.15 Where this By-law is silent, a decision can be made that ensures the integrity of the Shepparton Netball Association is maintained at all times. The Committee may in using its reasonable discretion, in exceptional or extenuating circumstances, alter, vary, or waive the requirements set out in this By-law relating to the SNA.

1.16 Honorariums shall be reviewed and paid annually at the discretion of the Executive:

1.17 For any SNA Committee Member paying full registration and not participating in Coaching, Umpiring, Team Management, Administrative duties, including but not limited to the Office Administrator and Data Base Administrator, and the Saturday and Night Competition Convenors, will have their Registration Fee fully reimbursed by the Shepparton Netball Association.

2. COVID/PUBLIC HEALTH ORDERS

2.1 In the event of any of the following **FULL** competitions sessions being cancelled via a directive from Netball Victoria/Netball Australia, or the Shepparton Netball Association Committee of Management, fees already paid for those sessions will be refunded back to the appropriate teams/clubs.

- a. Junior Saturday Competition (morning session)
- b. Senior Saturday Competition (afternoon session)
- c. Night Competition (evening session)

2.2 Teams who cannot field players for any weekly games due to Public Health Concerns (Pandemic/Other), will be required to forfeit as per SNA By-Laws.

2.3 All Public Health Orders as directed by the Victorian Government, National Government, Netball Australia, Netball Victoria, and the Shepparton Netball Association Committee of Management must be adhered to.

3. CLUB REPRESENTATIVES

3.1 Every club with less than three (3) teams must supply one (1) representative and every club with more than three (3) teams must supply two (2) representatives to attend each Sectional Annual Meeting and SNA Annual General Meeting.

4. GRIEVANCE PROCEDURE

4.1 In the event of a Club/Team/Player violating any SNA rules or by Laws that Club/Team/Player violating shall be liable to a fine, suspension or expulsion at the discretion of the Section Committee. If the Sectional Committee cannot resolve the dispute, then it must be referred to the Disputes and Grievance Clause in the Rules of Incorporation.

4.2 In the event of any Club/Team/Official/Player wishing to make a formal written complaint about an Umpire/Game/Official or Player, such a Club/Team/Official or Player is required to take details of such complaint away from the Shepparton Netball Association Complex for a period of 24 hours prior to submitting any formal letter/document to the Association unless circumstances warrant immediate submission to allow time for serious consideration of said complaint. Protests to be lodged in writing within forty-eight hours of the match being played, to the Office Administrator who will refer the complaint to the appropriate Section Convenor.

5. SET UP AND CLEAN UP DUTIES AND CANTEEN ROSTER

5.1 Clubs/teams will be rostered to perform set up and clean up and Canteen duties throughout the season. Failure to fulfil these duties will incur a fine of \$50.00.

6. GRADING

6.1 Each Sectional Committee will be responsible for grading of teams.

6.2 After three (3) rounds of competition a team may be regraded at the discretion of the Saturday Afternoon Section Committee. Saturday morning regrading will take place after four (4) rounds.

6.3 Night Section will only be re-graded if deemed necessary by the Committee.

7. UNIFORM

7.1 Uniforms of teams entering in an SNA competition shall be a Polo Shirt, T-Shirt, Singlet (no shoestring straps), Shorts, Leggings, Skirt or Dress, sports shoes, and sports socks. Club coloured or dark coloured sports briefs must be worn under the skirts or dresses. All members of the team shall appear to wear the same uniform. This can be made up of dresses for some players, singlets and shorts for other players providing they are of the same design and colouring. Soft peak sun visors/hats and sunglasses are permitted.

7.2 Each club shall register the uniform of the Club and Club colours, with the relevant Section, each year. A photo/design must be forwarded to the Committee of Management for approval for new teams and any changes to existing uniforms.

7.3 Religious clothing - a player may wear a head scarf, long-sleeved top, long tights, leggings, or trousers to play netball. These are permitted for religious reasons provided that if they are worn the colour will be as close as possible to the team's current netball uniform or Black. Leggings can be of any length but must not be excessively loose. Head Scarves must be made of a soft material and tied on, with no use of metal pins or anything else that could constitute a danger. Flowing/flapping edges must be held securely around the neck or tucked into the shirt collar. The scarf should be as neat and secure as possible. Ideally the colour of the scarf will be as close to the colour of the netball uniform as possible.

7.4 Jewellery is not part of a Uniform. Jewellery or body piercings may NOT be worn when participating in the Association's activities. Beads are not permitted in hair - Refer INF Rules of Netball Rule 3:TEAM 12a-h (pg 21)

7.5 Religious jewellery - It is the individual's responsibility to ensure that they comply with Netball Australia Guidelines. Dermal piercings (that are located below the skin and cannot be easily removed) and flat religious bracelets (which are not to be removed for religious and / or cultural reasons) are to be suitably covered with padding / tape as necessary to prevent injury to others. Players will be precluded from participating until such jewellery or body piercings are removed or covered.

8. UMPIRES, MENTORS & TOURNAMENT UMPIRES

8.1 Umpires who fill in at the last minute are still required to wear a White Polo or T-Shirt over their current uniform.

8.2 Uniforms of umpires officiating at the SNA must wear a White Polo Shirt or T-Shirt, and either Black, Navy or White Shorts, Leggings or Skirt, sports shoes, and sports socks. Matching sports briefs to be worn under skirts. Soft peak sun visors/hats and sunglasses are also permitted.

8.3 All umpires MUST be Netball Victoria registered prior to officiating in any match.

8.4 All umpires MUST arrive 15 Minutes prior to the game time to ensure that court procedures are completed prior to the commencement of the game.

8.5 The Umpire Committee shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting of the Association in lieu of a single Umpire Convenor if a Convenor cannot be found.

8.6 Teams shall be required to provide team umpires as rostered. Team umpires are expected to complete an SNA approved course or be badged.

8.7 Umpires are to be allocated by the Umpires Convenor or Committee to travel with Association squads and teams.

8.8 All Squad Umpires are required to wear a White Shirt as supplied by the Squad Committee when representing Shepparton Netball Association at all tournaments.

8.9 Each Section shall nominate an Umpires Appointee who shall liaise with the Umpires Committee.

8.10 SNA Umpires will officiate on all Section Final Games when possible.

8.11 Umpire Mentors must have completed an Accredited Mentors Course and be currently badged.

8.12 Umpire Support People are allotted to assist with Spectator Behaviour Control and to reassure umpires that support is available without offering Mentor Assistance.

9. FORFEITS

9.1 A forfeiting team must notify the relevant Section Convenor by 8pm on the day prior to the match of the intention to forfeit, in which case the Score sheets are not required from either team, unless the non-forfeiting team wishes to present, at the time set down, to register players by completing the score sheet.

9.2 Four (4) premiership points and 10 goals to zero (0) for percentage purposes will be awarded to the non-forfeiting team. All permanent players in the non-forfeiting team will be deemed to have played that round.

9.3 If a forfeit notification is given after 8.00pm on the day prior to the match the forfeiting team will be fined the equivalent of two (2) weeks of the team court fees for the current competition they are participating in. This fine must be paid prior to the team's next scheduled match. The Section Convenor will notify the opposing team contact.

9.4 In the event of a team forfeiting two (2) consecutive matches, the team must show cause to the Section Committee why it should not be disqualified.

10. LADDERS

10.1 Four (4) points shall be awarded for a win and two (2) points for a drawn game. Four (4) points shall be awarded for a Bye.

11. FINALS

11.1 A player may play in 2 finals in different grades/sections if the player is qualified with the club.

11.2 In the event of a team being level on Premiership points, the position shall be determined by the percentage of goal scored FOR and AGAINST.

11.3 At the conclusion of the home and home matches, finals shall be played as follows:

3rd and 4th place play in the First Semi Final

1st and 2nd place play in the Second Semi Final.

The winner of the First Semi Final plays the loser of the second Semi Final in the Preliminary Final.

The Winner of the Preliminary Final plays the winner of the second Semi Final in the Grand Final.

Except for Night Competition where the finals configuration shall be determined prior to the commencement of the season.

11.4 Teams unable to field a side in the final's series can be given the option to relinquish their position on the ladder at the end of the home games. The Committee of the Section shall then adjust the ladder accordingly i.e., 2nd to 1st, 3rd to 2nd, 4th to 3rd, 5th to 4th.

11.5 Any team found playing an ineligible player in any finals matches will forfeit the match (as there is no points in the finals) to the non-offending team.

12. WEATHER

Please refer to each Sections By-Laws for Wet Weather.

Please refer to Netball Victoria's Info Net regarding Duty of Care for playing in extreme weather conditions.

13. AWARDS AND TROPHIES

13.1 All perpetual trophies are retained for display in the SNA clubrooms.

13.2 Appropriate trophies shall be awarded to the Premiers and runners up in each section. Nine per team to be presented and teams may apply for extra trophies if more than nine players were qualified for that team.

13.3 Umpires awards are selected by the Umpire Convenor/Umpire Committee.

13.4 Coaches awards are nominated by teams. Sectional Convenors, Umpire Convenor and Coaching Convenor select the award recipient from the nominations received.

14. REGISTRATION AND CLEARANCES

14.1 All players, coaches, team managers and committee members must have NV registration.

14.2 Single Game Vouchers (SGV) will be limited to four (4) vouchers only for all Competitions. Single Game Vouchers do not cover training.

14.3 Unregistered or ineligible player/s regardless of the outcome of the game (win lose or draw) will have four points deducted from the defaulting team. In the case of finals, the game will be forfeited to the opposing team.

14.4 Players (incl Fill ins) may only play for one club within the same competition. Note: Saturday Morning and Saturday Afternoon are two separate competitions.

14.5 In the event of a player seeking a transfer from one club to another during the season, written application for a clearance must be made by the Player and the club wishing to have the player join it, to the Sectional Committee who shall have the power to grant or refuse the clearance in the interest of the section. The said player must forward to the Sectional Committee a written clearance, signed by the Secretary/Captain of the previous Club/Team. A clearance will only be granted until the end of the round 5 of the season.

14.6 No player shall be granted more than one clearance during a season.

14.7 The sectional committee shall record all clearances.

14.8 A 13 and Under Primary school player may play 13 and Under Section Saturday Morning and Saturday Afternoon, however a 13 and Under Secondary player may not play in the Junior Competition.

14.9 Should a club have 2 or more teams in the 1 Grade/Section movement of players shall be allowed, between teams in the same grade/section for the first 3 rounds. After round 3 they will be treated as teams from separate clubs. Please refer to each sections ByLaws for clarification.

14.10 In the event of two grades/sections combining, players from the teams who were originally entered in the lower grade/section are still eligible to fill in for the teams entered in the higher grade/section.

15. MATCH RULES

15.1 All games will be played in accordance with INF Netball Australia Rules unless otherwise stipulated in the By-Laws.

15.2 Matches will be timed by a central siren.

15.3 Saturday Afternoon matches will consist of Four x 15 Minute Quarters
Saturday Morning matches will consist of Four x 10 Minute Quarters
Night Competition matches will consist of Four x 10 Minute Quarters

15.4 Injury/Illness or Blood: NO INJURY TIME. If a player cannot leave the court quickly the game shall be moved to another court.
(9/Under SET/GO Exception Applies)

15.5 9/Under - the player is permitted to come back onto the court after leaving for injury/illness or blood,

- (i) at the next break in play,
- (ii) during another stoppage for injury/illness or blood, or interval,
- (iii) when a goal is scored,
- (iv) when a sanction is awarded,
- (v) when a throw in is taken.

15.6 Mixed Competition only 15&U, 17&U and Open teams may have up to three (3) Boys playing at any one time. If three (3) boys are on the court at any one time they must play in separate thirds of the court.
Thirds consist of: GK or GD (1st third), WD or C or WA (2nd third), GA or GS (3rd third).

15.7 Single Game Vouchers (SGV) will be limited to four (4) vouchers only for all Competitions. Single Game Vouchers do not cover training.

15.8 Rolling Substitutions:

- a) The rolling substitution stands at the designated area with a positional patch on.
- b) Before leaving the designated area, the substitute tags (with hands) the player leaving the court.
- c) Only one (1) rolling substitute per team can be made at a time.
- d) Play is not to be held up for rolling substitutions. If play is delayed, the player will be penalised under Rule 19.2. Delaying play.
- e) Players must observe the offside rules as they enter / leave the court.
Sanction: Free pass where the infringement occurred (offside area) unless this places the non-infringing team at a disadvantage, or advantage is applied.
- f) Players must not interfere with the umpire's movement during the substitution.
Sanction: Free pass where the ball was when play was stopped (advantage may be applied).
- g) If a player leaves the court as a rolling substitution, and there is no player in the designated area, the replacement player is treated as a late player (as per Rule 3.8) and must wait until a break in play to enter the court.

3.8. Any late player may, after advising the umpire, take the court in the vacant position/s at the next break in play.

Action: Any late player is sent from the court until the correct time for entry and possession is awarded to the opposing team where the ball was when play stopped.

Terminology: Incorrect entry.

16. SATURDAY MORNING - JUNIOR SECTION

16.1 The Saturday morning junior section is a Primary School competition.

16.2 All Saturday Morning Matches will consist of Four (4) x 10 Minute Quarters

16.3 There will be no finals for 9 and Under 11 and Under sections. All players in these sections will receive recognition of participation in the Competition in the form of trophies/medals. The 13 and Under sections will play finals.

16.4 Players must turn five on or before the 31/12 (in the calendar year) to start NetSetGo. Players must have commenced Grade 2 (in the calendar year) to start netball in the Saturday Morning Junior section.

16.5 Players are permitted to play 2 games per day in the Saturday Morning Competition. A player may play 7 games in one or more sections. If the player takes the court in an eighth game in any higher section, they may not return to the lower section.

16.6 The Saturday Morning Committee is to consist of at least one representative from each participating school/club.

16.7 In the event of extreme weather the Saturday Junior Convenor, a member of the Executive and one member of the three major clubs (names provided at the start of the season) need to be present at the courts at 8:15am and will decide to cancel the time slot, delay the start of the time slot or play. All 13 and Under need to present at the courts expecting to play at each time slot. If matches are cancelled after half time the score stands. If matches are cancelled prior to half time 2 points will be awarded to each team. All permanent players in the teams scheduled to play on the weather effected round will be deemed to have played.

16.8 Clubs that are unable to draw from lower sections in the 9 and Under and 11 and Under competition may borrow from other teams/clubs in the same section. 13 and Under teams may only borrow from their own club teams.

16.9 Black, or Same Colour as Uniform Full-Length leggings and Long-Sleeved Tops can be worn under the uniform.

16.10 After regrading teams that have been moved have the option of regrading affected players before the next round of the competition.

16.11 To qualify for finals a player must have played 4 (Four) rounds of matches with the Club in the Saturday Morning Junior Competition.

16.12 After Four (4) rounds of competition a team may be regraded at the discretion of the Saturday Morning Section Committee.

17. SATURDAY AFTERNOON SECTION

17.1 All Saturday Afternoon Matches will consist of Four (4) x 15 Minute Quarters

17.2 A player may play 7 games in one or more sections. If the player takes the court in an eighth game in the higher section, the player may not return to the lower section.

17.3 To qualify for finals a player must have played five (5) rounds of matches with the Club in the Saturday afternoon section.

17.4 Mixed Sections may only borrow players from any team (Mixed or Female only) in a lower section/division/age group within their club

17.5 A Best and Fairest award will be presented in each sectional division. Best and Fairest votes will be given by the umpires on a 3, 2, 1 basis. If 2 or more players have the same total of votes there will be a countback. An MVP as chosen by each Grand Final match umpires will be awarded on Grand Final Day.

17.6 If a Club enters 3 or more teams in a division in any age section, a team must be entered in the higher section of that division. Movement of these teams at regrading will be at the discretion of the Saturday Committee.

17.7 After three (3) rounds of competition a team may be regraded at the discretion of the Saturday Afternoon Section Committee.

17.8 All teams are required to provide an umpire to umpire every game that they are participating in.

17.9 If a club-appointed umpire fails to report to the control box at least 10 minutes prior to the scheduled start time of the match, and no replacement umpire is supplied by the team, the match will be deemed forfeited by the offending team.

17.10 In the event of extreme weather the Saturday Afternoon Convenor, a member of the Executive and one member of the three major clubs (names provided at the start of the season) need to be present at the courts at 12:00 noon and will decide to cancel the time slot, delay the start of play or play. All time slots will be reviewed as the afternoon progresses – unless the extreme weather committee has decided to cancel the whole afternoon competition for the day. If the complete round of the Saturday matches is cancelled no points will be awarded. If some scheduled matches for the section are cancelled 2 points will be awarded to each team. All permanent players in the teams scheduled to play on the weather effected round will be deemed to have played. If the complete round of the Saturday matches are cancelled after half time the score stands. If matches are cancelled prior to half time 2 points will be awarded to each team.

18. NIGHT SECTION

18.1 All Night Section Matches will consist of Four (4) x 10 Minute Quarters

18.2 A player may play 3 games in one or more sections. If the player takes the court in a fourth game in the higher section, they may not return to the lower section.

18.3 Mixed Sections may only borrow players from any team (Mixed or Female only) in a lower section/division/age group within their club

18.4 All games to be played Tuesday night except when otherwise required by the Night Committee.

18.5 To qualify for finals a player must have played 2 rounds of matches with the Club.

18.6 A Best and fairest award will not be presented in the Night Competition, however, an MVP as chosen by each Grand Final match umpires will be awarded on Grand Final Day.

18.7 Any team continually not supplying umpires may have teams removed from the competition.

18.8 In the event of extreme weather the Night Convenor, a member of the Executive and 3 other members of the night committee need to be present at the courts 30 minutes prior to the first timeslot and will decide to cancel the time slot, delay the start of play, or play. All time slots will be reviewed as the evening progresses – unless the extreme weather committee has decided to cancel the whole night competition for the night. If the complete round of the night matches is cancelled no points will be awarded. If some scheduled matches for the section are cancelled 2 points will be awarded to each team. All permanent players in the teams scheduled to play on the weather effected round will be deemed to have played. If the complete round of the Night matches is cancelled after half time the score stands. If matches are cancelled prior to half time 2 points will be awarded to each team.

18.9 Single Game Vouchers (SGV) will be limited to four (4) vouchers only for the SNA Night Competition. Single Game Vouchers do not cover training.

18.10 Night Section will only be re-graded if deemed necessary by the Committee.

19. TOURNAMENT/CARNIVAL

19.1 The Tournament age groupings will be Open, 17 and Under, 15 and Under and 13 and Under (as at 31/12/ of that year).

19.2 The Carnival age groupings will be 13 and Under Primary, 11 and Under and 9 and Under (as at 31/12 of that year).

19.3 Medals will be presented to Premiers &-MVP'S 9 per team in all grades/sections in the Shepparton Netball Association Tournaments.

19.4 Medals will be presented to Premiers and Runners Up – 9 per team in the 13 and Under aged section. 11 and Under and 9 and Under will receive a Certificate of Participation in the Shepparton Netball Association Carnival

20. REPRESENTATIVE TEAMS/SQUAD

20.1 Coaches and assistant coaches to be appointed by the Squad Team Committee. All coaches and assistant coaches must have current coaching accreditation.

20.2 Selectors will be appointed by the Squad Team Committee. With the exception of the Coach, selectors may not select in the section where their child is involved in trials.

20.3 Trials will be held for each section on dates nominated by the Squad Convenor/Committee. Trial dates to be fixed annually. All players must attend all trials unless a request for exemption has been received and approved by the Squad Convenor/Committee. After selection of all Teams/Squads a maximum of 3 weeks is allowed for re-trialling of players and the omission of those who did not come up to expectation, or for any other reason. Selectors involved with that team/squad must attend these trials.

20.4 Medical Forms are to be completed in full and returned to the Squad Convenor by all person involved with the Contingent, prior to the first trial.

20.5 All Underage teams will be under Adult supervision. The Adult will have a current and verified Working with Children's Check, as per the SNA Child Safety Policy.

20.6 To be eligible to represent the SNA in a representative team/squad a player must have played in the winter SNA run competition prior to the date of selection.

20.7 Following a player's selection in the team/squad they will be required to play a minimum of 10 games for their relevant club team in the SNA Saturday Junior/Senior winter competition of the year of their selection. Failure to do so may result in the player being ruled ineligible to participate in the finals of the SNA Saturday winter competition should their relevant club qualify.

21. LIFE MEMBERS – As per the Rules of Incorporation