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# SOUTHERN TASMANIAN NETBALL ASSOCIATION

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These Bylaws govern the Association. They are the operating procedures that determine the conduct of the Association and its members under Rule 23 of the Constitution. The Board adopted these Bylaws on 06 November 2023. Any amendments to these Bylaws come into effect on the date they are approved by the Board and will remain in force until amended, repealed or replaced.

## **DEFINITIONS**

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**“Association”** means the Southern Tasmanian Netball Association Incorporated.

**“Club”** means a non-profit incorporated body which has an interest in netball and is affiliated with the Association.

**“Board”** is the governing body of the Association.

**“Bylaws”** means these By-Laws of the Association as amended from time to time.

**“Constitution”** means the constitution of the Association as amended from time to time.

**“Club Delegate”** is a representative of a Club who liaises with the Committee.

**“Ineligible player”** is a player who is not entitled to participate in a game, which may include a player who has not qualified or a player not eligible to play in that age section.

**“Team”** is a team which is not affiliated with a governing Club (e.g. social competition rosters).

**“Team Official”** has the meaning given to it by Bylaw 23.

## **1. ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP**

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- 1.1. The process for applying for membership of the Association is outlined in Section 6 of the Association Constitution.
- 1.2. Applicants seeking Club membership must comprise a minimum of three (3) Teams, and be an incorporated association, or in the process of incorporation, where the process shall be completed within 12 months of applying for Club membership.
- 1.3. Applicants seeking Club membership shall complete the *STNA Club Affiliation and Agreement Form* and provide information, including:
  - (a) Name of the Club
  - (b) Name and contact details of Club contacts including President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer and nominated representatives for any Association sub-committees or working groups
  - (c) Number and details of teams to be registered
  - (d) Evidence of any essential policies or procedures that may be deemed relevant, in accordance with these Bylaws, from time-to-time.
- 1.4. All new Club Members are to be confirmed by a resolution of the Board, and a Club Member is not required to reapply for membership each year provided all monies due and payable to the Association have been paid in accordance with Section 2 of these Bylaws.
- 1.5. The detail and information of individual Teams are managed by the Association office, and these individuals are recognised as Registered Members in the Association constitution (non-voting).
- 1.6. All members of the Association must comply with Association Policies and Procedures, and this obligation extends to their registered members and interested parties (e.g. spectators).
- 1.7. All members must ensure that any individual Club or Team sponsorships do not conflict with Association sponsors, and the Association will ensure all sponsorship negotiations, and prospective Association sponsors are advised of existing Member sponsorship arrangements.

## **2. FINANCES**

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- 2.1 Fees
  - (a) The Board shall determine the fees to be paid by each Club and Team to the Association.
  - (b) The Association may set an annual affiliation fee for Clubs or Teams. Each Club and Team may pay an annual affiliation fee of the sum prescribed by Association.
  - (c) The fees shall be calculated to cover the costs of Association and competition management activities.
  - (d) All monies due to the Association must be paid by the nominated due date. Clubs or Teams that have not paid by the nominated date will not be permitted to participate in any activities of the Association.
  - (e) All individuals shall be fully paid members of their own Club or Team (if applicable) in order to be eligible to participate in any activities governed by the Association.
  - (f) Any individual with outstanding debt to the Association shall not be permitted to take the court for any Club or Team in any competition until the outstanding debt is paid.
  - (g) Any individual who breaches Bylaw 2.1(f) may be subject to a fine as determined by the Board.

## **2.2 Reimbursements / Payments**

- (a) Association Board Directors may be entitled to claim authorised expenses incurred whilst acting in an official capacity from the Association. Receipts must be supplied to the Association in order for any reimbursements to be made.
- (b) Umpires will be paid at the rate determined by the Association in accordance with the *STNA Match Officials Payment Policy*.
- (c) Other Association personnel (including sub-committee members) may be entitled to claim authorised expenses incurred whilst acting on behalf of the Association as determined at the discretion of the Association on a case-by-case basis.

## **3. CLUB AND TEAM REGISTRATION**

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- 3.1** In order for a Club or Team to be eligible to compete in the Association's competitions, the Club or Team must complete all official entry form/s to the Association by the due date.
- 3.2** All Clubs and Teams that submit valid entry forms and are subsequently registered by the Association shall receive information from the Association, which may include:
  - a. Due date and amount of all fees and levies that are to be paid for the season, including Registration Fees, Court Fees, Netball Tasmania Fees and any other fees that may be deemed necessary for that season;
  - b. A link to the Association Constitution and Bylaws;
  - c. Information regarding any meetings or other requirements of the Association; and
  - d. Any information, pertaining to the conduct of the Association's Winter Roster competition, if required.
- 3.3** The Association reserves the right to reject the registration application of any Club or Team applying to the Association for registration to participate in a competition.
- 3.4** All Clubs and Teams will have access to relevant Association and Netball Tasmania policies, procedures, regulations and Codes of Conduct.
- 3.5** If Clubs and Teams wish to apply for use of Association court/s, applications can be made directly to the Association.

## **4. CLUB CORRESPONDENCE**

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- 4.1** All formal correspondence sent by a Club to the Association must be sent in writing from the Club Secretary or authorised person and will include the Association's General Manager.
- 4.2** All formal correspondence from the Association to a Club will include the Club Secretary or authorised person.

## **5. CLUB DELEGATE MEETINGS**

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- 5.1** Club Delegate meetings will be held on the dates determined by the Board and advised to Clubs from time to time.
- 5.2** All Clubs must be represented by at least one delegate at all Club Delegate meetings.
- 5.3** Clubs who do not comply with Bylaw 5.1 may be fined by the Board (with the amount of the fine to be determined by the Board).

## **6. ASSOCIATION SUB-COMMITTEES**

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- 6.1** As per section 20.1 of the Association Constitution the Board may establish sub-committees to carry out duties and functions. These sub-committees include:
- a) Umpire Committee – implemented in accordance with the *Umpire Committee Terms of Reference*
  - b) Coaching Committee – implemented in accordance with the *Coaching Committee Terms of Reference*
  - c) Roster Committee – implemented in accordance with the *Roster Committee Terms of Reference*
  - d) Netball Management Committee - implemented in accordance with the *Netball Management Committee Terms of Reference*
- 6.2** A Club representative may not be a member on more than two sub-committees.

## **7. NETBALL TASMANIA MEMBERSHIP**

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- 7.1** The Netball Tasmania membership fees are set annually by the Tasmanian Netball Association Inc.
- (a) In order to be eligible to participate in affiliated Association competitions or programs (including NetSetGo), as a player, coach or umpire, an individual must be a current financial Netball Tasmania member. All Junior, and Senior players, coaches and umpires must register through the appropriate online registration form as provided by the Association.
  - (b) An off-the-court membership (e.g. administrative roles) will be offered to those Association members that have an off-court role.
- 7.2** No player, coach or umpire will be permitted to participate in the Association's activities in any capacity without a current Netball Tasmania membership. Any breach of this Bylaw will be subject to sanction to the individual, Team or Club as determined by the Board.
- 7.3** Single Same Day Player Vouchers may be used.
- (a) Individuals may purchase a Single Same Day Player Voucher and purchase of a voucher will allow the individual to participate as a player in the Association's activities only for the particular game or activity to which the Single Same Day Player Voucher relates.
  - (b) A player must purchase a Single Same Day Player Voucher through the nominated process prior to becoming eligible to participating in the relevant game or activity.

## **8. INCLUSIVE ENVIRONMENTS**

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- 8.1** The Association is committed to providing a safe, fair and inclusive sporting environment where all people can contribute and participate.
- 8.2** The Association will endeavour to provide opportunities for males to participate in mixed and male competitions.
- 8.3** The Association may conduct cultural awareness training and inclusive workshops to ensure a welcoming environment and creating awareness around cultural views and barriers.
- 8.4** The Association supports participation in netball on the basis of the gender with which a person identifies. If issues arise, the Association will seek advice and act in accordance with the *Netball Tasmania Transgender & Gender Diverse Policy*.
- 8.5** All competitions will be clearly labelled in regard to age group and gender. This includes additional references to all genders that are permitted to play. All competition labelling will be clear and transparent.
- 8.6** Mixed competition for the 11&U and 13&U age groups will have NO restrictions applied on the basis of gender.

## **9. TEAM AND INDIVIDUAL REGISTRATIONS**

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- 9.1** All players, coaches, umpires and officials participating in Association competitions must be registered members of the Association.
- 9.2** After the commencement of each season it is the responsibility of Club and Team officials to ensure players are registered prior to their first game.
- 9.3** Registration must occur within seven (7) days. Playing an unregistered player is a breach of these Bylaws and will incur a penalty or penalties (Refer Bylaw 31).
- 9.4** The Association reserves the right to refuse membership.
- 9.5** Teams for the Association's Winter Roster must be submitted to the Association in accordance with the STNA Grading Policy and Procedures.
- 9.6** Individuals registering for the Association's Winter Roster are eligible:
  - (a) To nominate for two (2) Grades below their previous deeming within the last three (3) years, including Netball Tasmania State League competition players with a limit of two (2) players nominating from any one (1) previous grade if they are registering to play together in the same team.
  - (b) To enter a Grade team, if they are also eligible for an age-limited division, with the Order of Grades and Age Division rules being applicable (Refer Bylaw 13.6) to determine which division/s the individual may enter.
  - (c) To nominate for the highest team in their own age group for entry into an age-limited divisions.
  - (d) If non-registered, are eligible to register as a substitute player on game day as a "Single Same Day Player" (refer Bylaw 7.3) and must:
    - i. Complete the *STNA Single Same Day Player Registration Form* (online or paper) before taking the court.
    - ii. May play a maximum of three (3) games and must register to a Club and be deemed to a team as a full member before they play a fourth game.

- iii. Play in games that conform to the STNA Winter Roster Age Requirements outlined in Bylaw 10.
  - iv. If registering to a Club in accordance with Bylaw 9.6 e(ii) the individual must register and be deemed to the Age Division/Grade where they have played the majority of their games as a Day Player or higher.
- (e) Games as a Single Game Day Player may be played with different Clubs.
  - (f) Games played as a Single Game Day Player count towards that individual's deeming for eligibility in the Association's Winter Roster finals.
  - (g) Single Game Day Players are not deemed until they register as a full member with an Association Club.
  - (h) Player movement rules apply for Single Game Day Players previously registered to play in the STNA Winter Roster within the last three (3) years (Refer Bylaw 7.3)
  - (i) Single Game Day Player fees are billed by the Association to Clubs monthly.

## 10. AGE REQUIREMENTS

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- 10.1** Generally, player age is determined as at the 31 December of the current playing year.
- 10.2** Individuals must provide their correct date of birth at the time of registering and failure to do so will result in ineligibility to participate in the Association's activities.
- 10.3** Individuals aged between 5 and 7 years are encouraged to participate in the NetSetGO Program.
- 10.4** Individuals registering for the Association's Winter Roster are only eligible to register in certain age groups upon reaching the relevant age threshold (Minimum Age Requirements).
  - a. The Minimum Age Requirements for each age group are:

Age Group	Minimum
9&U	7 Years (mixed)
11&U	9 Years (mixed)
13&U	11 Years (mixed)
15&U	12 Years
17&U	15 Years
17&Under Boys	14 Years (boys)
Grade/21&Under	15 Years (players in a STNA development team playing in 21&Under competition are exempt from the age rule for 21/Under).

- b. Any Player aged 8 or 9 years must seek permission, through their Club, to register in a higher age group, should their experience and skill level warrant elevation.
- c. Any Player aged up to 11 years may play or fill-in only one age group higher than the minimum Age Division they are eligible to play in (i.e. those eligible for 9&Under and 11&Under may only fill in for 11&Under and 13&Under respectively).



- d. Any Player aged 11 years and older may fill-in for any age group higher than the minimum Age Division they are eligible to play in, excepting Players wishing to fill-in for Grade/21&Under who are subject to Bylaw 10.4 (a).

**10.5** A Team or Club who breaches this Bylaw may be subject to a penalty of the loss of four (4) premiership points.

## **11. DRESS CODE**

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**11.1** All individuals participating in Association activities are required to adhere to all dress code requirements, as determined by the Association and amended from time to time.

**11.2** All Clubs and Teams participating in the Association Winter Roster shall:

- (a) Register for approval, any changes to its uniform and colours for the main playing roster to the Roster Sub-committee by 30 September for approval by 30 November. In doing so all Clubs and Teams:
  - i. May not make changes to uniforms during a playing roster without approval from the Association Roster Sub-committee.
  - ii. May request approval for an alternate uniform to be worn, if required, during periods where provision of Club or Team uniforms is delayed, where Clubs or Teams are phasing in a change in uniform design or when playing against another Club or Team with similar colours with the alternate uniform to be consistent for all players.
  - iii. May not use the State or Association colours (State: green, gold and red; Association: royal blue and gold) and new, or existing Clubs cannot request the same combination of colours that already exist.
- (b) Ensure all players wear approved Club and Team uniforms, including:
  - i. Bibs/patches.
  - ii. leggings and long sleeves, where worn, these must be consistent for all players in the team who choose to wear them.
  - iii. Soft, non-intrusive head coverings for religious/medical reasons.
  - iv. Shorts and playing top (t-shirt, singlet or long sleeve t-shirts) that are registered as an official uniform item.
- (c) Ensure when Clubs and Teams have a similar pattern and colour of uniforms, or where two teams from the same Club are drawn against each other, that the second named team on the roster draw wear a contrasting colour bib/patch.
- (h) Ensure any Club or Team sponsor logos on approved playing uniforms and bibs/patches do not detract from the visibility of playing positions on the bibs/patches.
- (i) Provide an appropriate medical certificate to the Association, if an individual requires a variation to uniform rules for medical reasons (other than 11.2(b)) and the Association will provide the player with an exemption card, which they must show to the umpires at each game.
- (j) Request an assessment by the Association Umpire Convener, or their proxy, for players that need to wear a splint or medical apparatus containing hard or abrasive materials, to determine whether it is safe, and if deemed safe, the Association will provide the player with an exemption card, which they must show to the umpires at each game.
- (k) Submit any other exceptions to these rules for uniforms to the Association Roster Sub-committee.

## **12. JEWELLERY**

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- 12.1** In accordance with the '*Official Rules of Netball*', no item of jewellery, except a wedding band and/or medical alert bracelet, shall be worn and if either or both are worn, each shall be taped.
- 12.2** If an umpire notices a player on court wearing jewellery in contravention of the above, the player may be suspended from the game for two (2) goals and may not be replaced, returning to the court only if they have removed the jewellery.
- 12.3** An individual who has a surgically implanted piercing that cannot be removed without further surgery, a medical piercing, or religious jewellery that they are unable to remove, it is their individual responsibility to apply annually to the Association for a waiver from Bylaw 12.1 and 12.2, with any waiver and associated actions to be in accordance with the *STNA Jewellery Policy*.

## **13. GRADING**

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- 13.1** The Association will implement a grading process for all Teams in all Association competitions.
- 13.2** The Association reserves the right to re-grade a Team at any time of any season.
- 13.3** The Association will be the ultimate adjudicator of all grading decisions.
- 13.4** Players are deemed graded with the team in which they are registered to in PlayHQ.
- 13.5** The grading procedure for the Association's Winter Roster is outlined in the *STNA Grading Policy*.

## **14. CONDUCT OF GAMES**

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- 14.1** The Association is subject to, and must comply at all times with, the "*Official Rules of Netball*" as amended or revised from time to time.
- 14.2** The Association / Netball Australia Codes of Behaviour are to be recognised at all times.
- 14.3** The length of quarters for all competition matches governed by the Association will be determined by the Association prior to the start of the season.
- 14.4** All matches shall commence at the time set down in the applicable Association rosters, unless there are extenuating circumstances.
- 14.4** If games are centrally timed there will be no injury time, with matches to be stopped by the umpires at their discretion at any stage as considered appropriate to ensure the safety of players and maintain a safe playing area.

## **15. SCORING**

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- 15.1** For all Association competitions, the names of all players must be clearly written on the competition scoresheets before the scoresheet is signed off by the scorers, umpires and captains.
- 15.2** A game will be recorded as played for each player whose name appears on the scoresheet and who has a position recorded against them.
- 15.3** In the event of injury or illness a replacement player's name may be added to scoresheet at the time they take the court, with the replacement player subject to Bylaws 1, 13 and 17.
- 15.4** Scoresheets must be signed off as completed at the end of each game.
- 15.5** A completed scoresheet will be deemed filled in correctly if it has legibly written full names of players, record of playing position, including those of substitutes taking the court, the running score and the total score marked, the centre pass marked and it is signed by the scorers, umpires and both captains.
- 15.6** No changes can be made to a completed and signed scoresheet in any Association competition.
- 15.7** The running score on the scoresheet is the official score of the match.
- 15.8** Each team must provide a competent scorer and they will sit together in the designated area.
- 15.9** Failure to fill out the scoresheet correctly (Bylaw 15.5) is a breach of these Bylaws and will incur a penalty or penalties (Refer Bylaw 31).
- 15.10** At the end of each game the scoresheet must be placed in the Scoresheet box by the winning team with missing scoresheets to be followed up by the Association with the failure to return a scoresheet incurring a penalty or penalties (Refer Bylaw 31).

## **16. COMPETITION LADDERS**

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- 16.1** All Association competition ladders will be made available by the Association during competition seasons.
- 16.2** Premiership points are awarded during competition seasons as follows:
  - (a) 4 points for a win;
  - (b) 3 points for a draw or bye; and
  - (c) 2 points for a loss
  - (d) 0 points for a forfeit or abandonment.
- 16.3** In the event of Teams or Clubs being equal on points, positions shall be determined by the percentage of goals scored for and against each Team or Club (with higher percentage from the relevant Teams or Clubs leading to higher position on the ladder) and in the event of Teams or Clubs being equal on percentage, positions shall be determined by the greater number of goals scored by those Teams or Clubs.

## **17. BORROWING PLAYERS**

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- 17.1** The movement of players across Association teams, grades and competitions will be at the discretion of the Association.
- 17.2** The movement of players in the Association Winter Roster, will be restricted as follows:
- (a) A Single Game Day Player who has been registered in the last three (3) years can only drop a maximum of two (2) grades below their previous deeming (Refer Bylaw 9).
  - (b) Upward movement is not restricted unless subject to the Eight (8) Game Rule (Bylaws 13 and 17)
  - (c) Players in Association development teams playing in a higher grade are exempt from Player Deeming rules (Refer to Bylaw 17.3) only for those games played with the Association development team with these players still subject to Player Deeming rules for their Club teams, and players in Association development teams are still subject to Bylaw 17.2(g) (a maximum of 2 games per day).
  - (d) Movement between teams in the same Grade/Age Division is not permitted, unless there are no other appropriate fill-ins available and this rule is only to be used when a team requires a seventh (7<sup>th</sup>) player or a single bench player with the same fill-in player not able to be used more than twice in a season.
  - (e) Downward movement of a player in any Grade/Age Division is not allowed except for:
    - i. Teams in the lowest Grade/Age Division who may take a player from the same Club in a team which is in the Grade/Age Division immediately above the lowest Grade/Age Division.
    - ii. Where there is no team immediately above, where the Club may take an age eligible player from the next ranked team, and in Grades, this exception only applies to clubs with no age eligible junior teams and this rule is only to be used when a team requires a 7<sup>th</sup> player or a single bench player.
    - iii. The same fill-in player cannot be used more than twice in a season.
  - (f) Movement by Age Division players to Grade Teams is subject to age minimum rule (Refer to Bylaw 10), Order of Grades (Refer to Bylaw 13) and 8 Game Rule (Refer to Bylaw 17.2).
  - (g) A player may play a maximum of three (3) games in a Round but only two (2) games can be played in any one day.
- 17.3** Player deeming across Association teams, grades and competitions will be at the discretion of the Association.
- 17.4** In the Association Winter Roster, a player initially registered in the Association Winter Roster grade/age Division who plays a total of eight (8) games or more in any grade higher than their registered grade, is then deemed to be in the grade of which they have played the majority of the higher grade matches except in the event there is an equal number of multiple higher grade matches, then the deeming is the lower of those grades, and:
- i. This rule applies to games in finals in addition to roster games.
  - ii. A player initially registered in an Association Winter Roster Grade/Age Division who plays a total of eight (8) games or more in a Tasmanian Netball League (TNL) team (including finals), is then deemed to be registered as a State League player (Refer Bylaw 17.5).
  - iii. Players aged 17&Under are exempt from Bylaw 17.xx.

- 17.5** Tasmanian Netball League (TNL) players are defined as individuals selected and registered as State League players for the State League season by their Club, and are eligible to participate in the Association Winter Roster in accordance with the following:
- (a) Up to three (3) TNL Players (Open or 19&Under) can play for a Premier League team in any game, as a registered player or a Single Same Day Player.
  - (b) Up to two (2) 19&Under TNL players can play for a 1<sup>st</sup> Grade team in any game, as a registered player or a Single Same Day Player.
  - (c) Up to two (2) 19&Under TNL players can play in a 21&Under Division 1 team in any game, as a registered player or a Single Same Day Player.
  - (d) A TNL Player may play for a non-TNL licensed club when playing within the Association competition, in consultation with their TNL club.
  - (e) A State League Player may play finals if they qualify by Round 15.
  - (f) In line with the Player Deeming rule (Refer Bylaw 17.4 (ii)), 19&Under TNL Players who play eight (8) games in the Premier League are then unable to play or fill-in in the 1<sup>st</sup> Grade or 21&Under Division 1 competitions.

## **18. CLEARANCES**

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- 18.1** Player clearances only pertain to the Association Winter Roster, and any player, coach, umpire or official who has been registered with a Club at any time in the previous three (3) years must obtain a clearance before they are eligible to be registered with a new Club.
- 18.2** Player, coach, umpire or official clearances must be on the official [STNA Clearance Form](#) and lodged online with the Association for ratification, and paper clearance forms will also be accepted.
- 18.3** Any player, coach, umpire or official who moves to a new Club after the start of the season must lodge a Clearance Form with the Association at least two (2) days before their first game.
- 18.4** Playing an uncleared player is a breach of these Bylaws and will incur a penalty or penalties (Refer Bylaw 31).
- 18.5** Clubs may refuse a clearance only if the member requesting the clearance owes the Club money or equipment or has a current and legally binding contract with the Club.
- 18.6** No clearance requests are to be requested or approved in the five (5) week period before finals.
- 18.7** A “Single Same Day Player” (Refer Bylaw 7.3) does not require a clearance because they are unregistered.
- 18.8** No Club member (playing or otherwise) can be granted more than one (1) clearance in a 12 month period. This period commences at the conclusion of the previous Winter Roster, on the day after the Grand Final.
- 18.9** If a Club disbands during the season its members must apply to the Association Roster Sub-committee if they wish to play with another Club.
- 18.10** The Association Roster Sub-committee will adjudicate on any clearance issues.
- 18.11** Signatories:
- (a) Clubs must nominate three (3) members as signatories who shall be responsible for authorising clearances and their names must be lodged with the Association by 31 January each year.
  - (b) Signatories are valid for one year.
  - (c) Clubs will receive the list of signatories for each Club.
- 18.12** Once advised of a Clearance request, Clubs have 14 days to approve or refuse the request with a Registered Member automatically deemed as Cleared should no response be received from the Club

within the 14 day timeframe.

## 19. FINALS

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**19.1** Finals will be played at the conclusion of the regular rounds of each Association competition season.

**19.2** The format for finals for any given competition will be determined by the Association, noting:

(a) If a final does not reach half time, it must be re-scheduled.

(b) Drawn games will be conducted and resolved in accordance with the 'Official Rules of Netball' as amended or revised from time to time.

(c) NetSetGO and 11/Under Teams or Clubs may participate in a round robin instead of finals.

**19.3** The ladder position of Teams and Clubs at the conclusion of the regular rounds of the season shall determine the Teams and Clubs which qualify to participate in finals, with ladder positions to be calculated in accordance with Bylaw 16.

**19.4** Bylaw 13 applies to finals matches in the same manner as regular season matches.

**19.5** For the Association's Winter Roster, the following applies:

(a) Timing:

- i. Junior Semi and Preliminary Finals will be centrally timed for the entirety of the game.
- ii. Grade, 21&under, 17&under and 15&under division 1 Semi and Preliminary finals will be centrally timed for three quarters with the last quarter individually timed.
- iii. All grand finals will be individually timed.

(b) Rostering:

Week 1	Semi Finals	1 v 2 and 3 v 4
Week 2	Preliminary Final	loser from 1 v 2 Semi Final vs winner from 3 v 4 Semi Final
Week 3	Grand Final	winner from 1 v 2 Semi-Final vs winner from Preliminary Final

(c) For scoring, a run sheet will be provided for each Club for Grand Final Day and Clubs will arrange a competent scorer for their own Team/s for each Finals match, including the Grand Final.

(d) For final draws, the match day procedure for a draw in a finals game will be resolved as per 'sudden death' rules:

- i. A one (1) minute break will occur, Teams will swap ends and can interchange and/or substitute players
- ii. Except for 11&Under where extended play for a draw in a division final will be timed for five (5) minutes and the winner will be determined as:
  - the Team that reaches a two goal advantage within the five (5) minute timeframe (play stops as soon as the two goal advantage is reached), or

- The Team that is one (1) goal up at the end of five (5) minutes of extra play, or
- The Team that won the 1 v 2 Semi Final, if the score is still a draw after five (5) minutes of extra play.

## **20. PLAYER ELIGIBILITY FOR FINALS**

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- To be eligible for finals in all Association competitions, a player must be a fully registered member and play a minimum of six (6) rounds with their Club or Team during the season.
- Clubs and Teams may request exemptions to Bylaw 20 (a) in special circumstances which will be assessed by the Association on a case-by-case basis (e.g. cancellation of games that may have contributed to a player's eligibility to play finals).
- Players can play finals for a maximum of (2) two teams, with consideration to Bylaw 17.1 and Bylaw 17.2 applying to finals in addition to roster games.
- Players who are registered as Association STiNgAs development players are not eligible for participation in the Association's Winter Roster finals series in the same competition season.
- If a player takes the court in a final for a Team for which they are not eligible then that Team will forfeit the game.

## **21. FORFEITS**

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- If a Team cannot play a match at the time set down, they forfeit and a penalty or penalties may apply (Refer Bylaw 31).
- It is the responsibility of the Club or Team of the forfeiting Club to notify the opposing Club or Team, and the Association of the forfeit.
- On game day, a Team will forfeit the game if they cannot take the court with at least five (5) players within five (5) minutes of the starting time.
- In the Association Winter Roster, an automatic forfeit will be applied after the game where a Team is found to have played a player is:
  - Deemed to be from a higher Grade/Age Division (Refer Bylaw 17)
  - Currently registered with another Club (Refer Bylaw 18)
  - Registered under a false name
  - Deemed to be in the same Grade/Age Division (Refer Bylaw 17)
  - Not registered as a player with the Association (Clubs have 7 days to correctly register the player to avoid the forfeit)
  - Who does not meet the age eligibility requirements (Refer Bylaw 10)
- Where Bylaw 21.4 applies, the opposing Team shall be awarded the winning points and a 20-0 score for the game and the Team at fault shall be awarded no points, and where a 'friendly' game proceeds, the opposing Team shall not be disadvantaged if the actual winning margin was higher than 20 goals in favour to the forfeiting team.

## **22. CANCELLATIONS**

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- 22.1** The decision to cancel competition matches will be made by the Association.
- 22.2** Matches may be cancelled on account of a factor beyond the control of the relevant Teams or Clubs (e.g. power outage, weather, other extenuating circumstances, or some other cause).
- 22.3** Should bad weather interrupt play during the day then games will be cancelled or postponed at the discretion of the Association, in accordance with the Association's *Weather Policy*.
- 22.4** Where possible, a decision to cancel scheduled matches should be made at least 90 minutes before the match start time.
- 22.5** The Association will communicate wet weather, cancellation and postponement information via social media platforms.
- 22.6** If weather conditions deteriorate significantly during a current match in progress, the umpires and/or coaches can agree to stop play of that match for the safety of all involved.
- 22.7** If weather conditions are unsatisfactory to both Teams, the coaches can agree to cancel the match and share the points as in a drawn game prior to it commencing.
- 22.8** Should a Grade/Age Division be split between timeslots and/or indoor/outdoor courts, no points will be awarded for the round unless two thirds of the games in the Grade/Age Division are played and for the remaining games which are cancelled in the Grade/Age Division, the points will be shared as in a drawn game.
- 22.9** Where a game is cancelled due to wet weather after a game has commenced, the following approach will apply for allocation of points:
- (a) For games where less than half the game has been played, the points will be shared as in a drawn game.
  - (b) For games which have played half the game or more (i.e. the game has a minimum of 2 full quarters), the result will stand at the time the game is called off and points will be awarded accordingly.

## **23. UMPIRES**

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- 23.1** All umpires officiating in Association competitions must be full financial, registered members of the Association.
- 23.2** All badged umpires are required to wear a combination of uniform items in accordance with the *Netball Australia Uniform Guidelines 2022*).
- 23.3** Unbadged umpires must wear a white top and black bottoms, long or short sleeves and shorts or long pants can be worn (in accordance with the *Netball Australia Uniform Guidelines 2022*).
- 23.4** The Association will arrange the allocation of umpires for all competitions, with the exception of the Association Winter Roster, where Clubs will be involved in the allocation of umpiring duties, and a fine will be imposed for failure to carry out umpiring duties.
- 23.6** The Association will appoint an Umpire Convener to consult on competition roster matters affecting any aspect of umpiring or umpire allocation/s.



## **24. MATCH MANAGERS**

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- 24.1** Match Manager duties will be undertaken by the Association for all competitions, and the Association may appoint one or more of their members to be the Match Manager for a game or games at their discretion.
- 24.2** If appointed, the Match Manager will have the authority to make rulings and advise on matters not included in the Rules of Netball (which are the domain of the umpires), including but not limited to:
- The decision to change the start time or court on which a game will be played;
  - The decision to vary the length of the game due to time limitations;
  - The decision to abandon a game due to safety reasons (such as weather, court conditions, lighting or behaviour); and/or
  - Any matter covered in these Bylaws that requires immediate resolution.

## **25. SELECTION OF ASSOCIATION REPRESENTATIVE TEAMS**

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- 25.1** The Association will undertake the identification, selection and management of Association representative squads in accordance with the following policies:
- STNA Stingas and Representative Team Selection Policy
  - STNA Stingas Policy
  - STNA Representative Team Policy
  - STNA Rep Program Codes of Play
  - STNA Codes of Behaviour

## **26. PRESENTATION NIGHT**

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- 26.1** A presentation night/s shall be held by the Association on a date, and in a format as determined annually by the Board.
- 26.2** The presentation of all Association awards and recognition of achievements shall be made on the presentation night/s.

## **27. FUNDRAISING**

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- 27.1** The Association may conduct fundraising activities during each year.
- 27.2** The Board shall determine the specific fundraising activities to be conducted.
- 27.3** Individual representative Teams or Clubs must seek approval from the Board for any individual fundraising activities they wish to conduct on the Association premises, with Teams or Clubs to apply in writing at least four weeks prior to the event, providing details of and rationale for the fundraising activity and information as to how the activity will be organised, including risk management and safety measures if relevant, must be provided.
- 27.4** All members are required to support the fundraising activities of the Association.

## **28. COURSES, SEMINARS & OTHER OPPORTUNITIES**

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- 28.1** The Association shall provide notification of opportunities for individuals to improve their skills by attending courses, seminars and other personal development activities.

## **29. ACCREDITATION**

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- 29.1** The Association shall take all reasonable steps to ensure that all Association Officials have the appropriate minimum qualifications.
- 29.2** Where minimum accreditation standards are not met by Clubs / Teams, the Association shall encourage and support the member(s) to achieve the minimum accreditation standard.
- 29.3** The Association will not appoint any person to a Team Official position unless that individual has achieved the minimum standard accreditation, or is in the process of acquiring the minimum standard accreditation.

## **30. RISK MANAGEMENT**

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### **30.1 Injury Reporting**

- (a) All Teams and Clubs are responsible for recording all injuries of the injured player (or players' guardian for players under 18) on the *Association Injury Report Form*.

### **30.2 Child Safety in Netball**

- (a) The Association and all Teams and Clubs are responsible for the observance, promotion, enforcement and monitoring of the *Netball Australian Child Safeguarding Policy*.
- (b) The Association and all Teams and Clubs are responsible for the management and administration of the application of the *Tasmanian Working with Vulnerable People Check Regulation*.
- (c) The Association and all Teams and Clubs are responsible for the management and administration of the application of the *Tasmanian Child and Youth Safe Organisations Framework*

### **30.3 First Aid**

- (a) The Association will provide a maintained first aid kit for all competitions played at the Association's venues, with the location to be accessible and promoted with clear signage.
- (b) Teams and Clubs must provide their own first aid kit if playing away from an Association venue.
- (e) The Association will have a designated room or area for the treatment of injuries that is kept clean and accessible at all times.
- (f) The Association will ensure that a qualified first aider is present at all Association run competitions.

### **30.4 Emergency procedures**

Emergency phone numbers, including ambulance, police and an emergency procedure plan will be displayed at the Association venue.

### **30.5 Weather**

In the case of extreme weather conditions, the Association shall refer to the Association's *Weather Policy*.

### 30.6 Smoke Free

The Association adopts a smoke free policy and smoking is banned within 20 metres of the Association's premises in accordance with the Public Health Act 1997.

### 30.7 Responsible Serving of Alcohol in Sporting Clubs

The Association adopts a responsible serving of alcohol policy.

### 30.8 Sun Protection

The Association adopts a Sun Smart Policy, with sunscreen available at all Association venue/s.

### 30.10 Netball Australia and Netball Tasmania Policies

The Association will adopt all codes, policies, procedures and regulations from Netball Australia and Netball Tasmania as amended from time to time.

## 31. PENALTIES

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**31.1** Failure to comply with these Bylaws will result in the Association applying a penalty or penalties, as set out in this section, noting that penalties may be applied retrospectively regardless of any delay in discovering the breach of rules.

**31.2** All fines will be set by the Association, and for breaches to these ByLaws penalties will be applied based on the following scale, which may be amended by the Association from time-to-time and any variation to the application of these penalties will be at the discretion of the Association.

<b>For breaches</b>	<b>For forfeits</b>
1 <sup>st</sup> offence – Official warning	More than 1 week's notice: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Forfeit is recorded by the Association</li></ul>
2 <sup>nd</sup> offence - \$50	Where notice is provided within a week: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Forfeit is recorded by the Association; and</li><li>• Forfeiting team is charged full court fees for the game - \$50 fine is imposed for first offence, increases by \$50 for each subsequent forfeit (\$100, \$150 etc)</li></ul>
3 <sup>rd</sup> offence - \$100 and loss of game points	Where notice is provided within 24 hours: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Forfeit is recorded by the Association; and</li><li>• Forfeiting team is charged full court fees for the game - a \$100 fine is applied for first offence, increases by \$100 for each subsequent forfeit (\$200, \$300 etc)</li></ul>
<i>Where a team has played an unregistered player, a club has seven (7) days to correctly register a player to avoid a penalty and forfeit.</i>	

## **32. DISPUTE RESOLUTION**

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- 32.1** Appropriate behaviour is set out in the published Association's Codes of Behaviour (supported by the Netball Australia Code of Conduct). Breaches of any code of behaviour and/or disputes will be reviewed in accordance with the *Netball Australia Integrity Policy Framework, Conduct and Disciplinary Policy 2023* and supporting Association policies and procedures.

## **33. SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES/PROVISIONS CLAUSE**

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- 33.1** The Association, through the Netball Manager, will consider any written request for exemption to these Bylaws, on behalf of the Association.
- 33.2** The Association may introduce, implement or retire additional Policies and Procedures as required to support the execution of the objectives in these Bylaws, with reference to these policies and procedures in these Bylaws not required to ensure relevancy.
- 33.3** Clubs and Teams may appeal the decision of the Association with any appeal will be dealt with by the Association's Netball Management Committee, whose decision will be final.
- 33.4** Where these Bylaws are silent on a particular matter, a decision can be made by the Board of the Association and in exceptional or extenuating circumstances, the Board may, acting reasonably, alter, vary or waive the requirements set out in these Bylaws relating to the Association.

## **34. INDEMNITY**

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- 34.1** Except where provided or required by law and such cannot be excluded, the 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 in the Association's activities.

## **35. REVIEW**

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- 35.1** These ByLaws are implemented by the Association in consultation with all relevant sub-committees, including the STNA Roster Committee. These ByLaws will be reviewed and amended annually (or as required) by resolution of the Board.