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DEFINITIONS

- Association:** The Manningham Netball Association.
- Club:** Club is taken to mean affiliated clubs and teams not representing an affiliated club.
- Club Delegate:** A representative of the Club or Team who liaises with the Committee.
- Committee:** The Committee is composed of members of the Association who are elected to committee positions as per the Constitution.
- Competition:** Representing the Association at the State Netball Hockey Centre, Waverley Night Netball Competition or other selective entry team or competition.
- Fill-in Player:** A player who does not regularly commit to playing every week with that team but is taking the court because the team is short of players for whatever reason.
- First Named Team:** The team that is listed on the left side of the official score card.
- Ineligible Player:** 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.
- MNA:** Manningham Netball Association.
- Night Competition:** Includes the Tuesday night competition run by the Association.
- Primary Care Person:** On Competition Day this means Coach/Team Manager of team involved.
- Regular Player:** A regular player commits to play with the team on a consistent and systematic basis by:
- registering with a team via Netball Connect; or
 - subsequently becomes registered with that team; or
 - has qualified by playing three or more games for that team.
- Representative:** Includes players selected to play for a Manningham Netball team.
- Saturday Competition:** Includes the Saturday competition run by the Association.
- Team:** An independent team not affiliated to a club. They are bound by all By-laws applicable to “Clubs” in the competition they are competing.
- Umpires:** The umpires control a match according to the Rules and decide any matter not covered by them. Their decisions are final and are given without appeal.

1. CLUB DELEGATE MEETING

- a) Club Delegate meetings may be held as per notification by the Committee.
- b) All Clubs/Teams must be represented by at least one (1) delegate at any meeting as required.

2. CORRESPONDENCE

All correspondence must be in writing to the Association to the Administrator, President, or Secretary. Correspondence from Clubs/Teams should be in writing from the Club President, Secretary or an authorised person.

3. FINANCES

3.1 Fees

- a) The Committee shall set fees at the Association's Annual Planning Meeting or subsequent committee meetings, as required.
- b) The fees shall be calculated to cover the costs of:
 - i) Team entry;
 - ii) Venue hire;
 - iii) Equipment;
 - iv) Umpiring costs;
 - v) Trophies, Badges and Awards; and
 - vi) Administration costs.
- c) All monies due must be paid by the nominated due date. Unfinancial Clubs or Teams will not be permitted to take the court.
- d) Any individual with an outstanding debt to the Association shall not be permitted to take the court for a Club or Team under the Saturday Competition, Night Competition or Representative Competition until the outstanding debt is paid.

3.2 Reimbursements / Fees

- a) The Committee members shall be entitled to claim approved expenses incurred whilst acting in an official capacity from the Association. Receipts must be supplied.
- b) Frequency of payment to the Umpires throughout a season will be determined at the Association's Annual Planning Meeting or subsequent committee meetings, as required.

4. REGISTRATION

To join the Association a new Club must apply in writing and be approved by the Committee.

Manningham Netball reserves the right to reject any Team applying for entry to the Competition.

5. NETBALL VICTORIA MEMBERSHIP

- a) All players, coaches and umpires participating in the Association's competitions or programs must hold a current Netball Victoria membership.
- b) The Netball Victoria Membership fee is set annually by the Victorian Netball Association Inc.
- c) Single Game Vouchers may be used. No player will be permitted to take the court without a Netball Victoria membership or Single Game Voucher. Penalty for non-compliance may be imposed.
The following requirements apply with respect to Single Game Vouchers:
 - i) A player must purchase a Single Game Voucher online through Netball Connect by using the relevant Club's specific registration link.
 - ii) Purchase of a Single Game 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 Game Voucher relates.
 - iii) A player must purchase a Single Game Voucher through the nominated process prior to becoming eligible to participate in the relevant game or activity.
 - iv) Once a player has played 3 games using a SGV, to play further they must obtain full Netball Victoria Membership.

6. AGE REQUIREMENTS AND MALE PARTICIPATION

6.1 AGE REQUIREMENTS

- a) Manningham Netball may offer the following player age groups:
 - 9 & under
 - 11 & under
 - 13 & under
 - 15 & under
 - 17 & under
 - 19 & under
 - 21 & under
 - Open age
- b) Participant age is determined as at the 31st of December of that year.
Example: A player who turns 11 in that calendar year is eligible to play in the 11 and under section.
- c) For eligibility to play in higher age groups see: Qualifying Players Section of the By Laws

6.2 MALE PARTICIPATION

- a) The Association will endeavour to provide opportunities for males to participate in Mixed and Male Competitions. All Competitions will be clearly labelled in regard to age group and gender.
- b) The Association observes the Netball Victoria Gender Regulation in regard to male participation:
 - i) Males who are 13 years (and older) are not permitted to participate in Female Competition. This means that males must be less than 13 years of age (actual

- age) as at the first day of the competition or season;
- ii) Males who turn 13 during that competition or season will be permitted to participate for the duration of that competition or season.
- c) The Association observes the Netball Victoria Gender Regulation regarding Mixed Competition:
- i) Mixed Competition for NetSetGo, 11 & Under and 13 & Under age groups will have no restrictions applied on the basis of gender.
 - ii) Mixed Competition for the 15 & Under and above age groups will observe the following rules:
 - A) The minimum number of males in a team is ZERO, and
 - B) A mixed team must only have a maximum of three (3) males on court at any one time, and
 - C) A mixed team must only have up to one male in each third on court. For the avoidance of doubt, this means:
 - One male is permitted in the defence third occupying the position of Goal Defence or Goal Keeper, and
 - One male is permitted in the mid third occupying the position of Centre, Wing Attack or Wing Defence, and
 - One male is permitted in the goal third occupying the position of Goal Attack or Goal Shooter.

6.3 FEMALE ONLY COMPETITION

The 15 & under playing group and above is restricted to female participants only.

6.4 EXCEPTION TO 7.3 AGE RESTRICTION

Where a player is deemed to be gifted or talented and is best suited to play in a group 2 or more sections higher, an exception may be sought from the committee.

- i) The exception is made in writing addressed to the Secretary.
- ii) The exception is supported by the parents / guardians of the participant, their club and their respective coaches.
- iii) The exception is supported by an independent person such as a representative coach or member of the grading committee.

7. GRADING

- a) Manningham Netball will implement a grading process which will be determined by the Association to evaluate, grade and re-grade all teams.
- b) Re-Grading will occur following Round 3 of the season or at a time as decided by Manningham Netball. Where there is an obvious discrepancy after this time, Manningham Netball may make changes deemed necessary for the benefit of the competition.

- c) All requests will be considered, and any decision to move or not move teams will be made in the best interest of the teams concerned and the competition as a whole.
- d) If a team moves sections after the grading period, their accumulated points may be adjusted (up/down) to place them in a competitive position in the new section at the mid-point of that ladder.
- e) Re-grading requests submitted to the Association by the grading date will be considered. Manningham Netball reserves the right to reject any requests.
- f) It is the intention of the Association to provide as many games as possible for each team during any season and to keep the number of byes to a minimum. Where there are an uneven number of weeks available to play full rounds in any section, the Manningham Netball Administrator shall arrange a random draw from the remaining dates available.
- g) The Association will be the ultimate adjudicator of all grading and re-grading decisions.

8. PLAYER DRESS CODE

The Association adopts the Netball Victoria Uniform Guidelines which are applied in the interest of health, safety, comfort and participation for all. Clubs and Teams are encouraged to provide an appropriate range of uniform variations and sizes to foster inclusivity.

- a) Each club or team must register its uniform with the Association.
- b) Clubs and teams must notify the Association via email of any proposed changes to their uniform. In some cases, a sample may be requested for approval.
- c) The Association must approve all uniform colours and designs.
- d) All players must wear the club/team nominated uniform including sport shorts/briefs in either the club colour or in black, and positional bib/patch.
- e) Uniform variations may include:
 - Skirt, polo shirt or t-shirt and sport shorts/briefs (no pockets, zips or buckles)
 - Dress and sport shorts/briefs (no pockets, zips or buckles)
 - Shorts and polo shirt or t-shirt (no pockets, zips or buckles)

NOTE: Dress and shirt/short combinations may be worn within the same team as long as the club design/pattern match.

- f) The following items are permitted for medical reasons, cultural or religious beliefs or in wet/cold weather.
 - Tracksuit pants/leggings in either the club colour or in black (no pockets, zips or buckles).
 - Long sleeved tops or t-shirts underneath playing uniform – in club colour or white.
 - Compression tights or socks – black or natural.
 - Head Scarves – plain in colour & tied, not fastened with pins.

- g) Gloves are permitted; these must Netball Victoria approved gloves only.
- h) Players may not wear anything that could endanger themselves or other players.
 - No adornment that may endanger player safety may be worn.
 - Wedding bands and/or medical alerts/devices may be worn and must be securely covered with tape and/or padding.
 - Fingernails must be short and smooth. If taped using appropriate sports tape, one piece over the top of the nail and one piece around the nail.
 - Hair must be suitably tied back and free from any adornment.
 - Body piercing (ears, nose, and eyebrow) which cannot be removed should be taped with appropriate sports tape and padded if necessary.
- i) Footwear – appropriate sports shoes and socks to be worn.
- j) Prescription/medically required glasses may be worn to play. Please refer to our Sun Smart policy regarding the wearing of sunglasses.
- k) During the first 3 rounds of competition, players will be warned by a Competition Supervisor about their incorrect uniform but not penalised. After round 3, if incorrect uniform is worn the player will not be permitted to take the court until it has been rectified.

9. CONDUCT OF MATCHES

- a) The Association abides by the rules as stated in The Official Rules of Netball, as well as Netball Victoria's Regulations.
- b) Rolling Substitutions
 - i) The rolling substitution stands at the designated area closest to their team bench. (This is normally set up as a small box or line to the side of each team's bench, next to the score bench).
 - ii) Before leaving the designated area, the substitute tags (with hands) the player leaving the court.
 - iii) Only one (1) rolling substitute per team can be made at a time.
 - iv) Time is not to be held for rolling substitutions. If play is delayed, the player will be penalised under Rule 19.2. Delaying play.
 - v) Players must observe the offside rules as they enter/leave the court. Sanction: Free pass where the infringement occurred (advantage may be applied if this would place the non-offending team at a disadvantage).
 - vi) 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).
 - vii) 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 and must wait until a break in play to enter the court.
- c) The length of quarters varies depending upon the age of players. The Association determines the length of quarters prior to the season commencing.

- d) Timing will be operated by a central timekeeper.
- e) The first named team shall take the centre pass and second named team choice of end to start play.
- f) If a conflict of team colours is a concern by umpires to clearly distinguish between teams, the second named team will change bibs.
- g) Regular and Fill-in Player requirements:
 - i) A team must not bring the game of netball or the Association into disrepute by intentionally playing 'fill- in' players to alter the standard of the game in that given section and age group.
 - ii) A team is not permitted to take the court unless it consists of a minimum of five (5) players.
 - iii) A team is not permitted to take the court unless it consists of a minimum of four (4) regular players (refer to definition of regular player on Page 3).

Penalty – a forfeit is awarded against the offending team.

- iv) In the event of a regular player sustaining a significant injury, the team may be permitted to continue play with only three (3) regular players on court. Approval for play to continue, under these circumstances, shall be at the sole discretion of the appointed umpires. Where such approval is granted, the injured regular player shall be deemed withdrawn from the match and shall not be replaced by a fill-in player for the remainder of that match.
- v) Rule (iii) does not impact on the minimum requirements for the number of players required to commence a game of netball, as outlined under (ii).
- vi) Any Club/Team who believes another Team or Club has breached Rule 9(g) may write to the Committee within two (2) working days of the conclusion of the game. Suspected breaches will be investigated and dealt with by the Hearing Officer or such other person as appointed by the Committee.
- h) In the event that there are fewer than five (5) players present at the start of the game:
 - i) A one (1) goal penalty will be awarded to the non-offending team for every minute lapsed up to a period of five (5) minutes.
 - ii) If at the end of the five (5) minutes there are still fewer than five (5) players present, the game will be awarded to the non-offending team.

Penalty – a \$50 fine to the offending team and a score of 10-0 may be recorded at the discretion of the committee.

- iii) Players arriving after the game has started are deemed late arrivals and will be able to enter the game:
 - After a goal has been scored. In this case, the player must play in the position left vacant in the team; or
 - At a stoppage for injury or illness; or
 - Immediately following an interval.
- i) In 9 & Under and 11 & Under sections, as fewer goals are scored, the umpires should use their own discretion when allowing a player to join the game.

10. TEAM OFFICIAL AND BENCH/PLAYER PROCEDURES

- a) During play team officials and bench players must remain at the team bench (refer Manningham Netball Court Bench Appendix), except that bench players may leave the team bench for a valid reason (such as to warm up).
- b) For 9 & Under and 11 & Under games only, one Coach only is allowed to move and coach along the sideline. No coaching is allowed along the Goal Line. Coaches must not interfere or obstruct the umpires.
- c) Team officials and bench players must not use offensive, insulting or abusive language and/or gestures.

11. DISCIPLINE OF TEAM OFFICIALS AND BENCH PLAYERS

- a) During a match team officials and bench players may not:
 - i) criticise the umpires or their decisions;
 - ii) use offensive, insulting or abusive language and/or gestures;
 - iii) use excessive noise or interruption;
 - iv) encourage foul play by on-court players; or
 - v) enter the court other than in exceptional circumstances where player safety is endangered.
- b) Either umpire may hold time and notify the person/s concerned regarding such behaviour. The following progression of actions will normally be used:
 - i) A penalty pass is awarded to the non-infringing team taken where the ball was when play was stopped or where play was due to restart. If the ball was out of court the penalty pass is taken on court in line with where the ball was out of court. No player is required to stand out of play.
 - ii) Warning
 - iii) Order the person's removal from the playing enclosure.
- c) A Warning may, if appropriate, be issued to apply to all team officials and bench players of the team concerned. This Warning may be given by the umpire, the Umpire Coordinator, or a representative of the Manningham Netball Committee.

12. THE ROLE OF THE CAPTAIN

- a) The 'Role of the Captain' in all junior age groups is taken to be that of the coach.
- b) The umpires may request the captain/s to speak to any on-court player/s whose behaviour is causing concern.

13. CONTACT WITH UMPIRES

- a) During an interval, clarification of any Rule may be sought from the umpires by the captain and/or any other player concerned.
- b) The umpires must provide such clarification in a way that is clearly understood. Clarification is defined as a question about a rule not commentary on singular decisions of the umpire.
- c) All issues or concerns must be directed to the Umpire Co-ordinator or authorised on duty Committee Member.

14. SCORING

- a) There are two methods of scoring, either Live Scoring (on a personal mobile device or an Association provisioned tablet), or on an Official Scoresheet provided by Manningham Netball.
- b) Each team must provide a scorer for all matches.
- c) It is the responsibility of the first named team to be the official scorer of the game whilst the other team's scorer observes or scores via the portable score board provided.
- d) The scorers must stand together for the duration of the match on the sideline, level with the centre circle or at the designated scoring area.
- e) Live Scoring – each team must tick off players on the phone or tablet then press confirm, that those players are participating in the game. If you have a fill-in player, scroll to the bottom and search to add a player. If you have difficulty adding a player, you must advise the office after the game. Only the first named team continues to score on the device.

Final Score – At the conclusion of the game, acknowledge the final score as being correct and confirm. If you believe the score is incorrect, you must advise the office before signing off on the device.

- f) Official Scoresheet – List the complete names (both given and surname) of all players participating in the game, including fill-in players. All players that take the court should be recorded on the scoresheet.

Final Score – To indicate satisfaction that the Official Scoresheet is correct at the conclusion of the game, it is to be signed by the captains of both competing teams, the scorers, and the officiating umpires. If you believe the scoresheet is incorrect, do not sign at the bottom and notify the office immediately after the game or lodge a dispute in writing within 48 hours of the game being played.

- g) Rolling Substitutions – Ensure that all players taking the court at any stage of the game are recorded in Live Scoring or on the Official Scoresheet.
- h) Record all goals scored and centre passes.
- i) Final Score Disputes – If you believe the final score is incorrect you must:
 - not sign off your device or sign the scoresheet and notify the office.
 - lodge a dispute in writing to Manningham Netball within 48 hours of the game being played.

Manningham Netball will advise the result of the dispute, and their decision will be final.

- j) Penalty – Up to 4 premiership points may be deducted for teams with incorrect or incomplete score sheets or that have otherwise failed to comply with By-laws 14 by Manningham Netball and any penalty imposed shall be final.

15. FORFEITS

- a) The relevant forfeiting team or Club administrator must notify Manningham Netball via email of their intention to forfeit a match if it is known prior to game day.

- b) For the first forfeit by a team in a single season, providing notification of intent to forfeit is received by the Manningham Netball Administrator by 5.00pm on the afternoon before the match, no penalty will be imposed.
- c) A fine may be imposed for failing to provide the required notice for the first forfeit by a team in a single season.
- d) For the second and subsequent forfeits by that same team in the same single season, a fine may be imposed upon the Club or Team, regardless of the time of notification.
- e) Game qualifying of players shall only be awarded to the nominated players of the non-offending team. No game qualifying shall be awarded to players of the offending team.

16. PROGRESSIVE LADDERS

A ladder will be displayed at the Association's venue and on the website after the re-grading period. Premiership points are recorded during the season as follows:

- 4 points for a win or bye (including abandoned games);
- 2 points for a draw or abandonment.

17. QUALIFYING PLAYERS

- a) Any player may only be registered with one Club or Team in any season.
- b) Where there are two or more teams from the same Club graded in the same section, players can only play with their registered Club team in that section during the season.
- c) A player may play in any higher grade as a fill-in, subject to the Rule in Sub Section (e). Once that player plays a sixth game with a particular team, they are deemed a regular player of that team for the season.
- d) It is the responsibility of a Club/Team to monitor the number of games that each player competes in as a Fill-in. Clubs/Teams can check the number of games played and player eligibility through Netball Connect.
- e) Players in 9 & Under, 11 & Under and 13 & Under cannot play up more than one age section above their actual eligible age.
Penalty – loss of four premiership points to the higher section team
- f) A player must play at least three (3) games in a section throughout the season to be eligible to participate in that section's finals series. At least one game must be played in the first half of the season. No player can qualify on a bye.
- g) In the event of a game being abandoned during play, all players present and with the intention of playing may use this as a qualifying game.

18. FINALS

- a) Finals will be played at the conclusion of the rounds in each section except 9 & Under and 11 & Under.
- b) The top four teams, as determined by the ladder at the conclusion of the rounds, shall play finals. A four-team finals series will be played unless clubs and teams are notified otherwise.

- c) In the event of teams being equal on points, finals positions shall be determined by the percentage of goals scored for and against. In the event of teams being equal on percentage, finals positions shall be determined by the team who has scored the greater number of goals.
- d) In the case of extenuating circumstances when a player has not met the eligibility criteria an exemption may be granted following the exemption process.
 - i) All exemptions are to be applied for using the exemption form and sent to the Manningham Netball Secretary no later than 5pm on the Sunday following the last regular round of the season.
 - ii) Exemption requests received after this time will not be accepted.
 - iii) The Manningham Netball Committee will meet to discuss any exemptions on the Monday after the last regular round of the season. Clubs will be notified of the committee's decision.
- e) A player can only play in one finals series – either in the team they are registered with or the team in a higher section for which they have qualified.
- f) Teams cannot play an ineligible player in a final's series.
Penalty – a forfeit is awarded against the offending team.
- g) The rules listed in Conduct of Matches apply for finals. The starting time of finals matches may alter slightly.
- h) If a match does not reach half time, the ladder position will stand or where possible, matches may be re- scheduled.
- i) Drawn matches in finals:
 - Extra time for drawn games will be centrally timed.
 - There will be a two (2) minute allowance for scores to be verified and enable teams to make positional changes and change ends.
 - Two four (4) minute halves will be played for a 40-minute game.
 - Two five (5) minute halves will be played for a 48-minute game.
 - The centre pass shall be taken by the team entitled to take the next centre pass as at the conclusion of the fourth quarter.
 - At the end of the first half a short break will be given for teams to change ends. Second half will commence on a centrally timed siren.
 - Should there still be a draw at the end of the second half of extra time, play continues until one team has a two-goal advantage.
 - Rolling substitutions are permitted at any time during extra time.

19. CANCELLATIONS

- a) When matches are cancelled on account of weather or some other cause, both teams will be credited with two points each and the competition will continue as per the fixture.
- b) Games that are called off before half time are considered abandoned with no result recorded and both teams awarded with two points. Games called off at, or after, half time are considered completed and points will be awarded as usual.

20. COURSES AND OTHER OPPORTUNITIES

- a) The Association shall encourage and support members who wish to attend appropriate courses and other personal development activities.
- b) The Association shall provide notification of opportunities for all members to improve their skills by attending courses and other personal development activities.

21. ACCREDITATION, QUALIFICATIONS AND REQUIREMENTS

- a) The Association shall ensure that Manningham Netball Officials have current appropriate minimum qualifications, and each Club/Team shall ensure that their officials have current and appropriate minimum qualifications.
- b) Coaches and Association Officials:
 - i) Must have a Working With Children Check (18yrs or older).
 - ii) Must be a financial member of Netball Victoria.
 - iii) Must have knowledge of child safety standard code of conduct.
- c) Umpires:
 - i) Before commencing umpiring for the Association, umpires must complete and satisfactorily pass the online Rules of Netball Theory Exam and complete the Foundation Umpire Course and provide the Umpire Coordinator with the relevant documentation.
 - ii) Must have a Working With Children Check (18yrs or older).
 - iii) Must be a financial member of Netball Victoria.
 - iv) Must have knowledge of child safety standard code of conduct.

22. UMPIRES

- a) The Association will provide an Umpire Coordinator/Supervisor to oversee and train umpires/umpire trainers, answer queries, exercise game management (if required), manage discipline (if required) for on and off court players and officials, ensure correct code of behaviour, and maintain a high level of netball knowledge and current protocols and procedures.
- b) The Association will provide an Umpire Coordinator/Supervisor to coordinate and schedule suitable umpires for each game.
- c) Clubs/Teams may regularly present individuals to be trained as umpires to the Umpire Coordinator.
- d) Umpire trainee intake will be subject to availability and a reasonable number of umpires pro rata across all Clubs/Teams.
- e) All umpires representing the Association at a Manningham Netball competition, tournament or event will wear the Association's official umpire uniform as per the Umpire Process Procedure Guide. No other Association, competition or company's logos are to be worn.
- f) All umpires representing the Association at a Manningham Netball competition, tournament or event must be badged, and/or approved by the Manningham Netball Umpire Coordinator.

23. RISK MANAGEMENT

23.1 Injury/Blood rule

Manningham Netball adhere to Rule 10 of the World Netball Rules of Netball (Refer appendix 2)

23.2 First Aid

- a) All teams are required to have basic First Aid supplies courtside.
- b) The Association will provide a First Aid Kit and a Defibrillator. These will be kept in the Competition Office and appropriate personnel will have access to them. Ice will be located in the kiosk.
- c) The Association will maintain the First Aid supplies.
- d) The Association will have a designated room or area for the treatment of injuries. The room or area should be kept clean and accessible at all times.

23.3 Pre-match Checklist

- a) A pre-match checklist must be completed prior to the commencement of the Association's competitions by the Office Supervisor on Duty.
- b) Any hazards identified will be:
 - i) Documented.
 - ii) Rectified or managed if possible; and
 - iii) Reported to the appropriate agency if repair is required.

23.4 Pregnancy

As per Netball Victoria's Member Protection Policy.

23.5 Weather

Refer to Weather Policy

- a) The weather policy must be located in the Competition Office for consistent application and applied to promote player participation.
- b) The Umpire Coordinator and the Office Supervisor will determine whether games for a time slot should be modified/cancelled. Club/Team representatives or committee members **may** be consulted.

Options available for consideration include:

- Shortened quarters
 - Extended breaks
 - Abandonment of the game
 - Suspend play for a period
- c) Teams will be advised prior to the commencement of games if quarters are to be shortened or breaks extended due to weather factors.
 - d) Where a game has commenced and is then abandoned due to a weather event, all players present are considered to have qualified for that game.

23.6 Smoke-free and Vape-Free Policy

The Association prohibits smoking and vaping within ten (10) meters of the indoor and outdoor sporting venue, including grassed areas.

23.7 Sun Protection

The Association recommends all Clubs and Teams adopt a SunSmart policy whilst training and playing. Appropriate sun protection cream is available in the Competition Office.

23.8 Drug Policy

The Association does not support the use of performance enhancing substances and illicit substances and views any such use as detrimental to both the sport of netball and the spirit of the game.

23.9 Codes of Conduct

- a) The Association adopts the Codes of Conduct as prescribed by Netball Australia.
- b) Codes of Conduct are available on the Netball Victoria website. A link can also be found on the Manningham Netball website.
- c) Clubs/Teams are responsible for the conduct of their own members and supporters who must abide by the Code of Conduct at all times.

23.10 Social Media

The Association's members shall not bring the Association, its members or the game of netball into disrepute by the misuse of social media.

23.11 Photography & Filming

Refer to Photography and Filming Policy.

24. PARTICIPATION AND INCLUSION

The Association will embrace all cultures, religions and beliefs, and make the appropriate adjustments to rules and By-laws to promote the enjoyment and participation in the game of netball.

25. SPONSORSHIPS

Prior to engaging a sponsor, clubs/teams should seek approval in writing from the Manningham Committee to assess the suitability and ensure there is no conflict with existing Association sponsors.

26. COMPLAINTS PROCEDURE

Any complaint must be made in accordance with the Netball Victoria Guideline. The link to these guidelines can be found on the Manningham Netball Website

[Policies and Guidelines - Netball VIC](#)

27. DISPUTE RESOLUTION

- a) Where a member breaches a By-law, the Committee may impose a penalty it sees fit in accordance with these By-laws and the Constitution.
- b) Any member who does not agree with a penalty or action of the Committee made under this By-law, may advise the Committee in writing within a timely manner following the penalty or decision being made.
- c) The Committee may then:
 - Discuss the issue with the relevant party and then make a decision regarding the matter. The Committee shall inform the party/s involved of their decision either verbally or in writing; or
 - Have an informal meeting with the relevant party/s in order to discuss and resolve the dispute.

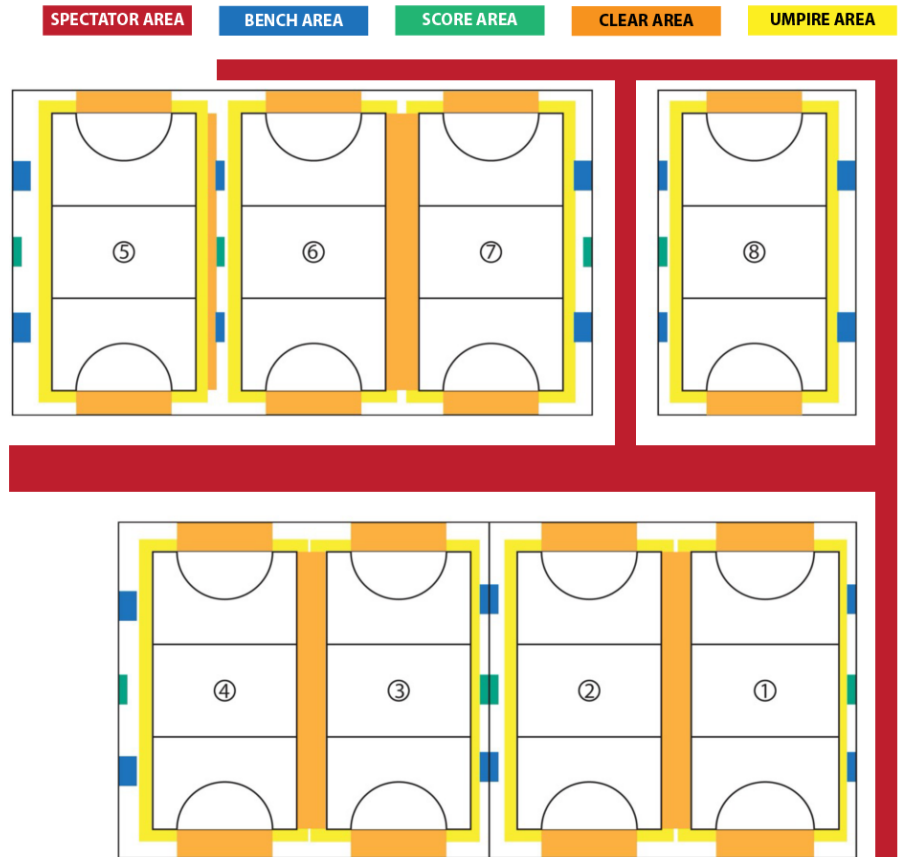
28. SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES

- a) Where this By-law is silent, a decision can be made by the Committee that ensures the integrity of the game, and the Association is maintained at all times.
- b) The Committee may, in using its reasonable discretion, in exceptional or extenuating circumstances, alter or waive the requirements set out in the By-Laws relating to the Association.

29. INDEMNITY

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

APPENDIX 1



Coaches/Players/Officials must stay in chosen Bench Area and not move or change ends.

Coaches/Players/Officials/Spectators must not interfere or obstruct view or movement of Umpire.

ONLY TWO SCORERS to stand in Centre Third.

ONLY ONE COACH allowed for 9U and 11U to move along SIDE LINE ONLY and must give way to and not to interfere with Umpire.

NOTE: Bench area between court 5 and 6 for court 6 participants only.

APPENDIX 2 - Injury/Illness or Blood

- a. The umpires hold time for injury/illness following a verifiable request by an on-court player or, without a request, in the event there is an obvious and/or serious injury.
- b. A primary care person or independent concussion observer may advise the reserve umpire to ask the umpires to hold time to facilitate the substitution of any on-court player due to a suspected concussion.
- c. In extreme circumstances where player safety is endangered, a primary care person or independent concussion observer may enter the court while play is in progress. Either umpire will then immediately hold time. If this safety precaution is misused by a primary care person, they may be disciplined as outlined in [Rule 18.44].
- d. The umpires hold time if they notice any player who has an open wound or who is actively bleeding (including blood-stained clothing).
- e. In all circumstances above, the player concerned must leave the court immediately and receive any treatment off the court.
- f. Only team/bench officials are permitted on the court to assess the player's medical condition. They may ask for further assistance from a first aid officer before assisting the player from the court.
- g. If the primary care person/s or independent concussion observer advises the umpires that the player concerned cannot be removed safely within 30 seconds, the umpires will extend the time for the player to leave the court and notify the official bench accordingly.
- h. The umpires may authorise other persons (including team officials) to assist the player to leave the court if needed.
- i. Any other player with blood on their body or clothing who is not actively bleeding may leave the field of play to have this cleaned within the time allowed for the stoppage by the umpires without the need to be substituted. However, any clothing that becomes blood-stained must be replaced within the time allowed for the stoppage by the umpires and this may occur away from the playing enclosure.
- j. If there is blood on the ball it should be swapped and any blood on the court must be cleaned as directed by the event organiser before play restarts.
- k. During the stoppage both teams may make substitutions and/or team changes, provided these are completed within the time allowed for the stoppage by the umpires.
- l. If no substitution is made for the injured/ill player, or for a player who has an open wound or who is actively bleeding (including blood-stained clothing), play may resume with the position left vacant.
- m. If the player is the Centre and no substitution is made, one player must move

to play as Centre to allow the match to continue.

- n. If the position has been left vacant the player concerned, or a substitute may not enter the match while play is in progress, or they will be treated as a late player [Rule 3.8].
- o. If the position has been left vacant the player concerned, or a substitute may return to the court at the next break in play. If the player concerned was originally the Centre at the time of the stoppage, the umpire will hold time so they can return to the Centre position and any player who moved to play as Centre can return to the previous playing position.