

GENERAL INFORMATION

ASSOCIATION MEETINGS: are held as set down in the Calendar forwarded to each club prior to commencement of the season. Such meetings are to be held in the Sutherland Shire Netball Stadium, Bellingara Rd, Miranda commencing at 7.45pm. Each Club is entitled to send two delegates.

FIXTURES: The 8 and 9yr grades will play at Seymour Shaw Park commencing at 8.00am. There will be no play at Seymour Shaw Park in the afternoon. Some senior grades will play at The Ridge on Saturday afternoon for seven rounds only, commencing at 1.30pm.

LATE REGISTRATIONS: will only be accepted at the Bellingara Rd Complex between 7.30am and 10.00am every Saturday up to and including Day 7.

UMPIRING: The umpiring will be Umpire your own Club.

FIRST AID: Sports medicine personnel will be available on all grounds for any injuries etc. Insurance forms are available at Control of all venues.

NETBALL NSW POLICIES: Copies of all policies (Code of Conduct etc) are available for perusal at all venues.

CARNIVAL ENTRIES: Closing date for carnival entries is 6 weeks prior to the carnival date. Entries may be submitted at Control at Bellingara on Saturdays or by fax to the Carnival Secretary, Mrs Prue Haberecht 9544 5168. Clubs will be invoiced for entry fees at the end of the season.

COACHING COURSES AND CLINICS: will be held throughout the season – check with your club for details.

8 PLAYING REGULATIONS

- 8.1 Players must be registered as per Section 2.
- 8.2 Teams shall play with no less than five (5) players registered in that team on the court at any time.
- 8.3 Names of players who take the court must be printed on the score sheet prior to taking the court. Substitutes should be recorded on the score sheet immediately prior to taking the court.
- 8.4 When borrowing players:-
 - 8.4.1 only two (2) Intermediate players (13, 14, 15 yrs) can play in a Senior team.
 - 8.4.2 Junior players (10,11, 12 yrs) cannot play in a senior team.
 - 8.4.3 Netta players shall only play up to 2 years higher than their age group.

- 8.5 No player shall play in a lower grade age group than that in which she is registered.
- 8.6 A player from a lower grade may play in a higher grade BUT having played three matches in the higher grade, she shall be considered to be a player of the higher grade.
- 8.7 When a Club is fielding more than one team in any one grade, players may not interchange in that same grade.
- 8.8 If a team plays an unregistered player, or a registered player/s plays under another player's name or uses the photograph of another player, the following penalty to be incurred
- 8.8.1 The match to be awarded to opposing team (in other words the loss of two competition points and no goals to be recorded for the infringing team).
- 8.8.2 The infringing team to be fined the sum of \$250.00 and further penalties may be imposed by the Executive Committee e.g. "suspension/disqualification of the player and/or the team."
- 8.9 To be eligible to play in a semi-final or final match, a player must have played three competition matches with that team
PENALTY - disqualification of the team.
- 8.10 To be eligible for an Association trophy, a player must have played at least three competition matches with a team.
- 8.11 If it is necessary for a team to upgrade a player to complete their three (3) matches with a higher graded team and it should be wet or a win on forfeit on the third match, it will be necessary for the Club to submit a team sheet by 5.00 pm on that day, of players selected for that day's play, to enable the player to be recorded as having played in that team on that day.
- 8.12 If a Club records the name of an unregistered player on the score sheet, the Club shall be given seven (7) days to prove that the person who played under that name is one and the same as a person who is registered with the Association Registrar. This proof shall be in the form of a Statutory Declaration, to the Association Registrar. Failure to submit such proof within seven (7) days shall result in the loss of two (2) competition points.
- 8.13 That any forfeits given in Semi finals, finals and grand finals stand so that no other teams are brought up to fill that forfeit.

8.14 BORROWING PLAYERS – ONLY GAME

- 8.14.1 Players can only be borrowed from teams within the same club
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- 8.14.2 If a player is borrowed by another team and it is the ONLY game she is playing on that play day, she can be borrowed from any team which is of a lower grade in that age group or from any grade in any lower age group which is eligible (see by-law 8.5).
However, if a senior team already has two (2) intermediate players registered in that team, they are not permitted to borrow any more intermediate players (see by-law 2.4.3).
- 8.14.3 If a borrowed player is playing her only game of the play day in a higher team, she is regarded as a full member of the team for that game and can be played even if the team has seven (7) or more of their original players. She can be used as a substitute if needed.
- 8.14.4 The borrowed players' name must be written on the scoresheet with her registered team and "only game" recorded beside her name. Failure to do so will incur a loss of two (2) points.

8.15 BORROWING PLAYERS – 2ND GAME

- 8.15.1 Players can only be borrowed from teams within the same club.
- 8.15.2 A player can take part in a maximum of two (2) competition games on any play day – the team in which she is registered and a team in a grade or age group for which she is eligible.
- 8.15.3 The player playing a second (2nd) game (regardless of age) **must register at Control with their photo before taking the court** for the borrowing team. If a player does not have her photo or if her photo is unavailable at Control, a photo licence or official photo I.D. will be accepted. Eight (8) year olds and nine (9) year olds playing into ten (10) or eleven (11) years will not need a photo
- 8.15.4 Junior, Intermediate and Under Seventeen (17) years** teams may borrow from any lower grade in their same age group. They may also borrow from any team which is both at least one (1) age group lower and not more than two (2) grades higher than their own.
(Please refer to second game chart)
- 8.15.5 Senior teams can borrow as follows:
Senior A and Senior B can borrow from any lower team or age group from Seniors, Under Seventeens (17) and Intermediates.
Senior C can borrow from any lower Senior team, 17AR or lower and Intermediate AR or lower.
Senior D can borrow from any lower Senior team, 17B1 or lower and Intermediate B1 or lower.
Senior E can borrow from any lower E grade, 17C1 or lower and Intermediate C1 or lower.
However, if a senior team already has two (2) intermediate players registered in that team, they are not permitted to borrow any more

intermediate players (see by-law 2.4.3), with the exception of a fifteen (15) year old representative team playing in the senior competition (see by-law 2.4.4).

8.15.6 A junior or intermediate representative player may only play a 2nd game up into an A grade team. This includes intermediate representatives playing a 2nd game in 17 years or seniors.

8.15.7 The 2nd game player can only play if the team who has borrowed her has less than seven (7) players capable of taking the court. The borrowed players name must be one of only seven (7) names written on the scoresheet and she must have her **registered team recorded beside her name.**

8.15.8 The only time a scoresheet can have eight(8) names is if a 2nd game player goes on the court as one of the seven (7) players at the beginning of the game and an original team player who is capable of playing arrives late to the match. When the original team player arrives she must take the place of the borrowed player at the beginning of the next quarter. The borrowed player must take no further part in the game. **In this case you must note beside the name of the late arrival that she was late for the game.**

8.15.9 A second game player cannot be put on the court at any time after the commencement of the game as a **substitute** (eg to replace a player who is injured or ill). However if the team is playing with less than seven (7) players, she may take the court at any time up until $\frac{3}{4}$ time providing that her name is one of only seven (7) on the scoresheet.

8.15.10 Any infringement of the 2nd game rules will result in a loss of two (2) points from the team who borrows the player.

9. CLAIMING FORFEITS

9.1 A forfeit may be claimed if the opposition cannot field the minimum team of five players within five minutes of commencement of play. If courts and umpire are available and opposition team has five players then play must commence on time. A forfeit may be claimed if this team refuses to play.

9.2 Teams claiming forfeits should complete and sign score sheet as usual.

9.3 A fine of \$50.00 for juniors and intermediates and \$100.00 for seniors may be imposed for teams forfeiting on the day of play. This will apply to the winter competition.

9.4 At the discretion of the executive, a fine of \$400.00 will be imposed on teams who withdraw from the competition throughout the season.

- 9.5 If a team forfeits after play commences then the non-forfeiting team is awarded **2 points and the score stands** (goals for and against). The forfeiting team loses the goals for but the goals against stand.
- 9.6 If a team forfeits on more than three occasions, this team will receive an automatic fine of \$250.00 and the fine will increase by \$50.00 for each subsequent forfeit. Extenuation circumstances may be considered.
- 9.7 Teams forfeiting on Days 13 and 14 shall produce reasons for the forfeit in writing. Failure to do so will incur a fine of up to \$100.00 for seniors and up to \$50.00 for juniors.