

NETBALL **RULES & REGULATIONS**

PREFACE

Welcome to Bouncer and in particular our Netball division

The purpose of this information is to ensure that both teams and individuals have full knowledge of our Netball rules, regulations and by-laws, so that you will continue to enjoy your sports activities at Bouncer.

Should you require further information, we would ask that you consult our staff where applicable.

The Owners, Management, Umpires & Staff

Note: The information contained herein is current, but may be subject to change from time to time. Management reserves the right to alter and change its by-laws and Centre rules without notice.

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1. GENERAL BEHAVIOUR

Conduct by a player, spectator or team, which is not in the spirit of the game, such as bad or abusive language, rough play or unsportsmanlike conduct, will result in players being ejected from the game. Once sent off, players may be referred to management for suspension assessment. A player who is sent off the court by an Umpire must leave the court immediately. Games where brawls or melees develop will result in automatic cancellation of the game.

Bad behaviour will not be tolerated by any person on or off the court. Management reserves the right to eject a person from the centre if abusive or poor conduct is displayed.

2. TO REGISTER A TEAM

To register a team for the first time you need to go to our website www.bouncersports.com.au click on **REGISTER A TEAM** and follow the prompts. You need to ensure that you have completed all parts of the registration including all names of players and their details, which will enable management to have full details of your team. This is particularly important to assist us in advising your team members of information when they contact us. It will also ensure that you have made a formal commitment for the season ahead.

If you are an existing team you **DO NOT** need to register a **NEW TEAM** for the new season, you go into your profile and you click on registering for new season and then you update your details and your players.

3. MATCH EQUIPMENT

We provide Netballs and Bibs and all we ask is that you do not abuse the privilege of the use of this equipment. **It is the Captain's responsibility to ensure Bibs are returned neatly to the netball counter at the end of each game.**

4. SCORE SHEETS

Score sheets are to be left at the counter and completed in full before your game commences. Full names against positions are important so that Umpires have a clear knowledge of names for "player of the season" voting and finals qualifications. Note that the score sheet is the official scoring document - no other form of scoring will be deemed official.

5. MATCH FEES AND PAYMENT

At the time of issue, the following match fees are applicable

- Ladies Daytime \$70.00
- Ladies Daytime 6aside \$48.00
- Ladies Night-time \$77.00
- Mixed \$77.00
- Mixed 6aside \$66.00
- Juniors \$70.00

The above prices are inclusive of 10% GST.

Team payments must be paid in full. Unlike a number of other sports centres, we do not insist on nomination and registration fees, so payment of fees in full each day/night of your fixture is required. To offset our position of no nomination fee we would ask you to pay one week in advance. This advance will be kept as a credit for your team so that your last game of the season is played free of charge. Where a debt is not fully paid after two (2) weeks, a loss of four points is recorded. This is **not reversed** once debt is paid.

6. FORFEIT

Our policy is simple - should you forfeit then your cost to forfeit is full match fees i.e. your fee plus that of the team you were supposed to play. A loss of 4 points will be recorded against any team that forfeits a match. Every endeavour will be made to try and help a team that may have to forfeit a match. In the case of a team forfeiting 2 late games – that team will be withdrawn from the competition.

If your team requires a week off, please refer to item 10.

7. UNIFORMS

It is a condition of the Centre that uniforms are paramount in team acceptance with the following policy to be adhered to:

1. New teams only, in any particular competition, will be given the usual three (3) weeks grace to get uniforms organised. All players are to have matching **sports** skirts and **sports** shirts i.e. **all** navy or **all** royal etc
2. Mixed Netball – only matching tops apply. However, teams are to wear some form of sports clothes on the bottom. **Denim is not acceptable**
3. A penalty of 2 goals will be awarded against players who enter the playing arena not in uniform.
4. All players must be in full uniform to play finals. No goal penalties will be given; you can **NOT** take the court.

8. PREMIERSHIP POINTS

Premiership points are allocated as follows:

- 4 points for a Win
- 2 points for a Draw
- 1 point for a Loss
- 4 points for a Bye
- 4 points for a win on forfeit

9. FINALS - ORDER OF PLACING

The allocation for finals fixturing is determined by: -

1. Premiership Points
2. Number of Wins
3. Numbers of Goals Scored
4. Number of Goals Scored Against

10. FIXTURING

At least 2 weeks' notice must be given when a particular time or bye is requested. Bye requests only apply if a bye situation is present. Where a team requests a bye in the "no bye" situation, that team will not receive bye points. It is important to understand that all teams will receive an equal amount of timeslots during any one season. Special times for teams will be noted, however we cannot give a guarantee that your requests will be maintained, therefore you will be required to have a share of all timeslots during any one season.

11. GRADING

At the commencement of any new season, both existing and new teams are graded so that the overall structures of divisions are equally competitive. In the event that teams are dissatisfied with the divisional placings, Management will consider such requests.

12. INJURY TIME

Time will not be held for minor injuries or incidences. Time will only be held at the Umpire's discretion e.g. serious injury or the blood rule during qualifying rounds. Time **will** be held during Finals only.

13. PENALTIES AND LATENESS

Teams are requested to be in position, with bib adorned, nails inspected or taped, jewellery removed or taped, within reasonable time of the Umpire blowing the whistle for the commencement of the game. The Umpires shall be the sole judges of what is reasonable time.

A flat wedding ring may be worn, but must be taped. Studs may be worn, all other jewellery (including ear sleepers) **must be removed**.

One (1) goal awarded against the team, for each minute of play lost, if they cannot field a minimum of 5 players.

14. DRAWN FINAL GAMES

If a game is drawn, then 2¹/₂ minutes each way shall be played. If the game is still drawn, it will then be the first team to go 2 goals ahead.

15. MIXED

Maximum of 3 males on court at any one time.

Minimum of 2 males on court at all times. (1 male accepted but must be cleared by counter staff before game.)

As of the 12th August 2013 Bouncer will allow 3 males and 2 females to take the court.

16. SUSPENSIONS

Should a player be sent off the court by an Umpire more than 2 times in any one season, a suspension of 4 weeks will be given to the offending player. If a player is warned more than three (3) times in any one season, a suspension of two (2) weeks will be given. A player who is sent off the court must leave the playing area immediately. Players, who are sent off, forfeit any best player votes they may have received during the season.

17. DISPUTES WITH UMPIRES

Umpires will be happy to assist in any interpretation of a decision, if asked in a calm and respectful manner.

Dissatisfaction with any Umpire must be made to the Centre Management by the team's captain or team's representative only, as soon as possible and at the latest at the end of the game. Not a week later.

Management welcomes any feedback on Umpires, as it only assists us in efficiently running a successful competition, provided it is done in the correct manner.

Some consideration must be made for an umpire in training; we will always match a training umpire up with a strong umpire.

18. DISCIPLINING BY AN UMPIRE

- Warnings – An Umpire warning a player indicates they are dissatisfied with your conduct on court, be it:
 1. verbal or physical abuse of a player, umpire or spectator.
 2. unduly rough play
- Send Offs - Indicates an Umpire has allowed you enough time to adjust your play and/or attitudes and therefore deems it necessary to remove you from the court for a specified time.

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Netball By-Laws

1. To qualify to play any finals with a team, a player must have played a minimum of 3 games.
2. Players may only play in one division on any one night/day competition but Players are eligible to play in different divisions on different days.
3. When a qualified player plays for another team, before or after her own game, she is deemed a fill-in player. **It is the team captain's** responsibility to notify umpires and the opposing team whereby **two** penalty points will be recorded against that player. Fill-in player's name and original team name is to be recorded on the score sheet. All of the above apply whether the fill-in player is in correct uniform or not.

You may only have a fill-in player from the same day providing the opposing team has an equal number of players.

Fill-in players must come from a lower division and can only play centre court.

When an unqualified player is filling in, the second game in which she plays is where the two penalty points will be applied. This player must only play centre court in the second game.

A player may only fill in for the same team twice in any one season.

4. Breach of the fill-in and qualification rules, constitutes the loss of all goals for the quarter/quarters in which the fill-in or unqualified player participated.
5. All players must be in the same coloured **Tops, Sports Skirts and Dresses**. Skirts and Dresses not deemed appropriate will be penalised.
6. A player cannot take the Court in Finals if not in correct uniform.
7. If a team is unable to field a qualified team in the finals, the next team down on the Premiership Table shall take their place.
8. A player does not qualify when a team is on a BYE.
9. Teams must have played more than half the season to be eligible for finals
10. A player may only join another team, provided that the original team has pulled out of the competition. Players can't change teams once qualified.
11. Special circumstances may arise whereby a breach of the rules is requested because of extreme and unfortunate situations. The request shall be brought to the attention of all parties, including management, and assessed for a compromise, so that everyone is in agreeance and there shall be no comebacks.

NOTE: If a compromise cannot be reached which is satisfactory to all parties, then the rules shall stand.