

Proposed changes

To all Clubs, Schools, Association and Life Members,

FOR THE 2026 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

At the Board Forward Planning meeting held in November 2025, the WDNA Board proposed the following recommendations (printed in red) in relation to the Policies and Procedures for ratification:

*Clubs have until **January 9, 2026**, to send in any comments or suggestions for the Board to review at the January Board meeting. There will be no discussion on the P & P changes at the AGM*

Please note that numbering may be affected by the proposed changes and the order of headings will be alphabetical.

RECOMMENDED CHANGES TO THE POLICIES AND PROCEDURES 2026.

Reference to the “Board” has been replaced with the “**Association**” throughout the document.

Definitions

INDIVIDUAL MEMBER:

An Individual Member is any person who is interested in promoting the Association and who is not covered under the terms of affiliation as described above. **Individual members** must pay a fee each year to WDNA as detailed in the fees and charges schedule.

Affiliation

Clubs consisting of **3** or more teams must become incorporated after 2 years of affiliating with WDNA in accordance with NWA guidelines.

A member of a club may:

- 1 Play for one club and coach or be associated with another club but shall be deemed to be a member of their PlayHQ primary registration that year.**
- 2 Coach or be associated with one or more clubs but shall state where their obligations lie, by the date of the 4AGM, for voting purposes.**

Life Membership

The Board shall recommend nominations for Life Membership to the Annual General Meeting for approval

Life members shall be entitled to:

- 1. Free membership of the Association**
- 2. Request to be included on the Association Mailing List**
- 3. Attend, speak and vote at all Special General and Annual General Meetings**
- 4. Be invited to functions as guests of WDNA from time to time.**

Blood Policy – deleted - added to Coaches Handbook

Bye Games

Div v Div scores are recorded as 0 -0

Colours of the Association

The colours of the Association shall be green, red, gold, white and black.

Complaint Handling Procedures

Complaints may not be accepted if the complaint card has not been used and the online form submitted by the approved club contact. Any complaints deemed frivolous, vexatious or otherwise mischievous will not be accepted.

Game Day

Each team will be issued with an assistance card. If the club misplaces their game day card, they will be charged a \$20 replacement fee per card.

All personnel reporting an event that requires assistance MUST have been sent by either the coach and/or manager and be able to articulate the issues arising.

Should an issue arise from an umpiring matter concerning a WDNA Academy Umpire please take the card directly to the Umpiring Window.

For all other issues please direct your enquiry to the match office.

Please note that attendance at a court is subject to enough impartial volunteers being available without leaving the relevant office unattended.

Official Complaints

All complaints must be lodged online prior to Monday at 6pm for Winter and Friday at 6pm for Spring. Complaints received outside these timelines will not be accepted.

All offences must have taken place before, during or after competition on WDNA premises. Please note that the car park does not form part of WDNA premises.

Complaints Process

All complaints received from an approved club contact within the appropriate time frame will be acknowledged by the Association Manager.

The Association Manager will obtain any information necessary to corroborate any complaint and will use the Sport Integrity Australia guidance for complaint management and sanctioning manual (version January 2024) to triage complaints into appropriate categories.

Blue- Low Risk

Should the complaint be deemed to be low risk, an appropriate sanction will be advised within 3 working days.

Amber – Medium Risk

Medium risk complaints require further investigation which includes a meeting with all parties. This meeting will occur within 3-5 working days at WDNA and any sanction awarded will take immediate effect. Appropriate sanctions will take immediate effect and could result in a suspension and/or fine. All fines should be paid within 3 working days.

Red – High Risk

All high-risk complaints require further investigation and will be referred to the appropriate authority immediately.

All complaints will be acknowledged of the outcome and confirmation that they are closed.

Concussion Policy

deleted – added to Coaches Handbook

Delegates

Clubs shall attend delegates meetings as stipulated throughout the year. A maximum of two (2) delegates per club shall be entitled to vote. All delegates must be a minimum of 18 years.

Finals

Order of Play – For all divisions

Semi Finals: 1st Semi Final – 1 v 2, 2nd Semi Final – 3 v 4

Preliminary Finals: Loser of 1st Semi Final v Winner of 2nd Semi Final

Grand Finals: Winner of Preliminary Final v Winner of 1st Semi Final

The Association reserves the right to assign eight (8) teams to a division at Grading due to registration numbers. Should any division have eight (8) teams then the below order of play will occur, and no regrading is likely to occur.

Order of Play – if divisions of 8

- Week 1: Team 1 has the bye, Qualifying Final 2 v 3, Elimination Final 4 v 5.
- Week 2: 1st Semi-Final – Team 1 v Winner of Qualifying Final
2nd Semi-Final – Loser of Qualifying Final v Winner of Elimination Final
- Week 3: Winner of 1st Semi-Final moves to Grand Final
Preliminary Final – Loser of 1st Semi-Final v Winner of 2nd Semi-Final
- Week 4: Grand Final – Winner of 1st Semi-Final v Winner of Preliminary Final

In the event that Clubs can show that they have exhausted all avenues to obtain the number of umpires required for the number of teams they have in finals, the Association reserves the right to advise them to supply volunteers for various roles for the final's series. This process will include a transparent process with all clubs concerned and should not be relied upon to evade Penalty #16.

Fines

20	Failure to return forms or supply information as requested by the Association including team list entry		Education commitment, Fine and/or 1-3 week's suspension as deemed necessary by the Association.
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Forfeits

Notifications

Any team intending to forfeit a **Winter** match must have submitted notice via the **WDNA online** form, no later than 9am on the Friday prior to the fixtured game. (**Penalty #13**)

Any team intending to forfeit a **Spring** match must have submitted notice via the **WDNA online** form later than 9am on the Tuesday prior to the fixtured game. (**Penalty #13**)

Grading

Potentially no regrading will occur for teams with 8 teams

Injury Time – deleted - added to Coaches Handbook

Insurance

The scorecard is an official document and must be completed correctly during the game. In the event of an injury **should the scorecard be incomplete, insurance may be voided and a scorecard fine applied (Penalty #2)**

Braces/Medical Devices

Soft supportive joint braces may be worn by a player without a permit. Players/Umpires need to ensure there is no abrasive material extending from any part of the brace is visible. Braces/Medical Devices containing metal, hard plastic, velcro or fastenings must be reported to either AUDO or DOC to agree upon any conditions to be applied prior to playing.

Management/Board

The management of the Association shall be vested in the Board of Directors, elected or appointed, and consist of:

President

Vice President

Director of Finance

Director of Competitions

Director of Forward Planning

Director of Marketing

Director of Risk & Compliance

General Board Members (2)

Upon receipt of notice of a member wishing to be considered for election to the Board at the Annual General Meeting, their application will be submitted to a Nominations Committee for consideration. This nomination committee shall consist of the following members:

2 x Life Members who are not current Board members, as agreed to and co-opted by the Board and a past President or past Vice President or an independent person as recommended by Netball WA

The Nominations Committee shall be ratified at the November Board meeting each year.

Match Play – deleted added to handbook

NSG Rules – deleted added to handbook

Patrons

The appointment of Patron(s) shall be confirmed at the Annual General Meeting (AGM).

Permits – online form introduced

Photography/Video

Individual player **PlayHQ** preferences for no photography are recorded by **WDNA**. **Individuals** are responsible for recording preferences consent to video/photography and/or streaming **at time of registration**.

An alert sticker will be placed on the scorecard, based **on a report drawn from Play HQ**. Denial also includes live streaming to social media. (**Penalty 23**)

Should an **Individual** wish to change their consent for photography/videoing and/or streaming they **must contact PlayHQ to amend and advise WDNA accordingly**.

Rolling Subs

Should a non-starting player take the court as a rolling sub, an “R” shall be recorded in their position box.

SGV

All other WDNA competition rules apply whilst playing on an SGV. E.g. age eligibility, Jewellery etc.

Scorecards/Team Lists

All entries on the scorecard must be made in ink. Teams must carefully record player positions on the scorecard for every quarter, while team lists must be submitted in the **Netball HQ app by midnight on Wednesday** prior to the game. Failure to adhere will result in a fine. (**Penalty #2 and #20**)

Weather

Severe Weather, as deemed by the DOC and DRM, could result in the cancellation of timeslots.

Should weather become severe for a period of 10minutes or more during a game, if the third quarter has commenced then the scores will stand as per the scorecard. –

Kind Regards,

Lorraine Ward

Association Manager