



WDNA
Wanneroo Districts Netball Association Inc.

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Policies & Procedures Manual

Definitions

CLUB AFFILIATION:

A Club that you have paid fees to by means of being a player, coach, registered umpire, committee member or other direct involvement.

INDIVIDUAL MEMBER:

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

CLUBS/SCHOOLS:

Herein referred to as clubs.

OFFICIAL:

An Official is either an elected/co-opted officer of the Association or may be a representative nominated by the Board.

MATCH OFFICIAL:

Competent Scorer Timer and Umpire – someone who can carry out the task efficiently within the rules and guidelines.

NETSETGO NET:

Net Set Go refers to a skill-based program for 5-6-year-old as outlined by Netball Australia.

NETSETGO SET:

Basic modified game for players born 1 July 2017 to 30 June 2019.

NETSETGO GO:

Basic modified game for players born 1 July 2015 to 30 June 2017

REGISTERED PLAYER

The players status in Play HQ must be registered as of the current year.

LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS

ADO	Association Development Officer
AUDO	Association Umpire Development Officer
COW	City of Wanneroo
DOC	Director of Competitions
SGV	Single Game Voucher
WDNA	Wanneroo Districts Netball Association Inc
NWA	Netball Western Australia
NSG	Net Set GO

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1. Affiliation

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

Clubs applying to affiliate shall:

- Complete the approved affiliation registration and other forms as requested and return them to the Association Manager by the date stipulated
<https://www.wdna.net.au/competitions#Forms>
- Pay the WDNA Club Affiliation Fee.
- Agree to abide by the Constitution, By-laws, Policies & Procedures and the Code of Behaviour of WDNA, and to ensure that their members do the same. <https://www.wdna.net.au/about>

All this information and more can be found on our website <https://www.wdna.net.au>

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 AGM, for voting purposes.

Outstanding monies

Affiliation will not be accepted from clubs, players, or individuals who have outstanding monies to WDNA or Netball WA.

Probation

The Board reserves the right to issue a notice of probation to a club under the following circumstances:

Failure to abide by the Constitution, Policies & Procedures and Code of Behaviour of WDNA, and to ensure that their members do the same.

A club that continually fails to meet its obligations as per their affiliation's agreement may be placed on probation. Probation is a period during which the club must comply with the affiliation agreement and meet all obligations as requested. After the probation period has expired, the Board will meet to decide whether to lift the probation or whether to advise the club that their membership will not be accepted the following season (in accordance with Division 2- 46 of the constitution). The Board will write to the club to advise that a probation notice is being considered and the reasons for this. The Board may request a meeting with club officials as well.

2. Alcohol And Illegal Substances

No Alcohol is permitted within the WDNA Netball Complex, except for the clubrooms when an Occasional Liquor License has been obtained.

No person may participate in any activity or act in any official capacity with any team or club affiliated with WDNA or in any competition conducted at the WDNA courts whilst under the influence of alcohol or any mind-altering substance, whether it be a legal or illegal substance.

On suspicion or allegation, the Club contact will be asked to attend a meeting with the President to discuss.

Refer to: <https://wa.netball.com.au/sites/wa/files/2020-01/Netball-WA-Health-Guidelines.pdf>

Smoking and Vaping is NOT permitted within the grounds of the WDNA Netball Complex.

3. Apprehended Violence Orders (Avo's) Or Any Other as Determined By a Court.

Clubs need to be aware if such an order exists, it is the responsibility of the concerned parties to remove themselves from any situations that may arise. WDNA holds no responsibility for any breaches. Those involved are required to contact the appropriate authorities when applicable.

4. Awards

The following is a list of the current awards given out by the Association:

- Life Membership point
- Liz Booth Spirit of Netball
- Carol Horrocks Award
- Monica Holton Club Appreciation
- Mick Nanovich Shield
- President's Cup
- Umpire of the Year
- Most Improved Umpire – Senior
- Most Improved Umpire – Intermediate
- Most Improved Umpire – Junior
- Zoe HoyPoy Award
- Coaching Excellence Award
- TACT Coach Award
- Community Coach Award
- Sheryl Movley Scholarship

These awards are only awarded if the criteria are met in the nominations received. All awards are ratified by the Board. Awards to be presented at the Annual Association Appreciation Function where possible.

4.1 Life Membership

Criteria

Honorary Life Membership may be conferred on any person at the Annual General Meeting. The criterion for election as a life member is that the person shall have given outstanding service for a minimum of ten (10) completed years to WDNA. 'Service' being defined as: "Contribution that has benefited the growth, development and betterment of the aims and standards of the membership of the Wanneroo Districts Netball Association."

Nomination

To be received by the Board no later than 28 days prior to the AGM. The Board shall recommend nominations for Life Membership to the Annual General Meeting for approval

Award

- 1) To consist of a perpetual shield to be retained by WDNA, plus recipient to receive a badge. Award to be funded by WDNA.

4.2 Liz Booth Spirit of Netball

Purpose

Liz was a much-loved figure in our WDNA community, and during her tenure at Netball WA, she was pillar of strength and guidance. Liz left an indelible mark on Netball in this State as a player, coach, administrator, and mentor to many. Our WDNA Community honours and remembers her and her dedication, sportsmanship and commitment to the sport.

Criteria

Awarded to a team, club, or person other than a current serving Board member, Competitions Committee member or paid employee, who has displayed commitment, sportsmanship and dedication towards WDNA and its members.

Nominations

To be received at the beginning of August, recipient to be ratified by the Board at the August Board meeting.

Award

To consist of a perpetual shield to be retained by WDNA, plus replica trophy/shield to be retained by recipient. Award to be funded by WDNA.

4.3 Carol Horrocks Award

Purpose

Carol Horrocks was the inaugural President of WDNA, serving in the role during its formative years from 1974 to 1977. She was awarded Life Membership in 1979.

Employed by the Shire of Wanneroo from 1967 to 1971, Carol was a true trailblazer in local government, becoming the first woman elected as a councillor on the Wanneroo Shire Council. At a time when female representation in civic leadership was rare, her appointment marked a significant milestone for the community.

Together with Michael Nanovich (Sr), Carol played a pivotal role in the establishment of the WDNA courts in 1974. Their vision and commitment were instrumental in bringing the project to fruition, helping to lay the foundation for the Association's future growth and success. In addition to her work with WDNA, Carol contributed to many other important planning and development initiatives within the district, leaving a lasting legacy in the Wanneroo community.

Criteria

Awarded to a member who has shown extraordinary commitment and dedication to the benefit of the Association. This award is for a person who has gone above and beyond what would normally be expected. This award is not to be awarded to any paid employees. This award may be awarded to any person involved with WDNA - a coach, athlete, umpire, Board

or Committee member or other person associated with the Association. The award to be decided at the sole discretion of the President.

Nominations

Awarded by the current President. To be advised at the August Board Meeting

Award

To consist of a perpetual shield to be retained by WDNA, plus a replica trophy/shield to be retained by recipient. Award to be funded by WDNA.

4.4 Monica Holton Club Appreciation

Purpose

Monica Holton was a dedicated and respected member of the WDNA Board for many years from 2001 to 2011, during which time she served the Association as both President and Vice President. In recognition of her significant contribution, Monica was awarded Life Membership in 2008, an honour that reflects the depth of her service and dedication to the Association.

Beyond her Board roles, Monica was also a valued Life Member of Hamersley Netball Club. She coached with the club from 1993 to 2010, mentoring countless players and fostering both skill development and a love of the game. Her long-standing involvement at club level gave her a deep understanding of grassroots netball.

Monica was passionate about supporting clubs to reach their full potential and was always willing to lend a helping hand whenever needed. She firmly believed in the importance of strong collaboration between clubs and the Association, recognising that open communication and mutual support were essential for long-term success.

Criteria

For a team or club who has shown extraordinary commitment and dedication to the sport of netball, to the benefit of the Association. This award is for a team or club who has assisted the Association and netball in general, in addition to their normal club commitments.

Nominations

To be received at the beginning of August, recipient to be ratified by the Board at the August Board meeting.

Award

To consist of a perpetual shield donated by the Holton family to be retained by WDNA, plus replica trophy/shield to be retained by recipient. Award to be funded by WDNA.

4.5 Mick Nanovich Shield

Purpose

Michael Nanovich was the inaugural Patron of WDNA from 1974 until his passing in 2005. He played a pivotal role in the establishment of WDNA in conjunction with others. He was a resolute supporter of WDNA for over 30 years, and we name this shield after him to remember and honour the considerable contribution he made to not only the establishment of our Association but also his ongoing support over many years.

Criteria

Awarded to the winning team in the Open Division 1 Grand Final.

Award

To consist of a perpetual shield to be retained by WDNA, plus a replica trophy/shield to be retained by recipient. Award to be funded by WDNA.

4.6 President's Cup

Criteria

Awarded to the player in an Open Division 1 team who has received the most votes as awarded by the umpires weekly under a 3-2-1 voting system over the point scoring rounds. Voting collection method to be determined by the Board.

When players in contention for this award are tied on votes, a count back shall occur. The player receiving the highest number of 3 votes being declared the winner. Should it still be a tie, the player with the most 2 votes are declared the winner and so forth.

Award

To consist of a perpetual shield to be retained by WDNA, plus a replica trophy/shield to be retained by recipient. Award to be funded by WDNA.

4.7 Umpire of the Year

Criteria

Awarded to the umpire who receives the most votes as voted by Open Division 1 teams weekly.

Nominations

Votes will be collated and counted by the Director of Competitions at the end of the last round.

Award

To consist of a perpetual shield to be retained by WDNA, plus a replica trophy/shield to be retained by recipient. Award to be funded by WDNA.

4.8 Most Improved Umpire Senior

Criteria

Awarded to an Academy umpire who has been judged by the AUDO to have made the biggest improvement in their umpiring ability and have taken on the feedback given to them.

Nomination

AUDO to advise the Board by the beginning of August.

Award

To consist of a perpetual trophy/shield to be retained by WDNA, plus replica trophy/shield to be retained by recipient. Award to be funded by WDNA.

4.9 Most Improved Umpire Intermediate

Criteria

Awarded to an Academy umpire who has been judged by the AUDO to have made the biggest improvement in their umpiring ability and have taken on the feedback given to them.

Nomination

AUDO to advise the Board by the beginning of August.

Award

To consist of a perpetual trophy/shield to be retained by WDNA, plus replica trophy/shield to be retained by recipient. Award to be funded by WDNA.

4.10 Most Improved Umpire Junior

Criteria

Awarded to an Academy umpire who has been judged by the Academy Umpire Coordinator to have made the biggest improvement in their umpiring ability and have taken on the feedback given to them.

Nomination

AUDO to advise the Board by the beginning of August.

Award

To consist of a perpetual trophy/shield to be retained by WDNA, plus replica trophy/shield to be retained by recipient. Award to be funded by WDNA.

4.11 Zoe Hoypoy Award

Purpose

Zoe Hoypoy was a valued member of WDNA and a promising young umpire within the WDNA Umpire Squad. From an early stage, Zoe demonstrated both talent and dedication, embracing every opportunity to develop her skills and contribute to the netball community she loved.

At just 14 years of age, Zoe was diagnosed with a rare cancer. Despite the immense challenges she faced, she approached her illness with remarkable courage, resilience, and an unwaveringly positive attitude. Although her diagnosis ultimately brought her umpiring journey to an untimely end, she remained an inspiration to all who knew her.

Tragically, Zoe passed away in 2021 at only 19 years of age. She will be remembered not only for her commitment to netball, but for her warmth, infectious laughter, and the strength and bravery she showed throughout her battle. Zoe's spirit and the impact she had on our netball community will never be forgotten.

Criteria

Awarded to an umpire who has participated in the Green Shirt program and has been judged by the Greenshirt Coordinator to have made the biggest improvement in their umpiring ability and has taken on the feedback given to them.

Nomination

AUDO to advise the Board by the beginning of August.

Award

To consist of a perpetual trophy/shield to be retained by WDNA, plus replica trophy/shield to be retained by recipient. Award to be funded by WDNA.

4.12 Coaching Excellence Award

Criteria

Awarded to a current WDNA Representative Coach who has displayed leadership and commitment to the Association as judged by the ADO in their role as a Lead Coach.

1. Lead Coach of a WDNA Representative team
2. Attend all training sessions as set by the WDNA Board
3. Attend all scheduled matches set by Netball WA
4. Attend all functions as set by the WDNA Board
5. Assist in the development of any assistant and/or apprentice coaches
6. Attend upskilling of accredited coaching courses and/or workshops
7. Minimum of Intermediate Coaching Accreditation Nominations

To be received by the beginning of August, recipient to be ratified by the Board at the August Board meeting.

Award

To consist of a perpetual trophy/shield to be retained by WDNA, plus replica trophy/shield to be retained by recipient. Award to be funded by WDNA.

4.13 TACT Coach Award

Purpose

Awarded to a current TACT Coach who has displayed leadership and commitment as judged by the ADO to the Association in their role as Lead Coach.

Criteria

1. Lead Coach of a WDNA representative team
2. Attend all training sessions as set by the WDNA Board
3. Attend all functions as set by the WDNA Board
4. Attend the Netball WA Association Carnival
5. Assist in the development of any assistant and/or apprentice coaches
6. Attend upskilling of accredited coaching courses and/or workshops
7. Minimum of Intermediate Coaching Accreditation

Nominations

To be received immediately following Championship weekend in June, recipient to be ratified by the Board via email.

Award

To consist of a perpetual trophy/shield to be retained by WDNA, plus replica trophy/shield to be retained by recipient. Award to be funded by WDNA.

4.14 Community Coaching Award

Purpose

Awarded to a current club coach within WDNA who has displayed outstanding dedication and commitment to the Association in their role as a coach. Nominations to be called from ADO and Clubs

Criteria

1. Minimum of 2 years coaching at WDNA

2. Minimum of Development Coaching Accreditation
3. Regularly attend upskilling of accredited coaching courses and/or workshops
4. Displays a high level of sportsmanship and leadership skills.
5. Follows the WDNA Policies and Procedures, including the Code of Conduct

Nominations

To be received by the beginning of August, recipient to be ratified by the Board at the August Board meeting.

Award

To consist of a perpetual trophy/shield to be retained by WDNA, plus replica trophy/shield to be retained by recipient. Award to be funded by WDNA.

4.15 Sheryl Movley Scholarship

This program was introduced in 2022 and established to recognise the contribution of Sheryl Movley to WDNA coaching and player development over many years. It is designed to encourage **players or coaches** who have demonstrated the selection criteria to apply for the scholarship annually. A Scholarship sub-committee will assess the applications. The Scholarship winners will be announced when appropriate throughout the year.

Purpose

The purpose of this scholarship is to support:

1. Players who demonstrate they have the potential and desire to perform higher in the player pathway.
2. Players who meet inclusion criteria, who can demonstrate they have the potential and desire to perform higher in the netball pathway.
3. Players who have a financial need that would otherwise preclude them from being involved in any of the listed programs/pathway.
4. Coaches who have demonstrated potential and commitment to coaching and the accreditation pathway.

Criteria

- Must have played or coached at WDNA for a minimum of 2 years.
- Age groups applicable (13 & Under to Open).
- Must commit to attending all trainings and tournament for WDNA or NWA program.
- Promote the development of future leaders, awarded on individual merit, leadership qualities and potential to contribute to WDNA for many years to come.
- Targeted at players/coaches who are strong contributors to the running of their own netball club or contributors to WDNA overall – both on and off the court.
- Demonstrated inclusion criteria.
- Demonstrated financial need.

Application to Include

1. Reference letter from Club or Coach.
2. 300-word application from applicant.
3. Previous achievements/awards/involvement.

PLAYER:

TACT	[Up to 2 recipients at \$250 each]
FEVER IN TIME	[Up to 2 recipients at \$200 each]
STATE CUP	[Up to 2 recipients at \$200 each]
STATE UNDERAGE TEAM REPRESENTATIVE	[Up to 2 recipients at \$250 each]
COACH CONTRIBUTION FOR COACH ACCREDIATION	[1 recipient at \$200 each]

5. Bye Games

Teams with a Bye game in their division shall be awarded 1 point when playing a bye game against another division. Scores are recorded as 0 -0

Teams with a bye game (no game) in their division shall be awarded 0 points for this game and no game will be recorded.

If a Bye v Bye game is forfeited, the non-forfeiting team shall receive 1 point and the forfeiting team receives 0 points.

No Postponements will be accepted; games must be played as fixtured or forfeited.

6. Child Safeguarding

It is the responsibility of your school/club to ensure that your coaches have completed the online Safeguarding Children and Young People in Sport Induction via the Sports Integrity Australia website (www.sportintegrity.gov.au). It is mandatory for all coaches to complete this course and highly recommended for managers. WDNA will be completing random checks throughout the season to ensure that clubs have met this requirement.

7. Club Contacts

WDNA will request each club to nominate two (2) contacts. One contact MUST be the President. These people will be the ONLY people that are authorised to make enquiries or changes regarding any matters to do with your club, so one (1) person must remain as a contact for the 12-month period. The club contacts are the liaison between the club and WDNA and must be contactable by phone and email. It is the club contacts responsibility to pass on all information relating to the competition, courses, meetings, development, and netball related matters to all club members.

Any correspondence must be received by **12 noon on the Wednesday prior to Board Meetings** which are usually held on the third Monday of each month. Any correspondence received after this time will be dealt with at the next meeting. All correspondence MUST come from a club contact.

8. Clubroom Hire

Club hire rates shall be reviewed and advised every year in the club AGM pack. This entitles the club up to 5 hours hire. Extra hours shall be negotiated with the WDNA Association Manager.

Booking shall be made using the clubroom booking link on <https://www.wdna.net.au>

Non-member rates and bond shall be at the discretion of the Board.

WDNA equipment may be hired at a rate to be determined by the Board.

9. Coaching Accreditation

All coaches for any age group who wish to coach at WDNA **MUST be registered in PlayHQ** and produce evidence of **either** a current Netball Australia coach accreditation or evidence of attendance at the WDNA Beginners Coaching Course. Beginner Coaching courses will be conducted prior to the commencement of the WDNA Winter and Spring seasons and will remain valid for 24 months. Failure to comply with this requirement means the coach may not coach at WDNA until these requirements are met.

10. Code Of Behaviour

It is the club's responsibility to ensure that their members and spectators are aware of and abide by the WDNA code of Behaviour <https://www.wdna.net.au/competitions#Forms> - There is zero tolerance to any misconduct

11. Colours of the Association

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

12. Complaint Handling Procedures

Complaints may not be accepted if the assistance 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 assistance 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 those on Courts 1-27 and to the Far Court Match Office for those on Courts 28-57

For all other issues please direct your enquiry to the relevant 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.

Complaints not pertaining to Game Day issues can be submitted at any time within a reasonable timeframe of an incident.

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.

13. Cyber Safety Policy

This policy is available on the WDNA website <https://www.wdna.net.au/about#GOVERNANCE>

14. 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.

15. Eligible Players

An eligible player is one who has met all the registration requirements of WDNA and NWA.

A player may only register and play with one (1) club in any 1 competition.

Current NWA guidelines specify that boys may play in the NSG SET & GO, 11 & under & 12 Under competition when they are aged 12 years or under.

Boys over the age of 12 (turning 13 that year) may play only in a boys or separate mixed competition.

Playing an ineligible player during any match will result in a fine. (Penalty #10) An eligible player is a person who is correctly registered (this does not mean a role) on PlayHQ and allocated to a team.

In the event of proven false recording of a name on a scorecard, the player who plays under the name, and the player, if any, under whose name they have played, shall be deemed not to have played on that day at all for the purpose of qualifying for finals matches. (Penalty #8)

If a team suspects the opposition is playing an ineligible player, the team official should make the matter known to the match office immediately.

Any player may play up **one** (1) age group from their primary age group without approval from WDNA with the exception of players moving from NET to SET and SET to GO tiers.

Players must meet the minimum age eligibility requirements of an age group as stipulated on the WDNA website (www.wdna.net.au).

16. Ethics Clause and Member Transfers (Poaching)

Players and coaches are regarded as being registered from the time are entered into PlayHQ to the conclusion of their winter season. During this period:

No club member, coach or other official, including TACT or Representative coaches/officials, may approach any player or coach from another club to discuss transferring or offer inducements to transfer. (Penalty #17)

Approaches may be made to any player/coach the day after the WDNA Grand Final of the winter season when every player/coach is deemed to be a free agent.

If the board suspects that this policy has not been adhered to, they have the right to investigate and take appropriate action. The Board recommends that each club makes its own ruling with regards to coaching at more than one club. (Penalty #17)

17. Fees

A non-refundable affiliation fee must be paid by each club each year.

If any monies are not paid by the due date, the club shall be deemed unfinancial and no team from that club will be allowed to take the court until outstanding monies have been paid. All monies that have not been paid by the due date will incur an administration fee of \$25 plus interest compounding daily at a rate of 10% per annum.

18. Finals

Upon confirmation, teams are required to update their teams in PlayHQ to include all players playing for that week, by 9:00am Wednesday. Club contact to email enquiries@wdna.net.au to confirm player have been added to PayHQ (Penalty #19). Clubs must confirm their teams EACH WEEK of the finals. If no changes are made, then an email stating that fact will be accepted.

All players must have taken the court for at least five (5) matches with their own club, on separate dates, before they may participate in finals matches.

All players **MUST** be in their club uniform – **NO EXCEPTIONS**

Any team who forfeits a finals match will be eliminated from the final’s series. If Team 1 or 2 (2nd Semi-final) forfeits a Semi-finals match on the scheduled day, there shall be no Preliminary final. The winner of the 1st Semi-final match shall automatically go through to the Grand Final. A team forfeiting a finals match must show just cause to the Association by the Wednesday prior to the match and pay both umpires. (Penalty #13). The Association reserves the right to replace a forfeiting team in a final.

All teams in the finals will be available via the fixtures on the PlayHQ website and must be played on the day, date and time specified by the Association.

Order of Play – For all divisions

Semi Finals: 1stSemi 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

Where teams finish the season with an equal number of premiership points, the relative positions on the premiership table are arrived at by dividing the goals scored for by the goals scored against.

All finals times will be provided to club contacts. All clubs will be allocated finals umpire and/or volunteer timeslots by 9am Wednesday prior to the finals match. It is the responsibility of the club to provide a suitable umpire for the level of game allocated. (Penalty #3 & Penalty #16) It is expected that clubs will supply their umpires used during the season to WDNA for allocations to final matches. (Penalty #16)

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.

No umpire is guaranteed allocation of a finals match.

WDNA recommends that all clubs pay umpires who have been allocated as reserves for finals matches as the umpire is required to remain in the allocated area in full umpiring uniform, for the duration of the allocated match.

19. Fines

	Reason for Fine / Penalty	Fine	Penalty
1	Failure to hand in a scorecard or Umpire of the year voting slip	\$50 and /or no Presidents Cup votes awarded for that game	Fine
2	Failure to complete a scorecard correctly.	\$10	Fine – repeat offenders may incur further monetary fines at the discretion of the Association

	Reason for Fine / Penalty	Fine	Penalty
3	Failure to provide a volunteer and/or convenor.	\$250 per volunteer – General \$500 per volunteer - Finals	Fine
4	Failure to attend compulsory meetings.	\$250 per person	Fine
5	Offensive, disrespectful, abusive language and/or behaviour to another player, umpire and/or WDNA official.	\$200	Fine and/or suspension or termination at the discretion of the Association in accordance with SIA guidelines
6	Physically harming or attacking another player, umpire, official or spectator.	\$350	Fine and/or 1-6 weeks' suspension or termination at the discretion of the Association in accordance with SIA guidelines
7	Unruly behaviour by a club official, player or spectator associated with that club.	\$200	Fine and/or 1-6 weeks' suspension or termination at the discretion of the Association in accordance with SIA guidelines
8	Any person proven to have provided false information.	Up to \$250	Penalty at the discretion of the Association.
9	Intentionally playing players under other registered names.	\$250 per player	Fine and Forfeiture of the match.
10	Playing an ineligible player.	\$100 per player	Fine and Forfeiture of the match.
11	Playing an ineligible player during a finals match.	\$250 per player	Fine and Forfeiture of the match. No further part in Finals series. Penalty at the discretion of the Association .
12	Forfeiting a match without giving the office the required notice, including once the game has commenced.	\$100	Fine and loss of 2 points. Forfeiture of the match. Payment to both umpires by forfeiting club.
13	Forfeiting a finals match.	\$250	Fine and no further part in Finals series. Payment to both umpires by forfeiting club.
14	Failure to supply a suitable umpire for the duration of the match.	\$80	Fine and Forfeiture of the match.
15	Failure to supply a suitable scorer or timer for the duration of the match.	\$50	Fine and Forfeiture of the match.
16	Failure to provide an umpire for finals.	\$250 per umpire	Fine

	Reason for Fine / Penalty	Fine	Penalty
17	Violation of WDNA ethics and poaching clause.	Up to \$250 per player approached. Club charged up to \$250	Suspension at the discretion of the Association.
18	Inappropriate uniform.	\$50 per player	Fine
19	Failure to return forms or supply information as requested by the Association.	\$50 per team	Fine and further penalty at the discretion of the Association
20	Team Withdrawal	\$250 -\$500	At the discretion of the Association
21	Contraventions of or other actions regarding the social media Policy.	Up to \$500	Penalty at the discretion of the Association which could result in termination of membership.
22	Contraventions of the WDNA photography policy	Up to \$500	Penalty at the discretion of the Association which could result in termination of membership.
23	Failure to advise WDNA of suspected or confirmed concussion	Up to \$300	Penalty at the discretion of the Association

20. First Aid

First Aid services are available each week.

21. Forfeits

21.1 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 #12)

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 #12)

21.2 Umpires:

Where teams provide their own umpires, it is their responsibility to notify their umpire.

When the WDNA Academy umpires have been allocated a game and a forfeit has occurred without sufficient notice in accordance with WDNA procedure, then the forfeiting team is responsible for the payment of both umpires.

21.3 Opposing team/club

WDNA will advise the opposing team/club of the forfeit.

21.4 Premiership points

When a team playing for premiership points forfeit a match, two (2) points for a win and the following relevant score shall be awarded to the opposing team.

Open divisions:	30 - 0
21 & under	30—0
15 & under and 18 & Under divisions:	25—0
12 & under and 13 & Under divisions:	15—0

When teams NOT playing for premiership points forfeit a match, the following score shall be awarded to the opposing team.

NSG (SET and GO) and 11&Under divisions:	10—0
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In the event of a team forfeiting two (2) matches, the team shall show just cause to the Board for such forfeiture. Penalty at the discretion of the Association.

Refer to polices **17** (Finals) and **22** (Grading) for further information.

21.6 Clubs with WANL Players

In recognition of the importance of the WANL competition to the Netball WA pathway, WDNA reserves the right to reschedule ANY match that has been impacted by changes to the WANL fixtures by Netball WA. Affected Clubs may apply in writing to the Director of Competitions to request a rescheduled match due to fixture changes made by Netball WA after the commencement of the WDNA winter season. A decision shall be made by the Association, and the decision shall be final. Clubs that are affected by any changes are required to either play the rescheduled game or forfeit as per the WDNA P&P.

22. Fundraising and Sponsorship

Each club is permitted one fundraising OR sponsorship event on the WDNA premises during the Winter season excluding Finals. Bookings are to be made by emailing enquiries@wdna.net.au after WDNA Close Date. Requests are on a first come, first served basis and are subject to approval depending on WDNA's obligations to sponsors and NWA.

If your club participates in both Friday and Saturday competitions, you can hold a fundraising event on both days in the same fixtured round. Please note that clubs are welcome to use the gate entries for fundraising but are not to wander the courts. The WDNA Club Day is for promoting your club and is not a fundraising event.

Any Club who wishes to display a sponsor's logo on their club gear bags/uniform/bibs or other clothing, banners, sun shelters or other visible items must apply to the Association in writing for permission to do so. This should be done as soon as the sponsorship is obtained and before any clothing/bibs are ordered. Failure to do so may result in the club being asked to replace the uniform/bib or other clothing before being permitted to participate in the competition.

Clubs may not display a sponsor's logo if these sponsors conflict with either WDNA's sponsors, Netball WA's sponsors— i.e. certain fast foods, alcohol, or tobacco products. The Association reserves the right to reject sponsors whose product may cause offense. Clubs are advised to check with the WDNA office prior to signing contract.

Clubs who have existing sponsors displayed on their club gear bags/uniform/bibs or other clothing, banners, sun shelters or other visible items, prior to 2018 are required to register these with the WDNA Office by WDNA Close date for the competition year.

23. Grading

It is the responsibility of each club to accurately and thoroughly complete grading information. Clubs are required to grade and number their teams according to strength (1 being the strongest) and indicate their preferred division. It is essential that Clubs provide comprehensive and accurate information on the official WDNA form for each player, including a general assessment of the teams overall skill level, and note any players lost or gained to the team since the previous winter season. Failure to provide complete and correct information may result in inaccurate grading.

If WDNA opts to fixture a grading round, teams playing for points will have all points and percentage reset to zero and no further regrading will be done after the grading round.

WDNA is not obligated to regrade any teams who have failed to submit the necessary information. Division preferences are subject to grading by the Grading Committee.

The Association reserves the right to make any necessary adjustments to grading to ensure a balanced and competitive competition.

NSG teams will be paper graded and reviewed throughout the season.

24. Health Policy

As per the Netball WA policy, which is available to view at the below link.

<https://wa.netball.com.au/sites/wa/files/2020-01/Netball-WA-Health-Guidelines.pdf>

25. Inclusion Policy

The Association will give special consideration to any player who may be culturally, linguistically or physically challenged and may make allowances to any Policy or Procedure as deemed necessary.

<https://wa.netball.com.au/sites/wa/files/2023-09/Inclusion%20Policy%20and%20Statements%20Supporting%20Information.pdf>

26. Injury Time

Serious Injury

In more serious cases, such as situations where the injured player:

- Cannot weight bear.
- Clearly has a broken bone.
- Is unable to move the injured body part (particularly if a lower limb is injured);
- Is unconscious; or
- If a head or spinal injury is suspected.

Teams **must** send a person immediately to notify the first aid personnel who will then attend the court and make an assessment. If a major injury has occurred, it is the discretion of the first aid

personnel as to whether the injured player is moved or not. In this scenario, WDNA officials will provide or advise teams of an alternative.

Players and officials should not move the injured player off the court unless directed by first aid personnel.

27. Insurance

Fees paid to Netball WA include insurance cover for players, coaches, umpires and officials from non-Medicare expenses incurred as a result of an injury received during a game played at WDNA and affiliated Associations. Cover is also applicable during training sessions. For further details, please contact the Insurance Broker for Netball WA through the Netball WA website <https://www.howdengroup.com/au-en/netball-australia>

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)

28. Interchange of Players

When a club has two (2) or more teams in WDNA the following guidelines apply:

28.1 Movement to Higher Divisions

A club may play players from a lower division to any higher division provided the players meet age eligibility requirements. A player may only play up three (3) times during the season on the fourth time, WDNA will automatically move a player to the team -that the player has played up to for the majority and then notify the club of the movement. If there is no clear majority the player will be moved to the highest graded team. It is the club's responsibility to track player movement, WDNA is not responsible for the monitoring the number of games a player plays up.

28.2 Player Transfers After WDNA Close Date

After the WDNA close date players may NOT be transferred between team lists. Players may only play up in accordance with the eligibility rules and must be correctly recorded on the front of the scorecard. NetSetGO (SET and GO) players may borrow from teams in their own club, provided they meet the age eligibility requirements, or from the opposition team. All players including fill ins from opposition teams must be listed correctly on the front of the scorecard.

28.3 Fill Ins

If a player fills-in for another team, their name must be written on the front of the scorecard for that game.

28.4 Permanent Player Movements

Any movement of a player to a different team list in PlayHQ after the WDNA close date, will be deemed permanent, unless the player does not meet the eligibility rules.

A player may only be permanently moved to a higher graded team, if they are age eligible in PlayHQ. Once this change is made in PlayHQ, the player no longer needs to be recorded on the scorecard and cannot play in a lower team for the remainder of the season. This applies to both Winter and Spring competitions.

28.5 Season Permit

Once a player has been granted a Season permit to play up, they are not allowed to play in a lower age group or move to another age division for the remainder of the season. This applies to both Winter and Spring competitions.

28.6 Game Permit

A one (1) game permit to play up may only be used three times in the season.

29. Jewellery, Glasses, Nails and Braces

29.1 Jewellery

No jewellery including earrings/piercings or sharp adornments, including hair beads shall be worn, with the exception of a wedding band and/or medical alert item, which must be taped or worn under a sweatband. (Rule 3.12. Rules of Netball 2024 edition) Holes from spacers are to be taped and the spacer jewellery to be removed.).

Should a player be found to be wearing prohibited jewellery after the commencement of the game, the game will be stopped, and they shall be sent off the court and the jewellery removed. Play is to continue without that player. The position left vacant during the time the player is off the court must not be filled unless that position is Centre, in which case the team may move one player on the court to fill that position. The player can retake the court at the next break in play.

29.2 Glasses

Prescription clear lens glasses do not need a permit. No sunglasses are permitted. Transitional prescription glasses may be worn if a medical certificate is supplied to the Association Manager prior to the commencement of the season and a permit is carried to show umpires upon request.

29.3 Nails

Fingernails must be cut short and be smooth. The taping of nails is not permitted in the winter or spring competition. Wearing of gloves is not permitted in the winter competition. Players with legitimate medical reasons for wearing gloves must supply a medical certificate stating the reason to the WDNA Association Manager or DOC prior to the commencement of the season, however the nails must still be cut short and be smooth under the gloves.

29.4 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 the AUDDO or DOC to agree upon any conditions to be applied prior to playing.

30. 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 decided ratified at the November Board meeting each year.

31. Mixed Competition (If offered)

Players must be a minimum of 12 by the 31st of December in the year of the competition.

15 & under and 18 & Under teams playing mixed netball may have a maximum of three (3) males on the court at any time.

Open teams playing mixed netball may have a maximum of three (3) and a minimum of two (2) males on the court at any time. A maximum of one (1) male per third is allowed – i.e. one only as either GS or GA (attacking third), one only as either WA, C or WD (centre third), and one only as either GK or GD (defensive third).

The competition is subject to the Policies and Procedures of WDNA. Female players may still play in the mixed competition on a Friday night and a club team on Saturday. The mixed competition is a separate competition and the interchange of players between competitions is not allowed.

31. Patrons

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

32. Permits

Permits to play down will not be granted to ANY PLAYER unless as part of the inclusion policy and a medical certificate may be requested. Refer to our Inclusion Policy (24).

Clubs must apply for a permit for any player wishing to play up two (2) age groups from where they are age eligible. A permit is required for any NET player wishing to play up to the SET competition. Once a player has been granted a Season permit to play up, they may not play in a lower age group or play up to another age division, for the remainder of the season. This applies to both Winter and Spring competitions.

**A single (1) game permit to play up may only be used three (3) times in the season.
Only permits submitted via the correct process will be viewed.**

33. 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 21)

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

34. Pregnancy Policy

Refer to Netball WA:

https://wa.netball.com.au/sites/wa/files/2020-01/Website-SD07-Pregnancy-Policy_Updated-2016.pdf

35. Presentations and Functions

All presentations and their procedures shall be as advised by the Association. It is expected that all teams participating in the Grand Final will stay for presentations.

Appreciation Function

An invitation is to be posted or emailed out to WDNA Patrons, trophy donors, Life Members, Board Members and other persons as recommended by the Association.

36. Proof of Age/Identity

WDNA reserves the right to request proof of age or identity from any player throughout the season. Players have a period of time as specified by WDNA to provide the requested documentation to WDNA. (**Penalty #10**)

37. Racial and Religious Intolerance Policy

Any proven charges at a WDNA Association Tribunal will automatically lead to a minimum two (2) match suspension for the offender. In deciding the final penalty, consideration will be given to the

seriousness of the act, the impact on the victim, the impact on the club or association and the prior good history or otherwise of the offender. Offenders found to have participated in these types of offences for a second or subsequent time and where a suspension has been previously imposed will face deregistration.

Any alleged offender presented before the Tribunal for the first or subsequent time of an offence included in this policy must be aware that the penalties available to the Tribunal members will cover the complete range including deregistration.

In the case of a non-playing club member or spectator being proved to have engaged in harassment or bullying, the club employing, engaging, or otherwise associated with the offender at the time of the conduct shall be deemed to be vicariously liable for the conduct of the offender and shall pay to WDNA a penalty to be determined by the Association.

<https://www.wdna.net.au/about#GOVERNANCE>

38. Registrations

Winter & Spring Registration Process

In December, a registration invitation will be sent in PlayHQ to all clubs that participated in the previous year. The registration invitation for the Spring competition will be sent to clubs in August. New clubs wishing to join may request an invitation during these times. The registration links will remain open until the WDNA official close date for the season.

All teams must be entered into PlayHQ prior to the WDNA close date. Each team registering must list a minimum of seven (7) players. Late team registrations may be placed on a wait list.

Clubs are permitted to register new players in PlayHQ no later than 9am on Friday for the Winter competition and 9am on Tuesday for the Spring competition.

The Association reserves the right to limit the number of teams.

Please be aware that registrations will not be accepted for clubs or players that are unfinancial or under sanction/s with either WDNA or NWA or until all monies owing are paid in full.

WDNA reserves the right to charge an administration fee of \$30.00 on all requests for refunds, player withdrawals and noncompliance. This policy applies to both winter and spring registrations

39. Scorecards/Team Lists

Scorecards

The official scorecard provided by WDNA and Netball HQ app are the two primary resources for match recording. Both must be utilised together for accurate documentation; each team is required to employ both tools. 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 48 hours before the game. Failure to adhere will result in a fine. (Penalty #2 and #19)

To protect privacy, photographs of the back of the scorecard are strictly prohibited.

It is the responsibility of **each team** to ensure **THEIR** information is filled out correctly on the scorecard and in the Netball HQ app. – Should the opposing team fail to cooperate in this matter, please notify the match office immediately.

Player positions must be documented on the scorecard for each participant; failure to do so will result in the player not being recognised as having played in that match, potentially affecting their eligibility for finals.

It is the responsibility of the **scoring team** to submit the score card to the Match office **immediately** following the match. (Penalty #1)

Player's names may be added to a scorecard after the game has commenced but the total must not exceed twelve (12) players, including during Finals matches.

If a Single Game Voucher (SGV) is utilised during the match, the SGV number and the name of the player **must** be recorded on the front of the scorecard prior to the commencement of the match. Additionally, a player playing up **must** have their name and information recorded on the front of the scorecard. (Penalty #2)

All umpires must record any Warnings/Suspensions on the back of the scorecard.

40. Single Game Vouchers (SGVs)

A Single Game Voucher (SGV) is a voucher that is used for a fill in player. This voucher is valid for one match only. This provides insurance cover for the player in the event of an injury and must be recorded on the score card.

Any player registered to a WDNA club may not purchase and play on a SGV for another WDNA club during the season.

Any player **not** registered to play in a team at WDNA must purchase an SGV **prior** to the commencement of the game. **Failure to purchase an SGV prior to the commencement of the game will be classified as playing an ineligible player.** (Penalty #10)

When a fill in player is affiliated to Netball WA through another Association, a WDNA SGV must be purchased, and the name of the other affiliated club and Association must be included.

There are conditions associated with both a Netball WA and WDNA SGV.

Players may only play for one club in any one season on a Single Game Voucher. (Penalty #10)

- Players can only purchase and play on two (2) separate Single Game Vouchers. Should a player take the court for a third time that player must pay full WDNA and Netball WA fees. Monies already paid for previous SGV's do not contribute towards the above fees.
- SGV's **DO NOT** count towards the five (5) games required to qualify for finals.
- An SGV may **not** be used in Finals matches.
- A team may only have a **maximum of two (2)** players playing on a SGV in any one winter match. If a club has more than two (2) players on a SGV in any one match, the additional players are deemed ineligible players and fined accordingly. (Penalty #10)

- Once a player has played for a club on a SGV, they are deemed to be affiliated with that club for that match, and clubs will be held liable for the behaviour of the SGV player. (Penalty #10)
- The SGV number and players name **must** be recorded on the front of the score card.
- Once a SGV has been used to play, that player cannot play down to a lower division on the second or subsequent SGV's.

41. Social Media Policy

Board and Committee Members

Any personal social media communication on matters that relate to NWA /WDNA should include a disclaimer that the content is their personal view and not the official view of Association. Association and Committee members will not disclose any confidential or proprietary information pertaining to the Association.

Prohibited communications include postings that may be considered discriminatory, bullying, defamatory, derogatory or of a harassing nature, spam or junk type postings, profanity, or pornography.

If any member becomes aware of any negative comment made about the Association or any affiliated club, its brand, products, and services on any social media they will not respond directly but inform the WDNA President as soon as possible.

Affiliated Clubs

We expect our members to conduct themselves appropriately when using electronic communication to share information with other members or post material on public websites connected to WDNA. Any social media post:

- Must not offend, intimidate, humiliate, or bully another WDNA club or member.
- Must not be misleading, false or injure the reputation of another club or member.
- Should respect and maintain the privacy of members.
- Must not bring the Association or the game of netball into disrepute.

Breaches of this policy can be reported to the WDNA President or Association Manager. Confidentiality will be maintained at all times. WDNA members may face disciplinary action for sending inappropriate electronic communication or posting online content or comments that harass, offend, intimidate, or humiliate another member, as outlined in our member protection policy and Codes of Conduct. (Penalty #23)

Under certain circumstances, cyber bullying (e.g. bullying that is carried out through an internet service such as email, a chat room, discussion group, instant messaging, or website) is a criminal offence that can be reported to the police.

In addition, members who publish false or misleading comments about another person in the public domain (e.g. Facebook, YouTube, or X) may be liable for defamation.

42. Spring Competition

All normal competition rules and policies/procedures shall apply to the Spring Competition. Any team withdrawals after the WDNA close date will be charged a \$250.00 withdrawal fee. (Penalty #20) Failure to pay this fee will result in teams not being accepted in the following winter season.

Teams may apply to the Association for a new uniform permit which is valid for the Spring competition ONLY. Photograph and description of the uniform and bibs must be submitted 3 weeks prior to commencement of the Spring Competition.

The Association reserves the right to limit teams and divisions and to make necessary adjustments to the fixtures to ensure an even competition. During spring the teams will be limited to divisions of 8. In order to avoid bye no games and uneven divisions there will be a wait list once even numbers are received. Teams may not be accepted based on the above.

Matches to consist of **4 x 10-minute quarters**, with a **two (2)** minute interval at quarter time and a **three (3)** minute interval at half time. All games will be centrally timed by the WDNA match office; however, the non-scoring team must still provide a timer to officiate with the scorer.

In the event of a minor injury no time is held, the player is removed from the court and the game is continued. In the event of a serious injury where the game cannot be recommenced, the outcome shall be determined by the Director of Competitions, refer to the injury Procedure.

During the Spring competition, only, teams are permitted to use up to four (4) fill in players on Single Game Vouchers in one game. All other Single Game Voucher conditions apply (**Refer to Single Game Vouchers**).

During the Spring competition, players are permitted to wear gloves, but nails must still be cut short, all OTHER jewellery restrictions apply.

In the event of a power failure during the Spring competition all games will be cancelled, and no points will be awarded.

Medals will be presented to the Top of the Ladder teams playing for points.

43. Training Court Allocations

Courts required for training and grading purposes between December and February can be requested using the online form from December 1st. No requests will be considered before this date.

Any club wishing to train at the Kingsway courts must apply on appropriate WDNA form. Allocations will be at the discretion of the Association Manager and Director of Competitions. Clubs note that ratios are based on two (2) teams training based on one half court per team for a 90-minute period.

Clubs must state the number of teams training, and the time and date required. Clubs must apply each year and confirm their teams at the WDNA registration period for their court allocations. No club shall be permitted to book out more than eighteen (18) half courts on any one night at any one timeslot. WDNA will advise clubs of allocated courts based on previous year data.

Clubs that require more than their original allocation may either apply for another night or wait and see if extra courts are available once training has commenced.

Clubs are responsible for the conduct and safety of their members and any unattended children during training times.

Clubs found frequently not using their required courts without notifying the Association Manager may have their court use suspended.

It is the responsibility of the last team to leave on any training night to ensure that the lights are turned off, bins and post pads placed in storage areas, and the gates are closed and locked. Please work together to ensure this occurs.

WDNA strongly recommends that all players do not leave the complex unaccompanied. Clubs are to monitor this process.

Please note clubs are not guaranteed a preference for specific courts.

44. Umpiring Accreditation

44.1 Full Rules games (Saturdays)

All umpires who wish to umpire Full Rules games at WDNA **must**:

1. be registered as an umpiring official through PlayHQ (\$0 cost) and
2. hold a current Rules of Netball Theory Examination certificate and
3. must complete a Foundation Umpire course. The cost of these is determined by Netball Australia.

44.2 Modified Rules games (Fridays)

Umpires who wish to umpire modified rules games on Friday nights will be required to:

1. attend a NSG Modified Rules workshop (for experienced umpires) or a clinic (for beginner umpires) at WDNA; and
2. hold a current Rules of Netball Theory Examination Certificate; and
3. pass a WDNA online modified rules assessment/quiz with a minimum of 80%.

Umpires who meet these criteria will be deemed as WDNA Approved NSG Umpires. It is highly recommended that experienced umpires are used so they have a good working knowledge of the full rules with the workshops consolidating the modifications.

Attendance at the NSG workshop/clinic has a pre-determined cost per umpire and the qualification remains valid unless there are significant modified rule changes, or the umpire has not been actively umpiring for two years. Approved NSG Umpires will be required to demonstrate their knowledge of the modified rules at the start of each season by passing the WDNA online modified rules assessment/quiz with a minimum of 80%, at zero cost to the umpire. Umpires attending the NSG School Holiday clinic from 2021 will be deemed as having attended an NSG workshop. Failure to complete the workshop will result in an inability to umpire NSG at WDNA.

Clubs will need to ensure that their NSG umpires are included on the WDNA NSG approved umpire list prior to the start of the season. Should a club be found to be using umpires that are not appropriately accredited Penalty #14 will apply.

The suitability of an umpire for the level of play may be decided by the AUDO or their representative. Should an umpire be deemed unsuitable, the AUDO or their representative reserves the right to remove an umpire from a game and the club will need to provide someone more suitable, failure to do may result in the application of Penalty #15. The AUDO will provide the removed umpire and their representative club written recommendations for further development. If an umpire is removed three times, they will not be able to umpire until they have attended a WDNA upskilling workshop, at the cost of the umpire.

45 . Umpiring Development and Badging

Umpires umpiring at WDNA may put themselves forward for screening and testing for a National Badge, however they will be required to pay a fee to WDNA to cover the costs

Umpires from any other associations that require coaching/screening for badging will be charged a fee of \$150 for the screen and the test alone, if further coaching is required, this is an additional cost. These fees are set by the WDNA Board.

Umpires who are not affiliated with WDNA also pay a WDNA affiliation fee of \$30.00 prior to being coached Priority of coaching/screening shall be given to WDNA Umpiring Academy umpires.

46 . Umpiring Procedures

46.1 Acceptance of WDNA Academy Umpires

Teams are required to accept the WDNA Umpire Academy, Squad and Green Shirt umpires as and when advised by the AUDO.

46.2 Umpire Responsibilities

Umpires are to instruct the scorer and timekeeper of their duties. It is the responsibility of the umpires to ensure that nails are cut short, and that the WDNA jewellery policy is adhered to prior to taking the court.

The umpires must strictly adhere to the rules set down by Netball Australia and WDNA.

Umpires are not permitted to coach a team whilst umpiring or during intervals.

It is the responsibility of the umpire to appropriately record all game management sanctions used during the game on the back of the scorecard (Warnings, suspensions and sending off)

Umpires are responsible for collecting their fee from the teams.

47 . No Umpire

In the event of a team failing to supply an umpire and the umpire's office being unable to supply a suitable replacement, then that team must either find a suitable umpire within five (5) minutes or the game is forfeited, and the relevant penalties are applied (Penalty #12 and #14)

No interchange of umpires is permitted during a game except in the case of injury or illness, or if an umpire is deemed unsuitable and a replacement is provided. (Penalty #15)

47.1 Approaching the Umpire

The umpires have control of the game, and the captain and the player seeking clarification (or player and coach in NSG only) can approach the umpire **at an interval** to seek clarification on a rule. This conversation must be conducted in a respectful manner by both parties.

Interference or abuse of umpires by players, spectators or team officials will **NOT** be tolerated. (Penalty #5)

48 . Umpiring Uniforms

No jeans, thongs or heeled shoes are permitted.

An umpire may not officiate in their playing uniform.

48.1 WDNA Academy Umpires

- **Green Shirts (& Graduates)**

Green Shirt Umpiring Polo with white skirt or shorts (boys)

- **Squad**

Squad shirt with

White skirt or shorts for Junior and Developing Academy umpires.

Black skirt or shorts for Development and Senior Academy umpires

- Jackets/jumper or raincoats must be clear

48.2 Club Umpires

All umpires must wear a white shirt with either white, black shorts, skirt, or pants with suitable footwear.

Inappropriate umpire attire will result in a penalty and will be allocated to the umpire. (Penalty #18)

49 . Unfinancial Clubs/Players

Any club or player owing money either to WDNA or Netball WA shall be deemed unfinancial. Money owing can be in the form of fees, fines or other penalties, etc.

Unfinancial clubs and their players are not entitled to the rights and privileges of membership until all monies owing (plus interest if applicable) are paid in full to the satisfaction of WDNA.

WDNA reserves the right to refuse all further membership applications from unfinancial clubs or players in the future. Please refer to Division 2 – 16 (4) of the Constitution.

A player or coach who is refused membership on financial grounds has the right to appeal to the Association to review the decision. Such appeal must be made in writing and will be heard at the next Board meeting. The Association's decision shall be final.

50 . Uniforms

Clubs are permitted to offer uniform options within their registered uniform design to all their players. These may consist of:

- A playing dress
- A playing singlet
- Shorts
- Skorts
- Skirt

If a club provides uniform options for their members, all uniform options must be matching, and singlets must match the playing dress. Shorts style must be approved by the Association

Association approval is required prior to any uniform option being added to the club's existing uniform. New clubs must detail their uniform options in their application form and supply photos or PMS colour numbers.

Refer to <https://netball.com.au/general-policies> No two (2) clubs shall have the same uniform to the exclusion of bibs, the only exception being school based clubs as they are permitted to wear their school uniform/school sports uniform.

Players may wear long sleeve tops and plain leggings either black or white under the Club Uniform.

50.1 Uniform Approvals

New uniforms or changes to dye lots or Pantone colours **must** be submitted to the Association Manager three (3) weeks prior to registration, and no club shall make any changes to this uniform without first obtaining the consent of the Association. Clubs are to have one uniform design and colour combination only.

Priority of registration shall determine the exclusive right to wear a particular uniform or colours.

All players in Finals matches must play in **that** team's registered uniform

The Association may grant a permit for playing out of uniform at the beginning of the winter season if a club provides proof of delays by a supplier or for religious reasons.

The Association reserves the right to request a team or player to alter any part of their uniform if deemed inappropriate. Failure to comply may result in the team or player being unable to take the court. (Penalty #18)

If a club does not register for two (2) years their name and colours become available to new or existing clubs wishing to change their name or colours.

51 . Volunteers

Clubs are to provide volunteers on a pro rata basis to WDNA as requested. This provision is compulsory. A volunteer must stay for the entirety of their allocated time. (Penalty #3)

Duties of volunteers will be varied as directed by the Association.

Clubs will be given the opportunity to request their preferred date and time via an online form. At the end of that period, WDNA will confirm to all clubs and a roster will be created.

Clubs participating in finals are required to provide an umpire and/or volunteer on a pro rata basis as requested by the Association to assist during the final's series. (Penalty #3 and #16)

All volunteers must be a minimum of sixteen (16) years of age and must wear enclosed footwear due to the variety of duties volunteers are expected to undertake.

52 . WDNA Association/Invitational Teams

An invitation will be extended to the winners of the Open Division 1 Grand Final to represent WDNA at the NWA Association Championships in the following year. Should this team decline, then the invitation will be extended to the runner up.

Players chosen to represent WDNA at the annual NWA Association Championships underage divisions shall be chosen from the WDNA Talented Athlete and Coaches Training (TACT) program. The TACT program policies are available from the WDNA match office.

Further Open/Masters teams may be entered into NWA Association Championships under the following provisos:

- A suitable coach (minimum Intermediate level) must be appointed by the Association
- Players currently playing in divisions 1 to 3 for Open to be invited to participate, there will be no trials for Masters. A trial will be held for an Open team if WDNA invitations are declined.
- Players over 35 years of age can nominate to be considered for a WDNA Masters team/s at the discretion of the ADO.

Fees for all representative teams and programs shall be set by the WDNA Board and advised to players. **These fees are non-refundable.**

Athletes and coaches may only play or coach in a WDNA program if they have no current affiliation with any other NWA affiliated Association.

53 . Weather

Matches will **NOT BE** cancelled by WDNA due to inclement weather.

At the discretion of the Association, **a timeslot or round** may be cancelled due to dangerous weather in the immediate vicinity of the WDNA Netball complex. No forfeits for this cancelled round will be accepted. No points shall be awarded to any team.

In the event of a Finals match having to be cancelled due to dangerous weather, the Association shall call a Special Meeting with the relevant officials no later than the Tuesday following the cancelled game, to arrange for the match to be played as soon as possible. Teams involved will be consulted regarding dates.

During game cancellations due to dangerous weather, updates will be posted on the WDNA Facebook page at regular intervals. Teams are responsible for checking the Facebook page or confirming with their club contact before leaving home.

53.1 Lightning

Whenever there is lightning in the vicinity of the WDNA complex or any activity under the control of WDNA, the 30/30 rule relating to lightning shall be applied by those in charge of the activity.

- If the time difference between a lightning strike and the associated thunder from that lightning strike is 30 seconds or less, all persons associated with the activity as players, officials, umpires, or spectators shall immediately leave the grounds and seek shelter that is appropriate for protection from a lightning strike.

The activity that has been suspended shall not be restarted until there has been at least thirty (30) minutes elapsed since there has been any evidence of a lightning strike.

It is strongly recommended that all Clubs training at the WDNA complex adopt this policy to form part of their own Club Weather policy.

53.2 Severe Weather Only

Refer to Child Safeguarding policy. The Association may cancel at any time.

54 . Withdrawals teams

Any team who wishes to withdraw from WDNA after the WDNA close date shall forfeit all monies paid and may be fined between \$250.00-\$500.00 at the Association's discretion. (Penalty #22)

54.1 Player Withdrawals

Applicable when a player chooses to withdraw from participation in the WDNA competition. The player must notify their current registered club, which will then submit a withdrawal application on their behalf via an online form. It should be noted that withdrawals can only be initiated by the players current club.

Refunds after the WDNA cut-off date will only be considered with a medical certificate. If successful, an administration fee of \$25 may be applied. Submission date for any refunds due to injury must be within four (4) weeks of the injury occurring.

54.2 Player Transfers

Applicable when a player chooses to transfer from one club to another. The player must notify their current registered club, which will then submit a transfer application on their behalf via an online form. WDNA will process the application within 2 business days and issue a voucher code to the departing club. Please ensure the player does not register with the new club prior to receiving the voucher. It should be noted that withdrawals can only be initiated by the players current club.

55 . Working With Children Check

If and where applicable it is the responsibility of your school/club to ensure your volunteers have a working with children check and that it has been validated. Applications are available from a Post Office or go to <https://www.wa.gov.au/organisation/department-of-communities/working-children-check>. Refer to our website for further information <https://www.wdna.net.au/resources#WWCC>