



GEELONG & DISTRICT FOOTBALL LEAGUE

NETBALL BYLAWS

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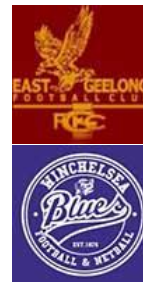
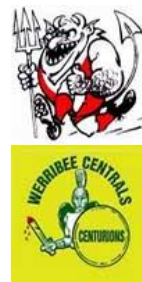


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DEFINITIONS

“League” means the Geelong and District Football Netball League.

“Club” means a non-profit incorporated body which has an interest in netball and is affiliated with the League.

“Bylaws” means these By-Laws of the League as amended from time to time.

“Committee” is the governing body of the League.

“Constitution” means the constitution of the League as amended from time to time.

“Club Delegate” is a representative of a Club or Team who liaises with the Committee.

“Ineligible player” is a player who is not entitled to participate in a game, which may include a player who has not qualified or a player not eligible to play in that age section.

“Team” is a team which is not affiliated with a governing Club at either the Night Competition or the Saturday Competition.

“Team Official” has the meaning given to it by Bylaw 21.

BYLAWS

These Bylaws govern the League. They are the operating procedures that determine the conduct of the League and its members of the Constitution. The Committee adopted these Bylaws on 1 January 2019. Any amendments to these Bylaws come into effect on the date they are approved by the Committee and will remain in force until amended, repealed or replaced.

1. CLUB DELEGATE MEETINGS

- 1.1** Club Delegate meetings will be held on the to be held on the first Wednesday of delegated months unless notified.
- 1.2** Meeting Months are January, February, March, June, August and October.
- 1.3** All Clubs must be represented by at least one delegate at all Club Delegate meetings. Each affiliated club is entitled to one vote.
- 1.4** Clubs who do not comply with Bylaw 1.3 may be fined by the Committee (with the amount of the fine to be determined by the Committee).
- 1.5** If a Special General Meeting is necessary 25% off all affiliated clubs need to call it as per the GDFL Constitution.
- 1.6** Any recommendations for rule changes or amendments are to be made at the October meeting only. Recommendations must be sent to the Netball Manager fourteen (14) days before the October meeting. All recommendations approved will then be forwarded to the GDFL League Executive for ratification at their AGM in November.

Penalty: \$100 fine for non – attendance.

2. CORRESPONDENCE

- 2.1** All correspondence sent by a Club to the League must be sent in writing from the Club Secretary or authorised person to the League Secretary.
- 2.2** All correspondence from the League to a Club will be addressed to the Club Secretary or authorised person.

3. FINANCES

- 3.1** Fees
 - (a) The Committee shall determine the fees to be paid by each Club and Team to the League.
 - (b) The League may set an annual affiliation fee for Clubs or Teams. Each Club and Team may pay an annual affiliation fee of the sum prescribed by League.
 - (c) The fees shall be calculated to cover the costs of League and Competition management activities.
 - (d) All monies due to the League must be paid by the nominated due date. Clubs or Teams that have not paid by the nominated date will not be permitted to take the court.
 - (e) All players shall be fully paid members of their own Club or Team in order to be eligible to participate in any activities governed by the League.

- (f) Any individual with outstanding debt to the League shall not be permitted to take the court for any Club or Team in any competition until the outstanding debt is paid.
- (g) Any individual who breaches Bylaw 3.1(f) may be subject to a fine as determined by the Committee.

3.2 Reimbursements / Payments

- (a) Committee members may be entitled to claim authorised expenses incurred whilst acting in an official capacity from the League. Receipts must be supplied to the League in order for any reimbursements to be made.
- (b) Umpires will be paid at the rate determined by the League.
- (c) Other League personnel may be entitled to claim authorised expenses incurred whilst acting on behalf of the League as determined at the discretion of the League on a case-by-case basis.

Penalty: \$50 fine per club per team registration not paid. \$50 fine per each player unregistered

4. INFORMATION TO CLUBS

4.1 The League shall provide information to all Clubs prior to the start of the season. This information may include:

- (a) League contact details;
- (b) League venue address;
- (c) Competition Bylaws;
- (d) Fixtures; and
- (e) Details of courses, seminars etc.

5. CLUB AND TEAM REGISTRATION

- (a) In order for a Club or Team to be eligible to compete in the League's competitions, the Club or Team must complete and return an official entry form to the League by the due date.
- (b) All Clubs and Teams that submit valid entry forms and are subsequently registered by the League shall receive information from the League, which may include:
 - (i) Due date and amount of all fees and levies that are to be paid for the season, including Registration Fees, Court Fees, Netball Victoria Fees and any other fees that may be deemed necessary for that season;
 - (ii) A link to the League Constitution and Bylaws;
 - (iii) Information regarding any meetings or other requirements of the League; and
 - (iv) any information provided in accordance with Bylaw 4.
- (c) No Club or Team who submits a registration application to the League is to be considered registered until the League confirms in writing to the Club or Team.

- (d) The League reserves the right to reject the registration application of any Club or Team applying to the League for registration to participate in a competition.
- (e) All Clubs and Teams will have access to relevant Netball Victoria policies, procedures, regulations and Codes of Conduct via the Netball Victoria website.

6. NETBALL VICTORIA MEMBERSHIP

- 6.1** The Netball Victoria membership fees are set annually by the Victorian Netball League Inc.
- (a) In order to be eligible to participate in affiliated League competitions or programs (including NetSetGo), as a player, coach or umpire, an individual must be a current financial Netball Victoria member. All Junior, Senior and All Abilities players, coaches and umpires must register through the appropriate online registration form as provided by the League.
 - (b) An off-the-court membership (administrative roles eg President, secretary, time keeper) product will be offered to those League members that have an off-court role.
- 6.2** No player, coach or umpire will be permitted to participate in the League's activities in any capacity without a current Netball Victoria membership. Any breach of this Bylaw will be subject to sanction to the individual, Team or Club as determined by the Committee.

Penalty: *\$50 fine per club and \$50 fine per unregistered player. \$50 fine for every week thereafter that a junior players registration is not complete*

7. INCLUSIVE ENVIRONMENTS

- 7.1** The League is committed to providing a safe, fair and inclusive sporting environment where all people can contribute and participate.
- 7.2** The League will endeavour to provide opportunities for males to participate in mixed and male competitions.
- 7.3** The League may conduct cultural awareness training & inclusive workshops to ensure your club is providing a welcoming environment and creating awareness around cultural views and barriers.
- 7.4** The League supports participation in netball on the basis of the gender with which a person identifies. If issues arise, the League will seek advice on the application of the applicable Victorian discrimination laws for the particular circumstances.
- 7.5** All competitions will be clearly labelled in regard to age group and gender. This includes additional references to all genders that are permitted to play. All competition labelling will be clear and transparent.
- 7.6** The League observes the Netball Victoria Gender Regulation in regard to male participation:
- (a) Males who are 13 years (and older) are not permitted to participate in female competition. This means that males must be less than 13 years of age (actual age) as at the first day of the competition or season; and
 - (b) males that turn 13 during that competition or season will be permitted to participate for the duration of that competition or season.
- 7.7** The League observes the Netball Victorian Gender Regulation in regard to mixed competition:

- (a) Mixed competition for the 11&U and 13&U age groups will have NO restrictions applied on the basis of gender.
- (b) Mixed competition for the 15&U and above age groups will observe the following rules:
 - (i) The minimum number of males in a team is ZERO, and
 - (ii) A mixed team must only have a maximum of 3 males on court at any one time, and
 - (iii) A mixed team must only have up to one male in each third on court. For the avoidance of doubt this means:
 - A. One male is permitted in the defence third occupying the position of Goal Defence or Goal Keeper, and
 - B. One male is permitted in the mid third occupying the position of Center, Wing Attack or Wing Defence, and
 - C. One male is permitted in the goal third occupying the position of Goal Attack or Goal Shooter.

Penalty: *In the event of it winning the game they will, forfeit all match points and scored goals. In the event of it losing the game they will, forfeit all scored goals. The opposing club shall be awarded the match points and retains its scored goals.*

8. AGE REQUIREMENTS

- 8.1 Generally, player age is determined as at the 31 December of the current playing year. Specially, bylaw 8.6 must also be applied
- 8.2 Participants must provide their correct date of birth at the time of registering and failure to do so will result in ineligibility to participate in the League's activities
- 8.3 Participants aged between 5 and 10 years are encouraged to participate in the NetSetGO Program.
- 8.4 Participants are only eligible to participate in certain age groups upon reaching the relevant age threshold (**Minimum Age Requirements**). The Minimum Age Requirements for each age group are:

Age Group	Minimum
13&U	9 Years
15&U	12 Years
17&U	13 Years
Open	13 Years

- 8.5 A Team or Club who breaches this Bylaw 9 will be subject to a penalty of the loss of four (4) premiership points and all scored goals

9. COMPETITIONS & PROGRAMS

10.1 The League offers the following competition & programs:

Time	Competition/Program	Participates
	NetSetGo	Mixed (females & males – no restrictions) – see 8.7 (a)
8.45am	13&U	Mixed (females and males – no restrictions) – see 8.7 (a)
9.30am	15&U	Mixed (females and males – males <13 years of age as at the first day of competition may participate)
10.30am	17&U	Female
11.30am	D Grade	Female
12.30pm	C Grade	Female
1.30pm	B Grade	Female
2.30pm	A Grade	Female

- 9.1 Junior matches are to consist of four (4) ten (10) minute quarters, with one (1) minute intervals between first (1st) and second (2nd) quarters and third (3rd) and fourth (4th) quarters, and with two (2) minutes between second (2nd) and (3rd) quarter.
- 9.2 D, C and B Grade matches are to consist of four (4) twelve (12) minute quarters, with one (1) minute intervals between first (1st) and second (2nd) quarters and third (3rd) and fourth (4th) quarters, and with three (3) minutes between second (2nd) and (3rd) quarter.
- 9.3 A Grade matches are to consist of four (4) fifteen (15) minute quarters, with two (2) minute intervals between first (1st) and second (2nd) quarters and third (3rd) and fourth (4th) quarters, and with four (4) minutes between second (2nd) and (3rd) quarter.
- 9.4 All games must be played on a Netball Victoria approved outdoor court.
- 9.5 The Home Captain shall do the tossing of the coin, visiting Captain shall call.
- 9.6 The names up to 12 players, one of whom shall be the Captain, must be provided to the scorers before the start of the game. Players who are not named on the score sheet before the start of the game cannot be added and cannot take the court once the game has commenced.

Penalty: *In the event of it winning the game they will, forfeit all match points and scored goals and be subject to a fine to be set by the league executive. In the event of it losing the game they will, forfeit all scored goals and be subject to a fine to be set by the league executive. The opposing club shall be awarded the match points and retains its scored goals.*

- 9.7 If a player is on the team sheet but either the Christian name or surname is wrong – a fine only decided by league executive.
- 9.8 Rescheduled Matches
- Times of Home & Away matches can only be changed after seeking approval from the Executive Committee. If approval is not given set times must be adhered to.
 - All rescheduled games for the current season will be played within fifteen (15) days of the scheduled game OR premiership points will be shared.
 - Umpires' must be advised immediately of rescheduled matches.

10. GRADING

- 10.1** All clubs must endeavor to field their senior sections from A grade down i.e. A grade and then B grade and then C Grade and then D Grade. All clubs must Endeavour to field three junior sides e.g. 17& under, 15 & under and 13 & Under.
- 10.2** If Clubs are struggling to field any of these teams, then a letter explaining their situation should be forwarded to the Netball Manager as soon as the situation arises. Until the Netball Manager acknowledges receipt of the letter and a course of action has been agreed, all clubs are expected to field their registered teams.

Penalty: Fine \$100 to offending club

- 10.3** No ANL squad named player can qualify for finals unless having played 36 "A Grade "quarters in the current GDFL Home and Away season.
- 10.4** ANL players cannot play lower than A Grade throughout the entire Home and Away Season and finals.
- 10.5** VNL (championship level) players cannot play lower than A Grade unless:
- (a) The player is home grown (i.e. already playing at the club prior to being selected or have come up through juniors of the club.
 - (b) The player is coming back from injury (approval must be gained FIRST from the Netball Manager). The player cannot play lower than "B Grade". Each case will be looked at individually on its merits.

Penalty: In the event of it winning the game they will, forfeit all match points and scored goals. Fine \$200.00. In the event of it losing the game they will, forfeit all scored goals the opposing club shall be awarded the match points and retains its scored goals. Fine \$200.00

11. DRESS CODE

- 11.1** Players
- (a) Each Club and Team must submit its proposed uniform to the League, for approval by the League.
 - (b) Clubs and Teams must notify the League in writing of any proposed changes to their uniform for approval by the League.
 - (c) The League must approve all Club and Team uniform colors and designs.
 - (d) All players must wear their Club nominated uniform including positional bibs and any sports shorts when participating in the League's activities.
 - (e) All players must wear either white, black or club socks. Coloured socks may be worn if the whole club comply.
 - (f) No bikini pants, leggings see through pants, slacks, bike pants or tracksuit pants permitted, except on the grounds of medical condition upon receipt of a doctor's certificate signed by a qualified medical practitioner, or religious and cultural reasons upon application to the committee of management in writing.
 - (g) Club uniforms may not contain badges. One major sponsor is permitted on uniforms after approval in writing from the league.

- (h) Any player may seek a variation to the uniform for medical, cultural, religious or other reasonable grounds and must submit a request to the League, which may be granted or declined at the discretion of the League. Coloured socks, if the whole club complies, may be worn.
- (i) No jewelry or body piercing may be worn when participating in the League's activities and players may be precluded from participating until such jewelry or body piercings are removed or covered. Wedding bands and/or medic alert bracelets and studs are allowed but must be taped to umpires discretion.
- (j) Finger nails must be short and smooth or taped over and around with suitable tape, to umpire's satisfaction. Players will not be able to take the court if this requirement is not met.
- (k) Players will receive a warning before a penalty is applied for incorrect uniform.
- (l) Gloves may be worn only if the player has a Doctor's certificate and nails still need to be short and smooth or taped underneath the gloves. The doctor's certificate must be shown to the umpire for approval and included in the match day paperwork for the Netball Manager. Notification to all Clubs of who has been given permission to wear gloves.
- (m) Sunglasses may be worn but you need to keep in mind that the Rules of Netball state that: "No adornment that may endanger safety shall be worn", when selecting your sunglasses. Choose a pair that has minimal protruding frames and lenses, and always consider the safety of all participants when selecting a pair. Common sense should always prevail.
- (n) Bibs must display Worksafe patches on the front and back.
- (o) Appropriate sport shoes must be worn.

NOTE: The style of sunglasses should also be considered; wrap-around, close fitting styles prevent more UV from reaching the eyes. Lenses to be used when playing sport should be made of polycarbonate or CR39 material, and not glass. This material is virtually unbreakable and will sustain any impact, such as a netball, or body parts from another player. In comparison, glass will often shatter upon impact and has the potential to cause serious damage to players.

Penalty: *Fine to be determined by the Committee*

11.2 Umpires

- (a) Umpires shall wear uniform as determined by the League. Suitable footwear is required.

11.3 Representative Squad

- (a) The League representative squad uniform will be determined by the League.

12. CLEARANCES

- 12.1** A clearance is required if a player wishes to transfer to another Club during a season.
- 12.2** No player will be granted more than one (1) clearance per season.
- 12.3** A clearance will not be granted after 30th June each year.
- 12.4** Players who owe outstanding playing fees to the League or are in possession of Club or Team property (uniform, equipment) are not eligible to be granted a clearance.

- 12.5** A player must have received notification in writing from the League before playing for a new Club/Team.

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- 12.6** The player must complete all details on the top section of the clearance form and send to the GDFL Netball Manager.
- 12.7** The GDFL Netball Division to forward the clearance request to the existing Club/Team for approval.
- 12.8** To obtain a clearance, a player must submit a clearance application to the League and must comply with all of the requirements as outlined by the League. The individual's existing Club or Team has seven (7) days from date of lodgement to complete the clearance upon receipt of approval from the League or the League will automatically clear the player to the new Club. If a clearance application is approved by the League, the player and both Clubs will receive notification of such approval.
- 12.9** Any dispute arising from clearance restrictions will be dealt with according to the relevant grievance procedure of the League.

13. CONDUCT OF GAMES

- 13.1** The League is subject to, and must comply at all times with, The "Official Rules of Netball" as amended or revised from time to time.
- 13.2** The length of quarters for all matches governed by the League will be determined by the League prior to the start of the season.
- 13.3** If games are centrally timed there will be no injury time. However, matches may be stopped by the umpires at their discretion at any stage as considered appropriate to ensure the safety of players and maintain a safe playing area.

14. SCORING

- 14.1** The League will provide an official scoresheet for all games.
- 14.2** It is the responsibility of the first named Team or Club to score the game.
- 14.3** Each Team or Club must provide a non-participating scorer for all games.
- 14.4** The scorers must stand together for the duration of the game on the sideline level with the centre circle.
- 14.5** One (1) official scoresheet will be used for each game. This scoresheet will list the complete names (both given and surname) of all players intending to participate as players in the game. This scoresheet shall also indicate the positions played each quarter by individuals and the game score. A record of centre passes must also be kept and provided if requested by an umpire.
- 14.6** At the conclusion of the game, to indicate their satisfaction that the information on the official scoresheet is correct, the official scoresheet is to be signed by the captains of both competing Teams or Clubs and the scorers.
- 14.7** The officiating umpires must also sign the scoresheet to indicate they have officiated the game.

14.8 One (1) premiership point will be deducted for teams with incorrect or incomplete score sheets or that have otherwise failed to comply with Bylaws 14.1-14.7.

14.9 If a scorer, Team or Club believes the score sheet is incorrect they must:

- (a) not sign the official scoresheet and notify the Committee;
- (b) lodge a dispute in writing with the League's secretary within 48 hours of the game being played.

The Committee will advise the result of the dispute and this decision shall be final and binding on all parties.

15. COMPETITION LADDERS

15.1 Competition ladders will be made available by the League during competition seasons.

15.2 Premiership points are awarded during competition seasons as follows:

- (a) 4 points for a win or bye;
- (b) 2 points for a draw; and
- (c) 0 points for a loss, forfeit or abandonment.

15.3 In the event of Teams or Clubs being equal on points, positions shall be determined by the percentage of goals scored for and against each Team or Club (with higher percentage from the relevant Teams or Clubs leading to higher position on the ladder). In the event of Teams or Clubs being equal on percentage, positions shall be determined by the greater number of goals scored by those Teams or Clubs.

16. FINALS

16.1 Finals will be played at the conclusion of the regular rounds of a season.

16.2 The coin shall be tossed by the Captain whose team finished highest at the end of the Home & Away games. Winner of the toss shall have choice of end or centre pass.

16.3 A senior player is only permitted to play one game per final weekend. A player, if qualified as in 1(f) and (g), may play a different grade on the following weekend. A junior player is eligible to play in two finals, 1 junior & 1 senior or 2 juniors on the same weekend, as long as they are qualified as per 1(f) and 1(g). Juniors can play 1 junior and one senior or 2 junior grand finals in same day if qualified as per 1 (f) and 1 (g).

16.4 Presentations will be made at the conclusion of each game.

16.5 The format for finals is as follows:

Finals	
	i) One – week off
Qualifying	ii) Two v Three
Elimination	iii) Four v Five
Semi Finals	iv) Winner of ii) v One
	v) Loser of ii) v Winner of iii)
Preliminary	Loser of iv) v Winner of v)
Grand Final	Winner of (iv) v Winner of (v)

- 16.6 The ladder position of Teams and Clubs at the conclusion of the regular rounds of the season shall determine the Teams and Clubs which qualify to participate in the finals. Ladder positions are to be calculated in accordance with Bylaw 15.
- 16.7 Bylaw 13 applies to finals matches in the same manner as regular season matches.
- 16.8 If a final does not reach half time, it must be re-scheduled.
- 16.9 Drawn games will be conducted and resolved in accordance with the 'Official Rules of Netball' as amended or revised from time to time.
- 16.10 NetSetGO and 11/Under Teams or Clubs may participate in a round robin instead of finals.
- 16.11 The Committee will determine awards for premiers and runners-up in competitions.
- 16.12 All clubs will be responsible for various duties (as advised by the Netball Manager) during the finals.

Penalty: \$50 per club/per person

- 16.13 In the event of a team not being able to contest in a final – a walk-over will be declared.
- 16.14 Finals matches will be played regardless of weather conditions, although time delays may occur. If conditions are considered too dangerous, then the umpires shall call a ten (10) minute break. Then after the break, the umpires shall consult with the Executive Committee as to their opinion. A decision will then be made by the two (2) umpires as to the future of the game. A decision made by the two (2) umpires to abandon a game due to weather, must be recorded on the score sheet as to when and at which stage of the game. Alternative arrangements will then be made by the GDFL Executive.
- 16.15 Each game will be individually timed. The timekeeper shall indicate the completion of the quarters from the scorer's bench by ways of a siren or horn to the umpire.
- 16.16 All team lists must be submitted to the GDFL Netball Manager by 8pm the Thursday before. No further additions are allowed to the team sheets after the above deadline. Players not submitted on the team sheets will not be allowed to take the court or sit on the player's bench.
- 16.17 A list of officials and their VNA numbers, who will make up the bench during finals must be lodged with the Netball Manager, before the start of the finals for all teams participating. Bench can consist of Coach, Assistant Coach, Manager and up to two medical staff (i.e. qualified doctors or trainers). Managers and medical staff do not need VNA Memberships.

17. PLAYER QUALIFICATION

- 17.1 No Senior player registered and playing for another club in a separate Football Netball League during the same season, is eligible to be registered and playing for a club within the GDFL.
- 17.2 A Junior player is eligible to play juniors (Under 17s and below) for another club in a separate League, and Seniors for the GDFL.
- 17.3 Players shall be permitted to play in 2 games per round of the GDFL Netball competition.

Penalty: *In the event of it winning the game they will, forfeit all match points and scored goals. In the event of it losing the game they will, forfeit all scored goals. The opposing club shall be awarded the match points and retains its goals*

- 17.4** A junior may play 1 junior and 1 senior game or 2 juniors or 2 senior games during the home and away season per round. The amount of junior quarters played will not affect the amount of senior quarters played.

Penalty: *In the event of it winning the game they will, forfeit all match points and scored goals. In the event of it losing the game they will, forfeit all scored goals. The opposing club shall be awarded the match points and retains its scored goals.*

- 17.5** Players must play a minimum of sixteen (16) quarters played in that section throughout the season to qualify to compete in the finals. Where teams play less than 75% of the maximum number of fixture games, then a pro rata system will apply.

Penalty: *Ineligibility to play finals.*

- 17.6** A player once qualified in a higher grade may not play in a lower grade i.e. After twenty-eight (28) quarters. (Example: a player once qualified in A grade may not play in B Grade). Once a player in a senior grade has played twelve (12) quarters they are ineligible to play in a grade two (2) grades lower (i.e. A grade cannot drop to C grade, B grade cannot drop to D grade)

Penalty: *Ineligibility to play finals.*

- 17.7** Teams or Clubs found playing an ineligible player during finals will be deemed to have lost that game.

18. FORFEITS

- 18.1** Any team failing to be ready to start play on time, after five (5) minutes, forfeit five (5) goals to the opposition, and a further goal per minute until ten (10) minutes. A walkover shall then be declared, providing the opposing team has five (5) or more players present.

- 18.2** Players who umpire **MUST** be given time to change between games, conditions of a walkover do not apply. Players who umpire **MUST** not delay between games.

- 18.3** In the event of a walkover, a ten (10) goal to nil (0) score will stand in favour of the non-offending team. The offending side cannot submit a team sheet however the non-offending side can submit a team sheet with a minimum of five (5) and maximum of seven (7) players.

Penalty: *\$20 fine will be imposed on offending club*

19. CANCELLATIONS

- 19.1** When games are cancelled on account of a factor beyond the control of the relevant Teams or Clubs (e.g. power outage, or other extenuating circumstances,, weather or some other cause) the match will be deemed a draw, both Teams or Clubs will be credited with two (2) points and five (5) goals each and the competition will continue as per the fixture.

- 19.2** Four (4) points can only be awarded to a Team or Club for winning a fully completed game.

- 19.3** In the event that a game is cancelled due to weather a maximum of twelve players for each Team or Club can be deemed to have participated in the game.

- 19.4** Should circumstances occur which require successive rounds to be cancelled, the Committee will consider the position and determine a suitable course of action.

20. SELECTION OF REPRESENTATIVE TEAMS

- 20.1** The League will develop a team selection policy.
- 20.2** Nominated League selections will complete the 'Select for Success' online learning program or equivalent as appropriate.
- 20.3** The League will organise the representative squad selection trials.
- 20.4** Selection trials will be conducted under the following conditions:
- (a) All players who have submitted a player registration form shall be informed of the date, time and place where selection trials are to be held.
 - (b) Notice of selection trials will be provided at least ten (10) days prior to the date of the selection trials.
- 20.5** Team Selection Panels
- (a) Team Selectors will be appointed for each team and may be made up of the Team Coach and other nominated selectors.
 - (b) Team Selectors may be appointed to more than one panel.
- 20.6** Players shall be notified of the outcome of selection trials within the timeframe nominated by the League.
- 20.7** Players may request feedback from the Team Selectors.
- 20.8** The Team Selector's decision shall be final and no appeals regarding selections made under this Bylaw are available.
- 20.9** Interleague
- (a) Players selected by the league or who are named in the Team of the year at the end of the season must participate the following year in the Interleague Netball Match if they are still part of the league.
 - (b) Exceptions for non-participation that would be accepted are: an injury or illness accompanied with a certified medical certificate. In this case the player must accompany the team to sit on the bench as a supporter and you will be excluded to play with your club the following week. Any variance from this rule must be approved by the GDFL Netball Manager.
 - (c) The League has the right to invite other players to participate.

Penalty: 2 weeks suspension for the following two weeks after the interleague game

21. TEAM OFFICIALS

- 21.1** The Team Officials shall consist of the following roles:
- (a) Coaches
 - (i) All coaches must have a minimum 'Foundation Coaching Level Accreditation' in order to coach a Team or Club.

- (ii) All coaches & assistant coaches names, addresses, accreditation no & expiry date, VNA numbers to be handed to the Netball Manager prior to first game of the season & signed by Club Coordinator to be true and correct.
- (iii) At no time during a match (including intervals and before and after the game) are coaches to approach umpires. Any discussion made with the umpires must be made by the captain.

Penalty: Ineligible to coach until details received by League and \$100 fine to offending coach.

(b) Club Netball Coordinators

- (i) On match day the Home club is responsible for entering game results i.e. Scores & their own stats on database by 6pm the same evening. All other clubs are to complete their own playing stats by this time also. Clubs are to forward A Grade Press Report to Match Day Press Coordinator by 6pm match day by fax or email.
- (ii) ALL Score cards and Best & Fairest votes to be delivered by midday the Monday after each game to: G&DFL Office, Fellmongers Road, Breakwater. Home clubs are responsible for getting the necessary paperwork to the venue on time.

(c) Team Managers

- (i) A team manager shall be appointed for each selected Team or Club.

(d) Primary Carer

- (i) Each Team or Club must have an appointed primary carer who is qualified (minimum of basic first aid) to treat injury or illness. The primary carer is permitted on the court during a stoppage for injury/illness of a player or blood issues.
- (ii) The primary carer must wear identification as specified by the League.

(e) Scorer and Timekeeper

- (i) All on court changes and $\frac{1}{4}$ played for each player must be shown on the scoreboards and must be signed by the umpires, scorers and captains at the end of the match.
- (ii) A scorer from each club must be supplied for each team playing prior to the commencement of the game, a timekeeper also to be provided by home team.
- (iii) The Time keeper will sit with the official scorer. The timekeeper must signal time from the scorer's bench by ways of a siren or horn to the umpire.
- (iv) The official score card and timing device must, at all times, be placed in full view of the persons acting as scorers and time-keepers during matches.
- (v) Scorecards must be legible with correct spelling and full names.

Penalty: \$20 fine to offending club

- (vi) Scorers and Timekeepers must be 14 years or over.

Penalty: \$10 fine to offending club

(f) Umpires

- (i) Panel Umpires will be allocated to A and B grade matches each week. All other matches one umpire from each club to officiate.

- (ii) Club umpires are not permitted to coach the team for which they are umpiring. If, in an emergency, a coach needs to umpire his/her team then a substitute coach must take over.
- (iii) Must have or do a Theory exam / Introduction to umpiring during season.
- (iv) Umpires shall not be changed during a game, except in exceptional circumstances.
- (v) Trainee umpires may have a badged umpire running with them, in junior games only.
- (vi) Shall register votes on official competition vote cards. The vote card is to be signed by both umpires, placed in a sealed envelope and signed again across the seal. Votes must be given as 3, 2 or 1. Umpires to complete & sign & have club coordinators sign the Umpires Report Form if a player or official is to be reported or for any incidents that are to be reported to the Netball Manager.
- (vii) If the game is abandoned or cancelled before half time no votes or goals will be given. If the game is abandoned or cancelled after half time, votes must be given, and goals included.
- (viii) Umpires must sign any corrections or alterations to the score card.
- (ix) Umpires must sign the Score card after the game when scorers and captains have signed.
- (x) Must supply their own whistles and clubs must have a current rule book *and spare white skirt* at the court.
- (xi) Club & Panel umpires shall be dressed appropriately in umpires' attire; white t/shirt or jumper, white socks, skirts, Shorts (men) correct sports shoes. White wet weather gear is permitted in rain.
- (xii) Umpires are only allowed to umpire 2 consecutive games on any given match day. An umpire is allowed to have a one match break and then return and umpire another match. Maximum 3 games per day in the GDFL competition.
- (xiii) A minimum of two umpires from each club must attend the umpire's meetings/training during the season.

Penalty: \$20 fine to umpires

- (g) Captain & Vice-Captain
- (h) Each Team and Club is allocated a team bench where Team Officials and bench players are located during play.

22. AWARDS

- (a) Best & Fairest trophies shall be awarded to the player who receives the highest number of votes in each section. Players suspended during the season are ineligible.

Runner-up trophies shall be awarded to the player who receives the second highest number of votes in each section.

In the event of a draw for either trophies, joint trophies shall be awarded. The Executive Committee shall be responsible for the counting of Best & Fairest votes.

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- (b) Best & Fairest votes transfer with a player who transfers from one club to another.
- (c) A Club Championship trophy shall be awarded to the netball club who wins the most Home & Away games over all grades.
- (d) A team who remains undefeated during the season including finals shall be declared Champions.
- (e) A trophy will be awarded to the player who throws the most goals in the home and away season in each grade. In the event of a draw for either trophies, joint trophies shall be awarded
- (f) A trophy will be awarded to the player voted by the umpires as the Best in the Final series for each grade. In the event of a draw for either trophies, joint trophies shall be awarded.
- (g) A trophy will be awarded to the player voted by the umpires as the Best in the Grand Final for each grade. In the event of a draw for either trophies, joint trophies shall be awarded.
- (h) A premiership/championship cup will be presented to the winning team on Grand Final day. All players and coaches in the winning side will receive a medallion on the day.

23. PRESENTATION NIGHT

- 23.1** A presentation night shall be held by the League.
- 23.2** The date and format shall be determined annually by the Committee.
- 23.3** Presentation of all League awards shall be made on the presentation night.
- 23.4** Recognition of achievements shall be made on presentation night.

24. COURSES, SEMINARS & OTHER OPPORTUNITIES

- 24.1** The League shall provide notification of opportunities for all members to improve their skills by attending courses, seminars and other personal development activities.
- 24.2** The League shall encourage and support members who wish to attend appropriate courses, seminars and other personal development activities.

25. ACCREDITATION

- 25.1** The League shall take all reasonable steps to ensure that all Team Officials have the appropriate minimum qualifications.
- 25.2** Where minimum accreditation standards are not met, the League shall encourage and support the member(s) to achieve the minimum accreditation standard.
- 25.3** The League will not appoint any person to a Team Official position unless that individual has achieved the minimum standard accreditation or is in the process of acquiring the minimum standard accreditation.

26. RISK MANAGEMENT

26.1 Injury Reporting

- (a) All Teams and Clubs are responsible for recording all injuries of the injured player (or players' guardian for players under 18) on the League Injury Report Form.

26.2 Child Safety in Netball

- (a) The League and all Teams and Clubs are responsible for the observance, promotion, enforcement and monitoring of the Child Safety in Netball Policy and Code of Conduct.
- (b) The League and all Teams and Clubs are responsible for the management and administration of the application of the Netball Victoria Working with Children Check Regulation.
- (c) No photographs or video footage is to be taken at junior matches without the consent of the opposing coach or team manager. Clubs will be given a list of teams within the League that may not be photographed under any circumstances.

26.3 Game Day Checklist

- (a) A Game Day Checklist must be completed prior to all League and Team and Club competitions, tournaments, games, programs and training.
- (b) Any hazards identified will be:
 - (i) Documented;
 - (ii) Rectified if possible;
 - (iii) Reported to the appropriate agency (local council, reserve committee) if major repair is required;
 - (iv) Coordinators as to whether the game can be continued on the adjacent court or abandoned;
 - (v) A decision made by two (2) umpires to abandon a game due to equipment fault, must be recorded on the score card as to when and at which stage of the game. The game may need to be replayed at the discretion of the league;
 - (vi) Each club is responsible for supplying netballs (regulation size) to each of its teams;
 - (vii) Playing Area Safety Checklist;
 - (viii) Checklist to be completed before any games played. There may be a need to review this checklist throughout the day. Playing Area Safety Checklist forms are provided to each club by the GDFL; and
 - (ix) A copy of the completed checklist must be submitted in the Match Day paper work envelope.

Penalty: \$20 to home club

26.4 First Aid

- (a) The League will provide a first aid kit for competitions played at the League's venues.

- (b) Teams and Clubs must provide their own first aid kit when playing away from a League venue.
- (c) The first aid kit will be stored on team benches and all appropriate personnel (including court supervisors, umpires and coaches) will have access to it.
- (d) Club Trainers will maintain the first aid kit supplies.
- (e) The League will have a designated room or area for the treatment of injuries. The room or area should be kept clean and accessible at all times.
- (f) The League will ensure that a qualified first aider is present at all competitions.
- (g) Home clubs to have ice available, at courtside.

26.5 Emergency procedures

Emergency phone numbers - ambulance, police and an emergency procedure plan is to be displayed at the League venue.

26.5 Weather

If conditions are considered dangerous, then the umpires shall call a ten (10) minute break. Then after the break, the umpires shall consult with members of the Executive of both clubs as to their opinion. A decision will then be made by the two (2) umpires as to the future of the game.

NOTE: Clubs do not make the final decision as to whether the game is abandoned.

If only one match is being played at the time and there are two courts available, the other court can be considered.

A decision made by two (2) umpires to abandon a game due to weather, must be recorded on the Score card as to when and at which stage of the game.

26.6 Heat

26.7 In the event of extreme weather conditions above 28 degrees, the following steps must be taken: All quarters will be reduced, and breaks extended by the following:

Competition	Heat Policy
13, 15 & 17 & Under	7-minute quarters, 3-minute $\frac{1}{4}$ & $\frac{3}{4}$ Breaks, 5-minute $\frac{1}{2}$ time break
C & D Grade	7 Minutes quarters, 3-minute $\frac{1}{4}$ & $\frac{3}{4}$ Breaks, 5-minute $\frac{1}{2}$ time break
B Grade	9-minute quarters, 4-minute $\frac{1}{4}$ & $\frac{3}{4}$ Breaks, 5-minute $\frac{1}{2}$ time break
A Grade	12-minute quarters, 5-minute $\frac{1}{4}$ & $\frac{3}{4}$ Breaks, 7-minute $\frac{1}{2}$ time break

In the event of weather conditions of over 35 degrees, it will be up to the discretion of the two clubs and umpires as to whether games will go ahead.

Please ensure that sunscreen is readily available courtside for players and umpires.

26.8 Smoke Free

The League adopts a smoke free policy.

Smoking is banned within 10 metres of an outdoor public sporting venue during organised underage sporting events and training sessions.

26.9 Responsible Serving of Alcohol in Sporting Clubs

No alcohol is permitted at the courts. The League will adopt a responsible serving of alcohol policy.

26.10 Sun Protection

The League will adopt a sun smart policy.

26.11 Netball Australia and Netball Victoria Policies

The League will adopt all codes, policies, procedures and regulations from Netball Australia and Netball Victoria as amended from time to time, which can be found on the Netball Victoria Club House website <https://nvclubhouse.com.au/>

27. DISPUTE RESOLUTION

27.1 Where a member breaches a Bylaw, and that Bylaw prescribes a penalty for such breach, then the Committee may impose such penalty. For any other breach of the Bylaws, the Committee will impose any other penalty it sees fit in accordance with these Bylaws and the Constitution.

27.2 Any member who does not agree with a penalty or action of the Independent Tribunal (Independent meaning not the Netball Manger/Netball Committee) made under this Bylaw, may advise the Committee in writing within a timely manner following the penalty or decision being made. The Committee may then:

- (i) Discuss the issue with the relevant party and then make a decision regarding the matter. The Committee shall inform the party/s involved of their decision either verbally or in writing; or
- (ii) Have an informal meeting with the relevant party/s in order to discuss and resolve the dispute.

27.3 Any penalty imposed by the Independent Tribunal under Bylaw 28.2 is final.

Penalty: *Suspension and/or fine at discretion of tribunal. (Automatic suspension for non-appearance)*

28. SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES/PROVISIONS CLAUSE

Where these Bylaws are silent on a particular matter, a decision can be made by the Committee. In exceptional or extenuating circumstances, the Committee may, acting reasonably, alter, vary or waive the requirements set out in these bylaws relating to the League.

29. INDEMNITY

Except where provided or required by law and such cannot be excluded, the League and its respective directors, officers, members, servants or agents are absolved from all liability however arising from injury or damage, however caused, arising whilst participating in the League's activities as a member.