

Tamworth Netball Association Incorporated



Local Rules

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General Information

International Netball Federation

The International Netball Federation is the governing body of netball and Tamworth Netball Association Inc. (the Association) adheres to the International Netball Federation 'Rules of Netball'.

Publicity

<http://tamworthna.nsw.netball.com.au/> will be the main source of information for all Association netball activities. The Northern Daily Leader and Association Facebook page will also provide information about activities, results and draws. Club Secretaries requiring notices for publication are to email the necessary information to the Publicity Officer.

Unfinancial Player

An unfinancial player is a person who:

- has not paid their membership and/or competition fees before playing their first game
- has any outstanding personal or team fines
- has been advised by the Executive Committee that they are unfinancial for any reason.

Ineligible Player

An ineligible player is one who is unfinancial and/or not permitted by Local Rules to play in a team.

Grading Committee

The Grading Committee will be responsible for the grading of teams/divisions in all competitive competitions.

Games Committee

The Competitions Coordinator will be responsible for the compilation of each competitions' fixture in consultation with the Games Committee, including any decisions as to the number of rounds to be played or the format to be used.

Adverse Weather - *Also see Local Rule 6*

In the event of abandonment of competition games, an announcement shall be broadcast on radio station 2TM/92.9FM, the Association website and Facebook page at the earliest opportunity and no later than 11.00 am.

A changed draw (Adverse Weather Draw) may be implemented when necessary. The Adverse Weather Draw will be made available at the beginning of the competition.

Abandoned Games

- a) If a team fails or is unable to complete a game and leaves the court at any time during the game it will be deemed that the team unable to continue has forfeited.
- b) In the event that the umpires call an end to the game at any time, the score stands and will be deemed legal. The umpires are to immediately notify the Executive member on duty and write reasons for the decision on the scoresheet.
- c) The Executive Committee shall make decisions regarding complete abandonment of play.



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Injuries

Ice is available from the Lockwood Room or Dome First Aid room for injuries as required. All teams should have their own supplies to meet basic first aid requirements at the courts (band aids, etc.). All player injuries **must** be recorded on the scoresheet for insurance purposes. Non-players who are injured while participating in netball (i.e. coach, manager or umpire) should report injuries to Executive and record the injury on the scoresheet.

Refer to the Association Ambulance Procedure which can be found in the Supporting Documents.

Defibrillator

A defibrillator is available on the wall near the front counter of the Sports Dome.

A second defibrillator is available in the Lockwood Room.

Insurance

All registered members of the Association are covered by insurance. Insurance forms are available on request from the Secretary. Please present insurance forms to the Association Secretary to be signed before being submitted within 30 days from the injury. Persons making an insurance claim, in respect of an injury, are responsible for payment of all accounts prior to the approval of the claim. Please include paid receipts.

Codes of Behaviour

Netball NSW Codes of Behaviour apply to Administrators, Coaches, Players, Umpires, Parents/Guardians, Spectators, Bench Officials and Media. Bad language and poor sportsmanship will not be tolerated in netball. Severe penalties may apply. Codes of Behaviour are available from the Netball NSW website and the Secretary.

Duty Teams

Teams or clubs will be allocated days during the season when they are asked to help with tasks during the running of competitions. The Duty Roster and list of duties will be made available at the beginning of the competition. The Duty Team will operate under the direction of the Executive Committee.



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Local Rules

1 – Local Rules

- a) Local Rules shall be revised where necessary at the next Council meeting.
- b) Local Rules shall be adhered to at all times.

2 – Season

- a) The Saturday Winter Competition shall commence and finish on dates to be decided by Executive and ratified by Council.
- b) A Monday Night Ladies Competition may be run during school terms.
- c) A Thursday Social Competition may be run during school terms.
- d) Other competitions may be run on an ad-hoc basis as decided by Executive.

3 – Correspondence

- a) All correspondence is to be with the Secretary by the Monday before each Council Meeting.
- b) Correspondence may be left with the Executive member on duty in the Lockwood Room or Netball Dome Office.
- c) Correspondence may be emailed to the Secretary via the Association email address.

4 – Registration

- a) Any person owing money to the Association is not eligible to play, coach or manage in any competition team or representative team, or umpire any Association competition or representative fixtures, unless the amount owing is paid, in full, prior to the beginning of competition. Executive Committee and Association Committee members must also be registered to be eligible for positions.
- b) Only Clubs comprising of more than one team may be accepted as affiliates of the Association.
- c) All Club Executive or Management Committee members must be registered members of the Association for the Club to remain financial.
- d) All registration fees shall be as determined by Council.
- e) All teams must register a minimum of seven players, with a maximum of 12 players per team to be registered at any one time.
- f) Registration will be made using the online database specified by Netball NSW under the direction of individual Clubs and the Association.
- g) Club Secretaries for the Saturday Winter Competition / Team Contacts for all other Association competitions are to complete a Team Nomination Form listing names of teams, players in each team, nominated grade and coaches/team contact(s) with email address and mobile phone number. This is to be completed using the online database specified by Netball NSW.
- h) All registration monies must be receipted by the Club, or the Association Treasurer or their representative.
- i) Alterations to registered players are to be made, in writing, by the Club Secretaries (for the Saturday Winter competition) or the Team Contacts (for any other Association competitions) and given to the Registrar for approval. A club / team may register new players at any time during the season, provided that the Club Secretary or other official of that club / Team Contact does the registration.



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- j) A player registered with a Club in any one competition shall not transfer to another Club until the following competition, except in the case of school transfers, and in special circumstances, if approved by the Registrar and Executive Committee.
- k) Any team who plays an unfinancial or ineligible player will lose points for that game and be notified by the Recording Officer of the offence and penalty incurred. The non-offending team will be considered the winning team and be awarded the three points. The offending team will receive zero points.
- l) A de-registered player may only re-register in the same team. Once re-registered the player must play a further three competition games with that team to be eligible for semi-finals etc.
- m) At the discretion of the Executive Committee late nominations of additional teams may be accepted.

5 – Grading of Teams

- a) The winning team in each division must play in a higher division for the following competition if five players of the original team are still registered in the team.
- b) Teams with five representative players must play one division higher and in an A division. Representative players are defined as those players who have represented an Association in the past two years.
- c) Players who turn 13 years of age during the current year may play in the 12 years division if attending primary school.
- d) In the case of small schools (those schools who have to incorporate more than three age groups to form a junior team), the Grading Committee will use their discretion when grading the team in a division appropriate to the age of all players, rather than the age of the oldest player.
- e) Boys may play in the winter competition as long as they do not turn 13 years of age on or before 31 December of that year.
- f) Teams comprising of all males may play in ad-hoc competitions organised by the Association.
- g) Teams made up of males and females may play in a mixed competition organised by the Association.

6 – Adverse Weather

- a) Executive may abandon games at any time due to adverse weather, with the decision to abandon games made in consideration of the Netball NSW Adverse Weather Conditions Policy.
- b) Games not commenced because of adverse weather shall be considered abandoned and no points given.
- c) A decision regarding play on any one particular court shall be made by the umpires and/or officials, or after a request by one or both team captains.
- d) If play ceases before half-time, because of adverse weather, no points will be awarded.
- e) If play ceases at or after half time the result of the game shall be taken as per the scoresheet at the time play was abandoned and win/loss points awarded.
- f) If all games are not played in any division due to abandonment for adverse weather, only the remaining games in each division shall be played at a later date.
- g) The Executive Committee will be responsible for the rescheduling of games when outdoor play is deemed unsafe due to weather conditions. The adverse weather draw will be made



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available at the beginning of the season. The duration of games will be determined by the Executive Committee and court availability.

- h) The Executive Committee shall make decisions regarding complete abandonment of play, with the decision to be made in consideration of the Netball NSW Adverse Weather Conditions Policy.

Local Rules for Saturday Winter Competition

7 – General

- a) Competition for all players shall be governed by the International Netball Federation 'Rules of Netball'.
- b) Competition games shall be under the control of the Executive Committee.
- c) The Winter Competition shall consist of at least two rounds depending on the number of teams entered.
- d) A competition game will consist of four quarters of 15 minutes each, with intervals of two minutes at the end of first and third quarter and a half-time interval of three minutes.
- e) Primary school players may not play in the Open division.
- f) Players in a 10 years division or NetSetGo divisions cannot be borrowed in the 13/14 division or higher divisions.
- g) A player who has participated for part of a game is deemed to have played a whole game.
- h) Players can only play for one team in each time slot.
- i) Any team withdrawing from the Winter Competition after grading is finalised will incur an administration fee of \$100.00.
- j) All players will need to pay the competition fee as set for their age.

8 – Uniforms

Refer to the Uniform Policy which can be found in the Supporting Documents.

9 – 10 Years Division

- a) Teams entered in the 10 years division will play full competition rules except for the duration of games which will be the same as NetSetGo (see Local Rule 10(a)).
- b) Finals will not be played in the 10 years division.
- c) The first two teams on top of the ladder at the end of the competition will be declared the winner and runner-up.
- d) If the two top teams are on equal points at the end of the competition, then they will be named joint premiers.
- e) If more than two top teams are on equal points at the end of the competition, the top two will be decided on goal averages and they will be named joint premiers.
- f) If teams are on equal points for second place at the end of the competition, the position will be decided on goal averages.

10 – NetSetGo Division

- a) NetSetGo divisions will be conducted in accordance with Netball Australia's modified rules.
- b) All players in NetSetGo are to receive a participation award.



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11 – Forfeits

- a) All games will commence at the time specified on the draw.
- b) If a team fails to take the court within two minutes of the designated time for the start or restart of play, the umpires shall award the game to the non-offending team.
- c) After the umpires declare a forfeit the scoresheet is to be signed by the umpires and any players present.
- d) All teams involved in forfeits must provide umpires, as shown on the draw, for that day.
- e) When a team has received a forfeit or is the forfeiting team it will be sufficient if one member of the team(s) indicates on the scoresheet the players who would have participated in that game. Those players listed will be credited with having participated in a competition game.
- f) In the event of a notified forfeit, it will be sufficient if names of players available to play are emailed to the Recording Officer via the Association email address by the end of the day's play. This applies to both teams involved in the forfeited game.
- g) A team which forfeits three competition games during any one competition is automatically excluded from participating in semi-finals, finals or grand finals. These teams are to be notified after two forfeits by the Recording Officer. Any appeal must be registered with the Secretary within seven days of the third forfeit.
- h) A player whose name is signed/ticked on a forfeit scoresheet will be considered to have played in that game.
- i) If a team has won/lost on a forfeit and a player is signed/ticked on the scoresheet and no game or part of a game has taken place, that player may be legally borrowed by another team in the same time slot and listed as a borrowed player.
- j) In the event that a team forfeits when a double round is played (i.e. two games on the same day), then this will count as only one forfeited game for the purposes of Rule 11(g).
- k) If a team fails or is unable to complete a game and leaves the court at any time during the game, it will be deemed that the team failing or unable to continue has forfeited.

12 – Borrowing Players

- a) Teams may not borrow players from other clubs.
- b) A player shall not play in a lower division to that in which they are registered.
- c) A team must have four of their registered team members present and ready to play before borrowing any players. Teams may borrow up to three players to make up the seven players in any one game. All borrowed players must complete details on the scoresheet in the correct section.
- d) No player arriving after play has started may replace a player who has filled the position of the late arrival; however, the late arrival may be used as a substitute in accordance with International Netball Federation 'Rules of Netball' - Substitution and Team Changes. Late Arrivals should be noted on the scoresheet.
- e) Teams may borrow from the same division, or lower, if they have fewer than seven of their own team members present and able to play.
- f) Players may be borrowed from the same division or lower an unlimited amount of times. For semi-finals, finals and grand finals players can only play in the team in which they were originally registered.
- g) Players can only play for one team in each time slot. See Local Rule 11 – Forfeits.



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- h) Borrowed players are required to wear the same registered uniform as the team in which they are playing. This includes the NetSetGo divisions.

13 - Scorers

- a) Each team set down to play will provide one scorer each.
- b) One scorer only is to record the goals for the duration of the game. Both scorers are to sit together for the entire game.

14 - Scoresheets

- a) All registered players will be listed on a pre-printed scoresheet. Signature and/or tick section of the scoresheet must be completed. Late registrations/names cannot be written on scoresheets unless approved by the Registrar.
- b) Names of borrowed players must also be recorded on the scoresheet together with the name of the team from which they are borrowed and their division. Incorrect details will incur loss of points as per Local Rule 17.
- c) It is not permitted to write, tick or sign the name of a person on the scoresheet if they do not take part in the game. Correct records are required for insurance purposes.
- d) A player who has participated for part of a game is deemed to have played a whole game.
- e) Scorers, Captains and Umpires must sign the scoresheet at the end of the game.
- f) Injuries and complaints must be written on the back of scoresheet and signed.
- g) Winning teams are to return the scoresheet to the Lockwood Room immediately after that game.

15 – Coaches

Coaches must abide by the International Netball Federation 'Rules of Netball', including:

- Team Officials
- Substitutions and Team Changes
- Late Arrivals
- Stoppages, Injury/Illness or Blood, Other Stoppages
- Discipline of Team Officials and Bench Players.

16 – Umpires

- a) No official game shall be played without two umpires.
- b) A team rostered for umpiring is responsible for providing two umpires to officiate at each game.
- c) All teams involved in forfeits must provide umpires, as shown on the draw, for that day.
- d) The umpire shall not take part in the game.
- e) Teams taking part in competition games conducted by the Association must perform such umpiring as is allocated to them.
- f) The Umpires Committee will endeavour to allocate umpires for the whole competition once regrading has taken place, ensuring equitable distribution of umpiring for all teams.
- g) Failure to provide an umpire, as shown on the draw, for that day will result in a loss of one point and fine of \$10 per umpire as per Local Rule 17 which the team is responsible for paying.
- h) Umpires are required to sign on at Umpire Control before the game commences. Failure to sign on at Umpire Control will incur a loss of one point per umpire as per Local Rule 17.



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- i) If a team fails to fulfil individual umpiring duties six times then that team will no longer be eligible to compete in semi-finals, finals or grand finals.
- j) Should the umpires call an end to the game at any time, the score stands and will be deemed legal. The umpires are to immediately notify the Executive member/s on duty and write reasons for the decision on the scoresheet.
- k) Team umpires fulfilling a team's allocated umpire duty must be competent and age-appropriate for the division to which they are allocated, with the determination of competence and age-appropriateness to be at the discretion of the Umpires Committee. If an umpire placed by a team on their allocated game is deemed unsuitable by the Umpires Committee at any time prior to, during, or after the game, the team will be issued a written warning. If a subsequent incident occurs, a loss of points of one point per unsuitable umpire per game will be applied.
- l) Umpires shall record any suspensions and/or ordering off-of players which may occur.

17 – Points and Penalties

- a) Points shall be awarded for competition games as follows:
 - i. three points for a win or a win on forfeit
 - ii. two points for a drawn game
 - iii. one point for a loss
 - iv. zero points for a loss on forfeit
 - v. three points for a bye.
- b) Penalties will be incurred for competition games as follows:
 - i. failure to provide an umpire as listed on the draw = loss of one point and \$10 fine per umpire
 - ii. failure to sign on at Umpire Control = loss of one point and \$10 fine per umpire
 - iii. failure to pay any fine as Local Rule 17(b)(i) or 17(b)(ii) prior to taking the court for the next round will result in the team being considered unfinancial as per Local Rule 17(b)(v) (unless an appeal has been lodged)
 - iv. failure to sign/tick players names or list borrowed players = loss of one point
 - v. signing/ticking players names if they are not present and able to take part in the game = loss of one point
 - vi. game played by unfinancial/unregistered/ineligible player = loss of game points (i.e. minus three points if team won or minus one point if team lost). The win and points will be awarded to the non-offending team.
- c) The Club Contact will be notified via email by the Recording Officer or Umpire Coordinator of any loss of points and fines before the next round.
- d) Teams have the right of appeal, in writing, within seven days of losing points.
- e) Points are to be available on a weekly basis online.

18 – Inability to Play as Specified on Draw

- a) Special consideration may be given to pre- or post-play a game if it cannot be played by the specified date due to player unavailability in exceptional circumstances.
- b) Application for a pre- or post-played game must be forwarded to the Competitions Coordinator in writing at least 14 days before the original game date (unless circumstances prevent same).
- c) The team wishing to pre- or post-play a game is then responsible for:
 - i. contacting the opposing team to arrange a mutually suitable time



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- ii. collecting of the official scoresheet from Competitions Coordinator
 - iii. arranging two umpires for that game
 - iv. ensuring all details are correctly completed on the scoresheet, including date, time and location
 - v. booking and paying for the courts at the Dome if applicable.
- d) For both pre- and post-played games the winning team will return the official scoresheet to the Competitions Coordinator before the next competition game. Scoresheets must be amended to indicate date, time and location of game played.
- e) If no suitable time can be arranged, the team wishing the alteration will have to forfeit the game.
- f) The Executive Committee, Umpires and Council have the right to disqualify any game played without the official scoresheet.

19 – Injuries - *Also see Injuries section of General Information*

- a) All injuries must be noted on the official scoresheet or attached to the official scoresheet.
- b) Injury time will not be added to games during the competition rounds.
- c) All major injuries incurred in relation to netball are to be reported immediately to the Executive Committee at the Lockwood Room as soon as possible.
Note: If in doubt do NOT move the injured person. Transfer the game to another court.
- d) An injury claim form can be downloaded from the NetballNSW website or obtained from the Secretary on request.

20 – Semi-Finals, Finals and Grand Finals

- a) The draw for semi-finals, finals and grand finals will be determined by the Competitions Coordinator at the conclusion of the competition rounds.
- b) Players must have played in at least five competition games in that team to qualify for semi-finals, finals and grand finals.
- c) Teams may not borrow players for semi-finals, finals or grand finals.
- d) Injury time will not be played in the semi-finals, finals and grand finals.
- e) Extra time will be played in accordance with the International Netball Federation 'Rules of Netball'.
- f) Semi-finals, finals and grand finals are not to be played on the same weekend, except for adverse weather.
- g) Teams that finish on the same points at the conclusion of rounds will be determined using goal average to compete in semi-finals.



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Local Rules for Monday Night Ladies Competition

21 – Monday Night Ladies Competition

- a) All competition and registration fees are to be paid prior to commencement of the first round of competition as per Local Rule 4(a). Only teams who are financial will be included in the draw.
- b) Competition is open to players turning 13 years and older.
- c) Competitions will be played in accordance with the International Netball Federation 'Rules of Netball' and the Association's Local Rules. The exception to this is that gloves may be worn. **Note: This rule applies to Monday and Thursday competitions only.**
- d) No pockets or hoods on any items of clothing are to be worn while playing.
- e) Games will consist of four x 10-minute quarters with a one-minute break at the end of the first and third quarter time and a two-minute break at half-time.
- f) Each team is to have one person responsible for scoring on the official scoresheet provided and to keep time. Scorers are to ensure that scoresheets are fully and accurately completed. **See Local Rule 14.**
- g) The Association will provide umpires.
- h) Prizes for winners and runners up for each division will be awarded each term. Finals will not be played, with the winners determined according to the points ladder.
- i) Points will be awarded and deducted as per Local Rule 17.
- j) A team which forfeits three competition games during any one competition is automatically excluded from participating in the subsequent competition and unable to claim any prize money. These teams are to be notified after two forfeits by the Recording Officer. Any appeal must be registered with the Secretary within seven days of the third forfeit.

Local Rules for Thursday Social Netball Competitions

22 – Thursday Social Competitions

- a) Thursday competitions are social competitions. No point scores/ladders are published, no prizes are awarded, and no finals will be played.
- b) These competitions are played in accordance with the International Netball Federation 'Rules of Netball' and the Association's Local Rules. The exception to this is that gloves may be worn. **Note: This rule applies to Monday and Thursday competitions only.**
- c) Competition is open to players turning 13 years and older.
- d) No pockets or hoods on any items of clothing are to be worn while playing.
- e) Games will consist of four x 10-minute quarters with a one-minute break at the end of the first and third quarter time and a two-minute break at half-time.
- f) As games are 'umpire your own', each team must supply one umpire. Umpires may be changed each quarter.

23 – Additional rules for Mixed Teams

- a) A maximum of three males per team are allowed on the court at any one time.
- b) Male players shall play one in each area of the court (mid court, goals, and defence). The combination for each team is:
 - a. One male GS or GA
 - b. One male WA or C or WD
 - c. One male GD or GK.