



# **COMPETITION REGULATIONS**

**FOR**

**NETBALL NSW PREMIER LEAGUE COMPETITION**

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## **1 INTRODUCTION**

The Netball NSW Premier League (NNSWPL) Competition Regulations exists to ensure that the strategic objectives of NNSW are achieved. These objectives include:

- 1.1 To be the premier netball competition in New South Wales that provides the best opportunities for elite netballers.
- 1.2 To provide an elite pathway for developing players, coaches, officials and administrators throughout NSW in an effort to increase the depth and quality of these persons at the elite level within NNSW.
- 1.3 To create a seamless link in the high performance pathway between Metro League, NNSWPL, national underpinning programs, the ANL and the NNL.
- 1.4 To encourage formalised partnerships between Licensee's and Associations to ensure longevity of the Licensee and a grassroots pathway.
- 1.5 To develop and implement a financially sustainable competition that will increase commercial and sponsorship opportunities for the sport, competitions and teams.
- 1.6 To raise and enhance the profile of netball across NSW through increased media and promotional opportunities.
- 1.7 To enhance the reputation of the sport in the community.
- 1.8 To increase the engagement of fans and enhance the connection with the wider NSW netball community.

Together with the INF Rules and Regulations, these Competition Regulations govern the conduct and management of the Competition and provide a system of regulating player eligibility and registration.

## **2 STATUS OF REGULATIONS**

- 2.1 These Competition Regulations are issued by the Commission.
- 2.2 These Competition Regulations may be changed from time to time by resolution of the Commission.
- 2.3 The Commission with the authority of NNSW reserves the right to vary, waive or supplement the requirements of these Competition Regulations if it deems necessary.

### 3 DEFINITIONS

**Allocations Panel** means a panel of personnel as appointed by NNSW responsible for coordinating and appointing umpires to Matches.

**ANL** means the Australian Netball League.

**Association** means any affiliated association that is a member of NNSW pursuant to clause 9.3 of the NNSW Constitution.

**Board** means the Board of Directors of NNSW.

**Calendar Year** means the period commencing 1<sup>st</sup> January and ending 31<sup>st</sup> December inclusive.

**Commercial Guidelines** means the NNSWPL Commercial Guidelines as published from time to time by NNSW.

**Commission** means the panel of persons appointed by the Board pursuant to Regulation 4.1.

**Competition** means the NNSW Premier League Competition conducted by NNSW.

**Competition Matches** means all matches of the Competition be they pre-season, minor rounds or Final Series.

**Competition Regulations** means these Netball NSW Premier League (NNSWPL) Competition Regulations as developed, varied and promulgated by the Commission from time to time. A reference to a particular regulation means, where the context permits, a reference to a particular regulation in these Competition Regulations.

**Competitions Manager** means the person appointed by NNSW to manage the Competition or their delegate.

**Council** means the Council of NNSW described in clauses 12 and 13 of the NNSW Constitution.

**Court** means the designated area that includes the defined court area, team benches and score bench.

**Division** means one of the two competition divisions within the Competition called either Open Division or Under 20 Division.

**Finals Series** means the semi-finals, preliminary final and grand final of the Competition.

**Key Personnel** means appropriate personnel or staff required for the effective administration of the Licensee.

**INF** means the International Netball Federation.

**Licensee** means a party who has entered into a Participation Agreement.

**Matches** means Competition Matches and Other Matches

**Metro League** means the Metro League conducted by NNSW between teams representing the Associations across a number of divisions.

**NCAS** means National Coaching Accreditation Scheme.

**NNL** means the Australian netball competition to commence in 2017 and currently known as the National Netball League.

**NNSW** means Netball New South Wales.

**Other Events** mean events or functions organised or controlled by NNSW other than Matches relating, directly or indirectly, to the Competition.

**Other Matches** means any match played between Teams other than Competition Matches including but not limited to training or exhibition matches.

**Participation Agreement** means the agreement between NNSW and a Licensee by which the Licensee is entitled to have Teams participating in the Competition.

**Personnel** means any person engaged by a Licensee in respect of its Teams and whether paid or unpaid, including Key Personnel and Team Officials, but excluding Players.

**Player** means any person included on the Player List of a Licensee.

**Player List** means the list of all Players who have agreed to play for a Licensee in the Competition during a particular Season lodged with the Competition Manager under regulation 7.1.3 and approved under regulation 7.1.4.

**Replacement Player** means any person who validly joins a Team from time to time in accordance with regulation 7.4.

**Rules of Netball** means the INF "Rules of Netball", 2016 Edition as amended from time to time by the INF.

**Score Bench** mean the designated area on the Court where the bench officials (Timers and Scorers) are located at each game.

**Season** means the period NNSW sets aside for the Competition within any 12 month period, including

the Finals Series and any pre or post season tournament or knockout competition or matches organised and/or sanctioned by NNSW.

**Team** means a Licensee's netball team entitled to compete in either Division of the Competition.

**Team Bench** means the designated area within the field of play where all Players of the Team and Team Officials must be located during a game.

**Team Officials** mean officials involved with the management, preparation and participation of the Team, including but not limited to the coaches, manager, doctor, physiotherapist and other support staff.

**Team Sheet** means the list of Players to participate in a Match as provided by a Licensee to the Competition Manager pursuant to regulation 9.1.3.

**Venue** means the venue known as Genea Netball Centre (formally known as Netball Central) at 2 Olympic Boulevard Sydney Olympic Park or any alternate venue approved by NNSW.

**Venue Operations Manager** means the person employed by NNSW, or their delegate to manage the Venue and assist the Competitions Manager in the daily operations and event management of the Competition.

## **4 NNSW PREMIER LEAGUE PERSONNEL**

### **4.1 NNSW PREMIER LEAGUE COMMISSION**

4.1.1 The Commission will consist of up to four persons appointed by the Board on a biannual basis and will include at least one person independent of NNSW.

4.1.2 The Board may appoint persons to the Commission for shorter periods than 2 years in order to fill casual vacancies.

4.1.3 The Commission has the right to co-opt relevant personnel as required.

4.1.4 The Commission will be responsible to the Board for the conduct of the Competition.

### **4.2 NNSWPL COMPETITIONS MANAGER**

4.2.1 The Competitions Manager will be responsible for the conduct of all Competition Matches.

4.2.2 After consultation with the Venue Operations Manager or the Commission, the Competitions Manager may cancel or postpone any Match where there are concerns as to Player or spectator safety or wellbeing.

- 4.2.3 The scheduling and rescheduling of all Competition Matches is the responsibility of the Competitions Manager.
- 4.2.4 The Competitions Manager will reasonably assist each Licensee to understand their obligations under the Competition Regulations so they are able to follow the correct administrative procedures and adhere to the Competition Regulations.
- 4.2.5 The Competitions Manager is responsible to the General Manager – Sport Development and the Commission for the conduct of the Competition, and for this purpose, is responsible for upholding all rules and regulations of the Competition.
- 4.2.6 Further to regulation 4.2.5, the Competitions Manager, may, with the approval of the Commission and in extenuating circumstances, alter, vary or waive any of the requirements set out in these Competition Regulations. The primary, but not exclusive, purpose of the exercise of such discretion is to ensure that the integrity of the Competition is maintained at all times.

#### 4.3 **NNSWPL UMPIRES**

- 4.3.1 Umpires who hold an A badge or higher may be allocated to Matches by the Allocations Panel. Other umpires may be appointed to Matches at the discretion of the Allocations Panel, subject to the approval of the appropriate NNSW staff member.
- 4.3.2 Umpires participating in the Competition may not be a Team Official or Player.
- 4.3.3 All Allocations Panel members and umpires allocated to Matches must be current financial members of NNSW.
- 4.3.4 A NNSW staff member will be appointed by NNSW to communicate umpire allocations for the Competition.

#### 4.4 **COMPETITION BENCH OFFICIALS**

- 4.4.1 Accredited bench officials (timers and scorers) will officiate at all Matches. Bench officials will be appointed by NNSW. NNSW will allocate those who hold a National Level Accreditation to Matches as first preference.
- 4.4.2 All bench officials (timers and scorers) must be current financial members of NNSW.
- 4.4.3 All Licensees must provide two persons who hold a minimum of a current Bench Official State Level accreditation who are not in the NNSWPL Bench Official pool and may be allocated to act as a reserve at specified matches. National Accredited Bench Officials will be allocated by NNSW and are not available to be nominated by licensees.



- 4.4.4 A NSW staff member will be appointed by NSW to communicate bench official allocations for the Competition.

## **5 COMPETITION STRUCTURE**

- 5.1 The Competition will operate according to the scheduled dates published by NSW, and will be played at the Venue.
- 5.2 The Competition is a sporting activity for female players only.
- 5.3 The Competition will consist of two divisions – Open Division and Under 20 Division. For the 2016 and 2017 Seasons each division will include eight teams as determined by the Commission. The Commission may increase the number of teams per division for subsequent Seasons.
- 5.4 Each Licensee will be required to submit a Team for each division of the Competition.
- 5.5 Only one Team will be permitted in each division of the Competition, per Licensee.
- 5.6 The Competition will consist of minor rounds and a Finals Series. The number of minor rounds and the competition draw will be determined by NSW.
- 5.7 Each Team will be scheduled one Competition Match per week during the minor rounds. This may be changed at the discretion of the Commission.

## **6 LICENSEE REQUIREMENTS**

### **6.1 ENTRY INTO THE COMPETITION**

- 6.1.1 Licensees accepted to field Teams in the Competition will have completed the application process including:
- (a) Submission of the Expression of Interest (EOI) Form as well as paying the initial deposit.
  - (b) Meeting the criteria and other requirements of NSW relevant to the Competition.
  - (c) Payment of the annual License Fee as stated in the Participation Agreement.
  - (d) Signed the Participation Agreement, in which they agree to abide by the rules, regulations and procedures governing participation in the Competition and cover the responsibilities in relation to, but not limited to, player/coach/official

movement, development, welfare, education, communication, marketing and penalties.

- 6.1.2 Entry into the Competition will be granted by NNSW on the recommendation of the Commission.
- 6.1.3 As part of the application process, the Licensee must submit its proposed Key Personnel appointments for approval by NNSW, which approval will not be unreasonably withheld. Where the Licensee and NNSW cannot agree to the appointment of the Licensee's Key Personnel, the dispute resolution procedure outlined in the Participation Agreement must be followed.
- 6.1.4 Following approval of initial Key Personnel by NNSW, any future changes thereto must be advised to the Competitions Manager in writing in a timely manner. All changes to Key Personnel are subject to the approval of NNSW in the same manner as described in regulation 6.1.3.
- 6.1.5 Licensees must always be affiliated with NNSW by paying the required annual affiliation fee, unless they are already controlled or are partly controlled by at least one other entity who is already an affiliated Association of NNSW in which case affiliation of the Licensee will not be required.
- 6.1.6 Licensees agree to abide by the policy and rules of NNSW and the Competition Regulations, as notified from time to time.
- 6.1.7 Licensees agree to adhere to the commercial requirements of the sponsor/s of the Competition as defined in the Commercial Guidelines.
- 6.1.8 In the event of a Licensee withdrawing from the Competition, or the termination of the Participation Agreement by NNSW:
  - (a) There will be no reimbursement of fees paid, and any outstanding fees must be paid.
  - (b) Subsequent re-entry into the future Competition may be jeopardized.
  - (c) Both teams will be immediately withdrawn from the Competition and the Licensee will not be permitted to apply for another license for a minimum of one year.
- 6.1.9 For the avoidance of doubt, these Competition Regulations are intended to supplement the Participation Agreement and all other rules and regulations of NNSW that are relevant to the Competition. If there is any inconsistency between these

Competition Regulations and the Participation Agreement, the Participation Agreement will take precedence.

## **7 PLAYER ELIGIBILITY**

### **7.1 GENERAL**

7.1.1 A Licensee (or anyone on behalf of a Licensee) may not make any offer to a Player to play for its Team or Teams in a Season earlier than 1 December in the year preceding that Season.

All offers must remain open for acceptance by the Player for at least one week.

This regulation 7.1.1 will not apply to the 2017 Season.

7.1.2 A Player wishing to participate in the Competition must be:

- (a) at least 16 years of age as at 31st December of the year in which she so participates;
- (b) a current financial member of NNSW; and
- (c) available for NSW representative team selection into 17/19 & Under State Teams, ANL, teams competing in the NNL, where applicable, unless exceptional circumstances apply

and must have completed and signed a NNSWPL Player Registration Form. Exceptional circumstances must be approved by the Commission.

A Licensee is responsible for providing the signed NNSWPL Player Registration Forms for its Players to the Competitions Manager.

All NNSW Player registration Forms are subject to approval by the Competitions Manager.

7.1.3 Each Player List must list all Players who have agreed with a Licensee to play for that Licensee's Teams in the applicable Season to a maximum 30 in number, regardless of which division of the Competition in which the Players will be participating. Each Player List must not contain more than 15 Players who are over 19 years of age as at 31 December in the year of that Season.

For the avoidance of doubt but subject to regulation 7.5.5, provided a Player satisfies the age restriction applicable to the Under 20 Division of the Competition, that Player may be selected by a Licensee to play in the Open Division as well as the Under 20

Division. It is each Licensee's responsibility to manage its selection of Players ensuring their welfare, skills, ability and availability for Matches in the minor rounds and Final Series.

- 7.1.4 All Licensees must lodge their Player List for a Season with the Competitions Manager at least eight (8) weeks prior to the commencement of that Season. Player Lists are not effective unless and until approved by the Competitions Manager.
- 7.1.5 Once received and approved by the Competitions Manager, the only additions permitted to that Player List are:
  - (a) in respect of Replacement Players pursuant to regulation 7.4, and/or
  - (b) where (subject to the limit stated in regulation 7.1.3) a Playing List contains less than 30 Players.
- 7.1.6 Once the Competitions Manager has received and approved a completed NNSWPL Player Registration Form for a particular Season, the Player concerned will be unable to be registered or play for any other Licensee for that particular Season. Approval will be dependent on approval of the applicable Player List.
- 7.1.7 Unless they have been listed on a Team Sheet for at least 7 Matches in the minor rounds of a Season, Players may continue to play in the Metro League with the Association with whom they are registered.

## **7.2 OPENS DIVISION**

- 7.2.1 Licensees must select their best available Players as their Open Division Team for any Match in the minor rounds and Final Series.
- 7.2.2 A maximum of 12 players may sit on the Team Bench for each Competition Match.

## **7.3 UNDER 20 DIVISION**

- 7.3.1 The Under 20 Division Team for each Licensee will consist of Players aged between 16 – 19 years as at 31st December of the year in which they participate in the Competition.
- 7.3.2 A maximum of 12 players may sit on the Team Bench for each Competition Match.

## **7.4 REPLACEMENT PLAYERS**

- 7.4.1 Replacement Players may be Permanent Replacement Players or Temporary Replacement Players.

7.4.2 Any Replacement Player must be eligible to participate in the Competition and also meet all specific eligibility requirements for the relevant Division.

#### 7.4.3 Replacement Player

(a) All applications for a Permanent Replacement Player or a Temporary Replacement Player must be made to the Competitions Manager and must state the reason for the replacement sought. The Competitions Manager may require the Licensee applicant to provide NNSW with sufficient information to assess the application which information may include, but not necessarily limited, to:

- (i) Written confirmation from the player to be replaced that the grounds for replacement apply;
- (ii) The results of any medical examination that the Player to be replaced has undergone or is required by NNSW to undergo (examination to be at the Team's cost) and all other relevant medical or supporting certificates.

(b) Except in exceptional circumstances, all replacement player applications must be received by the Competitions Manager no later than 24 hours before the scheduled start time of the relevant Match. NNSW will then notify the outcome no later than 4 hours prior to the scheduled start time of the relevant Match.

The Competitions Manager will be the sole arbiter on whether exceptional circumstances exist.

(c) Once a player has been approved by the Competitions Manager as either a Permanent Replacement Player or a Temporary Replacement Player for a Licensee, they cannot be a Permanent Replacement Player or Temporary Replacement player for any other Licensee during the same Season.

(d) A Temporary Replacement Player becomes a Permanent Player after being listed on a Licensee's Team Sheet for at least 7 Matches in the minor rounds of a Season. If this would result in the Licensee having more than 30 Players on its Player List or more than more than 15 Players who are over 20 years of age as at 31 December in the that year, then the Licensee must amend its Player List to conform.

#### 7.4.4 Permanent Replacement Players

(a) A Licensee may only permanently replace a Player in its Player List if:

- (i) The player to be replaced is no longer available to play in the Competition due to serious injury/illness or for other reason(s) acceptable to NNSW. This may include but is not limited to, pregnancy, moving overseas or work commitments;
- (ii) The Player's conduct or lack of fitness does not justify keeping them on the Player List; or
- (iii) The Player's agreement with the licensee has been terminated.

#### 7.4.5 Temporary Replacement Players

- (a) A Licensee may apply to the Competitions Manager to temporarily replace one of its Players:
  - (i) In the event of injury and/or illness to a player;
  - (ii) Where a player requires a release to fulfil her obligations with NNSW State Teams during the Season; or
  - (iii) For other reason(s) acceptable to NNSW including but not limited to injury, bereavement, work commitments, illness of a dependent, or sitting an exam.
- (b) NNSW reserves the right to investigate applications if necessary and appropriate, so that Licensees are prevented from replacing Players for non-genuine or illegitimate reasons.

## 7.5 NATIONAL NETBALL LEAGUE

7.5.1 The *National Netball League* (NNL) will replace the Trans Tasman Netball League (TTNL) in season 2017, which was also known as the ANZ Championships. To ensure competitive balance between all Licensees, the Commission has decided to limit the number of NNL players each licensee can register so as to provide a seamless pathway between competition tiers.

7.5.2 For the purposes of these Competition Regulations, a NNL player is any player who is committed to play for a team competing in the NNL other than as a training partner or temporary replacement player. This assessment will be determined on at the last day by which Player Lists are required to be lodged with the Competitions Manager pursuant to regulation 7.1.4.

The official list of all registered NNL Players can be accessed from the Netball Australia or the NNL website. Licensees with any queries regarding the status of any player can contact the Competitions Manager.

- 7.5.3 Licensees may include up to two NNL players at any one time on their Player List.
- 7.5.4 Once a NNL player has been included on a Licensee's Player List for a Season, they must remain with that Licensee for that Season, or if registered during a Season under regulation 7.4, for the balance of that Season.
- 7.5.5 NNL players are eligible to play in the Open Division only.

## **8 TEAM OFFICIAL ELIGIBILITY**

- 8.1 As a minimum, a Licensee's Team Officials must consist of a Coach, Assistant Coach, Manager and Primary Carer. All Team Officials must wear full team uniform for every Match.
- 8.2 All primary care personnel must hold one of the following qualifications:
- Senior First Aid Certificate
  - Level 2 Sports Trainer
  - Physiotherapy Degree
  - Doctor (Medical Practitioner)
- 8.3 The Licensee must disclose all details of Team Officials' positions at the time of application, or as otherwise agreed to by NNSW. Any changes to Team Official positions must be notified in writing to the Competitions Manager for approval.
- 8.4 A maximum of 5 Team Officials may sit on the Team Bench for each Competition Match and those so entitled in priority to any other Team Official are the Head Coach, Assistant Coach, Manager and Primary Carer.
- 8.5 All Team Officials must be current financial members of NNSW, unless exceptional circumstances apply and prior approval has been granted by NNSW.
- 8.6 Each Licensee will ensure that its coaching staff adhere to the following:
- (a) They are current financial members of NNSW.
  - (b) Open Division Coach must hold a current NCAS Advanced netball accreditation or above.
  - (c) Open Division Assistant Coach must hold a minimum current NCAS Intermediate netball accreditation and have commenced the NCAS Advanced accreditation.

- (d) Under 20 Division Head Coach must hold a minimum current NCAS Advanced netball accreditation.
  - (e) Under 20 Division Assistant Coach must hold a current NCAS Intermediate netball accreditation or above.
- 8.7 Licensees must ensure their Coaches agree to work with the NNSW High Performance personnel to enhance the development opportunities for their players.
- 8.8 Licensees must ensure their Coaches agree to comply with injury management protocols for any State / National / NNL players as determined by NNSW medical personnel.

## **9 COMPETITION MATCH PROCEDURES**

### **9.1 GENERAL**

9.1.1 All Competition Matches will be conducted in accordance with the Rules of Netball.

9.1.2 Timing of Competition Matches is as follows:

- (a) 4 x fifteen minute quarters, with four minutes breaks after the first and third quarters ( $\frac{1}{4}$  and  $\frac{3}{4}$  time) and an eight minute break after the second quarter ( $\frac{1}{2}$  time).
- (b) Injury time as per the Rules of Netball.

9.1.3 Licensees are required to complete a Team List of up to twelve players per Competition Match (including listing the starting seven players and starting positions) and to provide this to the Competitions Manager at least forty five (45) minutes prior to the scheduled commencement of that Competition Match. A Team List so provided will be available to the opponent's team manager on request prior to the Competition Match in question.

Failure to provide the Team List by the required time will incur a fine of \$100.00. If the Team List is not provided to the Competitions Manager by fifteen (15) minutes prior to the scheduled commencement of the Competition Match in question, the Team concerned will be deemed to have forfeited that Competition Match.

9.1.4 The official score sheet is to be completed by the official scorer and no Player can be added to the list within fifteen (15) minutes of the scheduled commencement of the Competition Match in question.

9.1.5 The official scoresheet is the only true record of a Competition Match.



- 9.1.6 All Competition Matches will commence at the time as listed in the fixture.
- 9.1.7 The Match clock shall start when requested by the umpire at the start of the scheduled Match. A running clock will be started 30 minutes prior to the introduction of Teams.
- 9.1.8 Notification of substitution changes:
- (a) Teams are required to complete a substitution form at any break during an in season Match, where players change position.
  - (b) Substitution forms are to be handed to the official scorer immediately following a change.

## 9.2 MINOR ROUND MATCHES

- 9.2.1 The Competition draw for the minor rounds will be posted on the NNSW website a minimum one (1) month prior to the commencement of the Season.
- 9.2.2 In Competition Matches during the minor rounds, competition points will be awarded as follows:
- (a) Two points for a win.
  - (b) Zero points for a loss.
  - (c) Two points for a forfeit.
  - (d) Zero points for a Bye.
  - (e) One point each for a drawn Competition Match.
  - (f) One point for an abandoned Competition Match.\*

Note: \* If the Competition Match is abandoned prior to half time, one point will be allocated to each team.

Note: \* If the Competition Match is abandoned at or after half time, the result as per the scoresheet will apply.

- 9.2.3 At the conclusion of Competition Matches of the minor rounds, Teams will be ranked:

- (i) If two or more teams finish on equal points after the final Competition Match of the minor rounds, positions for the Finals Series will be decided on goal averages.
- (ii) The goal average for each Team shall be decided as follows:

Total number of goals scored by the Team, divided by the total number of goals scored against the Team, multiplied by 100 and divided by the actual number of Competition Matches played by that Team.

$$\frac{\text{i.e. goals scored}}{\text{goals scored against}} \times \frac{100}{\text{matches played}}$$

The number of Competition Matches actually played includes a Competition Match a Team has forfeited, but does not include a Competition Match where the team has received a forfeit.

9.2.4 Any Team found playing an ineligible player in a Competition Match during the minor rounds will be considered to have lost the Competition Match in which the ineligible player has taken part and:

- (a) the points for winning the Competition Match will be awarded to the opposing Team (provided the opposing team itself has not played an ineligible player),
- (b) the Team playing the ineligible player will lose two competition points.

Any player found to be ineligible to take part in a Competition Match during the minor rounds will not be permitted to take any further part in the Competition during the Season in question.

### 9.3 **FINALS SERIES**

9.3.1 Finals will be played at the conclusion of the minor rounds in each Division.

9.3.2 The top four teams (based on points) will qualify for the Finals Series.

9.3.3 The format for the Finals Series will be as follows:

Semi Finals:	Major Semi Final:	Ladder Position 1 v Ladder Position 2
	Minor Semi Final:	Ladder Position 3 v Ladder Position 4

Preliminary Final: Loser of Major Semi Final v Winner of Minor Semi Final

Grand Final: Winner of Major Semi Final v Winner of Preliminary Final

\*Any abandon Finals Series matches will be re-scheduled at the discretion of NNSW.

9.3.4 In the event of Teams being equal on points at the conclusion of the minor rounds, positions shall be determined by the Goal Average, as per regulation 9.2.3(ii).

9.3.5 In order to be eligible to compete in a Finals Series of any Division, a Player must have played in a minimum of 5 Matches in the minor rounds in that Division during the Season in question.

For the avoidance of doubt:

(a) In order to have played in a Match the Player must be recorded on the scoresheet for that match as having taken the court; and

(b) this regulation also applies to Temporary Replacement Players.

9.3.6 Any Team found playing an ineligible player in the Final Series will be considered to have lost that Match in which the ineligible player has taken part and the Match will be awarded to the opposing team. Any player found to be ineligible to take part in the Final Series will not be permitted to take any further part in that Final Series.

9.3.7 NNSW will determine the starting time and dates of Final Series Matches.

9.3.8 In the event of drawn Matches in the Finals Series, and as per the "Rules of Netball":

(a) There will be a four minute interval at the end of full time.

(b) Extra time will consist of two halves not exceeding seven minutes each with an interval of one minute at half time. Teams shall change ends at half time. The centre pass is taken by the Team entitled to the next centre pass.

(c) During both of these intervals, substitutions and/or team changes may be made.

(d) During extra time, normal injury or illness procedures will apply.

(e) In the event of a tie remaining at the end of extra time, a visual signal will be used to indicate that play will continue until one team has a two goal advantage.

## 9.4 SCORESHEETS

- 9.4.1 One official (A3) scoresheet will be used for each Match.
- 9.4.2 Prior to the commencement of play each scoresheet must list the complete names (both given and surname) of all Players nominated to take the court. Once the official scoresheet is completed by the bench official no alterations can be made to this form in any way after the Match has commenced.
- 9.4.3 This scoresheet will also indicate the positions played each quarter, the centre pass taken, all injury stoppages and the final Match score.
- 9.4.4 The final Match score is calculated by the addition of the goals scored (strokes on the scoresheet) for the total match.
- 9.4.5 At the conclusion of a Match:
- (a) the bench officials must sign the scoresheet to indicate they have officiated on this match;
  - (b) each team's manager must sign the scoresheet to verify that it correctly records the names of the team's Players nominated prior to the Match to take the court and player participation in the Match, and
  - (c) unless a team proposes to protest against a Match result, the team's manager must sign the scoresheet to record the team's agreement with the result.
- 9.4.6 Once signed, the official scoresheet is deemed to be conclusive evidence for further purpose of regulation of these Competition Regulations.
- 9.4.7 The official scoresheet and all supplementary documentation must be returned by the Bench Officials to the Competition Manager after the Match.
- 9.4.8 Any player positional changes made during a Match must be recorded on the team substitution sheets and handed to the Score Bench prior to play recommencing. The quarter break changes and/or injury stoppage changes must be clearly written on these sheets.
- 9.4.9 A copy of the scoresheet will be circulated to each Team listed on the scoresheet, by email within 24 hours of the conclusion of the match.

## 9.5 FORFEITS

- 9.5.1 In the event that a team forfeits prior to the Match clock starting:

- (a) Two competition points will be awarded to the non-offending team;
- (b) Players in the non-offending team will be considered to have played the Match forfeited; and
- (c) Players in the offending team will not be considered to have played the Match.

9.5.2 A forfeit fine of \$500.00 will be imposed for each forfeit which must be paid by the offending team before the next Match of the Competition. Teams will have the option to appeal this fine in extenuating circumstances.

## 9.6 CANCELLATIONS

When Matches are cancelled due to an event which NNSW determines was beyond its control or beyond the control of either Team (including, but not limited to, a strike, power loss, wet weather that causes stadium damage), in consultation with the Teams concerned NNSW may reschedule the Match. If the Match is not rescheduled, the Match will be deemed to be a draw and each Team will receive one (1) competition point each.

## 9.7 NOISE MAKERS

No noise makers will be permitted for use inside the Venue during competition. This includes but is not limited to drums, horns, clappers etc. Any person found to be using a noise maker may be asked to leave the Venue and have the noise maker confiscated.

# 10 DISPUTE RESOLUTION

## 10.1 PROTESTS AND APPEALS

10.1.1 A Licensee wishing to protest against a Match result must:

- (a) Not sign the official scoresheet and promptly notify the Competitions Manager of the intention to protest.
- (b) Lodge the protest in writing with the Competitions Manager within 48 hours of the Match being played.
- (c) Submit a cheque made out to NNSW for \$200.00. This money will be refunded if the protest is upheld.
- (d) NNSW will advise the result of the protest within 14 days of receipt of the written protest and this decision shall be final.

10.1.2 A Licensee wishing to appeal a decision of NNSW:

- (a) Must lodge the appeal using the official NSW Appeal Form with the Competitions Manager within 48 hours of notification of the decision.
- (b) Submit a cheque made out to NSW for \$200.00. This money will be refunded if the appeal is upheld.
- (c) NSW will advise the result of the appeal within 14 days of receipt of the NSW Appeal Form and this decision shall be final.

10.1.3 Appeals will be heard in accordance with the NSW's Appeals Committee procedure.

## 10.2 **PENALTIES**

10.2.1 Except where these Competition Regulations provide that a specific penalty is to apply, any breach of these Competition Regulations may result in any one or more of the following penalties being imposed on a Licensee by NSW in its absolute discretion:

- (i) a fine;
- (ii) loss of competition points;
- (iii) exclusion from the current Season of the Competition and future Seasons; or
- (iv) any other penalty considered appropriate by NSW.

10.2.2 Repeat instances shall be considered by NSW in its absolute discretion and may result in immediate exclusion from the current season of the Competition and future Seasons.

10.2.3 Penalties will be determined and reviewed by the Commission.

## 10.3 **DISCIPLINARY PROCEDURE**

10.3.1 The parties agree to all Player, Team Official and Personnel disciplinary matters being dealt with in accordance with the Netball NSW Member Protection Policy.

10.3.2 All matters relating to anti-doping are governed by the Anti-Doping Policy of the Netball Australia, which is WADA compliant.

10.3.3 NSW reserves the right to develop its own WADA compliant Anti-Doping Policy and will notify the Licensee if it exercises such right to develop its own policy.

## **11 COMPLIANCE WITH POLICIES**

Licensees and Players will comply with the NNSW Member Protection Policy, Anti-Doping Policy and any other policies as described in the Participation Agreement, which are available from the NNSW website.

## **12 UNIFORM AND EQUIPMENT**

12.1 All players must wear their Licensee's registered playing uniform.

12.2 Regulation playing initials (bibs) are reserved for the Competition sponsor.

12.2.1 Each Licensee is to provide 2 sets of playing initials (bib) in a clash situation.

12.3 Licensees must comply with the requirement of the Commercial Guidelines for NNSWPL in reference to any uniform issue.

12.4 Only non-marking sports shoes will be permitted to be worn.

12.5 NNSW will supply all match balls for all matches during the competition.

12.6 NNSW will provide each Team with four duplicate match balls to be used as warm up balls courtside. No other balls will be permitted courtside.

## **13 AWARDS**

The NNSW Volunteer Recognition and Awards Policy will be observed and applied in respect of all awards associated with the Competition.