



## **Metro League Competition Rules**

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### 3. DEFINITIONS AND INTERPRETATION

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#### 3.1 DEFINED TERMS

**ANL** means the Australian Netball League which is a national competition conducted by Netball Australia.

**ANL Player** means a Player who is registered with an ANL team in the current year.

**Association** means any Affiliated Member Association deemed as an Association in accordance with clause 9.1 of the Netball NSW Constitution and any association of Members who have applied for membership to the Board in accordance with clause 9.4 of the Netball NSW Constitution and such application has been approved by the Council.

**Bench Officials** comprises two (2) scorers and one (1) time keeper who are to be present on the Score Bench for each Match.

**Board** means the Board of NSW Netball.

**Constitution** means the constitution of the New South Wales Netball Association Inc. whose trading name is Netball NSW.

**Competition** means the Netball NSW Metro League.

**Competition Rules** means the rules of the Competition as articulated within this document.

**Council** means the Council as constituted in accordance with the Netball NSW Constitution.

**Divisions** mean the six competition divisions within the Metro League called Division 1, Division 2, Division 3, Division 4, Division 5 and Division 6; each of which will contain 10 teams per division.

**Finals Series** means the Major Semi Final, Minor Semi Final, Preliminary Final and Grand Final of the Competition.

**Import Player** means a Player who is registered in a National Netball League (NNL) team in the current year or a national representative level Player who has played for their national team in an internationally sanctioned event within the previous calendar year.

**Match** means any netball match or game, excluding training matches, played by or between Association Teams within the Competition.

**Minor Round Matches** means a series of Matches played in the Competition as specified in clause 4 prior to the Finals Series.

**Netball NSW** means the New South Wales Netball Association Inc.

**Player** means any person who has signed the Player Registration Form with the relevant Association Team.

**Score Bench** means the official bench for the scoring of Matches.

**Team** means each of the Associations netball teams granted the right to compete in the Competition by Netball NSW.

**Team Officials** mean officials involved with the management, preparation and participation of the Team, including the coaches, manager, doctor, physiotherapist and other support staff.

**Umpire** means an umpire appointed by Netball NSW to officiate in a Match.

### **3.2 ADMINISTRATION**

- a) subject to these Competition Rules, the Netball NSW Constitution and any other document, the Netball NSW Competitions Manager shall have the authority to enquire and adjudicate all questions and disputes arising out of the Competition. If a matter is not provided for in the Competition Rules, the Netball NSW Constitution or any other document, the Netball NSW Competitions Manager may make any determination after consultation with the General Manager – Sport Development and/or the Chief Executive Officer, where appropriate, and the decision shall be final;
- b) any participating Team refusing or neglecting to abide by a decision of the Netball NSW Competitions Manager may be excluded from the Competition for such time as the Netball NSW Competitions Manager, in consultation with the Netball NSW Chief Executive Officer and Netball NSW Board, shall determine;
- c) all relevant correspondence shall be addressed to and received at the Netball NSW Office by either post; hand delivery; email or facsimile marked attention of the Netball NSW Competitions Manager;
- d) all outward correspondence shall be dispatched from the Netball NSW Office and directed to the Association Secretary by either mail or such other means unless the Association nominates another person to also receive the correspondence;
- e) all Competition Rules and supporting documents will be reviewed by Netball NSW representatives at the conclusion of each Season.

## **4. CONDUCT OF MATCHES**

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### **4.1 RULES OF NETBALL**

4.1.1 The Competition will be conducted with reference to the International Netball Federation Official Rules of Netball and International Netball Federation Regulations (INF Rules) as published by the INF from time to time, unless where modified in these Competition Rules.

### **4.2 COMPETITION STRUCTURE**

4.2.1 The commencement dates for the Competition shall be advised to Associations by Netball NSW via email and the Netball NSW website.

4.2.2 Competition Matches are to be played as advised by Netball NSW.

4.2.3 The fixture for all Divisions of the Competition will be posted on the Netball NSW website at least two (2) weeks' prior to the commencement of the Competition, where possible.

4.2.4 The Competition consists of Association Teams competing in Division 1 – Division 6 which includes a maximum of ten (10) Teams per Division.

4.2.5 The Competition will consist of eighteen (18) Minor Round Matches followed by a Finals Series for each of the Divisions.

4.2.6 The Netball NSW Competitions Manager will make the final decision as to the draw and the scheduling of Matches.

4.2.7 The top four (4) Association Teams from the Minor Round Matches for each of the Divisions advance to the respective Finals Series.

4.2.8 The Finals Series for each of the Divisions will be conducted as follows:

- a) Major Semi Final – 1<sup>st</sup> position on the premiership table at the completion of the Minor Round Matches (being designated as the 'Home Team') versus 2<sup>nd</sup> position on the premiership table at the completion of the Minor Round Matches (being designated as the 'Away Team').
- b) Minor Semi Final – 3<sup>rd</sup> position on the premiership table at the completion of the Minor Round Matches (being designated as the 'Home Team') versus 4<sup>th</sup> position on the premiership table at the completion of the Minor Round Matches (being designated as the 'Away Team').
- c) Preliminary Final – loser of the Major Semi Final versus winner of the Minor Semi Final with the Major Semi Final loser (being designated as the 'Home Team').
- d) Grand Final – winner of the Major Semi Final versus winner of the Preliminary Final with the Major Semi Final winner (being designated as the 'Home Team').

4.2.9 If an Association Team has two (2) or more Players selected into the ANL or a State Underage Team to play any netball match either during the Minor Round Matches or Finals Series, whereby travel or scheduling may clash, the Match may be played at an alternative time. Netball NSW reserves the right to reschedule Matches.

### **4.3 MATCH DURATION AND MATCH FORMAT**

- 4.3.1 A Match shall be played for a period of sixty (60) minutes divided into four (4) quarters, each of fifteen (15) minutes duration. The fifteen (15) minute duration for each quarter will be actual playing time and will not include stoppages in play.
- 4.3.2 An interval shall be taken between each quarter as follows:
- a) A maximum period of three (3) minutes between the end of the first quarter and the beginning of the second quarter;
  - b) A maximum period of five (5) minutes between the end of the second quarter and the beginning of the third quarter; and
  - c) A maximum period of three (3) minutes between the end of the third quarter and the beginning of the fourth quarter.
- 4.3.3 Only the officiating Umpires may stop a Match (temporarily or indefinitely) due to an extraordinary circumstance that may be deemed an emergency. This may include but is not limited to equipment damage or failure, a seriously injured Player or any other reason deemed necessary by the officiating Umpires.
- 4.3.4 The officiating Umpires will determine if a Match may continue to proceed or if that Match must be delayed, postponed or abandoned.
- 4.3.5 In the event that a Match is delayed, postponed or abandoned, that Match must be resumed as soon as is conveniently possible as directed by the officiating Umpires or if prolonged delaying occurs, the Netball NSW Competitions Manager shall direct accordingly.
- 4.3.6 A Team may claim a forfeit one minute after the time set down for the commencement of the Match, if the opposing Team does not have five Players in full uniform on court and ready to play.
- 4.3.7 Each Team will be allowed a maximum of two forfeits throughout the Competition without penalty. On the third occasion the forfeiting Team's Association will be fined \$500.00. Each subsequent forfeit, the fine will increase by \$100.00. A Team who withdraws from the Competition after the commencement will be classed as forfeiting each Match after this date. Extenuating circumstances may be considered at the discretion of Netball NSW.
- 4.3.8 Players must play in the identical playing uniform except where prior approval has been given by Netball NSW.
- 4.3.9 Each Team is to have available two sets of position patches, of different colours.

#### 4.4 MATCH POINTS

4.4.1 The official score sheet is the only true record of the Match.

4.4.2 In the Minor Round Matches, points will be allocated accordingly:

Win	Loss	Draw	Forfeit	Bye	Abandoned
2	0	1	2	0	1

4.4.3 In the event that due to unforeseen and exceptional circumstances a Match cannot be rescheduled for completion, and has been declared an abandoned Match, the following will apply:

- a) A drawn result shall be declared if the Match was stopped prior to or during the second quarter. Each Association Team involved in that Match will be awarded one (1) Match point;
- b) If the Match had entered the third or fourth quarters, a win will be awarded to the Association Team with the highest score at the time in which the Match was stopped; or
- c) In the event that both Association Teams were on the same score and the Match had entered the third or fourth quarter, a drawn result will be declared and each Team awarded one (1) Match point.

4.4.4 At the conclusion of the Minor Round Matches, Association Teams will be ranked according to:

- a) Points awarded for a win, loss or draw as outlined in 4.4.2.
- b) In the event of Association Teams having the same level of points at the end of the Minor Round Matches, the respective placing shall be determined by ranking the Association Teams according to the Goal Average achieved by each Association Team during the Minor Round Matches.
- c) The goal average for each Team shall be decided as follows:
  - i) 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 Matches played by that Team.

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

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



#### **4.5 FINALS SERIES**

- 4.5.1 If there is a draw in semi -finals, finals and grand finals, a four minute interval shall be taken.
- a) During the interval the score will be verified and the Teams change ends. During the interval there may be substitutions and/or Team changes.
  - b) The Umpire will indicate which Team has the next centre pass and play will commence. Then two seven minute halves will be played to determine a winner. After the first seven minutes there will be a one minute interval and the Teams will change ends. Substitutions and positional changes are allowed during the changeover.
  - c) If still a draw at the end of the second seven minutes, a visual signal will indicate that play continues and the first Team to score a two goal advantage shall be declared the winner.
  - d) During extra time, normal injury or illness procedures shall apply, in accordance with INF rules.
- 4.5.2 A trophy shall be presented to the winning and runner up Team in each Division.
- 4.5.3 Embroidered patches shall be awarded to the Manager, Coach, Assistant Coach, Primary Care and Players of the winning and runner up Teams in each Division.

#### **4.6 COMPETITION RESULTS**

- 4.6.1 The Bench Official officiating each Match will be responsible for submitting official score sheets to the Netball NSW Competition Manager at the completion of each Match on the same day.
- 4.6.2 The official score sheet must be completed accurately by the Association Teams and the Bench Officials to ensure the number of quarters for each player can be tracked by the Netball NSW Competitions Manager.
- 4.6.3 No disputes will be entered into regarding score sheets.

## **5. ELIGIBILITY AND SELECTION**

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### **5.1 APPLICATION**

- 5.1.1 Only affiliated Associations are eligible to enter competitions or events conducted by Netball NSW.
- 5.1.2 Any Netball NSW affiliated Association, or a grouping of Netball NSW affiliated Associations, or ACT can be admitted to enter the Competition subject to the approval of the Netball NSW Competitions Manager.
- 5.1.3 The closing date for Team applications into the Competition will be notified to affiliated Associations by Netball NSW. The closing date will also be included on the relevant entry form and promoted on the Netball NSW website.
- 5.1.4 Entry fees for the Competition for the ensuing year will be notified to affiliated Associations by Netball NSW before 30 November in the previous year.
- 5.1.5 All entries for the Competition must be lodged in accordance with procedures as determined by NNSW and must be accompanied with supporting documentation where required and as requested by Netball NSW from time to time. All Team entries must be received by Netball NSW by the published time and date for close of entries.
- 5.1.6 Where an entry is not received by Netball NSW by the published closing time for entries, a late entry may be accepted. A late entry will only be considered if the prescribed fee has been paid and the late entry is received by Netball NSW in accordance with the late entry closing date.
- 5.1.7 The late entry fee for the Competition shall be \$1,000.00.
- 5.1.8 If an Association Team withdraws from the Competition prior to the draw being finalised at the commencement of the Minor Round Matches, the draw will be reconstructed. If an Association Team withdraws from the Competition after the draw has been finalised and released to all participating Associations, the withdrawing Association Team will be replaced with a bye in the draw.
- 5.1.9 Where an Association Team withdraws from the Competition within three (3) weeks before the commencement of the Competition the offending Association will be fined \$500.00.

## **5.2. GRADING PROCEDURE**

- 5.2.1 There will be a maximum of four Team entries per Association eligible to compete in the Competition.
- 5.2.2 Subject to clause 5.2.1 and clause 5.2.3, where there is less than sixty nominations for the Competition, an Expression of Interest (EOI) period will be called to canvass the interest of additional Teams to enter into the Competition. This may provide the opportunity for affiliated Associations to nominate up to five Teams.
- 5.2.3 Only one Association Team is permitted in any Division of the Competition.
- 5.2.4 Grading for the Competition will be completed by the results from the previous season finishing positions, following the finals series. Association Teams will remain in the same Division if they have not been either promoted or relegated.
- 5.2.5 Associations who did not compete in the Competition in the previous year, and who make an application for inclusion into the Competition may be automatically graded into the lowest Division, where space permits.
- a) The last two ranked Teams in Division 6 at the end of the Minor Round Matches will not be relegated unless new applications are made by Associations to enter the Competition.
  - b) In this case, a qualifying competition will be held within 3-4 weeks prior to the commencement of the new Competition to determine the successful Teams to be included into Division 6.
  - c) The format of the qualifying competition will be determined by the number of Teams required to participate and will be communicated to Association Teams within a reasonable timeframe prior to the event.
  - d) The provisional date for the qualifying competition will be advertised on the Netball NSW website in advance of the competition.
- 5.2.6 Provisional grading of Teams will be completed and advised on the Netball NSW website within seven (7) working days of the published closing date for entries.
- 5.2.7 Associations have seven (7) days from the date of notification of provisional grading on the website in which to lodge an appeal with Netball NSW in relation to a grading decision.
- 5.2.8 On completion of final grading, all Players' names and the Team and Division in which they have been placed will be listed on the Netball NSW website for the duration of the Competition.
- 5.2.9 All final decisions relating to grading will be made at the discretion of Netball NSW.

### **5.3 PROMOTION AND RELEGATION**

- 5.3.1 The top two ranked Association Teams, following the finals series, from the lower Division are automatically promoted into the higher Division, where the following applies:
- a) In the event whereby an Association already has a Team in the higher Division, the lower Division Team from the same Association cannot be promoted. In this instance the next highest ranked Teams in position 3 and 4 of the lower Division may be promoted.
  - b) Teams who finish in positions 5-8 will not be considered for promotion into the next highest Division.
  - c) Where it is not possible to promote teams into the higher Division due to restrictions as per clause 5.3.1, the teams from the higher Division may not be relegated.
- 5.3.2 The bottom two ranked Association Teams from the higher Division are automatically relegated to the next lowest Division, where the following applies:
- a) The Association Team that finished last in their respective Division after the completion of the Minor Round Matches is automatically relegated.
  - b) The Association Team that finished second last in their respective Division after the completion of the Minor Round Matches is automatically relegated subject to two (2) teams being automatically promoted from the next lowest Division.
  - c) Where an Association Team has been relegated and that Association also has a team in the Division where the relegated team is to be placed, only one Team per Association will be permitted to play in the Division.
- 5.3.3 All final decisions relating to promotion and relegation will be made at the discretion of Netball NSW.

### **5.4 PLAYER REGISTRATION**

- 5.4.1 All Players entered into the Competition must show as a financial registered member of Netball NSW or relevant State or Territory in the Netball NSW Member database prior to the commencement of the Competition, or their participation in the Competition.
- 5.4.2 Associations shall register Teams in accordance with procedures as determined by NNSW with a minimum of seven (7) and a maximum of twelve (12) Players' names.
- 5.4.3 An Association Team is not permitted to have more than twelve (12) Players registered at any time. Clause 5.6.1 provides an exception to this issue in relation to the registration of Premier League Players.
- 5.4.4 Each Association is required to provide a Statutory Declaration signed by an Association Official with their Association Team Competition entry sheets attesting as follows:

*"I certify that all Players nominated on each Association Team entry form submitted for grading into the Competition have been advised of and agreed to their nomination in the team for which they are currently entered."*

**Penalty: If it is proven that an Association Official has signed a false declaration and therefore breached this provision a fine of \$2,000.00 will be imposed on the Association(s) concerned. Further penalties that may be applicable in signing a false declaration are advised on the Statutory Declaration.**

- 5.4.5 Where a Player's name appears on more than one team entry form the Player will be contacted by Netball NSW personnel prior to grading and the Player must then immediately nominate the Association that they will be playing with. The Associations concerned will be advised accordingly. The Association not nominated by the Player will be given 48 hours from the time of advice to replace the Player without penalty.
- 5.4.6 Where a Player's name is removed from a team entry form by Netball NSW personnel prior to grading, the Associations concerned will be advised accordingly. The Association will be given 48 hours from the time of advice to replace the Player without penalty. Associations will be allowed to nominate one (1) Player (per Player removed by Netball NSW personnel) who was not on the original entry forms
- 5.4.7 Associations are permitted to register only one (1) Import Player into the Competition.
- 5.4.8 The Import Player **must** play in their highest ranked Association team within the Competition.
- 5.4.9 An Import Player or ANL Player returning after injury may participate in the Competition under the following conditions:
- a) Netball NSW in consultation with the relevant Association will allocate the Player to a Team.
  - b) The Player may participate in Competition Matches for a maximum of eight (8) quarters within a four (4) week period.
  - c) Only one Import Player can be on the court at any one time.
  - d) The Player returning from injury does not count as a late registered Player.
  - e) There is no requirement to de-register any Player to accommodate the Player returning from injury.
- 5.4.10 Subsequent to the close of registrations for the Competition any Player selected in a NNL team as a replacement Player will not be classed as an Import Player for the purposes of clause 5.4.9.
- 5.4.11 Players must turn 16 years of age in the year of play to be eligible to be registered in the Competition.
- 5.4.12 There shall be no registration of Players accepted between the close of entries and one (1) week before the commencement of the Competition.
- 5.4.13 A maximum of four (4) Players may be "late registered" in each team any time from one week before the commencement of the Competition until the end of the Competition. A "late registration" is defined as follows:
- a) Where a Player has not been registered in the current competition or has been de-registered and is to be re-registered in the same team in the same grade. A late registration fee is payable.

- b) Where a Player transfers from one Division to a higher Division by virtue of playing five Matches in the same higher graded team that Player is counted as a “late registration” in that higher graded team. A Late registration fee is not payable
- c) It is the responsibility of the Association to manage team lists and advise Netball NSW when a player is transferring to a higher division by virtue of playing 5 matches. Refer to 5.5 for player eligibility

5.4.14 Late registrations are to be submitted to Netball NSW prior to the commencement of the Match in which they are to play, and:

- a) The Player must be a registered member of Netball NSW or relevant State or Territory.
- b) A re-registered Player is counted as a late registration.

5.4.15 Where Netball NSW rejects an application to late register a Player, the Association or Player concerned has the right of appeal to Netball NSW.

5.4.16 A de-registered Player may only be re-registered in the same team in the same grade.

5.4.17 Players cannot play in a grade lower than the grade in which they were originally graded.

## **5.5 PLAYER ELIGIBILITY**

5.5.1 If an Association records the name of an unregistered or ineligible Player on the score sheet, the Association will be required to prove within seven (7) days of notification that the person who played under that name is registered or eligible to be registered with that team.

Such proof shall be in the form of a Statutory Declaration to Netball NSW. Failure to submit such proof within seven (7) days of notification shall result in the loss of two Competition points per Match.

5.5.2 Players may play up to two matches in any given week subject to the following conditions:

- a) Matches must be in alternate time slots if played on the same night;
- b) One Match must be in the team in which the Player is registered; or
- c) Additional Match must be in a higher graded team from the same Association as the Player is currently registered for.

5.5.3 A Metro League player may play up in Premier League for a maximum of seven (7) matches. Once they have played seven matches (7) in Premier League a player is no longer eligible to play Metro League.

5.5.4 A Player may only be a member of a Team in a maximum of two Divisions in one season. Once a Player becomes a member of the higher graded Team, the Player may be borrowed by a Team in a higher grade than this Team, but only a maximum of four times.

5.5.5 To be eligible to participate in semi-finals, finals and grand finals Players must have played in at least five Minor Round Matches, in the team they are registered with.

- 5.5.6 Premier League Players are ineligible to play in the Finals Series Matches of the Competition.
- 5.5.7 An Association may lodge an appeal to Netball NSW for consideration of a Player to participate in Finals Series Matches whereby that Player has previously been deemed ineligible to participate in Finals Series Matches as per clause 5.5.5. This appeal will be considered where extenuating circumstances apply and a discretionary determination will be made by Netball NSW.
- 5.5.8 Any Team found playing an ineligible Player in the Finals Series Matches 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 Finals Series Matches will not be permitted to take any further part in the Finals Series.

## **5.6 PREMIER LEAGUE (NNSWPL) PLAYERS**

- 5.6.1 Players who are registered with a NNSWPL Licensee, may move down into the Competition to play with the Association with whom they have a primary registration with, according to the following:
- a) NNSWPL Players must play in the Association Team within the highest ranked Division of the Competition.
  - b) NNSWPL Players are only eligible to play in the Competition if they have played seven (7) or less matches in the Premier League Competition.
  - c) Association Teams competing in any Division of the Competition will only be permitted to access a maximum of two (2) NNSWPL Players in any given Minor Round Match.
- 5.6.2 NNSWPL Players will not be classified as Late Registrations.

## **6. TEAM OFFICIALS**

- 6.1 The Association must disclose all details of Team Officials positions at the time of team entry.
- 6.2 All Team Officials must be current financial members of NNSW, unless exceptional circumstances apply and prior approval has been granted by NNSW.

## 7. UMPIRES

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- 7.1 Netball NSW will determine the umpiring format for the Competition and appoint personnel to undertake the allocation of Umpires to all Matches.
- 7.2 The names of approved Umpires qualified to participate in Metro League are to be forwarded by Associations to Netball NSW within one week of the notification of the provisional grades for the Competition.
- 7.3 Where an Association fails to forward the names of the approved Umpires by the due date a fine of \$500.00 will be imposed on the offending Association. Repeated offences by an Association will result in the Association having to show cause to Netball NSW as to why their Association's Team(s) should not be excluded from the Competition.
- 7.4 Approved Umpires for each Division are as follows:
- a) Metro League - Division 1  
Each Association is required to provide an accredited National "B" badge or higher qualified Umpire.
  - b) Metro League Divisions 2 – 6  
Each Association is required to provide an accredited National "C" badge or higher qualified Umpire for each Team entered.
- 7.5 If an Umpire has not arrived 30 minutes prior to the commencement of the Match, a replacement Umpire may take the court, providing that Umpire meets the provisions laid down.
- 7.6 Associations whose Umpires fail to fill their allocation by a non-attendance will be fined \$500.00 for each duty not fulfilled except in extenuating circumstances.
- 7.7 All umpires must be dressed in white.
- 7.8 Any badged Umpire may apply to Netball NSW to be allocated to Matches.



## **8. MATCH OPERATIONS**

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### **8.1 BENCH OFFICIALS**

- 8.1.1 Each Team is to provide up to two (2) approved Bench Officials who have completed the on line Bench Officials Education Course and the Netball NSW practical training workshop.
- 8.1.2 Where an Association fails to provide the appropriate number of approved Bench Officials a fine of \$50.00 will be imposed.
- 8.1.3 Netball NSW will remove any person who has not completed the on line Bench Officials Education Course and the Netball NSW practical training workshop from the bench and a fine of \$50.00 will be imposed on the offending Association.

### **8.2 EQUIPMENT**

- 8.2.1 Scorebooks, supplementary score sheets, substitution forms, Team list pads and a Match Ball, will be supplied by Netball NSW and will be available for each Match on the Score Bench.
- 8.2.2 Associations shall provide an approved countdown stopwatch.

### **8.3 TEAM LIST**

- 8.3.1 All Players included on the Team list must also be included on the Team registration form. In order for a Player to be included on the Team list who is not on the Team registration form, the rules outlined in clause 5.5 must be complied with.
- 8.3.2 No less than fifteen (15) minutes before the commencement of the Match, a Team Official must submit to the Score Bench the Team list which will commence the Match.
- 8.3.3 The Team list must include the seven (7) Players and their “on court” positions, up to five (5) Player reserves and the name of the “on court” captain.
- 8.3.4 Upon submission of the Team list as detailed in clauses 7.3.1 and 7.3.2, no change to the Team list can be made, except in the event of an injury and/or illness to a Player listed on the Team list prior to the commencement of the Match which deems that Player to be unable to commence and/or take the court for the Match.
- 8.3.5 Upon receipt of the Team list from both Association Teams, a Team Official may request from the Bench Officials the starting line-up of the opposition Association Team.
- 8.3.6 Player substitutions at the end of each quarter or during a Match are to be recorded on the *Substitution/Team Changes Advice Form* and provided to the Bench Officials as soon as possible after the substitution has occurred.

## **9. CANCELLATIONS**

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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.

## **10. COMPLAINT HANDLING**

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- 10.1 All complaints lodged with Netball NSW in relation to the Competition will be dealt with in accordance with the procedures of the Netball NSW Member Protection Policy.
- 10.2 All registered Players, Umpires, Bench Officials and Team Officials are required to abide by the Code of Behaviour, as published from time to time within the Netball NSW Member Protection Policy.
- 10.3 All participants of the Competition including but not limited to Players, Umpires, Bench Officials and Team Officials, who have breached the Code of Behaviour or Netball NSW Member Protection Policy may be subject to disciplinary action as listed within the Member Protection Policy.