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1 MEMBERSHIP

1. New Clubs should apply to the Association Secretary advising their name, colour/s and design they wish to have for their uniform. The proposed Club name, colours and design must have approval of Council.

2. The Executive Committee of a new Club/s wishing to join the Association must meet with the Association Executive to thoroughly peruse and acknowledge acceptance of the Constitution, By-Laws, Rules and Regulations of the Association before the scheduled February Council Meeting of the current year.

3.
   a. A Club is affiliated with the Association by payment of an affiliation fee and in accordance with Clause 32- FINANCE, sub-clause 32.3

4. Clubs are required to:
   a. Keep a record in alphabetical order of the names and addresses of their senior members both playing and non-playing.

   b. Keep a record in alphabetical order, of the names, addresses and birth dates of their junior members, both playing and non-playing. For Netball NSW purposes, a junior member is one who is under the age of 18 years on 31 December in the current year.

   c. **Winter Competition:** Submit to Netball NSW via the Netball NSW Membership Database System registration of all players and non-players (submission date set annually by BCNA Registrar).

   d. **Night Competition:** Submit to Netball NSW via the Netball NSW Membership Database System registration of all players and non-players. (submission date set annually by BCNA Registrar).

   e. Submit to the Association, on the appropriate form, all senior, junior and NetSetGo late registrations for membership for the current year.

   f. Keep a record, in alphabetical order, of the names and addresses of their volunteers i.e. coaches, managers, umpires etc. working with children under the age of 18 years.

   g. Submit to the Association, a Club Declaration Form stating that all their officials have completed the online application for the 'Working with Children Check' and clubs have verified each official online. This declaration form to accompany team registrations for each Association competition/s.

      No team may take the court without their Club Declaration Form being submitted. Penalty for not complying is - a team to lose two competition points and no goals recorded.

2 LIFE MEMBERSHIP

i. To be considered for life Membership of the Association, criteria are:

   a. Outstanding service; and
   b.
      i. 10 years as an Association Executive member OR

      ii. a combination of 10 years as an Association Executive member and either a Director of Netball NSW or a member of a NSW Standing Committee.

ii. Acceptance of nomination under By-Law 2.1 b) ii) is subject to ratification by the Executive Committee. Concurrent service is deemed to be one year's service.

iii. Copies of Executive and Council Meeting Minutes and copies of updated Constitution and By-Laws are to be forwarded to Life Members if they so request.

3 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

i. The duties of the Office Bearers of the Association are detailed in Annexure A to these By-Laws.

ii. A list of nominees and their resume outlining qualifications is to be circulated for receipt by Clubs twenty-one days before the date set down for the Annual General Meeting.

iii. Nominations are to be submitted on the Association Nomination Form. * refer also Constitution Clause 20 b) i)

iv. Appointed Office Bearers must attend 70% of the scheduled Executive and Council Meetings within each Calendar year of their appointed term. Failure to comply with this, without reasonable grounds which shall be determined by the Executive Committee, may result in the Office Bearer relinquishing their appointed position. Where an office Bearer is experiencing extenuating circumstances that inhibits their ability to fulfill their appointed role, they may request leave of their duties from the Executive Committee for a period of up to three (3) months.

v. Should a position become available due to the execution of iv. Above, the duties from that position will be covered by other Office Bearers as appropriate. The distribution of duties to be discussed by the remaining Office Bearers.

vi. Any Office Bearer suspended by Council shall, on demand by the President or any approved member of Council, hand over all Minute, Cash, Bank, Receipt or any other books, papers or documents and any other property in their possession or custody belonging to or relating to the Association. Any Office Bearer suspended shall have the right of appeal to the Council but such right shall be forfeited in the event of non-compliance.

4 MEETINGS

1. Association Council Meetings to be held at least four times each year on the dates set out in the BCNA Calendar.
   * refer Constitution Clause 15 – MEETINGS OF THE COUNCIL

2. Clubs failing to attend two consecutive Council meetings shall be subject to a fine which must be paid by the following Council Meeting; otherwise that Club shall be regarded as unfinancial. Failure to attend any subsequent consecutive Council Meetings will result in a further fine.

3. Meeting times are 7.30 pm to 10.30 pm. Failure to be in attendance for the duration of the meeting, including any extension of time, may be noted as a "non-attendance" meeting. Failure to attend for the duration of the Annual General Meeting may result in a fine.

4. All correspondence, with the exception of controversial matters and matters relating to By-Law Clause 32 – FINANCE, sub-clause 32.9 will be accepted up until the commencement of Council Meetings. Other such correspondence (with the exception of By-Law 4.5 will be held over to the following Council Meeting).

5. Matters of a controversial nature should be forwarded through the Club Secretary/President to the Association Secretary. Where another Club is involved, a copy will be forwarded to that Club. Correspondence from members/or families of affiliated Clubs that do not have a covering letter from Club Secretaries will be handled by Executive.

6. Any notice of proposed repeal or alteration to the Constitution or By-Laws be received by the Secretary thirty-five (35) days prior to the Annual General Meeting or Special General Meeting, except that in the case of any notice or proposed repeal or alteration to the Constitution or By-Laws proposed by the Executive Committee, Clause 31 a) of the Constitution applies.

5 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The ballot for the election to the following positions shall take place at the Annual General Meeting. * refer also Constitution Clause 23 a) 1 - 8

1. Grading Committee
2. Umpires Education and Development Committee
3. Coaches Education and Development Committee
4. Competitions Committee
5. Finance Committee
6. Joan Sookee Service Award Committee
7. Parks Committee - Reserve 50 and 72

Nominations for elections, signed by two Ordinary members of Council and with the written consent of the nominee, shall be lodged with the BCNA Office Administrator no later than 5.00pm on the second Friday of October each calendar year.

6 COMPETITIONS

1. The Winter Competition, at the discretion of the Grading Committee and approved by the Executive Committee, is conducted in the following age groups:-

   7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, U/17 years and Seniors. In the Senior Grade, a Masters grade may be played if sufficient teams register.

2. A night competition is conducted for all players.

3. AGES. A player's age on 31 December in the year of play will determine their age group. For example, should a player turn 10 on 31 December next they will play in the 10s, but should a player turn 10 on 1 January next they are eligible to play in the 9s as they are still 9 on 31 December next.

   a. NetSetGo are players who must be under the age of 10 years at 31 December in the year of play.

   b. Juniors are players who shall have reached the age of 10, 11, 12, 13, 14,15, 16 or 17 years of age at 31 December in the year of play.

   c. Seniors are players who shall have reached the age of 18 years of age at 31 December in the year of play.

7 REGISTRATION - GENERAL

1. Teams may register a maximum of 12 players and a minimum of 6 players per team. A player may register in only one team.

2. Birth certificates, passports or drivers' license copies are to be provided upon initial registration and accepted as only means of proof of age up to and including age 17 and Masters Competitions. Proof of age must be provided for all players registered in the current 10 year old competition to verify eligibility.

3. PHOTO IDENTIFICATION CARD ARE REQUIRED FOR ALL TEAMS

4. No person under the age of 17 years in the year of registration is to be registered unless they have a birth certificate or passport. Application may be made to the Registrar in exceptional circumstances.
5. Any player withdrawing from a team prior to or during a competition will not be allowed to play in another Club team during that competition.

6. Before taking new registrations, Clubs should check with players whether they have previously registered or played with another Club.

7. IMPORT

   a. An 'import' is any player selected in the Association's 11-15-year Representative Unit (State Title / Development Team/s) transferring membership to a new club for the following winter competition. A player that meets the import definition will hold “Import Status” for 2 consecutive seasons at their new club for grading purposes.

   b. A club may register one 'import' per junior or senior team in the Winter Competition.

c. Unlimited imports are permitted for Night Competition; however, imports for the following Winter Competition will be based on registrations for the preceding Winter Competition.

d. Upon nominating for selection an import player is required to complete and submit the BCNA player transfer declaration attachment and obtain the signed club endorsements required to release and transfer existing club membership.

Prior to registering for the current season, the parent / guardian of the representative player is required to submit an individual appeal using the import player request form available on the BCNA website and forward to the BCNA Technical Services Manager for Consideration by the Association Executive

e. An import must be identified on team registration forms with a # as well as an * refer also By-law Clause 8 – REGISTRATION PROCEDURES, sub-clause8.3

f. In exceptional circumstances a player may appeal to the Executive to be exempt from the import ruling and decision of the Executive to be final.

8 REGISTRATION PROCEDURES

1. Team registrations shall close on a date fixed by the Association each year. Such registrations shall be on the Association's registration form. After this date the only TEAM entries to be accepted will be those which take up BYES in the appropriate grade/divisions.

2. Team Identification Cards will be supplied to each club on a date to be fixed by the Association Registrar each year.

3. Team Identification Photos are to be renewed every year.

4. When Clubs have more than one (1) team in the same age group, they are to grade their teams and number them in the recommended order of playing ability on the team registration sheet.

5. All representative players are to have an asterisk (*) placed after their name on the team registration sheet.

6. Registration sheets which are not complete will not be accepted.

7. Clubs must print the name of an appropriately qualified umpire on the "Active Umpires For Current Season" form for each team entering the competition. Where more than one club proposes to use the same umpire when teams are entered for a competition, the prior permission of the Association Umpires Convener must be obtained.

9 LATE REGISTRATIONS

1. After a team has been graded, any late registrations must be of an equal playing standard. Previous experience is to be considered and the Association Registrar is to make the decision. In the event of an appeal, circumstances are to be reviewed by the Grading Tribunal, which is to have power to change any decision so made. A player retains the right of appeal to the Appeals Tribunal.

2.

a. Late registrations of players in accordance with all other By-laws will be taken on each fixtured competition day up to and including week 10. Players late registered will not be eligible to commence play until confirmed by association grading procedures and may commence play the following scheduled competition day. i.e. a player late registered week 9 and approved can commence play week 10.

b. Late registration of NetSetGo players may be taken on each fixtured competition day.

3. Consideration will only be given for any further late registration of players when membership of a team has been reduced to less than seven (7) players through pregnancy, injury or exceptional circumstances.

4. Proof of pregnancy, injury or exceptional circumstances must be submitted to the Registrar and be accompanied by support documentation before any late registrations will be considered.

5. No more than six (6) players may be late registered and must not exceed a maximum of twelve (12) registered players per teams.

6. PENALTY for playing an unregistered player - team to lose two competition points and no goals recorded.

7. Late registration of non-players is to be notified to the Registrar on the approved Late Registration Form.

10 DEREGISTRATIONS

1. A player must be de-registered on the approved forms (eg BCNA De-registration form & Treasurer De-Registration form) and may not take any part in the competition originally registered for, even if able to at a later date. No de-registered player may be late registered again in the same competition. Refunds of registration monies paid by approved de-registered players will be made by the Association Treasurer at the completion of Round 10 *refer BCNA By-Laws, Clause 32.7, sub-clause a) &b)

11 GRADING

1.

a. The seniority of Junior/Senior/Masters grades to be reviewed on an annual basis by the Registrar in consultation with the Grading Committee.

b. Clubs will be advised within 48 hours, after grading day, of the seniority of Junior/Seniors/Masters grades for the current competition/s.

2. Grading is to be done on paper. Promotion/relegation is, if possible, to be two-up and two-down, but is to be left to the discretion of the Grading Committee who is responsible for grading. Clubs must have a minimum of seven (7) players registered per team by the date set for grading. * refer also Clause 7 REGISTRATION – GENERAL, sub- clause 7.1

3. All Metro League and BCNA Senior and Junior Representative players must be registered with the club team with which they intend to play prior to grading. In exceptional circumstances a club submitting a late registered representative player may appeal to the Executive to be exempt from this rule. * refer also By-law Annexure C – 4 REPRESENTATIVE COMMITMENT iv) sub-clause k)

4. The Grading Committee may recommend to the Executive Committee, after consultation

with the Club/s concerned, the placement of a team in a grade that is consistent with the conduct of a balanced competition. This may include, where appropriate, the combining of age groups, or a complete team of 14-year-old, or a complete team of 15-year-old players playing in an U17/Senior Division.

5. Clubs will be advised within 48 hours, after grading day, of' the grades in which their teams have been placed. Alterations to teams will only be considered by written application and in the following circumstances only:

    i. A team reduced to less than seven players through injury or illness may use a player registered in a lower team. Having played four (4) games in this team, this player will then be considered to be a member of that team. Should this situation occur, the Club Secretary/Club Registrar must notify the Association Registrar in writing and the Team Identification Card must be update by the Association Registrar for reissue of Team ID Card for new team and grade.

6. For the Night Competition, the Grading Committee has the discretion to place teams in grades that are consistent with the conduct of a balanced competition.

7. A maximum of eight (8) and a minimum of six (6) teams will be graded in each division of the competition, providing a draw allowing the placement of teams that is consistent with the conduct of a balance competition.

    i. Where there is a large disparity in playing ability, the finals series in an eight (8) team competition may be splice into a 'A' and 'B' finals series.
    ii. This is excluding the 7 years, 8 years, and 9 years division in which the number of teams will be unlimited.

12 GRADING APPEALS

1. An appeal against a team grading decision must be lodged with the Secretary of the Association on the form "Application to Appeal" within 24 hours of the grading decision.

2. An Appeals Tribunal will be scheduled in accordance with the Policy and Procedures of the Member Protection Policy.

3. REGRADING APPLICATION
   In extreme circumstances written request/s for re-grading by Clubs must be received by the Secretary of the Association prior to completion of round one (1). The Association Registrar together with the Grading Committee will assess all regrading requests. Re-grading will not be considered between six (6) and eight (8) team draws.

13 DURATION OF PLAY

1. Duration of play matches will be as follows:

    a. JUNIORS - At the discretion of the Executive Committee, Junior matches will be four quarters of between 10- and 15-minutes' duration.

    b. SENIORS - Senior matches will be four quarters of 15 minutes' duration

    c. NIGHT - At the discretion of the Executive Committee, matches will be two halves of 20 minutes' duration or four quarters of 10 minutes' duration

2. The time of the interval between each period of play will be determined by the Executive Committee.

14 PLAYING REGULATIONS – GENERAL

1. The age of players for registration to play in a grade and or to play in a grade other than that in which they are registered shall be as follows:

Senior A Grade	any player aged 15 years or over in the year of play
Senior B, C and D Grade	any player aged 15 years or over in the year of play
Masters	any player aged 35 years or over in the year of play
17 years	any player aged 15 to 17 years in the year of play
15 years	any player aged 13 to 15 years in the year of play
14 years	any player aged 12 to 14 years in the year of play
13 years	any player aged 11 to 13 years in the year of play
12 years	any player aged 10 to 12 years in the year of play
11 years	any player aged 9 to 11 years in the year of play
10 years	any player aged 8 to 10 years in the year of play
9 years	any player aged 7 to 9 years in the year of play
8 years	any player aged 6 to 8 years in the year of play

2. A player or an umpire, who has a medical condition, or a pre-existing medical condition, is required to provide to the Association a medical certificate from a registered medical practitioner stating that the medical condition will not constitute a health risk to either other players or to any other person either now or in the future.

3. Where a player with a disability submits appropriate medical evidence, the Association Registrar has the discretion to grade a player into a team that is lower than the age of the player that has the disability.

4. Players are not permitted to chew gum.

5. In all other aspects, the World Netball Rules shall apply to all competition matches, except where special domestic rulings are applied.

6. No player may participate in any game until their Team Identification cards have been issued by the Association Registrar. Penalty for not complying – game will be awarded to the opposing team and no goals to be recorded by the infringing team.

7. A maximum of two (2) players aged 14 years in the year of play may be registered per team in the Senior or U17s Division provided they are of the appropriate playing standard of the team and will be subjected to final approval of the grading committee.

15 PLAYING REGULATIONS – COMMENCEMENT OF MATCHES

1. It is the responsibility of the team's manager/captain to check an opposing Team's Identification Cards prior to the commencement of the competition game. Failure to do this will result in the following:

    a. If a team does not have its Team's Identification Cards before the commencement of a competition game, an automatic forfeit will be awarded to the opposing team.

    b. If both teams do not have their Team's Identification Card, the game will be declared a no game and no points will be awarded to either team.

2. LATE ARRIVAL. If a player arrives after the game has commenced they must show their Team Identification Card before taking part in the competition game.

3. Play must commence at the time set down. If a team is ready at the time set down and the Umpire has not arrived, a team official should notify Control.

4. Players in each team are responsible for ensuring that the court playing surface is suitable to play on and clear of any debris.

5. If courts are unplayable in any timeslot, and if no spare courts are available, two points will be awarded to each team involved.

16 PLAYING REGULATIONS - POINTS SCORE

1. The following points for games shall be awarded:

    a. Win 2 points

    b. Draw 1 points

    c. Loss 0 point

    d. Bye 2 points

    e. Forfeit 2 points to team receiving forfeit

    f. Forfeit 0 to team forfeiting

17 PLAYING REGULATIONS - FORFEITS

1. If a team official is willing to forfeit, then the game may cease.

2. A forfeit may be claimed if the opposition cannot field the minimum team of five players within five minutes from commencement of the game. * refer also Clause 20 PLAYING REGULATIONS – PLAYER FROM ANOTHER TEAM, sub-clause 20.1 – 20.5

3. Teams claiming forfeits should complete and have the Captain sign the score sheet as usual and return to the designated control area if forfeit has not been notified beforehand.

4. Teams (junior and senior) forfeiting or withdrawing without the required notification given to the Registrar, umpires and opposing team will be liable for a fine.

5. After three forfeits in any competition clubs will be fined and/or offending team may be suspended at the discretion of the Executive Committee.

6. If a team is forced to forfeit the remainder of the season due to injury of players (team is reduced to 4 or less players), they are able to do so and will not be subject to clause 35 if the club provides a letter stating player/s registered names and grade/s accompanied by medical certificate/s and forwarded from the Club Secretary, on club letterhead, to the appropriate Association Registrar deeming the team unfit to continue the season.

7. If a team is forced to forfeit on the day due to insufficient players, those players present must indicate their playing positions for the 1st quarter. In this case Clause 18 PLAYING REGULATIONS – SCORING & SCORE SHEETS, sub-clause 18.4 would not apply.
8. Teams (junior and senior) claiming a forfeit on the day due to the opposition team unable to fulfill their umpiring duty after five (5) minutes has elapsed after the hooter has sounded for the start of play. The team with the umpire present and claiming the forfeit must indicate their playing positions for the 1st quarter and the club umpire present must sign the official score sheet.

9. No registered player of a team forfeiting shall be permitted to play in any other competition match on that day.

10. Notified Forfeits:

    a. Each team is allowed one notified forfeit without incurring a fine.

    b. Any team aware that it will forfeit a match must give notice of such intention to the Registrar by 7.00 pm on the day prior to the game.

    c. In the event of a notified forfeit, the Registrar is to notify the Secretary of the Club receiving the forfeit, the Club Umpire Convener of the umpires allocated to the game and the Association Umpiring Convener.

18 PLAYING REGULATIONS – SCORING & SCORESHEETS

1. The names of registered players are computer generated and printed on the scoresheet.

2. The names of late registered players are to be hand written on the scoresheet until such time as the computer-generated scoresheet provides these details. Failure to do so will incur a loss of one (1) point.

3. When playing a player up from a lower grade, their name, team and grade must be noted on the scoresheet. Failure to do so will incur a loss of one (1) point.

4. The playing position of each player must be recorded on the scoresheet the first time that they take part in that game. Each time a playing position is changed you must record that change. Where a playing position does not change only the initial playing position needs to be recorded. Penalty for failing to record at least five (5) positions – no points or goals to be recorded by the infringing team. Where both teams default no points or goals will be awarded to either team.

5. The Association Registrar will only accept the score as kept on the official scoresheet by the scorers. However, in circumstances where Club Secretaries of both teams involved testify that the scoresheet submitted to the Association registrar is incorrect and further they agree on the correct score they must within seven (7) days of the scores being posted on the website notify the Association Registrar of the discrepancy. The Association Registrar has the discretion to vary the official scores. The official scores are those maintained by the Association Registrar.
6. Each team should supply a scorer for their match. Teams failing to supply a scorer must accept without challenge the scoresheet as submitted by the opposing team. Scorers should stand together near the centre of the court and jointly carry out the responsibility of scoring.

7. The Captain of a team is responsible for signing the scoresheet as correct. If the Captain considers the scoresheet incorrect the Captain should report the matter to the appropriate Association Officials so that they may investigate as they deem necessary. * refer also Clause 30.2 – CODE OF CONDUCT.

8. Should the Captain omit to sign the scoresheet, they must accept, without challenge the scoresheet as submitted.

9. The Captain of the winning team is responsible for returning the scoresheet to the designated control area immediately at the conclusion of the game. If scoresheets are not returned to the designated control area within thirty (30) minutes after the end of the game then points and goals scored are forfeited.

10. In the event of a drawn match, both teams are responsible for the scoresheet being returned to the designated control area.

11. Score sheets to be filled in with biro pen.

19 PLAYING REGULATIONS - SUBSTITUTES

1. There is no limit to the number of substitutions that can be made by a team provided that players used do not exceed twelve (12).

20 PLAYING REGULATIONS – PLAYER FROM ANOTHER TEAM

1. Eligibility criteria for playing players from another team within the same Club are as follows:

    a. SENIORS. A senior player may take part in a maximum of two competition matches in one day provided that they play in either the team in which they are registered or in a team of a higher grade on the same day. * exception Clause 24 WET WEATHER, sub-clause 24.2 d).

When a player from a lower grade takes part in a game in a higher grade (whether it is the only game played or the second game played for that round), the score sheet must indicate the name and the grade/division of the player playing in the higher grade. The penalty for not complying with the above is the game will be awarded to the opposing team and no goals will be recorded by the infringing team.

A player from a lower grade team may play in a higher grade only if that team has less than seven of its registered players available.

By playing a player from another team, a team is declaring they do not have seven players available, therefore, any unavailable player who is substituted, forfeits her place in any team for that match day.

A player from a lower grade team may only play THREE competition matches in a higher-grade team during the Winter Competition.

A player from a lower grade team may only play THREE competition matches in a higher-grade team during the Night Competition.

A player from a lower grade team may play THREE competition matches in a team of a higher grade but, having played a FOURTH competition match in a team of a higher grade, shall be considered a member of that team.

For example, a player graded in DIV 5 plays a match in DIV 3 grade, a second match in DIV 4 grade, a third match in DIV 2 grade and a fourth match in DIV 3. That player is now considered a member of the DIV 3 grade and cannot return to her original DIV 5 grade team.

Masters are not permitted to draw players from any grade.
* refer also Clause 14 PLAYING REGUSTIONS – GENERAL
* refer also BCNA BORROWED PLAYER TABLE set annually.

b. JUNIORS. A junior player may take part in a maximum of two competition matches in one day provided that they play in either the team in which they are registered or in a team of a higher grade on the same day. * exception Clause 24 WET WEATHER , sub-clause 24.2 d).

When a player from a lower grade takes part in a game in a higher grade (whether it is the only game played or the second game played for that round), the score sheet must indicate the name and the grade/division of the player playing in the higher grade. The penalty for not complying with the above is the game will be awarded to the opposing team and no goals will be recorded by the infringing team. A player from a lower age group and grade team may play in a higher age group and grade team only if that team has less than seven of its registered players available.

By playing a player from another age group and grade, a team is declaring they do not have seven players available, therefore, any unavailable player who is substituted, forfeits her place in any team for that match day.

A player from a lower age group and grade team may only play THREE competition matches in a higher grade team during the Winter Competition.

A player from a lower age group and grade team may only play THREE competition matches in a higher grade team during the Night Competition.

A player from a lower age group and grade may play THREE competition matches in a team of a higher grade but, having played a fourth competition match in a team of a higher age group and grade, shall be considered a member of that team.

For example, a player graded in 11 DIV 1 competition plays a match in 12 DIV 3 grade, a second match in 13DIV 2 grade, a third match in 12 DIV 2 grade and a fourth math in 12 DIV 1. That player is now considered a member of the 12 DIV 1 grade team and cannot return to her original 11 DIV 1 grade team.

A player who is turning 15 years in the year of play may play a second game in a senior team provided that they only take part in a game that is graded higher than that in which they are registered.

A player who is turning 14 years in the year of play may play a second game in a 15-year team* refer also Clause 14 PLAYING REGULATIONS – GENERAL * refer also BCNA BORROWED PLAYER TABLE set annually.

c. NETSETGO COMPETITION. A player may take part in a maximum of two competition matches in one day provided that they play in either the team in which they are registered or in a team of a higher grade on the same day. * exception Clause 24 WET WEATHER, sub-clause 24.2 d).

When a player from a lower grade takes part in a game in a higher grade (whether it is the only game played or the second game played for that round), the score sheet must indicate the name and the grade/division of the player playing in the higher grade. The penalty for not complying with the above is the game will be awarded to the opposing team and no goals will be recorded by the infringing team.

A player from a lower age group and grade team may play in a higher age group and grade team only if that team has less than seven of its registered players available.

By playing a player from another age group and grade, a team is declaring they do not have seven players available, therefore, any unavailable player who is substituted, forfeits her place in any team for that match day.

A player from a lower age group and grade team may only play THREE competition matches in a higher-grade team during the Winter Competition. A player from a lower age group and grade team may only play THREE competition matches in a higher-grade team during the Night Competition.

A player from a lower age group and grade may play THREE competition matches in a team of a higher grade but, having played a third competition match in a team of a higher age group and grade, shall be considered a member of that team.

For example, a player graded in 9 NSG White competition plays a match in 10 DIV 3 grade, a second match in 11 DIV 2 grade, a third match in 10 DIV 2 grade and a fourth match in 11 DIV 1. That player is now considered a member of the 11 DIV 1 grade team and cannot return to her original 9 NSG White grade team.

2. No player shall play in a lower grade than that in which they are registered.

3. No team may use more than three (3) players from a lower age group and gradeteam.

4. When a Club is fielding more than one (1) team in any one age group and grade, players may not interchange in that same age group and grade.

5. When a player from a lower grade takes part in a game in a higher age group and grade (whether it is the only game played or the second game played for the day), the score sheet must indicate the grade of the team from which the player is drawn. Failure to do so will incur a loss of one (1) point.

21 PLAYING REGULATIONS- ELIGIBLE/INELIGIBLE PLAYERS

1. Should a team official feel that the opposing team is fielding an ineligible player, they should contact an Association Executive Member immediately. Where both teams are fielding an ineligible player, no points or goals will be awarded for that game.

2. All players must play in at least three competition matches with the relevant team within the season to be eligible to participate in semi finals, finals and grand finals. Any player found to be ineligible to take part in the final series will not be permitted to take any further part in the final series.

3. 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.

4. Penalty for not complying with playing regulations relating to eligible players and/or players from another team is that the game will be awarded to the opposing team and no goals will be recorded by the infringing team.

22 PLAYING REGULATIONS - INJURY

1. World Netball rules shall apply to all injury time in matches. Except for Finals Series, no extra injury time shall be added to the match. In the Finals Series, World Netball rules shall apply to all injury time and all injury time shall may be added to the last period of play.

23 FINALS SERIES

1. If two or more teams finish on equal points after the final round of matches, positions for semi finals shall be decided on goal averages for Winter and Night competitions.

2. 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, divided by the actual number of matches played by the team, i.e.

$$\frac{\text{Goals scored}}{\text{Goals scored against matches played}} \times 100$$

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.

3. All games including semis, finals and grand finals must be played on the date set down as per the draw, the only exception being for inclement weather.* refer Clause 24 WET WEATHER, sub-clause 24.6 Finals Series: a),b),c).

Eight (8) Team Draw Competition: (Top four (4) teams only qualify).

Semi Finals	1 plays 2
	3 plays 4
Finals	Loser of 1 vs 2 plays winner of 3 vs 4
Grand Finals	Winner of 1 vs 2 from semis plays winner of finals

Six (6) Team Draw Competition: (Top four (4) teams only qualify).

Semi Finals	1 plays 2
	3 plays 4
Finals	Loser of 1 vs 2 plays winner of 3 vs 4
Grand Finals	Winner of 1 vs 2 from semis plays winner of finals

4. Teams participating in the finals series, that have suddenly been reduced to less than seven (7) players only, prior to or during the finals series, shall be permitted to borrow up to two (2) players only from a lower grade provided that those players are not from a team that has qualified for the finals series and in accordance with all other By-laws. * exception Clause 21 PLAYING REGULATIONS – ELIGIBLE/INELIGIBLE PLAYERS sub- clause 21.2. and subject to:

    a. The team competing in the finals series has been reduced to less than seven (7) players due to injury, illness or extenuating circumstances.

Injury or illness: A letter stating player/s registered names and grade/s accompanied by medical certificate/s must be forwarded from the Club Secretary, on club letterhead, to the appropriate Association Registrar. All relevant documentation must be sighted by the Registrar and opposing Team Officials prior to the commencement of the scheduled finals game.

Extenuating Circumstances: A letter stating player/s registered name/s and grade/s accompanied by all relevant documentation proving extenuating circumstances exist prior to the commencement of the scheduled finals game must be forwarded from the Club Secretary, on club letterhead, to the Association Registrar. The Registrar and Grading Committee are to view all documentation presented and their decision will he final. A hearing with the Association Registrar and two members of the Grading Committee may be convened when extenuating circumstances have occurred where forty eight (48) hours notice has elapsed.

    a. The Registrar to contact the Club Secretary either by telephone or electronic mail as soon as a decision has been reached.

    b. The Registrar to contact the opposing Club Secretary either by telephone or electronic mail as soon as a decision has been reached.

24 WET WEATHER NOTIFICATION

1. The decision on the day's games for Rounds 1 to 15 will be made at 7.00am or earlier if conditions warrant it. For Semi-Finals, Finals and Grand-Finals a decision will be made one (1) hour prior to the commencement of the first game. Notification of cancellation will then be placed on all the Association media outlets.

2. Association Executive will decide if the days matches are to be played.

Decisions can be either:

a) to postpone or cancel all games for the day

b) to postpone or cancel non-competitive games

c) to postpone or cancel morning games only

d) a further decision will then be necessary by 11.45am for the afternoon games. Notification of cancellation will then be placed on all the Association media outlets by 12.00pm

25 WET WEATHER INFORMATION

1. When games in a round are called off because of game disruption due to weather and/or other circumstances, they will be played as half games on a date fixed by the Registrar, followed by the scheduled game for that day, also played as a half game. Games called off due to game disruption due to weather and/or other circumstances will continue to be played as half games for as long as is necessary to catch up on game postponements.
2. When games in a round are called off because of game disruption due to weather and/or other circumstances, and played as a half game on the date fixed by the Registrar, followed by the scheduled game for that day. A Junior/Senior player may take part in a maximum of two (2) half games on the date fixed by the Registrar and a maximum of two (2) half games on the next scheduled game for that day. * refer also Clause 20 PLAYING REGULATIONS – PLAYER FROM ANOTHER TEAM, sub-clause 20.1 – 20.5. * refer also BCNA BORROWED PLAYER TABLE set annually

3. Once play has commenced the Competitions Convener and/or Executive will decide whether play will continue in the event of wet weather.

4. When a whole grade is playing at the same time and the games are washed out after play has commenced:

   i. prior to half time - games will be replayed

   ii. during or after half time - score stands at the time the game was stopped.

5. Where grades are played in split timeslots and some games have been completed, for any games in progress and abandoned (due to wet weather):

   i. prior to halftime - games will be replayed.

   ii. during after half time - score will stand at the time the game was stopped.

6. Teams receiving wet weather points are recorded as playing.

7. All matters referring to adverse weather will be managed in accordance with Netball NSW Adverse Weather Conditions Policy http://nsw.netball.com.au/inside-netball-nsw/library/policies-forms/

26 GAME DISRUPTION DUE TO WEATHER AND/OR OTHER CIRCUMSTANCES DURING FINAL SERIES

a. Should any day be completely washed out, the finals series will be postponed by one week and all games will be played the following Saturday.

b. If games have been washed out for two Saturdays following the scheduled date for the Grand Final, the series will be abandoned and the two teams to play in the Grand Final will be declared Joint-Premiers.

27 UMPIRING - GENERAL

1. Each Club is to nominate an Umpires Convener who shall be the Association's point of contact for umpiring matters within the Club.

2. The approved dress code for all umpires shall be as follows:

    a. FEMALE UMPIRES: Predominantly white shirt or polo shirt with or without collar, white or black skirt, white tracksuit, white jacket and if wearing club playing uniform a white shirt must be worn over the top, socks and joggers. Black tracksuit pants and white shirt are permitted. Black shorts and white shirt are permitted. Tights and bike pants are not permitted

    b. MALE UMPIRES: Predominantly white or black shorts, predominately white shirt or polo shirt with or without collar, white jacket, socks and joggers. Black tracksuit pants and white shirt are permitted. Black shorts and white shirt are permitted.

    c. Female and Male umpires shall only wear a white shirt with white or black skirt / shorts (females) or shorts (males) during finals series. Tights and bike pants are not permitted.

3. If dissatisfaction is felt with the umpiring of a game, Team Officials should see their own Umpires Convener then the Association Umpires Convener or a member of the Umpire Education and Development Committee.

4. All Clubs have the responsibility to provide competent umpires to support BCNA Representative Teams for Carnivals, Metro League, Development Series, Summer Series Competitions and Team selections.

5. Umpires are responsible for ensuring player safety and that the game is played in accordance with the Rules. Umpires should demonstrate a rapport with players and team officials to enhance the playing of the game in a fair and reasonable manner. Club Conveners are responsible for allocating suitable experienced and competent umpires to matches that will achieve this objective.

6. If it is necessary for the Association to report/remove an umpire due to competency, the Club concerned may be fined, as per failure to perform rostered duties, if they are unable to provide a suitable replacement.

7. The Association Umpires Convener or a member of the Umpire Education and Development Committee has the discretion to substitute umpires for amatch.

8. If an umpire is more than five minutes late to the court after the hooter has sounded for the start of play, or does not turn up at all, a fine of $50.00 plus GST will apply. Notification of being more than five minutes late, or failure to turn up at all, must be submitted by a Team Official on the approved form to the Technical Services Manager for verification *Refer PLAYING REGULATIONS – FORFEITS, CLAUSE 17, SUB-CLAUSE 7.

9. Clubs are requested not to allocate trainee umpires on match games in the final round of competition.

10. The training and development of umpires is the obligation of each club. Clubs conscientiously carrying out this duty will assist throughout the season in providing better

games for all players.

11. An umpire sending a player from the court for disciplinary reasons must complete the Incident Report Sheet. The Team Official is responsible for returned the player's Identification Card, immediately at the end of the game, to the Association Registrar for verification. The Player/s Identification Card is to accompany the Incident Report Sheet/s and forwarded to the Technical Services Managers or Vice President who shall investigate the matter and decide whether or not further action is to be taken.

12.

a. Umpiring allocations for Junior competition timeslots shall be umpire your own. No umpire is to be directly affiliated with that team and in accordance with all other Umpiring By-laws.

b. Umpiring allocations for Senior competition timeslots shall NOT be umpire your own. Each umpiring allocation will be within the grade of each senior team. Clubs may organize an umpiring allocation swap with another club when needed to accommodate umpire playing or coaching commitments**.**

c. In exceptional circumstances a club may appeal to the Association Umpires Convener in consultation with the Technical Services Manager.

28 UMPIRE ELIGIBILITY

1. New Clubs entering the Association must have at least one umpire for each team sit and pass the on-line exam within four weeks of the commencement of the competition. By- law 26.2 applies for all subsequent competitions.

2. For all subsequent competitions, the Club must have one District badged umpire for each senior team entered in the competition and one umpire with a theory pass for each NetSetGo/Junior team entered in the competition. Failure to meet this By-law will render the Club ineligible to register any team in excess of the number of appropriately qualified umpires registered with the Club.

3. Badged umpires from other Associations, and experienced umpires without current theory passes, may commence umpiring junior games, with the approval of the Association Umpires Convener. Failure to obtain a theory pass within four weeks of the approval will mean the approval is withdrawn.

4. For the Finals Series, a club must submit qualified practicing National Badged or White BCNA Umpires in the ratio of 1.5 umpire availabilities per team. Eg: 4 teams qualified, 6 umpires need to be supplied. Umpire timeslot availability should equal the number of junior and senior teams playing, Eg: 3 junior teams requires 4-5 umpires' availabilities for junior timeslots (inc reserves), 3 senior teams requires 4-5 umpire availabilities for senior timeslots (inc reserves).

   No umpire shall be allocated more than two games in a day unless there are exceptional circumstances which will be decided by the BCNA Umpires Convenor. This will allow for adequate umpires to cover all duties including reserve duties.

   In the event of non-compliance, a fine shall apply per team as per by-law 3.5.

5. The Association Umpires Convener reserves the right to allocate Junior and Senior National badged or White BCNA Umpires to a Finals Series game based on their current performance.

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performance.

29 SECTION 1 THEORY EXAM – WORLD NETBALL RULES

1. All Clubs are requested to have as many persons as possible pass the Rules of Netball Theory Exam and then provide a copy of the theory pass certificate to their Club Umpires Convener. Club umpires whose name/s appear on the Club registration sheet/s must have a current Section 1 Theory Exam pass to be eligible to umpire both Junior and Senior games.

2. Holders of District Badges must pass their Section 1 theory exam every six (6) years. Persons holding a District Badge failing to comply will result in the loss of their badge.

3. In accordance with IFNA rules, National Badged umpires must pass Section 1 theory exam with a pass relevant to the badge held every six (6) years.

30 CLUB UNIFORMS AND EQUIPMENT

1. Clubs must register all items of their playing uniform to be worn by their members, at Initial Registration.

2. PATCHES:
    a. Letters on positional patches or bibs, as per Netball Australia Rule book, are to be easily distinguishable. The use of safety pins with patches is not permitted.

    b. Where teams with the same or similar colours are playing each other, teams must wear easily distinguishable bibs. The umpires may abandon the game if this rule is not adhered to and no points will be awarded.

3. NetSetGo - the ball shall be a netball size 4 in accordance with All Australia NetSetGo guidelines and shall measure between 635 mm and 650 mm in circumference, and weigh between 340 grams and 380 grams. The ball may be of leather, rubber or similar material.

31 CLUB RESPONSIBILITIES

1. Clubs failing to attend on time and/or complete their rostered duties will be fined. This includes Canteen duties, Control duties. Set-up duties, Carnival duties and any other rostered duties as determined by Council from time to time.
2. Clubs non-compliance of duties as rostered by the Association will result in a fine of $500.00 plus GST.
3. The Association is responsible for seeing that the courts are left in a clean condition. It is requested that Clubs make sure their teams place litter in the garbage bins provided.

32 CODE OF CONDUCT

1. Clubs are responsible for the control of their spectators, players and club officials, which includes coaches, managers and umpires.

2. If a game is called off by an Association Official due to a breach of the Code of Conduct in accordance with the Member Protection Policy, the score on the official scoresheet at the time of the game being called off by the Association Official will stand. The official scoresheet, along with all written reports shall be referred to the Technical Services Manager or Vice President who will investigate the matter and then decide whether or not further action is to be taken. *Refer Clause 25 UMPIRING GENERAL, Sub-clause 12.

3. All members of the Association and spectators attending games and/or events controlled

by the Association are required to adhere to the appropriate Code Of Conduct in accordance with the Member Protection Policy.

4. Where an Association member or a spectator is reported for a serious breach of the code applicable to that class of person, action may be taken in accordance with the Member Protection Policy.

5. After the first incident of any action involving spectator(s) who are not financial members of the Association, the Club will be sent a letter of warning and then a subsequent fine will be imposed if the same person(s) re-offends.

33 MEMBER PROTECTION POLICY

1. The Netball NSW Member Protection Policy is adopted and recognised as applicable to all members of the Blacktown City Netball Association Inc.

2. With the exception of umpires' reports complaints written on the back of score sheets are invalid.

34 FINANCE

1. GOODS & SERVICE TAX. GST is added to all charges raised by the Association. This includes affiliation and registration fees, costs for clothing, materials and all other sundry items.

2. All monies owed to the Association must be paid within 45 days of date of invoice and/or prior to semi-finals. Failure to comply will result in that Club or Person being deemed unfinancial.

3. The annual Club Affiliation Fee payable by each Club is calculated by reference to the number of Individual Members registered with each Club playing at Blacktown City Netball Association in the immediately preceding calendar year. The annual Club Affiliation Fee payable by each Club for the calendar year is set out in the table below, however, the annual Club Affiliation Fee that will apply for subsequent years remains subject to any changes as per the fees set by Netball NSW.

Member numbers per club	Fee
0-100	$20.00
101-200	$30.00
203-300	$40.00
301 +	$50.00

4. REGISTRATION FEES:

   a. **PLAYERS.** A Registration fee (including insurance) for each Competition, shall be set by Council at the Annual General Meeting each year. The registration fee applicable to each player will be the fee relevant to the age group in which the player is registered.

   b. **NON-PI.AYERS.** A fee for non-players' membership is to be paid annually.

   c. If a non-player then becomes a player within that same competition, the balance of the normal registration fee will apply.

   d. **LIFE MEMBERS**: The membership fee for all active life members will be paid by the Association annually.

5. Any monetary increases made by Netball NSW after the Association's Annual General Meeting may be passed on to Clubs.

6. Late registrations to be paid in accordance with Clause 9 LATE REGISTRATIONS, sub-clause b).

7.
   a. Once an individual member registration has been entered on the Netball NSW Membership Database System there are no refunds under any circumstances, except for the provision of circumstances as stated in Clause 5.4 of the Netball NSW Affiliation & Membership Policy.

   b. Where individual members are registered on the Netball NSW Membership Database System and the member is unable to continue as a member for the ensuing year the individual member can make written application stating such reasons together with documentary evidence through the Club for a refund of the BCNA membership portion which does not include any admin fee or levy imposed in the calendar year. Where approved by the Association a credit adjustment will be provided to the Club.

8. In the event of a team defaulting after grading, the team registration will not be refunded and a fine of $100.00 plus GST will be imposed. This fine will be levied on the Club in question, who have the right to recover all monies lost from the members of the defaulting team. Teams do have the right of appeal to Council.
9. Any Club in default to the Association or to any other Club affiliated with the Association shall have its delegates debarred from voting at any meeting until such default shall be removed.

10. Any Club or person who is unfinancial to the Association is not permitted to play in competition games including Finals Series and Junior and Senior Representative competition/games until all outstanding monies have been paid. Any player who does not comply will have their player identification card withdrawn from their Club by the Association and no future affiliation, or registration fee or nomination will be accepted until the money has been paid.

11. A player deemed to be unfinancial shall be given seven days' notice in writing after which time their player identification card shall be withdrawn.

12. Where a Club and its members are unfinancial to the Association, and a member registered with that Club wishes to register with another Club, that member must pay to the Association the relevant percentage of outstanding monies apportioned to each member which in total would clear the outstanding debt.

13. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE UNIFORM SUBSIDY. Persons elected to the Executive Committee may purchase all Blacktown representative clothing, including bag at the approved subsidised rate.

14. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OPERATIONS To undertake Association commitments, the Executive Committee may determine which events/functions should be attended by appropriate Association Executive Committee Members at Association expense.

35 FINANCE - FINES

1. MEETINGS
   Failure to attend two consecutive Council/Special Meetings $50 plus GST
   Failure to attend subsequent Council/Special Meetings
   Failure to attend AGM
2. COMPETITION

$50 plus GST	$50 plus GST
Forfeit not notified	$50 plus GST
Each subsequent forfeit (whether notified or not)	$50 plus GST
Second failure by same person to abide by Code of Conduct	$50 plus GST
Team defaulting after grading	$100 plus GST

3. UMPIRES

Umpire late to the game	$50 plus GST
Failure to provide umpire as per draw	$50 plus GST
Accumulation of five umpiring fines	$100 plus GST
Accumulation of ten umpiring fines	$200 plus GST
Failure to provide a qualified umpire for a team in the final series	$100 plus GST

4. DISPUTES

Maximum fine for breach of Code of Conduct	$200 plus GST

5. ROSTERED DUTIES

Failure to perform rostered duties	$500 plus GST

36 SERVICE AWARD

1. A badge shall be struck and known as the 'Joan Sookee Service Award'. This badge is to be awarded to such persons as recommended by the Committee and approved by the Executive Committee. This award is to be announced at the Annual General Meeting.
2. A member of the Association shall be eligible to receive the award provided that the nominated member has given twelve months outstanding service to Netball for the Blacktown City Netball Association.

3. The following areas of contribution are indicative as appropriate for nomination. It is not necessary for a nominee to meet all the criteria, but it is necessary that they have undertaken a combination of these for the current twelve months for their Club or Association.

   Outstanding service should include:

   a. Coaching, managing, umpiring, serving on either Club or the Association Executive Committee, and /or

   b. Representing their Club at the Association level; and/or

   c. Coaching/managing/umpiring at the representative level; and/or

   d. Undertaking outstanding service in other areas of their Club, e.g. in representing the interests of their Club or Association at the Local/State Government level.

4. Any two Ordinary Members of the Association may nominate candidates for the award.

5. A panel of three persons elected by Council at an Annual General Meeting shall consider and recommend the names of recipients to the Executive Committee. The Coordinator is to be elected by the panel members.

6. Nominations are to be submitted in writing to the Association Secretary by 31 August each year. Qualifications must accompany all nominations.

7. No more than five awards are to be given in any one year.

37 UMPIRING AWARDS

1 LINDA EAGLETON NETSETGO UMPIRING AWARD

To recognise the dedication and spirit shown by a NetSetGo Umpire throughout the season.
The following criteria should be used as a guide to select a recipient.

The NetSetGo Umpire of the Year:

- can be an umpire of any age
- shows dedication to their club
- strives to improve their knowledge and skills as an umpire

- shows a good understanding of the nature of beginning players and nurtures their understanding of the game

- is enthusiastic about umpiring NetSetGo and enjoys sharing their knowledge with the beginning players
- umpires NetSetGo teams regularly and competently

- is well presented and takes pride in themselves as an umpire treats players and officials with respect

- demonstrates a passion for umpiring that deserves both recognition and further encouragement.

The selection criteria, is a guide and by no means a checklist. An umpire may demonstrate some or all of these qualities, and each nominee is to be judged on their merits as a whole.

Clubs are to submit suitable nominations for the annual BCNA Linda Eagleton NetSetGo Umpiring Award in writing to the BCNA Secretary by 20th August each calendar year. Candidates for this award nominated by clubs should be accompanied with supporting documentation stating reasons for nominating the umpire.

In the absence of club nominations received the panel convened shall determine a recipient for the award. If there is no nominee deemed worthy of receiving the Linda Eagleton NetSetGo Umpiring Award then it need not be awarded for that year.

If there are two worthy nominees that the committee is unable to separate, then the Linda Eagleton NetSetGo Umpiring Award may be awarded jointly.

The recipient of this award shall be determined by a panel comprising of the BCNA Umpiring Convener, the Umpires Education and Development Committee and the BCNA Technical Services Manager, Convener shall hold the casting vote. (Only one (1) representative from each affiliated club).

The awards are to be announced & presented at the BCNA Annual Presentation.

2 JUNIOR UMPIRE OF THE YEAR

To recognise the efforts, achievements and talents of a young umpire, encouraging their future development and involvement within Blacktown City Netball Association.

The following criteria should be used as a guide to select a recipient:

The Junior Umpire of the Year:

- is an umpire 16 years or younger

- shows dedication to their club

- strives to improve their knowledge and skills as an umpire

- accepts both praise and constructive feedback and demonstrates an ability to learn from their experiences

- is well presented and takes pride in themselves as an umpire treats players and officials with respect

- contributes to BCNA events such as umpiring at Representative carnivals, trials or Finals Series

- demonstrates a passion for umpiring that deserves both recognition and further encouragement.

The selection criteria, is a guide and by no means a checklist. An umpire may demonstrate some or all of these qualities, and each nominee is to be judged on their merits as a whole.

Clubs are to submit suitable nominations for the annual BCNA Club Junior Umpiring Award in writing to the BCNA Secretary by 20th August each calendar year. Candidates for this award nominated by clubs should be accompanied with supporting documentation stating reasons for nominating the umpire.

In the absence of club nominations received the panel convened shall determine a recipient for the award. If there is no nominee deemed worthy of receiving the Junior Umpire of the Year award then it need not be awarded for that year.

If there are two worthy nominees that the committee is unable to separate, then the Junior Umpire of the Year award may be awarded jointly.

The recipient of this award shall be determined by a panel comprising of the BCNA Umpiring Convener, the Umpires Education and Development Committee and the BCNA Technical Services Manager, Convener shall hold the casting vote. (Only one (1) Representative from each affiliated club).

The awards are to be announced & presented at the BCNA Annual Presentation.

3 SENIOR UMPIRE OF THE YEAR

To recognise the efforts, achievements and talents of an umpire; encouraging their future development and involvement within Blacktown City Netball Association.

The following criteria should be used as a guide to select a recipient:

The Senior Umpire of the Year:

- is an umpire over the age of 16

- shows dedication to their club

- strives to improve their knowledge and skills as an umpire

- accepts both praise and constructive feedback and demonstrates an ability to learn from their experiences

- is well presented and takes pride in themselves as an umpire

- treats players and officials with respect

- contributes to BCNA events such as umpiring at Representative carnivals, trials or Finals Series

- has umpired at Junior State Titles, Senior State Titles or Metro League and represented BCNA with pride

- demonstrates a passion for umpiring that deserves both recognition and further encouragement

- shares their passion and experience with others through coaching and/or mentoring other umpires not necessarily from their own club

- is always seen to be doing their best when umpiring and setting the best possible example to other umpires both on and off the court.

The selection criteria, is a guide and by no means a checklist. An umpire may demonstrate some or all of these qualities, and each nominee is to be judged on their merits as a whole.

Clubs are to submit suitable nominations for the annual BCNA Senior Umpiring Award in writing to the BCNA Secretary by 20th August each calendar year. Candidates for this award nominated by clubs should be accompanied with supporting documentation stating reasons for nominating the umpire.

In the absence of club nominations received the panel convened shall determine a recipient for the award. If there is no nominee deemed worthy of receiving the Senior Umpire of the Year award then it need not be awarded for that year.

The recipient of this award shall be determined by a panel comprising of the BCNA Umpiring Convener, the Umpires Education and Development Committee and the BCNA Technical Services Manager, Convener shall hold the casting vote. (Only one (1) Representative from each affiliated club).

The awards are to be announced & presented at the BCNA Annual Presentation.

38 COACHING AWARDS

Clubs are to submit suitable nominations for the annual BCNA club coaching awards in writing to the BCNA Secretary by 20th August each calendar year. Candidates for these awards nominated by clubs should meet the defined criteria outlined for each category. The recipient of these awards shall be determined by the BCNA Coaching Coordinator (Convener), the Coaches Education and Development Committee and the BCNA High Performance Manager, **Convener shall hold the casting vote.** (Only one (1) representative from each affiliated club).

In the absence of club nominations received the panel convened shall determine a recipient for the award.

The awards are to be announced & presented at the BCNA Annual Presentation.

1 LINDA EAGLETON NETSETGO CLUB COACHING AWARD

Criteria:

- Team Coach position held on a club team aged 6-9yrs in the BCNA modified competition in the current year.
- NCAS Accredited Coach (minimum foundation level attained)
- Attendance at BCNA Coach development workshops or clinics preferred
- Demonstrated knowledge of the National Junior sport policies age groups guidelines
- Demonstrated knowledge of the NetSetGo rule requirements
- Demonstrated application of player skill development, NetSetGo level
- Demonstrated achievements in competition aspects of NetSetGo netball
- Demonstrated emphasis on player development opportunities & fostering a fun introductory learning environment.

2 JUNIOR CLUB COACHING AWARD

Criteria:

- Team Coach position held on a club team aged 10-15yrs in the BCNA junior competition in the current year
- NCAS Accredited Coach (minimum foundation level attained)
- Attendance at BCNA Coach development workshops or clinics preferred
- Demonstrated knowledge of the National Junior sport policies age groupsguidelines
- Demonstrated knowledge of the AA rule requirements
- Demonstrated application of player skill development, junior level
- Demonstrated achievements in competition aspects of junior netball
- Demonstrated emphasis on player development opportunities & fostering a successful and positive team environment.

3 SENIOR CLUB COACHING AWARD

Criteria:

- Team Coach position held on a club team aged over 15yrs in the BCNA senior competition in the current
- year (including the U/17's Divisions)
- NCAS Accredited Coach (minimum foundation level attained)
- Attendance at BCNA Coach development workshops or clinics preferred
- Demonstrated knowledge of the National sport policies age groups guidelines
- Demonstrated knowledge of the AA rule requirements
- Demonstrated application of player skill development, senior level
- Demonstrated achievements in competition aspects of senior netball
- Demonstrated emphasis on player development opportunities & fostering a successful and positive team environment

4 BCNA COACH OF THE YEAR AWARD

The recipient of this award shall be determined by a panel comprising of the BCNA Coaching Coordinator (Convener), the Coaches Education and Development Committee and the BCNA High Performance Manager. **Convener shall hold the casting vote.** (Only one (1) representative from each affiliated club).

Candidates for this award shall have demonstrated the defined criteria outlined.

Criteria:

- BCNA Junior or Senior appointed Coach, Assistant Coach or Apprentice Coach in the current year
- NCAS Accredited Coach (minimum development level attained)
- Demonstrated commitment to attend coach education and development opportunities
- Demonstrated excellence in player skill development outcomes
- Demonstrated excellence in team competition outcomes
- Dedication and contribution to Coach development programs at BCNA
- Highly developed coaching ethics
- Excellence in achievements of either;
- Outstanding results in competition

- Outstanding achievements in player development outcomes
- Outstanding recognition of players selected in regional or state pathways

39 REPRESENTATIVE PLAYER SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

Blacktown City Netball was established in 1967 and has achieved decades of proud and successful history in our players that have adorned the Black and Gold, the scholarship program is an initiative to recognize and regard the players that have supported and contributed to that proud history through their outstanding service records and individual achievements as identified and current BCNA Representatives.

SCHOLARSHIP TIERS

1. GOLD SCHOLARSHIP HOLDER

A Representative/Development player that has served the Association for a minimum period of ten (10) years of consecutive service. A gold scholarship holder is recognized and awarded with a Gold Scholarship in the season following her tenth (10th) consecutive service year and receives a gold scholarship cloth badge and 100% representative player fee waiver.

2. BLACK SCHOLARSHIP HOLDER

A Representative/Development player that has served the Association for a minimum period of seven (7) years of consecutive service. A black scholarship holder is recognized and awarded with a Black Scholarship in the season following her seventh (7th) consecutive service year and receives a 75% representative player fee waiver.

3. WHITE SCHOLARSHIP HOLDER

A Representative/Development player that has served the Association for a minimum period of five (5) years of consecutive service. A white scholarship holder is recognized and awarded with a White Scholarship in the season following her fifth (5th) consecutive service year and receives a 50% representative player fee waiver.

4. PERPETUAL SCHOLARSHIP

This scholarship will be offered annually to the emerging talented player recognized with BCNA "Player of the Future" award in the previous season. The recipient of this award will be honoured with a player subsidy of up to $500.00 of in kind support for her achievements, intended to assist towards the associated costs of her selections within the Netball NSW pathway and is in addition to any service scholarship eligibility.

Criteria:

- Applicants must be a current financial member of the Blacktown City Netball Association and the Scholarship Application form must be submitted with the Players Nomination form for that year.

BCNA Scholarships will be offered on an annual basis and subject to Council approval and, if required, subject to sponsorship support secured in that annual period. A BCNA Scholarship will be offered for one competition only in that annual period.

ANNEX A: DUTIES OF OFFICE BEARERS

ANNEX B: DUTIES OF SUB-COMMITTEES

ANNEX C: REPRESENTATIVE BY-LAWS