



EASTERN DISTRICTS NETBALL ASSOCIATION INC.

CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS

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CONSTITUTION

1. NAME

- 1.1 The name of the Association shall be the Eastern Districts Netball Association Inc. (hereinafter referred to as "the Association").

2. OBJECTS

- 2.1 The objects of the Association shall be:
- 2.1.1 To promote and encourage netball in the Eastern areas of Adelaide.
 - 2.1.2 To promote Sportsmanship in netball.
 - 2.1.3 DELETED
 - 2.1.4 To abide by the Official Playing Rules of the International Federation of Netball Associations and the interpretation thereof as determined by the All Australian Netball Association except that the By-Laws of Eastern Districts netball Association Inc. override those of All Australian Netball Association if there are differences.
 - 2.1.5 To educate and train, Coaches, Umpires, Administrators and members of the Association in all facets of netball.
 - 2.1.6 To promote, conduct and control Inter-Club matches and promote and control tours of the Association Representative Teams.
 - 2.1.7 To do all other things and acts conducive to the furtherance of the objects and interests of the Association.

3. POWERS

- 3.1 The Association shall have the following powers:
- 3.1.1 To raise money by affiliation fees, team registration fees, per capita fees, or any other method the council sees fit.
 - 3.1.2 To purchase, take or lease, exchange, hire or otherwise acquire any real or personal property which may be deemed necessary or convenient for any of the objects of the Association.

- 3.1.3 To invest any money the Association may not immediately require in a manner determined by the Council.
 - 3.1.4 To manage, develop, lease, sell, convey, assure or otherwise dispose of, either absolutely or by way of mortgage, any real or personal property for the time being vested in the Association.
 - 3.1.5 To borrow or raise upon loan any sum or sums of money for the purpose of securing repayment thereof to execute or give any mortgages, charges, bonds, debentures, bills of exchange, promissory notes or other securities over all or any of the property of the Association as may be deemed necessary and to liquidate redeem or pay off such obligations and securities or any of them.
 - 3.1.6 To conduct appeals for funds and accept donations, whether of real or personal estate and devises and bequests with the power to retain any such devises or bequests in the forms devised or bequeathed.
 - 3.1.7 To employ, pay and dismiss servants as may be deemed necessary, for furthering the objects of the Association, and to define the duties of such servants as it sees fit.
 - 3.1.8 To lay out, construct, build, erect, alter or maintain upon the premises for the time being belonging to or occupied by the Association, playing fields, changing rooms and other buildings and improvements incidental thereto and to furnish, fit up and maintain the same for the use of the members of the Association or any of them and if thought fit to provide all the necessary equipment, appliances and conveniences thereof.
 - 3.1.9 To become affiliated with or subscribe to other Associations or bodies whose objects are similar to the objects of the Association and if thought fit to withdraw or retire from any such association or body.
 - 3.1.10 If thought fit to obtain raffle permits and such other licences as may be considered of benefit to the Association.
- 3.2 It is the intention that each and all the powers specified in the preceding sub-clauses shall be in no way limited or restricted by reference to or influence from the terms of any other sub-clauses or of the main objects as first mentioned.

4. MEMBERSHIP

- 4.1 Membership of the Association shall consist of:
 - 4.1.1 Clubs.
 - 4.1.2 Individual Members.
 - 4.1.3 Life Members.
- 4.2 A "Club" is one or more teams wishing to play in inter-club matches.
- 4.3 "Individual Members" not being a member of a Member Club may apply to Council for membership.
- 4.4 "Life Members" are those appointed by an Annual General Meeting to the position of Life Membership.
- 4.5 Applications for Membership will be made by:
 - 4.5.1 A club lodging a completed Application for Affiliation form. The appropriate Affiliation fee shall be attached.
 - 4.5.2 An individual member shall apply in letter format. The appropriate Affiliation fee shall be attached.
- 4.6 Affiliation will be up to the conclusion of the following Annual General Meeting.
- 4.7 All members and all Club Members shall be:
 - 4.7.1 Bound by the Constitution and By-Laws of the Association.
 - 4.7.2 Become liable for such fees, subscriptions, levies and fines as fixed by the Annual General Meeting or a Special General Meeting.
- 4.8 All Club Members shall:
 - 4.8.1 Register its club name, colours and uniform with their Affiliation form which shall be subject to acceptance by Council.
 - 4.8.2 Ensure that all Players and Umpires are registered with the Association.

5. TERMINATION OF MEMBERSHIP

5.1 Membership shall be terminated by any one of the following:

5.1.1 Resignation in writing.

5.1.2 Death in the case of an Individual Member.

5.1.3 Winding up of the Club.

5.1.4 Resolution of the Council.

5.2 At the time of termination of membership any Club or Individual Member will remain liable for all fees, subscriptions, levies and fines incurred up to the time of lodging the application to withdraw.

6. MEETINGS

6.1 Annual General Meetings:

6.1.1 The Annual General Meeting of the Association shall be held no later than five (5) months from the end of the financial year of the Association.

6.1.2 All members shall be given twenty-one (21) days notice in writing to the address held by the Association of the Annual General Meeting.

6.1.3 Each club may send two (2) delegates to an Annual General Meeting.

6.1.4 The following officers to be elected:
President
Administrative Officer
Finance Officer
Umpires Secretary
Recording Secretary - Age
Recording Secretary - Senior/Mixed

6.1.5 The agenda for the Annual General Meeting shall be forwarded with notice of meeting

- 6.1.6 The following reports will be presented:
- President
 - Administrative Officer
 - Financial Report
 - Umpires Secretary
 - Recording Secretaries
 - Representative Teams Manager
- 6.1.7 Any member of the Association may propose to the Executive Committee, in writing, that a person be considered for Life Membership provided:
- 6.1.7.1 Notice of nomination is handed to the Administrative Officer prior to the issue of the notice of the Meeting.
 - 6.1.7.2 Ten (10) years service has been given to the Association.
 - 6.1.7.3 Seventy five (75) percent of the members present vote in favour of the nomination.
 - 6.1.7.4 Not more than two (2) Life Members shall be elected in any one year.
 - 6.1.7.5 The proposer and the seconder of the nomination shall not be from the same club and the proposer shall give a brief outline why such an honour should be awarded.
- 6.1.8 No proxy votes are permitted.
- 6.1.9 A delegate may only represent and vote for one club.
- 6.1.10 All elections of Officers and Life Membership voting will be by secret ballot.
- 6.1.11 All special resolutions including Life Membership nominations are deemed to be passed if not less than three-quarters (75%) of the members present vote in favour. All other motions are deemed to be passed if more than half (51%) of the members present vote in favour.
- 6.1.12 The amount of any fees, subscriptions, levies and any fines shall be fixed. A date for payment is to be set in each case.
- 6.1.13 No other business shall be dealt with at an Annual General Meeting

- 6.2 Special General Meetings:
 - 6.2.1 Special General Meetings may be called by:
 - 6.2.1.1 The consensus of the Officers of the Association.
 - 6.2.1.2 The request of twenty (20) percent of the Affiliated Clubs.
 - 6.2.2 Any request for a Special General Meeting must set out fully the purpose of the meeting and be signed by the Affiliated Club's Secretaries.
 - 6.2.3 All members shall be given twenty-one (21) days notice in writing to the address held by the Association of a Special General Meeting.
 - 6.2.4 The notice of a Special General Meeting shall set out clearly the business for which the meeting has been called. No other business shall be dealt with at a Special General Meeting.
 - 6.2.5 Voting is as for an Annual General Meeting.
- 6.3 Council Meetings.
 - 6.3.1 A monthly Council Meeting shall be held on a date fixed unless otherwise decided by Council and may follow an Annual General Meeting or Special General Meeting.
 - 6.3.2 Special Council Meetings may be called by:
 - 6.3.2.1 The consensus of the officers of the Association.
 - 6.3.2.2 The request of twenty (20) percent of the Affiliated Clubs.
 - 6.3.3 The Administrative Officer shall give all members seven (7) days notice in writing of a Special Council Meeting or the meeting may be notified at a regular Council Meeting. In the latter case no written notification will be necessary.
 - 6.3.4 Agenda and Minutes will be supplied to all members in writing.
- 6.4 At least one (1) representative from each Affiliated Club must be present at each Annual General Meeting, Special General Meeting and Council Meeting. No Executive Member may represent a club at any meeting of the Association.

7. VOTING

7.1 Voting powers at all Meetings:

- 7.1.1 The President shall have a casting vote only.
- 7.1.2 All Officers shall have only one vote.
- 7.1.3 Each Delegate shall have only one vote.
- 7.1.4 No Proxy votes are permitted.
- 7.1.5 Un-financial members have no voting power or power of recognition.

7.2 Method of voting:

- 7.2.1 Voting will be by secret ballot for all elections of Officers and Life Members.
- 7.2.2 All other voting will be by show of hands unless a ballot is requested by any person present.
- 7.2.3 In the case of a ballot, the Chairperson will nominate two scrutineers from the meeting who will count the votes and report to him/her the results of the ballot.

8. OFFICERS

8.1 The Officers of the Association shall be the:

President
Administrative Officer
Finance Officer
Umpires Secretary
Recording Secretary - Age
Recording Secretary - Senior/Mixed

Who will be known as the Executive Committee.

8.2 The Administrative Officer:

- 8.2.1 The Administrative Officer shall conduct the business of the Association as directed by the Council, and carry out such duties as may be specifically provided for in the Constitution and By-Laws.

8.3 The Finance Officer:

- 8.3.1 The Finance Officer shall maintain control over all the Finances of the Association as specifically provided for in the Constitution and By-Laws.

8.4 The Umpires Secretary:

- 8.4.1 The Umpires Secretary shall be responsible for all activities relating to the Umpires administration and education.

8.5 The Recording Secretaries:

- 8.5.1 The Recording Secretaries shall maintain all player, team and competition records on behalf of the Association.

9. POWERS OF THE COUNCIL

- 9.1 The Council may exercise all such powers of the Association and carry into effect all such objects of the Association as are not by these articles required to be exercised by the Association at the Annual General Meeting. Without limiting the generality of the preceding words and in addition to the powers specifically conferred upon it, the Council shall have power to:

- 9.1.1 Administer the finances of the Association.
- 9.1.2 Appoint the bankers of the Association.
- 9.1.3 Direct the opening of banking accounts for specific purposes and to transfer funds from one account to another, and to close any such account.
- 9.1.4 Fix the manner in which such banking accounts shall be operated upon and that any two of the nominated signatures shall be the authority for withdrawal of funds from each account.
- 9.1.5 Make or amend the By-Laws of the Association.
- 9.1.6 Adjudicate on all matters brought before it which in any way affect the Association.
- 9.1.7 Cause Minutes to be made of all meetings.

9.1.8 Appoint and dissolve such sub-committees as it thinks fit and to define the functions, powers and scope of activities.

9.1.9 Appoint and terminate the appointment of such officials as at thinks fit and define their duties.

10. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

10.1 Between Council Meetings, the Executive Committee shall:

10.1.1 Have power to deal with all urgent matters.

10.1.2 Report all actions to the next meeting of Council.

10.1.3 Have all Executive Committee actions ratified by the Council.

10.2 The Executive Committee powers cannot exceed those of the Council.

10.3 The Executive Committee cannot act unless they have complete consensus.

10.4 Any of the following acts or events shall cause a vacancy in an office or position of the Executive Committee:

10.4.1 Death or incapacitation.

10.4.2 Resignation.

10.4.3 Termination of membership.

10.4.4 Removal for failure to perform duties to the satisfaction of the Association. Such removal shall only be valid provided it is by three-quarters (75%) majority vote of members present at a Council Meeting and provided the persons concerned have been given the opportunity of presenting their case to the Council.

10.5 All replacements shall be made by Council as deemed necessary.

11. APPOINTMENTS

11.1 The appointments of Patron and Auditor shall be confirmed at the Annual General Meeting. In the event of the positions remaining vacant the Council has the power to make any appointments deemed necessary.

12. FINANCE

- 12.1 All funds of the Association shall be deposited in the accounts of the Association.
- 12.2 All accounts due by the Association shall be paid by cheque after having been passed for payment at a Council Meeting.
- 12.3 The Administrative Officer shall not spend more than \$50.00 Petty Cash without the consent of the Council, and shall keep a record of expenditure in the Petty Cash Book.
- 12.4 The Council shall cause true accounts to be kept of all monies received and expended and of matters in respect of which such receipts and expenditure take place, and of all properties, assets and liabilities.
- 12.5 A statement showing the financial position of the Association shall be tabled at each Council Meeting.
- 12.6 The Finance Officer shall submit to the Annual General Meeting a Statement of Receipts and Expenditure. The Auditors report shall be attached to such financial report.
- 12.7 A budget will be prepared prior to setting team registration fees and any per capita levy.
- 12.8 The financial year of the Association will end on the 31st of March each year.
- 12.9 The accounts, books and full financial records of the Association shall be audited each year.
- 12.10 The Auditor shall be consulted on any matter of financial recording and control that may be necessary.
- 12.11 Un-financial Members are not entitled to participate in any Association activities.

13. COMMON SEAL

- 13.1 The Association shall have a Common Seal which shall be kept in the custody of the Administrative Officer and shall be used only by the President of the Association when authorised by the Council, and every deed, instrument or document upon which the Seal is used shall be signed by the President and countersigned by the Administrative

Officer. The Administrative Officer shall keep a record of all such deeds, instruments or documents to which the Seal shall have been affixed.

- 13.2 The Public Officer of the Association shall be the Administrative Officer.

14. ENFORCEMENT OF THE CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS

- 14.1 The Authority of the Association shall extend to and be recognised by all members.
- 14.2 The Council shall have power to inquire into, deal with, and adjudicate upon all questions and disputes as to the interpretation of the Constitution and any ruling or By-Law made hereunder upon any breach or alleged breach of the Constitution, its rulings and By-Laws, and upon any complaint made to it of misconduct detrimental to the policy, interests or welfare of the Association by any person or member. The Council may caution, suspend, fine or otherwise deal with the person or member concerned. Its decision shall be binding on all parties concerned.
- 14.3 All inquires into any Association matter shall be conducted in a fair and impartial manner having regard to the principles of natural justice. All concerned parties shall be entitled to be heard.

15. ALTERATION TO RULES

- 15.1 These rules or any of them may be added to or repealed or amended by resolution at an Annual General Meeting or Special General Meeting carried by a majority of at least three-quarters (75%) of the members present and voting thereon provided that notice of any proposed additions to or repeal or amendment of the rules to be made at an Annual General Meeting or Special General Meeting shall be given to the Administrative Officer at least fourteen (14) days before issuance of the notice of the Annual General Meeting or Special General Meeting.

16. COLOURS

- 16.1 The official colours of the Association shall be Red, Green and White in such combination agreed to from time to time by Council.

17. WINDING UP

- 17.1 No resolution for the winding up of the Association shall be deemed to be passed unless notice to propose a resolution to that effect at a Special General Meeting shall have been given to the members and unless such a proposition shall have been carried at such a meeting by at least three-quarters (75%) of those voting at such meeting. Any surplus assets of the Association upon winding up of the Association shall be vested in one or more sporting bodies or institutions determined by the members at the Special General Meeting.

18. BY-LAWS

- 18.1 The By-Laws of the Association shall be made for the purpose of enlarging upon, extending and developing the provisions of the Constitution and the interpretation thereof, and shall be attached to the Constitution as an Appendix.
- 18.2 Any By-Law may be altered by three-quarters (75%) of those present at any Annual General, Special General or Council Meeting of the Association.

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ABANDONED MATCH

A match due to unsafe playing conditions can be abandoned if either:

- (a) Declared by the Association Executive(s) present or the Umpire(s) concerned in consultation with the Court Supervisor if no Executive present. These to be ratified by the Full Executive and if not agreed the match(es) to be replayed.
- (b) Agreed by both teams.

One point is awarded to each team and 10 goals added to both the goals for and against. Both teams should lodge a score card for player qualification. AMD 30/8/07

NOTE: Any matches forfeited prior to the time of the declared abandonment will stand.
Any matches that have played two or more full quarters before the abandonment will be classed as having been played and the score at the time will count.

AFFILIATION FEE

The Affiliation fee is:

- Set at the Annual General Meeting.
- Paid annually prior to the 1st playing season.
- Paid by all clubs.
- Paid by individual members.
- Not Refundable.

APPEALS

(See Complaints and Appeals.)

BLOOD

Refer Injury/Illness AMD 25/2/16

CENTRAL TIMING

Where Central Timing is in operation the following will occur:

- Two (2) Minutes before scheduled starting time two (2) short bursts will be sounded. Umpires to whistle teams up for checking & coin toss. Also make

sure both scorers are together. (See Scorers) Have players take up positions on court.

- At scheduled starting time one (1) longer burst indicates time has started. Play starts on the umpires whistle. Penalties apply for late start. (See Match Commencement & Penalties)
- At the end of each quarter one (1) burst indicates time is up. Penalty shots for goal are still to be taken. Quarters end on the umpires whistle.
- At each break one (1) short burst indicates there is twenty (20) seconds to re-start. Whistle players back on court and await one (1) longer burst to indicate time has started, commence play on umpires whistle.
- In finals, owing to time being held for injuries, Central Timing is only used to commence matches.

CHILD PROTECTION POLICY *ALSO SEE RISK MANAGEMENT POLICY*

Each coach/volunteer over the age of 18 coaching children under the age of 18 must provide the Association with a Criminal History Assessment.

If E.D.N.A. deems a Criminal History Check is unsatisfactory to the welfare of a child, the Association will not give clearance for that individual. The Association will notify the club/school and if they accept the individual's unsatisfactory criminal history, the club/school will need to put in writing they are aware of the situation and take full responsibility for the individual. *NEW 26/5/11*

CLEARANCES

Clearances are required when:

- A player wishes to transfer clubs:-
 - Having played during the season
 - Having been listed as un-financial member by their club.

Clearances may be granted by Council when:

- Application has been made in writing.

Clearances will not be granted if:

- The player is listed as un-financial
- The Player is under suspension

Playing without a clearance where required, is the same as playing an unregistered player. (See Penalties.)

COACHING

Coaching may only be permitted by the official team coach who must maintain a stationary position for the duration of the game, except Netta and Primary. *AMD 29/5/03*

CODE OF CONDUCT

EDNA will take all reasonable steps to promote an environment free from abuse, discrimination and harassment. They will be committed to ensuring the safety, welfare and well being of children is maintained at all times during their participation in competitions. NEW 2/2/12

All players, coaches, umpires, officials, parents and spectators are to abide by the Code of Conduct; Disciplinary action will be taken against anyone who is found to be in breach of this Code. (See Fines, See Penalties) NEW 2/2/12

THE EDNA CODE OF ETHICS AND BEHAVIOUR

EDNA has a zero tolerance policy towards all unsportsmanlike behaviour. This includes but is not limited to violence, foul language or harassment towards players, coaches, parents, spectators or officials and is not acceptable.

PLAYERS CODE

1. Learn the rules of the game and play fairly by them at all times.
2. Work hard for your team, your team's performance will benefit and so will your own.
3. Be a good sport, cheer all good play whether it is by your team or the opposition.
4. Treat all players as you yourself would like to be treated.
5. Never argue with an official. If you require clarification have your captain or coach approach the official during a break or after the game.
6. Cooperate with your coach, team mates, opponents and officials at all times, for without them there would be no game.

PARENT/SPECTATOR CODE

1. Do not force an unwilling child to participate in sports, but if they want to play and join a team, then don't like it, encourage them to do their best, finish the season and not let the team down.
2. Remember, children are involved in organised sports for their enjoyment, not yours.
3. Encourage your child to always play by the rules.
4. Teach your child that honest effort is as important as victory so that the result of each game is accepted without undue disappointment.
5. Remember that children learn best by example. Applaud good performance and focus on the efforts by your team AND the opponents rather than the overall game's outcome.
6. Respect the official's decision. If you disagree with an official; raise the issue through the appropriate channels rather than question the official's judgement and honesty in public. Remember, most officials give their time and effort for the participant's involvement.

COACHES CODE

1. Remember that children participate for pleasure and that winning is only part of the fun. Never ridicule or yell at the children for making mistakes or losing a competition.
2. Coaching comments should consist of positive reinforcement and comments and avoiding negative comments at all costs.
3. Avoid over-playing the talented players, all players need and deserve equal time.
4. Provide suitable rotation opportunities for players in positions.
5. Develop team respect for the ability of players within your own team, the opposition as well as judgement of officials and opposing coaches.
6. Be a positive role model for your players and the sport.
7. Make a personal commitment to keep yourself informed on sound coaching principles and with the rules of the game, constitution and by-laws.

UMPIRES CODE (AND OR OFFICIALS)

1. Provide a safe environment so that everyone involved can enjoy the game.
2. Maintain professionalism through dress code, equity and punctuality.
3. Enjoy yourself and enjoy what you do
4. Develop a rapport with players, but remain impartial and maintain integrity in your relationship with players, coaches and other umpires.

5. Don't allow team issues and sideline distractions to affect your umpiring –stay focused.
6. Accept responsibility for all actions taken.
7. Be current with umpiring procedures and protocols and apply them effectively and efficiently.
8. Treat everyone involved in the game as you yourself would like to be treated.

NOTE:

Whilst within the EDNA court areas, all players, coaches, parents and spectators are representing their clubs and shall be accountable for their actions. NEW 11/10/10

COMPETITIONS

The Association shall conduct competitions between the teams of affiliated clubs in either or both day and night matches in either or both Summer and Winter seasons.

Competitions will be made available to single sex, mixed and unisex teams. AMD29/5/03

Mixed teams will consist of a minimum of two (2) and a maximum of (3) male players on court at any time.

Unisex Competitions will be made available for both sexes to participate in any team with 0 to 3 boys under the age of 12 years on court at any one time.

Boys are allowed to finish the season in which they started. They do not have to stop the day they turn 12. AMD 29/5/03

Proof of age must be given if required by the Recording Secretary. NEW 29/5/03

The Association will not exclude boys or girls under 12 years of age from any competitive or non-competitive netball activity in accordance with the Commonwealth Sex Discrimination Act (1984) and the South Australian Equal Opportunity Act (1984). NEW 28/11/02

Each Competition is considered to be separate competition for the purpose of:

- Clearances
- Eligibility
- Permits
- Premiership points

But not for:

- Registration
- Affiliation
- Suspended players
- Un-financial Clubs
- Un-financial players
- Uniforms

COMPLAINTS OR APPEALS *ALSO SEE COMPLAINTS, REPORTS AND APPEALS POLICY*

In the first instance, you are encouraged to approach your Court Supervisor during the game and see if the problem can be sorted out immediately. NEW 30/5/13

If you need to lodge a report in writing:

Refer to *COMPLAINTS, REPORTS AND APPEALS POLICY* NEW 25/10/18

CORRESPONDENCE

All correspondence must be in writing from the nominated Club Official (as on the Application for Affiliation form) to the Executive of the Association. Only correspondence from the nominated Club Official will be recognized. *NEW 31/5/12*

All correspondence from the Executive of the Association will be addressed to the Club Official. *NEW 31/5/12*

All clubs must have an active email address which is accessed regularly (at least weekly) for urgent correspondence. However, unless the correspondence is considered urgent by the Executive of the Association, it will be dealt with at the monthly Executive meeting. *NEW 31/5/12*

COURT SUPERVISORS

The Council appointed Court Supervisors are responsible for:

- Umpire supervision.
- Commencement of games and Time Keeping where Central Timing is in operation.
- Upkeep of Court premiership tables.
- Conduct of players and spectators.
- Timing of suspended players *NEW 25/2/16*
- Submitting Pro-forma score cards to the Recording Secretary for all forfeited matches.
- Tidiness of courts and facilities.

The Court Supervisors have the power to:

- Order the removal of unruly spectators.
- Report players and officials. (See Tribunal.)

EMERGENCY *ALSO SEE EMERGENCY POLICY*

Evacuation processes have been put in place with the Court Supervisor responsible for evacuations and liaison with Emergency Services. *ADDED 26/7/18*

EQUIPMENT

Each club will supply:

A match ball which is spherical in shape.

- Size 4 for Netta and size 5 for all others.
- Is made of leather, rubber or suitable synthetic material
- With an inflation level of approx 62-69kPa (9-10psi) (not too high as it will burst!) *AMD 26/2/16*

A First Aid kit for each of their teams. NEW 29/5/03

Each team will wear positional bibs with position letters.

- Position letters are to be 150 mm (6") AMD 29/5/03

FEES

Clubs will pay team fees as set by the Annual General Meeting.

Nomination fees (part of playing fees) must be forwarded with each Club Application Form comprising of \$50 for Clubs with Five (5) or less teams and \$100 for Clubs with more than Five (5) teams.

A withdrawal fee of \$50 per team is payable by teams withdrawing from competition. This is in addition to Pro-Rata team fees for matches played.

Fees may be paid in two (2) parts.

- Half within two (2) weeks of season commencement.
- The balance within ten (10) weeks of season commencement.

FINANCE

12.2 Of the Constitution to be overwritten by: Payment of accounts due by the Association shall be paid either by cheque or electronic transfer after having been passed for payment by the Executive. NEW 29/10/15

FINES

Any club that does not attend an Annual General, Special General or Council Meetings without acceptable excuse will be fined:

- 1st offence 2 points per team for that club are deducted,
- 2nd offence 2 points per team for that club are deducted plus \$25 fine,
- 3rd and subsequent offences in any one financial year, 2 points per team for that club are deducted plus \$50 fine. (See Meetings) AMD 31/7/08

Clubs will be fined \$10.00 for non attendance of umpires in Senior competitions unless an acceptable excuse is received or a replacement umpire arranged. (See Umpires.)

Clubs can be fined up to \$50 for forfeiting. (See Forfeit) AMD 31/7/08

Spectators/Officials/Players can be fined for misconduct. AMD 25/10/18
Refer to COMPLAINTS, REPORTS AND APPEALS POLICY NEW 25/10/18

FIRST AID

Each club shall provide for its own first aid requirements. (See Equipment) AMD 29/5/03

FORFEIT

In the event of a forfeit:

- Club officials must advise:
Opposition Club Contact
Umpires Secretary
Court Supervisor

Two points will be awarded to the team receiving the forfeit, who should lodge a score card for player qualification. The team receiving the forfeit will be awarded a score as indicated below; likewise the team forfeiting will be penalised with a score as indicated: **AMD 31/7/08**

- Seniors: 35 - 15 for a win and 15 - 35 for a loss
- Juniors: 28 - 12 for a win and 12 - 28 for a loss
- Sub Junior: 21 - 9 for a win and 9 - 21 for a loss
- Primary: 14 - 6 for a win and 6 - 14 for a loss
- Netta: 7 - 3 for a win and 3 - 7 for a loss

A fine of \$50 may be applied to teams (circumstances pending) forfeiting without giving 24 hours notice or failing to notify the correct officials above. (See Penalties) (See Fines). **AMD 31/7/08**

In the event of a mutual forfeit between two teams, one point will be awarded to each team and 10 goals added to both for and against. Neither team will be eligible for player qualification. **NEW 30/5/13**

In the event of a forfeit in finals, the position of the team will be left to the discretion of the Executive Committee. **NEW 28/1/10**

GRADING

Grading of teams into divisions will be carried out by the Executive Committee appointed by Council. *AMD 26/7/07*

Each club will provide full team details as requested by Council.

Grading Committees may as a basic principle: *AMD 29/5/03*

- Grade on past results.
- Promote teams finishing as Premiers.
- Demote teams finishing Bottom

Grading Committees may call for grading matches for evaluation of teams.

Grading Committees may re-grade club teams upon results of matches.

Any team re-graded may appeal, only after playing two (2) matches in the new grade.

Clubs will play their teams in order of merit with the strongest teams playing in the higher divisions.

Following grading clubs must maintain a minimum of four (4) players originally listed in all competition except by special permit.

Clubs appealing against grading must provide evidence that their team(s) is incorrectly graded.

Council will adjudicate on any grading dispute between Clubs and the Grading Committees that cannot be settled between the two parties.

INJURY TIME *ALSO SEE INJURY RULE POLICY*

In competitive matches for each stoppage for injury/illness/blood for each team, the player concerned must leave the court within 30 seconds and receive any treatment OFF the court.

During the stoppage both teams may make substitutions and/or team changes, provided they are completed within the time allowed.

If no substitution is made for the injured/ill/ bleeding player, play must resume with the position left vacant.

If the position is left vacant the player concerned or a substitute may subsequently, after advising the umpire take the court immediately following; a goal (to fill the vacant position) or any position at injury stoppage or an interval.

Only primary care person/s are permitted on the court to assess the players medical condition and to assist the player from the court. EDNA coaches are permitted to be the Primary Care Personnel. *AMD 25/2/16*

INSURANCE

The Association will carry Public Liability Insurance but Players are not covered for injuries sustained in match play.

INTERCHANGE

Each team is entitled to use up to twelve players in any one game. Players may be replaced throughout the game at any of the breaks, or to replace an injured or ill player. Any player who has been replaced on court MAY re-enter the game at a later stage. This applies for both Minor and Major Rounds.

Any breach of the Interchange Rules will result in a forfeit by the team in breach. (See Penalties.)

MAJOR ROUND

There are no finals for Netta or Primary Netball.

Programs for the Major Rounds, will be determined by points and if necessary Match Ratio then Percentages as at the end of the Minor Round.

Teams ranked in ascending point order will be used to decide the order of play in finals.

To confirm your teams place in the finals your Club Secretary will receive an e-mail on the Tuesday prior to the Semi Final. AMD 31/5/12

- Semi Finals:
 - First Semi-Final - Third Vs Fourth
 - Second Semi-Final - First Vs Second
- Preliminary Final:
 - Loser of Second Semi-Final Vs Winner of First Semi-Final
- Grand Final:
 - Winner of Second Semi-Final Vs Winner of Preliminary Final

All first named teams are home teams.

In the event of a draw in the Major Round:

- There will be an interval of two (2) minutes. AMD 25/2/16
- Teams will change ends.
 - They will play 2 x six (6) minutes halves. [Sub-Junior five (5) minutes]
- There will be an interval of one (1) minute between these halves.
- During both these intervals, substitutions and/or team changes may be made. AMD 31/5/12

- In the event of a tie remaining at the end of extra time:
 - Semi & Preliminary Finals;

Teams will continue playing until one team gains a two (2) goal lead.
They will be declared the winner. AMD 25/2/16

Grand Finals;

The teams will be declared Dual Premiers.

MATCH COMMENCEMENT

Matches will commence at the scheduled starting time.

- Penalty One goal per minute or part thereof up to a maximum of five (5) minutes then a forfeit by the team not ready to start.

MATCH DURATION

All matches to consist of four (4) quarters except that any match abandoned after two (2) or more full quarters have been played will constitute a match and the score at the time will count.

The playing times applicable are set out in the table below:

| | | <u>Quarter</u> | <u>All Breaks</u> |
|--------------|---------------------|----------------|-------------------|
| Day: | Netta to Sub Junior | 10min | 2min |
| | All other | 12min | 2min |
| Night: | Netta to Sub Junior | 10min | 2min |
| | All other | 12min | 2min |
| Major Round: | Additional Time | Sub Junior | 5min |
| | | All other | 6min |

(See Major Rounds) (See Injury Time) (See Abandoned Match)

MATCH LOCATION

All matches will be played as set out in the programme, unless otherwise advised.
AMD 29/5/03

MATCH TIMES

All matches will be played at the times set out in the programme, unless otherwise advised. AMD 29/5/03

Matches starting late. (See Penalties) (See Match Commencement)

MEETINGS

Unless an acceptable excuse is received for non attendance at either Annual General, Special General or Council Meetings, a club in default will be fined:

- 1st offence 2 points per team for that club are deducted,
- 2nd offence 2 points per team for that club are deducted plus \$25 fine,
- 3rd and subsequent offences in any one financial year, 2 points per team for that club are deducted plus \$50 fine.
(See Fines) (See Penalties) AMD 31/7/08

MINOR ROUNDS

new 30/10/14

Scores in Netta and Primary divisions are only kept for grading purposes. They are used in all other divisions to determine positions for Major Rounds. (see Major Rounds)

All Divisions:

- 2 points are awarded for a win
- 1 point each for a draw
- 1 point each for an Abandoned match (refer Abandoned match)
- 2 points are awarded to a team receiving a forfeit (see Forfeits)

Points can be removed at the end of Minor rounds for fines (see Fines)

PENALTIES

| <u>OFFENCE</u> | <u>BY-LAW</u> | <u>PENALTY</u> |
|--------------------|--------------------|--|
| Forfeit | Forfeit | Up to \$50 per offence |
| In-eligible Player | Player Eligibility | Forfeit of match |
| Late Start | Match Commencement | 1 goal per minute up to five minutes then forfeit of match |
| Misconduct | Fines & Tribunal | Suspension/fine AMD 25/10/18 |
| Suspension | Court Supervisors | Two minute suspended from play NEW 25/2/16 |
| Non-Attendance | Meetings | 1st offence - 2 points per team for that club are deducted. 2nd offence - 2 points per team for that club are deducted plus \$25 fine and subsequent offences in any one financial year, 2 points per team for that club are deducted plus \$50 fine. AMD 31/7/08 |

| | | |
|------------------------|----------------------|------------------------------|
| Non player maintenance | Grading | Forfeit of match. |
| No Umpire-Age | Umpires | Forfeit of match |
| Over-Age Player | Player-Age | Forfeit of match |
| Player Interchange | Interchange | Forfeit of match |
| Unpaid Fees | Un-financial Members | Forfeit of match NEW 31/5/13 |
| Unregistered Player | Player Registration | Forfeit of match |

Penalties will be applied by the Executive, and penalties will be advised to the Club Contact within fourteen (14) days of the offence. Except late starts, this is claimed at the point of time by the team not in breach.

PERMITS

Permits are required when:

- A player wishes to play in a lower division/grade than he/she is otherwise permitted.
- A club has two teams in the one division/grade and a transfer is desired.
- A player is permanently handicapped.

Permits may be granted by The Executive when:

- Application has been made in writing by Club Official. AMD 31/5/12
- Sufficient facts are exhibited to support the request.
- The request is considered to be reasonable under the circumstances.
- Permits only relate to the season in which they are applied for.

Permits will not be granted where the club has other players who may fill the position. (Except in the case of handicapped persons.)

Temporary permits may be granted by the Recording Secretary to be ratified later by The Executive. The Executive has the power to withdraw a permit if circumstances are subsequently found not to be reasonable.

PHOTOGRAPHY

If someone is seen to be taking photos inappropriately and is not associated with any club the Court Supervisor is then to be advised and to take appropriate action.
NEW 28/1/10

No flash photography during ALL matches. NEW 28/1/10

PLAYER - AGE

Players in competition will be:

| | |
|--------------|--|
| SENIOR | minimum age of 13 |
| INTERMEDIATE | 17 years and under, with a minimum age of 14 |
| JUNIOR | 15 years and under, with a minimum age of 12 |
| SUB JUNIOR | 13 years and under, with a minimum age of 10 |
| PRIMARY | 11 years and under, with a minimum age of 9 |
| NETTA | 9 years and under, with a minimum age of 8 |

All ages are as at 31st December in the year in which the season commences.
(Boys turning 12 - see Competitions)

Except 7 year olds may start in:

Winter competition, provided they turn 8 by the 31st December in that year.

Summer competition, provided they turn 8 by the 31st December in the following year. AMD 29/5/03

PLAYER ELIGIBILITY

No player may play in a lower division/grade once he/she has played three (3) matches in a higher division/grade during the current season. AMD 30/5/13

To be eligible to play in finals a player must have:

- Played three (3) matches for the Club during the season in which the finals are being played. AMD 30/5/13
- Not played in a higher division/grade final during the season in which the finals are being played. AMD 30/5/13

When a club has two teams in the same division/grade players may not change teams without a permit once they have played three (3) matches in a team. Three (3) matches also means one (1) game in a higher division/grade and two (2) games in the same division/grade during the current season. AMD 30/5/13

All competitions are considered separate competitions.

No player may play in a division/grade lower than two (2) divisions/grades below his/her last match in his/her previous season of play.
(See Permits and Penalties.)

No player is permitted to play more than one finals match per day.

PLAYER REGISTRATION

Each player shall be registered prior to playing a match.

A player may only be registered for one (1) club in any one (1) competition.

Registration is by way of:

- Completion of a registration card and lodging with the Court Supervisor no later than with the first played match score card.

The Court Supervisor will issue an immediate registration number and forward the registration card to the Recording Secretary for official registration.

The Recording Secretary will notify the Club if any change is required within 30 days or within 7 days if the player required a financial clearance.

In the event that a clearance was required then the team has played an unregistered player. (See Penalty - Unregistered Player.)

Player registration is continuous until the player changes:

- Club, Surname or Address; then amended registration is required.
AMD 25/7/02

In the event of an amended registration the player shall maintain their previous registration number. AMD 25/7/02

The Recording Secretary shall be notified of any changes within fourteen (14) days.
AMD 25/7/02

Any player that has not played for two years is required to re-register and obtain a new registration number. AMD 25/7/02

PRIVACY *ALSO SEE POLICY*

The Association has a Privacy Policy as a separate document.
Refer website. ADDED 26/7/18

PROGRAM

The Association will supply a programme for each season of competition.

The programme including any rules therein shall form part of these By-laws for that season.

RISK MANAGEMENT *ALSO SEE POLICY*

The Association has a Risk Management Policy as a separate document.
Refer website. ADDED 26/7/18

RULES (NON-COMPETITIVE)

| | <u>Primary</u> | <u>Netta</u> |
|----|---|---|
| 1 | Applicable to all 9,10 & 11 year olds | Applicable to all 8 & 9 year olds |
| 2 | 10 ft (3 m) Goal Posts | 8 ft (2.4 m) Goal Posts |
| 3 | Defending from 3 ft (0.9 m) | Defending from one (1)metre AMD 25/2/16 |
| 4 | Size 5 Ball | Size 4 Ball |
| 5 | Up to 3 seconds possession | Up to 4 seconds possession |
| 6 | Stepping is <u>NOT</u> permitted | Minimum shuffling allowed |
| 7 | Defence-Full Netball Rules | One-on-One defence, (i.e. each player <u>may only</u> be defended by one player) |
| 8 | Shot at goal <u>may</u> be defended | Shot at goal <u>may</u> be defended |
| 9 | Once the player taking a penalty pass is in the correct position, the player may choose either to play the ball immediately or to wait for the infringer to stand out NEW 25/2/16 | Once the player taking a penalty pass is in the correct position, the player <u>will wait</u> for the infringer to stand out of play before playing the ball NEW 25/2/16 |
| 10 | Up to 12 players may be used with all players participating in at least 1 quarter | Up to 12 players may be used with all players participating in at least 2 quarters |
| 11 | All players to rotate. Every player <u>must</u> play 2 quarters of the 7 court positions in each season. AMD 25/2/16 | All players to rotate. Every player <u>must</u> play 4 quarters of the 7 court positions in each season. AMD 25/2/16 |
| 12 | Playing times -10min quarters, 2min breaks | Playing times -10min quarters, 2min breaks |
| 13 | All matches shall be non- competitive, with <u>NO FINALS</u> Scorecards to be used, for the purpose of grading. <u>NO points</u> | All matches shall be non- competitive, with <u>NO FINALS</u> Scorecards to be used, for the purpose of grading. <u>NO points</u> |
| 14 | Injury/Illness – high Primary encouraged to abide by full rules, others see Netta | The player is able to return to the court at the next break in play (after a goal is scored, during a stoppage or interval, when a sanction is awarded, a throw in or toss up taken). |

ALSO SEE INJURY RULE POLICY

SCORE CARDS

Each team will:

- Complete legibly an Official Score Card for each match including:
Date, Time and Court Location.
Division and Club Name.
Home Team and Away Team Names.
Surname, Christian Name and Registration Number of each of your teams Players on the reverse side in alphabetical order before the match commences. AMD 25/2/16

Each Captain and Umpire will sign both teams score cards at the completion of the match.

The Coach will sign the back of their own score card to verify players listed are correct. AMD 31/10/13

Each team will ensure that their score card is lodged with the Court Supervisor at the court location immediately following the match.

Only completed score cards received on time are eligible for recording.

In the case of disputed scores the Home Team score card will be taken as the official score card.

SCORER

Each team will supply an independent scorer of fourteen (14) years of age or older.

No game will commence without a scorer from each team. Both scorers must be together and continually check the score.

Scorers must record centre passes as a check for the umpires and disputed scores.

TIME KEEPER

Unless central timing is in operation at the court location, and in finals, both teams will supply a time keeper of fourteen (14) years of age or older.

In all matches, that Central Timing is not in operation, the Home Team Time Keeper will time the quarter durations and will walk with the Umpire, for the last ten (10) seconds of each quarter, and will notify the umpire when time has expired, by saying "Time". AMD 30/10/14

The Home Team Time Keeper will only hold time when instructed to do so by the Umpire. Time will recommence on a signal by the Umpire.

The Away Team Time Keeper should keep track of:

- Breaks between quarters and advise the Umpire when thirty (30) seconds remain.
 - Injury time and advise the Umpire when ten (10) seconds remain.
- AMD 25/2/16

TRIBUNAL *ALSO SEE COMPLAINTS, REPORTS AND APPEALS POLICY*

Purpose of the Tribunal:

- To view the actions of Spectators or Officials reported or Players sent off and/or reported by either/or Umpires(s) and Court Supervisors.

Refer to COMPLAINTS, REPORTS AND APPEALS POLICY NEW 25/10/18

UMPIRES

All umpires on matches, shall be fourteen (14) years of age or older. NEW 25/7/02

Unless supplied by the Association, all clubs must nominate sufficient acceptable Umpires for every team playing, except Netta and Primary teams. AMD 29/5/03

All finals will be double umpired by rostered Umpires.

Any team, which does not supply an Umpire, when required, will be deemed to have forfeited.

Umpires have the power to report Spectators, Officials and/or Players. (See Tribunal) they also have the power to remove unruly spectators from the court. Failure to comply may result in the forfeit by the offending team.

To be eligible to umpire each Umpire must pass (70%) at least a theory examination with nine (9) months of registration or produce proof of a theory pass from another Association. All Umpires must pass a refresher theory exam within six (6) years of their last theory pass to be eligible to continue umpiring.

Minor round matches will be double umpired by rostered Umpires, where applicable.

UN-FINANCIAL MEMBERS

Any un-financial (fees not paid) team will not be allowed to compete. This means an immediate forfeit win to their opposition. This will continue on a weekly basis until they become financial. NEW 31/5/13

UNIFORMS

All clubs will register a uniform for approval by Council.

- All team members must be in the approved uniform for all matches. AMD 22/2/18
- Socks that are visible must be worn at all times.
- **Black** sports/boy-leg briefs must be worn unless a body suit is registered. They must not show below the skirt/dress. AMD 2/2/12
- Leg coverings – full length leggings, track pants or tights in the registered colour may be worn. (No compression wear) AMD 28/5/15
- Tops will be allowed to be untucked, but must have two thirds (2/3) of skirts showing. AMD 29/5/03
- Any or all players in a team may wear a tracksuit top (NO hood) and/or bottom for all or part of any game, provided it conforms to that registered by their club. It is to be an acceptable registered tracksuit and must be a combination of the registered Club colours and must not change the overall appearance of the team. If track pants/leggings are worn, female players must still wear their skirt/dress over them. AMD 28/5/15
- Same style shorts are to be the same colour as skirts/dresses on the team; (Long loose basketball type shorts or similar are required) Cargo shorts, skin tight stretch shorts and open pocket shorts are not permitted. Taping or stapling of pockets is not acceptable, including the first three weeks of the season.

If shorts are worn tops are to be the same for the whole team. If the other team members are wearing a dress, the top must be in the same pattern as the dress. (If dresses are the registered uniform, the colour of the shorts must also be registered) AMD 22/2/18

- Sports gloves can be worn; however nails will be checked as per the rules. NEW 30/8/07
- Cultural Headwear- Netta & Primary Divisions – Headwear must be in the same colour as the club uniforms and must not be secured with any pins/sharp objects.
Competitive grades (Junior, Sub-Junior, Sub-Primary) – For safety reasons Capsters must be worn in these divisions. Headwear must be in the same colour as club uniforms. NEW 27/4/17
- Hair must be suitably tied back. NEW 25/2/16
- Uniform bibs are required as part of the uniform.
- Attachment to uniforms cannot be by way of any type of pins.
- A medical alert bracelet can be worn but it must be covered. (A sweat band can be used to cover it) NEW 31/7/08
- **No jewellery including taped studs are permitted.**
- Surgical implanted jewellery is permitted provided the player has a medical certificate stating it can only be removed via surgery, and the player signs a waiver. If the player is under 18 years of age a waiver must be signed by a parent or legal guardian. (The jewellery must be covered with tape) NEW 31/10/19
- Bangles - A cultural bangle (with consents completed by EDNA Executive) may be worn as far up the arm as it will go and then neatly taped with adhesive first aid tape. NEW 27/4/17
- All teams will be given three weeks grace to obtain correct uniform. All teams must be in correct uniform on the date of their fourth match of the season, and for every match thereafter. NEW 2/2/12

- A player whose uniform is not available for any of those three matches must play these matches in suitable playing uniform and correct footwear.
NEW 2/2/12
- Umpires have the power to remove any player from court that does not comply with the above dress rules until he/she does comply.

WEATHER POLICY

HEAT

If the forecasted temperature on BOM (Bureau of Meteorology) at 8am on the morning of the matches is 35deg C or above **ALL AGED** matches are abandoned. (CANCELLED) (See Abandoned Match). AMD 31/10/19

Senior matches will still be scheduled with the decision to Forfeit or Abandon matches left up to individual Teams/Clubs.
(See Forfeit) (See Abandoned Match) AMD 26/7/07

RAIN

Matches are **NOT** abandoned due to wet weather.
Umpires/Court Supervisors can suspend/abandon play in individual matches while HAIL or LIGHTNING is present. NEW 8/3/00

EXTREME CONDITIONS

HEAT AGE competition – In the event of extreme hot weather conditions the Executive will decide if matches will be abandoned. A notification will be added to EDNA Facebook at 4pm. AMD 22/2/18

Extreme weather condition forfeits need to be made before 4pm to avoid a fine. NEW 22/2/18

Winter – If the Executive deems the weather conditions are considered to be unsafe for players and or officials, notification will be made on EDNA Facebook 1 (one) hour before commencement of first game. All matches will be declared abandoned. (See Abandoned Match) AMD 22/2/18

FINALS

All Finals are played on days as scheduled but Playing Times & Locations may be changed at short notice. NEW 8/3/00

NOTE: Everyone (coordinators, coaches, umpires & parents) has a duty of care to players. Individual teams still have the option of forfeiting or parents removing a child from the competition. (EDNA does not hold medical records of individuals)