



LAKESIDE REC CENTRE POLICY AND PROCEDURES:

NETBALL BYLAWS

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LAKESIDE RECREATION CENTRE NETBALL BYLAWS (Revised July 2021)

1) General

- a) All Australian Netball Association (ANA) rules shall apply unless otherwise detailed in these bylaws.
- b) Day to day interpretation of these bylaws shall be the responsibility of the Centre Netball Co-ordinator. Appeals against interpretation shall be lodged in writing with the Centre Manager.
- c) Lakeside Recreation Centre Management Team reserves the right to adjust fees as required

2) Registration

- a) New registration will be required at the commencement of each season.
- b) New Players may be introduced at any time during the season, providing that they comply with the by-laws requirements.

3) Team Uniforms

- a) All players in each team are required to present themselves in conforming uniforms for each match.
- b) Three weeks will be allowed from the commencement of the season for players to procure conforming uniforms. After which one goal will be deducted for each quarter that a player is out of the required uniform participates. ie, two quarters played, two goals deducted, two players means two goals per quarter, etc.
- c) All ladies teams are required to wear skirts. Ladies wearing shorts may not take the court. Ladies participating in mixed teams, may wear either skirts or shorts.
- d) Players wearing shorts must wear sports shorts. No zips, velcro or outside pockets are permitted. Sports shorts must be above the knee.
- e) A conforming uniform is the shade of shirt and colour of bottoms.
- f) Wednesday Ladies Competition may wear skirts, shorts or tracksuit pants of their team colour. No outside pockets are permitted.

4) Jewellery

- a) The wearing of jewellery is not permitted however, in instances where removal is not possible, or the jewellery is required for religious reasons and the particular adornment will not endanger other players a player may be permitted to wear the item in question providing it is covered appropriately and the prescribed disclaimer is signed.

5) Eligibility

- a) A team is required to ensure that the full names of players who take the court are written on the official score sheet.
- b) Penalty of including the names of players who did not take the court, is loss of all premiership points accrued for the season.
- c) Once a player has played three (3) games with a team they become a regular player of that team.
- d) Finals eligibility for players is that they must have played one third of the regular season.

6) Team Responsibility

- a) All teams must provide their own scorer for the duration of the match. No correspondence will be entered into the final score if the team did not supply a scorer.
- b) The team rep shall be responsible for the conduct of players and spectators.
- c) All players must ensure to the satisfaction of the Umpire/Centre Netball Co-ordinator, that fingernails and wedding rings do not present a hazard to other players and must remove any such item as directed.
- d) Any player deemed to be under the influence of alcohol, shall be denied entry to the stadium and will be subject to report by match officials.
- e) Whilst we recognize the need for teams to introduce new players during a season, we reserve the right not to allow teams to increase their playing strength beyond the compatibility of the grade in which they play, by introduction of such players.

7) Illegal Players

- a) The penalty for playing illegal players is automatic forfeiture of the match(s) in which the offence occurred.
- b) Illegal players will be defined as follows:
 - i) *Playing whilst under suspension
 - ii) *Playing under an assumed name.
- c) A Player, knowingly playing, under an assumed name, or a coach playing a player under an assumed name, may be reported for misconduct to the Lakeside Recreation Centre management.

8) Time Clock operation

- a) In minor round matches, the clock shall not stop for injury. Any player who cannot move from the court should not do so. If due to the injury the game is abandoned, then management shall decide the outcome of the match.

9) Times

- a) All minor round matches shall consist of the following times, unless indicated by the program:
 - i) Monday Night Competition – four nine (9) minute quarters, with two (2) minutes half time break.
 - ii) Wednesday Morning Competition – four ten (10) minute quarters, with two (2) minutes half time break.

10) Substitutes

- a) Each team shall be permitted a maximum of three substitute players or three substitutions. Substitutions may be made at the quarter break, half time or for any injury and a player substituted may re-enter the game.

11) Premiership Points

- a) Monday Night Competition shall be 3 points awarded for a win, 2 points for a draw and -2 points for a forfeit.
- b) Wednesday Morning Competition shall be 3 points awarded for a win, 2 points for a draw and 0 points for a forfeit.

12) Drawn Matches

- a) In the event of an equal score of any minor round match, the match will be considered a draw and each team will be awarded 2 premierships points.
- b) In the event of a draw in a final round match, after a rest of three (3) minutes the teams will play two rounds of five (5) minutes without a rest but changing ends between rounds. If a draw still occurs after this extra time ANA rules apply of play continuing until one team is ahead by two goals.

13) Finals Matches

- a) To qualify for finals matches, a player must have played at least one third of the season, for the team which is participating in the finals.
- b) Finals will be on fixtures. A time and date are to be decided by Lakeside Recreation Centre.
- c) Management reserves the right to grant permission for an ineligible player to play finals. This player may only play in a wing position.

14) Forfeits

- a) When a team has five players the match must start. Should the other players arrive ready to play before the expiration of the first quarter, the match shall proceed as a normal game. For every minute that the game was late starting the offending team shall have a penalty of one goal for every minute late on court.
- b) Should a team not have five players by the end of the first quarter, this will be deemed an unannounced forfeit. The winning team may fill in the scoresheet for eligibility and play a scratch match if they desire. The score shall be 20 v nil.
- c) An unannounced forfeit will incur a \$75.00 fee, a forfeit announced before 5pm will be \$60.00 and a announced forfeit with at least 24 hours prior to the fixtures game will be \$45.00. (Centre Management Team reserves the right to increase these fees.)
- d) Any forfeit fees must be paid before the commencement of the teams next fixture game. Failure to pay by this date will render the team un-financial and no premierships points will be registered. These points cannot be reclaimed after payment has been made.
- e) In the event of an unannounced forfeit, the non-offending team shall receive a refund of game fees, unless they take part in a scratch match involving centre officials.

15) Abandoned Matches

- a) Decisions in relation to the outcome of abandoned matches will be determined by the Netball Coordinator, in consultation with the Centre Manager.

16) Player Reports

- a) Players and team officials shall be subject to report, by the umpire or any official for any form of misconduct.
- b) Any player reported will be required to answer the allegation made, either phone with the Centre Manager or by appearing in person at a Lakeside Recreation Centre Tribunal. Tribunal hearings will be conducted in accordance with the Lakeside Recreation Centre Tribunal.
- c) Lakeside Recreation Centre is a “swear free” stadium and the use of unacceptable and offensive language will not be tolerated. Such language may result in an official report and be handled in accordance with the Lakeside Recreation Centre Tribunal or may incur an immediate exclusion from the game without warning.

17) Fixtures

- a) Competition fixtures will not necessarily display complete rounds, hence the premiership points system (see 10a)

18) Bleeding

- a) Any player who is bleeding on court must come off court immediately and has 2 minutes to stop the blood flow and have the wound completely covered. Any blood on ball or clothes must be removed before re-entering the court.

19) Mixed Netball

- a) Mixed teams are only permitted to have a maximum of three (3) men, on court at any time. They may play in any position and the same playing rules apply.
- b) Ratio of woman to men must be equal or more. e.g. five players must be three women and two men.

20) Netball Bibs

- a) Lakeside Recreation Centre has bibs available for loan for a \$10.00 laundry charge. A set of keys/wallet or watch must be left as security, which will be returned when the bibs are returned.
- b) Bibs will be free of charge when two teams have the same colour shirts/bibs, security must still be left at reception.
- c) New teams to our competition may loan bibs for the first three (3) weeks at no charge.