



# **PARKVILLE NETBALL**

## **BY-LAWS**

Updated October 2025

# TABLE OF CONTENTS

<b>DEFINITIONS .....</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>1. CORRESPONDENCE .....</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>2. FINANCES.....</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>3. INFORMATION TO CLUBS.....</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>4. CLUB AND TEAM REGISTRATION.....</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>5. NETBALL VICTORIA (NV) MEMBERSHIP .....</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>6. INCLUSIVE ENVIRONMENTS.....</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>7. AGE REQUIREMENTS .....</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>8. COMPETITIONS &amp; PROGRAMS.....</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>9. GRADING .....</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>10. UNIFORM.....</b>	<b>8</b>
<b>11. CLEARANCES .....</b>	<b>9</b>
<b>12. CONDUCT OF GAMES.....</b>	<b>10</b>
<b>13. SCORING AND TEAM ATTENDANCE .....</b>	<b>11</b>
<b>14. COMPETITION LADDERS .....</b>	<b>12</b>
<b>15. BORROWING PLAYERS.....</b>	<b>12</b>
<b>16. FINALS .....</b>	<b>13</b>
<b>17. PLAYER QUALIFICATION FOR FINALS.....</b>	<b>14</b>
<b>18. FAILURE TO TAKE THE COURT &amp; FORFEITS .....</b>	<b>14</b>
<b>19. CANCELLATIONS .....</b>	<b>15</b>
<b>20. SELECTION OF REPRESENTATIVE TEAMS .....</b>	<b>16</b>
<b>21. TEAM OFFICIALS .....</b>	<b>16</b>
<b>22. AWARDS .....</b>	<b>17</b>
<b>23. COURSES, SEMINARS &amp; OTHER OPPORTUNITIES .....</b>	<b>17</b>
<b>24. RISK MANAGEMENT .....</b>	<b>17</b>
<b>25. DISPUTE RESOLUTION.....</b>	<b>18</b>
<b>26. PENALTIES .....</b>	<b>18</b>
<b>27. SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES/PROVISIONS CLAUSE.....</b>	<b>18</b>
<b>28. INDEMNITY.....</b>	<b>19</b>

## DEFINITIONS

---

In these By-Laws, except where stated, the following definitions apply:

**Calendar Year** – 1<sup>st</sup> January – 31<sup>st</sup> December of the Competition Year

**Autumn Season** – runs in the first half of the Competition Year

**Spring Season** – runs in the second half of the Competition Year

**Week** – is defined as commencing 00:00 Monday and concluding 23:59 Sunday

**Competition games** – all scheduled games in a Season in the Competition Calendar

**Club/Team Contact** – the nominated individual who will serve as the liaison between the Club/Team and Parkville Netball

**Entity Teams** – standalone teams that are not part of a club

**Grading Rounds** – a nominated number of matches played at the start of a season to confirm that team allocations into divisions is an accurate representation of the standard of play for each division. These matches may not count towards ladder positions

**Higher Grade** - On a Tuesday and Thursday, the Open competition is deemed higher if a player is required across both competitions (Open and Underage)

**Parkville Netball Administration** – Netball Victoria Competitions and Programs Manager, Competitions Coordinator, Parkville Competitions Coordinator and any relevant casual staff

**Regrading** – the reallocation of teams between divisions where there is a clear discrepancy within that division once the official season commences

**Riverside Tennis & Netball Centre** – playing venue of Parkville Netball located at Newsom St, Ascot Vale

**State Netball Centre (SNC)** – playing venue of Parkville Netball located at 10 Brens Drive, Parkville

**Team Umpire** – an umpire supplied by a team or club (all junior competitions)

**Victorian Netball League Player** – a player who has signed a Standard Player Agreement with a VNL Licensee in the current competition year. Players are confirmed once their name is published on the Netball Victoria website

**VNL Championship Player** – a player who has signed a Standard Player Agreement with a VNL Licensee and is a member of a VNL Championship squad in the current competition year

**VNL 23 & Under Player** – a player who has signed a Standard Player Agreement with a VNL Licensee and is one of the 15 named VNL 23&Under Squad members in the current competition year

**VNL Reserves Player** – a player who is registered in a VNL Reserves team in the VNL Reserves competition at Parkville or another equivalent competition

## BYLAWS

These Bylaws govern Parkville Netball. They are the operating procedures that determine the conduct of the Competitions and its members. Any amendments to these Bylaws come into effect on the date they are approved by the Competition Administration and will remain in force until amended, repealed or replaced.

### 1. CORRESPONDENCE

---

- 1.1** All correspondence sent by a Club/Entity Team to Parkville Netball must be sent in writing from the Club Secretary or authorised person to the Competition Administration.
- 1.2** All correspondence from Parkville Netball to a Club/Entity Team will be addressed to the Club Secretary or authorised person.

### 2. FINANCES

---

- 2.1** Parkville Netball shall determine the fees to be paid by each Club and Team.
- 2.2** The fees shall be calculated to cover the costs of Parkville Netball management activities.
- 2.3** All monies due to Parkville Netball must be paid by the nominated due date. Clubs or Teams that have not paid by the nominated date will incur a penalty.
- 2.4** All players shall be fully paid members of their own Club or Team in order to be eligible to participate in any activities governed by Parkville Netball.
- 2.5** Any individual with outstanding debt to Parkville Netball shall not be permitted to take the court for any Club or Team in any competition until the outstanding debt is paid.
- 2.6** Any individual who breaches any Parkville Netball Bylaw may be subject to a fine as determined by Parkville Netball.

### 3. INFORMATION TO CLUBS

---

- 3.1** Parkville Netball shall provide information to all Clubs prior to the start of the season. This information may include:
  - Parkville Netball contact details
  - Parkville Netball venue address
  - Parkville Netball Bylaws
  - Fixtures
  - Details of courses, seminars etc.
- 3.2** Parkville Netball will ensure that clubs/teams are aware of and follow the correct administrative procedures and adhere to these By-Laws.

### 4. CLUB AND TEAM REGISTRATION

---

- 4.1** Online team entries will be available at least six (6) weeks prior to the season commencement. The Parkville Netball Office will promote when team entries will be available through the following channels:
  - (a) Posts on Parkville Netball's Facebook page
  - (b) Posts on Parkville Netball's website

- (c) Emails to nominated Club/Team Contacts

**4.2** A Club/Team applying for entry into Parkville Netball shall:

- (a) Complete and submit the online team Entry and pay the Entry Fee (as applicable) on or before the stated closing date and time. Any other relevant information may also be provided at this time. No late entries will be accepted, and no correspondence will be entered into.
- (b) Satisfy to Parkville Netball Administration that they are prepared to field a team for all fixtured matches and are in a position to meet the financial requirements of the competition/s they are entering.
- (c) Abide by the policies and bylaws of Parkville Netball.
- (d) Agree to adhere to the requirements of any Competition sponsor/s they are participating in.
- (e) Abide by Netball Victoria's Codes of Behaviour of Players, Coaches, Spectators and Parents.
- (f) Register players via Netball Connect prior to the commencement of the season. These players must meet the eligibility as stated in sections 5, 7 and 11.

**4.3** Parkville Netball reserves the right to refuse an entry from any Club/Team for any reason.

**4.4** Teams entering for the first time may be accepted into Competitions subject to availability.

**4.5** A maximum of six (6) teams (pending availability) from one club can be accepted in the Premier Open Competition (Tuesday) pending competition numbers.

**4.6** Clubs/Teams must enter both Autumn and Spring seasons to be given preferential consideration for future entry.

**4.7** Any outstanding fees will result in a Club/Team not being accepted into future seasons.

**4.8** In the event of a team withdrawing from Parkville Netball:

- (a) Withdrawal before entries close will forfeit the entry fee of \$85.
- (b) Withdrawal after entries close will be required to pay the entry fee of \$85 plus the first 3 rounds of the season's court fees relevant to the team's competition
- (c) Withdrawal after the commencement of the regular season rounds (from round 3 onwards) will be required to pay the full season fees relevant to the team's competition

**Note:** Subsequent entry into future Competition/s may be jeopardised.

---

## 5. NETBALL VICTORIA (NV) MEMBERSHIP

**5.1** The NV membership fees are set annually by Netball Victoria.

- (a) In order to be eligible to participate in affiliated Association competitions or programs (including NetSetGO), as a player, coach or umpire, an individual must be a current financial Netball Victoria member. All Junior, Senior and All Abilities players, coaches and umpires must register through Netball Connect as provided by their Club or Parkville Netball.
- (b) An off-the-court membership (administrative roles eg. President, secretary, timekeeper) will be offered to those members that have an off-court role.

**5.2** No player, coach or umpire will be permitted to participate in any Parkville Netball activities in any capacity without a current NV membership. Any breach of this Bylaw will be subject to sanction to the individual, Team or Club as determined by the Competition Administration.

**5.3** Single Game Vouchers may be used.

- (a) Individuals may purchase a Single Game Voucher which will allow the individual to participate as a player in Parkville Netball's activities for one game.
- (b) A player must purchase a Single Game Voucher through the Netball Connect prior to becoming eligible to participating in the relevant game or activity.

**Penalty:** A Team or Club who breaches this Bylaw may be subject to a penalty of the loss of four (4) premiership points.

## 6. INCLUSIVE ENVIRONMENTS

---

- 6.1 Parkville Netball is committed to providing a safe, fair and inclusive sporting environment where all people can contribute and participate.
- 6.2 Parkville Netball may conduct cultural awareness training & inclusive workshops to ensure your club is providing a welcoming environment and creating awareness around cultural views and barriers.
- 6.3 Parkville Netball supports participation in netball on the basis of the gender with which a person identifies, as per the Netball Victoria Transgender and Gender Diverse Policy.
- 6.4 Parkville Netball observes the Netball Victoria Gender Regulation in regard to male participation.
- 6.5 Parkville Netball observes the Netball Victorian Gender Regulation in regard to mixed competition.

## 7. AGE REQUIREMENTS

---

- 7.1 Player age is determined as of 31st December, except in regard to males who are 13 years or older on the first day of competition.
- 7.2 Participants must provide their correct date of birth at the time of registering and failure to do so will result in ineligibility to participate in the Parkville Netball's activities.
- 7.3 Participants aged between 5 and 10 years are encouraged to participate in the NetSetGO Program.
- 7.4 Participants are only eligible to participate in certain age groups upon reaching the relevant age threshold (Minimum Age Requirements). The Minimum Age Requirements for each age group are:
  - a) Open Female – 15 years
  - b) Open Mixed – 16 years
  - c) 17 & Under Female – 14 years
  - d) 17&Under Saturday Modified Mixed – 14 years
  - e) 15 & Under– 12 years
  - f) 15&Under Saturday Modified Mixed – 12 years
  - g) 14 & Under Male – 12 years
  - h) 13 & Under– 11 years
  - i) 11 & Under– 8 years
  - j) NetSetGO – 6 years

**Penalty:** A Team or Club who breaches this Bylaw may be subject to a penalty of the loss of four (4) premiership points. 11 & Under and NetSetGO will be issued with a monetary fine as determined by the Competition Administration.

## 8. COMPETITIONS & PROGRAMS

---

**8.1** Parkville Netball offers the following competition & programs:

- a) Monday Open - Female (A Grade)
- b) Tuesday Premier Open - Female
- c) Tuesday 17 & Under – Female
- d) Thursday Open - Female (B Grade)
- e) Thursday 15 & Under - Female & Modified Mixed (Divisions 7-9)
- f) Saturday Juniors
  - i. 17 & Under – Modified Mixed
  - ii. 15 & Under – Modified Mixed
  - iii. 13 & Under
  - iv. 11 & Under
  - v. NetSetGO
- g) Sunday Mixed & Male
  - i. Open - Mixed
  - ii. 17 & Under - Male
  - iii. 14 & Under – Male

**8.2** Victorian Netball League (VNL) players in the current year are only permitted to play in the following divisions in the Tuesday Premier Open Competition or 17&Under Competition:

- a) VNL Championship Players – Premier Open Division 1 and 2
- b) VNL 23&Under Players - Premier Open Divisions 1, 2 and 3
- c) VNL Reserves Players – Premier Open Division 1, 2, 3 & 4, and 17&Under Division 1 & 2

Note: There is no restriction for other competition nights.

**8.3** Male players may participate in NetSetGO and 11 & Under competitions unrestricted.

**8.4** Males may participate in the 13&U and 15&U Female competitions in the year in which turn 13 provided they are not already 13 on the starting date of the competition.

**8.5** Males may participate in the following competitions based on the allocation division:

- 17&Under – Modified Mixed Saturday
- 15&Under Modified Mixed Thursday (Divisions 7-9) & Saturday (1-5)
- Sunday Mixed and Male competitions

Note: Teams must confirm male participation to ensure the appropriate allocation of divisions.

**Penalty:** A Team or Club who breaches this Bylaw may be subject to a penalty of the loss of four (4) premiership points.

## 9. GRADING

---

**9.1** Parkville Netball Administration will be responsible for grading and regrading teams each season.

**9.2** Grading requests submitted to Parkville Netball by a club or team will be considered by the Competition without any obligation to take any further action in relation to the grading of that team.

**9.3** Teams will initially be allocated to divisions, with no more than 12 teams in any one division. The allocations may be determined by, but not limited to:

- Division requested by the club/team
- Recent playing history of team
- Playing ability and experience of the players
- The need to fulfil the minimum number of teams required in a division

(a) Senior Competitions

- i. Where possible, no club shall have two (2) teams in any one division. However, the Parkville Netball Administration will use its discretionary power to fill divisions if necessary.
- ii. The teams placed in the bottom two (2) ladder positions of each division may be relegated (where possible) for the upcoming season.
- iii. The teams placed in the top two (2) ladder positions of each division may be promoted (where possible) for the upcoming season.
- iv. In the event of a team from the same club already holding a position in a higher or lower division, another team (top or bottom) may be promoted or relegated.

(b) Junior Competitions

- i. Teams shall be placed in an appropriate division regardless of whether more than one (1) team from the same club will be in that division.
- ii. The teams placed in the bottom two (2) ladder positions of each division may be relegated (where possible) for the upcoming season.
- iii. The teams placed in the top two (2) ladder positions of each division may be promoted (where possible) for the upcoming season.
- iv. Junior teams have the right to decline a promotion to a higher age group.

**9.4** Grading rounds may occur each season, and following this, divisions and teams will have their premiership points and goals reset to zero.

**9.5** Re-grading may occur at any time within the first three (3) weeks of any season. Where there is an obvious discrepancy after this time, Parkville Netball may make any necessary changes.

**9.6** If a team is re-graded during a season (outside of grading rounds), premiership points and goals for and against accrued in the initial grade in that season will be transferred and apply in the new grade the team has been allocated into for the remainder of the season.

**9.7** Parkville Netball Administration will be the ultimate adjudicator of all grading decisions.

## **10. UNIFORM**

---

### **10.1** Players

- (a) All clubs/teams must nominate their playing uniform to the Parkville Netball Administration for approval.
- (b) All players must wear their club/team's registered playing uniform. Club/teams must register their uniform in any of the following combinations:
  - shirt and skirt; and/or
  - shirt and shorts; and/or
  - playing dress

**Note:** uniforms must be registered at the start of the season with the combination of playing uniforms included (if available).

- (c) Players must wear playing position initials 150 mm (6 inches) high which must be clearly visible and worn above the waist, front and back as per Rules of Netball 5.1.1. Positional bibs are reserved for the Competition sponsor.
- (d) Nails and/or jewellery may be taped. Taped nails must have one piece of tape over the top of the nail and down to the first knuckle, and at least one piece of tape around the nail. Rigid sports tape must be used, no band aids or paper tape permitted.
- (e) Gloves are not permitted, except:
  - i. On the grounds of a medical condition which is confirmed with a doctor's certificate signed by a qualified medical practitioner and provided to the Competition supervisor; or
  - ii. Religious, cultural or personal reasons upon application in writing to the Parkville Netball Administration.
- (f) Individual club Sponsorship is acceptable but must not conflict with the major sponsors of Netball Victoria or Parkville Netball. Sponsorship logos are permitted on the Playing and Non-Playing Uniform.
- (g) All Competitions adhere to the guidelines provided in Netball Victoria's Sponsorship Guidelines for Associations/Clubs. This information can be obtained from Netball Victoria's website.
- (h) Additional clothing items such as leggings and long-sleeve tops are permitted within the following criteria:
  - i. On the grounds of Religious, cultural or personal reasons upon application in writing to the Parkville Netball Administration.
  - ii. Plain colours – Strictly NO patterns or graphics
  - iii. Team colours (i.e. navy dress = navy leggings/shirt)

**Penalty:** Players not in the correct uniform or have not been granted an exemption will not be permitted to take the court.

## 10.2 Umpires

- (a) All umpires must wear white shirt or jumper/jacket that is distinct from the team's playing uniforms.
- (b) All umpires must wear either white bottoms (skirt/shorts) or navy bottoms. This may include shorts, leggings or tracksuit pants.
- (c) Suitable shoes shall be worn.

## 11. CLEARANCES

---

- 11.1** Clearances are required for players at Parkville Netball who wish to transfer from one club to another during the current calendar year. A player does not require a clearance to play for a new club if they have not taken to the court for a different club in a competition in the preceding calendar year or the current calendar year. A player does not require a clearance if they are playing for one club in one competition and another club in a different competition (i.e. Tuesday and Thursday).

- 11.2** Clubs must request a clearance through Netball Connect.
- 11.3** The player cannot take to the court until the application for clearance has been lodged and subsequently granted.
- 11.4** Clubs have 7 days to refuse to grant a clearance for any player who owes outstanding playing fees or is in possession of club property (uniform/equipment). If a club refuses to grant a clearance, Parkville Netball must be notified in writing by the club/team contact within 7 days. Parkville Netball will then notify the requesting club advising the reason for refusal. If no response is received to a clearance request within 7 days, it will be granted automatically.
- 11.5** If a clearance is refused, the player may appeal in writing to Parkville Netball. Consideration of the appeal shall be within 7 working days of receipt.
- 11.6** Any dispute arising from clearance restrictions will be dealt with according to the grievance procedure outlined in Netball Victoria's Member Protection Policy.
- 11.7** No player will be granted more than one (1) clearance per calendar year.
- 11.8** Once a player has played four (4) matches in any division with their club/team in the current season, no clearance will be granted.

**Penalty:** A loss of 4 points by the receiving club in each instance the player takes the court without approved clearance as determined by the competition.

## **12. CONDUCT OF GAMES**

---

- 12.1** Game rules shall be those of INF Rules of Netball 2024 unless otherwise stated in these By-Laws.
- 12.2** Additional Rules for Modified Mixed Divisions:
  - (a) 15&U Thursday (Division 7-9) and Saturday (All Divisions)
    - i. At all times at least zero (0), but no more than three (3) male players shall be on the court during play.
  - (b) 17&U Saturday (Division 1)
    - ii. At all times at least zero (0), but no more than three (3) male players shall be on the court during play.
- Note:** Junior Modified Mixed teams may have zero (0) males on court.
- (c) Male players may only play one in each third.
- Note:** This rule does not indicate that the male centre third player shall be the centre player; he may be WA or WD. It is not necessary for a male player to be opposed to a male player.
- 12.3** Additional Rules for Sunday Mixed Competitions:
  - (a) At all times at least one (1), but no more than three (3) male players shall be on the court during play.
  - (b) Male players may only play one in each third.
- Note:** This rule does not indicate that the male centre third player shall be the centre player; he may be WA or WD. It is not necessary for a male player to be opposed to a male player.
- 12.4** Fixtures for all Competitions indicating courts and times will be available online to be viewed by Clubs/Teams no earlier than 10 days prior to the season commencing.
- 12.5** Timing of games is as follows:
  - (a) Monday, Tuesday 13&U, Thursday, Saturday competitions:

- i. 4 x 10-minute quarters
- ii. 1 minute intervals at quarter and three-quarter time
- iii. 2 minute interval at half time

(b) Tuesday Premier Open Division 1 and 2:

- i. 4 x 15-minute quarters
- ii. 2 minute intervals at quarter and three-quarter time
- iii. 3 minute interval at half time

(c) Tuesday 17&Under, Open Divisions 3 – 6 and Sunday competitions:

- i. 4 x 12-minute quarters
- ii. 1 minute intervals at quarter and three-quarter time
- iii. 3 minute interval at half time

**12.6** Game time will not stop for injury, illness or blood stoppage. Umpires will hold time and players must leave the court immediately with substitutions made as quickly as possible

**12.7** Additional Rules for SET & GO competitions

- (a) Size 4 ball will be used for SET & GO competitions
- (b) Shortened rings will be used for SET competitions
- (c) Regular sized rings will be used for GO competitions

**12.8** Rolling Substitutions

- (a) The rolling substitution stands at the designated area immediately next to the scorebench.
- (b) Before leaving the designated area, the substitute tags hands the player leaving the court.
- (c) Only one (1) rolling substitute per team can be made at a time.
- (d) Play is not to be held up for rolling substitutions. If play is delayed, the player will be penalised under Rule 19.2. Delaying play.
- (e) Players must observe the offside rules as they enter/leave the court.
- (f) Players must not interfere with the umpire's movement during the substitution.
- (g) If a player leaves the court as a rolling substitution, and there is no player in the designated area, the replacement player is treated as a late player (as per Rule 3.8) and must wait until a break in play to enter the court.

**12.9** A game may be stopped by the umpires in extenuating circumstances to ensure a safe playing area is maintained.

---

**13. SCORING AND TEAM ATTENDANCE**

**13.1** Scoring of matches will be using the Netball Connect App (Live Scoring)

- (a) Each team should provide a non-participating scorer for each game. These scorers must sit/stand together at the score bench for the duration of the match.
- (b) The first named team will be responsible for scoring on the App.
- (c) At the conclusion of the game, the scorers are to confirm and submit the score.

**13.2** If a scorer, Team or Club believes the final score is incorrect they must:

- i. notify the Competition Supervisor of their intention to protest

- ii. Lodge a dispute in writing with the Parkville Netball Administration within 48 hours of the game being played
- iii. Parkville Netball will advise the result of the dispute and this decision shall be final and binding on all parties.

### **13.3 Team Attendance**

- (a) Each player who takes the court must be recorded in the Netball Connect App before the completion of the game.
- (b) For Tuesday Premier Division 1, each positional change must be recorded on the form provided.
- (c) Attendance from throughout the season will determine if the players within the team meet the eligibility requirements to play in the final's series, if this isn't met the player will **not** be permitted to take the court.

**Penalty during Rounds:** A loss of 2 points if a team has not correctly listed the players taking the court.

**Penalty during Finals:** Match deemed a forfeit as unable to determine player eligibility.

## **14. COMPETITION LADDERS**

---

- 14.1** Competition ladders will be available for all Competitions, except 11 & Under and NetSetGO. These ladders will be available to be viewed on the Parkville Netball website and the Netball Connect App.
- 14.2** Premiership points are awarded during the season as follows:
  - (a) Win: 4 points
  - (b) Draw: 2 points each
  - (c) Loss: 0 points
  - (d) Bye: 4 points
  - (e) Abandonment (i.e. rained out matches): 2 points each
  - (f) Forfeit for: 4 points
  - (g) Forfeit against: 0 points
- 14.3** Ladder placings will be determined by the number of premiership points.
  - (a) In the event of multiple teams being equal on points, placings shall be determined by calculating the goal percentage [goals scored / goals against].
  - (b) If there are multiple teams that finish equal on percentage, the placings shall be determined by which team scored the greater total number of goals for the season.

## **15. BORROWING PLAYERS**

---

- 15.1** A player may play in a maximum of two games per night/day of Competition. Players may only play with the same club on the same day of competition, except for circumstances in 15.2.
- 15.2** Entity Teams may borrow from another Entity Team from a team either in the same division or lower and comply with 15.4 otherwise the player will be deemed ineligible. Entity Teams are listed in Appendix B.
- 15.3** There shall be no limitation on the movement of players between teams of the same club during the season, except as stated in 15.4 and/or 15.5.

**15.4** Once a player has played four (4) games in any higher division (**same day/night**), they are ineligible to play in any lower division on that particular day/night of competition for the remainder of the season; or

**15.5** Where there are two or more teams from the same club in the same division, players may transfer between teams until the player takes the court for a fourth game with the one team. Once this occurs, the player must remain with the team they played their fourth game with for the remainder of that season.

i. Where one of the teams in the same division qualify for final's, players in the team which didn't qualify, cannot be elevated as fill in players

**Note:** a player who has received a clearance in the current season will have their prior games counted as per bylaw 15.4. Games will also count towards finals qualification.

**15.6** Players needing to be added to a team list for a game can be done in one of three ways:

- Add the player to a team through the club's Netball Connect profile (club teams only), note the player must be registered to the club and the relevant competition division;
- Have the player register to the team prior (using the team's netball Connect link) to the match (Entity Teams only)
- Use the 'Borrowed' player feature on the Netball Connect App

Refer to sections 5, 7, 11 and (c) for player eligibility.

**Penalty:** A loss of 2 points if a team has not correctly listed the players taking the court.

## 16. FINALS

---

**16.1** Finals will be played for all competitions and age groups except for 11 & Under and NetSetGO age groups who will continue to play regular round matches whilst other age groups play finals.

**16.2** Finals format will be as follows:

- Autumn Season – 3 week finals series
  - Semi Final 1: 1st placed v 2<sup>nd</sup> placed; Semi Final 2: 3<sup>rd</sup> placed v 4<sup>th</sup> placed
  - Preliminary Final: loser SF1 v winner SF2
  - Grand Final: winner SF1 v winner PF
- Spring Season – 2 week finals series
  - Semi Final 1: 1<sup>st</sup> placed v 4<sup>th</sup> placed; Semi Final 2: 2<sup>nd</sup> placed v 3<sup>rd</sup> placed
  - Grand Final: winner SF1 v winner SF2
- Mixed & Male Competition – Playoff Finals series (Round 10)
  - 3<sup>rd</sup> v 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> v 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> v 8<sup>th</sup>
  - Grand Final: 1<sup>st</sup> v 2<sup>nd</sup> on ladder

**Note:** Parkville Netball may adjust the finals format of a season/competition if necessary.

**16.3** If a final does not reach half time, it will be re-scheduled.

**16.4** In the event of a drawn games in finals in all competitions except Tuesday Open Division 1 & 2:

- At the end of the game when scores are tied, there is a 2-minute interval during which substitutions and/or positional changes may be made.

- (b) At the end of the 2-minute interval, 2 x 5-minute halves will be played, with a half-time interval of 1 minute. teams change ends at half-time, and substitutions and/or positional changes may be made.
- (c) The first centre pass in each half is taken by the team entitled to the next centre pass. If, at the end of the second 5 minutes, the scores are still level, then play continues until one team leads by two goals

**16.5** In the event of a drawn games in finals in Tuesday Open Division 1 & 2:

- (d) At the end of the game when scores are tied, there is a 2-minute interval during which substitutions and/or positional changes may be made.
- (e) At the end of the 2-minute interval, 2 x 7-minute halves will be played, with a half-time interval of 1 minute. teams change ends at half-time, and substitutions and/or positional changes may be made.
- (f) The first centre pass in each half is taken by the team entitled to the next centre pass. If, at the end of the second 5 minutes, the scores are still level, then play continues until one team leads by two goals

## **17. PLAYER QUALIFICATION FOR FINALS**

---

**17.1** Players must play at least one quarter of the season (see Appendix A) in a particular division of a competition day/night to qualify for finals of that competition. This equates to four (4) games for 2025 Autumn and Spring.

a) As stated in 13.3, where there has been a clerical error in attendance, causing a player not to qualify for finals, the player will not be permitted to take the court in the final's series as an admission to incorrectly submitting attendance during the season, except in the event of 17.6

**17.2** Once a player has played one quarter of the season for their club/team in one division, they are eligible for finals in that division or any higher divisions for that club/team on that competition day/night.

**17.3** In the event of **15.5**, if one of the teams from the same club, in the same division qualify for final's, players in the team which didn't qualify, **cannot** be elevated as fill in players

**17.4** Teams may nominate a maximum of 12 players for the final's series

**17.5** A player may play in one division only on a night/day of competition during the final series.

**17.6** In extenuating circumstances, the Parkville Netball Administration may give special consideration for a player to play for a team outside of Player Qualification for Finals Bylaws. It is the responsibility of the club/team contact to apply in writing for special consideration.

**Penalty:** teams that play an ineligible player during finals will forfeit that game.

## **18. FAILURE TO TAKE THE COURT & FORFEITS**

---

**18.1** All Competition games commence at the time listed in the fixture.

**18.2** In the event that there are fewer than five (5) players present for one team, a maximum period of 10 minutes shall be allowed for at least five players of a team to arrive. The non-offending team shall be awarded one (1) penalty goal per whole minute passed of this time. If at the end of this time, there are fewer than five players present; the game shall be awarded to the non-offending team (4 points, score 10-0).

**18.3** In the event that there are fewer than five players present for both teams, a maximum period of 10 minutes shall be allowed for at least five players of a team to arrive. A team can only be awarded penalty goals per minute if the said team has at least five players in position ready to play. If at the end of this time, there are fewer than five players present for both teams the game shall be abandoned and no points or score shall be awarded to either team.

**18.4** In the event that a team or club forfeits prior to the game clock starting at the scheduled time, the game shall be awarded to the non-offending team (4 points, score 10-0). A maximum of 12 nominated players of the non-offending team shall be credited a game for qualification purposes. Players of the offending team shall not be credited a game.

**18.5** A forfeit fine (in addition to the match fees) will be imposed which must be paid before the next fixtured game for the offending team unless the team notifies the Parkville Netball office in writing (email [info@parkville.netballvic.com.au](mailto:info@parkville.netballvic.com.au)) no later than 12:00pm the day of the game of its intention to forfeit. Teams playing Saturday Junior or Sunday Mixed have until 4:00pm on Friday to notify the Parkville Netball office of their intention to forfeit. Under these circumstances, no fine will be imposed, however weekly fees will still be applicable.

**18.6** Any team who forfeits on 3 or more matches in a season will be charged the forfeit fee for all forfeits, even if received ahead of time.

**18.7** Multiple forfeits in any Competition by a Club/Team may result in being excluded entry into future Competitions.

**18.8** Late Forfeit fee structure:

Competition	Venue	Late Forfeit Fee
Monday Open	SNC	\$100
Tuesday Open Div 1 & 2	SNC	\$135
Tuesday Open	SNC	\$120
Tuesday 17&U	SNC	\$115
Tuesday 17&U	Riverside	\$60
Thursday Open	SNC	\$100
Thursday 15&U	SNC	\$100
Thursday 15&U	Riverside	\$50
Saturday 17&U	SNC	\$80
Saturday 15&U	SNC	\$80
Saturday 13&U	SNC	\$75
Saturday NSG + 11&U	SNC	\$75

## 19. CANCELLATIONS

**19.1** If Parkville Netball cancels a game due to player safety (eg. wet weather, power outage) prior to the starting, both teams will be credited with two (2) points. A maximum of 12 nominated players can be credited a game for qualification purposes.

**19.2** If a game is cancelled at, or after half time, the scores at the time will stand.

**19.3** Once the game is underway, if one team abandons the game, then four points are awarded to the opposition. If both teams wish to abandon the game, no points are awarded. Court fees must still be paid as the game was not cancelled by the Competition.

## **20. SELECTION OF REPRESENTATIVE TEAMS**

---

**20.1** The Parkville Netball Selection Policy is available on the Parkville Netball website.

## **21. TEAM OFFICIALS**

---

### **21.1 Coaches**

- (a) All coaches are encouraged to hold a minimum 'Foundation Coaching Level Accreditation' in order to coach a Team or Club.
- (b) All coaches aged 18 or over must hold a current Working with Children Check (WWCC). Clubs are to manage their own WWCC register, and a copy must be submitted to Parkville Netball along with team entry.

### **21.2 Team Managers**

- (a) Clubs or teams may have a Team Manager.
- (b) Team Managers aged 18 or over must hold a current Working with Children Check (WWCC). Clubs are to manage their own WWCC register, and a copy must be submitted to Parkville Netball along with team entry.

### **21.3 Umpires**

- (a) A panel of umpires will be supplied by the competition for all Open, Tuesday 17&U, Thursday 15&U and Mixed and Male divisions who play at SNC.
- (b) Umpires for all junior competitions playing at Riverside (Tues/Thurs) or at SNC on a Saturday, are to be supplied by the teams.
- (c) Team umpires on the following competitions must be badged (minimum C Grade).
  - i. Tuesday 17 & Under - Female (division 3)
  - ii. Thursday 15 & Under – Female (divisions 4-5 only)
- (d) Unbadged team umpires are permitted to umpire on the following competitions:
  - i. Tuesday 17 & Under - Female (division 4 only)
  - ii. Thursday 15 & Under – Female (divisions 6-9 only)
  - iii. Saturday Juniors Competitions.

**Note:** Unbadged umpires must (a) have completed an online Umpires Theory Exam or (b) be currently completing or have completed an Umpires Foundation Education Course, prior to or during the Competition Season.

- (e) Team umpires in Tuesday 17 & Under - Female and Thursday 15 & Under - Female & Modified Mixed competitions (Riverside only) will umpire their own club/team unless otherwise instructed by the Court Supervisor. Team umpires are to report to the Court Supervisor 15 minutes prior to the scheduled starting time to get their court allocations.
- (f) Umpires are not permitted to umpire more than three (3) games on any competition day/night.
- (g) Parkville Netball reserves the right to request a club/Team replace their umpire if the provided umpire is not to the standard of the grade in which they are officiating.

(h) In the event that a team umpire is late for their game, the non-offending team shall be awarded one (1) goal for every minute until quarter time the said umpire is late. At quarter time the game will be declared a forfeit. Four points will be deducted for a first offence. More severe penalties can be imposed by the Parkville Netball Administration for repeat offences. Repeat offences will jeopardise that club/Team entry into future Competitions.

## **22. AWARDS**

---

- 22.1** All NetSetGO and 11&U participants will receive a participation award as deemed appropriate by Parkville Netball.
- 22.2** All players who participate in a grand final will receive an award to be determined by Parkville Netball.
- 22.3** Saturday Court Supervisors will nominate one unbadged umpire officiating the Junior Umpire Development Program to be presented with the annual Gail Schwabl award.
- 22.4** Each season the Most Valuable Player of the Tuesday Premier Open Division 1 competition, as voted by the officiating umpires will receive an award.

## **23. COURSES, SEMINARS & OTHER OPPORTUNITIES**

---

- 23.1** Parkville Netball shall provide notification of opportunities for all members to improve their skills by attending courses, seminars and other personal development activities.
- 23.2** Parkville Netball shall encourage and support members who wish to attend appropriate courses, seminars and other personal development activities.

## **24. RISK MANAGEMENT**

---

- 24.1** Game Day Checklist
  - (a) A Game Day Checklist must be completed prior to all Parkville Netball competitions, tournaments, games, programs and training.
  - (b) Any hazards identified will be:
    - i. Documented;
    - ii. Rectified if possible; and
    - iii. Reported to the appropriate agency (local council, venue management) if major repair is required.

- 24.2** First Aid and Injury Reporting
  - (a) Parkville Netball will provide a qualified first aid officer at all competitions played at Parkville Netball venues.
  - (b) Parkville Netball will have a designated room or area for the treatment of injuries. The room or area should be kept clean and accessible at all times.
  - (c) Any injuries reported to the first aid officer will be recorded on an Injury Report Form.

- 24.3** Child Safety in Netball
  - (a) Parkville Netball and all Teams and Clubs are responsible for the observance, promotion, enforcement and monitoring of the Child Safety in Netball Policy and Code of Conduct.

(b) Parkville Netball and all Teams and Clubs are responsible for the management and administration of the application of the Netball Victoria Working with Children Check Regulation.

- 24.4** Emergency phone numbers - ambulance, police and an emergency procedure plan are to be displayed at the Competition venue/s.
- 24.5** In the case of extreme weather conditions, the Parkville Netball shall refer to the Sport Medicine Australia Hot Weather Guidelines.
- 24.6** Parkville Netball adopts a smoke free policy. Smoking is banned within 10 metres of an outdoor public sporting venue during organised underage sporting events and training sessions.
- 24.7** Parkville Netball will adopt a sun smart policy.
- 24.8** Parkville Netball will adopt all codes, policies, procedures and regulations from Netball Australia and Netball Victoria as amended from time to time.

## **25. DISPUTE RESOLUTION**

---

- 25.1** Where a member breaches a Bylaw, and that Bylaw prescribes a penalty for such breach, then Parkville Netball may impose such penalty or any other penalty deemed appropriate in accordance with these Bylaws. For any other breach of the Bylaws, Parkville Netball will impose any other penalty it sees fit in accordance with these Bylaws.
- 25.2** Any member who does not agree with a penalty or action of Parkville Netball made under this Bylaw, may advise Parkville Netball in writing within a timely manner following the penalty or decision being made. Parkville Netball may then:
  - (a) Discuss the issue with the relevant party and then make a decision regarding the matter. Parkville Netball shall inform the party/s involved of their decision either verbally or in writing; or
  - (b) Have an informal meeting with the relevant party/s in order to discuss and resolve the dispute.
- 25.3** Any penalty imposed under Bylaw 25 is final.

## **26. PENALTIES**

---

- 26.1** Any breach of these By-Laws will be reviewed by the Parkville Netball Administration. If appropriate, the Parkville Netball Coordinator may determine any of the following penalties to be incurred:
  1. A monetary fine
  2. Loss of premiership points
  3. Any other penalty as deemed appropriate.
- 26.2** Repeat instances shall be considered by the Parkville Netball Coordinator and may result in exclusion from the current and future Competitions.

## **27. SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES/PROVISIONS CLAUSE**

---

Where a By-Law is silent, a decision can be made that ensures the integrity of Parkville Netball is maintained at all times.

The Parkville Netball Administration may, in using their reasonable discretion, in exceptional or extenuating circumstances, alter, vary or waive the requirements set out in these By-Laws relating to Parkville Netball.

## **28. INDEMNITY**

---

Except where provided or required by law and such cannot be excluded, Parkville Netball and its officers, members, servants or agents are absolved from all liability however arising from injury or damage, however caused arising whilst participating as a member.

## **Appendix B – FINALS QUALIFICATIONS**

<b>Games Played</b>	<b>Quarter of Games</b>	<b>Games for Qualification</b>
12	3	3
13	3.25	3
14	3.5	4
15	3.75	4
16	4	4
17	4.25	4
18	4.5	5
19	4.75	5

## **Appendix B – ENTITY TEAMS**

### **MONDAY TEAMS**

TBC after grading

### **THURSDAY TEAMS**

TBC after grading