#### FOOTBALL NETBALL EAST GIPPSLAND INC.

# **EGFNL NETBALL BY-LAWS 2025**

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## 1. DISCLAIMER

All matches conducted under the auspices of the League shall be in accordance with the Official Rules authorised by the All-Australian Netball Association as amended from time to time, (as per 2024 rule changes) unless otherwise stated in these By-Laws.

If any By-Laws are met with interpretation, it is the FNEG Commissioners who make final decision above all else.

#### 2. MEETINGS

The FNEG Commissioners will meet with the Netball Delegates as required. Each club must have at least one (1) delegate attend any meetings. The fine for non-attendance is \$25.00.

#### 3. CLUB DELEGATION

Each club will provide a delegate that will liaise with the Netball Commissioners, to assist with nominated duties throughout the Netball seasons. Please see below chart.

2022	2023	2024	2025	2026
Boisdale	Lakes Entrance &	Lindenow &	Lucknow &	Orbost Snowy
Briagolong &	Lindenow	Lucknow	Orbost Snowy	Rovers &
Lakes Entrance			Rovers	Paynesville
2027	2028	2029		
Paynesville &	Stratford & Wy-	Wy-Yung and		
Stratford	Yung	Boisdale		
		Briagolong		

#### 4. CORRESPONDENCE

All correspondence to the League must be from the Secretary of the Club. Correspondence should be sent to the League's Netball Administration Officer.

Email: netball.egfnl@hotmail.com Mobile: 0427591634

# 5. REGISTRATION - NETBALL VICTORIA MEMBERSHIP

- (a) All players, coaches and umpires participating in the EGFNL season must be a current member of Netball Victoria.
- (b) All players, umpires and coaches must be registered on-line with Netball Victoria to be eligible to take part in any match. There is a penalty of \$100 fine for any player playing without being registered with Netball Victoria.
- (c) In addition to the 'Netball Connect On-Line System', the original scoresheets will remain for the 2025 season. This will allow provision for writing name on the scoresheets.
- (d) Players who are registered with Netball Vic, who are added to a team during the season and have not been added to the Netball Connect, must place their full name, date of birth, address, mobile number, emergency contact person and emergency contact phone number on the back of the scoresheet for the match in which they play. The player must go to the Club Netball Connect link and register with the Club prior to 5pm on the day of the match or within one hour of the match being completed if it is a night game. There is a penalty of \$100 for any Club that fails to record a new player on the back of the scoresheet.
- (e) A Single Game Voucher (SGV) is valid for one game only and does not count towards eligibility for finals. There is no limit on the number of Singe Game

Vouchers that a player can use during a season. In 2025 SGVs can be applied for online using the Netball Connect IT system. However, there is provision for writing names on the scoresheet. There is a penalty of \$100 for any Club that fails to record a Single Game Voucher.

# 6. GRADING AND AGE REQUIREMENTS

- a. The age of participants is determined as of 31st December of that year.
- b. The Grades shall consist of A-Open Female; B-Open Female; C-Open Female; D-Open Female; 17&Under-Female; 15&Under-Female; 13&Under-mixed.
- c. Minimum age requirement

Open Sections - 14 years

13 & Under – 10 years (turning 10 prior to round 1)

15 & Under – 12 years (turning 12 prior to round 1)

17 & Under – 13 years

- d. A team using an ineligible player will be deemed to have lost the match with the opposition team being awarded the four points. In addition, the declared winning team will gain percentage from their total goal score to the offending team having a nil score.
- e. An ineligible player will not be credited with that game for finals qualification.

# 7. TEAM ENTRY

- a. In extreme circumstances the Football Netball East Gippsland Commissioners may decide to accept a club in an appropriate section. i.e. if a club enter one (1) team, being 'B' Grade, the Football Netball East Gippsland Commissioners have the right to regrade that particular team to 'A' Grade, allowing them to take points of the highest 'A' Grade side, along with equal percentage to the lowest team entered in 'A' Grade.
  - The playing grades shall consist of Open Age Grades in A,B,C,D, 17 & Under, 15 & Under and 13 & Under. Each club starting with the highest grade first shall provide: A Grade; B Grade; C Grade; D Grade; 17 & Under Grade, 15 & Under Grade and 13 & Under Grade or a combination of these teams agreed to by the League.
- b. All teams must be entered online on the 'Netball Connect' system by Round 1. There will be a penalty of fifty (50) dollars for any Club that has not entered its teams prior to Round 1. Clubs may add to their teams as required during the season with all additions to be recorded on their 'Netball Connect' system team selection. The data entry of the Club's players onto the Club's 'Netball Connect' data base will be managed by the appointed IT person(s) for each Club.
- c. Should a player change any part of their name during the season and not continue to play under their previous name, the name changes and the previous name is to be notified by the player themselves to Netball Victoria and the EGFNL Administrator so that the player's Registration details can be updated.
- d. There shall be no limit to the number of registered players each team may have, but only 12 players may take the court as per the Netball Victoria substitution rule.

#### 8. ELIGIBILITY OF PLAYERS

To be eligible to play finals all players in SENIOR grades must play 8 games in their respective grade to qualify for that grade in finals and of one grade higher.

JUNIOR players must play 6 games in their respective grade to qualify for that grade in finals and of one grade higher.

#### **ALL PLAYERS**

Open age players may be transferred from one grade to another in the home and away season until the said players have played 8 games in the higher grade, when the said players automatically become qualified in the higher grade and are ineligible to play in the lower grade. At the conclusion of each match the home club is responsible for forwarding all scoresheets to the League in the Match Day envelope.

The games played by players from both teams will be recorded onto the Netball Connect online system on the day. The scoresheet will also assist with the management of games played.

However, it is the responsibility of each Club to check the accuracy of 'Games played' on their Netball Connect page.

#### JUNIOR PLAYERS

- a. If a junior player is to be eligible to play in two (2) grades for finals they must play 8 games in the higher grade and must also play 4 grades in the junior (17 & Under, 15 & Under and 13 & Under) grade.
- b. In all finals players may only play in the grade in which they have qualified eg. A player has qualified to play 15 & Under and D Grade they may only play in any 2 of the following grades; 15 & Under, 17 & Under, D or C Grade.
- c. Before playing with another EGFNL Club during the season Players must have a clearance approved online by the EGFNL Club from which they are transferring. Players are 'free agents' before season starts.
- d. EFGNL netball players can only play in one grade level below their 'normal' grade (determined by the grade level in the previous season in the EGFNL). EGFNL players requesting to drop two (2) grades below their 'normal' ranked grade must apply in writing, through the Club Secretary, to the Commissioners for approval, prior to playing in the lower grade. Penalty for having played without the approval of the Commissioners will result in a fine of one hundred dollars (\$100).

#### 9. PARTICIPATION

All players may only participate in a maximum of three (3) games on any given match day by doing either of the following options.

- Play 2 games and umpire 1game
- Umpire 2 games and pay 1 game

Should a club require an exemption from this rule the club must apply, through the Club

Secretary, to the Commissioners in writing through the League's Administration Officer.

If there is insufficient time to place a request in writing eg. Sudden unavailability of an Umpire, the League's Administration officer must be notified by email to ensure that a 'documented' record is maintained. Phone calls will not be accepted as a 'request in writing'.

Penalty for participating in more than the allowed number of games without approval from the Commissioners will result in a fifty dollar (\$50) fine.

#### **POINTS**

Four (4) points Forfeit (score 10-0)

Four (4) points Win Two (2) points Draw

Two (2) points Wash-out on condition of both teams showing for the game

Zero (0) points Loss

#### FORFEIT ON THE DAY

If a forfeit occurs on the day or prior to game day, the team fielding the players shall be awarded four (4) points for the match and each player listed on the scoresheet will receive qualification for 1 game, plus the team receives a 10-0 score. The forfeiting team players will receive nothing.

## 10. ROLLING SUBSTITUTIONS

- a. The rolling substitution stands at the designated area. Before leaving the designated area, the substitute tags (with hands) the player leaving the court.
- b. Only one (1) rolling substitute per team can be made at a time. 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.
- c. Players must observe the offside rules as they enter / leave the court.

  Sanction: Free pass where the infringement occurred (offside area) unless this places the non-infringing team at a disadvantage, or advantage is applied.
- d. Players must not interfere with the umpire's movement during the substitution. Sanction: Free pass where the ball was when play was stopped (advantage may be applied).
- e. If a player leave 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.
  - RULE 3.8 Any late player may, after advising the umpire, take the court in the vacant position/s at the next break in play.
  - ACTION: Any late player is sent from the court until the correct time for entry and possession is awarded to the opposing team where the ball was when play stopped.

#### TERMINOLOGY: Incorrect entry.

- (a) Designated substitution zone/s should be clearly marked on the court. This can be done by chalk markings, permanent line or dots on the ground (cones shall not be used). The location of the substitution zone will vary by venue, as not all venues have dedicated score benches. A single substitution zone could be used if needed.
- (b) Please apply common sense to location of substitution boxes and ensure safety for all participants with special consideration given to the movement of umpires.
- (c) Teams should have two sets of bibs to facilitate rolling subs.
- (d) Rolling substitution form must be completed by each team and handed to the score bench at the completion of each game to accompany the scoresheet to the Netball Administrator in the Game Day envelope.
- (e) If using live scoring through Netball Connect, positional changes can be made by Team Manager during play.
- (f) 'Break in Play' as described in Rule 3.8. and by-law (g) above, as after goal scored, during a stoppage or interval or when a sanction or action is awarded.

(g) Substitutions must involve two players. A single player cannot 'roll on' or 'roll off' the court.

#### 11. ABANDONED MATCHES

- a. In the case of a game being called off after half time the result at the time will stand.
- b. In the case of a game being called off prior to half time then the result will be a 'Draw" with both teams being awarded 2 points.

# 12. COVID Framework for Under 13

Should players be unavailable to play any game as scheduled by the League due to COVID-19 isolation requirements, the game will be played with the following alterations:

- 1. Teams can field a minimum of 5 players in total
- 2. Teams are required to share players to meet the minimum requirement
- 3. If one team has more players than the other team, the team with more players must share excess players until each team has equal number of players
- 4. If the number of the excess players from the club with more players is an odd number, then the team with the greater number of players will retain the extra player on the bench.
- 5. The shared players will play with the team for the duration of the match.
- 6. Four (4) points will be awarded to the winning team
- 7. Each player listed will receive qualification quarters.

# 13. MATCH TIMES\*

13 & Under	9.00am
15 & Under	10.00am
17 & Under	11.00am
D Grade	12.00pm
C Grade	1.00pm
B Grade	2.00pm
A Grade	3.00pm

<sup>\*</sup>Starting times may vary on agreement by both Clubs er. Playing in night games.

- a. LENGTH OF QUARTERS AND INTERVALS FOR A GRADE:
   4 X 15-minute quarters with an interval of 2 minutes between first and second and third and fourth quarters and a maximum of 3 minutes at half time.
- b. LENGTH OF QUARTERS AND INTERVALS FOR B, C, D,17 & Under, 15 & Under and 13 & Under:
  - 4 x 12-minute quarters with an interval of 2 minutes between first and second and third and fourth quarters and a maximum of 3 minutes at half time.

# 14. OFFICIALS / GAME DAY DUTIES

The officials of the game shall be umpires, scorers, timekeepers, medical attendants, court supervisors and umpire mentors. All mentioned officials must have a current Working with Children Check if working with persons under 18 years of age as per the Netball Vic Child Safeguarding Policy and Netball Vic Guidelines for Working With Children's Checks.

a. All teams are to be entered on-line using the 'Netball Connect' Program by 1pm on the day prior to the game by the Club person(s) responsible for data entry to the 'Netball Connect' Program. The home team is still to provide a score sheet on the day.

<sup>\*</sup>The end of each quarter will be signalled with the sounding of a horn.

- b. The score sheet must be placed in the Match Day Envelope and forwarded to the League's Administration Officer for verification.
- c. GAME DAY CHECKLIST The home team is responsible to complete the Game Day Checklist. This must be signed by an adult official from both clubs before the first game is to commence. (Refer to EGFNL Netball Home Club Duties for Games). Each team to supply their own first aid kit.
- d. SCORERS & TIMEKEEPERS Both teams must provide a scorer and timekeeper who must act together. Home clubs are to provide score sheets for all games. All players for both teams must be written on the official score sheet prior to the commencement of the game.

If a player, who is not listed on the official score sheet prior to the commencement of the match, takes the court at any time during the match the umpires will stop the game and remove the player from the court. A replacement player may take the vacant position only if their name is listed on the score sheet. A free pass is taken by the non-offending team (if not already in possession) where play ceased. The infringing player may not participate for the rest of the game.

#### **SCORERS ARE TO:**

- Record the names of up to twelve (12) players, one of whom shall be the captain
- Put a line through the name of any player who does not take the court from both the scoresheet and the online scoresheet.
- Record all player positions for each quarter
- Record all goals for each team
- Record any injuries/suspensions.
- Keep centre passes Home team to have first centre pass.

#### TIMEKEEPERS ARE TO:

- Notify the umpires when there are thirty (30) seconds and then ten (10) seconds prior to the start of each quarter
- Commence timing when the game has started by the umpire's whistle
- When the playing time specified for a quarter has lapsed, notify the umpires by sounding a horn. The umpires whistle ends play.
- Hold time when signalled to do so by the umpire and restart timing when the umpire signals for play to resume
- Notify the umpires when ten (10) seconds remain to the end of a stoppage for injury/illness or blood

#### 15. COURT SUPERVISORS:

- a. The court supervisors will
  - be supplied by both teams.
  - May change for each game
  - Must be a mature and capable person
  - Must wear orange vest provided by club
- b. Duties of the Court Supervisors:
  - Attend to and resolve spectator issues
  - Seek assistance from Club president or his/her delegate should this be required
  - Ensure timekeepers scorers and teams are in their designated areas
  - Ensure the safety of umpires

#### **COURT SUPERVISOR'S ROLE DESCRIPTION**

The Court Supervisor's will:

Be supplied by both teams

- Must wear the associated orange vest
- May change for each game
- Must be mature persons (over 18 years of age) and capable of approaching individuals not behaving in line with code of conduct
- Must be alert to happenings outside the playing area

#### **Duties of Court Supervisors include:**

- Attend to and resolve spectator issues (abusive language, drinking/smoking at court side)
- Seek assistance from Club President or appointed delegate if required
- Ensure timekeepers, scorers, players and team officials are in designated area
- Ensure the safety of umpires by checking in at quarter breaks
- Provide and monitor 3 metre clearance around the court perimeter during match play (ie. bags, drink bottles, players warming up, children)
- Ensure spectators stay clear of umpire's space ie. goal lines, not be walked behind when play is at that end.

## 16. UMPIRE MENTORS

- Must be recognised by the EGFNL
- Must wear a high visibility vest (pink)
- Must be aware of all responsibilities (Mentor Program)

# 17. COACHES

All coaches to complete Level 1 coaching accreditation as a minimum

#### 18. UMPIRES

- a. All umpires are required to dress in appropriate clothing whilst umpiring. No club uniform is to be worn. Junior umpires will be required to wear a green armband to signify junior umpire.
  - Penalty the umpire shall be fined \$10 per match umpired.
- b. All umpires must hold a current Netball Victoria Membership prior to umpiring a match.
  - Penalty Both the club and umpire are to be fined \$10 per match in which the umpire officiates.

#### Supply of umpires

- a. Each club shall supply one umpire per team
  - Where the club is unable to supply an umpire, they are required, not later than the Wednesday prior to their match, to contact the opposing club for assistance or the league umpire coordinator. A \$5 finder's fee is required to be paid to the opposing club/umpire coordinator per umpire supplied by the opposition club or the League Umpire Coordinator. (Special circumstances will be considered by the Commissioners).
  - Penalty The offending club will be fined \$20 per umpire for requests made after close of business on the Wednesday prior to the match.
  - If the opposing club in unable to provide assistance, and no umpire can be found for the match, that club which was initially unable to supply an umpire, will be deemed to have forfeited said match and shall be liable for such fine as the Commissioners see fit.
- b. (i) Each club shall supply umpires with a minimum of C Grade Badge to officiate A & B Grade matches.

(ii) Each club shall supply umpires with a minimum Level 1 accreditation to officiate C Grade matches and below. In this case the club must also supply a mentor who has been recognised to the League. The mentor must wear the HI visibility (pink) vest.

Penalty – The offending club shall be fined \$20 per match in which a non-Level 1 accredited umpire officiates.

#### **Umpiring Participation:**

- a. No umpire will officiate in more than two (2) netball matches per day unless required to do so under the injury or exceptional circumstances provisions by-law.
- b. Umpires that are also participating players are allowed a MAXIMUM of three (3) hours participation per day (i.e. play one (1) match and umpire two (2) matches OR play two (2) matches and umpire one (1) match.
- c. Where an injury or illness occurs to an umpire during a game and there is no other option available, such as the use of an opposition umpire, other than a person who has already completed the maximum number of games, then that person can complete the duties without penalty.

Where there is an exceptional circumstance that arises prior to a match that results in a person being required to officiate in more than the maximum number of matches per day, and there are no other options available such as the use of an opposition umpire, then permission must be obtained from the League's Administration Officer prior to the commencement of the match. Email: netball.egfnl@hotmail.com Ph: 0427 591 634

d. Penalty – The offending club shall be fined \$20 per umpire for each match officiated over the permitted number of games.

Each club is to nominate a new umpire (prior to season commencement) to undergo the 'Umpire Development Program' including the following steps.

Attendance to Introduction to Umpire (At Club's cost)

Completion of online Foundation Course

Completion of Rules of Netball Theory Exam

Each Club is to nominate an appropriate Umpire Mentor (prior to season commencement) who's role it will be to:

Attend Umpire Mentor Workshop (At Club's cost)

Identify Umpire progression opportunities within their club and communicate with EGFNL Umpire Coordinator

Develop the 'new umpire' throughout the season, starting with umpiring at training

Ensure the 'new umpire' addresses all their above listed criteria

It is strongly encouraged for the Umpire Mentor to be the person who oversees all Netball Umpire requirements for the club, has many years of experience umpiring and is a good communicator

Penalty for non-compliance is \$100

Travel Rate to be paid to 'independent umpires' at a rate of \$0.85 per km from their residence to the sporting grounds (in line with ATO Rate).

#### 19. UNIFORMS

EGFNL Uniform Policy is inclusive and in line with Netball Australia's Uniform Policy. Any changes to the below uniform will require approval by the Commissioners to the club as per the uniform guidelines with Netball Australia.

https://vic.netball.com.au/uniform-guidelines

- a. Short bike shorts/regulation netball pants only. Netball pants are to be the same as the skirt or of a dark colour
- b. Socks must be the same for all teams either short sport socks or long socks of the same colour
- c. NO jewellery to be worn, only exception is a wedding ring which must be taped. Medical bracelets can be worn and taped
- d. Sporting gloves and compression garments (ie. skins) may be worn PENALTY: Out of uniform is a fine of \$10.00 per player per game.

#### 20. WET WEATHER DECISION

- a. Inclement weather In the event of inclement weather occurring after play commences, the umpires concerned shall decide whether or not to continue play. If play is stopped there is a 30-minute time limit, per grade. If play is abandoned, refer to 17 b). Score sheets must be completed and signed by the Club Officials and forwarded to the League's Administration Officer in the Match Day envelope.
- b. Wet Weather The Club officials will make a decision by a designated time and notify the club delegate of the opposing team, and they will pass the message on to their teams.

What happens if cancelled after the match has started?

- (i) If the match is cancelled after half time the current score stands. If cancelled prior to half time teams are awarded 2 points each.
- (ii) If more than half the match, in any section, is completed then the scores stand for those matches; all other teams receive 2 points each. If less than half the matches in any section are completed all teams receive 2 points each
- (iii) If even teams have played all teams receive 2 points each

#### c. CANCELATION OF THE MATCH BY THE LEAGUE OFFICIALS

In the event of cancellation of all matches, teams will be awarded 2 points each.

This will be counted as a game and each player listed on the scoresheet for that game will be credited with one game and the competition will continue as per fixture.

d. If the inclement weather by-law comes into place the Club Officials may agree to play indoors.

#### 21. AWARDS

#### a. LEAGUE BEST & FAIREST VOTES

Home clubs are responsible for supplying the umpires, after each game, with the relevant vote card to complete. The full name and club of the 3 best players for that game are to be printed clearly, signed by both umpires and sealed in the envelope provided.

#### b. TRADE AWARD (A Grade Only)

The home team is responsible for vote cards to be given out on day to opposition coaches. These also need to be placed in the envelope and given to the Club's match day secretary on completion of the A Grade game

### c. RISING STAR AWARD (17 & Under Only)

The home team is responsible for the vote card to be given out on game day to both 17 & Under coaches, who will determine the three best players who the agree show improvement in that game. This card also needs to be placed in the envelope and given to the Club's match day secretary on completion of the game.

#### d. SPIRIT OF SPORT AWARD (15 & Under Only)

The team is responsible for the vote cards to be given out on game day to both 15 & Under coaches who will determine the three players for their own team, indicating the top three players who demonstrated good 'sportspersonship' during the match. These also need to be placed in the envelope and given to the Club's match day secretary on the completion of the game.

# 22. PROTESTS

A TEAM WISHING TO PROTEST MUST:

- a. Lodge a protest in writing using the Netball Incident Report Form. This is to be received by the League no later than the 5pm on the Monday following the game. The FNEG Commissioners may make a ruling on the matter or refer the matter to the Hearing Officer who may refer the matter to the Hearing Panel for a ruling. The Hearing Panel will deal with the matter as it deems appropriate
- b. RIGHT OF APPEAL

A player (the Respondent) has the Right of Appeal against the decision of the Hearing Officer of the Hearing Panel in the event that:

- Significant new of additional evidence become available
- The Penalty imposed by the Hearing Officer or Hearing Panel, not be in accordance with the Regulations; and/or
- The Hearing Officer or Hearing Panel fail to follow procedures or requirements of the Regulations to the significant detriment of the Respondent

# 23. FINALS

a. All netball finals are to be played in conjunction with football finals.

# **DRAWN MATCHES IN FINALS**

A GRADE FINALS (Official Rules of netball 2.5)

- In the event of a draw there shall be a two (2) minute interval at the end of full time. Teams can change and substitute players during this time.
- Each extra time shall consist of two (2) halves of seven (7) minutes with an interval of one (1) minute at half time.
- Teams shall change ends at half time.
- The centre pass will be taken by the team entitled to the centre pass.
- During both of these intervals, substitutions and or team changes may be made
- During extra time normal injury or illness procedure shall apply.
- In the event of a tie remaining at the end of extra time, a visual sign shall be used to signal that extra time will be used until one team has a two (2) point advantage

- B, C, D, 17 & Under, 15 & Under and 13 & Under Grade Finals
  - a. In the event of a drawn game in the final series for B, C, D, 17&U, 15&U and 13&U Grade
    - There shall be a two (2) minute interval at the end of full time
    - Teams can change and substitute players during this time
    - Each extra time shall consist of two (2) halves of five (5) minutes with an interval of one (1) minute at half time.
    - Teams shall change ends at half time.
    - The centre pass will be taken by the team entitled to the centre pass.
    - During both of these intervals, substitutions and or team changes may be made
    - During extra time normal injury or illness procedure shall apply.
    - In the event of a tie remaining at the end of extra time, a visual sign shall be used to signal that extra time will be used until one team has a two (2) point advantage
  - b. Each club, when rostered, is to ensure people are available to fill the number of specified positions and carry out the required duties (eg. Court supervising), during the final series.

# 24. BEHAVIOUR

- a. Each club is responsible for its spectators, players, coaching staff and officials/administrators. Clubs are to discourage, counsel or impose 'in Club penalties for unsportsmanlike or inappropriate behaviour at games as per the Netball Victoria Code of Conduct
- b. Please see NV Code of Conduct for behaviour for Coaches, Players, Umpires, Scorers, Timekeepers and Spectators

# 25. GENDER REGULATIONS

Netball Victoria Gender Regulation

#### Introduction:

Netball Victoria introduced a new regulation within its Constitution. This regulation is made by Netball Victoria Board under Rule 35 of the Netball Victoria Constitution on 30 August 2018 and will be effective from 1 January 2019 and will operate until replace. NV may amend or update this regulation from time to time and such amendments will be effective from the time from which they are communicated. Affiliates (and other bodies which organise netball competitions) must comply with the Regulation when conducting competitions, tournaments or similar activities.

Netball Victoria and its Affiliates welcome the opportunity for females and males to participate in netball. Opportunities should be available for mixed-gender competition as well as single-gender female and male competitions.

The Equal Opportunity Act 2010 (Vic) permits the exclusion of boys from participating in female competitions where:

- a. The strength, stamina and physique of competitors is relevant; or
- b. The exclusion is intended to facilitate participation by girls and is reasonable.

#### Transgender

NV supports the participation in netball, I on the basis of the gender with which a person identifies. If issues arise, NV and its Affiliates will seek advice on the

application of the applicable Victorian discrimination laws for the particular circumstances.

NV is committed to providing a safe, fair and inclusive sporting environment where all people can contribute and participate

#### Regulation:

- 1. Males who are 13 years of age (and older) are not permitted to participate in a female competition. To avoid any doubt:
  - a. Males must be less than 13 years of age (actual age) as at the first day of competition or season; and
  - b. Males that turn 13 during that competition season will be permitted to participate for the duration of that competition or season
- 2. For all competitions, the gender permitted to play must be clear and transparent. Clarity and transparency will be reflected in the labelling or title of competitions as well as in by-laws, promotions, advertising and general communications including fixturing and ladders of all competitions
- 3. Where mixed competitions are offered up to and including the 13&U age group:
  - a. There can be no restrictions applied, on the basis of gender
- 4. For the 13&U age group:
  - a. A mixed team must only have a maximum of 3 males on court at any one time; and
  - b. A mixed team must only have up to one male in each third on court at the one time. For the avoidance of doubt, this means:
    - i. One male is permitted in the defence third occupying the position of Goal Defence or Goalkeeper and
    - ii. One male is permitted in the mid third occupying the position of Centre, Wing Attack or Wing Defence, and
    - iii. One male is permitted in the goal third occupying the position of Goal Attack or Goal Shooter
- 5. NV and its Affiliates will endeavour to provide opportunities for males to participate in mixed and male competitions.

Then by using brackets to show the genders that may also participate, and if any restrictions apply, show a high level of transparency for that competition. For example:

Female (males <13 years of age as at the first day of competition may participate)

13&U Male (females may participate)

13&U Mixed (females and males – no restrictions)

15&U Female (males <13 years of ages as at the first day of competition may participate)

15&U Male (females may participate)

15&U Mixed (females and males – restrictions apply)

17&U Female

17&U Male

17&U Mixed (females and males – restrictions apply)

Open Female Open

Male Open

Mixed (females and males – restrictions apply)

View the complete Netball Victoria Gender Regulations by going to <a href="https://s3-ap-southeast-2.amazoneaws.com/netball-wp-assets/wp-content/uploads/sites/5/2018/09/04151352/Gender-Regulation.pdf">https://s3-ap-southeast-2.amazoneaws.com/netball-wp-assets/wp-content/uploads/sites/5/2018/09/04151352/Gender-Regulation.pdf</a>;

## 26. APPENDIX 1:

**Netball Incident Report Form** 

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# Netball Incident Report Form

For a spectator, player, official or team for a Match Day matter

Name of person(s) lodging this Report .	
Position (e.g. Umpire/Club Secretary)	
Date of Match Ve	enue of Match
Reason for Report (tick relevant box):	<b>:</b>
Competition Related Dispute Inappropriate Behaviour Any other matter	
Attach all substantiating documentation letters from players, parents, club officia Details of complaint:	to this application. This should include, but not be limited to, ls, coaches and/or umpires.
Signed	

This Report Form must be forwarded by email or delivered to the League Administration Officer by 5 p.m. on the first working day after the match.

The Report will be forwarded to the Commissioners for their consideration as to the most appropriate action to take. Matters may be dealt with under the Rules and By-laws of FNEG or Netball Victoria Competition Regulation & Dispute Resolution Guide.