



Junior Netball By-laws

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WDJFNL BACKGROUND:

2011- Under 9's

2012 – Under 9's & Under 11's

2013 – Under 9's, Under 11's, Under 13's & Under 15's

2015 - Under 9's, Under 11's, Under 12's, Under 13's & Under 15's

2016 – Under 9's, Under 11's, Under 12's, Under 13's, Under 14's & Under 15's

SWJFNL BACKGROUND:

2011- Under 11's, Under 13's

2014 – Under 11's, Under 13's & Under 15's

AFL Riverina Netball

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- The Association is AFL Riverina and the competitions shall be called 'South West Junior Football Netball League' and 'Wagga District Junior Football Netball League'. The association shall have control and management of matches played by the clubs affiliated with the SWJFNL and WDJFNL respectively.

1. OBJECTIVES OF THE ASSOCIATION

- i) The objectives of the Association shall be encouragement, promotion, control and management of the game of netball, played in this area.
- ii) The Association shall, as far as possible, follow their respective Football Draw. Netball clubs from the same area as football clubs shall be given preference to affiliate.
- iii) Rules governing 'play' shall be set down in the "Netball Australia" Rule Book. Breaking the Rules and/or employment of any action not covered by the wording of the Rules in a manner contrary to the spirit of the game is not permitted. (Behaviours contrary to the Official Rules should be referred to the Executive for action).
- iv) The Association shall not be responsible for any injuries received by any player.
- v) The SWJFNL Association colours will be Navy Blue, Red and White.
- vi) The WDJFNL Association colours will be Red and White.

2. REGISTRATON AND AFFILIATION

i) Affiliation Fees and Registration shall be determined by AFL Riverina Inc. Clubs will be invoiced by AFL Riverina.

ii) All players must be registered before they take the court, in the event of a team fielding an unregistered or ineligible player or players, they shall forfeit the game and lose their goal score. The non-offending team shall receive four (4) points and retain its goal score or a minimum of 10 goals.

iii) A player is deemed registered when they are a paid and registered player online through My Netball with Netball NSW and their AFL Riverina club.

iv) A player can only be registered and play for 1 club within the same league.

3. JUNIORS PLAYER GRADING AND FINAL QUALIFICATIONS

i) Age of Under 15's shall be fifteen (15) and under as at the 31st of December of the current playing year; Under 14's shall be fourteen (14) and under as at the 31st December of the current playing year; Under 13's shall be thirteen (13) and under as at the 31st of December of the current playing year; Under 12's shall be twelve (12) and under as at the 31st of December of the current playing year; Under 11's shall be eleven (11) and under as at the 31st December of the current playing year.

ii) All players are eligible to play in the RFNL & FFNL regardless of the number of games played for the WDJFNL and SWJFNL.

iii) Males are eligible to play until they turn 12 years of age.

iv) All coaches must be accredited through a Netball NSW approved accreditation coaching course before the start of the season.

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v) All other eligibility criteria and player registration rules and by-laws must be followed.

vi) Players may play a maximum of 3 matches per round, during the home and away season with their club in any grade.

vii) A player who has played more than one match in a round in a day will have all matches recorded as matches played when determining finals eligibility.

viii) Any team may list up to 12 players in any one match, and there will be no limit on the number of substitutions made.

ix) Players named on the team sheet must have had court time during a match to have such a match registered as a match played.

x) Players in all grades must play at least three (3) matches in that season in one particular grade to be eligible to participate in that grades final series, subject to all other criteria as per these by-laws.

xi) A player can only play in two (2) finals match on the same weekend.

xii) Throughout the competition teams are not to replace a correct aged player with an under aged player. If there are enough correct aged players they are to take the court before under aged players.

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xiii) To be eligible for finals a player must play a minimum of 6 games in that particular grade, forfeited games are excluded. To qualify for finals in a higher grade only, the player must first play the six (6) games in one grade and then play a minimum of four (4) games in the higher grade to qualify for finals in that grade.

xiv) Any registered junior is allowed unlimited games in higher junior grades and will still remain eligible for their own junior grade.

xv) A player who has played more than one match in a round in a day will have all matches recorded as matches played when determining finals eligibility

xvi) All clubs in the SWJFNL may enter a 2nd team in one of the 3 grades only, meaning each club can enter a maximum of 4 competitive age group teams in the competition. All clubs must nominate if they want a 4th team 3 weeks prior to the start of the season.

xvii) Clubs with 2 teams in the one age group must submit a players list to the league prior to the commencement of the season. There are to be no substitution of players between the two teams. If a player from a lower grade is needed to fill in for these teams, the player may only fill in for 1 particular team throughout the year. If a team plays a player from the other teams list or the same fill in player is used in both teams, that team shall forfeit the game.

4. UMPIRES

i) Each team must provide an Umpire for each game and are to encourage all umpires to be accredited through Netball NSW with approved accreditation umpiring courses. Should a club or team be unable to provide an umpire, they must notify the opposing Club as early as possible and make alternative arrangements.

ii) Umpires are to award Best and Fairest Votes at the completion of each game in the home & away season. They are to be completed on the official cards provided and signed by both umpires.

iii) Umpires for finals must be of National C level or above and shall be appointed by the AFL Riverina Umpire Coordinator.

iv) Umpires are to be dressed in a white shirt and appropriate footwear for umpiring.

5. SCORERS

i) The official score sheet is to be used for all grades of netball.

ii) One score sheet per game is required. Both clubs are to supply a scorer each who must sit together while scoring.

iii) The scorebook is to be filled in before the game begins and a player may not be added on the score sheet during the game. A maximum of 12 players can be included on the scorebook.

iv) All playing positions for players must be completed each quarter. If a player has no playing position next to their name, they shall be deemed as not taking the court.

v) If a player leaves the game due to injury this must be noted on the back of the score sheet as well as the details of the injury incurred.

vi) If a player is asked to leave the court by an umpire for any period of time, this must be noted on the bottom of the score sheet with details of the send off.

vii) Scorers who start scoring the game must complete scoring the whole game.

viii) Score sheets are to be signed by the two umpires and the scorers (scorers are also to print their name clearly next to their signature).

6. CODE OF MATCHES

i) Each Home Club must supply time clocks, League Best & Fairest vote cards and scoresheets for all matches.

Ensure Playing surface and surrounds are safe for netball.

That padding is secured around goal posts.

ii) Home and Away games shall be played as per the draw. However, clubs are at liberty to arrange alternative times. Both clubs must agree, and the game must be played within two weeks of the scheduled date.

Game Times

WDJFNL

Under 9's – 9.00am

Under 11's – 10.00am

Under 12's – 11.00am

Under 13's – 12.00pm

Under 14's – 1.00pm

Under 15's – 2.00pm

SWJFNL

Under 9's – 10.00am

Under 11's - 11:00am

Under 13's – 12.00pm

Under 15's – 1.00pm

When clubs in the SWJFNL have 2 teams in the 1 age group, game times will need to be reviewed between the 2 clubs to allow for an hour break between the 2 games. The 2 games can only be played in a row if it is agreed by both clubs.

iii) Play must commence on times set down. If either team does not have five (5) players present, the umpire may allow a stay of five (5) minutes. If after that time one team still does not have five (5) players on court, that team shall forfeit the match. If after five (5) minutes neither team has five (5) players on court, the game shall be abandoned. No votes or points shall be awarded to either team.

iv) A score sheet must still be submitted notifying which team forfeited.

v) Under 9's are to play 4 x 10 minute quarters. 2 minutes between each quarter and 5 minutes for half time.

vi) Under 11's are to play 4 x 10 minute quarters. 2 minutes between each quarter and 5 minutes for half time.

vii) Under 12's are to play 4 x 10 minute quarters. 2 minutes between each quarter and 5 minutes for half time.

viii) Under 13's are to play 4 x 10 minute quarters. 2 minutes between each quarter and 5 minutes for half time.

ix) Under 14's are to play 4 x 10 minute quarters. 2 minutes between each quarter and 5 minutes for half time.

x) Under 15's are to play 4 x 12 minute quarters. 2 minutes between each quarter and 5 minutes for half time.

7. POINT SYSTEM

i) Points will be allocated as follows

Win Four (4) points

Draw Two (2) points

Loss Nil (0) points

Forfeit Four (4) points (The score awarded will be ten (10) to Nil (0))

Bye Zero (0) points

8. WEATHER

i) It shall be the umpires' decision to stop or abandon play due to inclement weather conditions. The umpire shall consider if the conditions are unsafe and a risk to the player and/or umpire safety. The umpires shall make the final decision.

ii). In a case where umpires are forced to call a game off due to unsafe court or inclement weather conditions the following shall result:

a). If the match is called off before half-time then no scores are to be recorded and two points awarded to each team as per a Drawn match

b) If the match is called off during half-time or later the score at such time will be deemed to be the final score for the match.

c) The time at which the game was called off shall be recorded on the score sheet.

9. FINALS

i) Each League will play finals as per their respective Football League.

- ii) Games are to be played at the same ground as the football where possible.
- iii) If football are to play Final Four then netball are to play the same in all grades, in alignment with the football finals draw.
- iv) Clubs participating in finals must supply a timekeeper, one (1) scorer and a scoreboard attendant for each grade in which they are participating in.
- v) If scores are tied at full time in finals the procedure will be as follows:
 - 1. There shall be a two (2) minute interval at the end of full time. Substitutions and/or team changes are permitted;
 - 2. Extra time of two halves of five (5) minutes each shall be played for all grades. Teams change ends at half time without an interval. No substitutions and/or team changes are permitted. The Centre Pass is taken by the team entitled to the next Centre Pass;
 - 3. Applicable to all grades, in the event of a tie remaining at the end of extra time a visual signal shall be used to indicate that play shall continue until one team has a two (2) goal advantage
- vii) Grand Final Only – umpires are to award votes to the Best On Court, votes are to be counted by executive and winner awarded Best On Court (Medal).
- viii) Premiers are to be awarded with the Perpetual Trophy, Premiership Cup and individual medals.
- ix) Runners Up are to be presented with individual medals

10. PRESENTATION NIGHT

- i) Votes are to be counted by the Operations Manager.
- ii) Presentation Night is to be held in conjunction with their League.
- iii) Trophies are to be awarded to the Best & Fairest & Runners Up in each grade (Executive will decide on trophies).

11. CODE OF CONDUCT

- i) When registering with Netball NSW as a player or non player you are agreeing to adhere with the Code of Conduct. Clubs shall also make spectators aware that there is a code of conduct to follow, this can be found on the AFL Riverina website. These should be displayed in dressing sheds or courtside for everyone to view.
- ii) All members of AFL Riverina Inc and spectators attending games and/or events controlled by the AFL Riverina Inc are required to adhere to the appropriate Codes of Conduct.
- iii) Clubs are responsible for the control and conduct of their spectators, players and Club officials, which includes coaches, managers and umpires.
- iv) Where a spectator or spectators engage in misconduct, the umpire may, at his/her discretion, regard said spectators as officials and therefore utilise powers granted under

20(iv) of the AANA Official Rules of Netball.

v) Further action may be taken by the Competition Management Committee and/or AFL Riverina Board in accordance with the Netball NSW Member Protection Policy and the AFL Riverina Inc. Constitution.

12. CHILD PROTECTION

i) It is up to each club to ensure the required people within their club get a Working with Children Check. Please refer to the AFL Riverina website for further information on who must apply and the process.

13. DISCIPLINE/REPORTS

i) The Incident Referral Form shall be used for such reports and must be lodged by email or in writing to the Football Operations Manager within 48 Hours of the end of the match, or the incident (if the incident did not happen during a match). The AFL Riverina Board will decide on the course of action to be taken. If a tribunal is required then the AFL Riverina Board will convene a tribunal.

ii) Umpires should note any indiscretions on the score sheet.

iii) Where a player refuses to leave the court as directed by the umpire, the umpire will issue the player with a warning and 30 seconds to leave the court. Where a period of 30 seconds has elapsed since the warning and the player continues to refuse to leave the court, a forfeit will be awarded in favour of the opposing team, whereupon By-law 11(a) will apply.

iv) Any player who is suspended for at least one match by the tribunal during the home and away season shall not be eligible to win a League Best and Fairest award, during that season.

14. PROTESTS/DISPUTES

i) Any considerations for the Competition Management Committee in regards to the control and management of matches played must be submitted in writing to AFL Riverina.

ii) Clubs or persons involved in a protest shall be entitled to represent themselves at a hearing with the Competition Management Committee.

iii) Any club lodging a protest must do so in writing to the Competition Management Committee within 48 hours of the completion of the match concerned. Fax or emails are acceptable. A payment of \$300 (\$150 of which is refundable) must accompany the notification of Protest/Dispute as per AFL NSW/ACT By-law 10.2.

iv) A meeting to deal with any protest/dispute shall be convened at the earliest possible convenience. If the issue is between two teams then both teams shall be represented at the meeting.

v) There shall be no right of appeal against the decision of any protest/dispute.

15. UNIFORMS

i) Team uniforms and colours are to be submitted at the AGM.

ii) All clubs should be in full club colours.

iii) Bike pants and undergarments ie. long sleeve tops may be worn but they must be black or of the same colour as the skirt/dress.