



**RIVERINA**

**NETBALL  
BY-LAWS**

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## **1. DEFINITIONS**

“Constitution” means the constitution of the AFL Riverina Inc.

“By-laws” are additional rules which apply to members which generally deal with internal and administrative matters. These By-laws are made under the Constitution. Accordingly, the By-laws are subordinate to the Constitution.

“Home and Away Season” means the round robin of matches involving all clubs, which are played prior to finals.

“Finals” means the series of matches involving the teams at the end of the Home and Away Season, culminating in the winner of the Grand Final match.

“Game” A player is considered to have played a game if the score sheet shows that they have taken the court at any time during the game. The term “Game” and “Match” may be used interchangeably.

## **2. GENERAL**

- a. The name of the competitions shall be the;
  - i. Riverina Football Netball League (RFNL)
  - ii. Farrer Football Netball League (FFNL)
  - iii. Wagga District Junior Football Netball League (WDJFNL)
  - iv. South West Junior Football Netball League (SWJFNL)
- b. Life membership may be awarded as per criteria set down in the relevant AFL Riverina policy.
- c. The Competition Management Committees for their respective Football Netball leagues shall, via delegation from AFL Riverina Inc, have control and management of matches played by the clubs affiliated under AFL Riverina and shall have the power to settle all disputes in connection with these matches.
- d. AFL Riverina will supply all relevant score books etc to clubs prior to the commencement of each season.
- e. Operation of the Competition Management Committees shall be as per the AFL Riverina Constitution and Charter of Operations.
- f. All by-laws are subject to the Constitution of the AFL Riverina Inc and all applicable policies of Netball NSW & Netball Australia.
- g. Where these by-laws are silent the board of AFL Riverina Inc., shall have full authority including altering, varying or waiving sections of these by-laws.
- h. Meetings shall be held as per current delegates meetings as directed by AFL Riverina Inc. Sanctions/fines for non attendance shall be as directed by AFL Riverina Inc.

- i. Courts shall be of regulation size. New courts shall also include a 3.05m run-off area as per court specifications from Netball Australia (referencing the International Federation of Netball Associations). The distance between courts shall be 3.65m (as suggested by Netball Victoria and Queensland), unless Netball NSW issues an alternative guideline.

### **3. INDEMNITY**

Except where provided or required by law and such can't be excluded, the AFL Riverina Incorporated and its respective directors, officers, members, servants or agents are absolved from all liability however arising from and injury or damage, however caused, arising whilst participating as a member.

### **4. OBJECTIVES**

- a. The AFL Riverina Inc shall affiliate with Netball NSW annually as required under the Netball NSW Constitution.
- b. The AFL Riverina Inc shall encourage, promote, control and manage the game of netball, played under its control.
- c. All matches shall be played under the current revision of the International Netball Federation Rules of Netball unless stated in these by-laws. 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 rules should be referred to the Football Operations Manager for action.
- d. The Association colours will be;
  - i. Riverina Football Netball League - Navy Blue, Red and White
  - ii. Farrer Football Netball League - Royal Blue and White
  - iii. Wagga District Junior Football Netball League – Red and White
  - iv. South West Junior Football Netball League – Navy Blue, Red and White

### **5. REGISTRATION AND AFFILIATION**

- a. Affiliation Fees and Registration shall be determined by AFL Riverina Inc. Clubs will be invoiced by AFL Riverina.
- b. All affiliated senior clubs must enter an A Grade team first, then an A-Reserve Grade, then B Grade, then C Grade.
- c. All players must be registered online by Friday 5pm prior to game day. Players are not to take the court if they are not registered. In the event of a team fielding an unregistered or ineligible player or players, they shall forfeit the game and lose their goal score. Refer to bylaw 9a.

- d. No player registration is to be accepted after the 30<sup>th</sup> of June for the current playing year. Exceptional circumstances can be applied for and will be decided by the Competition Management Committee.
- e. A player is deemed registered when they are registered online through My Netball with Netball NSW and their AFL Riverina club.
- f. A player can only be registered and play for 1 club within the same league.
- g. Once a player is registered with a club within AFL Riverina, they will not have to pay any additional league fees to play with their sister club. If the player plays with a club that is not their sister club, the AFL Riverina registration fee will apply (does not apply if the club does not have a sister club in AFL Riverina). The player must also be registered online with the sister club before taking the court.
- h. Once a player has registered online with a club, they are bound to that club for the remainder of the current season (inclusive of finals). If a player should require a clearance to be released from that club at any stage of the season to another AFL Riverina club this can only be done up until the 30<sup>th</sup> June by an application in writing to the Competition Management Committee, whom shall approve/reject the application at their absolute discretion.

The decision shall be final and binding upon the parties.

- i. Players who owe outstanding playing fees or are in possession of club property will not be granted a clearance.
- ii. If a player, having not received a clearance, plays for another club they will be deemed to be an unregistered player and by-law 5c will apply
- i. A player may not apply for more than one (1) clearance in any given season.

## **6. UMPIRES**

- a. During the home and away season umpires are to wear a white t-shirt/jacket with black/navy/white pants/shorts/skirt. Playing dresses or any team colours are not to be worn underneath. During the home and away season B badged umpires are to wear a white t-shirt/jacket and white or navy skirt. During the finals all umpires are to wear a white t-shirt, to be supplied by the league, and a navy skirt.
- b. Umpires shall award Best and Fairest Votes online at the completion of each game in the Home and Away season.
- c. Each team must provide an Umpire for each game. 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. For example if the solution is that one club provides both umpires then the team unable to provide an umpire shall pay the match fee for that umpire as determined by the club supplying the extra umpire up to a maximum value of \$50 per match.

- d. If a Club is unable to supply an umpire for all grades, that Club may be asked by AFL Riverina Inc to show due course why further action should not be taken, which may include, but not limited to, loss of competition points, forfeiture of matches etc. Such decisions will be at the express discretion of AFL Riverina Inc.
- e. An umpire shall not umpire in anymore than 2 games in a day. A player shall not umpire in anymore than 1 game in a day. Once a player has played 2 games in a day, they will not umpire a game.
- f. RFNL & FFNL umpires shall not umpire in 2 consecutive games.
- g. Umpires for A and A Reserve must be badged or in the process of becoming badged, with a minimum requirement of having successfully completed their online theory exam.
- h. Umpires for finals must be of National C level or above and shall be appointed by the AFL Riverina Umpire Coordinator.
- i. Umpires for finals shall be paid an amount per match as determined by AFL Riverina.
- j. An umpire shall have power to veto any article of attire he/she may consider dangerous.

## **7. SCORERS AND TIMEKEEPERS**

- a. The official AFL Riverina Netball score sheet is to be used for all grades of netball.
- b. Timekeepers shall stand with thirty (30) seconds to go in each quarter. With 10 seconds to go they shall follow the nearest umpire and notify him/her when time is up.
- c. One score sheet per game is required. Both clubs shall supply a scorer each who must sit together in the designated score bench area. The scorer cannot be part of the game (i.e. cannot be on the team sheet).
- d. The score sheet is to be filled in before the game begins, including the names of all players taking part in the match, up to a maximum of 12. A player may not be added to the score sheet once the game has commenced.
- e. All playing positions for players must be completed each quarter. If a player has no playing position next to their name, they will be deemed as not taking the court.
- f. If a player leaves the game due to injury this must be noted on the bottom of the score sheet and the details of the injury incurred.
- g. If a player is given a caution, warning or sent from the court by an umpire for any period of time this must be noted on the bottom of the score sheet.

- h. Scorers who start scoring the game must complete scoring the whole game.
- i. Score sheets shall be signed by the two umpires and the scorers (Scorers shall also print their name clearly next to their signature).
- j. A score sheet must still be submitted for a forfeit notifying which team forfeited.

## 8. GAME PROTOCOLS

- a. Each Home club must;
  - i. Supply two (2) time clocks in working order
  - ii. Supply a suitable game ball
  - iii. Supply online voting QR code
  - iv. Supply score sheets for all matches
  - v. Supply score table and chairs
  - vi. Ensure playing surface is sealed and surrounds are safe for netball
  - vii. Ensure that padding is secured around goal posts and extends the full length of the post
  - viii. Ensure the Willis Netball Australia “Match Day Checklist and Guidelines” form is completed and sent to AFL House along with score sheets.
  - ix. Senior clubs must field an ‘A’ Grade team each week and forfeit the lower grades if necessary. (An application to AFL Riverina Inc to waiver qualifying games played for lower graded players can be made, so as not to disadvantage lower grades by remaining in ‘A’ Grade. This is provided that no more than five (5) registered ‘A’ Grade players are present for that game.)
- b. The scorer/timekeepers should be of mature enough age to ensure competency in scoring and timekeeping. Only officials shall be permitted in the official scoring area. Other persons may be asked to leave.
- c. Home and Away games shall be played as per the draw. However, clubs are at liberty to arrange alternative dates/times. Both clubs must agree, and the game must be played within two (2) weeks of the scheduled date (i.e. either two weeks prior, or after, the scheduled date). The visiting club will still be required to pay the gate entry fee if applicable. AFL Riverina must be notified of any changes prior to the games.
- d. Quarter & break length times:

<b>Grade</b>	<b>Quarters</b>	<b>½ time</b>	<b>¼ &amp; ¾ time</b>
A Grade	15 minutes	5 minutes	2 minutes
A Reserve	15 minutes	5 minutes	2 minutes
B Grade	15 minutes	5 minutes	2 minutes
C Grade	12 minutes	5 minutes	2 minutes
Under 17s	12 minutes	5 minutes	2 minutes
Under 15s	12 minutes	5 minutes	2 minutes
Under 14s	10 minutes	4 minutes	2 minutes
Under 13s - WDFJNL	10 minutes	4 minutes	2 minutes

Under 13s - SWJFNL	10 minutes	5 minutes	2 minutes
Under 12s	10 minutes	4 minutes	2 minutes
Under 11s - WDJFNL	10 minutes	4 minutes	2 minutes
Under 11s - SWJFNL	10 minutes	5 minutes	2 minutes
Under 10s	10 minutes	4 minutes	2 minutes
Under 9s	10 minutes	4 minutes	2 minutes

- e. All matches shall commence at the times below, however these may be varied by competing teams by mutual agreement:

Grade	RFNL	FFNL	WDJFNL	SWJFNL
A Grade	1.30pm	1.30pm		
A Reserve	12.15pm	12.15pm		
B Grade	11.00am	11.00am		
C Grade	10.00am	10.00am		
Under 17s	9.00am	9.00am		
Under 15s			2.15pm	12.30pm
Under 14s			1.20pm	
Under 13s			12.25pm	11.30am
Under 12s			11.30am	
Under 11s			10.35am	10.30am
Under 10s			9.40am	
Under 9s			8.45am	

- f. When clubs 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.
- g. Play must commence on times set down in 8.e above. If either team does not have five (5) players present, an 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 and no points shall be awarded to either team.
- h. Only three (3) forfeits per grade per club will be allowed. After three (3) forfeits have occurred that team will be disqualified from the competition for the remainder of the season and fined \$100.
- i. 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 bylaw 9(a) will apply.



## 9. POINTS SYSTEM

- a. Points will be allocated as follows:
1. Win = Four (4) points
  2. Draw = Two (2) points
  3. Loss/Forfeit against = Nil (0) points
  4. Forfeit for = Four (4) points.  
Score will be awarded 20-0 to the winning team for RFNL & FFNL  
Score will be awarded 10-0 to the winning team for WDJFNL & SWJFNL
  5. Bye = Nil (0) points
- b. Points will be awarded for the RFNL & FFNL Club Championship as below.

<b>Grade/Result</b>	<b>RFNL</b>	<b>FFNL</b>
A Grade Win	10 points	10 points
A-Reserve Win	5 points	5 points
B Grade Win	3 points	3 points
C Grade Win	1 point	1 point
Under 17s	1 point	1 point
Loss (any grade)	Nil (0) Points	Nil (0) Points

- c. 1 point per win will be awarded for the WDJFNL & SWJFNL Club Championship.
- d. The club with the highest points tally at the end of the home and away season shall be declared the winner of the Club Championship in each competition.

## 10. WEATHER AND COURT CONDITION

- a. It shall be the umpires' decision to delay or abandon play due to unsafe court or inclement weather conditions (which may include, but is not limited to very heavy rain, hail, lightning, snow, sleet or conditions of extreme heat). The umpires shall consider if the conditions are unsafe and a risk to the player and/or umpire safety. Games can be delayed up to 15 minutes before it must be continued or abandoned. The umpires shall make the final decision.
- b. In a case where umpires are forced to call a game off due to unsafe court or inclement weather conditions the following shall result:
1. If the match is called off before half-time then two points will be awarded to each team. Scores will be awarded as 20-20 for RFNL & FFNL & 10-10 for WDJFNL & SWJFNL. The game will count as a match played for player eligibility. No votes shall be awarded.
  2. If the match is called off during half-time or later the match will count as being completed and the score at such time will be deemed to be the final score for the match. Votes shall therefore be awarded by the umpires.
  3. The time at which the game was called off shall be recorded on the score sheet.

## 11. FINALS

- a. Each League will play finals as per their respective Football League. The netball finals structure shall follow that of football in all grades. Games shall be played at the same ground as the football.
- b. **RFNL & FFNL clubs will be rostered on for finals and they must supply one (1) timekeeper, one (1) scorer and one (1) scoreboard attendant for each grade. Failure to fulfil this roster will incur a fine of \$250. When the finals roster is issued clubs must notify AFL Riverina by 5pm on the Tuesday before the match with any objections or changes. If the roster results in a conflict (i.e. a club scoring their own side) then the opposing team may assist with scoring.**
- c. **WDJFNL & SWJFNL clubs participating in finals must supply their own timekeeper, scorer and scoreboard attendant for each grade in which they are participating in.**
- d. During finals only officials shall be permitted in the official scoring area. Other persons may be asked to leave. Failure to leave when requested may result in action under by-laws 13.
- e. If scores are tied at full time in finals the procedure will be as follows:
  - i. There shall be a two (2) minute interval at the end of full time. Substitutions and/or team changes are permitted.
  - ii. **RFNL A Grade, A Reserve & B Grade** shall play extra time of two halves of seven (7) minutes each. 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.
  - iii. **RFNL C Grade, Under 17s and all FFNL, WDJFNL & SWJFNL** Grades will play extra time of two halves of five (5) minutes each. 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.
  - iv. 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.
- f. Grand Final Only – umpires shall award votes to the player(s) deemed Best On Court. Votes shall be counted by a person(s) appointed by AFL Riverina Inc., and the winner awarded the Best On Court medal.
- g. Premiers shall be awarded the Premiership Cup & individual medals (10 for each grade).
- h. The FFNL A Grade Premiership Cup shall be named the Janine Fitzsimmons Premiership Cup.
- i. RFNL & FFNL A Grade premiers shall be awarded \$750 prize money.
- j. WDJFNL & SWJFNL Runners Up shall be presented with individual medals (10 for each grade).

## **12. PRESENTATION NIGHT**

- a. The netball league Presentation Night is to be held in conjunction with their respective Football League.
- b. Trophies shall be awarded to the Best & Fairest in each grade in the RFNL & FFNL. Trophies shall be awarded to the Best & Fairest & Runners Up in each grade in the WDJFNL & SWJFNL. AFL Riverina will decide on trophies.
- c. The A Grade Best & Fairest Medals for Farrer League will be named the Marilyn Brooks Medal and the RFNL will be named the Lawrence & Hansen Medal. The Under 17s Best & Fairest Medal for the RFNL will be named the Kathryn (Foxy) Bechaz Medal.
- d. Any player who is suspended for at least one match during the home and away season shall not be eligible to win a League Best and Fairest award during that season.

## **13. CODE OF CONDUCT**

- a. 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.
- b. 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.
- c. Clubs are responsible for the control and conduct of their spectators, players and Club officials, which includes coaches, managers and umpires.
- d. 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.

## **14. PROTESTS AND DISPUTES**

- a. All protests and disputes will be resolved in accordance with the Netball NSW Member Protection Policy.
- b. If a person and/or team is reported by an umpire and/or court official at any event under the control of the league the matter will be resolved in accordance with the Netball NSW Member Protection policy.
- c. Any club lodging a protest must do so using the Netball NSW Member Protection Policy Incident Report Form. The Incident Report Form must be received by AFL Riverina within 48 (forty-eight) hours of the match concerned.

- d. AFL Riverina has twenty-eight (28) days from the day of the match to check and notify the club concerned of any infringement to the rules regarding playing of unregistered or ineligible players. Any club disagreeing with the infringement and/or penalty has the right to lodge a protest within forty-eight (48) hours from notification of the penalty. The club will be able to represent itself (president and/or executive member) at a hearing of the Disputes Committee.

## **15. CHILD PROTECTION**

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

## **16. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

- a. Any club member, player or official found to have made inappropriate comments in the media (e.g. Radio, newspaper, television and social media such as Twitter and Facebook) in relation to any AFL Riverina Inc match, event, umpire etc shall come under the AFL Riverina Social Media Policy.

## **17. REPRESENTATIVE NETBALL – FFNL ONLY**

- a. Competition representative teams shall participate in inter-league matches as directed by the League from time to time.
- b. Any player who does not make themselves available or declines selection for such training sessions and matches, without the consent of the Administration Committee, may automatically be suspended for two (2) club competition matches subsequent to the representative match concerned.
- c. Any player who declares herself unavailable because of injury or illness must be prepared to undergo a medical examination by a medical practitioner and supply sufficient evident.

## 18. UNIFORMS

- a. No club shall make any change in its uniform without approval from the AFL Riverina Board (as per AFL Riverina Inc Constitution).
- b. All clubs must be in full club uniform by Round 5 of their respective Leagues, this includes numbers. Any player not in full uniform will not be permitted to take the court. This may result in the forfeiture of the match in the case where less than five (5) players are not suitably attired.
- c. Bike pants may be worn but they must be black or of the same colour as the skirt/dress. Netball socks only (no long football socks).
- d. Players in WDFJNL & SWJFNL only may wear undergarments ie. long sleeve tops, but they must be black or of the same colour as the skirt/dress.
- e. Clubs making changes to their dresses must follow the below guidelines (also see example below):

**Player number** – all dresses must have a player number on them. The size of the number can not exceed 8cm squared. The number will be placed on the front of the dress, top right.

**AFL Riverina logo** – all dresses must have the AFL Riverina logo on them. The size of the logo should not exceed 8cm squared. The logo will be placed on the front of the dress, top left.

**Club logo** – it is optional to have club names inserted down the side panel of the dress.

**Supplier logo** – this is optional and can go on the front of the dress, top centred, must not exceed 5cm squared, or on the back of the dress, top centred, must not exceed 15cm wide by 6cm high.

**Sponsor logos** – a maximum of 3 sponsor logos are allowed on the dress.

- 2 logos on the front of the dress, bottom left and/or right, must not exceed 7cm squared.

- 1 logo on the back of the dress, top centred (only if there is no supplier logo already there, can not have both). Must not exceed 15cm wide by 6cm high.

**Bibs** – clubs are not to place any logos on the bibs.



## **19. PLAYER ELIGIBILITY**

### Attachment A - RIVERINA FOOTBALL NETBALL LEAGUE

- i. To be eligible to play A Grade finals a player must play a minimum of six (6) games in this grade. The player concerned does not continue to qualify in finals.
- ii. After playing seven (7) A Grade games a player may not play for A Reserve, B Grade, C grade or Under17s.
- iii. To be eligible to play A Reserve Grade finals a player must play a minimum of six (6) games in this grade. The player concerned does not continue to qualify in finals.
- iv. After playing seven (7) combined games in A & A Reserve Grade, a player may not play B Grade, C Grade or Under 17s. They can be elevated to play no more than six (6) A Grade games.
- v. To be eligible to play B Grade finals a player must play a minimum of six (6) games in this grade. The player concerned does not continue to qualify in finals.
- vi. After playing seven (7) combined games in A, A Reserve and B Grade a player may not play C Grade. They can be elevated to play no more than six (6) combined A & A Reserve Grade games.
- vii. To be eligible to play C Grade finals a player must play a minimum of six (6) games in this grade. The player concerned does not continue to qualify in finals.
- viii. A C Grade player may be elevated to play in A, A Reserve or B Grade, provided that they do no play more than 6 combined games in total in any higher grades.
- ix. Age of Under 17s shall be 17 and under as at the 31<sup>st</sup> of December of the current playing year.
- x. Any registered Under 17's player is allowed unlimited games in C Grade and B Grade and will still remain eligible for the Under 17's competition. However, bylaw 19a.ii, 19a.iv & 19a.vi still applies. After playing seven (7) combined games in A Reserve and A Grade, an Under 17's player may not play in Under 17's.
- xi. To be eligible for finals a player must play a minimum of six (6) games in that particular grade, forfeited games are excluded.
- xii. 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 two (2) games in the higher grade to qualify for finals in that grade.
- xiii. No player shall play more than one (1) game in any weekend of the finals.
- xiv. A registered player from the South West Junior Football Netball League or the Wagga District Junior Football Netball League may play in the RFNL during the home and away season and in finals.
- xv. Players referred to in bylaw 19a.xiv are bound by all qualification and playing requirements under by-law 19a.
- xvi. Males are eligible to play until they turn 12 years of age
- xvii. All coaches must be accredited through a Netball NSW approved accreditation coaching course before the start of the season.

## 19. PLAYER ELIGIBILITY

### Attachment B - FARRER FOOTBALL NETBALL LEAGUE

- i. To be eligible to play A Grade finals a player must play a minimum of four (4) games in this grade. The player concerned does not continue to qualify in finals.
- ii. After playing seven (7) A Grade games a player may not play for A Reserve, B Grade, C Grade or Under 17s.
- iii. To be eligible to play A Reserve Grade finals a player must play a minimum of four (4) games in this grade. The player concerned does not continue to qualify in finals.
- iv. After playing seven (7) combined games in A & A Reserve Grade, a player may not play B or C grade. They can be elevated to play no more than six (6) A Grade games.
- v. To be eligible to play B Grade finals a player must play a minimum of four (4) games in this grade. The player concerned does not continue to qualify in finals.
- vi. After playing seven (7) combined games in A, A Reserve and B Grade a player may not play C grade. They can be elevated to play no more than six (6) combined A & A Reserve Grade games.
- vii. To be eligible to play C Grade finals a player must play a minimum of four (4) games in this grade. The player concerned does not continue to qualify in finals.
- viii. A C Grade player may be elevated to play in A, A Reserve or B Grade, provided that they do not play more than 6 combined games in total in any higher grade
- ix. Age of Under 17s shall be 17 and under as at the 31<sup>st</sup> of December of the current playing year. Three (3) overage players will also be permitted to play Under 17's in its inaugural year. If any clubs need more than 3 overage players they need to make a special request to the FFNL CMC.
- x. Any registered Under 17's player is allowed unlimited games in C Grade, B Grade or A Reserve and will still remain eligible for the Under 17's competition. However, bylaw 19biv & 19bvi still applies. After playing seven (7) games in A Grade, an Under 17's player may not play in Under 17's.
- xi. Bylaw 19bx refers to Under 17's in age only, it does not apply to overage players playing in the Under 17's team. Once Under 17's overage players have played 7 combined games in any higher grade, they cannot return to the Under 17s.
- xii. To be eligible for finals in A Grade, A Reserve, B Grade & C Grade, a player must play a minimum of four (4) games in this grade, forfeited games are excluded. To be eligible for finals in Under 17s, a player must play a minimum of three (3) in this grade, forfeited games are excluded.
- xiii. Under 17's aged players shall be permitted to play in a maximum of two (2) finals per weekend if eligible in those grades, but 1 of these games must be the Under 17's. All other players shall not play more than one (1) game in any weekend of the finals.
- xiv. A registered player from the South West Junior Football Netball League or the Wagga District Junior Football Netball League may play in the FFNL during the home and away season and in finals.
- xv. Players referred to in bylaw 19bxiv are bound by all qualification and playing requirements under by-law 19b.
- xvi. Males are eligible to play until they turn 12 years of age
- xvii. All coaches must be accredited through a Netball NSW approved accreditation coaching course before the start of the season.

**xviii. Finals for Under 17s when there are 4 teams**

1<sup>st</sup> Semi Final - 3<sup>rd</sup> v 4<sup>th</sup> (Played Elimination Final Day)

2<sup>nd</sup> Semi Final - 1<sup>st</sup> v 2<sup>nd</sup> (Played Second Semi Day)

Preliminary Final – Winner 1<sup>st</sup> Semi v Loser 2<sup>nd</sup> Semi

Grand Final – Winner of Second Semi v Winner of Preliminary Final



## 19. PLAYER ELIGIBILITY

### Attachment C – WAGGA DISTRICT JUNIOR FOOTBALL NETBALL LEAGUE

- i. Age of Under 15's shall be fifteen (15) and under as at the 31<sup>st</sup> of December of the current playing year; Under 14's shall be fourteen (14) and under as at the 31<sup>st</sup> December of the current playing year; Under 13's shall be thirteen (13) and under as at the 31<sup>st</sup> of December of the current playing year; Under 12's shall be twelve (12) and under as at the 31<sup>st</sup> of December of the current playing year; Under 11's shall be eleven (11) and under as at the 31<sup>st</sup> December of the current playing year; Under 10's shall be 10 (10) and under as at the 31<sup>st</sup> December of the current playing year; Under 9's shall be nine (9) and under as at the 31<sup>st</sup> December of the current playing year.
- ii. All other eligibility criteria and player registration rules and by-laws must be followed.
- iii. Players may play a maximum of 3 matches per round, during the home and away season with their club in any grade.
- iv. 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.
- v. Any team may list up to 12 players in any one match, and there will be no limit on the number of substitutions made.
- vi. Players named on the team sheet must have had court time during a match to have such a match registered as a match played.
- vii. 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.
- viii. A player can only play in two (2) finals match on the same weekend.
- ix. 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.
- x. All players are eligible to play in the RFNL & FFNL regardless of the number of games played for the WDJFNL.
- xi. Males are eligible to play until they turn 12 years of age.
- xii. All coaches must be accredited through a Netball NSW approved accreditation coaching course before the start of the season.

## 19. PLAYER ELIGIBILITY

### Attachment D – SOUTH WEST JUNIOR FOOTBALL NETBALL LEAGUE

- i. Age of Under 15's shall be fifteen (15) and under as at the 31<sup>st</sup> of December of the current playing year; Under 13's shall be thirteen (13) and under as at the 31<sup>st</sup> of December of the current playing year; Under 11's shall be eleven (11) and under as at the 31<sup>st</sup> December of the current playing year.
- ii. 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.
- iii. Any registered junior is allowed unlimited games in higher junior grades and will still remain eligible for their own junior grade.
- iv. 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
- v. All clubs in the SWJFNL may enter a 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 4<sup>th</sup> team 3 weeks prior to the start of the season.
- vi. 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.
- vii. All players are eligible to play in the RFNL & FFNL regardless of the number of games played for the SWJFNL.
- viii. Males are eligible to play until they turn 12 years of age.
- ix. All coaches must be accredited through a Netball NSW approved accreditation coaching course before the start of the season.

## **20. POLICIES**

Please refer to the Netball NSW website for a full list of their policies  
<https://nsw.netball.com.au/inside-netball-nsw/library/policies-forms/>

Please refer to the Netball Australia website for a full list of their policies  
<https://netball.com.au/national-policies/>

Netball Australia National Insurance Program  
<http://www.willisnetball.com/>

Netball NSW Member Protection Policy – Incident Report Form - <https://bit.ly/2qnJDBo>