



MFNL
Millewa Football Netball League

NETBALL BYLAWS

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DEFINITIONS

“Club” includes all affiliated clubs

“Club Representative” is a representative of the Club or Team who liaises with the Millewa Football Netball League Board or Netball Administrator

‘Millewa Football Netball League Board’ is comprised of members of the League who are elected to Board positions as per the constitution

“Ineligible player” is a player who is not entitled to participate in a game, which may include a player who has not qualified or a player not eligible to play in that age section

“Constitution” means the constitution of the Millewa Football Netball League. It may otherwise be referred to as the Rules of Incorporation.

“Bylaws” are additional rules which apply to members which generally deal with internal and administrative matters. The Bylaws are made under the Constitution. Accordingly, the Bylaws are subordinate to the Constitution and must not be inconsistent with the Constitution. The League should have a clause in the Constitution that provides the power to the Board or Committee to make Bylaws.

These Bylaws are the rules governing the internal affairs of the Millewa Football Netball League. They are the operating procedures that determine the conduct and direction of the organisation.

1. CLUB REPRESENTATIVE MEETINGS

1.1 All Clubs must be represented by at least one representative at all netball meetings.

1.2 Penalty \$20 for each meeting missed.

1.3 Meetings should be hosted at a neutral fixed location.

2. CORRESPONDENCE

2.1 All correspondence must be in writing from the Club Secretary or authorised person to the Netball Administrator.

2.2 All correspondence from the Netball Administrator or Millewa Football Netball League Board will be addressed to the Club Secretary or authorised person.

3. FINANCES

3.1 Fines

- a) Failure of 2 representatives to attend an advertised course will incur a \$20.00 fee per person for non-attendance;
- b) Failure to add or email results, best players and match reports to Netball Connect by 12pm Sunday will incur a \$10.00 fine;
- c) Failure to return scoresheets & risk management reports after the game will incur a \$10.00 fine
- d) All fines must be paid within 21 days from date of notification;
- e) For each week fees and fines, including membership and all other fees and fines overdue, the club in question will be penalised two (2) premiership points in the grade in which the infringement occurred and a \$10 fine (maximum of \$100).
- f) Any team under suspension shall forfeit all rights and be banned from competing in any match, training or program of the Millewa Football Netball League
- g) Failure to have umpire forms submitted and/or updated will incur a \$50.00 fine.
- h) In the event of any team violating any rule of the Millewa Football Netball League By Laws or neglecting to comply with the direction of a Millewa Football Netball League Board member, may be suspended or fined as the MFNL Board may determine.

3.2 Reimbursement/Payments

- a) The Netball Administrator or MFNL Board members shall be entitled to claim expenses incurred whilst acting in the official capacity. Receipts must be presented.
- b) Reimbursement will be given at the next meeting.

4. INFORMATION TO CLUBS

The Netball Administrator shall provide the following information to all Clubs prior to the start of season;

- a) Netball Director, Netball Administrator & Club contact details;
- b) MFNL Netball Bylaws
- c) Fixture
- d) Constitution
- e) Vote Cards
- f) Sunraysia Daily Best Player Sheets

5. NETBALL VICTORIA MEMBERSHIP

5.1 Netball Victoria membership fee is set annually by the Victorian Netball Association Inc.

5.2 All players, coaches and umpires participating in the Millewa Football Netball League competitions or programs must be a current Netball Victoria Member.

Penalty: Loss of 4 premiership points.

5.3 Single Game (SGV) may be used by a player only. Umpires and Coaches cannot purchase Single Game Vouchers.

- a) A player must purchase a Single Game Voucher online prior to taking the court for the Club.
- b) A Single Game Voucher may be used by the player for one game only
- c) A maximum number of three (3) Single Game Vouchers may be purchased by the player before the player must become a Netball Victoria member for the year.

6. BOYS PARTICIPATION

15 & Under: Eligible boys 13 & under will be permitted to play in this age group, but only two (2) boys are permitted to take the court at any one time. There is no limit to the number of boys named on the score sheet.

7. AGE REQUIREMENTS

7.1 Participant age is determined as at 31st December of that year.

7.2 Clubs and Teams are trusted to obtain and provide correct dates of birth.

7.3 Players aged 5-7 years will participate in NetSetGO! Tier 1 (program)

7.4 Players aged 8-10 years will participate in NetSetGO! Tier 2 (competition)

7.5 Minimum age requirements are:

- a) Open Women: 15 years;
- b) 18 & Under: 15 years;
- c) 15 & Under: 9 years. A maximum of two 8 yr olds may ONLY be used if a club does not have enough 9yr olds to field a side;

7.6 Maximum age requirements are:

- a) 18 & Under: The female age is 18 and under
- b) 15 & Under:
 - i. The female age is 15 & Under

ii. The male age is 13 & Under

Penalty: Loss of four (4) premiership points to offending team.

8. INCLUSIVE ENVIRONMENTS

- 8.1** The Millewa Football Netball League actively supports the participation of all groups and populations including girls, boys, women, aged, indigenous, disabled and culturally & linguistically diverse.
- 8.2** The Millewa Football Netball League will conduct cultural awareness training & inclusive workshops to ensure your club is providing a welcoming environment and creating awareness around cultural views.
- 8.3** The Millewa Football Netball League will allow for modifications where necessary.
- 8.4** Think ability not disability.

9. GRADING

- 9.1** A Grading Sub-Committee will be appointed by the Millewa Football Netball League Netball Director to evaluate, grade and re-grade all teams
- 9.2** The Grading Sub-Committee reserves the right to reject any team applying for entry to the competition
- 9.3** Re-grading may occur at any time within the first 2-4 weeks of any season. Where there is an obvious discrepancy after this time, the Grading Sub-Committee may make the necessary changes.
- 9.4** All requests from Clubs will be considered by the Grading Sub-Committee.
- 9.5** The Grading Sub-Committee will be the ultimate adjudicator of all grading decisions
- 9.6** All sections are graded by ability and teams can only be re-graded within the age group nominated on the entry form, unless otherwise requested by that Club.
- 9.7** If a team is re-graded, premiership points and goals for and against will be transferred into the new section.
- 9.8** Clubs must field from A Grade down. Clubs wanting exemption must apply in writing to the Millewa Football Netball League Board three (3) weeks prior to the commencement of the season.
 - a) If permission is granted the Millewa Football Netball League Netball Director and Grading Sub-Committee may alter the down grade after one (1) full round pending game results. Points awarded to the team during the first round may be carried over.
 - b) A club's downgraded team must go up in the following season if the team plays in the Grand Final
- 9.9** Clubs not fielding a side in the Millewa Football Netball League season must apply for an exemption in writing to the Millewa Football Netball League Board three (3) weeks prior to the commencement of the season.

10. DRESS CODE

- 10.1** Players Uniform
 - a) Each Club and Team must register its uniform.

- b) Clubs and Teams must notify the Netball Administrator in writing of any proposed changes to their uniform.
- c) The Netball Administrator must approve all Club and Team uniform colours and designs
- d) All players must wear their Club's registered uniform including sports shorts and positional bibs.
 - i. Shorts must not be longer than the skirt or dress.
- e) Players in NetSetGO! and 11 & Under sections may wear tracksuit pants or leggings.
 - i. Pants or Leggings colour must be the same as Club or Team skirt or dress colour.
 - ii. Leggings with lace and/or adornments will not be allowed.
- f) Jewellery including piercings, wedding ring and medical alert bracelets can be worn but must be taped.
- g) Gloves or tracksuit pants are not permitted, except on the grounds of medical condition upon receipt of a doctor's certificate signed by a qualified medical practitioner, or religious and cultural reasons upon application to the Netball Administrator in writing.
- h) Fingernails shall be short and smooth.
 - i) Nails may be tapped for one week only for a significant special occasion. A letter must be sent to the Netball Administrator by 10am the Friday prior with appropriate evidence to warrant the granting of this exemption. The Netball Administrator will issue a letter granting permission which must be presented to the umpire.

11. CLEARANCES

- 11.1** A clearance is required if a player wishes to transfer to another Club during the current season.
- 11.2** No player will be granted more than one (1) clearance per season.
- 11.3** A clearance will not be granted after June 30th.
- 11.4** Players who owe outstanding playing fees or are in possession of Club property (uniform, equipment) will not be granted a clearance.
- 11.5** A player must have received notification from the Millewa Football Netball League Netball Director before playing for a new Club.

Penalty: Fine as determined by the MFNL Board.

- 11.6** A player must complete all details on the top section of the clearance form and send to the Netball Administrator.
- 11.7** The Netball Administrator will forward the clearance request to the existing Club for approval.
- 11.8** The existing Club has seven (7) days to complete the clearance, or the Millewa Football Netball League Netball Director will automatically clear the player to the new Club.
- 11.9** If the Club refuses to clear the player (refer to 11.2, 11.3 and 11.4), the Netball Administrator will write to the player advising the reason why and forward a copy to both clubs.
- 11.10** Any dispute arising from the clearance restrictions will be dealt with according to the grievance procedure outlined in the Millewa Football Netball League Constitution.

11.11 If the clearance is approved, the player will then receive a letter advising that the clearance has been approved and a copy is forwarded to both Clubs.

12. CONDUCT OF MATCHES

12.1 The Millewa Football Netball League adheres by the rules as stated in Netball Australia's Official Rule Book, as well as Netball Victoria's regulations.

12.2 Millewa Football Netball League timing

- a) A grade games will consist of 4 x 15-minute quarters;
- b) A Reserve, B, C and Junior (15 & under and 18 & under) games will consist of 4 x 12-minute quarters;
- c) A grade games shall have 3-minute breaks at $\frac{1}{4}$ and $\frac{3}{4}$ time, and a 4-minute break at $\frac{1}{2}$ time. A Reserve, B grade, C grade, 18 and under and 15 and Under games shall have 2-minute breaks at $\frac{1}{4}$ and $\frac{3}{4}$ time, and a 3-minute break at $\frac{1}{2}$ time.
- d) The stoppage shall be up to thirty (30) seconds when injury time is called, and the injured player is to leave the court and the position either left vacant or replaced.

12.3 Fixtures are arranged as per Millewa Football Netball League Board.

12.4 Umpires;

- a. Umpires shall wear tops that are preferably white in colour, and black or white bottoms. Suitable footwear shall be worn.
- b. Umpires that play, are only permitted to take part in three (3) games per day. Play two (2), umpire one (1) or umpire two (2), play one (1).
Penalty: loss of 4 points
- c. All umpires must have completed the online Theory Exam successfully and the foundation umpiring course within the last four (4) years.
Penalty: loss of 4 points and \$50 fine
- d. All umpires must provide their accreditations to the Millewa Football Netball League Netball Administrator before umpiring.
Penalty: loss of 4 points and \$50 fine

12.5 Primary Care Person

- a) Only a Primary Care Person/s wearing a pink vest are permitted on the court to treat an injured or ill player and/or to assess the player's medical condition. No other Team Official is permitted on the court, with the exception where help may be required to move the player off the court safely.
- b) All teams must have a primary care person wearing a pink vest, visible and courtside for each game.

13. SCORING AND TIMEKEEPING

13.1 Clubs will provide tablet scoring (for home team use) and one (1) paper scoresheet (for the away team). In addition, each club must supply three (3) reliable digital timers - one for injuries, one for sin-bin timing, and one as a back-up timer.

13.2 It is the first name/home team's responsibility to complete all official score sheets and paperwork.

13.3 Each team must provide a non-participating scorer for all games.

13.4 The scorers must sit together for the duration of the game on the sideline level with the centre circle.

13.5 The home team will use the official tablet to record the game score, centre passes, full names (both given and surname) of all players intending to take the court, player positions, and rolling substitutions. The electronic record will include a record of centre passes, which must be provided to umpires if requested. The away team will continue to complete a paper scoresheet, listing the same player and game details to ensure accuracy and consistency between both scoring methods. Any discrepancies between the tablet and paper scoresheet must be addressed immediately during the game.

13.6 At the game conclusion, to indicate their satisfaction that the information on the official scoresheet is correct, the official scoresheet is to be signed by:

- Typing CONFIRM on the tablet;
- The officiating umpires only sign the paper score sheet to state they have officiated that game.

Penalty: One (1) premiership point will be deducted for teams with incorrect or incomplete score sheets.

13.7 If a scorer, Team or Club believes the score sheet/tablet is incorrect, they must not sign it and follow the grievance procedures to protest.

13.8 A team wishing to protest must

- Not sign the Official Scoresheet/Tablet and notify the Millewa Football Netball League Netball Administrator of the intention to protest.
- Lodge the protest in writing with the Millewa Football Netball League Netball Administrator within 48 hours of the game being played.

13.9 The Millewa Football Netball League Netball Administrator will advise the result of the protest and this decision shall be final.

13.10 A notion of any injuries should be made on the official scoresheet (tablet) in relation to By Law 26.1.

- A MFNL incident report providing the following details; player, position, type of injury (i.e. rolled ankle), what action was taken (i.e. ice applied, ambulance called) and time of injury must be submitted to the Millewa Netball Administrator.

13.11 The home team is to provide a scoreboard attendant.

14. PROGRESSIVE LADDERS

14.1 Ladders will be updated on Netball Connect.

14.2 Premiership points are recorded during the season as follows:

- a) 4 points for a win;
- b) 2 points for a draw;
- c) 0 points for a loss or forfeit;
- d) 4 points awarded to non-forfeiting team;
- e) Bye 4 points – for team facing Bye round.

15. PLAYER QUALIFICATION

15.1 In order for any player to be eligible for a specific grade they cannot play a cumulative total of five (5) games in any higher grade. If this occurs, the player is to remain in the lowest of the higher grades played. This includes finals.

b) Junior players are permitted to play junior and senior netball without the cumulative total, proving the junior player involved plays a minimum of 75% of the home and away season in the junior grade. This does not include finals.

15.2 All players are only permitted to play two (2) games per day.

15.3 To qualify for senior finals a player must play 1/3 of the season's senior matches for their club, on separate days/rounds for their club in any grade

b) To qualify for junior finals a player must play 1/3 of the season's junior matches for their Club, on separate days/rounds for their club in any grade.

15.4 Once a player has played the required number of games in a grade, they are eligible for finals in any higher grade for that Club.

15.5 Teams found playing an ineligible player will be considered to have lost that match.

15.6 A player who has played in a higher grade in the previous 2 years can only play in one lower grade the next year or during the year – e.g. A Grade player of 2021 cannot play C Grade in 2022 or play 4 games in A Res and drop to C Grade that year.

15.7 Players eligible for the 15 & Under grade who have participated in the 18 & Under competition during the home and away season are ineligible to play in the 15 & Under finals unless they have played an equal or greater number of games in the 15 & Under grade than in the 18 & Under competition during the home and away season.

16. FINALS

16.1 These will be played at the conclusion of the rounds;

16.2 Changes to venues and dates of finals may need to be altered by the MFNL Board according to need or club consensus.

16.3 The number of points gained during the season shall determine teams qualifying for finals. In the event that teams being equal on points, positions shall be determined by the percentage of goals scored for and against. In the event that teams being equal on percentage, positions shall be determined by the greater number of goals scored;

16.4 A four team finals series will be held – 1st semi 3 v 4, 2nd semi 1 v 2, Preliminary Final loser of 2nd semi v winner of 1st semi, Grand Final winner of 2nd semi v winner of Preliminary.

16.5 Once a player has played the required number of games in a division, they are eligible for finals in any higher divisions for that club;

16.6 Teams found playing an ineligible player during finals will be considered to have lost that match

16.7 Finals matches will be umpired by non-affiliated officials. i.e. Team A, Team B, Umpire 1 and Umpire 2 will all represent different clubs.

16.8 Matches shall be conducted for finals as for rounds. The starting time of finals matches may alter slightly, the Millewa Football Netball League Netball Administrator will notify clubs of any change to game times

16.9 Drawn matches in finals:

- a) There is two (2) (2) minute time allowance to enable teams to change ends and for the scores to be verified on the Official Scoresheet (tablet);
- b) Extra Time will be played if scores are drawn;
- c) 2 x 7 min halves for A Grade; 2 x 6 min halves for all other grades
- d) At the end of the first half, teams change ends, no positional changes can be made in the 1-minute half time break.
- e) Should there still be a draw at the end of the second half of Extra Time, play continues until one team has a two-goal advantage
- f) In the event of injury or illness during Extra Time refer to rule 12.2 (d)

16.10 The Millewa Football Netball League Netball Administrator will delegate jobs to each club for the final's series.

17. FORFEITS

17.1 In the event that a team forfeits prior to the match clock starting, games shall only be awarded to seven (7) nominated players of the non-offending team. A score of 20-0 in senior matches and 10-0 in junior matches will be awarded and four (4) points awarded to the non- offending team;

17.2 No games shall be awarded to players of the offending team

17.3 If a team notifies the Millewa Football Netball League Netball Administrator by 9am on the day of competition of its intent to forfeit, no penalty will be imposed.

18. CANCELLATIONS

18.1 When games are cancelled on account of unforeseen circumstances both teams will be credited with two (2) points and twenty (20) goals each and ten (10) goals each for junior games, and the competition will continue as per the fixture;

18.2 Four (4) points can only be awarded for fully completed games.

18.3 In the event that a game is cancelled due to weather, games can only be awarded to a maximum of twelve players, for each team.

18.4 Should circumstances occur in which successive rounds need to be cancelled, the Millewa Football Netball League Board will consider the position and determine a suitable course of action.

18.5 Four (4) points and Best and Fairest votes can only be awarded for games which have completed at least two (2) quarters.

19. SELECTION OF REPRESENTATIVE TEAMS

19.1 The Representative Squad Coordinator will organise the representative squad selection trials

19.2 Selection trials will be conducted under the following conditions

- All players who have submitted a Player Registration Form shall be informed in writing of the date, time and place where selection trials are to be held.
- Notice of selection trials must be received at least ten (10) days prior to the date of the trials

19.3 Team Selection Panels

- A minimum of three (3) Selectors must be appointed for each team and shall be made up of the Team Coach and two other selectors.
- Selectors may be appointed to more than one panel.

19.4 Players shall be notified, in writing, of the team in which they have been selected within seven (7) days of the selection trials.

19.5 The selector's decision shall be final.

20. REPRESENTATIVE TEAM OFFICIALS

20.1 The Team Officials shall consist of

- Coaches
 - The team coach must be included on the team entry form at the start of the season
 - All coaches must have a minimum Foundation Coaching Level Accreditation
- Team Managers
 - A team manager shall be appointed for each selected team.
- Scorer/Timekeeper
- Umpires
 - An umpire shall be appointed for each selected team.
 - All umpires must have at minimum completed the online theory exam and the online Level 1 Umpiring course.
- Captain & Vice-Captain

21. AWARDS

21.1 The following player awards will be presented each season:

- Best & Fairest for each grade
- Runners Up for each grade

- c) The A Grade Best & Fairest award to be named in honour of Dot Wilson;
- d) The A Reserve Best & Fairest award to be named in honour of Katrina Sobkowiak;
- e) The B Grade Best & Fairest award to be named in honour Michelle McGillivray;
- f) The C Grade Best & Fairest award to be named in honour Rita Lynch;
- g) The 15 and under Best & Fairest award to be named in honour of Judy Stewart;
- h) The 18 and under Best & Fairest award to be named in honour of (TBA)

21.2 Voting for Best & Fairest shall be as follows:

- a) Together the match umpires shall award votes for the best & fairest three players in each game.
Voting shall be 3 votes for the Best & Fairest player on court, 2 votes for the second best & fairest and 1 vote for the third Best & Fairest;
- b) One vote card will be used per match;
- c) The official vote card MUST be used;
- d) The home team is to provide the official vote card;
- e) Both umpires must sign the vote card;
- f) Votes shall be placed in the envelope provided and the envelope sealed;
- g) The home team is to ensure the vote cards are to be received by the MFNL Netball Administrator by 5pm Monday after the game.

21.3 Other forms of recognition will be awarded by the Board as deemed appropriate.

21.4 Team of the year - To be eligible for Team of the Year, players must have qualified for that grade.

Clubs must submit their team lists of all players, for each grade to be distributed to clubs with the Team of the Year nomination Form. Each club nominates a player for each on court position and coach. Those nominated players should not include players from their own club. Clubs must return by email the Team of the Year Nomination Form by the proposed date. Failure to do so, will result in missed nominations for that club. The Netball Director and Netball Administrator will correlate the nominations and make the final decision.

22. PRESENTATION NIGHT

22.1 At the conclusion of the season, a Presentation Night shall be held by the Millewa Football Netball League.

- a) The date and format shall be determined annually by the Millewa Football Netball League Board.
- b) If possible, presentation of all awards will be made on the night;
- c) Recognition of achievements shall be made on Presentation Night.
- d) Life Member nominations should be written and addressed to the Millewa Football Netball League Netball Administrator 30 days prior to annual presentation dinner. Contribution to Millewa Netball should be outlined in detail. Life Members shall be determined by the Millewa Football Netball League Board.

The Millewa Football Netball League Board may grant a person life membership in recognition of

services rendered to the Association/League after 5 years' service and be presented with a badge at the League Presentation night.

Players who have played 300 senior games and made a significant contribution to the League will also be eligible for Life Membership. Clubs must forward player name and have documented evidence for league verification

22.2 Junior presentation night to be held at conclusion of home and away matches as decided by Millewa Football Netball League Netball Director.

23. FUNDRAISING

23.1 The Millewa Football Netball League may conduct fundraising activities during the year;

23.2 The Millewa Football Netball League shall determine the fundraising activities;

23.3 Representative Teams must seek approval from the Millewa Football Netball League.

24. COURSES, SEMINARS & OTHER OPPORTUNITIES

24.1 The Millewa Football Netball League Netball Administrator shall provide notification of opportunities for all members to improve their skills by attending courses, seminars and other personal development activities

24.2 The Millewa Football Netball League Netball Administrator shall encourage and support members who wish to attend appropriate courses, seminars and other personal development activities.

25. ACCREDITATION

25.1 The Millewa Football Netball League Netball Administrator shall ensure that all umpires have current appropriate minimum qualifications prior to game day. Penalty: loss of 4 points and \$50 fine

25.2 Clubs must supply an umpire who will officiate for the entire game.

25.3 A Grade umpires must have a current National Badge. All other umpires see 12.4(c).

- a) In the circumstances where the club has exhausted all avenues to have a badged umpire to umpire A Grade, the club must communicate with the opposition club and the Millewa Football Netball League Netball Administrator for written approval for an umpire in accordance with 12.4 (c).
- b) If non agreement is made between clubs and League, the responsible club will be considered a forfeit. See By Law 17 Forfeits.

25.4 All game day officials must have current Netball Victoria Membership (NVM)

25.5 All coaches must have a minimum of Foundation Coach Accreditation Course. They must provide their accreditation certificates to the Millewa Football Netball League Netball Administrator prior to the season opener. Penalty: loss of 4 points and \$50 fine.

26. RISK MANAGEMENT

26.1 Injury Reporting

- a) All Clubs are responsible for recording all injuries at the discretion of the injured player (or players' guardian for players under 18) on the official scoresheet. See By Law 13.10.
- b) All players in an Millewa Football Netball League representative team are responsible for recording all injuries at the discretion of the injured player (or players' guardian for players under 18) on the official scoresheet.

26.2 Game Day Checklists

- a) Available at: <https://www.howdengroup.com/au-en/netball-match-day-checklist>
- b) A Game Day Checklist must be completed prior to all Millewa Football Netball League competitions, tournaments, games, programs, and training sessions.
 - i. The Court Safety Checklist must be completed before the first game of the day using one of the following methods:
 - Digital Checklist — ensure the completed form is emailed to millewanetball@gmail.com; or
 - Paper Checklist — place the completed form in the Match Day envelope for submission to the League.
- c) Any hazards identified will be
 - i. Documented
 - ii. Rectified if possible;
 - iii. Reported to the appropriate agency (local council, reserve committee) if major repair is required.

26.3 Pregnancy

Pregnancy and participation in Millewa Football Netball League competitions shall be managed in accordance with the Netball Australia Policy.

26.4 First Aid

- a) Clubs are to provide a First Aid Kit.
- b) The First Aid Kit will be court side and all appropriate personnel (including court supervisors, umpires and coaches) will have access to it.

26.5 Emergency Procedures

Emergency phone numbers including ambulance, police etc. are to be stored in the club's First Aid Kit.

26.6 Weather

Refer to the Netball Australia Policy

26.7 Smoke-Free Environment

Refer to the Netball Australia Policy

26.8 Responsible Serving of Alcohol

Refer to the Netball Australia Policy

26.9 Sun Protection

Refer to the Netball Australia Policy

26.10 Codes of Behaviour

Refer to the Netball Victoria Codes of Behaviour — available at

<https://vic.netball.com.au/support/assoc/rules-regulations>

26.11 Drug Policy

Refer to the Netball Australia Policy

The Millewa Football Netball League does not support the use of performance-enhancing substances and views any such use as detrimental to both the sport of netball and the spirit of the game.

27. DISPUTE RESOLUTION

27.1 The Millewa Football Netball League Board will impose the prescribed penalty or any other penalty to any member that fails to adhere to these Bylaws.

a) Any member of a Club or Team which does not agree with a penalty or action of the Millewa Football Netball League Board made under this bylaw, may advise the Committee within 48 hours of the penalty or decision being made. The Committee may then:

- i. Discuss the issue with the relevant Club or Team and make a decision regarding the matter. The Millewa Football Netball League Board shall inform the party/ies involved of their final decision either verbally or in writing; or
- ii. Have an informal meeting with the relevant party/ies in order to discuss and resolve the dispute
- c) The Millewa Football Netball League Board's decision is final.

27.2 Adopted Policies, Regulations and Procedures

The Millewa Football Netball League (MFNL) adopts and abides by the following policies, regulations, and procedures:

- a) Netball Victoria Cyber Safety Policy
- b) Netball Victoria Competition Regulations
- c) Netball Australia Member Protection Policy (latest version)
- d) Millewa Football Netball League Constitution
- e) Netball Victoria Competition Complaints Handling Regulation
- f) The MFNL Complaints Officer is responsible for determining the appropriate procedure and outcomes for any disputes, in accordance with the above regulations and the MFNL Constitution.

28. SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES/PROVISIONS CLAUSE

28.1 Where this bylaw is silent, a decision can be made that ensures the integrity of the League is maintained at all times.

28.2 The Netball Administrator or Millewa Football Netball League Board may in using its reasonable discretion, in exceptional or extenuating circumstances, alter, vary or waive the requirements set out in these bylaws relating to the Board.

29. INDEMNITY

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