

# WARWICK SENATORS



## NETBALL HANDBOOK SEPTEMBER 2023/24

### INTERPRETATION

The International Netball Federation rules shall apply unless otherwise stated in these by-laws.

### 1. PLAYING RULES

1. 1.1. A team must have a minimum of five (5) registered players entered on the scoresheet, who are ready to take the court, at the commencement of the game.
2. 1.2. A late player may only take the court in the period after a goal has been scored, and prior to the next centre pass.
3. 1.3. In Mixed netball games, there is to be a minimum of one male player, and a maximum of three (3) male players, at any one time. There must be at least one (1) female playing in each court third i.e. There must be a female playing either goal keeper or goal defence, a female playing either goal shooter or goal attack, and one playing either wing attack, wing defence or centre.
4. 1.4. If a game is terminated at any stage, after the half time mark, score will stand as the last current score on the score sheet.
5. All players that take the court must have a game ticket

### 2. SUBSTITUTIONS

2.1. Substitutions may be made at the break between any quarter. Exception to this rule is in the case of an injured player, to which a substitution can be made during the game.

### 3. UNIFORMS

1. 3.1. All players, in each team, are required to present themselves in conforming uniforms.  
  
3.1.1. Teams will be given three (3) weeks to conform to the uniform requirements. Following this, if teams are not in conforming uniforms, they will be penalised one goal, per person out of uniform.
2. 3.2. All players must have conforming tops/the same set of playing bibs worn.

4. **GAME TIMES** – game times may change but notification will be given

4.1 All games will be played on a time limit (40-minute playing time) Four (4) x 10- minute quarters with two (2) minute half time break, and no break at the first and third quarter changeover.

- **AM Competitions:** 9.20am, 10.10am
- **PM Competitions:** 6.30pm, 7.20pm, 8.10pm & 9pm

4.2. Finals Overtimes

4.2.1. In the event that there is a draw, at the end of a finals match, the teams will play two (2) rounds of five (5) minutes, without rest, changing ends between rounds. If a draw still occurs, after this extra time, a further period will be played until a margin of two (2) goals exists between the two (2) teams.

5. **JEWELLERY / FINGERNAILS**

1. 5.1. Long / sharp nails are required to be taped or cut. Suitable sports gloves may also be worn.
  - 5.1.1. Acrylic nails must be taped, and gloves must be worn at all times.
2. 5.2. Participants cannot wear jewellery, pins, or other dangerous items. Netball WA allow for taped flat wedding bands.

6. **FORFEITS**

6.1. In the event of a forfeit, the non-offending team shall receive a credit, unless they take part in a scratch match or practice session.

6.1.1. The game will result in the following score: 0 – 20, where the offending team receives zero (0) points, and the non-offending team receives 20.

7. **PENALTIES** 7.1. Late Penalties

1. 7.1.1. If a team has less than the minimum required players to start the match, then for every minute that play is late commencing, the opposing team will be awarded one (1) point.
2. 7.1.2. If a team does not have the minimum required players on court and ready to play within ten (10) minutes of the scheduled starting time, it will be deemed a forfeit loss.

7.2. Uniform Penalties

7.2.1 All players are required to present themselves in conforming uniforms for each match.

2. 7.2.2. Uniforms are required to have the same colour top and bottom. Bottoms may include shorts, leggings or skirts.
3. 7.2.3. Uniforms are to be noted on nomination forms prior to each season.
4. 7.2.4. One (1) point awarded to the opposition per person out of uniform.

## **8. ELIGIBILITY TO PLAY**

1. 8.1. Players are only eligible to play one match per round per age group per day.
2. 8.2. Senior players have a different competition on each night and are eligible to play once each night. A second game, on any night of play, is permissible by the Games Controller, where a forfeit can be prevented by doing so, and then only in accordance with clause 9.3
3. 8.3. A player is eligible to participate in a match provided the player is registered with the team concerned.

## **9. ELIGIBILITY TO PARTICIPATE IN THE FINALS SERIES**

1. 9.1. Players must have played in at five (5) of the number of matches fixtured (excluding byes) to be able to participate in the final series.
2. 9.2. Where an opposition team has forfeited a match and the players are not required to attend to claim the win, players who are registered and have played the game before and/or after shall be considered as qualified for that game.
3. 9.3. In any instance where a player, through sickness, injury, or other circumstances, beyond their control, is prevented from playing in the required number of qualifying matches, the Competitions Manager may allow the player to qualify for the final series provided:
  - 9.3.1. The player was registered with the club either for a previous season or from the start of the current competition; or
  - 9.3.2. The player has played at least one qualifying match towards the final series; and;
  - 9.3.3. Written application is lodged with the Association at least two weeks prior to the start of the final series.
4. 9.4. Any protest, or dispute, concerning the eligibility of a player, to participate in the final series, must be referred to the Competitions Coordinator within twenty-four hours of the completion of the game in which the player participated.
5. 9.5. Any team found to have played an unqualified player, in the final series, will automatically forfeit the finals match and be disqualified from the remainder of the final's series.
6. 9.6. If teams are unable to provide enough qualified players, to participate in a finals match, they may make written application prior to the commencement of the finals to:
  - 9.6.1 Play the next highest qualified player(s) on the list

## **10. ELIGIBLE PLAYERS**

10.1. To be an eligible player, a player must be registered in a WS competition and registered with Netball WA.

10.2 Ineligible players participating in a competition match should be reported to the Games Controller or in writing to the Competitions Team. Players playing under a false name will also be reported to the Tribunal and the team will automatically register a loss.

10.3. It is the responsibility of all teams to ensure that players are eligible to compete. In any instance where an ineligible player has participated in a match, the match shall be forfeited to the opposition and the team will not receive any premiership points.

### **FILL IN PLAYERS**

10.4. fill ins are able to play 3 games before registering. If a player takes the court while being unregistered having played 4 or more games as a fill in, the end result will be a 20-0 loss.

10.5 Fill ins can only play at a wing

## **11. UMPIRES**

1. 11.1. The allocation of umpires to officiate at competition fixtures conducted by the Association shall be the responsibility of the Umpire Coordinator.
2. 11.2. It is the responsibility of the Umpire Coordinator and Umpire Coach to determine the method of appointment of all umpires and to determine their status as umpires.
3. 11.3. The Umpire Coordinator may arrange clinics, courses and lectures for the development of umpires in conjunction with administration staff.

## **12. FEEDBACK COMPLAINTS, PROTESTS AND REPORTS**

12.1. A player, coach or team shall have the right to provide feedback, lodge a complaint or protest in relation to the conduct of a competition match, the eligibility of any player taking part in the match, the behaviour of any person(s), or the result of any competition match.

12.1.1. Feedback is welcome to bring matters to the attention of Warwick Senators by email to [comps@warwicksenators.com.au](mailto:comps@warwicksenators.com.au) which will

be reviewed periodically by the Competitions Coordinator and shared with the Competitions Team when relevant. Feedback will be given due consideration and actions taken where required however the purpose of providing feedback is not to receive a formal response.

2. 12.1.2. Complaints or in-game matters should first be brought to the attention of a Referee Coach or Games Controller.
3. 12.1.3. Should the matter not be resolved, complaints or protests must be made in writing and received by the Association within twenty-four (24) working hours (one business day) after the completion of the match in question using the appropriate form: <https://warwickssenators.com.au/domestic-complaint/>
4. 12.1.4. The submission shall include a comprehensive account of the incident or happening giving rise to the complaint or protest, name the team/s, player/s and/or coaches/s concerned and the specifics of the match.
5. 12.1.5. All complaints shall be referred to the Competitions Manager (CM) for consideration and if necessary, investigation. The CM may appoint a Panel to consider the findings of the investigation to resolve a decision which may include Penalties. Should it not be possible to arrive at a satisfactory solution they may refer the matter to the Tribunal for resolution.
6. 12.1.6. All written lodgements must be resolved within fourteen (14) days of receipt and the resultant decision communicated to the person or team in writing.

12.2. A report, lodged by a referee, umpire or Association official, which alleges misconduct in any Association match or fixture, by any player, coach, spectator, team, shall be considered a charge against the player, team, or member.

21.2.1 The report must be lodged in writing on the prescribed report form and must be received by the Association within forty-eight (48) working hours of the alleged incident.

### 13. PENALTIES

1. 13.1. The Competitions Manager may impose penalties upon individual players, teams, spectators of game officials as appropriate and after proper investigation and referral for decision by a Panel. The Panel is in place to provide an independent view to the matter. Members may include Competitions Team, Trustees and external independent parties. Penalties for minor breaches may be in the form of:

23.1.1. A monetary fine for an individual or team;

23.1.2 Premiership points up to and including the time of the offence to be removed.

2. 13.2. For serious breaches of these competitions' rules, the Panel may impose sanctions including:

- Suspension of player/s
- Expulsion of team/members from the Association
- Any other penalty deemed appropriate by the Panel from time to time
- Disqualification of the team

## 14. CONDITIONS OF ENTRY

1. 14.1. All people entering a facility that is running a WS competition will be subject to that facilities conditions of entry available  
<https://www.warwickstadium.com.au/entryconditions>
2. 14.2. If, in the judgement of the Duty Manager, Umpire Coach or the Games Controller, any misconduct by players, coaches, spectators or game officials is disorderly, offensive or aggressive, or in any way breach the conditions of entry or codes of conduct, the offending party may be requested to leave the stadium.
  1. 14.2.1. The Duty Manager or Games Controller may report the conduct to the Competitions Team if they feel further action is appropriate, or if the person does not immediately leave the stadium.
  2. 14.2.2. The standard penalty for a person that does not the leave the stadium at the request of the Duty Manager, Umpire Coach or Games Controller will be a 2-week suspension, in addition to any other penalty that may be applicable.

## 15. HEAT POLICY

15.1. All Warwick Senators (WS) Competitions follow the Basketball WA Hot Weather

Guidelines as available on our website.

## 16. VIDEO AND PHOTOGRAPHY

1. 16.1. Warwick Senators (WS) is conscious of concerns raised regarding the taking of video footage or still photographs in stadiums. We are also conscious that there are genuine and innocent reasons why this may happen, including the recording of family memories. This position is to reach a fair and simple compromise between these competing needs.
2. 16.2. A person is permitted to video and photograph games involving minors provided that they are:
  - a) related to a player involved in the game (or guardian), or
  - b) approved by the Umpire Coordinator for the purpose of umpire development and education.
3. 16.3. If parents have concerns about people videoing or taking photographs of junior games, they should raise them with a stadium official. If the person using a camera is then unable to convince the stadium official that they fall into either of the above categories, they will be asked to discontinue taking photos/filming.
4. 16.4. No videoing or taking of photographs will be permitted under any circumstances in the toilets or changing areas of stadiums where WS programs or competitions are being conducted.
5. 16.5. Under no circumstances should video footage or photographs taken in WS programs be posted online or in any public forum without the permission of the parents of all minors appearing in the video or photograph first being obtained.

