

# **SOUTH AUSTRALIAN DISTRICTS NETBALL ASSOCIATION INC.**

## **BY LAWS**

1991 South Australian Districts Netball Association Incorporated

## Preface to the By-Laws

### EXISTENCE

These By-Laws, for the time being in force, are made pursuant to clause 9.1 of the Association's Constitution.

### APPLICATION

The application of these By-Laws is described in clause 7.2 of the Association's Constitution.

It is the responsibility of every member of the Association to be aware of the conditions outlined in these By-Laws.

### DEFINITIONS

The term 'Association' shall mean the South Australian Districts Netball Association Inc.

Words importing one gender shall, unless specifically limited, include other genders.

### INTERPRETATION

The Public Officer of the Association shall be the sole interpreter of the Association's By-Laws and all official disputes shall be referred to him for decision.

NOTE: For some By-Laws, interpretative notes are provided for guidance of teams and officials. These notes present current Association policies on the By-Laws to which they refer.

### AUTHORITY

The authority of the Association shall extend to and be recognised by each member of the Association.

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Additional copies of the Constitution, Rules and By-Laws may be obtained from the Administration Office



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## 1. AGES OF PLAYERS:

1.1. SUB-PRIMARY matches employing the modified rules listed in Appendix A shall be arranged for players 9 years and under. The Grading Committee shall recommend to the <sup>1</sup>Board if modified rules shall apply to which 11 and under grade.

1.1.1. SUB-PRIMARY players must be at least 7 years of age and under 10 years of age.

1.2. Primary players shall be not less than 10 years of age and under 12 years of age.

1.3. Sub Junior players shall be not less than 12 years of age and under 14 years of age.

1.4. Junior players shall be not less than 14 years of age and under 16 years of age.

1.5. Intermediate players shall be not less than 16 years of age and under 18 years of age.

1.6. Players competing in the Senior competition shall be not less than 16 years of age.

1.7. All ages for the purpose of distinguishing maximum age eligibility shall be taken at the 31st day of December in the year the competition commences and a player's eligibility shall be maintained throughout that competition.

NOTE: REFER TO GRADING PROCEDURES POLICY STATEMENT FOR PERMITS FOR UNDERAGE PLAYERS.

## 2. COMPETITION AND NOMINATION:

2.1. The Association shall conduct competition between the teams of affiliated Clubs in either or both day and night matches in either or both summer and winter seasons.

2.1.1. Teams in competitions shall have all players of the same gender, except as prescribed in the Netball Australia Junior Sports Policy.

2.2. Matches will be played according to the Official Rules authorised by the All Australia Netball Association, subject to Modified Rules issued by this Association (described in Appendix A) and domestic rulings made by these By-Laws.

2.2.1. Association policies and guidelines as adopted and varied from time to time may generally be used for the application and interpretation of these By-Laws. In cases where a dispute arises regarding interpretation of the By-Laws, the matter shall be referred to the Association's Public Officer for advice and decision. Notwithstanding the advice and interpretation provided by the Public Officer matters of dispute may still be referred to the Association for adjudication.

2.3. The Association shall receive, by the notified closing date, nominations of teams for competitions which are:

2.3.1. Submitted by Clubs which are financial;

2.3.2. Accompanied by the nomination fee;

2.3.2.1. Where the Association is notified prior to the completion of the third (3rd) programmed round that a nominated player has taken no part in the competition, nominations fees for that player may be refunded to member Clubs, After the third (3rd) round match no refunds will be given.

2.3.3. Correct and complete in all details as described in the notice which calls for nominations;

2.3.3.1. The Grading Committee must be notified if team(s) members change after grading by the Grading Committee. The Grading Committee is to be notified by the Monday prior to the commencement of the season of ANY such changes, for the first match of the season where at least five (5) players are not as originally nominated, those players who have not been notified to the Association will be deemed ineligible and subject to penalty under By-Law 18 Ineligible Players.

NOTE: Nomination forms automatically register all players listed

2.3.4. Accompanied by suitable evidence of the availability of umpires of appropriate standard to officiate in matches in which their teams will participate.

NOTE: An umpire's enrolment form must accompany the nomination forms. If insufficient umpires are provided for each team, nomination of that team will not be accepted. Refer to By-Law 15.2.

2.3.5. Umpires nominated for SUB-PRIMARY must have previous umpiring experience.

2.4. Nominations of teams, accompanied by the late nominations fee, and complying with the requirements of By-Laws 2.3.1 to 2.3.4 may be received after the notified closing date.

2.5. The nomination fee shall form part of the team fee applicable to the team for the competition for which the team is nominated.

2.6. Unless the Grading Committee approves otherwise, the withdrawal of a team shall be the lowest graded team of that Club in that section of the competition.

2.7. A Club withdrawing a team less than 14 days prior to the date the competition for that team commences shall forfeit the team nomination fee and, if applicable, the late nominations fee.

### 3. PROGRAMMES AND GRADING

3.1. The programme of matches shall be the responsibility of the Competitions Committee.

3.2. The programme of the matches shall be arranged so that there are not more than ten teams in each grade, which shall be known as the Minor Round.

3.3. Minor round may consist of up to 20 weeks of competition.

3.4. Other matches played after the end of the Minor Round, other than replays, shall be known as the Major Round.

3.5. The grading of teams shall be the responsibility of the Grading Committee.

3.6. The results of competition matches may be used as basis for grading of teams.

### 4. PLAYING TIMES AND LATE ARRIVAL:

4.1. Matches shall be played at the time, date and place programmed unless conditions for abandonment, forfeiture or replay occur.

4.2. For ALL matches:

4.2.1. SUB-PRIMARY and Primary matches shall consist of four quarters, each of ten minutes, with a break of two minutes at quarter and three quarter times and three minutes at half time. Sub Junior matches shall consist of four quarters, each of up to 12 minutes, with a break of two minutes at quarter and three quarter time and three minutes at half time.

4.2.2. Matches excepting those in SUB-PRIMARY, Primary and Sub Junior, shall consist of four quarters each of up to fifteen minutes, with a break of three minutes at quarter and three quarter time and five minutes at half time except where 12 min quarters are played when breaks will be two minutes at quarter and three quarter time and three minutes at half time.

4.2.3.

4.3. After the scheduled commencement time, up to 30 seconds may be allowed for late arrival. Thereafter:

- 4.3.1. Renumber Where a club is required to provide a registered umpire (refer By-law 14.6) that team whose umpire has not attended shall be deemed to forfeit the game.

4.4. Each team shall, prior to the scheduled commencement time for the match, assemble in an orderly manner, on the court allotted for the match, to facilitate the pre-match inspection by the officiating umpire(s).

## 5. MAJOR ROUND:

5.1. The matches in the Major Round to determine the Premier team in each grade shall consist of Semi-Finals, a Preliminary Final and a Grand Final.

5.2. Matches shall take place between the teams finishing in first, second, third and fourth positions as determined from results in Minor Round Matches.

- 5.2.1. First Semi-Final – First team vs Second team
- 5.2.2. Second Semi-Final – Third team vs Fourth team
- 5.2.3. Preliminary Final – Loser of First Semi-Final Vs Winner of Second Semi-Final
- 5.2.4. Grand Final – Winner of First Semi-Final Vs Winner of Preliminary Final

5.3. In the event of a draw in the Semi-Finals, Preliminary Finals or Grand Finals, refer to AANA Rule 4.2 (i), (ii), (iii), (iv), with the exception of games where 10min & 12 min quarters are played where 2x5 minutes halves and 2x6 minutes halves will be played, respectively.

5.4. Final positions:

- 5.4.1. The Premier team shall be the winner of the Grand Final.
- 5.4.2. The Runner-up shall be the loser of the Grand Final.
- 5.4.3. The Third team shall be the loser of the Preliminary Final.
- 5.4.4. The Fourth team shall be the loser of the First Semi Final.

## 6. PREMIERSHIP POINTS AND PERCENTAGES:

6.1 In each Minor Round match:

- 6.1.1. Two premiership points shall be awarded to the winning team.
- 6.1.2. Two premiership points shall be awarded to the team receiving a forfeit.
- 6.1.3. One premiership point shall be awarded to each team in the event of a draw.
- 6.1.4. Subject to By-Law 9.5/9.6, one premiership point shall be awarded to each team in the event of an abandoned match.
- 6.1.5. Two premiership points shall be awarded to a team where a Bye is scheduled.

6.2. Premiership points awarded to a team shall be deducted where that team infringes a By-Law for which the penalty includes the loss of premiership points.

6.3. If two or more teams in the same grade have equal number of premiership points, their relative positions shall be determined by a calculations of percentage using the equation

$$P = \frac{100 \times [F]}{[F+A]}$$

Where P=percentage, F=Sub-Primaryals scored by the team and A=Sub-Primaryals scored against the team.

## 7. OFFICIALS:

7.1. Each team shall provide a separate scorer, a time keeper and a primary carer for each match in which it participates. The second named team shall time each interval and stoppage for illness or injury.

7.2. Scorers and timekeepers shall be not less than 15 years of age on the thirty-first (31) day of December in the year of competition commences.

7.3. A team shall, if required, satisfy the officiating umpires that its scorer and timekeeper meet the requirements prescribed in By-Law 7.2.

7.4. A scorer shall:

7.4.1. Ensure that, in a match, the recorded scores of respective teams on each scorecard are the same.

7.4.2. Scorers shall sit together.

7.4.3. Sign BOTH team's scorecard at the completion of the match.

7.5. Each Club shall provide a completed Coaches Registration form for each of its teams entered into the competition.

7.5.1. A person may be registered as the Coach of more than one team in a competition.

7.5.2. To be eligible to be registered as a Coach, a person shall have attained the age of 15 years by the 31st day of December in the year in which the competition commences.

7.5.3. Registration forms for Coaches shall be attached to team nomination forms distributed by the Association.

7.6. Each completed Coaches registration form shall be forwarded to the Association to be received no later than the date of the first match of the season for the team for which the Coach is registered.

7.7. In case where a team changes its Coach, the Association must be advised within 14 days of such change taking effect.

7.8. Failure by a Club to comply with the provisions of clauses 7.5, 7.6, & 7.7 of By-Law 7, shall result in a fine as described in By-Law 18 for each infringement.

7.9. All <sup>2</sup>Officials, like players, will be afforded a safe sporting environment.

## 8. SCORES, SCORE CARDS AND EQUIPMENT:

8.1. The home team shall be the official scorer. The scorecard shall be correctly and legibly completed. The away team shall be the check scorer.

NOTE: The home team scorecard shall be the official record of the match. The away team shall provide a completed check scorecard.

<sup>2</sup>Refer to Code of Conduct



- 8.2. Up to twelve players may be used. Names of all players participating must be listed on both scorecards, including "reserve players". Players' names may be added after the start of play. For player qualification purposes, any player not taking the court will not be credited with the match.
- 8.3. Both scorecards shall be signed by both Coaches or Captains, at the completion of the match. Umpires are required to print their names on both scorecards at the completion of the match.
- 8.4. Both completed scorecards shall be handed in to the SADNA office on the day or night of the match.  
Penalty as per By-Law 18.1
- 8.5. **In the event of a forfeited match, the team receiving the forfeit may submit a signed and correctly completed scorecard**, including the names of players who would have participated, to the Association within 72 hours of the would be completion of the forfeited match.
- 8.6. Where the Association advises Clubs that games have been abandoned, Clubs may, for the purpose of qualifying players, submit to the Association, within 72 hours of the would be completion of the abandoned match, a correctly signed completed scorecard that contains the names of all players who would have participated in the abandoned match.
- 8.7. Where a team is scheduled to a Bye, no scorecard will be received by the Association for that match.
- 8.8. The Home team on the scorecard, of the first time slot, shall be responsible for putting up the pole covers before the match starts. The Away team on the scorecard, of the last time slot shall be responsible for putting away the pole covers. (The exception shall be when there are forfeits) Failure to comply will result in a penalty as per By-law 18.
9. **ABANDONED MATCH:**
- 9.1. A match shall be abandoned when the Association enacts its inclement weather policy. Where the Association abandons a match both teams shall be awarded one premiership point (By-Law 6.1.4)
- 9.2. Any match not played and completed on the scheduled day is to be declared abandoned unless a replay of the match is ordered by the Competitions Committee.
- 9.3. A match may be abandoned by the mutual agreement of both teams scheduled to play.
- 9.4. A match shall be abandoned where the official umpire(s) are:
- 9.4.1. Deem that the conditions are unsafe to play.
- 9.5. A match may be declared abandoned by the official umpires if BOTH teams fail to:
- 9.5.1. Have at least five (5) players ready to commence play before the late time fixed for the match had elapsed.
- 9.5.2. Provide a scorer, a timekeeper and a primary carer before the late time fixed for the match had elapsed.
- 9.5.3. Resume play upon the request of the officiating umpires.
- 9.5.4. In the opinion of the official umpire(s), has players and/or officials who, during the match, act in an unsporting manner and/or persistently fail to abide by the rules of the game. In this case BOTH teams shall receive penalties as per By-Law 18.
- 9.6. In the case of an abandoned match, where no play took place, both teams shall be awarded one premiership point.
- 9.7. Where a match is part played and then abandoned each team shall be awarded one premiership point, except when the game is abandoned after the conclusion of the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter, the current scores stand and premiership points will be awarded.
- 9.8. If a replay of an abandoned match is ordered, premiership points and scores shall be recorded from the replayed match results.

**10. FORFEITED MATCH:**

- 10.1. A match shall be declared forfeit against a team which:
- 10.1.1. Plays an ineligible player
  - 10.1.2. In the opinion of the officiating umpire(s), has players and/or officials who, during the match, act in an unsporting manner and/or persistently fail to abide by the rules of the game.
  - 10.1.3. Umpire is unable to continue officiating in the match due to injury or illness and are unable to be replaced by an eligible umpire within 30 seconds of the injury or illness occurring.
- 10.2. A match shall be declared forfeit against a team, which fails to, within 30 seconds of the scheduled match commencement time, to:
- 10.2.1. Provide a separate scorer, a timekeeper and a primary carer.
  - 10.2.2. Provide a suitably qualified and SADNA registered umpire.
- 10.3. The Secretary of any Club intending to forfeit a match shall notify the Association, via the Administration Office, the relevant Allocations Officer AND the Secretary of the opposing Club.
- 10.3.1. Notice should be provided as soon as possible and in sufficient time to enable notification of all parties.
- 10.4. A Club whose team forfeits a match as per By-law 10.3 shall be fined for the first occurrence as per penalty in By-Law 18. Any subsequent forfeits by that team in that season shall incur a fine as per penalty in By-Law 18 for each occurrence except where:
- 10.4.1. The Club fails to make proper notifications as per By-law 10.3, the fine for the first occurrence will be imposed, as per By-law 18.
- 10.5. Teams, receiving forfeits will be credited with two premiership points (By-Law 6.1.2)
- 10.5.1 Teams receiving the forfeit will receive Sub-Primaryals scored for as below:
- |                       |                        |
|-----------------------|------------------------|
| Seniors/Intermediates | 25 Sub-Primaryals to 0 |
| Juniors               | 20 Sub-Primaryals to 0 |
| Sub-Juniors           | 15 Sub-Primaryals to 0 |
| Primaryals            | 10 Sub-Primaryals to 0 |
- 10.6. Forfeiting teams shall be credited with no Sub-Primaryals or premiership points for that match. (By-Law 6.1.2)
- 10.7. Declared forfeits shall attract a penalty of loss of the match to any other fine or penalty which may be applied.

**11. PLAYER REGISTRATION:**

- 11.1. Each Club shall submit a completed application for player registration form, via Playhq and paper form with player registration identity number, for each participating playing member of the Club, except for those players as named on the original Team Nomination Form via Playhq.
- 11.2. Each application for player registration form shall be lodged with the Association not more than 72 hours after the completion of the first match in which the previously unregistered player plays.
- 11.2.1. The signature and/or stamp of an Administration Officer on the form shall be deemed to be acceptance of the application by the Association.

- 11.3. The change of name of a player shall require notification via Playhq and on an application for player registration form within 72 hours after the completion of the first match in which the player plays after having changed her name.
- 11.4. Any player or Club furnishing incorrect information on Playhq and/or on an application for player registration form shall be liable to such penalty as per By-Law 18.
- 11.5. A player shall be bound to the Club with whom she plays the first match.
- 12. PERMITS AND TRANSFERS OF PLAYERS:**
- 12.1. All applications for permits shall be lodged with the Secretary of the Grading Committee.  
**NOTE:** Refer to the Association Grading Procedures in respect to the granting of Permits.
- 12.2. An application for a permit must be approved prior to the commencement of the match for which the permit is required.
- 12.3. **REFER:** To Association Policy on Match Voucher System relating to Fill-in players.
- 12.4. Where a Club has two teams in the same grade a player who has played 5 matches in the higher numbered team in that grade, may not play for the lower numbered team in that grade.  
Example: Team 3 player cannot play for Team 4.
- 12.5. Once a player has played five matches in a higher grade she may not return to any lower grade except in Sub-Primary grades where players may play up or down from SP2 to the lowest Sub-Primary grade.  
Example: Grade Played: C2, B4, B2, C2, B4, C2, B2, A3  
Eligibility C2, C2, C2, C2, C2, C2, B4
- 12.6. A player may not participate in a match, which is a lower grade than that for which she is eligible.
- 12.7. A player shall not play for more than two teams within a Club in the same-programmed week, unless a permit to do so has been issued.
- 12.8. A player who has played less than five (5) matches with a team during a competition or who has played five (5) matches with a permit for a team shall not be eligible to play for that team in any Major round match in that competition unless a permit to do so has been issued.
- 12.9. Fill-in players are tied to the Club they “fill-in” for and require player transfer documentation to play for a different Club in the same competition.  
**NOTE:** Refer to Association Policy on Match Voucher System relating to Fill-in players.
- 12.10. A team that has only qualified 7 players in the Minor round will not be granted a permit for an eighth (8th) player for the Major rounds.
- 12.11. Players wishing to transfer from one-member Club to another shall only be permitted when there is no indebtedness to the existing Club. Players transferring during the season will not be permitted to move to the new Club for 8 days following receipt of the transfer notification. Clubs shall be required to complete either:
- 12.11.1. A transfer request via Playhq and a Mid-Season Registration form complete with transfer information.
- 12.11.2. A full Clearance Form, if the Club they are leaving has listed them as un-financial.
- 12.11.3. A Club shall upon receipt of email notification via Playhq and/or Clearance Form promptly endorse it and complete the details of indebtedness including invoicing information (if relevant). This information must have been presented to the player and reasonable terms of payment must have been exceeded for the player to be deemed un-financial. Clearance Form must be returned to be received by the player within 5 clear working days. Submission of a

processed Clearance form must be accompanied by a mid-season registration form and player registration on Playhq.

12.11.4. On receipt of a transfer of player registration, the Administration Officer(s) will promptly endorse it and return it to the Club which the player is transferring from.

12.12. Any Club wishing to refuse the transfer of its un-financial members to other Clubs at the END of the CURRENT season shall submit to the Association, an un-financial notification list, of its un-financial members. The Administration Officer(s) will collate all Clubs' un-financial notification lists and arrange for each Club affiliated with the Association to be notified of the un-financial players within the Association only.

12.12.1. An un-financial notification list should be lodge with the Association within seven (7) days of the completion of the last match of the minor round for the CURRENT season that the player has deemed to be un-financial in.

12.12.2. If a player has not been listed on the un-financial notification list as per By-Laws 12.12 by a Club and plays for another Club, that player's details cannot be added to the previous Club's un-financial notification list in arrears.

12.12.3. It shall be the responsibility of Clubs considering the selection or nomination of players from other Clubs, in a team for the following season to confirm a player's financial status with the said player and said player's previous Club by requesting a player transfer via Playhq and by checking the current un-financial notification list.

12.12.4. Upon receipt of advice from Clubs, players' names may be added (in accordance to By-law 12.12 or removed from an un-financial notification list. An un-financial notification list may be updated at any time during the season (in accordance to By-law 12.12).

12.13. For the purposes of player transfers at the commencement of a new season, a new un-financial notification list shall be provided by the Association to Clubs by the completion of the Grand Final round and will exist until the completion of the final match of the Major Round on that season.

### 13. DRESS:

13.1. Clubs shall apply to the Association for the right to use a specific uniform.

13.2. A register of all Club uniforms shall be maintained by the Association.

13.3. Duplication of colours and styles shall be avoided.

13.3.1. Where a Club has two teams in the same grade, the second named team shall change its uniform substantially to enable players of each team to be easily identified.

13.3.2. Where the identification of players in a match is difficult because teams have similar uniforms and colours, the officiating umpire(s) may direct the second named team to wear a substantially different colour of playing position initials.

13.4. The Association shall have the right to reject any uniform which does not comply with the regulation details described in the Association By-Laws.

13.5. A Club shall not alter its colours or uniform without the approval of the Association.

13.6. A Club's registered uniform shall be worn by its players in competition matches.

13.7. The Association's uniform colours shall be:

13.7.1. Navy, sky blue, grey and white in any combination for use by both male and female representatives.

13.8. A Club shall not use the Association's colours.

13.9. Clubs which have more than one approved style and colour of uniform shall ensure that the players in a team are attired in the same style and colour uniform.

- 13.10. Pullovers or windcheaters of the same colour may be worn if registered as part of the uniform. If worn and the players cannot be easily identified as a player of that team it is reasonable to request its removal.
- 13.11. Each player shall wear socks. Socks shall be visible above the rim of the shoe and the colour of the socks shall be registered as part of the uniform.
- 13.12. Sports briefs shall be waist high, of opaque material and be black, brown or navy or of a colour of the uniform and shall be the same for all team members. "Bicycle pants" are not permitted.

**NOTE:** Sports briefs of "Little Boy Leg" length shall be permitted.

- 13.13. The officiating umpire(s) shall have the power to prohibit any player from participating in a match where the player's dress does not comply with the provisions of the By-Laws and play shall not be delayed to allow players to rectify dress regularities.
- 13.14. Uniforms styles – regulation details for female players:

STYLE	TYPE A:	TYPE:
Garment	One piece	Two piece
Pleating	Plain, gather or knife pleated shirt (any width pleat)	Detached, plain or pleated skirt
Length	Uniform must cover sports briefs when player wearing identification letters is standing erect (all styles)	
Waistline	With or without	T-Shirt or blouse tucked inside skirt
Blouse	With or without T-Shirt or blouse	T-shirt or Blouse
Materials	Any type (one colour, tartan, check, print etc.): non transparent	
Permitted Variations	Colour of bodice and skirt may differ	Colour of T-shirt or blouse may differ from colour of skirt
Sponsor's or Marker's LoSub-Primarys	No more than one Club Badge/Insignia or sponsor's LoSub-Primary and one maker's LoSub-Primary on any article of playing uniform (i.e. no more than two in total) Maximum sizes: Sponsor's LoSub-Primary – 64cm <sup>2</sup> (in area) Manufacturer's LoSub-Primary – 16cm <sup>2</sup> (in area)	

#### 14. UMPIRE REGISTRATION AND CONSTRAINTS:

- 14.1. The Umpires Committee shall provide written notification of the standards for eligibility for registration of Umpire(s) as follows:
- 14.1.1. On each occasion the Association calls for nominations of teams for competitions in accordance to By-law 2.3.4.
- 14.1.2. On Written request to the Umpires Committee.
- 14.2. Each Club participating in the Association competition (including Sub Primary matches) shall make application to register its umpire(s) with the Association.
- 14.2.1. An application shall be made on the form prescribed and available from the Association.
- 14.2.2. An application shall not be accepted if not signed by the Umpire.
- 14.2.3. Each application for registration shall be submitted prior to officiating a match at SADNA.

- 14.2.4. The Umpires Committee will advise the applicant and when appropriate, the Club, if the application has been declined and the reasons therefore.
- 14.2.5. Umpire(s) umpiring in Minor round games are expected to be available for Major round games, regardless of the final position of the team that the umpire(s) was nominated for.
- 14.3. The umpire registration fee to be paid to the Association may be determined by the Board and such fee shall accompany each application.
- 14.4. A registered Umpire may officiate in a maximum number of matches per day as follows:
- 14.4.1. Where umpires are appointed – two (2) matches.
- 14.5. Registered Umpire officiating in A grade, must hold a as a minimum a current “National C” or higher practical grading qualification.
- 14.6. A permit may be issued by the Umpires Committee to vary the eligibility of a registered Umpire.
- 14.7. An Umpire not being a member of a Club affiliated with the Association may apply to be registered by the Umpires Committee as an Independent Umpire.
- 14.8. The Umpires Committee may, at its discretion, grant honorary registration to umpires from other Associations.
- 14.9. <sup>3</sup>Umpires, like players, must be afforded a safe sporting environment.
- 14.10. Umpires requiring training by SADNA may make application to the Umpires Committee.
- 15. PROVISION OF UMPIRES**
- 15.1. A Club shall provide SADNA registered umpire(s), subject to the limitations of By-Laws 14.4 & 14.5 to meets its commitments described in By-Law 15.2.
- 15.2. Clubs competing in competition matches shall provide one eligible registered umpire.
- 15.2.1. For teams in A grade, who shall be available to officiate in those matches.
- 15.2.2. For all other teams, one eligible umpire for each match in which its teams compete.
- 15.3. Failure by a Club to provide sufficient registered umpire(s) to meet its commitments described in By-laws 15.2.1 shall result in that Club’s teams in those sections of the competitions being suspended from those sections of the competitions until sufficient umpire(s) have been provided.
- 15.4. Failure of a Club to provide umpire(s) to meet its commitments as described in By-Law 15.2.2 shall result in that match being forfeited. A penalty will be applied as per By-Law 18.
- 15.5. A Club will be deemed to have infringed By-Law 15.3 when, on behalf of the Club, the Umpire officiating in a match is not:
- 15.5.1. A registered umpire, or
- 15.5.2. Eligible to officiate in a match in that grade. (refer By-Law 15.2)
- 15.6. A registered umpire may officiate in a match for which they are eligible on behalf of Clubs other than the Club which applied for their registration.
- 15.7. A Club competing in the Major round of the competition shall provide one eligible umpire per team competing in each week of Major round competition. Umpire(s) so provided will, as required, be rostered to Major round matches by the Umpires Committee.
- 15.8. A Club which fails to provide sufficient registered umpire(s) to meet its commitments described in By-Law 15.7 shall be suspended from Major round competition until sufficient umpire(s) are provided.

## 16. APPOINTMENT AND NOTIFICATION OF UMPIRES

- 16.1. Umpire(s) nominated by Clubs to officiate in matches for which the Association or club appoints umpires shall be available to officiate in those matches to which they are appointed, this includes Semi, Preliminary and Grand final matches.
- 16.2. Umpire(s) appointed to matches by the Association shall be individually provided with written notification of appointments.
- 16.3. Each Club shall be notified of time(s) and date(s) for its umpire(s) who are appointed by the association to matches.
- 16.3.1 A Club whose Umpire(s) fails to umpire a match to which their Umpire(s) has been appointed shall incur a penalty as per By-Law 18.
- 16.4. Umpire(s), appointed by the Association, who are unable to fulfil a commitment shall notify the association administration as soon as possible so the Umpires Committee can source a suitable replacement.
- 16.5. Umpire(s), appointed by the member Clubs, who are unable to fulfil a commitment shall notify their Club's Umpire Co-ordinator, who shall arrange a replacement.
- 16.6. An independent umpire may. Subject to availability, be appointed to officiate in matches where such appointment is the responsibility of the Umpires Committee.

## 17. UMPIRES MEETING

- 17.1. The Umpires Committee shall, as deemed necessary, arrange umpires' meetings.
- 17.2. Failure by a Club to meet the requirements of By-Law 17.1 may result in a penalty for each umpire short of the number required to represent that Club as per By-Law 18.

## 18. FINES AND PENALTIES

- 18.1. The Association shall have the power to impose the following fines and penalties for breaches of the Constitution and By-Laws, without prejudice to any other right or remedy the Association may have against any member of the Association.

INFRINGEMENT or OFFENCE	REFERENCE	PENALTY
Non-attendance at an Association meeting	Constitution 22.4	\$25 for each offence. (P)
Non-attendance at an Umpires' meeting	By-Law 17.1	\$25 for each umpire absent. (U)
Non-attendance of an appointed umpire	By-Law 16.3.1	\$50 for each match appointed not met. (U)
Over-age, under-age or ineligible player Unregistered player Ineligible player (grade of play) Player playing more than two matches Ineligible player in a Major round Playing for more than one Club in a competition	By-Law 1 By-Law 11 / By-Law 12 By-Law 2.3.3.1 By-Law 12 By-Law 12 By-Law 12	Penalty for each offence shall be forfeiture of that match by the team offending and the deduction of two premiership points and \$25 fine for each offence  An offence in a major round match shall incur a penalty of forfeiture of that match and all subsequent matches in that

		competition by the team offending. (AO) and \$25 fine for each offence.
Ineligible Umpire	By-Law 14.4	Forfeiture of that match and \$50 fine (un-notified forfeit fine) for each offence. (U)
Non-provision of the required numbers of registered Umpires	By-Laws 15.3 & 15.4	Suspension of that Club's teams in that section of the competition until umpires are provided. (U)
Un-notified forfeit Notified forfeit	By-Law 10.4.1 By-Law 10.4	\$50 for each forfeit not notified. \$25 for first occurrence. \$50 for subsequent occurrences. (AO)
Ineligible, incorrect or incomplete score card, Failure to submit scorecard	By-Law 8	\$15 for each offence (AO)
Non-registration of coaches	By-Law 7.5 By-Law 7.6 By-Law 7.7 By-Law 7.8	\$50 for each offence (AO)
Frivolous complaint	By-Law 19.5	\$50 for each offence. (A)
Late payment of fees or fines	By-Law 18.3	Non-allocation of premiership points and not permitted to play Major round matches from the date the Club becomes un-financial until all fines or fees are paid. (AO)
Umpire Harassment, Verbal Abuse and Officials Harassment, Verbal Abuse	By-Law 14.9 By-Law 7.9	Up to a maximum fine of \$100 and the deduction of two premiership points for each offence. (A, PO, P)
Not putting away Pole Covers	By-Law 8.8	\$10 for each offence (AO)
Players and/or officials, from both teams, act in an unsporting manner and/or persistently fail to abide by the rules of the game where the umpire(s) abandons game due to the aforementioned behaviour.	By-Law 9.5.4 By-Law 9.5.6	No points awarded to teams. \$100 fine and exclusion from complex.

NOTE: The Authorities for imposing penalties indicated ( ) in Clause 1 above are: (A) – Arbitrator; (PO) – Public Officer; (P) – President; (T) – Treasurer; (AO) – Administration Officer(s); (U) – Umpires Committee.



- 18.2. All Fees and fines shall be paid to the Association within fourteen days of the date of the invoice or as otherwise approved by the Board.
- 18.3. Late payment of fees or fines shall result in the offending Club becoming un-financial. From the time the Club becomes un-financial, no premiership points will be allocated to any team from the un-financial Club and no team from any un-financial Club will be permitted to play in the Major round matches until all fees and fines are paid.
- 18.4. Re-nomination for membership from any un-financial member of the Association shall not be accepted until the member has become financial.

## 19. COMPLAINTS, REPORTS AND APPEALS

- 19.1. For the purpose of this By-Law, the following definitions shall apply:
  - 19.1.1. A COMPLAINT (or Disciplinary Action Report) shall be lodged where a financial member of the Association (i.e. Club, Umpire, Official or Player) seeks a decision from the Association in the event that the member considers that there has occurred a breach of the Association's Constitution, Rules, By-Laws and/or Policies.
  - 19.1.2. An APPEAL shall be lodged where a financial member seeks to change a decision made by the Association or its Officers or Committees or members of Committees empowered under the Association's Rules to impose penalties for breaches of these By-Laws.
 

NOTE: Intending complainants are advised to refer to the procedures which are set down for dealing with complaints and appeals which are described in the Association's Guidelines "Handling Disputes, Complaints and Appeals", "Decisions and Appeals against Decisions". "Principles of Natural Justice" and "Commission of Acts".
- 19.2. Complaints shall be forwarded as follows:
  - 19.2.1. A complaint regarding a breach of the Association's By-Laws (incl. the Official Rules – By-Laws 2.2) deemed to have affected the outcome of a match shall be forwarded to the Association to be received not later than 72 hours after the match or incident giving rise to the complaint.
  - 19.2.2. A Disciplinary Action Report shall be handed to the Office Supervisor on the day/night of the match or forwarded to the Association in the manner described in By-Law 19.2.1.
  - 19.2.3. A complaint that an Officer or Committee or member of a Committee has breached the Association's Constitution, Rules or Policies or a complaint that the objects of the Association have been breached shall be forwarded to the Public Officer.
  - 19.2.4. A complaint regarding any other matter shall be forwarded to the Association office.
- 19.3. Complaints and appeals shall be made in writing, and if Club or team related, signed by the Club Secretary.
- 19.4. An appeal shall be lodged with the Association within seven (7) days of receipt of the notice of the decision or matter-giving rise to the appeal.
- 19.5. The lodging of a frivolous complaint may result in the complainant(s) each being fined as per By-Law 18.
- 19.6. Complainant(s) shall be notified in writing of the outcome of the complaint within seven (7) days of the completion of the Arbitrator's deliberations or within seven (7) days of the completion of the hearing should one be called.
  - 19.6.1. The outcomes of complaints are subject to appeals. However, appeals will only be considered if new evidence, not included in the original complaint, is submitted to support the appeal. In considering the appeal, the determination of the Association will be final and not subject to further determination or appeal.

- 19.7. Complainant(s) shall be notified in writing of action taken in respect of the complaint within seven (7) days, unless such notification has been made under the provisions of By-Law 19.6.
- 19.8. Any person summoned, who fails to appear, may lose the right to be heard and the hearing may proceed in their absence.
- 19.9. Any financial member of the Association may forward a REPORT to the Association concerning such matters as faulty equipment, lost or found property, or any other matter not affecting or requiring a decision relating to an alleged breach of the By-Laws. Such reports shall be forwarded to the Association.
- 19.10. Any matters concerning Child Abuse or harassment should be reported to the Association's Member Protection Officer.

## 20. ASSOCIATION TROPHIES:

- 20.1. All Association perpetual and team trophies shall remain the property of the Association.
- 20.2. Each Club shall be responsible for the safe custody of any of the Association's trophies during the period for which they are entitled to hold them after presentation.
- 20.3. Any Club which fails to return any Association trophy in Sub-Primary order and condition upon the request of the Association, shall be liable for the cost of full replacement or any repairs considered necessary by the Administration Office.
- 20.4. Association trophies to be awarded are:
  - 20.4.1. The SADNA PRESIDENT'S TROPHY; shall be completed for by players in all age grades in WINTER & SUMMER competition and awarded to the player polling the most votes (as described in By-Law 21.1.1)
  - 20.4.2. The JUDY DANIELSE TROPHY; shall be awarded to the A1 grade Premier team(s) in WINTER & SUMMER competition.
  - 20.4.3. The NORMA BLACKMORE TROPHY; shall be awarded to the Premier teams(s) in the top Intermediate grade in WINTER & SUMMER competition.
  - 20.4.4. The JULIE SANDO TROPHY; shall be awarded to the Premier team(s) in the top Junior grade in WINTER & SUMMER competition.
  - 20.4.5. The YVONNE EGAN TROPHY; shall be awarded to the Premier team(s) in the top Sub-Junior grade in WINTER & SUMMER competition.
  - 20.4.6. The GRAHAM WALKER TROPHY; shall be awarded to the Premier team(s) in the top Primary grade in WINTER & SUMMER competition.
  - 20.4.7. The JULIE MAHONY BEST TEAM SPORTSMANSHIP AWARD; shall be competed for by teams in all SENIOR grades in both WINTER & SUMMER competition, and awarded to the team polling the most votes (described in By-Law 21.2.1). The team receiving this award shall receive a trophy suitably inscribed.

## 21. VOTING AND VOTE-COUNTING

- 21.1. Voting for the SADNA PRESIDENT'S TROPHY shall be by the umpires officiating in minor round matches.
  - 21.1.1. The vote shall be invalid if the player or team has been found guilty of an offence during that season with the Association.
- 21.2. Voting for the BEST TEAM SPORTSMANSHIP AWARD shall be by the umpires officiating in the minor round matches.
  - 21.2.1. The vote shall be invalid if the team has been found guilty of an offence during that season with the Association.
- 21.3. Counting of votes for trophies shall be ratified by the Competitions Committee within 7 days of the completion of the Minor round matches.
- 21.4. In the event of a tie, the trophy shall be awarded jointly and medals awarded accordingly.

## APPENDIX A

**MODIFIED RULES – SUB PRIMARY****(EXCEPTION SUB PRIMARY 1)****(9 & under ref. By-Law 2.2)****1. EQUIPMENT:**

1.1. The ball shall be a leather or composite leather of circumference 24" (size 4 Soccer Ball).

1.2. Sub-Primaryal rings shall be at a height of 2.43m (8ft) above the playing surface.

**2. PLAYERS:**

2.1. Up to 12 players may be used in any one game.

2.2. Players' positions may be changed at any interval during the match.

2.3. If more than seven players are used, then each girl must play two quarters unless the following circumstances apply:

2.3.1. A player injured or ill who is replaced.

2.3.2. A player replacing an ill or injured player.

2.4. Players interchanged during an interval may be interchanged at subsequent interval subject to clause 2.3 above.

2.5. A player shall play in a different position each match consistent with the object of all players having an opportunity to play all playing positions.

2.6. Injury time:

2.6.1 An injured player may return to a vacant court position once:

A. They have received first aid

B. The umpire has checked them to ensure they are clear of any blood

Note: 1. Time will only be held while the player comes off court.

2. All first aid must be provided while the game continues.

3. The player can only return once given the all clear by the umpires.

**3. PLAYING RULES:**

3.1. Playing the ball;

3.1.1. A player having gained possession of the ball shall pass it or attempt a shot for Sub-Primaryal within 6 seconds.

3.2. Footwork;

3.2.1. Movement of one or both feet (after gaining possession of the ball) in order to maintain balance shall be permitted providing no significant forward progress is made.

3.3. Defending;

3.3.1. One to one defending shall apply at all times.

3.3.2. Where a penalty pass or penalty shot has been awarded, no other opposing player may defend the player taking the penalty.

3.3.3. No attempt to defend a player in possession of the ball shall be permitted within a distance of 1.2m (4ft).

3.3.4. An attempted shot for Sub-Primaryal may be defended.

#### **4. PLAYING TIME:**

4.1. Matches shall consist of 4 ten-minute quarters (see By-Law 4.2.1 for times between quarters)

#### **5. UMPIRING:**

5.1. Two umpires shall officiate in each match.

5.2. Umpires are encouraged to use simple language and explain decisions.

5.3. Umpires should adopt an encouraging and pleasant manner, particularly in the setting up of penalties or throw-ins and to promote an open and free flowing game.

#### **6. SCORES AND SCORECARDS:**

6.1. Scorecards shall be completed and submitted for each match (By-Law 8).

6.2. Sub-Primaryals scored by each team shall be marked on each scorecard.

6.3. Match scores will not be recorded by the Administration Office and no premiership points will be allocated. There shall be no Major round matches.

#### **7. COACHES:**

7.1. One person per team, nominated to and recognised by the Umpire(s) as the Coach, may coach players during the playing time of the match.

#### **8. FINES AND PENALTIES:**

8.1. Fines and penalties for infringements of By-Laws 1, 11, 12.6 & 12.9 shall be determined by the Board or their delegates.

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#### **FAIR PLAY CODE FOR CHILDREN IN SPORT**

The code is designed:

To ensure the enjoyment and satisfaction of the children participating.

To make adults aware that children play for their own enjoyment and not necessarily for the satisfaction of the adults.

To improve the physical fitness of youth by encouraging participation in a sport of physical recreation by making it attractive, safe and enjoyable for all children.

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