

NTNA By-Laws



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1 Conditions

- 1.1 These By-Laws apply to all age groups and divisions, male and female. These By-Laws are additional to the Netball Australia rules ('NAL'), which are available for purchase. In the event there is any inconsistency or conflict with NAL rules and these By-Laws, these By-Laws shall take precedence.
- 1.2 The NTNA Constitution, By-Laws, Rules and Policies will be available electronically and in hard copy upon application to the NTNA office.

2 Legislative Requirements

2.1 *Working With Vulnerable People*

All members of the NTNA are subject to laws pertained within the Working With Vulnerable People legislation. As such the NTNA requires members/employees to hold a current Working With Vulnerable People accreditation card issued by the Department of Justice when holding any of the following positions within NTNA or a member club;

- Office Bearer
- Coach
- Team Manager
- Primary Carer
- MyNetball Administrators/Log ins

Or any other position that has direct contact with children participating in the sport of Netball. ***Note: 'A child' means a person who has not attained the age of 18 years.***

Non-adherence to this requirement may result in on the spot fines as detailed in the Working With Vulnerable People legislation.

2.2 *Member Protection Policy*

As an affiliate association of Netball Australia, the NTNA has adopted the Member Protection Policy (including the Codes of Behaviour).

- To support the policy NTNA requires all member clubs to appoint at least one MPIO (Member Protection Information Officer).
- NTNA will appoint a minimum of two Hearing Officers as required by the policy.
- NTNA will provide training opportunities bi-annually for member club MPIO's.

- NTNA has outlined a defined Complaint procedure and accompanying forms for use by all members.
- Sanctions may be imposed upon clubs and members found to be in breach of the MPP.

3 Membership of the NTNA

- 3.1 All clubs must comply with relevant rules 5.1 – 5.4 of the Constitution of the Northern Tasmanian Netball Association and NTNA By-Laws as prescribed in the NTNA Memorandum of Understanding.
- 3.2 All Clubs must have completed the NTNA Memorandum of Understanding and paid the Annual Subscription Fee at least seven (7) days prior to the NTNA Annual General Meeting, for that club to be eligible for membership of the NTNA.

4 Member Registration

- 4.1 Registration period in accordance with Netball Australia Rules is determined as being from 1st January to the 31st December each calendar year.
- 4.2 Each player/official must satisfy the NTNA that registration is current and is eligible to participate in any sanctioned NTNA competition.
- 4.3 A player registered with a club that ceases to be a member of the Association under Constitution Rules 5, 29 and 32, shall not require a clearance between clubs. In such cases Rules of Competition – Rule 13 or 14 shall not apply.
- 4.4 Notwithstanding any of these By-Laws, any player refused registration by the NTNA or refused a clearance by a club twice, shall have the right to appeal an independent tribunal nominated by the Board of Management of the Association. The decision of the tribunal shall be final in such matters.
- 4.5 Clubs are to ensure new players up to and including 19 years of age (as at 31st December) must provide proof of age to their club officials at the time of registering. Spot checks may be conducted by the NTNA during the year.
- 4.6 All State League players must register with their State League Club only. This includes Opens, 19 & Under and Development squad players.

5 Operations Sub-Committee

5.1 As per of the Constitution the convenors of following Operations Sub-Committee are elected.

5.1.1 Senior Games

5.1.2 Junior Games

5.1.3 Coaching

5.1.4 Player Development

5.1.5 Umpiring

5.1.6 Review

NTNA Constitution (Nov 2015) – Section 23 for additional information.

5.2 Clubs are to provide representation on Operations Sub-Committees as detailed below:

5.2.1 The Club to name one person to be their nominated member of the Umpire Committee.

5.2.2 The Club to name on person to be their nominated member of the Senior Games Committee.

5.2.3 The Club to name on person to be their nominated member of the Junior Games Committee.

5.2.4 The Club to name on person to be their nominated member of the Coaching Committee.

5.2.5 Clubs with ten (10) or more teams participating in NTNA sanctioned competitions will be required to name one person to be their nominated member of the Player Development Committee.

5.2.5.1 State League Clubs are required to provide one person to be their nominated member of the Player Development Committee.

5.2.5.2 Other NTNA Clubs are invited to nominate a member to participate in the Player Development Committee.

5.3 Persons nominated by their clubs to fill positions on the various Operations Sub-Committees are required to actively participate* within the relevant Sub-Committee in accordance with the MOU.

5.4 A minimum of three (3) committee members will be appointed to the Review Committee by the NTNA Board upon receipt of

appropriately completed application forms completed and signed by the applicant.

6 Rules and Policies

6.1 Rules, Policies and/or Procedures may be repealed, amended, added to or altered by submission to the Review Committee.

6.2 Submissions should include:

6.2.1 Identification of Rule, Policy or Procedure to be altered.

6.2.2 Proposed amendment, addition or alteration.

6.2.3 Reason for amendment, addition or alteration.

6.2.4 Benefit to the Association.

6.3 Submission must be in writing and detail all the above items listed at 6.2, to be considered by the Review Committee.

6.4 Valid submissions will be considered by the Review Committee and referred to members for further comments or ratification if required. The Review Committee will forward the outcome to the Operations Manager for distribution to the relevant parties.

*Nb: *Definition – **Actively participate**: attend all meetings scheduled by the Sub-Committee Convenor and perform tasks as required by the Convenor.*

7 Fees and Charges

7.1 Fees will be charged to clubs as set out in the current Schedule of Fees.

7.2 Invoices issued to clubs are strictly 14 day terms and conditions. Outstanding invoices may be subject to a 10% administration fee or the NTNA Debtors Policy.

8 Penalties

8.1 All penalties imposed by an NTNA Sub-Committee must be approved by that committee at a sub-committee meeting and include the following information.

8.1.1 Specifying Rule

8.1.2 Detailing breach – How, when and by whom

8.1.3 Penalty recommendation

- 8.2 Only penalties as indicated in the approved current Policy may be imposed and the Northern Tasmanian Netball Association Board of Management advised accordingly.
- 8.3 Penalties falling outside the approved current policy are to be sanctioned by the Review Committee.
- 8.4 Penalties should be recommended by the Committee Convenor and the appropriate form submitted to the Review Committee.
- 8.5 Clubs found to be in breach of any of the NTNA By-Laws may be fined \$200 per breach by the NTNA Board.