

## NETBALL

### RULES

#### 1. **TEAMS**

- Each school should try to field the following core number of teams:
  - o 6 senior teams with 'A', 'B', 'C', 'D' open to all years and Year 10 A and B.
  - o 2 Year 9 teams - ie. 'A', 'B'.
  - o 2 Year 8 teams - ie. 'A', 'B'.
  - o 2 Year 7 teams - ie. 'A', 'B'. In 2007 (and beyond) the yr 7 competition will be held at Anzac Highway.
- Teams to be graded on ability.
- All other teams will be entered in a separate draw at Anzac Highway Uniting Church Courts

#### 2. **ELIGIBILITY**

- EVERY EFFORT SHOULD BE MADE NOT TO PLAY GIRLS DOWN. Any change to this must be discussed/negotiated with opposing school prior to match day or negotiated between coaches before the game.
- An Open B player may play up to a quarter in the Open A match and still be eligible to play in the Open B game. This rule is predominantly to cover situations involving injury.
- Open A & B may have up to 12 players in each team.
- In all other grades there should be free interchange of the twelve players at any break.
- **INTERCHANGE** - Rule 6: Substitution and Team Changes - see AANA Official Rule Book.

#### 3. **UMPIRING**

- Double umpiring is to be used for Open 'A' and 'B' matches using Pool Umpires to be allocated by random draw by the Executive Officer.
- All other grades must also have double umpiring with each school providing 1 umpire per team per match.
- The coach must double umpire if this is necessary to fulfill these requirements.
- Senior 'A' and 'B' umpires are to dress appropriately - ie mainly white clothing.
- All other umpires must be suitably dressed.
- Umpires should note that there should be no reduction in the time of the quarters of matches except for inclement weather.

#### 4. **MATCHES**

- The competition is to be played according to the current A.A.N.A. Netball Association rules unless stipulated below.
- Early matches are to start at 8.00am and all matches should be completed by 11.15am, with the 'A's followed by the 'B's, the 'C's followed by the 'D's and so on.
- All Senior and Yr 9 games will play 15 minute quarters, with 3 minute break at quarter time and three-quarter time. At half time teams will break for between 5 minutes.

- Year 7 and 8 teams play 12 minute quarters, with similar breaks.
- First named teams to provide official timekeepers for each game. The visiting teams are to time breaks.
- Play can be halted if there is an injury, but the clock does not stop
- A coach is allowed to treat a seriously injured player on court (as the primary care giver) but not allowed to coach at the same point.
- There will be no reduction in time of the quarters of matches except for inclement weather. This decision is to be made by the home school, or the first named team at Anzac Highway.
- All team members must wear appropriate uniform and position letters. This is the school's responsibility solely.
- The colour of the bibs worn by the 'A' and 'B' teams is to be arranged by opposing schools prior to each match.
- For late teams: clock starts at 8.10am. At 8.20am a forfeit is awarded if there are not 5 players present to take the court.

#### 5. **EQUIPMENT**

- All schools to provide a match ball for each game.
- An accurate timing mechanism must be used and supplied by the first named team.
- All goal posts are to be fitted with nets.
- All goal posts are to be suitably padded.

#### 6. **SCORING**

- Each team must supply a scorer with scorecard and they must **sit alongside** each other and check scores continuously.
- In the event of different scores at the end of the match, the first named team's score will stand.

#### 7. **RESULTS**

- A drawn match is allowed.
- Results of Senior 'A' and 'B' matches must be sent by email to the Executive Officer by the Tuesday following the match.
- The shield (presented in both A and B) is to be shared in the event of tied points at the end of the season (if there are no finals).
- If there are finals scheduled, schools will be matched up based on their finishing position after the shield rounds (ie 1 v 2, 3 v 4 etc). If schools are tied on points, the team that won their minor round match up is considered to have finished higher. If 3 or more teams are tied on points, the next grade finishing position is considered, so that match ups can be created.
- If the finals match is tied (ie the 1 v 2 shield play off), the shield is shared between the two teams.

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