



MERCURY BAY NETBALL INCORPORATED

**REGULATIONS
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APPLICATION AND INTERPRETATION OF THESE REGULATIONS

ANY matter not covered by these Regulations shall be decided by Mercury Bay Netball Inc Executive Committee in accordance with the MBN's Constitution.

These Regulations must be adhered to at all times and read in conjunction with the rules of the game of netball as set out in the Official New Zealand Rules book.

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PART 1 – CODE OF CONDUCT

MBN's Code of Conduct governs any member, player, team, umpire, coach, manager, volunteer and any other person who participates, spectates and/or is involved in anyway, in any activity held at MBN's facilities or is involved in any activity under the auspices of MBN.

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- Respect others at all times;
- Be fair and honest at all times;
- Be responsible for your own actions;
- Do not abuse others verbally or physically;
- Do not discriminate against others;
- Be safety conscious for yourself and others at all times;
- Be a positive role model.

BEHAVIOUR ON THE COURT

Unacceptable behaviour will not be tolerated in any form from any member or spectator.

UNACCEPTABLE BEHAVIOUR

- Violence in any form;
- Assault by any member or spectator on another person;
- Verbal abuse by any member or spectator towards any other member or spectator.

NETBALL NEW ZEALAND GENERAL CODE OF CONDUCT AND ETHICS

MBN and all members of MBN are affiliated to Netball New Zealand (NNZ) and therefore are bound by the rules, regulations and code of conduct of NNZ, which are:

- Be aware of, and maintain an uncompromising adherence to NNZ standards, rules, regulations and policies;
- Operate within the rules of netball including national and international guidelines which govern NNZ, the Regional Entity and Netball Centres;
- Do not use your involvement with NNZ, a Regional Entity or Netball Centre to promote your own beliefs, behaviours or practices where these are inconsistent with those of NNZ, a Regional Entity or Netball Centre.

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PART 2 – MEMBER REGULATIONS

2.1 MEMBERSHIP

- a) Clubs, schools, teams and individuals shall apply and are accepted for membership by completing the required documentation and payment of fees;
- b) Entry fees and registration fees are determined by the MBN Committee year by year and are ratified at the Annual General Meeting;
- c) Fees shall be payable on the date determined by MBN;
- d) MBN reserves the right to refuse membership under MBN's Constitution;
- e) Any Club/School/Team/Players whose fees are outstanding will not be able to take the court;
- f) Players who take the court with unpaid fees may have two (2) points deducted from the team. Repeated offenses will incur four (4) point deductions per game and a \$10 fine per game.
- g) No entry fee or registration fee refunds will be made to players, schools or clubs. The Executive reserves the right to refund such fees upon written application.
- h) Players must be registered with MBN prior to playing netball games.

2.2 TROPHIES

All team and individual trophies will be awarded and recollected by the AGM. In the event that the trophy/trophies are not returned, a fee of \$50.00 per trophy will be charged.

If an unreturned Trophy Fee is not paid, the play may be awarded a trophy again, but the trophy must remain at the centre.

2.4 FUNDRAISING

Any team/club may fundraise when prior approval has been given by the MBNC Committee.

2.5 SPONSORSHIP

Where a Team/Club is involved with Sponsorship, the Sponsorship Agreement must be submitted to and approved by the Executive under the conditions laid down by I.F.N.A. under the Amateur Rules International. These rules can be obtained from the Centre Secretary.

2.6 PRIVACY

MBN acknowledges the provisions of the Privacy Act 1993 and its amendments ("the Act"). When collecting personal information, MBN will comply with the Act and these Regulations.

2.7 MALE NETBALL

Subject to the Human Rights Act 1993, men/boys may play only in approved MBN Competitions.

2.7.1 NUMBER OF BOYS YR 1-4

Any number of registered boys may play in any position up to year 4 in the MBN competition.

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2.7.3 NUMBER OF BOYS YEARS 5 - 13

Men/Boys may play in approved MBN competitions with a maximum of two (2) males may take the court and not together within the shooting positions of GS and GA or within the defence positions of GK and GD or within the centre court positions or WA or C or WD.

2.7.4 MALES IN SENIOR COMPETITIONS

Men/Boys may play in **approved** MBN competitions with a maximum of two (2) males may take the court and not together within the shooting positions of GS and GA or within the defence positions of GK and GD or within the centre court positions or WA or C or WD.

Men/Boys may play in approved MBN fast 5 competitions with a maximum of two (2) males may take the court and not within the shooting positions of Attack A or defence D positions.

2.8 CANCELLATION

There is no Collegiate or Senior League cancellation except for electrical storms or road closures. Junior and Intermediate cancellations maybe advised through local radio, MBN's phone, email, website and/or Facebook network.

2.10 DESIGNATED SMOKE FREE AREAS

In front of the Courts, within the Court Area, in the immediate Carpark beside the Courts and where Council indicates within the Mercury Bay Sports Grounds are Smokefree. No person may smoke while in any of these areas nor may any person advertise or sell tobacco product while in these areas. No member shall be permitted to be sponsored by a tobacco product, manufacturer, seller or promoter of tobacco products.

2.11 SAFETY WITHIN THE COURT AREA

There shall be:

NO SMOKING

NO ALCOHOL

NO CHEWING GUM

NO GLASS CONTAINERS

NO HOT DRINKS ALLOWED ON COURT AREA UNLESS COVERED

NO ROLLER SKATES

NO SKATEBOARDS/PENNYBOARDS

NO SCOOTERS NO DOGS including small dogs (other than guide, hearing or police dogs)

NO BIKES

BAD LANGUAGE OR ABUSE WILL NOT BE TOLERATED

NO SWINGING ON THE HOOPS

PUSHCHAIRS and SMALL CHAIRS may be allowed in the Court area at the discretion of the officials and may be removed if they constitute a danger.

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2.12 NO JEWELLERY/ANY BODY ADORNMENTS may be worn.

- Body Adornments/piercing jewellery may NOT be taped. They must be removed.
- Nails must be cut short and smooth. Gloves are not permitted to cover long nails.
- A medic alert bracelet may be worn but must be taped.
- A pounamu may be taped if it is worn continuously and has never been taken off since a young child, and has cultural significance to that player.
- No sharp adornments shall be worn.
- Players may not wear sunglasses unless prescribed and these are worn at the players own risk

PART 3 – COMPLAINTS PROCEDURES

3.1 COMPLAINTS PROCESS

Any person may lodge a complaint with MBN concerning:

- (a) A member (including a player, umpire, coach, team official or MBN Netball Executive);
- (b) A supporter or other person attending a game or event.

3.2 TIMELINESS

Any complaint that affects the outcome of a game must be brought to the attention of a competition official during that game or immediately following the game.

Where a complaint lodged with a competition official during the game or immediately following the game is not resolved to the satisfaction of any party, that party may lodge the complaint with MBN by:

- (a) Making the complaint in writing;
- (b) Within 48 hours of the event being complained about; and
- (c) Accompanied by a \$10.00 non refundable fee.

In exceptional circumstances, the MBN Committee may, in their absolute discretion, consider complaints received outside the 48 hour period following the event being complained about.

3.3 Subject

The subject of the complaint may be one or more of the following:

- (a) Misconduct including verbal or physical abuse, assault, threatening behaviour or harassment by a member or a supporter;
- (b) Unacceptable standard of umpiring or timekeeping;
- (c) Illegal, unregistered or nonfinancial members playing a game;
- (d) A breach of MBN's Constitution, Regulations or Playing Conditions;
- (e) Any other conduct or incident which the MBN Committee considers may be subject to these Regulations.

3.4 CATEGORISATION AND REFERRAL

On receipt of a written complaint, the MBN Executive shall make an initial assessment and investigation which may involve contacting relevant parties and requesting submissions or any other appropriate action. MBN will categorise the complaint as one of the following:

- (a) Minor; (b) Further action required; or (c) Serious.

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The MBN Executive shall refer serious complaints or complaints requiring further action to the MBN Committee. All minor complaints shall be referred to a committee member to address.

3.5 JUDICIAL COMMITTEE

The Judicial Committee will be the executive committee unless decided otherwise by the MBN committee.

At all times the Judicial committee will consist of a minimum of three persons appointed by the MBN Executive, one of which must be the President, Vice President or senior Executive Member.

On receipt of a written complaint, the MBN Committee shall investigate that complaint and make a determination.

3.6 Course of Action

For the purposes of determination in Regulation 2.5, the MBN Committee shall adopt one or more of the following courses of action:

- (a) Determine that no further action will be taken;
- (b) Issue a warning to the member or supporter and/or advise the Club, School or member of the consequences of any future conduct brought to the attention of the Judicial Committee;
- (c) Require the member to make reparation in the form of an apology, undertake training or any other appropriate action;
- (d) Censure the member or supporter and/or advise the School or Club of the member or supporter of the censure;
- (e) Suspend the member for a period not exceeding two years;
- (f) Determine any other penalty or action that the Committee determines is appropriate in the circumstances.

3.7 PROCEDURES

Subject to these Regulations, the Committee may determine its procedures as it thinks fit.

3.8 SUSPENSION

The Committee may suspend a member prior to a determination under Regulation 3.6 where it considers that suspension is necessary in the interests of MBN and/or its members.

3.9 INVESTIGATION

Where a complaint, other than a minor complaint, is referred to the Committee, the Committee will provide relevant information about the complaint to the member or supporter being complained about. The member or supporter being complained about will have the opportunity to have their response considered by the Committee.

Any written complaint or any response to a complaint may be submitted to MBN on behalf of a member or supporter or by the School/Club/Team they are associated with. The School/Club or Team submitting a complaint or response to a complaint on behalf of a member or supporter must provide the name or names of the member or supporter they are representing.

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3.10 RIGHT OF APPEAL

Any appellant wishing to exercise a Right of Appeal is bound to adhere to the procedure on Right of Appeal in the Netball New Zealand Association Incorporated Rules and Regulations with which this Centre must comply.

GAME RULES

PART 4. TEAMS AND PLAYERS

4.1 PLAYERS

A team taking the court must have a minimum of five registered players.

Any player who is registered in more than one Centre can only play at the same level or above with voted approval from the MBN Committee and having met required criteria.

All teams must have a minimum of seven and up to a maximum of 10 registered players in Junior League, and 12 registered players on Senior League team.

A maximum of 12 players may be registered.

4.2 ADDITIONAL PLAYERS

Teams may only use players from a lower grade as an additional player.

ADDITIONAL (registered) players must be registered in a team playing at Mercury Bay Netball. The ADDITIONAL player must register at the 'officials desk' before the game and before they take the court.

Failure to comply with this ruling will result in the forfeiting of four (4) points earned for that game on that day.

No ADDITIONAL players will be permitted in the last 3 weeks of Competition Round for Senior Netball League and Junior Netball League.

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4.3 PLAYING UP/DOWN – GRADING

- (a) A player who takes the court for a higher grade (for either full or part games) on three occasions is deemed to be a member of that higher grade team and cannot play down. If the player is in a representative team for that lower grade, MBN Committee have the right to forfeit the players position in that lower grades representative team.
- (b) MBN Committee has the right to approve the downgrading of players on receipt of written applications from a club, school or team. Such written application shall be received seven days prior to the competition date involved in the down grading.
- (c) Applications for down grading, for all grades will, only be considered during grading rounds.
- (d) Players who are downgraded in any one season shall not play for a higher ranked team for the remainder of that season.
- (e) If borrowing players, teams must take players from the lower grades. It is preferred that players are used from within your own club.
- (f) No player may play for another team in the same grade.
- (g) Infringements: In Junior League Competition, The team the higher player played down into will lose four (4) points and these points will be awarded to the other team. The points for and against will be averaged for both teams. A second infringement will result in both Teams the player takes court for and is registered for will forfeit four (4) points The higher registered player will be fined \$10.

In Senior League Competition, The team the higher player played down into will lose four (4) points and these points will be awarded to the other team. The points for and against will be averaged for both teams. Second infringement will result in both Teams the player takes court for and is registered for will forfeit Four (4) points and The higher registered player will be fined \$10 and so forth.

- (h) JUNIOR TEAMS may pull a Future Ferns player as a member of their team if there are no Junior or suitable players available.

4.4 PLAYER TRANSFERS

A club player shall not in any one season play for more than one Region. However, a player may transfer membership from another region on written application from that region.

A player may transfer between clubs within MBN during the season only if:

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- (a) The player applies to MBN for approval to transfer;
- (b) A written clearance is supplied by the player, from the existing club, and the new player's registration form is lodged with the MBN Committee 72 hours prior to the player taking the court for the new team. The player shall be responsible for payment of all financial dues owing before the transfer can be granted;
- (c) MBN approves, in writing or electronically, the player's application for transfer; and
- (d) **UNIFORM**
MBN will supply uniforms for each team years 1-13. Compression wear (thermals) are permitted to be worn. ANY PLAYER registered to play in a collegiate team must be a school student and shall be aged under eighteen (18) years on 1 January of the following year.
- (e) ANY STUDENT who registers in a collegiate team and then leaves school may continue to play for that collegiate team for the remainder of the season.
- (f) In the event of a player choosing to play during pregnancy, they do so at their own risk. Mercury Bay Netball will not be liable for any injuries sustained. Mercury Bay Netball recommends that a player ceases to play upon knowledge of their pregnancy.
- (g) All senior teams shall supply their own uniform and equipment, including, balls, bibs etc. Ball must be properly inflated netballs for grading and competition games/matches.

5. PLAYING OF GAME:

5.1 SCORE CARDS

- (h) All teams must collect their score card from the control 'desk' fifteen minutes before the start of the game. Hand the card to the umpire/scorer/timekeeper immediately after the game finishes;
- (i) Once the card is handed to the 'desk' or competition official it is deemed to be correct.

5.2 DURATION AND TIMING OF GAMES

- (a) Senior and collegiate games will be played in 4 x 12 minute quarters;
- (b) Year 7/8 games will be played in 4 x 10 minute quarters;
- (c) Year 5/6 games will be played in 4 x 8 minute quarters
- (d) Timing of games shall commence with the official bell/siren or official timekeeper;

5.3 DEFERRED GAMES

Requests for deferred games will be considered by the Executive Committee. All requests must be received in writing and both teams will need to agree to the deferment.

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5.4 SENIOR, COLLEGIATE AND JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIP POINTS:

A win shall count Four (4) points, a draw zero (0) points, one (1) point for a loss of five (5) goals or less and zero (0) points for a loss of six (6) goals or more. A team winning by default shall receive four (4) points and shall, at the end of the round be given an average of goals it scored during that round, for that game.

5.4 ADDITIONAL MATCHES

WHERE it is necessary for a team to play two (2) games in the same competition on the same day, a stand down period of one (1) round shall be observed on all games. Only one (1) sixty (60) minute game may be played on any one day.

5.5 GRADING

Grading for Junior and Senior grades will be decided by the secretary and the Committee Executives prior to the start of each season. Notification of grading procedures will be given to all club delegates.

5.6 UMPIRING:

- (a) Senior grades must supply their own umpire. Where no umpire is supplied, the team must drop one player to umpire their full game.
- (b) School aged teams will have a centre supplied umpire. Umpires for all finals games will be appointed by the Umpire Coordinator. There will be no appeal by teams on umpire allocations for finals.
- (c) In the event of no Umpire Coordinator, umpire appointments will be at the discretion of the MBN Committee.
- (d) Where possible all umpires must attend a MBN run or organised umpiring course before the start of competition games or as soon as there is a course available.
- (e) All umpires may wear a white bib, a white t-shirt or a white jacket.

5.8 REPRESENTATIVE TEAMS:

5.8.1 NATIONWIDE PLAYER ELIGIBILITY

To ensure there is consistency in Eligibility criteria between all Centre and Zones throughout New Zealand, the following Player Eligibility rulings apply to all players:

A player shall be registered with only one Zone in any one calendar year (1st January to 31st December inclusive) provided that:

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A player may not play or be selected to play for any other Zone in which the player is already registered for that calendar year consents in writing to the player representing another Zone, and

A Secondary school player may play for their school in a designated secondary school competition in one Zone and also play netball for a Club in a different Zone, but that player in the first instance be available to represent the Zone where they play club netball.

Players transferring from one Zone to another during the same calendar year must apply in writing to the Zone where that player is registered, for permission to transfer to another Zone and the player shall be responsible for payment of all financial dues owing before transfer can be granted. A written clearance must be granted and produced on request prior to a player taking the court for any team in the new Zone. Where the player is under 18 years of age the request for transfer must be signed by a parent or legal guardian of that player.

5.8.2 ELIGIBILITY FOR ZONE REPRESENTATION

For a player to be eligible to represent a Zone, a player must be registered in that Zone for the current year, such registration to take place before 31st May in that calendar year.

Exception: A player registered in one Zone but not selected to represent that Zone can apply to that Zone for a written release and transfer to play and register for another Zone.

5.8.3. ELIGIBILITY FOR CENTRE REPRESENTATION

For a player to be eligible to represent a Centre, a player must: Be registered in that Centre at the time of playing. If registered in another Centre, within the same Zone, a player must at the time of registration nominate which Centre they will be available to represent.

Exception:

- (a) A player who is registered in one Centre and not selected to play for that Centre can apply to their Centre for a written release and transfer to play for and register for another Centre.
- (b) If a player wishes to transfer between Clubs or teams with the same Centre, a player must apply to the Centre for approval. The player shall be responsible for payment of all financial dues owing before the transfer can be granted. A written clearance must be granted and produced on request prior to the player taking the court for the new team in the Centre.
- (c) In the event of disagreement of where a player is refused permission to transfer between Clubs or teams within the same Centre, an appeal may be made to the Zone for a final decision. The Zone will make the final decision on eligibility of a player based on principles of fairness and equity.

The Centre shall field Representative Teams from registered & playing players at our Centre as follows:

- Under Eighteen (18) Team selected from players who are under Eighteen (18) as at 1 January of the current year.

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- Under Sixteen (16) Team selected from players who are under sixteen (16) as at 1 January of the current year.
- Under Fourteen (14) Team selected from players who are fourteen (14) as at 1 January of the current year.

5.8.4 REPRESENTATIVE PLAYER PLAYING OUT OF AGE GROUP:

Representative selectors/coaches may select and trial players from younger age groups, i.e. Under fourteen (14), Under Sixteen (16), Under eighteen (18), after applying to and at the discretion of the Executive Committee. Players must first trial for their correct age group.

5.8.5 REPRESENTATIVE TEAM COACHES AND SELECTORS

- (a) shall be appointed by the Executive from applications/nominations the Executive may invite applications to fill positions.
- (b) WHEREVER POSSIBLE no coach/selector shall be appointed to an age group where they have a child/children involved. Where this is unavoidable, the coach MAY be replaced on the selection panel by a third selector appointed by the Executive.
- (c) THE MANAGER of each Representative Team shall be appointed by the Executive from applications and nominations. The Executive may invite applications to fill positions.
- (d) ALL FINANCIAL MEMBERS of the Centre are entitled to put forward nominations for Team Coaches/Selectors/Managers.
- (e) ALL REPRESENTATIVE PLAYERS must adhere to the Representative Players Policy & Procedures.
- (f) Selection procedures for representative teams will be decided by the Rep Convenor and Executive prior to each season. Notification of procedures will be given out on registration day.
- (g) No representative player may take the court at tournament without full fees being paid.

5.9 INJURY TIME:

Time lost due to stoppage for injury or illness in general competitions cannot be made up. Injured players should be removed from the court as quickly as practicable and another player may enter the court immediately to play in the injured and removed players' position, subject to the direction of the umpires, on the next centre pass. If the player is unable to be moved safely, at the umpires' discretion, the game can be moved to another court.

Injury time will only be provided for in finals and the injury time will take on the current NNZ rules.

5.10 FINALS

Semi finals and finals will be played in 4 x 12 minute quarters.

In the event of a draw the match will go into 2 x 2 minute halves.

If the match is still drawn, the then teams play until one team scores a two (2) goal advantage.

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Signed: _____ Date:
President

Signed: _____ Date:
Treasurer/Financial Controller

Signed: _____ Date:
Secretary