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1 SEASON

All competitions shall commence and finish on dates to be decided by the Executive Committee (hereinafter referred to as the Committee).

The Winter competition shall commence no earlier than March and finish as determined by the Committee. The Winter competition will consist of the Senior Competition, Junior Mixed Competition (which includes the School Girls Competition), and Net Set Go program.

Special event dates and any other competitions including Midweek netball shall also be determined by the Committee.

2 REGISTRATIONS

Registration fees for all competitions of Orange Netball Association (ONA) shall be determined by the Committee and confirmed by the first Council Meeting in the calendar year.

ONA will open registrations for each competition in accordance with the published calendar. Registrations will be valid from the date of registration until the end of the paid registration period.

ONA is an affiliated association of Netball NSW (NNSW), and players must be a financial member of NNSW and Netball Australia to take part in the ONA competition. NNSW offers annual and six (6) months' membership registration. It is the players' responsibility to ensure they are financial members of NNSW while participating in ONA competitions.

2.1 Team Registrations

- 2.1.1 Clubs will be responsible for the online registration of teams, players and non-playing members of their clubs.
- 2.1.2 All teams must register at least five (5) players before grading night. No team may have more than twelve (12) fully registered players at any point in time during the competition. If more than 12 players are allocated to a team, any players registered after the twelfth player will be cancelled with no refund provided.
- 2.1.3 To successfully register a team, you must provide both a team name and team contact for every team registered. These are to be recorded accurately in Play HQ no later than the prescribed grading night.
- 2.1.4 The competition Secretary is to be notified in writing of the removal/replacement of a player from a team list. The addition of a player to a team list is to be made both in accordance with the competition policy and following consultation with the competition Secretary and ONA Registrar before being confirmed in writing.
- 2.1.5 Team registrations must be submitted by the advertised closing date for team nominations. The Committee may accept late entries prior to the draw being finalised to minimise competition byes in each division.
- 2.1.6 Registration fees are paid online at the time of registering and remitted to the appropriate recipient. Clubs are to manage any registrations not the ONA Registrar.
- 2.1.7 Clubs may seek assistance from the Association with collection of registration fees and the use of vouchers for registration/s, resulting in the Association invoicing the club. This is considered as a special request decided at the discretion of the Committee.

2.2 Individual Registrations

- 2.2.1 New players may be registered by a club at any time during the season provided that such registration, together with the registration fee, is made prior to participation in any competition match.
- 2.2.2 A player registered with one (1) club in any one (1) season may not transfer to any other club until the following season except in the case of school transfers, and in special circumstances that must be referred to the Committee in writing.
- 2.2.3 A player seeking a transfer from any club mid-season must seek written approval from their registered club to ensure any outstanding commitments have been fulfilled. Approval is required by the Association Executive prior to any transfer and the competition Secretary and ONA Registrar must be informed of any transfers between clubs or teams.
- 2.2.4 Players joining ONA from other associations, and already affiliated with NSW, will pay relevant ONA registrations.
- 2.2.5 A player's age on the 31 December of the current year will determine their competition eligibility.

- 2.2.5.1 A player must be turning twelve (12) years of age to be eligible for registering in a team playing in the senior competition.
- 2.2.5.2 A player must be turning eight (8) years of age to be eligible to register in a team playing in the Junior Mixed Competition.
The maximum age limit for Junior Mixed Competition is eighteen (18) years old. Players 18 years of age must still be at school. Any exemptions to this must be submitted to the Competition Secretary via email.
- 2.2.5.3 A player must be turning six (6) years of age to be eligible to register in the Non-Competitive Net Set Go (NSG - 8/9s) competition. If a player is turning six (6) or seven (7) years old, they must have completed at least one (1) year of the NSG skills program to be eligible to register for the Non-Competitive NSG competition.
- 2.2.6 All individual players must complete a PCYC Orange registration which will be the responsibility of clubs to enforce and monitor.
- 2.2.7 Players withdrawing without playing a game may have their competition fees refunded. Players requesting a refund must email the ONA Registrar requesting a refund of the competition fees prior to the date of the first round. NB – NNSW maintains its own refund policy and ONA is not responsible to refund any fees paid by an individual to NNSW.
- 2.2.8 Any player who has played and withdraws after the start of the competition forfeits their registration fee.
- 2.2.9 Any Junior player requesting to play in a lower age division than their age is to submit a written request at the start of each year to the ONA Competition Secretary prior to registering.

2.3 Reduced Registration

ONA will consider and prescribe a set reduced competition fee for players registering for the Winter competition after a nominated round in the same year (approximately half way through the season). The reduced fee and the round it can be applied from will be determined by the Committee at the commencement of the calendar year at the same time as the yearly registration fees are set.

2.4 Non-Playing Members

Associate and non-playing members may join the Association on payment of a fee set by NNSW each year which will cover insurance. Clubs shall be responsible for processing these memberships within their club through PlayHQ.

All non-playing members must complete the NNSW and PCYC registration forms.

3 GRADING OF TEAMS

- 3.1 The Minor Premiers and or Grand Final Winners in each senior grade must play in a higher grade the following season if five (5) players of the original team are still registered with that team. Appeals must be received in writing to the Committee.
- 3.2 Team grading will be determined at the discretion of the Committee in consultation with a delegation of club delegates (2 delegates per club; 1 delegate for individual teams). Final grading will be shared with club delegates and teams will have seven (7) days to appeal.
- 3.3 Junior Mixed teams with five (5) or more state representative players of the same age must play in the top division of a higher age group.
- 3.4 The Committee reserves the right to promote or demote any team according to their performance at the completion of round 6. Should the Committee re-grade a team, team points will be determined as the average of team points in the grade where the team is moved to.
- 3.5 To determine semifinal placings, goal percentages will be taken from the first game played after re-grading.

4 CLUB DUTIES

4.1 Meetings

- 4.1.1 There will be a minimum of four (4) council meetings held through the year. Meetings will usually be the first Monday of each month at 6:30pm at Sir Neville Howse Stadium, Anzac Park or at an alternate location deemed by the committee.
- 4.1.2 Clubs/Teams must nominate their delegate(s) at least seven (7) days prior to the first Council meeting each year for the purpose of correspondence from the Committee. Delegates must be financial members of the Association. Delegates names and contact information is to be emailed to the ONA Secretary and updated in PlayHQ. Clubs or stand-alone teams must be registered to ONA for voting entitlements.
- 4.1.3 Clubs must have two (2) delegates present, stand-alone teams must have one (1) delegate. Failure to attend a Council meeting will incur a fine per delegate. The fine will be determined by the Committee on an annual basis. The fine is payable before any team from that club takes part in any competition matches after notification has been given.
- 4.1.4 Only financial and life members of ONA will have voting rights at Council meetings. Each registered club shall be entitled to have two (2) registered members vote and each individual team will be entitled to have one (1) registered member vote at Council meetings.
- 4.1.5 An apology exempts a club/team from receiving a fine. An apology will only be accepted on two (2) occasions in any one (1) season from any one (1) club/team. Thereafter a fine will be incurred for non-attendance. (See Appendix A)

4.2 Uniform

- 4.2.1 Players shall wear full club uniform in all games unless otherwise approved by the Committee. All players in the same team are to wear the same designed uniform under the NNSW Inclusive Uniform Guidelines.
- 4.2.2 Players choosing to wear a skirt as part of their uniform shall wear full sport briefs, bike pants or leggings under the skirt. Briefs, bike pants or leggings must be black or the same colour as the uniform skirt.
- 4.2.3 Players may wear fitted long sleeve tops under their playing uniform. They must be either plain black, the same colour as the uniform, or the nominated club colour. Tops with hoods, zips, cords or toggles are NOT permitted to be worn.
- 4.2.4 Positional bibs or patches must be worn front and back on the outer layer of the uniform.
- 4.2.5 Sunglasses may be worn at players own risk. Where possible, sunglasses must be close fitting and must have no sharp edges.
- 4.2.6 Religious garments or headdresses are permitted. These should be as closely fitted as possible.
- 4.2.7 Players may not wear anything that could endanger themselves or other players, specifically:
 - a) No adornment or jewelry may be worn other than a wedding ring which must be covered by tape.
 - b) Fingernails must be short and smooth.
 - c) Hair will be securely tied.
 - d) Players required to wear a piece of jewelry for medical reasons are to provide a Doctors certificate to the appropriate competition secretary prior to the commencement of each season. The piece of jewelry is to be taped prior to the player taking the court. Players who do not provide documentation for such jewelry prior to taking the court will be subject to a penalty as per Appendix A, Committee Annual fees, fines and penalties.
- 4.2.8 A club or individual team seeking a change of uniform must submit a request to the Committee for approval of the new uniform.
- 4.2.9 A new club seeking admission into the ONA Winter competition is required to submit proposed uniform details in their initial submission to ensure there is no clash of uniform colours with existing clubs. Upon approval from the Committee teams are permitted to order uniforms.
- 4.2.10 Midweek Teams are not required to wear a uniform.

4.3 Umpiring

- 4.3.1 All teams taking part in competition matches conducted by ONA are to supply umpires as per the draw allocation. The umpire shall take no part in the play on court. The same umpires shall umpire the entire game aside from extenuating circumstances.
- 4.3.2 Failure to supply umpires will incur a fine (financial and loss of competition points) for the team, per umpire not attending to the draw allocation. The fine is payable **before the next round of competition** after receiving the fine. The fine will be determined by the Committee and published in a Fines & Penalties document.
- 4.3.3 All teams/clubs involved in forfeits must still provide any rostered umpiring duties as per the draw allocation for that round.
- 4.3.4 Clubs must appoint an Umpires Convenor/Delegate who is responsible for managing all umpiring matters for their club for each competition round. Clubs must notify the Competition Secretary who their umpire delegate is each round.
- 4.3.5 The committee will not organise umpires for any club.
- 4.3.6 If possible, the association will offer a junior umpiring scheme at the beginning of each season. This will be advertised on the website and via social media channels.
- 4.3.7 All clubs taking part in the competition must have at least one (1) person to complete the online Level 1 umpiring course. Clubs that fail to complete this course will attract a fine as determined by the Committee.
- 4.3.8 Where applicable, two (2) players from each Senior team will be required to attend the Umpire rules night as organised by the ONA. Exemptions may be applied for to the Committee.
- 4.3.9 All accredited umpires (or umpires going for accreditation) officiating in games must wear either a white or a black skirt/shorts/tracksuit pants with a white or Association Umpire top and appropriate footwear. Leggings and bike pants are not to be worn.
- 4.3.10 Club umpires are permitted to wear either their full club uniform or a club top/bottom and club tracksuit whilst undertaking umpiring duties. Appropriate footwear **MUST** be worn.
- 4.3.11 All umpires (irrespective of accreditation) participating in semis, finals and grand finals must wear either a white or black skirt/shorts/tracksuit pants and a white or association umpires top with appropriate footwear. The Association will allocate umpires to all games in the semis, finals and grand final games.

5 COMPETITION

5.1 Matches

- 5.1.1 All competition matches will be conducted in accordance with the current of Netball Australia Rules of Netball.
- 5.1.2 The Association will run a Winter competition - divided into three (3) divisions: NetSetGo, Junior Mixed (10-18 years – including School Girls) and a Senior Competition. Attached to this policy are the separate competition policies for each division (Appendix B: Winter Senior Competitions, Appendix C: Winter Junior Mixed Competition and Net Set Go Competition). All matches in all competitions between registered teams shall be controlled by the Committee.
- 5.1.3 A Midweek competition will also be run at the discretion of the Committee, usually on a Wednesday evening. Where possible, the divisions of the Midweek competition will be advertised prior to its commencement but will be determined by the number of team nominations each competition. Attached to this policy is the separate Midweek policy specifically for this competition (Appendix D: Midweek Mixed Competition).
- 5.1.4 Any extra rounds required in the draw will be the team's responsibility to organise. Any fees such as umpires and court hire are the split responsibility of the teams playing. If there are extra rounds to be played, it will be made known to teams at the commencement of the season by the Competition Secretary.
- 5.1.5 FINALS SERIES: in order to take the court with a team for finals, all players are required to have played the minimum amount of games specified in the relevant competition policy for that one team. A team may apply for a player exemption outside of the relevant competition policy due to extenuating circumstances. Each player exemption request is required to be submitted in writing to the Competition Secretary seven (7) days prior to the finals series commencing. The request is to include circumstances for the request, the name of the player wishing to be included and if applicable, what team the player will be changing from. All written requests will be reviewed and decided upon at the Committee's discretion following NNSW policies.

5.2 Scoring

- 5.2.1 The scoreboards (including the scoresheets for all scheduled games) will be placed in the center circle prior to the commencement of the first timeslot of each competition.
- 5.2.2 Points will be awarded for competition matches as follows:
 - a) 3 points for a win or a win on forfeit
 - b) 2 points for a drawn game, including abandoned or cancelled game due to weather
 - c) 1 point for a loss
 - d) 0 points for a bye

- 5.2.3 All players must **sign** the score sheet. If a player is borrowed from another team, they must write and sign their name and list the team/grade from which they came on the scoresheet. At least five (5) registered team members need to sign the scoresheet before the start of the game, if this does not occur the team will lose competition points as deemed by the Committee.
- 5.2.4 Each team must provide a scorer and both scorers must score together for the whole game. Both scorers are to sit or stand in a central position on the sideline.
- 5.2.5 If scoring is not performed as per this competition procedure, no objections will be entered into.
- 5.2.6 At the end of the game, the winning team is responsible for providing the scoresheet to the umpires to sign and returning the scoresheet to the ONA office.
- 5.2.7 The point score shall be kept by the Competition Secretary and shall be the official record. The point score will be published on the ONA website.
- 5.2.8 In the event of tied point score at the completion of the competition rounds, a percentage will determine the placings for semi-finals:
Goals for/Goals against x 100 / no. games played (where finals series apply).

5.3 Players

- 5.3.1 All players in ONA Competitions are expected to abide by the NSW Code of Behaviour Policy.
- 5.3.2 All players must **sign** the scoresheet as a record of their participation in any competition match. Signatures must be the same for each round.
- 5.3.3 All borrowed players must write and sign their name and list the team/grade from which they came on the scoresheet. Borrowed players must be registered, as per Section 2.2 Individual Registrations.
- 5.3.4 No player shall play in a lower grade or across a grade from which they are registered. Division two (2) of an age group is considered a lower grade. An exemption is granted for the lowest division who are able to borrow across their division only. Players are still unable to play down from a higher division.
- 5.3.5 A player may only play for one (1) team in any one (1) time slot. I.e. Once the player has taken the court in one time slot they may not change and take part in any other match in the same time slot. This does not include forfeits.
- 5.3.6 Teams may not borrow players from other clubs, but players from within the same club/affiliated teams can play higher grades. Registered players turning twelve (12) years old or older on the 31 December of the current year, may play senior games if they register to play in the Senior competition and pay the registration fee as prescribed by ONA.
- 5.3.7 A borrowed player may only play in two (2) games for any team. Prior to taking the court for a third game, the player must register as a new team member to the team they are playing for on the third occasion (of playing as a borrowed player).
- 5.3.8 A borrowed player must wear the same registered inclusive uniform as the team for which they are playing.

5.4 Forfeits and Game Postponements

- 5.4.1 Each competition and its requirements around teams forfeiting are addressed in the relevant appendix attached to this policy. Appendix B: Senior Winter Competitions; Appendix C: Junior Mixed Competition and Net Set Go Competition and Appendix D: Midweek Mixed Competition.
- 5.4.2 Each competition and its requirements around game postponement are addressed in the relevant appendix attached to this policy. Appendix B: Senior Winter Competitions and Appendix C: Junior Mixed Competition.
- 5.4.3 The NetSetGo Competitions and Midweek Mixed Competition are not subject to postponed games.

6 ADVERSE AND DANGEROUS WEATHER

- 6.1 ONA abides by the NNSW Adverse Weather Conditions Policy.
- 6.2 A decision to abandon play due to adverse weather prior to the commencement of a game on any one (1) particular court may be made by mutual agreement of both teams, and the game shall be deemed a draw with each team receiving two (2) competition points.
- 6.3 If teams mutually agree to abandon play on a particular court prior to the commencement of a game, players that have signed the scoresheet shall be deemed to have played.
- 6.4 If rounds commence, all games will continue for the full four (4) quarters. If the weather deteriorates during the games and play is considered dangerous by the Competition Secretary, the Umpires Convener and the President, or their respective delegate, play will be abandoned.
- 6.5 If the Association abandons play before half time, all games will be deemed a draw for that round and each team will be awarded two (2) competition points.
- 6.6 If the Association abandons play after half time the team with the most goals will be declared the winner and will be awarded three (3) competition points and the team with the lesser goals will be awarded one (1) competition point.
- 6.7 If one team decides to cease play during a game due to adverse weather, that team will be deemed to have forfeited the game, and that team shall receive no competition points. The opposing team shall receive three (3) competition points.
- 6.8 No games shall be called off by the Association unless in the opinion of the Competition Secretary, the Umpires Convenor and the President, or their respective delegate(s), one (1) hour prior to the commencement of play, unless the courts are considered unsafe for play.
- 6.9 In the event of a decision made that there will be no play, a post will be made on the ONA Facebook page and the ONA website once a decision has been made.
- 6.10 Games called off by the Association due to adverse weather prior to the commencement of the round shall be classed as drawn games and two (2) competition points will be awarded to each team.

- 6.11 All fully registered team members at the date of the game called off by the Association due to adverse weather prior to the commencement of the round shall be deemed to have played on that day.
- 6.12 A round is considered to be all timeslots for that day.

7 INSURANCE, INJURIES, COURT INSPECTIONS AND BEHAVIOUR

- 7.1 All registered players and officials are insured through NNSW.
- 7.2 All injuries are to be reported to the ONA office and recorded on the scoresheet and the ONA injury book as soon as possible. The injury record shall include the date and location of the incident, a description of the incident, nature of the injury and any treatment provided so far, details of any witnesses and signed by the person giving the report.
- 7.3 The Committee members on duty shall inspect the courts and its surrounds at the commencement of each playing day and determine if the courts are safe for play. Games may be relocated to different courts or postponed if conditions require, and all teams shall follow the instructions of the Committee in that regard.
- 7.4 If there is any change to court conditions during the playing day which create a new hazard (eg. Broken glass, obstruction on the court or surrounds), teams should cease play and notify a Committee member immediately to conduct a new inspection.
- 7.5 All players, coaches, officials and spectators shall be bound by the NNSW Code of Conduct.
- 7.6 The umpires shall be the controllers of on and off court behaviour in the first instance and may impose penalties provided by the International Netball Federation Netball Rules book, which may require officials or spectators to leave the court area and may impose on-court penalties for behaviour off the court.
- 7.7 In addition, any unsporting behaviour, misconduct or disputes on or off the court may be reported to the Committee by the umpires, coaches, players or managers. If possible, issues should be reported to the Committee as soon as they occur, **while the game is in progress**. Any formal reports are to be made in writing to be dealt with in accordance with the NNSW Member Protection Policy.
- 7.8 Bikes, scooters, skateboards and footballs must not be used on the courts and surrounding areas while games are in progress. All sidelines must be kept clear of bags and chairs for the safety of players and umpires.
- 7.9 Balloons, streamers, noise makers etc. are not allowed inside the PCYC complex.
- 7.10 Pets are not permitted on the indoor or outdoor courts.
- 7.11 Smoking is not permitted at the courts and surrounding areas while games are being played in line with the NSW Smoke-Free Environment Act 2000.

8 PUBLIC HEALTH ORDERS

- 8.1 In 2020 the COVID-19 pandemic required significant changes to the way the ONA competition was conducted. ONA will observe directions from the NSW Government and NNSW as required to keep the ONA Community safe.
- 8.2 At times, ONA may need to modify competitions to comply with directions from NSW Government or NNSW to maintain public health and safety.
- 8.3 ONA maintains affiliation with NNSW and observes NNSW policies.

9 APPENDIX

9.1 APPENDIX A: Annual Fees, Fines and Penalties

Penalties

Action	Penalty
Playing an unregistered player	Loss of game points
Notified forfeit	No game points awarded
Unnotified forfeit	Loss of game points Junior Mixed Competition, Senior Competition and NSG: \$70 fine Midweek Competitions: \$40 fine (payable prior to next round)
Scorecard incorrectly completed	One game point deducted
Non-documented medical pieces of jewelry worn during competition match	Loss of game points
Playing a Junior player outside of registration rules and/or competition policy without Committee consent.	Loss of game points.
Failure to provide club duty roster (eg. set up/pack up)	1 st offence - \$55 2 nd offence - \$110 3 rd offence - \$330

Fines

Action	Penalty
Failure to attend Council meeting	Fine of \$33 per delegate
Failure to attend Umpires Lectures	Fine of \$22
Failure to supply an umpire to rostered duty*	\$80
<p><i>*Umpires MUST be at the courts and start the game within 30 seconds of the hooter sounding.</i></p> <p><i>Fines will be enforced regardless of umpires arriving after this time.</i></p>	

Annual fees will be set by the Committee each year. This will be after the Netball NSW Council Meeting the year prior.

9.2 APPENDIX B: Senior Winter Competition

9.2.1 Matches

- 9.2.1.1 Games times for the Senior competition shall consist of 4 x 15 minute quarters with a break of three minutes at quarter and three quarter time and five minutes at half time
- 9.2.1.2 The committee will endeavour to ensure the Winter competition shall consist of a minimum of games to ensure that every team plays an opposition at least twice.
- 9.2.1.3 The draw for the semi-finals, finals and grand finals will be determined by the Committee at the conclusion of the competition rounds and will be played as follows
 - a) Semi-finals 1 v 2 and 3 v 4
 - b) Finals Loser of 1 v 2 will play the winner of 3 v 4
 - c) Grand-final Winner of 1 v 2 will play the winner of final
- 9.2.1.4 In the event of a drawn match in the finals series (semi-final, finals and grand finals), there shall be a two (2) minute interval at the end of full time, team substitutions and changes are permitted. The teams will change ends and extra time each way is played, which will be: five (5) minutes. Teams will change ends at half time with a one (1) minute interval and team changes and substitutions are allowed. If at the completion of extra time, the game is still drawn play will continue until one team holds a two goal advantage.
- 9.2.1.5 No stoppage time for injury is added during competition rounds, however throughout the finals series any stoppage time shall be played at the end of the game for all centrally timed games. Normal stoppage allowance for injury applies as per Netball Australia rules.
- 9.2.1.6 All finals series games are to be played on the days allocated in the draw. Players must have played a minimum of three (3) competition games with the same team to be eligible to play with that team in the finals series.

9.2.2 Forfeits

- 9.2.2.1 Teams forfeiting must notify the Competition Secretary before 9.00pm on the day preceding the competition. Teams forfeiting must notify the competition Secretary in writing. Confirmation must be received from the Competition Secretary to be an accepted notification of forfeit.
- 9.2.2.2 Any forfeit notification that is either unconfirmed by the Competition Secretary or received after 9.00pm on the day preceding the competition will be deemed an unnotified forfeit. The team deemed an unnotified forfeit will incur a fine – monetary and loss of competition points. The fine is payable before the next round of competition after receiving the fine. The fine will be determined by the Committee annually.
- 9.2.2.3 The team forfeiting is still required to perform umpiring duties that may have been allocated on the day of the forfeit.

- 9.2.2.4 An unnotified forfeit requires the scoresheet to be returned to the Competition Secretary, clearly marked as a forfeit, during the set time slot. The scoresheet needs to be completed by the team claiming the forfeit.
- 9.2.2.5 When a team receives a notified forfeit, all players fully registered at the time of the forfeit are deemed to have played in that game. When a team forfeits a game, all players are deemed to have not played that game.
- 9.2.2.6 A team which forfeits three (3) competition matches during any one (1) season will be disqualified from the competition but may appeal the decision. Appeals are to be received by the Competition Secretary in writing within seven (7) days of the third forfeit. The Competition Secretary will notify teams after two (2) forfeits.
- 9.2.2.7 Teams forfeiting will receive no competition points. Opposition teams will receive three (3) points.
- 9.2.2.8 Teams that have been forfeited against will receive the average number of for-and-against goals in their division for the correlating round.

9.2.3 **Game Postponement**

- 9.2.3.1 Postponements of games need to be of a reasonable nature of request.
- 9.2.3.2 Postponements must be submitted to and authorised by the Committee no less than seven (7) days prior to the date of the set game scheduled (unless due to extenuating circumstances). Any postponement requests must be submitted in writing to the Competition Secretary.
- 9.2.3.3 If a postponement is approved by the Committee, the team unable to play match at the time specified in the draw must arrange a time suitable to both teams prior to the following round in the draw or a forfeit will result.
- 9.2.3.4 The team wishing to alter the time of a competition match is responsible for the collection of the scorecard from the Competition Secretary. Each team is responsible for arranging one umpire for the match. (The Competition Secretary will advise umpires originally set to umpire and the Umpires Coordinator that the match as per competition draw is postponed and they are not required).
- 9.2.3.5 The winning team shall return the official scoresheet to the Competition Secretary before the next competition match. Points will not be awarded if the scoresheet has not been returned.
- 9.2.3.6 If a postponed game cannot be played by the specified date because of players involved in ONA's representative commitments or school requirements, application for deferment must be made in writing to the Committee at least seven (7) days prior to the scheduled match.
- 9.2.3.7 All postponed games can be played at Anzac Park on the outdoor courts or at a mutually agreeable venue. For any postponed games played on indoor courts, it is the responsibility of the team requesting the alteration to book court hire and will incur any fees payable. Court hire fees are to be paid for at the time of the game directly with the booked location.

9.2.3.8 If, despite reasonable attempts for a mutually agreeable time to reschedule a match and no suitable time can be arranged, the team requesting the alteration will have to forfeit the match.

9.3 APPENDIX C: Junior Mixed Winter Competition and Net Set Go Winter Competition

9.3.1 Junior Mixed Competition Matches

- 9.3.1.1 Game times for the Junior Mixed Competition shall consist of – 4 x 15 minute quarters with a two minute break at quarter and three quarter time and three minutes at half time
- 9.3.1.2 The committee will endeavour to ensure the Winter competition shall consist of a minimum of games to ensure that every team plays an opposition at least twice
- 9.3.1.3 The draw for the semi-finals, finals and grand finals will be determined by the Committee at the conclusion of the competition rounds and will be played as follows
 - a) Semi-finals 1 v 2 and 3 v 4
 - b) Finals Loser of 1 v 2 will play the winner of 3 v 4
 - c) Grand-final Winner of 1 v 2 will play the winner of final
- 9.3.1.4 In the event of a drawn match in the finals series (semi-final, finals and grand finals), there shall be a two (2) minute interval at the end of full time, team substitutions and changes are permitted. The teams will change ends and extra time each way is played, which will be: five (5) minutes. Teams will change ends at half time with a one (1) minute interval and team changes and substitutions are allowed. If at the completion of extra time, the game is still drawn play will continue until one team holds a two goal advantage.
- 9.3.1.5 No stoppage time for injury is added during competition rounds, however throughout the finals series any stoppage time shall be played at the end of the game for all centrally timed games. Normal stoppage allowance for injury applies as per Netball Australia rules.
- 9.3.1.6 All finals series games are to be played on the days allocated in the draw. Players must have played a minimum of three (3) competition games with the same team to be eligible to play with that team in the finals series.

9.3.2 Junior Mixed Competition Forfeits

- 9.3.2.1 Teams forfeiting must notify the Competition Secretary before 9.00pm on the day preceding the competition. Teams forfeiting must notify the competition Secretary in writing. Confirmation must be received from the Competition Secretary to be an accepted notification of forfeit.
- 9.3.2.2 Any forfeit received after 9.00pm on the day preceding the competition will be deemed an unnotified forfeit. The team deemed an unnotified forfeit will incur a fine – monetary and loss of competition points. The fine is payable before the next round of competition after receiving the fine. The fine will be determined by the Committee annually.
- 9.3.2.3 The team forfeiting is still required to perform umpiring duties that may have been allocated on the day of the forfeit.

- 9.3.2.4 An unnotified forfeit requires the scoresheet to be returned to the Competition Secretary, clearly marked as a forfeit, during the set time slot. The scoresheet needs to be completed by the team claiming the forfeit.
- 9.3.2.5 When a team receives a notified forfeit, all players fully registered at the time of the forfeit are deemed to have played in that game. When a team forfeits a game, all players are deemed to have not played that game.
- 9.3.2.6 A team which forfeits three (3) competition matches during any one (1) season will be disqualified from the competition but may appeal the decision. Appeals are to be received by the Competition Secretary in writing within seven (7) days of the third forfeit. The Competition Secretary will notify teams after two (2) forfeits.
- 9.3.2.7 Teams forfeiting will receive no competition points. Opposition teams will receive three (3) points.
- 9.3.2.8 Teams that have been forfeited against will receive the average number of for-and-against goals in their division for the correlating round.

9.3.3 Junior Mixed Game Postponement

- 9.3.3.1 Postponements of games need to be of a reasonable nature of request.
- 9.3.3.2 Postponements must be submitted to and authorised by the Committee no less than seven (7) days prior to the set game scheduled (unless due to extenuating circumstances). Any postponement requests must be submitted in writing to the Competition Secretary.
- 9.3.3.3 If a postponement is approved by the Committee, the team unable to play match at the time specified in the draw must arrange a time suitable to both teams prior to the following round in the draw or a forfeit will result.
- 9.3.3.4 The team wishing to alter the time of a competition match is responsible for the collection of the scorecard from the Competition Secretary. Each team is responsible for arranging one umpire for the match. (The Competition Secretary will advise umpires originally set to umpire and the Umpires Coordinator that the match as per competition draw is postponed and they are not required).
- 9.3.3.5 The winning team shall return the official scorecard to the Competition Secretary before the next competition match. Points will not be awarded if the scorecard has not been returned.
- 9.3.3.6 If a postponed game cannot be played by the specified date because of players involved in ONA's representative commitments or school requirements, application for deferment must be made in writing to the Committee at least seven (7) days prior to the scheduled match.

- 9.3.3.7 All postponed games can be played at Anzac Park on the outdoor courts or at a mutually agreeable venue. For any postponed games played on indoor courts, it is the responsibility of the team requesting the alteration to book court hire and will incur any fees payable. Court hire fees are to be paid for at the time of the game directly with the booked location.
- 9.3.3.8 If, despite reasonable attempts for a mutually agreeable time to reschedule a match and no suitable time can be arranged, the team requesting the alteration will have to forfeit the match.

9.3.4 Junior Mixed Competition Rules

- 9.3.4.1 Males may play in the Saturday Winter Junior Mixed Competition.
- 9.3.4.2 Age restrictions for male players playing in the Junior Mixed Winter Competition are the same as Section 2.2 Individual Registrations.
- 9.3.4.3 The club must notify the Junior Competition Secretary in writing of which teams consists of male players.
- 9.3.4.4 A team is only permitted to have three male players on the court at any one time with only one male per third.

9.3.5 WINTER – Net Set Go Competition

- 9.3.5.1 The ONA Net Set Go competition will run in accordance with Netball Australia's set guidelines for Net Set GO.
- 9.3.5.2 Game times for the main Winter competition shall consist of– 4 x 10 minute quarters with a two minute break at quarter and three quarter time and three minutes at half time
- 9.3.5.3 The committee will endeavour to ensure the Winter competition shall consist of a minimum of games to ensure that every team plays an opposition at least twice
- 9.3.5.4 NetSetGo grades (under 8 and 9 years) are non-competitive, and all participants will receive an award of recognition of participation, finals series will not be conducted for this competition.
- 9.3.5.5 Net Set Go games are not officially scored and no score records will be published. It is requested that the under 9's games are scored for the second half of the season in order to provide an insight to team placings when moving into the Junior Mixed Competition as under 10's age group.
- 9.3.5.6 If a team needs to forfeit their game for any reason, they need to notify the Committee via the general email contact by 8am on the match day.
- 9.3.5.7 Net Set Go matches will not be accepted for postponement.

9.4 APPENDIX D: Midweek Mixed Competition

9.4.1 Registrations

- 9.4.1.1 It is a requirement that every player participating in the Midweek Mixed Competition must be financially registered with NNSW and ONA before taking the court.
- 9.4.1.2 All registrations are to be completed using PlayHQ. Individual team links will be sent to the team contact for all players in the team to register through. Teams are responsible for all individual registrations. Players anticipating to register and play in the ONA Winter Competition or Junior Mixed Competition should register through their chosen club.
- 9.4.1.3 A Players term of registration is defined as per their NNSW paid registration period.
- 9.4.1.4 PCYC registrations are to be completed for every Midweek player and are to be completed online through the PCYC website. The completion of this is the responsibility of the team, not ONA.

9.4.2 Team Nominations

- 9.4.2.1 Teams are required to complete a team nomination form and submit it to the Midweek Competition Secretary via email. The form will be available on the ONA website two (2) weeks prior to the commencement of competition. Team registration must be submitted by the advertised closing date. It is at the Committee's discretion to review late registrations should a team be required in any division to prevent bye rounds in the competition.
- 9.4.2.2 Team nomination forms must list six (6) or more players in order to be accepted.
- 9.4.2.3 No team may have more than twelve (12) fully registered players at any point in time during the competition. If more than 12 players are allocated to a team, any players registered after the twelfth player will be cancelled with no refund provided.
- 9.4.2.4 Teams nominating to play in the Midweek Mixed Competition must pay the prescribed team competition fee (as set by the Committee at the start of each calendar year), for the team nomination to be accepted. A team may not be accepted for a new competition if that team is unfinancial from the previous competition or has outstanding fees or disciplinary issues.

9.4.3 Team Grading

- 9.4.3.1 Team grading will be determined at the discretion of the Committee, taking into consideration both the team's nominated division and the level of skill level of players within the team.
- 9.4.3.2 Teams are to clearly indicate on the team nomination form the preferred division for the team.
- 9.4.3.3 The winning team of the grand final game in each grade must play in a higher grade (where possible) the following season if five (5) players of the original team are continuing into the new competition.
- 9.4.3.4 Grand final runner's up will be considered by the Committee to be graded in a higher division the following season based on competition performance.

9.4.4 Player Registration

- 9.4.4.1 A player must be turning twelve (12) years of age by 31 December of the current year to be eligible for registering in a Midweek Mixed team.
- 9.4.4.2 Teams in the Midweek Mixed competition are permitted to have a maximum of three (3) male players on the court at any one time. Only one (1) male player may play in each third of the court (eg. GS or GA, C WA or WD and GD or GK).
If a team chooses to play two (2) males in the centre court (ie. WA and C or WD and C), they then cannot play a male in the affected third/area of play (ie. If there is a male C and male WA, a male cannot play in GA or GS or if there is a male C and male WD, a male cannot play in GD or GK).
- 9.4.4.3 Teams cannot nominate more than five (5) players who play in Division 1 for ONA Senior Winter Competition within one (1) Midweek Mixed Competition team.
- 9.4.4.4 The Competition Secretary is to be notified in writing of the removal/replacement of a player from a team list. The addition of a player to a team list is to be made in accordance with the Competition Policy and following consultation with the Competition Secretary and confirmed in writing. All players must sign the scoresheet as a record of their participation in any competition match. Signatures must be the same for each round. Borrowed players must be registered as per the Competition Policy and write and sign their name on the scoresheet and list the team/grade from which they came.

9.4.5 Uniforms

- 9.4.5.1 Players are required to participate in clean, neat clothing and appropriate footwear for games, preferably with top colours matching (although this is not compulsory).
- 9.4.5.2 Positional bibs must be worn. These are supplied by ONA, however, teams may bring their own if they wish to do so. The bibs must be matching for all players on the team.
- 9.4.5.3 Players may not wear anything that could endanger themselves or other players, specifically:
 - a) No adornment or jewelry may be worn other than a wedding ring which must be covered by tape.
 - b) Fingernails must be short and smooth.
 - c) Hair will be securely tied.
 - d) Players required to wear a piece of jewelry for medical reasons are to provide a Doctors certificate to the appropriate competition secretary prior to the commencement of each season. The piece of jewelry is to be taped prior to the player taking the court. Players who do not provide documentation for such jewelry prior to taking the court will be subject to a penalty as per Appendix A, Committee Annual fees, fines and penalties.

9.4.6 Game Times

- 9.4.6.1 Games shall consist of 2 x 18min halves with a 1 min half time break.
- 9.4.6.2 Scheduled times will be advertised by week prior to each comp commencing.
- 9.4.6.3 There will be no injury time played in any match.
- 9.4.6.4 In the event of a draw in a Grand Final game at full time, teams are to play an additional two minutes. Should the game remain tied after additional time, the team to be two goals ahead will be determined the winner.

9.4.7 Players and Player Substitutions

- 9.4.7.1 To be eligible to play a Grand Final game, players must have played a minimum of two (2) games with that team prior to a Grand Final game.
- 9.4.7.2 During a game, teams may substitute players on a rolling substitution basis. Substitutions can be made at their teams centre pass or during back play where it does not interfere with game play.
- 9.4.7.3 A player is only permitted to play in one team per competition timeslot.
- 9.4.7.4 No player shall play in a lower grade than that for which they are registered. Players may only fill in for a team either at the same grade or higher than the team for which they are registered.

9.4.8 Umpires

- 9.4.8.1 Umpires are allocated by the Competition Secretary or their delegate for all games.
- 9.4.8.2 Umpires wishing to register interest in umpiring Midweek Mixed Competition games are to contact the Competition Secretary.
- 9.4.8.3 Umpires are paid via electronic bank transfer on a regular basis throughout the competition. Umpires are to submit a Statement by Supplier form with their bank details to the Competition Secretary prior to officiating any games.

9.4.9 Forfeits

- 9.4.9.1 Teams intending to forfeit are to notify the Midweek Competition Secretary in writing before 12 Noon on the day of the competition.
- 9.4.9.2 Forfeits that either do not meet the criteria of point 9.4.9.1 or are unnotified will be fined and receive a loss of competition points as set out in Appendix A: Committee Annual fees, fines and penalties.
- 9.4.9.3 If a team receives a notified forfeit, all players registered at the time of the forfeit are deemed to have played in that game.
- 9.4.9.4 A team that forfeits two (2) competition matches during any one (1) season will be disqualified from the competition. Any appeals to this must be received by the Competition Secretary in writing within seven (7) days of the second forfeit.
- 9.4.9.5 Teams forfeiting will receive no competition points, the opposing team will receive three (3) competition points.

9.4.10 Amended forms of play

Novelty concepts such as “Powerplay” or the like will be introduced at the discretion and approval of the Committee.