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DEFINITIONS

“Association” means the Lilydale & Yarra Valley Netball Association Incorporated.

“Club” means a non-profit incorporated body that has an interest in netball and is affiliated with the Association.

“Bylaws” means these Bylaws of the Association as amended from time to time.

“Committee” is the governing body of the Association.

“Constitution” means the constitution of the Association as amended from time to time.

“Club Delegate” is a representative of a Club or Team who liaises with the Committee.

“Ineligible Player” is a Player who is not entitled to participate in a game, which may include a Player who has not qualified or a Player not eligible to play in that age section.

“Secretary” means the Secretary of the Lilydale and Yarra Valley Netball Association.

“Team” is a Team that is not affiliated with a governing Club at either the Night Competition or the Saturday Competition.

"Team Official" has the meaning given to it by Bylaw 25.

BYLAWS

These Bylaws govern the Association. They are the operating procedures that determine the conduct of the Association and its members under the Constitution. The Committee adopted these Bylaws on 13th October 2020. Any amendments to these Bylaws come into effect on the date they are approved by the Committee and will remain in force until amended, repealed or replaced.

1. CLUB DELEGATE MEETINGS

1.1 Club Delegate meetings will be held on the dates determined by the Committee and advised to Clubs from time to time.

1.2 All Clubs must be represented by at least one delegate at all Club Delegate meetings, unless notified otherwise.

1.3 Should a Club that not comply with Bylaw 1.2, the Club may incur a two hundred-dollar ($200) penalty.

2. CORRESPONDENCE

2.1 All correspondence sent by a Club to the Association must be sent in writing from the Club Secretary or authorised person to the Association Secretary.

2.2 All correspondence from the Association to a Club will be addressed to the Club Secretary or authorised person.

3. FINANCES

3.1 Fees

(a) The Committee shall determine the fees to be paid by each Club and Team to the Association.
(b) The Association may set an annual affiliation fee for Clubs or Teams. Each Club and Team may pay an annual affiliation fee of the sum prescribed by the Association.
(c) The fees shall be calculated to cover the costs of Association and Competition management activities.
(d) All monies due to the Association must be paid by the nominated due date. Clubs or Teams that have not paid by the nominated date may not be permitted to take the court.
(e) All Players shall be fully paid members of their own Club or Team in order to be eligible to participate in any activities governed by the Association.
(f) Any individual indebted to the Association shall not be permitted to participate for any Club or Team in any competition until the outstanding debt is paid, unless alternative arrangements have been made and approved by the Association Treasurer.
(g) Any individual who breaches Bylaw (f) will subject a loss of 4 points to the Team/s for each instance the Player takes the court. If the breach is bought to the attention of Committee, Court Supervisors or Umpires, during a match, the Player must be removed from the court immediately. The Player may not be replaced until the next interval.

3.2 Reimbursements / Payments

(a) Committee members may be entitled to claim authorised expenses incurred whilst acting in an official capacity from the Association. Receipts must be supplied to the Association in order for any reimbursements to be made.
(b) Umpires officiating on behalf of the Association, will be paid at the rate determined by the Association.
(c) Other Association personnel may be entitled to claim authorised expenses incurred whilst acting on behalf of the Association as determined at the discretion of the Association on a case-by-case basis.

4. INFORMATION TO CLUBS

4.1 The Association shall provide information to all Clubs and Teams prior to the start of the season. This information may include:

(a) Association contact details
(b) Association venue address
(c) Competition Bylaws
(d) Calendar
(e) Proposed fees
(f) Fixtures
(g) Game format and games times
(h) Grading details
(i) Information regarding updated rules, policies and guidelines
(j) Details of courses, seminars etc.

5. NETBALL VICTORIA MEMBERSHIP

5.1 The Netball Victoria membership fees are set annually by the Victorian Netball Association Inc.

(a) In order to be eligible to participate in affiliated Association competitions or programs (including NetSetGo), as a Player, Coach or Umpire, an individual must be a current financial Netball Victoria member. All NetSetGo, Junior, Senior and All Abilities Players, Coaches and Umpires must register through the appropriate online registration form as provided by Club or Association.
(b) An off-the-court membership (administrative roles e.g. President, Secretary, time keeper) product will be offered to those Association members that have an off-court role.

5.2 Single Game Vouchers may be used.

(a) Individuals may purchase a Single Game Voucher and purchase of a voucher will allow the individual to participate as a Player in the Association's competitions or programs only for the particular game or program to which the Single Game Voucher relates.
(b) A Player must purchase a Single Game Voucher through the nominated process prior to becoming eligible to participating in the relevant game or program.
    a. Proof of payment must be provided to the committee on duty prior to taking the court.

5.3 If a Player, Coach or Umpire wishes to de-register their NVM, it will be the Club/individual's responsibility to obtain the credit from Netball Victoria.

6. CLUB AND TEAM REGISTRATION

6.1 In order for a Club or Team to be eligible to compete in the Association's competitions, the Club or Team must complete and return an official entry form to the Association by the due date.

6.2 All Clubs and Teams that submit valid entry forms are subsequently registered by the Association shall receive information from the Association, which may include;

(a) Due date and amount of all fees and levies that are to be paid for the season, including Registration Fees, Court Fees, Netball Victoria Fees and any other fees that may be deemed necessary for that season;
(b) a link to the Association Constitution and Bylaws;
(c) information regarding any meetings or other requirements of the Association; and
(d) any information provided in accordance with Bylaw 0.

6.3 No Club or Team who submits a registration application to the Association is to be considered registered until the Association confirms in writing to the Club or Team.

6.4 The Association reserves the right to reject the registration application of any Club or Team applying to the Association for registration to participate in a competition.

6.5 All Teams must always have a minimum of seven (7) Players registered.

6.6 Players can be registered with one Team only.

6.7 All Players registered in a team at the start of the season must play a minimum of:

(a) Twelve (12) quarters by Round 10 in the Winter season; and
(b) Eight (8) quarters by Round 5 in the Spring season.

Clubs seeking an exemption due to exceptional circumstances must submit a written request to the Secretary for Committee consideration. Requests must be lodged as soon as practicable to avoid the imposition of any applicable penalty.

6.8 Any player who breaches Bylaw 6.7 will be subject to a loss of four (4 points) to the Team they were registered to.

6.9 All Teams must be registered with an umpire, refer to bylaw 23.2 for details.

6.10 The Association must be notified of any Team changes prior to the commencement of the season.

6.11 Clubs withdrawing Team/s after fixtures have been completed will have their entry fee returned, but will be fined fifty dollars ($50.00) per Team

6.12 All Clubs and Teams will have access to relevant Netball Australia, Netball Victoria and Lilydale and Yarra Valley Netball policies, procedures, regulations and Codes of Conduct via the Lilydale and Yarra Valley Netball website.

7. PLAYER, COACH AND UMPIRE REGISTRATION

7.1 General

(a) In order to be eligible to participate in affiliated Association competitions or programs (including NetSetGo), all NetSetGo, Junior, Senior and All Abilities Players, Coaches and Umpires must register through the appropriate online registration form as provided by Club or Association.
(b) If Player, Coach or Umpire is registered with another association or competition, they still must register through the appropriate online registration form.
(c) After the initial Club and Team registration, new Players, Coaches and Umpires must register and notify the Registration Secretary BEFORE taking the court.
(d) The Association may refuse the registration of any Player that has outstanding fees with the Association unless a prior payment commitment has been made.
(e) Players that are registered in a higher age group or section at the beginning of the season and wishing to re-register into the lower age group or section must request this in writing, the decision will be at Association's discretion.
(f) All Players, Coaches and Umpires will abide by and have access to relevant Netball Australia, Netball Victoria and Lilydale and Yarra Valley Netball policies, procedures, regulations and Codes of Conduct via the Lilydale and Yarra Valley Netball website.
(g) Any Player or Coach who breaches Bylaw 7.1 will be subject to a loss of 4 points to the Team/s for each instance they take the court. If the breach is bought to the attention of Committee, Court Supervisors or Umpires, during a match, the Player must be removed from the court immediately. The Player may not be replaced until the next interval.
(h) Any Umpire who breaches Bylaw 7.1 will be subject to a twenty-five dollars ($25) fine to the Umpire, Club or Team.

8. AFFILIATION FEE

8.1 Each Club shall affiliate with Lilydale and Yarra Valley Netball Association by signing an Affiliation and Agreement Form and submit the Affiliation and Agreement Form to Lilydale and Yarra Valley Netball Association by due date.

8.2 Annual Affiliation Fee: Each Affiliated Club shall pay an annual affiliation fee of the sum prescribed by the Lilydale and Yarra Valley Netball Association and payable in accordance with Lilydale and Yarra Valley Netball Association invoicing provisions.

9. INCLUSIVE ENVIRONMENTS

9.1 The Association is committed to providing a safe, fair and inclusive sporting environment where all people can contribute and participate.

9.2 The Association will endeavour to provide opportunities for males to participate in mixed and male competitions.

9.3 The Association may conduct cultural awareness training & inclusive workshops to ensure your Club is providing a welcoming environment and creating awareness around cultural views and barriers.

9.4 The Association supports participation in netball on the basis of the gender with which a person identifies. If issues arise, the Association will seek advice on the application of the applicable Victorian discrimination laws for the particular circumstances.

9.5 All competitions will be clearly labelled in regard to age group and gender. This includes additional references to all genders that are permitted to play. All competition labelling will be clear and transparent.

9.6 The Association observes the Netball Victoria Gender Regulation in regard to male participation:

(a) males who are 13 years (and older) are not permitted to participate in female competition. This means that males must be less than 13 years of age (actual age) as at the first day of the competition or season; and
(b) males that turn 13 during that competition or season will be permitted to participate for the duration of that competition or season.

9.7 The Association observes the Netball Victorian Gender Regulation in regard to mixed competition:

(a) Mixed competition for the 9&U, 11&U and 13&U age groups will have no restrictions applied on the basis of gender.
(b) Mixed competition for the 15&U and above age groups will observe the following rules:
    a. The minimum number of males in a Team is zero, and
    b. A mixed Team must only have a maximum of 3 males on court at any one time, and
    c. A mixed Team must only have up to one male in each third on court. For the avoidance of doubt this means:
        i. One male is permitted in the defence third occupying the position of Goal Defence or Goal Keeper, and
        ii. One male is permitted in the mid third occupying the position of Centre, Wing Attack or Wing Defence, and
        iii. One male is permitted in the goal third occupying the position of Goal Attack or Goal Shooter.

10. AGE REQUIREMENTS

10.1 Generally, Player age is determined as at the 31 December of the current playing year. Specially, bylaw 9.6 must also be applied.

10.2 For 9 & Under competitions, the minimum Player age is determined as at the last day of the current competition or season.

10.3 Participants must provide their correct date of birth at the time of registering and failure to do so will result in ineligibility to participate in the Association's activities.

10.4 Participants aged between 5 and 7 years are encouraged to participate in NetSetGO Activities Program.

10.5 Participants are only eligible to participate in certain age groups upon reaching and not exceeding the relevant age thresholds (Minimum and Maximum Age Requirements).

The Age Requirements for each age group are:

Age Group	Minimum	Maximum
9 & Under	6 Years	9 Years
11 & Under	8 Years	11 Years
13 & Under	8 Years	13 Years
15 & Under	10 Years	15 Years
17 & Under	12 Years	17 Years
Open	14 Years	NA

10.6 Any individual, Team or Club who breaches Bylaw 10 will be subject to a loss of 4 points to the Team/s for each instance the Player takes the court. If the breach is bought to the attention of the of the Committee, Court Supervisors or Umpires, during a match, the Player must be removed from the court immediately. The Player may not be replaced until the next interval.

11. COMPETITIONS & PROGRAMS

11.1 The Association may offer the following competition & programs:

NetSetGo	Mixed	(females & males – no restrictions) – see Bylaw 9.7
9&U	Mixed	(females & males – no restrictions) – see Bylaw 9.7
11&U	Mixed	(females & males – no restrictions) – see Bylaw 9.7
13&U	Mixed	(females & males – no restrictions) – see Bylaw 9.7
15&U	Female	(males 12 years of age as at the first day of competition may participate) – see Bylaw 9.6
15&U	Mixed	(females and males – restrictions apply) – see Bylaw 9.7
15&U	Male	
17&U	Female	
17&U	Mixed	(females and males – restrictions apply) – see Bylaw 9.7
17&U	Male	
Open	Female	
Open	Mixed	(females and males – restrictions apply) – see Bylaw 9.7
Open	Male	

12. GRADING

12.1 The Association will apply the grading process it has determined to evaluate, grade and re-grade all Teams. A copy of the grading process will be made available to the Teams and Clubs via the Lilydale and Yarra Valley Netball website.

12.2 The Association reserves the right to re-grade a Team or Club at any time of any season.

12.3 A minimum of five (5) Players from the team's original Registration Day submission must play in all grading games being 4 rounds in the Winter season and 2 rounds in the Spring season. Where extenuating circumstances prevent compliance with this requirement, a written application for exemption must be submitted as soon as practicable and approved by the Association.

12.4 All Teams to be graded on age, but from time to time and when circumstances permit, the Association may grade/regrade on ability and not age.

12.5 A Team or Club may submit a re-grading request to the Association. The Association will consider any such request without any requirement for the Association to take any further action in relation to the grading of that Team or Club.

12.6 The Association will be the ultimate adjudicator of all grading decisions.

12.7 Points during grading may be carried over to the main competition as detailed in grading process.

12.8 If a Team or Club is re-graded during a season, premiership points and goals for and against accrued in the initial grade in that season may be transferred and apply in the new grade the Team or Club has been entered into for the remainder of the season.

12.9 Any Team or Club who breaches Bylaw 12.3 will be subject to a loss of 4 points to the Team/s for each breach.

13. DRESS CODE

13.1 Players

(a) Each Club and Team must submit its proposed uniform to the Association, for approval by the Association.
(b) Each Club and Team may have a female and male uniform option.
(c) Participants may choose the uniform option they are comfortable with.
(d) Clubs and Teams must notify the Association in writing of any proposed changes to their uniform for approval by the Association.
(e) The Association must approve all Club and Team uniform colors and designs.
(f) All Players must wear their Club or Team nominated uniform including positional bibs and any sports brief or shorts when participating in the Association's activities.
(g) Any Player may seek a variation to the uniform for medical, cultural, religious or other reasonable grounds and must submit a request to the Association, which may be granted or declined at the discretion of the Association.
(h) Short sleeve or long sleeve tops may be worn under the dress or shirt, provided they are in the registered colour.
(i) Participants in 9&U sections only may wear tracksuit pants or leggings in the registered colour.
(j) Dresses and skirts must be an appropriate length
    a. At normal stance, the dress must cover the undergarments (sports brief or shorts).
    b. Must not be revealing when arms are raised above your head.
(k) When participating in the Association's competitions or programs a Player must remove all jewellery and body piercings that can be removed. Any jewellery or body piercings that cannot be removed must be covered securely with soft cotton tape.
(l) Fingernails must be short and smooth or taped securely with soft cotton tape when participating in the Association's competitions or programs.
(m) All players are required to secure their hair appropriately to ensure the safety of themselves and others on court.
(n) Hats, caps and visors may be worn but must have a soft bill/brim
(o) Association approved netball gloves may be worn, subject to Bylaw 13.1 (l). Individual cases will be assessed by the Committee, and a medical certificate may be required.
(p) Any individual who breaches Bylaw 13.1 will not be able to take the court. If the breach is bought to the attention of Committee, Court Supervisors or Umpires, during a match, the Player must be removed from the court immediately. The Player may not be replaced until the next interval.

13.2 Umpires

(a) Umpires shall wear uniform colour as determined by the Association. Suitable footwear is required.
(b) An Umpire may where a white or navy skirt or shorts (no bike pants are permitted), white jacket and long pants (permitted in cooler weather)
(c) Each Club and Team must submit its proposed uniform to the Association, for approval by the Association.
(d) Each Club and Team must have a female and male uniform option.
(e) Participants may choose the uniform option they are comfortable with.
(f) Clubs and Teams must notify the Association in writing of any proposed changes to their uniform for approval by the Association.
(g) The Association must approve all Umpire uniform colors and designs.
(h) Umpires to ensure the safety of players i.e. bylaw 13.1 (k) (l) (m) are adhered to prior to taking the court.

13.3 Representative Squad

(a) The Association shall determine the Association's representative squad uniform.
(b) See separate Valley Netball Representative bylaws for details.

14. CLEARANCES

14.1 A clearance is required if a Player plays for one club and then wishes to transfer to another Club during a season

14.2 No Player will be granted more than one (1) clearance per season.

14.3 A clearance will not be granted after the halfway point of the relevant season has passed.

14.4 Players who owe outstanding playing fees to the Association or Club, or are in possession of Club or Team property (uniform, equipment) are not eligible to be granted a clearance.

14.5 To obtain a clearance, a Player must submit a clearance application to the Association and must comply with all of the requirements as outlined by the Association. The individual's existing Club or Team has seven (7) days from date of lodgement to complete the clearance upon receipt of approval from the Association or the Association will automatically clear the Player to the new Club. If the Association approves a clearance application, then the Association shall notify the Player and both Clubs of such approval.

14.6 Any individual, Team or Club who breaches Bylaw 14 will be subject to a loss of 4 points to the Team/s for each instance the Player takes the court. If the breach is bought to the attention of Committee, Court Supervisors or Umpires, during a match, the Player must be removed from the court immediately. The Player may not be replaced until the next interval.

15. CONDUCT OF GAMES

15.1 The Association is subject to, and must comply at all times with, the "Official Rules of Netball" as amended or revised from time to time.

15.2 The Association shall determine the length of quarters for all matches governed by the Association prior to the start of the season.

15.3 If games are centrally timed there will be no injury time. However, the Umpires may at their discretion stop matches at any stage as considered appropriate to ensure the safety of Players and maintain a safe playing area.

16. SCORING

16.1 The Association will provide an official scoresheet for all games.

16.2 Each Team or Club must provide a scorer for all games.

16.3 The scorers must sit or stand together at the scoring bench for the duration of the game.

16.4 It is the responsibility of the first named (home) Team or Club to collect the score sheet and score the game.

16.5 It is the responsibility of the second named (away) Team or Club to monitor the entries recorded on the score sheet and control the scoreboards.

16.6 One (1) official scoresheet will be used for each game.

(a) This scoresheet will list the complete names (both given and surname) of all Players intending to participate as players in the game.
(b) This scoresheet shall also indicate the positions played each quarter by individuals and the game score.
(c) If the position played by an individual in a quarter is not indicated on the scoresheet, then that individual shall be deemed not to have played in that quarter.
(d) A record of centre passes must also be kept and provided if requested by an Umpire.

16.7 All borrowed Players (see Bylaw 18) are to be listed on the scoresheet, with details of the Team with which they are registered under Bylaw 6.

16.8 At the conclusion of the game, to indicate their satisfaction that the information on the official scoresheet is correct, the official scoresheet is to be signed by the captains of both competing Teams or Clubs and the scorers.

16.9 The officiating Umpires must also sign the scoresheet to indicate they have officiated the game, confirmed the result and return the scoresheet to the office as quickly as possible. See bylaw 23.3

16.10 One (1) premiership point may be deducted for Teams with incorrect or incomplete score sheets or that have otherwise failed to comply with Bylaws 16.1 to 16.8.

16.11 If a scorer, Team or Club believes the score sheet is incorrect:

(a) they must not sign the official scoresheet
(b) they must notify the Umpires.
(c) each Team Coach and scorer and both Umpires must report to the office for immediate resolution
(d) if a resolution cannot be found on the day, Clubs may lodge a protest in in accordance with Bylaw 33

17. COMPETITION LADDERS

17.1 The Association will make available competition ladders during competition seasons.

17.2 Premiership points are awarded during competition seasons as follows:

(a) 4 points for a win or bye;
(b) 2 points for a draw, cancellation or abandonment as instructed by the Association; and
(c) 0 points for a loss or forfeit.

17.3 In the event of Teams being equal on points, positions shall be determined by the percentage of goals scored for and against each Team (with higher percentage from the relevant Teams leading to higher position on the ladder). In the event of Teams or Clubs being equal on percentage, positions shall be determined by the greater number of goals scored by those Teams.

18. BORROWING PLAYERS

18.1 Players shall only be permitted to fill-in for a higher section or age group to which they are registered under Bylaw 6.

18.2 Players shall only be permitted to fill-in for a higher age group to which they are eligible under Bylaw 10.5.

18.3 Players may fill in for a Team in an older age group for an unrestricted number of games.

18.4 If a section has multiple teams from the same club, a player may only fill in for one of the teams. If a player is registered in that section they cannot fill in for any other team within that section.

18.5 Players may fill-in for Teams within an age group, until the Player participates in their third game filling-in. Once this occurs the Player will be deemed to have transferred to the Team they played the third game with (New Team) and for the duration of the season is only eligible to play for the New Team. The exception being 9 & Under sections, Players may fill in multiple times within the age group throughout the seasons.

18.6 A player may not take the court for more than 2 teams on the same day and / or a player may not play in 2 different teams in the same timeslot.

18.7 Any individual, Team or Club who breaches Bylaw 18 will be subject to a loss of 4 points to the Team/s for each instance the Player takes the court. If the breach is bought to the attention of Committee, Court Supervisors or Umpires, during a match, the Player must be removed from the court immediately. The Player may not be replaced until the next interval.

19. FINALS

19.1 The Association will determine the schedule and format for finals for any given competition.

19.2 The ladder position of Teams at the conclusion of the regular rounds of the season shall determine the Teams that qualify to participate in the finals. Ladder positions are to be calculated in accordance with Bylaw 17.

19.3 Bylaw 14 and 18 apply to finals matches in the same manner as regular season matches.

19.4 If a final does not reach half time, it must be re-scheduled.

19.5 Drawn games will be conducted and resolved in accordance with the Association's Drawn Finals Policy.

19.6 The Association will determine awards for premiers and runners-up in competitions.

20. PLAYER FINALS QUALIFICATION

20.1 Subject always to Bylaw 18, Players shall be permitted to play in 2 age division(s) per day or night.

20.2 To qualify to play in a final for the team with which a player is registered, that player must have played at least 12 quarters for that team in the regular season, prior to the semi-final round.

20.3 Teams found playing an ineligible Player during finals will be deemed to have lost that game.

21. FORFEITS

21.1 Any Team forfeiting a match must notify the Secretary by phone and confirmation email from the Club. The Secretary will ensure the opposition is notified.

21.2 Penalty for forfeits

(a) For the first instance in a Season, a forfeit fine of eighty dollars ($80) will be imposed on any Team or Club that forfeits a match.
(b) For the second and subsequent forfeits in a Season, a forfeit fine of one hundred dollars ($100) per forfeit will be imposed on any Team or Club that forfeits a match
(c) An exemption to Bylaw 21.2 may be given in the case that school events affect the entire Team e.g. entrance exams or debutant balls. Advance notice of two (2) weeks minimum must be given

21.3 A forfeit may result in that Club or Team's exclusion from entry into future competitions.

21.4 Teams must have a minimum of five (5) Players to take the court. If the game clock has started, a penalty of one (1) goal per minute will be awarded to the opposing Team until the offending Team has minimum required Players. The first goal will be scored immediately the siren goes, followed by one (1) goal for every minute thereafter. The game will be called a forfeit at the end of the first quarter if the Team cannot take the court.

21.5 If a Team fails to take the court at the end of any interval. The Umpire shall give a thirty (30) second warning that requires the Team to take the court within the specified period of time. If the offending Team fails to take the court within a further thirty (30) seconds, the game shall be awarded to the non-offending Team.

21.6 In the event that a Team or Club forfeits prior to the game clock starting, only Players of the non-offending Team or Club will be deemed to have participated in that game. Players of the offending Team or Club will not be deemed to have participated in that game.

21.7 The non-offending Team will be allocated a win of ten (10) goals to nil.

21.8 If a 17 & Under or Open team forfeits within 48 hours of the competition, then the offending club may still be required to supply an umpire.

21.9 Should both Teams be unable to field a Team, the game will be abandoned, and both Teams will incur a forfeit fine and receive zero (0) points

22. CANCELLATIONS

22.1 When games are cancelled on account of a factor beyond the control of the relevant Teams or Clubs (e.g. power outage, extenuating circumstances, weather or some other cause) the match will be deemed a draw, both Teams or Clubs will be credited with two (2) points and zero (0) goals each and the competition will continue as per the fixture.

22.2 If a game is cancelled after half time the scores will stand and 4 points will be awarded accordingly. If a game is cancelled prior to half time the score will be a draw and 2 points will be awarded to each team.

22.3 Stoppage/cancellation of a match is at the determination of the Committee

22.4 Details regarding the Lilydale and Yarra Valley Netball weather policies will be available via the Lilydale and Yarra Valley Netball website.

22.5 In the event that a game is cancelled due to weather a maximum of twelve Players for each Team or Club can be deemed to have participated in the game.

22.6 Should circumstances occur which require successive rounds to be cancelled, the Committee will consider the position and determine a suitable course of action.

23. UMPIRES

23.1 General

(a) There shall be an Umpire convenor and a sub-committee of at least two (2) Umpires' representatives.
(b) Umpires shall officiate as directed at all matches played by Teams in fixtures arranged by the Association.
(c) Umpire convenor, who will keep all records of umpire registration and business.

23.2 Umpire Registration

(a) All Umpires must be registered as detailed in Bylaw 7.1
(b) Clubs must register every Umpire to a Team entered in the competition.
(c) All registered Umpires are required to umpire a minimum of 2 games per season, not including Grading games, before round 10.
(d) Umpires registered to a Club after registration day must still be allocated to a team for the season.
(e) A playing Umpire may be registered against two (2) Teams that play at different times.
(f) A non-playing Umpire may be registered against three (3) Teams that play at different times.
(g) Should a Club lose a registered Umpire during the season, they may be replaced with an Umpire not previously registered, without a penalty being applied.
(h) An emergency Umpire may be used on one (1) occasion without being registered to a Team, provided they hold a current Netball Victoria Membership in accordance with Bylaw 7.1.
(i) If an emergency Umpire is used on a subsequent occasion, the Club must register the Umpire in accordance with Bylaws 6.9, 7.1 and 23.2 (g).
(j) Any Umpire who breaches Bylaw 23.2 or 7.1 will be subject to penalty. Fine of twenty-five dollars ($25) to the Umpire, Club or Team and including a loss of two (2) premiership points to be applied to all teams the umpire is registered against.

23.3 Game Day

(a) Clubs must provide an Umpire to officiate at each of their Team's match time, unless notified otherwise by the Association.
(b) For 9 & Under a badged Umpire only must officiate. The Association's Umpire Convenor will approve Umpires named to officiate at matches.

(c) 17 & Under and Open sections a badged Umpire or approved trainee must officiate. The Association's Umpire Convenor will approve Umpires named to officiate at matches and shall make all Umpire appointments.
(d) Umpires must sign in prior to the commencement of the game.
(e) Umpires will record on cards provided for "fairest & best" Player votes. Two Players from each match are to be recorded on the card, placed in the envelope provided, sealed and returned with the scoresheet. First Player receives two (2) votes, second Player one (1) vote, irrespective of which Club they represent.
(f) All Umpires are to report on undesirable conduct, rough play etc. of Teams or individuals to the Umpires Convenor stating of the match concerned, the name of the Player/s and or Team/s and the nature of the offence. The Umpires Convenor shall keep a record of the report and details. Player/s and or Team/s are to be notified of the report. Should the Association consider further action necessary, the Umpire/s will be required to submit a written statement.
(g) On occasion of an Umpires late arrival or non-attendance at an appointed match, a fine of twenty-five dollars ($25) will be imposed on the relevant Club. Following a third or subsequent offence an additional fine of fifty dollars ($50) will be imposed on the Club.
(h) On the occasion of an Umpire non-attendance at an appointed game, in addition to Bylaw 23.3 (g), a further fee of $40 will be imposed on the relevant Club for the necessary replacement Umpire as organised and supplied by the Association's Umpires Convenor.

23.4 Meetings/Clinics/Workshops

(a) An Umpires Convenors meeting will be held prior to the commencement of a season. All Clubs must have one representative in attendance. Penalty for late or non-attendance may be a fine of two hundred dollars ($200.00) to the Club.
(b) For new and trainee Umpires or Umpires returning to netball, an Introduction to Umpires Clinic, run by the Association will be held prior to commencement of the season. Attendance is required prior to commencing umpiring.
(c) A Pre-Season Umpires Workshop will be held by the Association prior to the commencement of the Winter season. This meeting must be attended by all registered Umpires.
(d) The Association will run further workshops and clinics during the year, available to for ALL Umpires.

23.5 Accreditations

(a) All registered Umpires are required to hold current Rules of Netball pass mark of 70% or more, which must be updated every 4 years as recognised accreditation by Netball Australia.
(b) Applicable Rules of Netball & Umpire Accreditation Courses are accessible via Netball Australia & Netball Victoria websites.
(c) Practical testing will be offered during the year. Suitable candidates must hold current course and theory accreditation.
(d) All Umpires who do not hold a current Umpire accreditation should update their accreditation during the current year.

23.6 Runners and Supervisors

(a) The Association Umpire Committee shall appoint Court Supervisors to attend competition games to assist with Umpire skills, sideline enquiries, crowd control and/or any other issues arising. The Supervisor will wear the prescribed uniform to identify their role and presence.

(b) A Badged Umpire Runner/Supporter approved by the Umpires Convenor MUST be supplied by a Club for Beginner or Trainee Umpires. The Umpire Runner/Supporter shall wear Whites and the prescribed uniform to identify their role and presence.

(c) The Umpire Runner/Supporter is an advisor and educator to the relevant Beginner or Trainee Umpire and will assist with sideline crowd control as needed.

23.7 Number of Games Per Day

(a) An Umpire must not participate in (play or umpire) more than two games in a row.
(b) A non-playing Umpire may officiate 3 games per day with the exception of bylaw 23.7 (c).
(c) A non-playing Umpire who has umpired two 9 and Under games may officiate 2 additional games per day.

(d) A playing Umpire may officiate in 2 games per day with the exception of bylaw 23.7(e).
(e) A playing Umpire who has umpired two 9 and Under games may officiate 1 additional game per day.
(f) Any Umpire, Team or Club who breaches Bylaw 23.7 may be subject to a twenty-five dollars ($25) fine to the Umpire, Club or Team.

24. REPRESENTATIVE TEAMS

24.1 Refer to separate Lilydale and Yarra Valley Netball Representative Teams Bylaws

25. TEAM OFFICIALS

25.1 The Team Officials may consist of the following roles:

(a) Coaches
(b) Team Managers
    a. A Team manager may be appointed for each selected Team or Club.
(c) Primary Carer
    a. Each Team or Club may have an appointed primary carer who is qualified (minimum of basic first aid) to treat injury or illness.
    b. The primary carer is permitted on the court during a stoppage for injury/illness of a Player or blood issues.
    c. The primary carer must wear identification as specified by the Association.
(d) Scorer and Timekeeper
(e) Umpires
(f) Captain & Vice-Captain
(g) Each Team and Club is allocated a Team bench where Team Officials and bench Players are located during play.

25.2 The coach of a team competing in the 9 & Under competition or in the lowest section 11 & Under competition may move up and down the length of the court during play for the purpose of coaching the team. The coach of the "home" team will be positioned on the scorers' side of the court; the coach of the "away" team will be positioned on the other side of the court. Both coaches are free to move along their designated sideline and only the goal line to their right (as per umpire lines of control). The coaches movements must not impede the umpire.

25.3 If a team has 2 or more coaches, then only one of the coaches will be permitted to coach the team during play in any quarter of the game or two coaches must stand together and coach from the same position. For that quarter, the other coach/es must remain on the team bench and must not coach the players who are on the court. That coach may, during play, speak with any players who are on the bench for that quarter. Refer to Bylaw 25.2 for 9 & Under or lowest section 11 & Under age groups.

26. PARENTS AND SPECTATORS

26.1 All Parents and Spectators will abide by and support these Bylaws

26.2 All Parents and Spectators will abide by and have access to relevant Netball Australia, Netball Victoria and Lilydale and Yarra Valley Netball policies, procedures, regulations and Codes of Conduct via the Lilydale and Yarra Valley Netball website.

27. AWARDS

(a) All NetSetGO and 9&U participants will receive a participation award as deemed appropriate by the Association.
(b) All Players who participate in a grand final will receive an award to be determined by the Association.
(c) Winning Team will receive an award to be determined by the Association.

(d) In the winter season, there shall be an Association “fairest and best” award and a “runner-up fairest and best” award in each grade to be determined by the votes of the officiating Umpires. The voting shall commence after grading matches.

28. FUNDRAISING

28.1 The Association shall conduct fundraising activities during each year.

28.2 The Association shall determine the specific fundraising activities to be conducted.

28.3 Individual Teams or Clubs must seek approval from the Association for any individual fundraising activities they wish to conduct at the venue run by the Association. Teams or Clubs must apply in writing at least four weeks prior to the event, providing details of and rationale for the fundraising activity. Information as to how the activity will be organised, including risk management and safety measures if relevant, must be provided.

28.4 All members are required to support the fundraising activities of the Association.

29. COURSES, SEMINARS & OTHER OPPORTUNITIES

29.1 The Association shall provide notification of opportunities for all members to improve their skills by attending courses, seminars and other personal development activities.

29.2 The Association shall encourage and support members who wish to attend appropriate courses, seminars and other personal development activities.

30. ACCREDITATION

30.1 The Association shall take all reasonable steps to ensure that all Team Officials have the appropriate minimum qualifications.

30.2 Where minimum accreditation standards are not met, the Association shall encourage and support the member(s) to achieve the minimum accreditation standard.

30.3 All Coaches must have a minimum 'Foundation Coaching Level Accreditation' to be eligible to Coach a Team or Club

30.4 All Umpires are required to hold current Rules of Netball pass mark of 70% or more, which must be updated every 4 years as recognised accreditation by Netball Australia to be eligible to be officiate a game.

30.5 The Association will not appoint any person to a Team Official position unless that individual has achieved the minimum standard accreditation or is in the process of acquiring the minimum standard accreditation.

31. RISK MANAGEMENT

31.1 Injury Reporting

(a) All Teams and Clubs are responsible for recording all injuries of the injured Player (or Players’ guardian for Players under 18) on the Association Injury Report Form.

31.2 Child Safety in Netball

(a) The Association and all Teams and Clubs are responsible for the observance, promotion, enforcement and monitoring of the Netball Victoria Child Safety in Netball Policy and Code of Conduct, and complying with the 11 Child Safe Standards.
(b) All clubs must register a Child Safety Officer in Netball Connect and notify the Association of at least one (1) Child Safety Officer for their Club. This Officer must provide an email and phone contact to the Association. It is the Clubs responsibility to update contact details should a new officer be appointed.

(c) Any grievances or complaints in relation to child safety will be dealt with in accordance with the Netball Victoria Child Safety in Netball Policy.
(d) The Association and all Teams and Clubs are responsible for the management and administration of the application of the Netball Victoria Working with Children Check Regulation.

31.3 Game Day Checklist

(a) A Game Day Checklist must be completed prior to all Association and Team and Club competitions, tournaments, games, programs and training.
(b) Any hazards identified will be:
    a. Documented;
    b. Rectified if possible; and
    c. Reported to the appropriate agency (local council, reserve committee) if major repair is required.

31.4 First Aid

(a) All Clubs and Teams are to provide their own basic first aid kit at each game for the treatment of minor injuries and when using the complex for training.
(b) The Association will ensure that a qualified first aid officer is present at all competitions.
(c) The Association will have a designated room or area (first aid room) for the treatment of injuries. The room or area will always be kept clean and accessible.
(d) The Association will provide a first aid equipment and supplies for competitions played at the Association's venues.
(e) The first aid equipment and supplies will be stored in the first aid room in the Pinks Reserve Netball Facility pavilion and all appropriate personnel (including court supervisors, Umpires and Coaches) will have supervised access to the first aid room.
(f) Treatment of injuries must be undertaken or supervised by the first aid officer or by suitably qualified personnel.
(g) The equipment officer and first aid officer will maintain the first aid equipment and supplies.

31.5 Emergency procedures

(a) Emergency phone numbers – ambulance and police – and an emergency procedure plan are to be displayed at the Association venue.

31.6 Weather

(a) In the case of extreme weather conditions, the Association shall refer to the Association's weather policy.
(b) Details regarding the Lilydale and Yarra Valley Netball weather policy will be available via the Lilydale and Yarra Valley Netball website.

31.7 Smoke Free

(a) The Association adopts a smoke free policy.
(b) Smoking is banned within 10 metres of an outdoor public sporting venue during organised underage sporting events and training sessions.

31.8 Responsible Serving of Alcohol in Sporting Clubs

(a) The Association will adopt a responsible serving of alcohol policy.

31.9 Sun Protection

(a) The Association will adopt a sun smart policy.

31.10 Netball Australia, Netball Victoria and Lilydale and Yarra Valley Netball Policies

(a) The Association will adopt all codes, policies, procedures and regulations from Netball Australia and Netball Victoria as amended from time to time.
(b) All relevant Netball Australia, Netball Victoria and Lilydale and Yarra Valley Netball policies, procedures, regulations, and Codes of Conduct will be available via the Lilydale and Yarra Valley Netball website.

32. DISPUTE RESOLUTION

32.1 This Bylaw applies only to disputes relating to breaches of these Bylaws. For the avoidance of doubt, it does not apply:

(a) Where the Association has determined to take disciplinary action against a member in accordance with Division 2 of Part 3 of the Rules of Incorporation;
(b) to a dispute to which the grievance procedure set out in Division 3 of Part 3 of the Rules of Incorporation applies; or
(c) to a complaint made against a member that relates to conduct that constitutes an offence described in Part III of the Netball Victoria Competition Complaints Handling Regulations (Complaints Regulations).

32.2 A breach of a Netball Victoria Code of Conduct (see clauses 7.1 and 26.2) constitutes an offence under Part III of the Complaints Regulations, and the Committee shall handle any complaint arising from such a breach in accordance with those regulations.

32.3 If the Committee decides that a member has breached a Bylaw, then it may impose on the member the penalty prescribed for the breach.

32.4 The Secretary shall notify the member in writing of:

(a) the decision made by the Committee under Bylaw 32.3 (original decision);
(b) the member's right under Bylaw 32.5 to request the Committee to reconsider that decision; and
(c) the requirements prescribed in Bylaw 32.6.

32.5 If the member is dissatisfied with the original decision, then the member may request that the Committee reconsider that decision.

32.6 A request under Bylaw 32.5 must be made in writing to the Secretary within 7 days after the member receives the notification under Bylaw 32.4. The request must set out the grounds relied on by the member in support of the request.

32.7 Upon receipt of a request made in accordance with Bylaw 32.6, the President and another member of the Committee shall meet informally with the member in an attempt to resolve the dispute. If the dispute cannot be resolved at the meeting, then the Committee shall reconsider the original decision.

32.8 After reconsideration of the original decision, the Committee may:

(a) affirm the original decision.
(b) decide that the member did not breach the Bylaw, in which case it shall withdraw the penalty; or
(c) affirm its decision that the member breached the Bylaw, but:
    a. reduce the penalty; or
    b. decide not to impose any penalty for the breach.

32.9 The Secretary shall notify the member in writing of the decision made by the Committee under Bylaw 32.8.

32.10 The decision made by the Committee under Bylaw 32.8 is final and is not the subject of any further review or appeal.

33. PROTESTS

33.1 Clubs may lodge a protest in writing with the Secretary within 48 hours of the game being played.

33.2 The Committee will advise the result of the protest and this decision shall be final and binding on all parties.

33.3 Dispute between Clubs, Teams, and Individuals

(a) The Committee will settle on any manner of dispute between Clubs, Teams, and Individuals.

34. SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES/PROVISIONS CLAUSE

34.1 Where these Bylaws are silent on a particular matter, the Committee may make a decision. In exceptional or extenuating circumstances, the Committee may, acting reasonably, alter, vary or waive the requirements set out in these Bylaws relating to the Association.

35. INDEMNITY

35.1 Except where provided or required by law and such cannot be excluded, the Association and its respective committee members, officers, members, servants or agents are absolved from all liability however arising from injury or damage, however caused, arising whilst participating in the Association's activities as a member.

36. ROLLING SUBSTITUTIONS

36.1 Rolling substitutions must be made near the transverse lines for each team at each court.

36.2 It is advised to have 2 sets of matching bibs to minimise delay in changeover. If there is only one set of bibs, they must be swapped at the transverse line and any delay is at the expense of the team. The game will not stop for a Rolling substitution.

36.3 Making a Rolling substitution:

(a) The substitute player must safely move from their team bench and inform the scorers of the positional change to mark against their name on the scoresheet then move to stand on the marker which has been placed near the transverse line at their team benches end.
(b) Players must not leave this point until the on-court player leaves the court and they tag hands (and swaps bibs if applicable).
(c) Only 1 Rolling substitution per team can be made at a time.
(d) Play is not to be held up for Rolling substitutions. If play is delayed, the player will be penalised under Rules of Netball 19.2 – Delaying play. (A player or team must not intentionally waste time or delay play).
(e) Players must observe the offside rules as they enter/leave the court.
Sanction: Free pass where the infringement occurred (advantage may be applied if this would place the non-offending team at a disadvantage).
(f) Players must not interfere with the umpire's movement during the substitution.
Sanction: Free pass where the ball was when play was stopped (advantage may be applied).
(g) If a player leaves the court as a Rolling substitution, and there is no player at the designated area, the replacement player is treated as a late player (as per Rules of Netball 3.8) and must wait until a break in play to enter the court (after a goal, during a stoppage or interval, or when a sanction or action is awarded).

(*Rules of Netball 3.8 – Any late player may, after advising the umpire, take the court in the vacant positions/s at the next break in play.*

Action: any late player is sent from the court until the correct time for entry and possession is awarded to the opposing team where the ball was when play stopped.

Terminology: Incorrect Entry)

APPENDIX

Bylaw #	Bylaw Main Heading	Bylaw Sub Heading	Changes	Approved
20	**Player Finals Qualification**	20.2	Wording updated to include the team with which a player is registered	09/05/2023
25	**Team Officials**	25.2	New bylaw regarding coaching support for 9&U and 11&U lowest section	12/03/2024
25	**Team Officials**	25.3	New bylaw clarifying how many coaches can coach the teach during play	12/03/2024
18	**Borrowing Players**	18.4	Clarifying the wording for a section which has multiple teams from the same club	12/03/2024
18	**Borrowing Players**	18.5	Wording included to clarify 9&U age group	12/03/2024
18	**Borrowing Players**	18.6	Wording updated to clarify two teams (not two games)	12/03/2024
36	**Rolling Substitutions**		New bylaw regarding rolling substitutions	14/05/2024
13	**Dress Code**	13.1 Players	Item (m), wording updated to reflect securing hair appropriately	08/10/2024
13	**Dress Code**	13.2 Umpires	Item (g), new item # added to reflect umpires adhering to item #s 13.1 (k), (l), (m)	08/10/2024
18	**Borrowing Players**	18.6	Wording updated to include timeslot clarification	08/04/2025
31	**Risk Management**	31.2 Child Safety in Netball	Wording updated to include Child Safety Standards	15/07/2025
23	**Umpires**	23.2 Umpire Registration	New item (c) added regarding registered umpires umpiring minimum games per season. Existing item (c) changed to item (d), item (d) changed to item (e), item (e) changed to item (f), and item (f) changed to item (g)	11/11/2025
23	**Umpires**	23.2 Umpire Registration	Item (d) wording updated to reflect a non-playing Umpire may be registered against 3 teams	11/11/2025
13	**Dress Code**	13.2 Umpires	Item (b) wording updated to include the option of wearing white or navy blue skirt or shorts	11/11/2025
5	**Netball Victoria Membership**	5.4 Netball Victoria Membership	Item deleted due to Netball Victoria no longer offering a Rock Up Netball product	20/02/2026
6	**Club And Team Registration**		New bylaw 6.7 advising number of quarters a player must play in for the team they are registered in at the start of every season. New bylaw 6.8 advises lost of points for breach of 6.7	20/02/2026
23	**Umpires**	23.3 Game Day	Item (b) and (c) wording updated with clarification regarding the approving of umpires	20/02/2026
13	**Dress Code**	13.1 Players	Item (o) wording updated with clarification regarding the wearing of gloves	20/02/2026

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23	**Umpires**	23.2 Umpire Registration	Item (c) 'before round 10' added to the wording	20/02/2026
23	**Umpires**	23.2 Umpire Registration	New item (d) added regarding registering of umpires to a team after registration day. Existing item (d) changed to item (e), item (e) changed to item (f), item (f) changed to item (g), and item (g) changed to item (h)	20/02/2026
6	**Club and Team Registration**	6.7	Wording updated to include 8 quarters for the spring season	08/09/2026
12	**Grading**	12.3	Wording updated to include round numbers for the spring and winter season	08/09/2026
13	**Dress Code**	13.1 Players	Item (h), 'short sleeve tops' added to the wording	13/10/2026
13	**Dress Code**	13.1 Players	Item (o), 'medical certificate may be required' added to the wording	13/10/2026
23	**Umpires**	23.2 Umpire Registration	Item (b), 'every' add to the wording	13/10/2026
23	**Umpires**	23.2 Umpire Registration	New item (h) added regarding emergency umpire being used once without registering against a team	13/10/2026
23	**Umpires**	23.2 Umpire Registration	New item (i) added regarding emergency umpire used on subsequent occasion must be registered	13/10/2026
23	**Umpires**	23.2 Umpire Registration	Item (h) changed to Item (j) and wording made more concise	13/10/2026