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1. ADMINISTRATION

1.1. General Information

- 1.1.1. The Northern Netball League (NNL) is an association representative competition, underpinning the Hart Sapphire Series team/s in North Queensland. It exists to provide critical development for athletes and officials to bridge the gap between association club netball and the Queensland Hart Sapphire Series.
- 1.1.2. The Northern Netball League (NNL) is conducted under the authority of the Northern Rays Ltd.
- 1.1.3. The Northern Rays Ltd vests responsibility for the day-to-day operation and management of the competition under the NNL Competitions Subcommittee and appointed Coordinator.
- 1.1.4. Subject to these Competition rules, the Northern Rays Constitution and any other document the NNL Competitions Coordinator and Subcommittee shall have the authority to enquire and adjudicate all questions and disputes arising out of the competition. If a matter is not provided for in the Competition Rules, the Northern Rays Constitution or any other document, the Competition Coordinator may make any determination after consultation with the Northern Rays Board, where appropriate, and the decision shall be final.
- 1.1.5. Any participating team refusing to abide by a decision of the NNL Competition Coordinator may be excluded from the competition for such a time as the Competition Coordinator, in consultation with the Northern Rays Board, shall determine.
- 1.1.6. All relevant correspondence shall be via email and addressed to and received by the Northern Rays marked attention to the NNL Competition Coordinator.
- 1.1.7. All outbound correspondence shall be by email and directed to the association secretary unless the association nominates another person to also receive the correspondence.

1.2. Vision

The Northern Netball League aims to provide the highest level of competition for players, coaches, umpires and officials that serves as an effective performance pathway for players, umpires, coaches and officials; and to drive retention and grow the game of netball in North Queensland.

1.3. Objectives

- 1.3.1. provide a competitive pathway for players, coaches, managers, umpires and scorers.
- 1.3.2. build netball communities, maximise association teams and produce Sapphire Series players.
- 1.3.3. to ensure the continued development of all participants by providing the highest standard of playing, coaching, umpiring and officiating.
- 1.3.4. raise the profile of Netball across North Queensland.

1.4. Equalisation

- 1.4.1. Cost equalisation is provided to association teams who compete in the Northern Netball League. The calculation is based on the transport mode (airfares, ground transport) and accommodation for teams that need to travel.
- 1.4.2. Team operating costs are not equalised.
- 1.4.3. Equalisation is based on the total number of teams.
- 1.4.4. All fees should be paid by the due dates as per the Timeline provided in [Appendix 1](#).

1.5. Venues and Dates

1.5.1. 2021

- 1.5.1.1. One (1) Round of competition
- 1.5.1.2. Date: Saturday 31/07- Sunday 01/08/2021. Venue: Townsville City Netball Association
- 1.5.1.3. Matches may be fixtured on Friday nights, Saturday and/or Sunday morning depending on number of teams nominations.
- 1.5.1.4. The allocated umpires for each match shall have the power to decide as to the standard of the court, in conjunction with the Competition Coordinator.

1.5.2. 2022

- 1.5.2.1. Two (2) rounds of competition
- 1.5.2.2. Dates and Venues to be confirmed at the end of August 2021.

Round 1 – split round

Round 2 – centralised combined Finals & play offs

1.5.3. Future

- 1.5.3.1. Four (4) rounds of competition
 - Round 1** – split round
 - Round 2** – centralised combined round
 - Round 3** – split round
 - Round 4** – centralised combined Finals & play offs

1.6. Uniform and Equipment

- 1.6.1. Playing uniforms shall consist of matching shirt and skirt or bodysuit/dress, briefs/undergarments and positional patches along with appropriate sporting footwear for netball.
- 1.6.2. Men's playing uniform – matching singlet or shirt with shorts, along with appropriate sporting footwear for netball.
- 1.6.3. Each team/Uni must nominate their uniform design and colour at the beginning of each season.
- 1.6.4. Teams in all Divisions shall wear the same Association uniform with colours being that of the Association or as determined otherwise.
- 1.6.5. Positional patches shall be worn on the front and back of uniforms above the waist. Lettering shall be 150mm height, and clearly visible. In the event of a clash of colours, the second mentioned team on the draw shall change their bibs to an alternative colour. Each team must have a secondary colour bib and must nominate this colour of bib at the beginning of each season.
- 1.6.6. Each team will supply their own game ball and the umpires will decide which ball will become the game ball.

1.7. Sponsorship

- 1.7.1. The name/logo of the Naming Rights sponsor for the competition may be required to be attached to the positional patches of all teams. If this is a requirement, then the NNL Competition Subcommittee will advise all Associations and provide the attachment.
- 1.7.2. A sponsor's logo or name may appear on the team playing uniform, and prior approval must be sought from the "Competition" Committee.
- 1.7.3. Should point 1.3.1 not apply, then a team sponsor's logo or name may appear on the positional bibs, above the lettering.
- 1.7.4. A sponsor's logo or name may appear on the front chest of the team uniform, and must not exceed 138cm², with a maximum length of 23cm, and a maximum height of 6cm.
- 1.7.5. A manufacturer's logo may be placed on a team uniform and must not exceed 15cm², with a maximum length of 5cm, and maximum height of 3cm.

1.8. Ticketing

- 1.8.1. Venues for ticketing – Indoor Stadiums
- 1.8.2. Ticket prices: \$2.00/spectator
- 1.8.3. Teams and team officials will receive complimentary passes.
 - 1.8.3.1. Teams complementary pass.
 - 1.8.3.2. Bench Official complementary pass.

1.9 Primary Carer Registration

- 1.9.1 Each team may appoint a Primary Carer who can sit on the team bench for each match of the competition (the Manager may also be the Primary Carer).
- 1.9.2 The Primary Carer must hold a current minimum Senior First Aid Certificate
- 1.9.3 Teams are required to register their Primary Carer on the team registration form.
- 1.9.4 Primary Carers must hold a current Working with Children Positive Notice Blue Card.
- 1.9.5 The Primary Carer for each team is primarily responsible for the initial attention to injured players within their team. Once the injured player has been removed from the court, the Sports Medicine personnel may continue treatment as appropriate.
- 1.9.6 The Primary Carer must carry their pass with them at all times when on the bench, so they are identifiable by the umpires.

1.10 Video and Photographer Accreditation

- 1.10.1 Each team is permitted to have one (1) official Video Operator and one (1) Photographer per match.
- 1.10.2 Any person who the Association, University or team designates as a Video Operator and or Photographer must hold a current Working with Children Positive Notice Blue Card and be registered on the team form.
- 1.10.3 Associations and Universities are responsible for ensuring that all spectators, family and friends are aware of the Child Protection Policy and the implications for the recording of video or taking of photographs at games. Parents, friends, supporters wishing to record video or photographs of any matches must first seek permission from the opposition team manager prior to the match commencing.

1.11 Sports Medicine Personnel

- 1.11.1 The NNL Competition Committee will provide qualified Sports Medicine personnel at all matches, the cost of which should be included in the Competition Fee charged by the NNL Competition Committee.
- 1.11.2 Sports Medicine personnel will hold a current minimum Senior First Aid Certificate.
- 1.11.3 The responsibility of the Sports Medicine personnel is to continue treatment of injuries after the Primary Carer has removed the injured player/s from the court.

1.12 Personal Injury Claim Form

- 1.12.1 The Personal Injury Claim Form is to be used by any player (or team official) injured at training or during competition.
- 1.12.2 This form can be accessed via <http://www.willisnetball.com/>.
- 1.12.3 Instructions:
 - 1.12.3.1 Go to <http://www.willisnetball.com/>.
 - 1.12.3.2 Click – Download a Personal Accident Claim Form
 - 1.12.3.3 Ensure all sections are complete.
 - 1.12.3.4 Forward the completed form to the Claims Service address on the first page. Any queries should be directed to the claims enquiries number.
 - 1.12.3.5 Your initial claim must be lodged within six (6) months from the date of the injury. You can lodge your initial claim as soon as you wish and then forward receipts as they are issued.
 - 1.12.3.6 Please note any player who is not registered to Netball Queensland will not be covered through this insurance policy. In 2021, players are able to self-register and all are encouraged to do so, to ensure they are registered and therefore insured.

1.13 Pre-Competition Meeting

The NNL Competitions Subcommittee will host a meeting for all divisions at least 2 weeks prior to the first round of competition for all teams.

1.14 Protests and Complaints

- 1.14.1 Any protest or complaint must be lodged in writing addressed to the Competitions Coordinator and be accompanied by a deposit of \$500.00 (incl. GST). Should a protest or complaint relate to a particular match, such protest must be lodged within 48 hours of the conclusion of that match.
- 1.14.2 A protest or complaint must include: Association, team name, opposition team name, division, time, nature of protest or complaint, and the names of people involved (if applicable). The protest or complaint must be co-signed by an Association/University Committee Member.
- 1.14.3 In the event of any protest or complaint being upheld, the deposit of \$500.00 (incl. GST) shall be returned.

1.15 Competition Timeline

- 1.15.1 Refer to [Appendix 1](#) for the Competition Timeline.

2 COMPETITION STRUCTURE

2.1 Age Groups

2.1.1 The competition will consist of the following age groups.

- 2.1.1.1 Opens (18+)
- 2.1.1.2 19 Years
- 2.1.1.3 17 Years (16+)

2.2 Team Eligibility

2.2.1 Teams will only be able to participate in the fixtures of this competition once nomination fees have been paid in full.

2.2.2 Where Associations are unable to field a team in the competition due to lack of players, Associations may submit a joint written application requesting permission to enter a combined team. This application must be signed by an authorised representative from each Association.

2.3 Team Trials

2.3.1 Associations and Universities are responsible for conducting their own team trials.

2.4 Nomination Procedures

2.4.1 In any Division, should there be a large number of teams entered making a single round of fixtures unmanageable within the time frame, the NNL Competition Subcommittee may choose to create two or more pools of teams to play in round robin format through the year. The NNL Competition Subcommittee would then determine an appropriate finals format to determine the winning team for the competition.

2.4.2 In the case of 2.4.3 above the allocation to pools will be based on finishing the previous season (if applicable) on an alternating basis, i.e., Pool A (Teams, 1,3,5,7...) and Pool B (Teams 2,4,6,8....). Teams entering for the first time will be added to the bottom of the team list. i.e., the lowest seeds.

2.4.3 A nomination will only be considered with the completion of the *Team Nomination Process* by the due date specified in [Appendix 1](#).

2.4.4 Team Nomination Process

2.4.4.1 As an Association/University, for your nominations to be accepted, the following needs to be completed.

2.4.4.2 The team nomination is lodged through NetballConnect – you must login and follow the instructions provided on a separate document.

2.4.4.3 The team Nomination is paid at the time of nomination.

2.4.4.4 The NetballConnect Team Nomination/Registration Process '*How to Guides (Team, Player, Official)*' documents will be provided separately to each Zone Committee prior to nominations opening.

2.4.5 All players and team officials must be registered on NetballConnect by the due date specified in [Appendix 1](#).

2.4.6 For each player and team official that is not registered in NetballConnect by the date specified in [Appendix 1](#), an additional \$50.00 (incl. GST) fine will be incurred. Fines are required to be

paid prior to the season commencement or the team will be deducted two match points each round until all players are registered on NetballConnect.

- 2.4.7 Late nominations will be accepted at the discretion of the Competition Committee/Coordinator, and a fee of \$500.00 per team (incl. GST) will apply.
- 2.4.8 A nomination is considered late if any of the components in Point 2.4.6.1 are not completed by the Team Nomination Process due date as specified in [Appendix 1](#).
- 2.4.9 In the event that a team withdraws from the competition after nominations close, all fees that have been paid shall be retained by the **“Competition”** Committee.
- 2.4.10 If the nomination procedures are not completed by the due dates, then the **“Competition”** Committee reserves the right to reject the Association/University’s nomination and a refund will not be given.

2.5 Fee Structure

- 2.5.1 The following are per team fees for the Competition: Ref [Appendix 2](#).
- 2.5.2 Teams who fail to pay their Competition Fee and Competition Levy by the due dates will be unable to take the court until the fees are paid.

2.6 Team Composition/Bench

- 2.6.1 Each team is required to have the following members:
 - 2.6.1.1 Maximum ten (10) registered players.
 - 2.6.1.2 One (1) Coach
 - 2.6.1.3 One (1) Assistant Coach (optional)
 - 2.6.1.4 One (1) Manager
 - 2.6.1.5 One (1) Primary Carer (can be the manager)
 - 2.6.1.6 Two (2) Scorer/Timekeepers – known as a bench officials.
 - 2.6.1.7 Two (2) Umpires
- 2.6.2 The team bench shall not exceed fourteen (14) people.

2.7 Competition Draw

- 2.7.1 The NNL Competition Subcommittee is responsible for developing the competition draws.
- 2.7.2 The draws will be posted to the Competition website prior to the commencement of the season.
- 2.7.3 The NNL Competition Subcommittee will determine the day and times of matches and this will be communicated via the draw to all participating teams.
- 2.7.4 All matches are to be a minimum of 4 by 12-minute quarters with $\frac{1}{4}$ and $\frac{3}{4}$ breaks of three (3) minutes and $\frac{1}{2}$ time break of five (5) minutes.



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2.8 Results and Ladders

- 2.8.1 The NNL Competition Subcommittee will be responsible for ensuring the competition results and ladders on the Competition website.
- 2.8.2 All competition results will be posted within 48 hours of the conclusion previous round of games, on the basis that winning team managers input the scores.

3 TEAM OFFICIALS

3.1 Eligibility

3.1.1 Head/Assistant Coaches should:

- 3.1.1.1 Hold a minimum “Intermediate” Coaching Accreditation or can show evidence of actively working towards one.
- 3.1.1.2 Hold a current Working with Children Positive Notice Blue Card.
- 3.1.1.3 Be a current registered financial member of Netball Queensland prior to the date specified in [Appendix 1](#).

3.1.2 Managers must:

- 3.1.2.1 Hold a current Working with Children Positive Notice Blue Card.
- 3.1.2.2 Be a current registered financial member of Netball Queensland prior to the date specified in [Appendix 1](#).
- 3.1.2.3 If acting as a Primary Carer for the team hold a current Senior First Aid Certificate.

3.2 Manager Match Day Duties

3.2.1 Team Managers are responsible for:

- 3.2.1.1 Handing signed team sheet to the score bench no later than fifteen (15) minutes prior to commencement of the match.
- 3.2.1.2 Listing on the back of the Team List any player who is playing above their designated team.
- 3.2.1.3 Completing substitution cards with any changes during quarter breaks and handing to score bench prior to the thirty (30) second whistle to resume play. Both players replaced and replacement player/s names are to be recorded on substitution cards.
- 3.2.1.4 Completing substitution cards in case of injury, Substitution cards are to be handed to the score bench immediately after a substitution is made.

3.2.2 All Team Officials are expected to adhere to a dress code when representing their Association/University during competition day. Team Officials must be wearing and Association/University polo.

4 PLAYERS

4.1 Eligibility

4.1.1 Age restrictions

4.1.1.1 The minimum age for players in all divisions is 16 years as at 31/12/2005.

4.1.1.2 Players in the 17U Division must have been born on or after January 1, 2004.

4.1.1.3 Players in the 19U Division must have been born on or after January 1, 2002

4.1.1.4 Players in the Open Division must have been born on or after January 1, 2003.

4.1.2 No player shall be registered with or represent more than one (1) Association/University in this competition in any one year. For the avoidance of doubt, a team entered on behalf of two or more Associations does not count as a second Association for this purpose.

4.1.3 Players must be a registered financial member with Netball Queensland, and be registered to the competition, prior to taking the court.

4.1.4 HART Sapphire Series and Ruby Series players are entitled to compete.

4.2 Import Players

4.2.1 Associations unable to fill a team from their own association members may apply to NNL Competition Subcommittee for permission to import player/s.

4.2.2 Import Players are players who are not members of the association they represent in this competition.

4.2.3 Players who have dual membership and have already represented another association are also considered Import Players.

4.2.4 Players must make themselves available for their own association teams (if applicable) before they opt to become an Import Player.

4.2.5 Import Players must comply with all Player Eligibility rules.

4.2.6 Import Players may only register as an import player with one (1) Association in any given calendar year, although this may be across more than one (1) competition.

4.2.7 Import Players are permitted to play for one (1) Association in the competition and their primary Association in another event in the same year, such as State Age or competition.

4.2.8 Teams receiving Import Players must obtain a letter of release from the association the player belongs to. This letter must be submitted to the NNL Competition Subcommittee with a written application for an import player prior to the close of team nominations.

4.3 Player Registration

4.3.1 **2021** – Players who are originally nominated through the NetballConnect *Team Nomination Process*, as per Point 2.4.8, shall be deemed the registered players for this competition.

4.3.2 Replacement players – 2022 – Future

4.3.2.1 Replacement Players must meet the requirements in Player Eligibility.

4.3.2.2 Teams with replacement players who take the court unregistered will be deducted **two (2)** competitions points.

4.3.2.3 For a player to be released a Permanent Replacement Player form must be completed and submitted with appropriate documentation to the **NNL Competition Subcommittee** for approval.

4.3.2.4 There are two (2) types of Replacement Players – *Temporary Replacement Players* and *Long-Term Replacement Players*.

4.3.3 Temporary Replacement Players

4.3.3.1 Where a player needs to be replaced temporarily, the Association/University may elevate a competition registered player from a lower Division team without approval from "**Competition**" Committee. Teams should be aware in this case the regulations outlined in 4.5 will apply.

4.3.3.2 Where a registered player needs to be replaced, and the Association/University wishes to select a player from outside their registered squad, approval from **NNL Competition Subcommittee** is required and the Association/University will be required to provide a medical certificate or similarly valid documentation to "**Competition**" Committee. The temporary replacement player must be registered to the competition and must be drawn from the registered members of the same Association/University. The temporary replacement player may play in place of the injured player for the period that the injured or unavailable player is stated to be unavailable for on their medical certificate or similarly valid documentation or until they meet the conditions of clause 4.5.9.5

4.3.3.3 In relation to Clause 4.5.2.2 special dispensation may be sought by the competition Association/University to allow the Temporary Replacement Player to return to their competition team, despite potentially having played more than 25% of quarters in the preceding four rounds. This player will be granted 25% of quarters for games missed in competition, in relation their eligibility for competition Finals, while acting as Temporary Replacement Player in the HART Sapphire Series or Ruby Series.

4.3.3.4 A *Replacement Player Form* ([Appendix 4](#)) **must** be submitted to the Zone Committee where possible no later than **24 hrs** before a match is scheduled to ensure that the team may receive any necessary approval prior to the match(es) in question.

4.3.4 Long Term Replacement Players

4.3.4.1 In an instance where a player will continue as a Replacement Player for the remainder of the season, they must become a Long-Term Replacement Player.

4.3.4.2 Long Term Replacement Players may be drawn from anywhere but must be registered with Netball Queensland, registered to competition and be approved by **NNL Competition Subcommittee** before they can take the court. The player must meet all relevant eligibility rules as outlined in Clause 4, to participate in the "**Competition**" Committee.

4.3.4.3 When Long Term Replacement Players are selected, the Manager must submit all relevant documentation to **NNL Competition Subcommittee** at least 48 hours prior to the player taking the court.

4.3.4.4 Long Term Replacement Players replacing a player with a medical certificate or similarly valid documentation may adopt the quarters played to date by the replaced player. Alternately, the club may choose to share the quarters of the

replaced player between the replacement and another player within the team. The purpose of this clause is to ensure that teams are able to enter the final series with a full squad of players. Any player being added to the contract list, will require approval from **NNL Competition Subcommittee** to ensure the integrity of the competition.

- 4.3.4.5 A *Temporary Replacement Player* may only play 25% of the season's quarters before they are required to become a *Long-Term Replacement Player*, for which another player in the Squad must be released.

5 COMPETITION FINALS SERIES

NOTE – not applicable for 2021

5.1 Eligibility for competition Final Series

NOTE – not applicable for 2021

- 5.1.1 All Players must be financial with their Association/University and Netball Queensland.
- 5.1.2 For the purposes of competition Finals eligibility, one (1) quarter is considered to be the completion of a full match quarter in their respective competition. Where a player is substituted on or off during a quarter of play, this quarter will not be included in any finals eligibility or qualification calculations.
- 5.1.3 In order to be eligible for competition finals a player must have played a minimum of 25% of the quarters of the regular season. For example, in a 10-game season, a player must have played at least 10 quarters to be eligible for competition Finals.
- 5.1.4 In the instance that registered players cannot comply with 5.1.3 due to injury, prolonged illness, or other unforeseen circumstances a request for an adjustment may be submitted to **NNL Competition Subcommittee** in writing and must be accompanied by a dated medical certificate or appropriate documentation, prior to the final round of the competition.
- 5.1.5 If, as per clause 5.1.4 an adjustment is approved, the player will be granted 25% of the total number of quarters the Player was deemed medically unfit or unavailable for, where unavailability was for an unforeseen circumstance. For the avoidance of doubt, players will not be granted adjustments for taking holidays, exams, normal employment routines, school commitments (events) or short-term illnesses or injuries (less than 2 weeks). In these cases, teams will need to ensure the player is provided with enough quarters to qualify through the balance of the regular season.
- 5.1.6 Should a team not have 12 available players for competition finals from within their registered list of players, the team may submit an application for a replacement player to be added to their squad. Any player who has qualified (player 25% or more quarters of the HART Sapphire or Ruby Series in the current season) is **NOT** eligible to be considered as a replacement player. The replacement player must come from the team's Association/University.

5.2 Awards

- 5.2.1 **NNL Competition Subcommittee** will provide the following awards.
 - 5.2.1.1 Winning team perpetual trophy and plaque
 - 5.2.1.2 Medals (14) for winning team members
- 5.2.2 The **NNL Competition Subcommittee** will be responsible for medals for winning teams. The cost of these is included in the **NNL Competition Fee**.
- 5.2.3 **NNL Competition Subcommittee** may also choose to determine a player of the Final.

6 MATCH OFFICIALS

6.1 Match Supervisor

- 6.1.1 The **NNL Competition Subcommittee** will appoint a Match Supervisor who is responsible for the delivery of the competition.
- 6.1.2 **NNL Competition Subcommittee** will provide a list of roles and responsibilities for the Match who will be paid a fee for completion of these responsibilities.

6.2 Scorers and Timekeepers

- 6.2.1 Associations/Universities must nominate AT LEAST two (2) official Scorer/Timekeepers (Timer) per team.
- 6.2.2 The scoring and timing panel for each scheduled match will consist of two (2) Scorers, one (1) Live Score and one (1) Timekeeper (per round).
- 6.2.3 All Scorers and Timers should arrive no later than fifteen (15) minutes prior to commencement of matches and remain until the completion of the last fixture round to which they have been rostered.
- 6.2.4 Scorers and Timers shall report to the Match Supervisor on arrival at the venue.
- 6.2.5 Scoresheets, substitution cards and team list for use during the competition will be supplied by the **NNL Competition Subcommittee**.
- 6.2.6 The scoring and timing will operate in accordance with the operational procedures outlined in the Netball Australia National Score Bench Handbook.
- 6.2.7 **NNL Competition Subcommittee** will make available, on the <https://www.northernrays.com.au/> a copy of the scoresheet and how to score. It is the Association/University's responsibility to ensure its Scorers and Timers are competent in their duties, and it is highly recommended you share this document among your personnel.

6.3 Umpires

- 6.3.1 For each nominated team, Associations must nominate at least **two (2)** Umpires who holds a minimum National C Badge (working towards their National B) and is a registered member of Netball Queensland. Details of the Umpire must be submitted to Netball Queensland via the Team Nomination Process on NetballConnect by the due date specified in [Appendix 1](#).
- 6.3.2 It is the responsibility of the Umpire to be fully aware of the Rules and Regulations of the competition.
- 6.3.3 Umpires must be ready to umpire 15 minutes prior to the commencement of each match.
- 6.3.4 If an umpire is unable to perform their duty, they or their Association/University must notify the Umpire Supervisor and find a suitably qualified replacement umpire.
- 6.3.5 Umpires must be available for allocated reserve duties and shall remain at the Score Bench throughout the game unless required to officiate the game.

6.4 Umpires Supervisor

- 6.4.1 The **NNL Competition Subcommittee** will appoint an Umpire Supervisor who is responsible for umpire allocation to games and mentoring.

7 MATCH RULES

7.1 Official Rules

- 7.1.1 The 'Official Rules of Netball' (2020) will apply to all matches played in the, unless otherwise stated in this document.

7.2 Policies

- 7.2.1 All Players will be bound by Netball Australia's Pregnancy Policy. This is available from the Netball Australia website www.netball.com.au.
- 7.2.2 All Players, Officials and Administrators will be bound by all of Netball Queensland's relevant Codes and Policies which can be found at www.netballq.com.au.

7.3 Duration of Games

- 7.3.1 Playing times for matches will be:
- 7.3.1.1 4 x 12-minute quarters
 - 7.3.1.2 $\frac{1}{4}$ and $\frac{3}{4}$ intervals – 3 minutes
 - 7.3.1.3 $\frac{1}{2}$ time interval – 5 minutes

7.4 Equipment

- 7.4.1 Courts, including goal post padding, will be allocated for matches in accordance with Netball Australia's safety standards.
- 7.4.2 Official match balls will be supplied by each team and the officiating umpires will select the match ball.

7.5 Match Points

- 7.5.1 Points will be awarded as follows:
- 7.5.1.1 3 Points for a win
 - 7.5.1.2 2 Point for a draw
 - 7.5.1.3 1 point for a loss
 - 7.5.1.4 0 Points for a forfeit

7.6 Forfeits

- 7.6.1 Rule 8.1.1: Failure to Take the Court, in the 'Official Rules of Netball' (2020) applies to this competition.
- 7.6.2 The **NNL Competition Subcommittee** must be advised as early as possible of a team's intention to forfeit a match.
- 7.6.3 When **NNL Competition Subcommittee** has been notified of a forfeit, the opposing team will automatically be awarded the three (3) points for this match.
- 7.6.4 If a team forfeits three (3) matches, **NNL Competition Subcommittee** reserves the right to remove them from the competition without refund.

7.7 Forced Postponement and Rescheduling of Matches

- 7.7.1 In the case that a team may arrive after the scheduled starting time for a match (due to unavoidable circumstances such as heavy traffic due to an accident or flooding etc.), the Team Manager MUST contact their **NNL Competition Subcommittee** prior to arrival.

7.7.2 Up to fifteen (15) minutes delay of start time may be granted at the discretion of the **NNL Competition Subcommittee** appointed Match Supervisor on duty.

7.8 Cancellations

7.8.1 Should circumstances occur which make it unsuitable for scheduled matches to be played, and all matches are cancelled for the round, teams will not be awarded competition points and the competition shall continue as per the official draw.

7.8.2 Should circumstances occur which affect play in some matches in any one (1) round, **NNL Competition Subcommittee** shall assess the situation and decide on re-scheduling or cancelling matches affected.

7.9. Incomplete Matches

7.8.3 In the event that a match is stopped by the Match Officials due to unforeseen exceptional circumstances, the following regulations shall apply:

7.8.3.1 A drawn result will be declared if the game was stopped prior to half time and each team awarded two (2) match point and no for and against will be awarded.

7.8.3.2 If the game has passed the halfway mark and entered the third quarter a win will be awarded to the team with the highest score at the time in which the match was stopped.

7.8.3.3 In the event that the score is tied, and the match has passed the halfway mark and entered the third quarter, a drawn result will be declared, and each team awarded two (2) match point (for and against will be awarded).

7.9 Breaching Competition Rules

7.10.1 Any Team that is found to be in breach of any of the competition rules during the course of the competition, at the discretion of **NNL Competition Subcommittee**, may be deducted competition points and/or removed from the competition.

7.10 Utilising Ineligible Players

7.11.1 If a breach is made by the winning team, a loss will be recorded against that team and the opposing team will be deemed the winner and receive three (3) competition points. No match score will be recorded for this game.

7.11.2 If a breach is made by the losing team, the winning team will receive points as per standard competition rules and the final match score will be recorded. The losing team will also have three (3) points deducted from the current points tally, which may see them left with a negative points total.

7.11.3 If the match is drawn, the offending team will be deemed to have lost the match and the opposing team will be awarded a win and receive three (3) points competition points and the losing team deducted three (3) points. No match score will be recorded for this game.

7.11.4 Matches that have been won / drawn by a team in breach of the rules will not be included in the Goal Percentage equation when determining final placings.

8 MATCH DAY PROCEDURES

8.1 Competition Forms

8.1.1 Team Sheets

- 8.1.1.1 Team sheets must be handed to the score bench at least fifteen (15) minutes prior to the commencement of the match, with a maximum of ten (10) players and up to four (4) team officials to be listed on the team sheet. Names cannot be added/alterd to the team sheet after this time.
 - 8.1.1.2 The list must show the starting seven (7) and their positions, up to three (3) reserves and the name of the “on court” captain.
 - 8.1.1.3 The Team Manager shall specify on the team sheet any replacement players and what competition/division the Replacement Player has been drawn from (e.g., 17U, 19U).
- 8.1.2 Substitution Cards
- 8.1.2.1 The Team Managers will be responsible for identifying and recording team positional changes that occur during match interval breaks or injury time-outs. Changes (substitution cards) shall be forwarded to the score bench.



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9 APPENDICES

Appendices as attached:

Appendix 1 Competition Timeline

Appendix 2 Competition Fee Structure

Appendix 3 Competition Schedule

Appendix 4 Replacement Player Form



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APPENDIX 1

2021 COMPETITION TIMELINE

| Due Date | Description |
|----------------|--|
| 24/05/2021 | Team Nominations OPEN |
| 24/05/2021 | Player and Officials Self Registration OPEN |
| 11/06/21 | Team Nomination CLOSE Team Competition Fee DUE (via NetballConnect) |
| 09/7/2021 | Players and Officials Registrations CLOSE (via NetballConnect) |
| 09/07/2021 | Team Competition Levy DUE (via NetballConnect) |
| 18/07/21 (COB) | Draw Distributed Umpire Bench Officials Mentors |
| 31/07-01/08/21 | 2021 Northern Netball League, Townsville |

APPENDIX 2



2021 FEE STRUCTURE

1. Competition Fee - \$100/TEAM

The **Competition Fee** is to cover the 'running costs' to host the event. This year this will be fairly low however in subsequent years it may be higher. It will be low this year as TCNAI won't charge for use of our courts and if we have access to Townsville Stadium this will be covered as part of the Northern Mendi Rays partnership agreement with Townsville City Council. Yay!!

2. Competition Levy - \$375.00/TEAM

The **Competition Levy** is \$375 – Competition Levy

- \$45 per game for umpires (as discussed previously – Townsville or Northern Rays will provide the Reserve)
- \$80 per game for Bench officials
- \$125 per game (\$62.50 per team per game)

TOTAL \$475 PER TEAM – no cost equalisation

The NNL Operations Committee has taken on board what Associations said about cost equalisation and for 2021 the total cost per team is a flat fee of \$475 no matter what Association you are from (Including Townsville). The Committee will re-discuss the cost equalisation option for 2022 and will review everything after 2021 is completed.

APPENDIX 3



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2021 COMPETITION SCHEDULE

Competition Schedule Options:

5 Games within each division

'Finals Game' 1v2, 3v4, 5v6, etc based off points and for and against.

Saturday

| | |
|---------|-----------|
| 9:00am | Open |
| 10:15am | 19 and 17 |
| 11:30am | Open |
| 12:45pm | 19 and 17 |
| 2:00pm | Open |
| 3:15pm | 19 and 17 |
| 4:30pm | Open |

Sunday

| | |
|---------|------------------|
| 8:00am | 19 and 17 |
| 9:15am | Open |
| 10:30am | 19 and 17 |
| 11:15am | Open Finals |
| 12:30pm | 19 and 17 Finals |

A brief Presentation will follow the competition of the Finals.

All teams are encouraged to stay for Finals and Presentations.

TEAM NOMINATION FORM



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| | | | | | | |
|---------------------|-------------|---------------|--------------|-----------------|----------------------|--|
| Association Name | | | | | | |
| Contact Name | | | | Position | | |
| Email | | | | Mobile | | |
| Uniform Information | | | | | | |
| Association Colours | Primary | | Secondary | | Trim | |
| Team Name | | | | Division | | |
| Officials | Name | Mobile | Email | | Accreditation | |
| Manager | | | | | | |
| Coach | | | | | | |
| Assist Coach | | | | | | |
| Primary Carer | | | | | | |
| Umpire 1 | | | | | | |
| Umpire 2 | | | | | | |
| Scorer 1 | | | | | | |
| Scorer 2 | | | | | | |
| Video / Photography | | | | | | |

| | | | | | | |
|---------------------|-------------|---------------|--------------|-----------------|----------------------|--|
| Team Name | | | | Division | | |
| Officials | Name | Mobile | Email | | Accreditation | |
| Manager | | | | | | |
| Coach | | | | | | |
| Assist Coach | | | | | | |
| Primary Carer | | | | | | |
| Umpire 1 | | | | | | |
| Umpire 2 | | | | | | |
| Scorer 1 | | | | | | |
| Scorer 2 | | | | | | |
| Video / Photography | | | | | | |

Appendix 5

REPLACEMENT PLAYER FORM



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| | | | |
|---|------|--|----------|
| Association Details | | | |
| Contact Name | | | |
| Position held within Association | | | |
| Team | Name | | Division |
| Division | | | |

INSTRUCTIONS

- Use this form when the replacement player is outside of your registered squad.
- Form must be received at least one day prior to the match where the player will participate.
- Forms may be emailed through to the **NNL Competition Coordinator**.
- Permanent Replacement Player Forms must accompany a Replacement Team Sheet.

PLAYER REGISTRATION DETAILS

| | | | |
|---------------------------------|-----------------------|-------------------------------|--|
| Name of Player being replaced | | | |
| Type of Replacement | Temporary / Permanent | | |
| Replacement Players Name | | | |
| Replacement Players Association | | | |
| Date of Birth | | NQ Member Registration Number | |
| No. of Competition Round | | | |

AGREEMENT

Replacement Player's Signature

Date

Association Official Signature

Date

Please return to: NNL Competition Coordinator