



2026 COMPETITION OPERATING PROCEDURE

1. General Competition Structure

1.1 Competition Overview

1.1.1 Busselton Netball Association (BNA) conducts interclub competitions.

1.1.2 The 2026 Winter Competition consists of the following registration types:

Category	Description
Net (Program)	Entry level participation program
Set	Modified junior program
Go	Modified junior program
Junior – Saturday	Outdoor mixed junior competition
Monday	Indoor competition
Umpires	Registered match officials
Non-Playing Members	Coaches, Managers, Club Committees & Volunteers

1.1.3 BNA caters for people of all ages, abilities, gender, and backgrounds in the most appropriate manner possible.

1.1.4 BNA encourages proactive behaviours that make each person feel welcome within the Association.

2. 2026 Winter Season Age Groups, Playing Days and Times

2.1 Competition Days

2.1.1 The junior competition is played at Lou Weston Hard Courts.

2.1.2 The junior competition will be played on Saturday unless otherwise notified.

2.1.3 Monday Night Indoor Competition matches will be played at the Geographe Leisure Centre (GLC).

2.1.4 Official game days and playing times are available on the PlayHQ platform.

2.1.5 Anticipated playing times for 2026 are subject to change once team registrations and grading have been completed.

2.2 2026 Winter Season Age Groups, Ages and Playing Times

2.2.1 Saturday Competition

Teams will be fixtured on a rolling schedule and will play across different time slots each week. Teams must be available to play at any of the time slots listed in the table below.

Age Group	Playing Time
Set	2:15pm
Go	11:15am, 12:45pm & 2:15pm
12&U Mixed Div 1, 2, 3, 4	8:15am, 9:45am, 11:15am & 12:45pm
14&U Mixed Div 1, 2, 3	8:15am, 9:45am, 11:15am & 12:45pm
17&U Mixed Div 1, 2, 3	8:15am, 9:45am, 11:15am & 12:45pm

2.2.2 Monday Competition

Age Groups	Playing Time
20&U Women Div 1 & 2	5:20pm, 6:30pm, 7:50pm
Open – Women & Mixed	5:20pm, 6:30pm, 7:50pm
20&U Mixed	5:20pm, 6:30pm, 7:50pm

3. 2026 Winter Season Competition Dates

3.1 Season Calendar

3.1.1 The 2026 Winter Season dates are outlined below.

Round / Event	Saturday	Monday
Grading Day	FRIDAY 1 May (17&U ONLY) 5pm	
Grading Day (No Set or Go)	12&U - 2 May 1pm -5pm 14&U – 2 May 9am – 12pm	4 May – from 5:30
Opening Round 1 (Set and Go Start)	9 May 2026	11 May 2026
Round 2	16 May 2026	18 May 2026
Round 3	23 May 2026	25 May 2026
GENERAL BYE	30 May 2026	1 June 2026 (WA Day PH)
Round 4	6 June 2026	8 June 2026
Round 5	13 June 2026	15 June 2026
GENERAL BYE	20 June 2026	22 June 2026 (SWPRC)
Round 6	27 June 2026	29 June 2026
School Holiday Bye	4 July 2026	6 July 2026
School Holiday Bye	11 July 2026	13 July 2026
Round 7	18 July 2026	20 July 2026
Round 8	25 July 2026	27 July 2026
Round 9	1 August 2026	3 August 2026
Round 10	8 August 2026	10 August 2026

Round / Event	Saturday	Monday
Round 11	15 August 2026	17 August 2026
Preliminary Finals (Set and Go Play round games)	22 August 2026	24 August 2026
Semi Finals (Set and Go Play round games)	29 August 2026	31 August 2026
Grand Final	5 September 2026	7 September 2026

4. Registration Fees

4.1 BNA Registration Fees

4.1.1 Registration fees are payable via PlayHQ through your Club.

4.1.2 Registration fees must be paid in full prior to any member taking the court.

4.1.3 All Indoor registration fees include court fees.

4.1.4 If changing Clubs from the previous season, any outstanding monies must be paid to the previous Club, Go and the player clearance function must be used prior to registration.

4.2 2026 Registration Fees

Category	Fee
Set	\$210
Go	\$260
Junior (Saturday)	\$300
Junior (Monday)	\$326
20&U, Open, Mixed	\$330

*Club fees are not included in the above amounts.

*Indoor court hire is included in the Monday Competition

4.3 KidSport

4.3.1 Clubs must ensure they hold a current registration as an Approved KidSport Club.

4.3.2 It is the Club's responsibility to recover any gap between registration fees and KidSport vouchers.

4.3.3 At checkout, members must select Winter Competition – Club of choice.

4.3.4 Members must not select Busselton Netball Association when registering for Club Netball.

Website: <https://kidsport.dlgsc.wa.gov.au/kidsport/apply-for-kidsport-1/>

5. Registration Procedure

5.1 Order of Registrations for Multiple Roles

5.1.1 If holding multiple roles, registration must occur in the following order:

- (a) Player
- (b) Umpire
- (c) Coach
- (d) Manager
- (e) Volunteer / Non-Playing

5.2 Board and Subsidiary Position Holders

5.2.1 Board members and appointed subsidiary position holders shall be registered as a Non-Playing Member.

5.3 Coach Registration

5.3.1 Coaches must be registered with their Club as a Non-Playing Member through PlayHQ.

5.3.2 All coaches must hold a current Foundation Coaching Accreditation as a minimum.

5.3.3 An audit will be conducted by the BNA Registrar after team nominations close.

5.3.4 Clubs will be notified of any coaches without current accreditation.

5.3.5 At the conclusion of Round 3, any coach without current accreditation will not be permitted to coach until accreditation is completed.

5.3.6 Clubs are responsible for ensuring all coaches meet accreditation requirements.

5.3.7 Clubs must notify the BNA Registrar once any coach from the audit list completes accreditation.

5.3.8 Coaches may coach a maximum of three (3) Club teams.

5.3.9 Coaches must be at least 15 years of age as of 31 December 2026.

5.3.10 Teams registering in the Open Age Group may elect to have a player register as team Coach.

5.3.11 The Coach and Manager cannot be the same person for any registered team.

5.3.12 A substitute coach may coach a maximum of two (2) games without requiring accreditation.

5.3.13 For the third game, the substitute coach must provide proof of accreditation to the BNA Registrar before continuing to coach.

5.3.14 Failure to meet minimum coaching accreditation requirements will result in penalties in accordance with Section 23.

5.4 Injury Responder Registration

5.4.1 An Injury Responder is responsible for attending injured players on court and on the sidelines.

5.4.2 This person does not need to hold an official first aid qualification.

5.4.3 All registered teams must provide an Injury Responder for each game.

5.4.4 An Injury Responder must be registered as a Non-Playing Member on PlayHQ.

5.4.5 Teams may nominate multiple Injury Responders.

5.4.6 The Coach and Manager cannot be the Injury Responder for the same team.

5.4.7 The Injury Responder must be in attendance courtside for each game.

5.5 Manager Registration

5.5.1 All registered teams must provide a Manager.

5.5.2 Managers must be registered as a Non-Playing Member.

5.5.3 Managers may manage a maximum of three (3) Club teams.

5.5.4 Managers must be at least 15 years of age as of 31 December 2026.

5.5.5 The Manager and Coach cannot be the same person for any registered team.

5.5.6 Teams registering in the Open Age Group may elect to have a player register as Team Manager.

5.6 Player Registration

5.6.1 Players must register via their Club's PlayHQ link.

5.6.2 Registration and payment must be completed prior to participating in training or matches.

5.6.3 If using KidSport, the voucher must be obtained prior to completing registration.

5.6.4 If registering for two (2) teams, registration must occur in the younger age group first.

5.7 Team Registration

5.7.1 Clubs must nominate teams and provide the following information:

Requirement	Detail
Team Name	Must comply with Member Protection Policy
Player Numbers	Minimum five (5), maximum twelve (12)
Age Group	Nominated division
Coach	Name required
Manager	Name required

5.7.2 Team nominations must be completed in PlayHQ by 22 March 2026.

6. Team Composition

6.1 Representative Players

6.1.1 Teams may have a maximum of four (4) representative players per team.

6.1.2 This includes players from:

- (a) Association Representative Programs
- (b) SWNFL registered Clubs and Squads
- (c) Fever in Time
- (d) Future Futures
- (e) WANL (Jets associated) players

6.1.3 Representative player status is determined by selection in their 2026 Representative Team.

6.1.4 Reserve players (who are not selected into the team) in the BNA Representative Program do not count towards the four (4) representative player limit.

6.1.5 If a representative player is unavailable for a game, another representative player may fill in, provided the team does not exceed the four (4) representative player limit for that game.

6.1.6 No exceptions will be made to this limit.

6.1.7 The Open Age Group is exempt from the representative player limit.

6.2 Mixed Age Groups

6.2.1 Mixed gender teams are encouraged across all Junior Competition Age Groups (12&U, 14&U, 17&U, and 20&U Mixed Age Group).

6.2.2 A maximum of two (2) males are permitted on the court at any given time.

6.2.3 Male players must be positioned across each third of the court as follows:

- (a) One (1) in Circle Defence (GD or GK)
- (b) One (1) in Centre Court (WA, C or WD)
- (c) One (1) in the Shooting Circle (GS or GA)

6.2.4 There cannot be two (2) males in either circle (for example, both playing GD/GK or both playing GS/GA).

6.2.5 For grading purposes, male players must be included in the team at the time of grading.

6.2.6 Approval must be sought from the BNA Board for the inclusion of a male player after grading has been completed.

7. Umpire Registration

7.1 Registration Requirements

7.1.1 All umpires must be registered as a Non-Playing Member.

7.1.2 All umpires aged eighteen (18) years and over must hold a current Working with Children Card. No parent exemptions apply.

7.1.3 Umpires under eighteen (18) years of age who hold a National Badge Accreditation and umpire more than two (2) games per round must hold a current Working with Children Card. **This must be purchased rather than selecting the volunteer option.**

7.1.4 Green Shirt Umpires under eighteen (18) years of age and unbadged umpires officiating fewer than two (2) games per round are not required to hold a Working with Children Card.

7.1.5 All umpires must complete the Foundation Umpire Education Course prior to the commencement of the season.

7.1.6 All umpires must complete the Rules of Netball Theory Examination prior to the commencement of the season.

7.1.7 All National Accredited umpires must ensure their accreditation remains current.

8. Late Registration

8.1 Late Registrations

8.1.1 Late registrations must be completed by the Club Registrar.

8.1.2 The Club Registrar must advise the BNA Court Coordinator and the BNA Registrar of the late registration.

9. Deregistration

9.1 Deregistration Without Penalty

9.1.1 Deregistration without penalty must occur prior to 1 May 2026 (Netball WA closing date).

9.2 Withdrawal After Training Commencement

9.2.1 Registered participants who have commenced training and wish to withdraw cannot use the deregistration option.

9.2.2 In the event of an injury, the insurance procedure must be followed.

9.2.3 In the event of a change of mind, participants must contact their Club directly.

9.3 Refunds

9.3.1 Netball WA fees will not be reimbursed to players withdrawing after 1 May 2026.

9.3.2 BNA fees may be refunded on a pro-rata basis at the discretion of the Board.

9.3.3 Teams withdrawing from the competition after fixtures have been completed will incur an administrative fee of \$250.

10. Competition Format

10.1 General Competition Structure

10.1.1 The Busselton Netball Association Winter Competition follows a round-robin system.

10.1.2 Divisions may vary each season based on the needs of the Association and are determined at the discretion of the Grading Committee and Board.

10.2 NetSetGo Program

10.2.1 The Set and Go Program will follow the Woolworths NetSetGO Handbook.

10.2.2 NetSetGO is a development program conducted in accordance with Netball Australia guidelines and is not classified as a competition.

10.2.3 For the 2026 season, the NetSetGO age groups are:

- a) **Set** – Players aged 7–8 years (born 2018 or 2019)
- b) **Go** – Players aged 9–10 years (born 2016 or 2017)

10.2.4 The NetSetGO program focuses on skill development, modified rules, and participation in a supportive, age-appropriate environment.

10.2.5 All ages are determined as of 31 December 2026.

10.3 Junior Competition

10.3.1 The Junior Competition is a structured competition format conducted in accordance with this Competition Operating Procedure (COP).

10.3.2 For the 2026 season, the Junior Competition includes players born between 2011 and 2014 inclusive.

10.3.3 Junior Age Groups and divisions, grading, premiership points, and final's structure are governed by and determined in accordance with this Competition Operating Procedure.

10.3.4 All ages are determined as of 31 December 2026.

10.4 Monday Night Indoor Competition

10.4.1 The Monday Night Competition includes the following Age Group:

Age Group	Eligible Birth Years
20&U	2006–2011
20&U Mixed	2006–2011
Open Women	2010 and earlier
Open Mixed	2010 and earlier

10.4.2 Teams nominating in Mixed Age Group are aware that male players are permitted to play.

10.4.3 Divisions will be based on team registrations and team compositions received.

10.5 Age Eligibility – Open Age Group

10.5.1 The Open Women and Open Mixed Competitions may include players turning sixteen (16) years of age by 31 December 2026.

10.5.2 Players born in 2009–2010 electing to participate in these competitions will be competing against adult women (18 years and older).

10.6 Grading

10.6.1 Teams will be graded based on skill level to ensure a balanced competition.

11. Team Rules

11.1 SET and GO

11.1.1 The Set and Go Program will follow the Woolworths NetSetGO Handbook.

11.1.2 Players must be registered in one division only.

11.1.3 Players registered in the Set Age Group are not permitted to register in the Go Age Group.

11.1.4 Players registered in the Go Age Group are not permitted to register in the Set Age Group.

11.1.5 A player from another team within the same division may fill in to ensure all positions on court are filled.

11.1.6 Players may play a maximum of two (2) games per round.

11.1.7 Registered Set players are permitted to fill in the Go Age Group.

11.1.8 Registered Set players are not permitted to fill in the 12&U Age Group.

11.1.9 Registered Go players are permitted to fill in the 12&U Age Group only.

11.1.10 If a Go player plays up in 12&U Age Group, the Court Coordinator must be advised, and this must be recorded on the scorecard by the Court Coordinator only.

11.1.11 If a Go player fills in for an Age Group (14&U and above), the team they played for will incur the ineligible player penalty.

11.1.12 The Board reserves the right to grade teams to ensure a fair and even competition.

11.1.13 Go Division 1 will transition to full rules from Round 8 of the 2026 season and will be umpired accordingly to support transition to 12&U.

11.2 Saturday Junior Competition

11.2.1 As per Section 6.1, only four (4) Association Representative, SWNFL Team and Squad, Fever in Time, WANL Futures and WANL players per team are permitted, including fill-ins and play ups.

11.2.2 A player may only play in one (1) team per division.

11.2.3 Players may play a maximum of two (2) games per round.

11.2.4 A player may play in a higher division within their age group and/or one (1) age group above.

Note: Players must meet minimum age requirements to participate in 20&U and Open Age Group

11.2.5 Players cannot play down an age group division or play more than one (1) age group above.

11.2.6 Examples:

A 12&U Division 3 player may play in Division 2 or Division 1 within 12&U, or in the 14&U age group, but not in the 17&U age group.

A 14&U Division 2 player may play in Division 1 within 14&U, or in the 17&U age group, but not in the 20&U age group.

A 17&U Division 3 player may play in Division 2 or Division 1 within 17&U, or in the 20&U age group (if age eligible), but not more than one age group above.

11.2.7 If a Club has two (2) registered teams playing in the same timeslot, a player cannot interchange between those teams. This will result in an ineligible player breach for both teams.

11.3 Monday Night Competition

11.3.1 The Team Composition rule under Section 6.1 does not apply to the Open Age Group

11.3.2 A player may only play in one (1) team per division.

11.3.3 Players may play a maximum of two (2) games per round.

11.3.4 A player may play in a higher division within their age group and/or one (1) age group above (Players must meet minimum age requirements to participate in the Open divisions).

11.3.5 If a Club has two (2) registered teams playing in the same timeslot, a player cannot interchange between those teams. This will result in an ineligible player breach for both teams.

12. Competition Grading

12.1 Junior Competition (Saturday)

12.1.1 For the 2026 Winter Season, a Grading Committee will be established to ensure fair, consistent, and transparent team placements across the competition.

12.1.2 Each Club must nominate either:

- a) one (1) representative to attend for the entirety of grading; or
- b) one (1) representative per age group.

Nominated representatives must have a sound understanding of netball, their Club teams, and grading principles.

12.1.3 The Grading Committee will include one (1) nominated Association representative with knowledge of the grading process. The Board retains governance oversight of grading outcomes but is not required to sit as full members of the Committee.

12.1.4 The Grading Committee is responsible for conducting grading and allocating teams in accordance with the Busselton Netball Association Grading Policy to promote balanced and competitive divisions within the age groups.

12.1.5 Each age group will be allocated a designated day and timeslot as determined by the Association.

12.1.6 Each age group will be allocated a minimum three (3) hour grading timeslot.

12.1.7 Grading outcomes will be submitted to the Board for ratification. Once ratified, divisions are deemed final.

12.1.8 Following ratification, no further grading movement will occur.

12.1.9 Any request for regrading after ratification will only be considered in extenuating circumstances, must be submitted in writing, reviewed by the Grading Committee, and approved by the Board.

12.2 Monday Night Competition

12.2.1 Monday night grading will be determined after team registrations have closed.

12.2.2 This section of the COP will be updated accordingly.

12.2.3 This is due to the splitting of the 20&U division into 20&U and Mixed divisions and will also be determined by Open age group team nominations.

13. Fill Ins (Registered Players)

13.1 General Eligibility

13.1.1 A registered player from the same Club may fill in for a team in a higher playing division within the same grade or the next higher age group, provided age eligibility requirements are met.

13.1.2 A registered player is ineligible to play as a fill-in player for another Club.

13.2 Maximum Fill-In Games

13.2.1 A registered player may fill in for a maximum total of four (4) games during the season.

13.2.2 A registered player may fill in for a maximum of four (4) games for the same team before being required to complete a second registration for that team.

13.2.3 A registered player may fill in for up to four (4) games across different teams within their Club.

13.2.4 Before the fifth (5th) game is played for any team, the player must complete a second registration for the team chosen as their second registered team.

13.3 Finals Eligibility

13.3.1 To qualify for finals for a second team, a player must:

- (a) Complete a second registration before taking the court for that team; and
- (b) Have played the required minimum four (4) games for that team.

13.3.2 A player must take the court in each qualifying game for it to count toward finals eligibility.

13.3.3 Where a team has fewer than seven (7) eligible players available for a finals match, a fill-in player may be approved under exceptional circumstances only.

13.3.4 Approval will only be granted for genuine emergencies (e.g. injury or medical reasons). Unavailability due to holidays or personal commitments will not be approved.

13.3.5 The request must be submitted by the Club to the Association prior to the commencement of the match;

- a) The fill-in player must have qualified for their registered team;
- b) The fill-in player must be from a lower age group or lower-ranked team;
- c) The fill-in player must not have qualified for another team in the same division finals series.

13.3.6 The Association reserves the right to approve or refuse any fill-in request at its discretion to protect the integrity of the competition.

13.4 Team Minimum Requirements

13.4.1 Team composition rules under Section 6 must be adhered to at all times.

13.4.2 To take the court, a team must have at least three (3) players registered to that team, in addition to any eligible fill-in players.

13.4.3 If this requirement is not met, the match will result in a forfeit.

13.5 Penalties for noncompliance with fill-in limits or second registration

13.5.1 Failure to comply with fill-in limits or second registration requirements will constitute an ineligibility breach under Section 23 and penalties will apply as per Table 1.1.

14. Visitors (Non-Registered Players to BNA)

14.1 General Provisions

14.1.1 Teams may play non-registered players (Visitors).

14.1.2 Visitors must report to the BNA Court Coordinator prior to the match to obtain a Single Game Voucher (SGV). Teams must allow sufficient time (approximately 20 minutes) to complete this process.

14.2 Single Game Voucher (SGV)

14.2.1 A Single Game Voucher (SGV) is charged at \$16.

14.2.2 If a Visitor is registered at another Club or Association, a \$5 SGV fee applies.

14.2.3 A non-registered player using an SGV may play a maximum of two (2) games per round. An SGV must be purchased for each game played.

14.2.4 A non-registered player using an SGV may play for two (2) different Clubs in the same round.

14.2.5 Failure to comply with Single Game Voucher limits will constitute an ineligibility breach under Section 23 and penalties will apply as per Table 1.1.

14.3 Maximum Games Before Registration

14.3.1 A Visitor may play a maximum of three (3) games within the Association without becoming a registered player.

14.3.2 Prior to playing a fourth (4th) game, the Visitor must become a registered player of a team.

14.4 Minimum Team Requirements

14.4.1 To take the court, a team must have at least three (3) players registered to that team, in addition to eligible Visitors or fill-in players.

14.4.2 If this requirement is not met, the forfeit penalty will apply.

15. First Aid

15.1 General Requirement

15.1.1 As per Section 5.4, each team must have a registered Injury Responder responsible and present at every game.

15.2 Injury Management

15.2.1 In the event of an injury, it is encouraged that the Injury Responder attends to the player on court.

15.2.2 A commonsense approach is encouraged regarding injuries.

15.3 Equipment and Support

15.3.1 Each team must have a first aid kit courtside.

15.3.2 Ice is available from the BNA Court Coordinator (Match office)

15.3.3 For any serious or concerning injury, or if an ambulance is required, the BNA Office must be advised immediately.

16. Competition Playing Rules

16.1 Governing Rules

16.1.1 The rules of play shall be those of the World Netball Federation as outlined in the publication *Rules of Netball*.

16.1.2 These rules are binding on all members participating in the Competition.

16.1.3 The Rules of Netball must be read in conjunction with the Busselton Netball Association Constitution, Procedures and Policy guidelines.

17. Safety

17.1 Spectator and Official Positioning

17.1.1 All spectators and team officials (including Coach, Manager, Injury Responder, Scorer and Timer) must remain behind the designated spectator lines.

17.1.2 At no time may a Coach, team, Club official, or spectator position themselves along the goal line of a court.

17.1.3 The Coach and Manager must remain positioned at the designated team bench area for the duration of the match.

17.1.4 The Scorer and Timer must remain at the official Scorer and Timer table (S&T) for the duration of the match.

17.1.5 Spectators must position themselves on the opposite side of the court to the team benches and the Scorer and Timer table and remain behind the designated spectator lines at all times.

17.2 Coach Conduct During Play

17.2.1 Coaches are not permitted to walk the sidelines during play.

17.2.2 Coaches must remain in one (1) position on the sideline for the duration of the match.

18. Match Points

18.1 Allocation of Points

18.1.1 Two (2) competition points shall be awarded for a win.

18.1.2 One (1) competition point shall be awarded to each team for a draw.

18.1.3 Zero (0) competition points shall be awarded for a bye.

18.1.4 Zero (0) competition points shall be awarded for a loss.

18.2 Ladder Calculation

18.2.1 Ladder positions will be determined using Points Ratio.

18.2.2 Points Ratio is calculated by dividing total competition points earned by the number of games played.

18.2.3 This method ensures fair ladder representation where there is an uneven number of teams within a division.

19. Score Card

19.1 Responsibilities

19.1.1 It is the joint responsibility of the Scorer and Timer to accurately record the following:

- (a) Score
- (b) Centre Passes
- (c) Player positions for each quarter
- (d) Sign off at the completion of the game

19.1.2 Teams are strongly encouraged to ensure their representatives performing these roles are competent.

19.1.3 The BNA official scorecard is the only scorecard accepted.

19.2 Scorecard Requirements

19.2.1 The scorecard must include the following information:

- (a) Result of the match
- (b) Team names
- (c) Division and grade
- (d) Date
- (e) Player positions for each quarter, including substitutions
- (f) Players' full names

19.2.2 The scorecard must be completed in ink (biro), not pencil. Pens will be provided by the BNA Competition Coordinator.

19.2.3 From 12&U upwards, player positions must be recorded on the scorecard for each quarter. Failure to do so will result in an automatic forfeit.

19.2.4 It is the responsibility of the Team Manager, Scorer and Timer to ensure the scorecard is completed correctly.

19.2.5 It is not the responsibility of the Umpire to monitor player position entry on the scorecard.

19.3 Scorecard Discrepancies

19.3.1 Any discrepancy relating to the score, centre passes, player positions, or timing must be raised immediately and prior to the next centre pass being taken.

19.3.2 Upon notification, play must be paused by the umpire to allow the scorecard.

to be reconciled.

19.3.3 The Team Manager or a designated team official must notify the Court Coordinator and/or BNA Official if the discrepancy is not resolved. Players and spectators must not approach scorers or umpires directly.

19.3.4 If a discrepancy is not raised before the next centre pass is taken, the recorded score at that time will stand.

19.3.5 Once the scorecard has been signed by both scorers and the umpire(s) at the completion of the match, the result is deemed final and no further amendments will be made except in cases of administrative error determined by the Association.

19.3.6 Failure to follow the above process may result in the matter not being considered by the Association.

19.4 Player Listing

19.4.1 Players' names, including fill-ins, cannot be added to a scorecard after the commencement of a game.

19.4.2 The commencement of the game is deemed by the Umpire's thirty (30) second whistle.

19.4.3 The Court Coordinator must record any Single Game Voucher (SGV) on the scorecard prior to the commencement of the match.

19.5 Submission of Scorecards

19.5.1 At the conclusion of all fixtured games, including postponed games, the Umpire must hand the completed official scorecard to the Court Coordinator.

20. Match Game Times

20.1 SET and GO

20.1.1 Set matches consist of four (4) quarters of eight (8) minutes each.

20.1.2 Go matches consist of four (4) quarters of ten (10) minutes each.

20.1.3 There shall be a two (2) minute interval between each quarter.

20.1.4 There shall be a three (3) minute half-time interval.

20.1.5 Injury time will be held in accordance with the Rules of Netball.

20.2 12&U and Above

20.2.1 Matches consist of four (4) quarters of fifteen (15) minutes each.

20.2.2 There shall be a two (2) minute interval between each quarter.

20.2.3 There shall be a three (3) minute half-time interval.

20.2.4 Injury time will be held in accordance with the Rules of Netball.

21. Finals

21.1 No finals matches shall be played by Set and Go.

21.2 Finals consist of a three-final series.

21.3 At the conclusion of match fixtures, finals shall be played as follows:

21.3.1 Semi Finals:

(a) Qualifying Final – 1 v 2

(b) Elimination Final – 3 v 4

21.3.2 Preliminary Final – winner of Elimination Final v loser of Qualifying Final.

21.3.3 Grand Final – winner of Preliminary Final v winner of Qualifying Final.

21.4 Where teams finish the season with an equal points ratio, the relative positions on the ladder are arrived at by dividing the goals for by goals against per team.

21.5 If two teams have equal points ratio and percentage, further classification shall be as follows:

21.5.1 The team winning the round games between them shall be placed higher.

21.5.2 In the event both teams had a win each in the round games then the comparison shall be based on goal difference between the two teams.

21.6 Finals playing days will be determined by the Board and they must be played on the day, date and at the time set.

21.7 Teams must be available to play in all finals.

21.8 Any team who forfeits a finals match will be eliminated from the final series.

21.9 If team 1 or 2 forfeits the Semi Finals match (Qualifying Final) there shall be no Preliminary Final. The winner of 3 v 4 (Elimination Final) will go through to the Grand Final.

21.10 An independent officials' bench will be organised by the Association for Grand Finals.

21.11 In the event of a draw at full time in a finals match, extra time will be played in accordance with the Rules of Netball and the following procedure:

a) A four (4) minute interval will be taken following full time.

b) Extra time will consist of two (2) halves of five (5) minutes each.

- c) There will be a two (2) minute interval at half time of extra time.
- d) Teams will not change ends at the commencement of extra time. Teams will change ends at the half time interval of extra time only.
- e) Play will recommence with a centre pass as per the alternating centre pass sequence.
- f) If the scores remain equal at the conclusion of extra time, play will continue until one team leads by two (2) goals, at which point the match will be declared.
- g) The Association reserves the right to apply reasonable discretion in relation to player health, safety, fatigue, weather conditions, or other unforeseen circumstances.
- h) Where it is determined that continuation of play is not in the best interests of participant welfare, the Board (or delegated Association representative) may determine an alternative outcome or call the match.

21.12 In all cases where a replay of any finals match is necessary, such replay shall be regarded as a new match and any player eligible to play in a team concerned may be included irrespective of whether such player was included in the team on the day on which the original match was played.

21.13 Under the above-mentioned matches method, no team has the right to challenge.

22. Finals Player Eligibility

22.1 Minimum Games Requirement

22.1.1 To qualify to participate in finals, a player must have played a minimum of four (4) games for that team during the home and away season.

22.1.2 A minimum of one (1) quarter must be played in each qualifying game for it to count toward eligibility.

22.2 Multiple Team Registrations

22.2.1 If a player is registered in two (2) teams, they must meet the four (4) game requirement for each team individually to qualify for finals in both teams.

22.2.2 A player may only participate in one (1) final match per timeslot of finals.

22.3 Finals ineligibility breach

22.3.1 A player who participates in finals without meeting eligibility requirements will constitute an ineligibility breach under Section 23 and penalties will apply as per Table 1.1.

23. Ineligibility Breaches

23.1 General

23.1.1 If a Coach participates in a match while not meeting the eligibility criteria set out by the BNA, it will result in penalties being applied as per Table 1.1.

23.1.2 If a Player participates in a match while not meeting the eligibility criteria set out by the BNA, it will result in penalties being applied as per Table 1.1.

23.1.3 The penalties outlined in Table 1.1 apply to both Coaches and Players where applicable.

23.2 Table of Ineligibility Breaches

23.2.1 Table 1.1 outlines the breaches, first offence penalties, repeated offence penalties, and associated actions.

23.2.2 The loss of competition points applies to the team involved in the breach.

23.2.3 Repeated breaches may result in suspension of the player or coach for one (1) match in addition to the loss of competition points.

23.2.4 Written notification will be provided to the player or coach and their Club outlining the breach and penalty applied.

23.3 Determination

23.3.1 All determinations relating to ineligibility breaches are made by the BNA Board.

23.3.2 The decision of the BNA Board in relation to ineligibility breaches is final.

Table 1.1

Role	Breach	1st Offence Penalty	Action	Repeated Offence Penalty	Action
Coach & Player	Incorrect registration or failure to complete registration	Loss of 2 competition points for the team involved	Written notification to the player/coach and their club outlining the breach and penalty applied.	Loss of additional 2 competition points for subsequent breaches. Suspension of the	Written notification to the player/coach and their club outlining the breach and penalty applied.

Role	Breach	1st Offence Penalty	Action	Repeated Offence Penalty	Action
				player/coach for one match.	
Coach & Player	Failure to meet minimum age or division requirements	Loss of 2 competition points for the team involved	Written notification to the player/coach and their club outlining the breach and penalty applied.	Loss of additional 2 competition points for subsequent breaches. Suspension of the player/coach for one match.	Written notification to the player/coach and their club outlining the breach and penalty applied.
Coach	Failure to meet minimum coaching accreditation	Loss of 2 competition points for the team involved	Written notification to the player/coach and their club outlining the breach and penalty applied.	Loss of additional 2 competition points for subsequent breaches. Suspension of the player/coach for one match.	Written notification to the player/coach and their club outlining the breach and penalty applied.
Player	Playing an ineligible player (i.e. interchanging between courts, breaching maximum representative players, playing in a higher division, playing in lower division, SGV breach)	Loss of 2 competition points for the team involved	Written notification to the player/coach and their club outlining the breach and penalty applied.	Loss of additional 2 competition points for subsequent breaches. Suspension of the player/coach for one match.	Written notification to the player/coach and their club outlining the breach and penalty applied.

24. Awards

24.1 Season 2026 continues the voting system for the Fairest and Best Player of each Division from 12&U and above.

24.2 At the completion of each match the following five votes are to be recorded on the back of the scorecard:

24.2.1 Joint Umpire Vote (3,2,1).

24.2.2 Coach of Team 1 vote for Fairest and Best Player of Team 2.

24.2.3 Coach of Team 2 vote for Fairest and Best Player of Team 1.

24.3 For the Grand Final a Most Valuable Player will be selected by a panel during the Grand Final Match.

24.4 For the Lisa Hallyburton Trophy, this will be awarded to the Most Valuable Player in the Grand Final of the age group that includes 17-year-old players, with this being the 17&U Division 1.

24.5 At the conclusion of the Grand Final, the Volunteer of the Year award will be presented.

25. Game Day Complaints, Informal and Formal Process

All complaints must be managed through the relevant Club in accordance with this section, unless otherwise specified. Individual members are not permitted to lodge complaints directly with Busselton Netball Association (BNA) unless the complaint relates to their Club Committee or is otherwise permitted under this procedure.

25.1 Game Day Complaints

25.1.1 If a game is not being appropriately controlled or inappropriate behaviour is observed, the Team Manager (or delegated person) is required to contact the Court Coordinator at the Match Office in a calm and appropriate manner.

25.1.2 The Court Coordinator will contact a BNA representative, who will attend, observe and intervene if required.

25.1.3 If the situation occurs again, the same process must be followed.

25.1.4 Please refer to Appendix A for a visual outline.

25.1.5 The best course of action is to seek assistance at the time of the incident; matters raised after the game cannot be addressed through game day processes.

25.1.6 Complaints relating to umpire decisions, interpretations of the rules, or general game play will not be accepted after the conclusion of the match. Umpire decisions during play are final and are not subject to review or appeal.

25.1.7 This clause does not apply to complaints relating to inappropriate behaviour, misconduct, discrimination, bias, or breaches of the Association's Codes of Conduct, which may be addressed through the formal complaint process.

25.1.8 If a complaint is to be made following the game, only matters relating to behaviour, conduct or administration may proceed via the Informal or Formal Complaint process. Game play matters are not subject to post-match complaint.

25.2 Informal Complaint

25.2.1 Where appropriate, the Complainant should speak directly with the other person (Respondent) to attempt to resolve the matter.

25.2.2 BNA will not be involved in the resolution of informal complaints.

25.2.3 Informal complaints must not relate to umpire decisions or game play matters.

25.3 Formal Complaint

25.3.1 All formal complaints must be submitted through the Complainant's Club in accordance with the Club's Complaint Policy and Procedures.

25.3.2 A formal complaint must be submitted in writing to the Club Secretary within 48 hours of the conclusion of the match or incident, in accordance with the Club's Complaint Policy and Procedures. This may include use of the Club's Complaint Form where applicable. Time restrictions do not apply to matters relating to Child Safeguarding in accordance with legislation.

25.3.3 Where the Club determines the complaint requires escalation, the Club must submit the complaint in writing to the BNA Secretary within 96 hours of the conclusion of the match or incident using the BNA Confidential Record of Complaint Form.

25.3.4 Where a complaint relates directly to the Complainant's Club Committee, the complaint may be submitted directly to BNA by the Complainant using the Confidential Record of Complaint Form.

25.3.5 The BNA Board will review the complaint and determine whether:

- (a) the complaint warrants a formal Dispute Process; or
- (b) no further action is required.

25.3.6 Where no further action is required, the BNA Secretary will advise all parties in writing and retain a confidential record of the complaint.

25.3.7 Where a formal Dispute Process is required, the complaint will be referred to the Complaints and Disputes Committee.

25.3.8 BNA will not consider complaints submitted directly by individuals where the Club complaint process has not been followed, unless permitted under clause 25.3.4.

25.4 Complaints and Disputes Committee Process

25.4.1 The BNA Board will provide all relevant documentation to the Complaints and Disputes Committee Chairperson.

25.4.2 The Committee will review all statements and evidence.

25.4.3 The Committee will determine to either:

- (a) substantiate the complaint (in whole or in part); or
- (b) dismiss the complaint (in whole or in part).

25.4.4 Where a complaint is substantiated, the Committee may:

- (a) determine a resolution or penalty based on the evidence;

- (b) convene a Tribunal Hearing or Mediation; or
- (c) refer the matter to an external agency (e.g. Netball WA).

25.4.5 The Committee will communicate the outcome in writing to all parties and retain a confidential record.

25.5 Resolution or Penalty

25.5.1 Please refer to Appendix B.

25.6 Tribunal or Mediation

25.6.1 Please refer to the Complaints and Disputes Committee procedures.

25.6.2 Please refer to the BNA Constitution.

26. Withdrawal

26.1.1 If a team withdraws from the competition after the commencement of the season, all points and goals scored in matches involving the team prior to its withdrawal shall be voided back to nil total.

26.1.2 Remaining players from a team which has withdrawn from competition who cannot be absorbed by their club are free to join a new club/team and must notify the Court Coordinator of their intention in writing prior to playing.

26.1.3 Any Club or team that wishes to withdraw from the Association after registration day shall forfeit all monies already paid unless the Association receives written notification 15 days prior to the first fixture game. If the players from the withdrawn team merge with another team entered in the competition, they may transfer all monies owed, less an administration fee, at the discretion of the Board.

27. Cancellation of Matches

27.1 Inclement Weather

27.1.1 In the event of inclement weather, the BNA Court Coordinator, Umpire Coordinator and one (1) Board Member or (appointed BNA official) shall decide whether the match(es) shall be played.

27.1.2 A draw is awarded if the game is not played.

27.2 Abandonment of the Game After Commencement

27.2.1 If the game is abandoned prior to the commencement of the third quarter the game is a draw.

27.2.2 If the game is abandoned after the commencement of the third quarter the current score stands.

27.2.3 Games will not be called off due to persistent rain.

27.2.4 In the event of a finals match having to be abandoned due to dangerous weather, the Court Coordinator shall call a special meeting with two (2) Board Members and the AUDO as soon as possible following the abandoned game to arrange for matches to be played as soon as possible. Teams involved will be consulted regarding dates within forty-eight (48) hours.

27.3 Forfeiture

27.3.1 All teams are encouraged to first approach their Club to attempt to field a team. If a forfeit is still required, the following must occur:

27.3.2 Forfeits must be notified in writing to all the following:

(a) Court Coordinator on competition@busseltonnetball.com.au

(b) BNA Secretary on secretary@busseltonnetball.com.au

(c) AUDO on audo@busseltonnetball.com.au

(d) Club Registrar

27.3.3 Forfeits communication cannot be sent through Busselton Netball Association's Facebook Messenger.

27.3.4 When a Junior team forfeits a match, two (2) premiership points for a win and twenty (20) goals shall be credited to the opposing team. There is no allowance for a mutual forfeit.

27.3.5 When an Indoor team forfeits a match, two (2) premiership points for a win and thirty (30) goals (PlayHQ) shall be credited to the opposing team. There is no allowance for a mutual forfeit.

27.3.6 If one team notifies the Association at least 24 hours before the match is to be played, the opposing team is to be notified by the Court Coordinator and are not required to turn up on the day.

27.3.7 If no notice of forfeit is provided, the winning team must have at least five players present to be awarded the points.

27.3.8 If less than 24 hours' notice of a forfeit is given, the forfeiting team may be subject to a fine set by the Board.

27.3.9 Forfeiture fine \$50 will be payable before the next fixtured match unless there are extenuating circumstances approved by the Board.

27.3.10 In the event of a team forfeiting two consecutive matches OR three matches over the season, the team shall show cause to the Association for such forfeiture.

27.3.11 Any team who forfeits a finals match will be eliminated from the final series.

27.4 Abandonment

27.4.1 Once a match has commenced it must be played to a conclusion.

27.4.2 Alternatively, one team may elect to forfeit the match during the game.

27.4.3 If this occurs the non-forfeiting team shall be awarded two (2) points and the applicable percentage according to the score line or 20-0 goals, whichever is greater.

27.5 Postponed Matches

27.5.1 Team/s intending to postpone a game should direct a written request to the BNA Board Secretary giving a minimum 48-hour notification prior to fixtured game.

27.5.2 If the time and date specified by the Board for the playing of the postponed match is not suitable, the team applying for the change may be required to forfeit the match.

27.5.3 Should a match be played, the teams concerned shall each provide a BNA registered and competent umpire if required.

27.5.4 Teams asked to postpone matches must make every effort to accommodate requests for postponement, providing the request is not frivolous as determined by the Board. However, the non-requesting team should not be expected to agree to a time that significantly disadvantages their team.

27.5.5 Teams may appeal to the Board if the teams are unable to agree on a suitable date for postponement.

27.5.6 If the Board determines that one team is being deliberately uncooperative, they shall have the authority to set the date, time, and place that the match shall be played.

27.5.7 Should the team that requested the postponement originally not be able to play on the date set by the Board, that team will be deemed as having forfeited the match and the forfeit rule applies.

27.5.8 If either team fails to attend the rescheduled match, then it will be declared a forfeit by the team failing to attend, and a relevant forfeit penalty will apply.

27.6 Lightning – During Competition, Trials, or Training

27.6.1 Whenever there is lightning in the vicinity of the BNA complex or any activity under the control of BNA, the Netball WA 30/30 rule relating to lightning shall be applied by those in charge of the activity.

27.6.2 If the time difference between a lightning strike and the associated thunder from that lightning strike is 30 seconds or less, all persons associated with the activity (players, officials, umpires, spectators) shall immediately leave the court area.

27.6.3 The activity that has been suspended shall not be restarted until there has been at least 30 minutes elapsed since there has been any evidence of a lightning strike.

27.6.4 It is strongly recommended that all teams training at BNA adopt this policy as part of their own Club policy.

27.7 Power Failure

27.7.1 In the event of power failure or a power strike during the competition and matches need to be cancelled the following applies:

27.7.2 If the game is abandoned prior to the commencement of the third quarter the game is a draw.

27.7.3 If the game is abandoned after the commencement of the third quarter the current score stands.

27.8 Unforeseen Circumstances

27.8.1 If for unforeseen circumstances a match needs to be cancelled the following applies:

27.8.2 If the game is abandoned prior to the commencement of the third quarter the game is a draw.

27.8.3 If the game is abandoned after the commencement of the third quarter the current score stands.

28. Officials for Match Games

28.1 The officials of the game shall be umpires, scorer, and timer.

28.2 Only the official Association scorecard (see 5.3) shall be used and recognised at each match.

28.3 Scorer and Timer

28.3.1 The first named team on the scorecard shall provide the official scorer, and the second named team shall provide the official timer for the duration of the match.

28.3.2 The scorer and timer must stand/remain together for the duration of the match in the designated area, and they shall both be responsible for the score and the time.

28.3.3 The timer is required to follow the umpire during the final 10 seconds of each quarter; teams are advised to supply someone else to check the score with the scorer if required.

28.3.4 The scorer and/or timer may not be changed during the game except in the event of illness or injury. In matters of necessity (i.e. need for a bathroom break) the scorer or timer should utilise the breaks and the person asked to stand with the scorer during the last 10 seconds of the quarter should remain at the officials' location until they return.

28.3.5 In the event of an indoor team failing to supply a scorer or timer and the opposition team is unwilling to provide a timer or scorer then that team must find a timer or scorer in a timely manner or a player from that team will be required to time or score.

28.3.6 The nominated player undertaking scorer or timekeeping duty must do so for the entire course of the game and is not permitted to take court as a player for the duration of the match.

28.4 Umpires - NetSetGO – Set Program Umpiring / Game Facilitation

28.4.1 The NetSetGo – Set program will be conducted in accordance with the Woolworths NetSetGo Handbook and associated guidelines.

28.4.2 As Set is a development-based program and not a formal competition, Association-appointed umpires are not allocated to Set games.

28.4.3 Each team is required to provide a responsible adult (coach, parent, or guardian) to facilitate match play.

28.4.4 The role of the facilitator is to guide players, apply basic rules, ensure safety, and support skill development in a positive and encouraging manner.

28.4.5 The focus of Set is participation, learning and enjoyment. Game facilitation should reflect the developmental nature of the program.

28.5 Umpires - NetSetGo – Go Program Umpiring / Game Facilitation

28.5.1 The NetSetGO – Go program will be conducted in accordance with the Woolworths NetSetGO Handbook and associated guidelines.

28.5.2 Umpires are allocated for all Association Go games.

28.5.3 No interchange of umpires is permitted during a game except in the case of injury or illness, or at the discretion of the Umpire Coordinator.

28.5.4 Go games will be umpired by one (1) umpire, who is permitted to encourage and coach players.

28.5.5 Division 1 Go teams will move to full rules in round 8 until where two (2) umpires will be allocated.

28.6 Umpire – Junior Competition and Monday Night Indoor Competition

28.6.1 Umpires are allocated for all Association Junior Competition and Monday Night Indoor Competition.

28.6.2 Umpires abide by the Rules of Netball.

28.6.3 No interchange of umpires is permitted during a game except in the case of injury or illness, or at the discretion of the Umpire Coordinator.

28.7 Umpire Expectations

28.7.1 All umpires are required to maintain their Netball Learning minimums.

28.7.2 All umpires are expected to:

- (a) Maintain a high standard of personal behaviour at all times.
- (b) Be a positive role model through behaviour and personal appearance.
- (c) Project a favourable image of netball and umpiring at all times.
- (d) Be courteous, respectful and open to discussion and interaction.
- (e) Maintain or improve performance level and seek continual improvement.
- (f) Choose the Umpire vote of the match with a 3, 2, 1 vote for best player (3 votes best player).
- (g) Sign and hand in scorecards from fixture matches they are umpiring on completion of the match to the BNA Court Coordinator.
- (h) Be receptive to umpire coaching, mentoring and feedback to support ongoing development.

28.8 Umpire Uniform

28.8.1 Green Shirt Umpires will be required to wear the Green Shirt and BNA skort or leggings uniform while completing the program.

28.8.2 National Accredited Badged umpires are required to wear an approved Busselton Netball Association Umpire white shirt and BNA skort or leggings uniform.

28.8.3 Umpires who are not in the Green Shirt Program or do not hold a current National Accreditation must wear an association issued Umpire Shirt (Blue Shirt)

28.8.4 Umpire Coaches are required to wear an approved Umpire uniform.

28.8.5 All Umpires are required to wear the Busselton Netball Association approved uniform – BNA skort or leggings as well as appropriate footwear.

28.8.6 All protective rain jackets must be white or clear.

28.8.7 All jumpers must be white or an approved Busselton Netball Association Umpire jumper.

28.8.8 Loan umpire shirts will be provided to a fill in umpire.

29. Injuries

29.1 Injury

29.1.1 For most injury scenarios, the standard time out injury rules apply (see 5a).

29.1.2 In the event of a major injury the first responder and/or ambulance officer may direct that a player may not be moved.

29.1.3 In this scenario, BNA representatives will provide an alternative court or advise teams of an alternative.

29.1.4 In all instances of concern for a serious injury, BNA office/Court Coordinator should be immediately advised.

29.2 Injury During a Match

29.2.1 Time shall be held for injury in accordance with the Rules of Netball.

29.2.2 The injured player may leave the court and receive treatment.

29.2.3 The player may return to the court in a position permitted under the Rules of Netball.

29.3 Blood Policy

29.3.1 Any player who is bleeding must leave the court immediately.

29.3.2 The court and ball must be cleaned and made safe before play resumes.

29.3.3 The player may return to the court once the bleeding has stopped and the wound is securely covered.

29.4 Insurance

29.4.1 All registered players are covered under the Netball Australia insurance policy.

29.4.2 Any injury requiring an insurance claim must be reported in accordance with Netball Australia procedures.

29.4.3 Claim forms and information are available through the Association or Netball WA website.

30. Chewing Gum / Food

30.1 For safety reasons the chewing of gum or consumption of food is not permitted whilst playing or umpiring netball.

31. Uniforms

31.1 From Round 1 of Season 2026, all players must wear a BNA approved Club uniform. Any variation to the approved uniform must be approved in writing by the Association prior to taking the court.

31.2 Any player presenting to take the court not in an approved Club uniform will, in the first instance, be directed by the umpire to remove the unapproved item. If the player fails to comply, the matter will be referred to the Court Coordinator or BNA Official, and the player will not be permitted to take the court.

31.3 Appropriate sports underwear must be worn at all times and must not be visible beyond the approved uniform.

31.4 Requests for variation will only be considered in exceptional circumstances and must be submitted in writing to the Association prior to the match.

32. Jewellery

32.1 BNA enforces the Rules of Netball Item 5.1.1 (iv)

32.2 Players may not wear anything that could endanger themselves or other players, specifically:

32.3 No adornment or jewellery may be worn other than a wedding ring which must be covered with tape.

32.4 A medical alert bracelet may be worn provided it is covered with tape.

32.5 Fingernails must be short and smooth.

32.6 Hair must be suitably tied back.

32.7 A medical exemption may be applied for in writing to the Board with a current medical certificate for a piercing related to a medical condition.

33. Glasses

33.1 Players are permitted to wear prescription glasses only.

33.2 Glasses are to be secured tightly to the head by an appropriate headband.

33.3 No sunglasses are to be worn by players unless a current medical certificate is supplied to the Court Coordinator prior to the first game played or umpired.

34. Nails

34.1 The taping of nails is not permitted.

34.2 Approval to wear gloves for medical reasons must be sought from the Court Coordinator in writing. Nails must still be cut short and smooth under the gloves.

35. Pregnancy

35.1 The Board encourages pregnant women to obtain medical advice about the risks involved in participating in netball whilst pregnant. Please refer to the Netball Australia policy.

36. Alcohol and other drugs

36.1 No alcohol or illicit drugs are permitted at any event sanctioned by BNA Inc, except for when an occasional Liquor License has been obtained for alcohol consumption.

36.2 Any person suspected of being visibly under the influence of an intoxicating substance may be refused permission to participate in the game for the safety of themselves and others.

37. Smoking and Vaping

37.1 Smoking or vaping is not permitted within the grounds of any netball sanctioned match, carnival or event or training.

38. Conduct

38.1 The Code of Conduct applies to all officials, players and non-players who enter any BNA competition, program, or event.

38.2 Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this Competition Operating Procedure, the Board may deal with, at any time during the season as it may see fit, any Club player, official, non-player, parent, coach found guilty of contravening any of the rules of the Association.

38.3 The Board reserves the right to refuse to accept complaints that are frivolous, vexatious, or otherwise deemed to be mischievous in their nature.

39. Role of Captain

39.1 Refer to the Rules of Netball Item 5 (match personnel).

39.2 Role of captain:

39.2.1 Before the match starts, the two captains toss for choice of goal end or first centre pass and notify the scorers and the umpires of the result.

39.2.2 The umpires may request the captain to speak to any on-court player/s whose behaviour is causing concern. BNA will request coaches be included in the conversation.

39.2.3 In the event that the captain is not on the court, an on-court captain will be advised to the umpires.

40. Spectators / non-members

40.1 Any incident relating to spectators who are not a member of BNA will be referred to the Club that they are deemed to be associated with.

40.2 Parents and Carers are responsible for the supervision and safety of their children. This includes ensuring children remain in the spectator area during play.

40.3 Dogs must be under control and on a leash during sporting events, including training as per the City of Busselton rules for Lou Weston Oval.

40.4 Scooters, skateboards, roller skates, and bikes are not permitted to be ridden during the competition.

41. Match Protocol

41.1 Teams must be ready to take the court prior to the scheduled commencement time.

41.2 The first named team on the fixture shall occupy the bench area to the left of the officials' table when facing the court.

41.3 Only registered team officials (Coach, Manager, Injury Responder, Scorer and Timer) are permitted within the designated team and officials' areas during a match.

41.4 Players must be correctly attired and listed on the official scorecard prior to the commencement of play.

41.5 The umpires' authority commences from the time they enter the court area and continues until they leave the court area at the conclusion of the match.

41.6 All participants are expected to conduct themselves in accordance with the Rules of Netball and the Association's Code of Conduct before, during and after each match.

42. Member Protection

42.1 Busselton Netball Association is committed to providing a safe, inclusive, and respectful environment for all members, participants, volunteers, and spectators.

42.2 All members are required to comply with the Netball Australia Member Protection Policy and the Busselton Netball Association Code of Conduct.

42.3 Any breach of Member Protection requirements may be dealt with by the Board in accordance with Association policies and procedures.

42.4 The Board reserves the right to take appropriate disciplinary action where behaviour is deemed to compromise the safety, wellbeing, or reputation of the Association.

43. Working With Children Check (WWCC)

43.1 All persons engaged in child-related work within the Association must hold a current Working with Children Check in accordance with Western Australian legislation.

43.2 It is the responsibility of Clubs to ensure that all coaches, managers, officials, and volunteers required to hold a WWCC have provided evidence of a valid clearance prior to commencing duties.

43.3 The Association reserves the right to request proof of a valid WWCC at any time.

43.4 Any person without a valid WWCC where required may be stood down from their role until compliance is confirmed.

44. Photography and Social Media

44.1 Saturday Competition

Photography and video recording at Saturday Association events must be respectful, appropriate and in accordance with participant consent.

44.2 Images must not be taken, published, or distributed in a manner that compromises the safety, wellbeing, or privacy of any participant.

44.3 The Association may use photographs and video footage for promotional, marketing and communication purposes in accordance with registration consent.

44.4 Where a participant has not provided consent for photography or video recording, a red cone will be positioned courtside as a visual indicator that photography and filming are not permitted for that match.

44.5 Where a red cone is displayed, spectators and participants must not take photographs or record video of the match.

44.6 Any concerns regarding photography, filming or social media content during a Saturday match must be raised immediately with the Court Coordinator.

44.7 The Court Coordinator, BNA Official or Board Member has authority to intervene and direct the immediate cessation of photography or filming where a red cone is displayed or where content is deemed inappropriate or in breach of this policy.

44.8 Failure to comply may result in removal from the venue.

44.9 Monday Competition

Photography and video recording are not permitted at Monday night competitions in accordance with GLC venue requirements. Spectators and participants must not take photographs or record video at any time during Monday competition matches.

44.10 The Board reserves the right to request removal of any image, footage or social media content deemed inappropriate, inconsistent with Association values, or in breach of consent or venue requirements.

Appendix A – Complaint Process – Game Day

If you have any concerns during a game that require assistance, please attend the Match Office. The Court Coordinator will arrange for a BNA representative to attend if required. Do not wait until the end of the game to raise the issue, as matters can only be addressed at the time of the incident. Umpires make decisions based on their interpretation of the rules, which may differ from your own.

GAME DAY ISSUE? – ACT

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STEP 1 > NOTICE THE ISSUE

STEP 2 > CONTACT COURT COORDINATOR

STEP 3 > BNA REPRESENTATIVE ATTENDS IF REQUIRED

Issues can be addressed on the day
ONLY if raised at the time of the incident.

If you didn't raise it during the game,
we cannot assist you after the game.

Still Unresolved?
Follow your Club Complaint Process
All formal complaints must go through your Club.

Complaint Process – Formal

Formal complaints must be lodged through the complainant's Club in accordance with the Club's complaint procedure. The Busselton Netball Association will only accept complaints submitted by a Club Committee Member using the Busselton Netball Association – Confidential Record of Complaint: <https://forms.gle/qVgo726qkFmoGM3E6>.

Step by Step
Complaint Process –
Formal Pathway

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Step 1 Raise the issue during the game through the Court Coordinator.

Step 2 If unresolved, submit a complaint to your Club within 48 hours in accordance with the Club's Complaint Policy and Procedures.

Step 3 The Club reviews the complaint and attempts to resolve the matter.

Step 4 If required, the Club escalates the complaint to BNA within 96 hours.

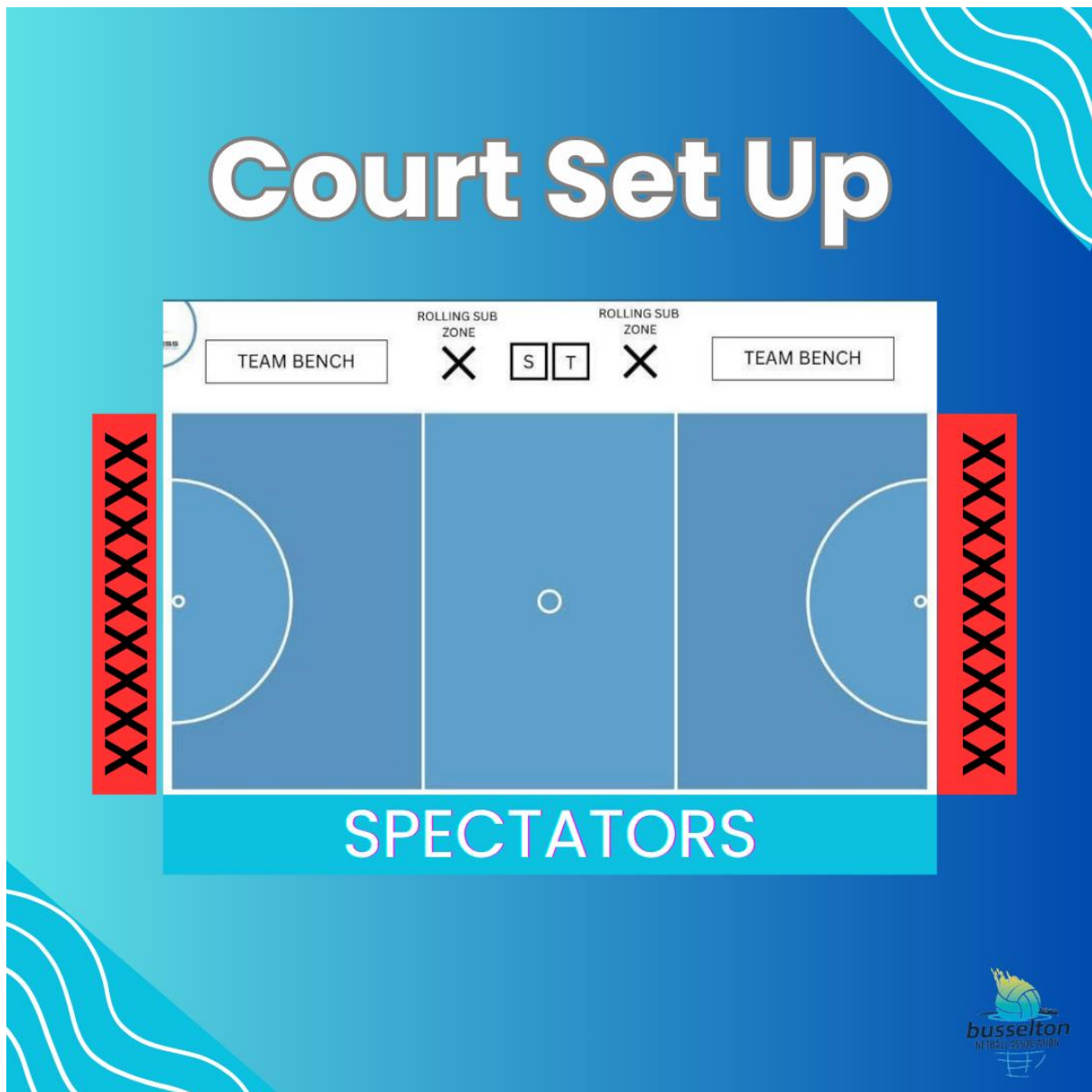
Step 5 The BNA Board reviews the complaint and determines next steps, including referral to the Complaints and Disputes Committee if required.

Key Principles:

- All complaints must be submitted through your Club (unless relating to your Club Committee).
- Game day matters must be raised at the time of the match.
- Complaints are managed confidentially in accordance with BNA policies.

Serious incidents or breaches may require escalation outside of this process.

Appendix B – Court Set Up – Lou Weston Hard Courts



Appendix C - Disciplinary Schedule

Timeframes are a guide only and represent maximum recommended penalties. The Dispute Committee may adjust sanctions based on severity, intent, prior behaviour, mitigating circumstances and the circumstances of the incident.

Category	Description	Low	Medium	High	Extreme
Verbal Misconduct	Inappropriate, derogatory, or disrespectful comments not directed aggressively at an individual.	Reprimand	Up to 1 week	Up to 2 weeks	Up to 3 weeks
Verbal Misconduct	Directed abusive or offensive language, including swearing or obscene remarks.	1–2 weeks	3–4 weeks	5–6 weeks	7–8 weeks
Verbal Misconduct	Severe, aggressive, or sustained verbal abuse, including discriminatory or racial vilification.	4 weeks	6 weeks	8–10 weeks	12+ weeks
Unsporting Conduct	Minor dissent, questioning decisions or low-level provocation.	Reprimand	Up to 1 week	Up to 2 weeks	Up to 3 weeks
Unsporting Conduct	Offensive gestures, deliberate provocation, baiting or minor inappropriate physical actions.	1–2 weeks	3–4 weeks	5–6 weeks	7–8 weeks
Unsporting Conduct	Ongoing or escalated unsporting behaviour disrupting the game or environment.	3 weeks	5 weeks	7 weeks	9+ weeks

Category	Description	Low	Medium	High	Extreme
Intimidation / Threatening Behaviour	Verbal or physical behaviour intended to intimidate or threaten a player, umpire, official, or spectator.	2 weeks	4 weeks	6–8 weeks	10–12+ weeks
Undue Rough Play / Dangerous Play	Unnecessary physical contact or reckless play not resulting in injury.	2 weeks	4 weeks	6–8 weeks	10 weeks
Undue Rough Play / Dangerous Play	Deliberate or dangerous physical actions (e.g. tripping, elbowing, barging, or tunnelling).	4 weeks	8 weeks	12–16 weeks	20+ weeks
Striking / Attempted Striking	Striking or attempted striking (e.g. pushing, slapping, kicking).	8 weeks	12 weeks	16–20 weeks	24+ weeks
Striking / Attempted Striking	Malicious or repeated striking with intent to injure.	1 year	2 years	3+ years	Life ban
Misconduct Towards Officials	Failure to follow a reasonable direction from an umpire or official.	Reprimand	Up to 1 week	2–3 weeks	4–6 weeks
Misconduct Towards Officials	Repeated or deliberate refusal to comply, or undermining authority of officials.	2 weeks	4 weeks	6–8 weeks	10+ weeks
Bringing Game into Disrepute	Behaviour that negatively impacts the reputation of the Association or the sport.	2 weeks	4 weeks	6–8 weeks	10+ weeks

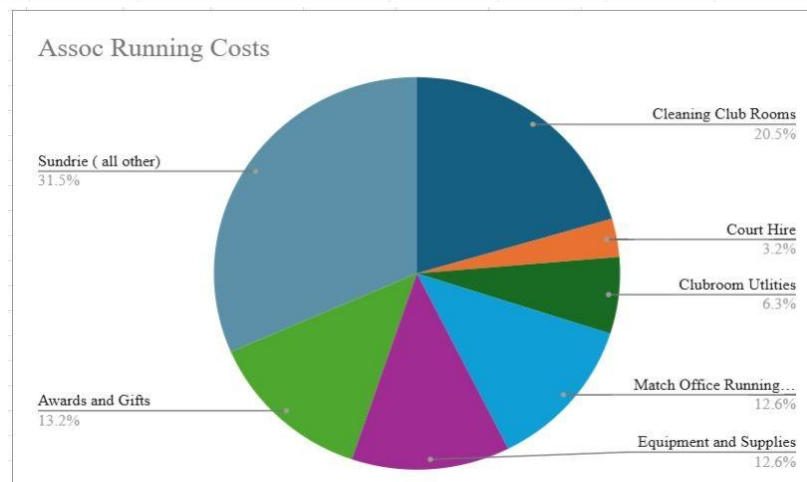
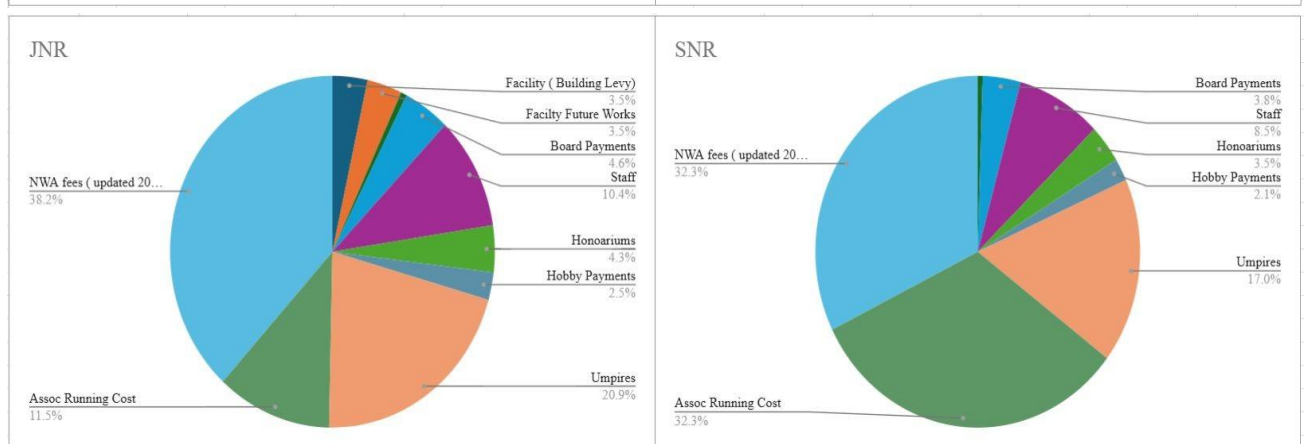
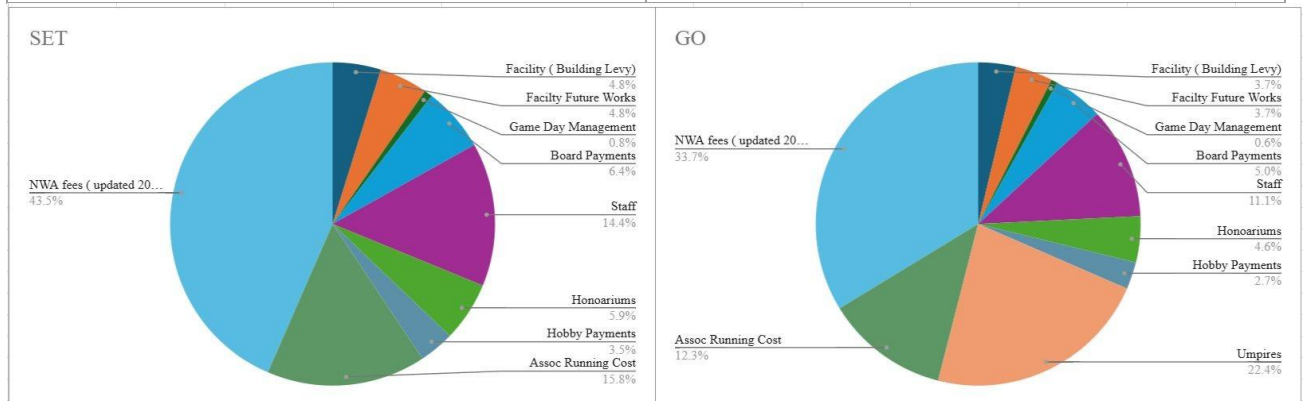
Category	Description	Low	Medium	High	Extreme
Bringing Game into Disrepute	Serious or repeated actions bringing the game into disrepute.	8 weeks	12 weeks	1–2 years	Life ban
Social Media Misconduct	Inappropriate comments or posts relating to games, participants, or officials.	Reprimand	Up to 1 week	2–3 weeks	4–6 weeks
Social Media Misconduct	Public criticism, harassment or targeting of players, umpires, or officials.	2 weeks	4 weeks	6–8 weeks	10+ weeks
Social Media Misconduct	Serious abuse, defamatory content, or ongoing online harassment.	6 weeks	10 weeks	12+ weeks	1+ year
Spectator / Parent Misconduct	Inappropriate sideline behaviour or minor disruption.	Warning / Reprimand	Up to 1 week	2–3 weeks	4–6 weeks
Spectator / Parent Misconduct	Abuse towards players, umpires or officials, or entering restricted areas.	2 weeks	4 weeks	6–8 weeks	10+ weeks
Spectator / Parent Misconduct	Ongoing or serious misconduct impacting safety or environment.	6 weeks	10 weeks	12+ weeks	1+ year / venue ban
Serious Misconduct	Physical threats or intimidation involving intent to harm.	12 weeks	16 weeks	24 weeks	Life ban
Serious Misconduct	Physical assault of any player, umpire, official, or spectator.	1 year	2 years	3+ years	Life ban

Category	Description	Low	Medium	High	Extreme
Serious Misconduct	Harassment, grooming, or inappropriate conduct involving minors (including requesting images or videos).	Immediate suspension pending investigation	1 year	3+ years	Life ban
Serious Misconduct	Unauthorised or inappropriate photography or video of participants (particularly minors) without consent.	8 weeks	12 weeks	1 year	Life ban
Serious Misconduct	Alcohol consumption, intoxication, or bringing alcohol onto courts where prohibited.	Reprimand	2 weeks	4–6 weeks	8+ weeks
Serious Misconduct	Drug use or possession at the venue.	Immediate suspension	12 months	2+ years	Life ban
Serious Misconduct	Spectator entering court or control areas in an aggressive or unsafe manner.	4 weeks	8 weeks	12+ weeks	Life ban
Serious Misconduct	Abuse or harassment of umpires (including repeated or targeted behaviour).	6 weeks	10 weeks	12+ weeks	1+ year
Serious Misconduct	Failure to comply with a suspension or disciplinary sanction.	4 weeks	8 weeks	12 weeks	1+ year
Serious Misconduct	False or malicious complaints or allegations.	Reprimand	2 weeks	4 weeks	6+ weeks

Category	Description	Low	Medium	High	Extreme
Serious Misconduct	Any conduct that places the safety or wellbeing of participants at risk.	8 weeks	12 weeks	1+ year	Life ban

Appendix D – Fee Breakdown

Category	2026 Fee
Set	\$210
Go	\$260
Junior (Saturday)	\$300
Junior (Monday)	\$326
20&U, Open, Mixed	\$330



Appendix E – Club Canteen Roster

Date	Round	Club
2nd May	Grading Day	GMAS
9th May	Round 1	Coasters
16th May	Round 2	Aces
23rd May	Round 3	GBD
30th May	Long Weekend	—
6th June	Round 4	Royals
13th June	Round 5	GMAS
20th June	—	SWPRC
27th June	Round 6	Coasters
4th July	School Holidays	—
11th July	School Holidays	—
18th July	Round 7	Aces
25th July	Round 8	GBD
1st August	Round 9	Royals
8th August	Round 10	GMAS
15th August	Round 11	Coasters
22nd August	Preliminary Final	Vasse / Aces
29th August	Semi Final	GBD / Royals
5th September	Grand Final	GMAS, Coasters, Aces, GBD, Royals, Vasse (TBC)

Appendix F - Links

Resource	Description	Link
Busselton Netball Association	Information, competitions, and documents	https://busseltonnetball.com.au
Netball Australia	National governing body, rules, policies, and resources	https://netball.com.au
Netball WA	State governing body, policies, pathways, and programs	https://wa.netball.com.au
Netball WA Policies	Member protection, safeguarding and complaints	https://wa.netball.com.au/policies-procedures
Official Rules of Netball	World Netball rules of the game	https://netball.sport/game/rules-of-netball
PlayHQ	Registrations, fixtures, results, and administration	https://www.playhq.com/netball
Woolworths NetSetGO	Junior program guidelines and resources	https://wa.netball.com.au/woolworths-netsetgo

Appendix G - Additional Links

Resource	Description	Link
Concussion in Sport (AIS)	National concussion guidelines and protocols	https://www.concussioninsport.gov.au
Netball Learning (Netball Australia)	Coaching, umpiring and education resources	https://learning.netball.com.au
Sport Integrity Australia	Safeguarding, complaints, and integrity in sport	https://www.sportintegrity.gov.au
Working With Children Check (WA)	Screening requirements for child-related roles	https://workingwithchildren.wa.gov.au



UNDER 18 + PAID ROLE = WWCC REQUIRED

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In Western Australia, a Working with Children Check is required by law when a person is doing child-related work and no exemption applies.

<p>UNDER 18s ARE EXEMPT ONLY IF:</p>  <p>They are volunteers <i>(unpaid)</i></p>	<p>IF UNDER 18 AND PAID:</p>  <p>WWCC REQUIRED <i>(no exemption applies)</i></p>	<p>UMPIRE ROLES ARE CHILD-RELATED WORK</p>  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Direct contact with players under 18 ✓ Regular, structured involvement ✓ Role of responsibility and authority 	<p>OUR UMPIRES:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Are paid <i>(match payments/vouchers/fees)</i> ✓ Work with juniors ✓ Umpire weekly during the season
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PAID + UNDER 18 + CHILD-RELATED WORK = WWCC REQUIRED
This is a legal requirement under the *Working with Children (Screening) Act 2004 (WA)*.

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