



Broome Netball Association (Inc.)

Competition Handbook

(Including Competition Rules and Policies)

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MISSION STATEMENT

**We are committed to fostering the growth and development of netball
in the Shire of Broome.**

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[World Netball, Rules of Netball Current Edition](#)

Broome Netball Association Inc – [Constitution](#) and Policies

[Netball WA Website and Policies](#)

[Netball Australia](#)

1 INTRODUCTION

Established in 1977, BNA is continuing to grow as a successful Broome sporting organisation.

Our aim is to provide opportunities for the local community to play netball and advance their skill level in a friendly, inclusive, social environment.

This Competition Handbook is to be read in conjunction with the Broome Netball Association (BNA) Constitution 2024 and World Netball, Rules of Netball current edition.

1.1 Objective

BNA forms part of the Netball WA (NWA) Competition Framework and Pathway.

The outcomes are to:

- Deliver a representative pathway competition.
- Ensure the continued development of all participants- athletes, coaches, umpires, and officials.
- Introduce new participants and divisions to the competition format; and
- Raise and enhance the profile of netball within the Shire of Broome.

1.2 Application and Scope

The BNA Competition Handbook establishes the rules and ways competitions will be administered by the Association. The World Netball, Rules of Netball current edition will apply to all BNA Competitions unless modified in this Handbook.

1.3 Order of Precedence

If there is any ambiguity, inconsistency, or conflict between the provisions of any documents comprising of BNA, then the documents take precedence in the order as set out below:

- Broome Netball Association– Constitution
- Broome Netball Association– Competition Handbook
- Broome Netball Association– Operating Policies and Procedures

2 DEFINITIONS AND ABBREVIATIONS

Name	Definition
ADO	Association Development Officer
Affiliated Club	Any group of teams or singular team which has met the requirements set out in the Constitution
Association	Broome Netball Association
AUDO	Association Umpire Development Officer
CFV	Casual Fill in Voucher, for a player already registered with Netball WA but not BNA
Clearance	Clearing of a member from one club to another after registration has occurred
Club/Clubs	Any Sports or Netball Club as outlined in the Constitution
Committee	As defined in the Broome Netball Association's Constitution
Tribunal Panel	A panel appointed by the BNA Committee, led by the President, to administer the Broome Netball Association Tribunal procedure.
Deregistering	The deregistration of a player(s) from a registration list

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Division	A graded zoned section within a competition comprising teams of a similar standard or birth age range.
Office Holders / Bearers	As per positions defined in the Constitution
Financial	Having no outstanding debts
Fixtures	List of scheduled matches between teams for a division of a competition
Gender Identity	Defined in the Sex Discrimination Act 1984 (Cth) (the Act) as the gender related identity, appearance or mannerisms or other gender related characteristics of a person (whether by way of medical intervention or not), with or without regard to the person's designated sex at birth.
Grading	The process used to allocate club teams into divisions.
BNA	Broome Netball Association and it's committee
BRAC	Broome Recreation and Aquatic Centre facility and it's Broome Shire Council Administration.
Match	A game played between two teams on a scheduled fixture date of the competition.
Match Day	The day of a Match.
Match Day Official	BNA Committee representative (including appointed ADO and AUDO) who is present on Match Day and may be able to assist with information pertaining to Matches being played and the Competition Rules, BNA Policy and Safety.
NetSetGo	Netball Australia's junior entry netball program.
Non-Binary	The umbrella term for gender that sit within, outside of, across or between the spectrum of the male and female binary.
NWA	Netball WA
NWC	North West Championship, Regional Championship of the North West held annually.
Player	A person who is a financial club member and who qualifies to play in a BNA competition or has a SGV or CVF to play in a BNA fixtured match.
Points	A scoring system applied for teams winning or drawing matches. The total points gained during a season shall determine a team's relative position on a fixture ladder.
Registered Person	A person who has completed the registration form in the format prescribed by BNA and paid the applicable fees for the current year and is a member with a BNA Club and Netball WA.
Round	All matches playing in a division on a particular day/week, defined by a number.
Season	Winter competition period generally Term 2 and 3 of the school calendar. (May to September).
SGV	Single Game Voucher, amount determined by BNA.
Transfer	The moving of a player's data and sometimes registration fee from one club to another within the online membership database system used by BNA.
WWCC	Working with Children Check

3 BNA SOCIALS & CONTACTS

Platform	Link
Facebook	@Broomenetball
Website	www.broomenetball.com.au
Instagram	Broome Netball Association

Enquiry	Contact
General	info@broomenetball.com.au
Membership	Club contacts, available at www.broomenetball.com.au
President	president@broomenetball.com.au
Development	Development@broomenetball.com.au

4 MEMBERSHIP

Membership of the Broome Netball Association may consist of:

- Affiliated Clubs – an affiliated club as defined in our constitution
- Individual – individuals that are members of an affiliated club and may be playing or non-playing members
- Community officials – include non-playing umpires and other officials as defined that are not a member of any affiliated club
- Life Members

Members, inclusive of all those listed above:

- Must complete any registration form(s) and other forms as requested by the date stipulated
- Pay affiliation [fees](#) as per Individual Membership and NetSetGo Fee structure
- Agree to abide by the Constitution and this Competition Handbook.
- Refer matters to their affiliated club for advice and decision as required following the grievance procedure set out in the BNA Grievance policy
- Participate in BNA competitions
- Request assistance with governance, coaching and umpiring matters
- May attend programs or workshops conducted by BNA
- Submit to the Committee, by a date stipulated, proposed alterations to BNA's [Constitution](#) or Competition Handbook.

4.1 Requirements and [Fees](#) ([link to team affiliation form](#))

Team Nomination

- Each club can only have a maximum of 2 teams per division (both senior and junior)
- As part of the nomination process, clubs shall nominate two contacts as representatives of the club, one of which is preferable the club president. These contacts are responsible to pass on all association correspondence, invoices, etc. to their members.
- BNA will not accept a club/team or player nomination/registration if they are not financial with BNA (this includes any fees owed from previous year). When all fees are paid in full and proof of payment has been emailed to info@broomenetball.com.au, team nomination will be considered.

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- Junior teams are not required to pay nomination fee.
- Teams not registered will not be permitted to take the court or will be penalised 1 point (See [penalties](#))
- Team nominations are non-refundable
- Senior Team Nomination [Fee](#):
- ***Teams may have no more than 12 registered players***
- It is each Clubs responsibility to ensure their members are familiar with the Competition Handbook and BNA Policies.
- It is Clubs responsibility to ensure their committee members are familiar with the [BNA Constitution](#) and [Policies](#), including but not limited to the [Junior Fair Play policy](#), [Grievance procedure](#), [WWCC Policy](#) / [Child Safeguarding](#) and [Concussion policies](#).

Uniforms

Team uniforms are to be the same for all registered players in a team. Positional patches or position bibs are supplied by the Club/Team and must be the same for all 7 court positions.

Appropriate shoes must be worn and should meet the safety needs of playing netball. BNA from time to time has second hand netball shoes available to use/have. Shoes must be worn throughout the entire game by both players and umpires. Team uniforms and appropriate shoes must be finalised by round 3 of the winter fixture.

It is up to Club/Team discretion and with agreement with BNA the colour, design and supply of team uniforms. [NWA Uniform](#), [National Facilities Policy](#) and [Inclusion Policy](#)

4.2 Player Registrations

Clubs/Teams and individuals shall pay necessary fees as and when stipulated by BNA. Participation will not be permitted in competition games until all owed monies are paid. Affiliation requests may be declined or revoked for those who have outstanding debts to other Clubs, BNA, other Associations, and/or Netball WA. It is imperative financial commitments are met in a timely manner to ensure smooth and uninterrupted participation in netball activities.

Clubs, Teams, Players, Coaches, Team Managers, Umpires, Officials and Volunteers must register with Player HQ.

BNA [fees](#) (please refer to linked pdf)

A players registration fees for the Winter competition are comprised of the following:

- Netball Australia Administration and Service Fees– set by Netball Australia
- Netball WA Member Fee– set by Netball WA
- BNA Fee–set by BNA
- Club/Team Fee– set by individual Clubs.

Additional Information:

*In relation to the Winter Competition, **after the 1st of July**, BNA portion of the fees will be reduced by 50% for any new registrations. New registrations are considered players who have not played any games prior to 1st July (this excludes any games they have played using Single Game Vouchers).*

Single Game Registration

In the event a player may plays a single game, they must complete a Single Game Voucher and pay fee prior to the commencement of the game(s). BNA supplies the QR code to register and information on how to pay.

Players names must appear on the score card with a notation 'SGV' next to their name.

The cost of a casual fee in any given season will be determined by the BNA Committee prior to the commencement of the competition.

Single Game Registration [Fee](#):

Players may only use a SGV 3 times before they are required to register to a club for the remainder of the season if they wish to play again during that competition (this includes finals). Consequent registration must be paid to clubs **prior** to taking the court for their 4th game of the season.

The previously paid SGV fees **will not** be credited towards the players' registration fee.

Casual Fill in Voucher

A player that is registered with another Western Australian Netball Association, not BNA must purchase a CFV to play a game in the BNA fixture.

4.3 Refunds

- Requests for refund of fees (de-registration) shall be made using the [Refund Request Form](#).
- The Netball WA closing date for refunding of fees (de-registration) of Individual Members participating in the Winter season competition is Round 1 of the [fixture](#) in Player HQ. After Round 1, additions to affiliation numbers are accepted but no de-registrations will be accepted.
- Registrations cannot be transferred.
- Players must contact their Clubs directly to discuss refund of Club fees.

4.4 Transfers

Transfers between clubs are allowed before June 30 of that year. Transfer requests can be made by contacting BNA by emailing info@broomenetball.com.au. It is at the club's discretion that financial reimbursement is made or denied and is not the responsibility of BNA. The BNA, Netball WA and Netball Australia fee component is non-refundable.

If a member ceases to play due to injury or illness early in the season, a one-off application may be made for a refund of fees to info@broomenetball.com.au. The committee will consider all applications and decide on the outcome at the next scheduled committee meeting and communicate and outcome to the applicant.

4.5 Gender Diverse Membership

BNA commits to the inclusion of gender diverse players in line with [Netball WA's Transgender and Gender Diversity Position Statement](#).

- Players aged 12 and under may participate and compete in their eligible age groups.
- Players over 12 years of age may participate and compete as their identified gender – their gender identity is to be consistent with their gender identity in all other aspects of everyday life.
- Non-binary players shall elect which team they consider more appropriate to join.

Affiliated Clubs/Teams are responsible for ensuring all players are graded and assigned to teams that have respect for an opponent's skill and safety to guarantee a fair and safe competition.

BNA acknowledges there may be times when it is considered participation based on affirmed gender identity alone is not possible. For example, where an individual's strength, stamina or physique directly affects their ability, and the ability of others, to effectively and fairly compete. In these circumstances BNA may seek advice regarding the 'competitive sporting activity' exemption in the Sex Discrimination Act 1984 and applicable State discrimination laws.

4.6 Life Membership

A Life Membership may be conferred on any person at an Annual General Meeting subject to the following:

- The nominator must be a current affiliated member or Life Member of BNA
- The criteria for selection as a Life Member is that the person shall have given outstanding and significant service to BNA as per the Life Membership criteria defined in the table below.

LIFE MEMBERSHIP CRITERIA	
Player	Umpire
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Represented BNA as a player at inter association competitions and programs. • Minimum of 20 years' service as a player with one or more BNA clubs. • Always models the acceptable standards of behaviour. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Umpired for BNA at inter association competitions and programs. • Minimum of 15 years' service as an Umpire to BNA or BNA Affiliate Club. • Demonstrated success in progressing in the umpire accreditation pathway. • Provided mentoring and leadership to other umpires at BNA • Always models the acceptable standards of umpire behaviour.
Coach	Administration
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Coached for Association teams for a minimum of 5 years. • Minimum 10 years' service with one or more BNA Affiliated Clubs. • Demonstrated success in progressing the coaching accreditation pathway. • Provided mentoring and leadership to other coaches. • Always models the acceptable standards of behaviour. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Committee member on the BNA Executive for a minimum 7 years: and/or • The nominee's contribution has benefited the growth, development, and betterment of the objects and standards of Broome Netball Association and its members.

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Application for Life Membership must be made in writing outlining the significant contribution made by the nominee to netball and how they have achieved Life Membership criteria. Nominations must be received by the Secretary 21 days prior to the next AGM.

Applications for Life Membership shall be reviewed against the criteria and formally voted on. The Nominator will be notified in writing of the outcome.

5 COMPETITION STRUCTURES

5.1 Winter Competition

BNA will hold a Winter Competition with dates and fixture approved by the BNA Committee.

Competition Structure and Age Divisions

DIVISIONS	AGE during competition calendar year
Open – Seniors	18 years & Over Female
Juniors – 17 & Under	Age 15 - 17 Female
Juniors – 14 & Under	Age 13 & 14 Female
Juniors – 12 & Under	Age 11 & 12 Male & Female
Juniors – 10 & Under (GO fixture)	Age 9 & 10 Male & Female

5.1.1 Junior Competition

Junior competitions (10U (GO) Fixture, 12U, 14U) will be played on Saturday mornings and is managed by the BNA Committee, the Match Day official and Junior Coordinator (if one has been appointed).

The 17U competition will be played on Tuesday evenings before senior games. All queries can be directed to info@broomenetball.com.au.

Junior netball age categories, including Net Set Go are determined by the calendar year. All junior players must play within their age division. A junior player may play up in a higher division but must play in their registered age division first. Players found to be in breach of this rule will be ruled as an ineligible player.

The aim of this rule is to strengthen each age division with all eligible players participating. This rule also puts the development and well being of our junior players above all.

Clubs are responsible for adhering to the [BNA Junior Fair Play policy](#). It is recommended that Clubs hold Coaches, Officials and Managers responsible and familiarise themselves with the application of this policy ensuring junior players participation and wellbeing is being considered and always prioritised.

Boys are permitted to participate in the BNA 10U (GO) Fixture and 12U division. In the 12U division only 2 boys are permitted to take the court at a time.

10U (GO) Fixture shall adhere to [modified rules](#) to allow for the differences in physical capabilities of young children. These changes make it far more practical for children to participate.

This fixture is not scored and does not have points allocations for wins, losses or draws. It is participation based, with development and enjoyment as its focus.

5.2 NetSetGo (Go is our 10U Fixture)

NetSetGo is Australia's leading grassroots netball program, designed for children aged 5-10 to experience the joy of netball in a fun, safe, and welcoming community. NetSetGo's aim is to develop confident, and active kids who will grow a lifelong love of team sport, all while building essential skills.

This program is conducted during the school calendar year and may have a maximum number of participants due to venue constraints. For more information about these programs, please contact BNA at info@broomenetball.com.au or keep an eye on our socials for upcoming programs and event dates.

Mercy Rule

This applies to 12/under, 14/under and 17/under grades.

- The Maximum winning margin rule is to be implemented immediately when a team reaches a 30 goal margin. At this point make note on the scoresheet and let the umpire know at the next interval.
- The scores at this point will be submitted to BNA as the FINAL Score, no further scores will be added to the official score sheet.
- Best & Fairest votes will continue over the entire match.
- Coaches to even out teams by mutual agreement for the remainder of the game if considered appropriate. It is not mandatory for an exchange of players. It is acceptable for coaches to decide to continue to play the game with their own players. The maximum winning margin will still be applied.
- Once the Mercy rule is implemented it must be written on the score sheet to indicate at what stage the mercy rule has been enforced.
- The aim of this rule is promoting enjoyment and increase participation in our junior netball competition for all.

5.3 Match Duration

Competition matches will be timed by the bench official.

Division	Timing of Matches
Senior, 17U & 14U	A match shall be played for a period of 60 minutes divided into (4) quarters, each of fifteen (15) minutes duration A three (3) minute interval shall be taken between the first and third quarters with five (5) minutes at half time.
12U	A match shall be played for a period of forty-eight (48) minutes divided into four (4) quarters, each of twelve (12) minutes duration. A two (2) minute interval shall be taken between the first and third quarters with three (3) minutes at half time.
10U GO	A match shall be played for a period of forty (40) minutes divided into four (4) quarters, each of 10 minutes. A two (2) minute interval shall be taken between the first and third quarters with three (3) minutes at half time.

A team shall be required to take the court when requested to do so by the Umpires at the start of the scheduled match and at intervals. Failure to do so shall be considered:

- Deliberately delaying play– refer to World Netball “Rules of Netball” (Rule 19- Foul Play.)
- In extreme circumstances a forfeit.

In the event of a serious injury where an athlete cannot be moved (i.e., unconscious, suspected spinal, etc) the BNA Match Official and BRAC is to be notified immediately and where possible the match will be moved to a different court or rescheduled.

6 MATCHBALLS

- Size 4 netballs are to be used for 10U GO
- Size 5 netballs are to be used for other competitions. Size 5 netballs should be between 690mm– 710mm in circumference and weigh between 400– 450 grams.
- BNA will provide match balls for the competition.
- Gilbert Netballs are recognised as the official game ball.
- BNA will provide new match balls for Finals

7 COMPETITION POINTS AND LADDERS

In the minor round matches for all divisions, points will be allocated accordingly:

- 2 points for a win.
- 1 point for a draw.
- 0 points for a loss.
- 0 points for a bye.
- 2 points for non-offending team forfeit.
- 0 points for the offending team forfeit.
- 1 point for an abandoned competition match, as confirmed by the BNA Match Official and written on the scorecard.

The competition ladder will be based on weekly results with teams ranked based on:

- Points gained.
- Percentage achieved (total goals scored divided by total goals scored against multiplied by 100 over one).
- Percentage will be calculated to the 4th decimal place to determine ranking.

The official scorecard is the only true record of the match and should be checked at the end of the game and signed by the captain of each team and both umpires to be true and correct.

Scorecards must remain in the match folder in the court box at the completion of the game. Fairest & Best votes will be recorded as follows 3, 2, 1, with 3 points being the best and fairest.

Only matches in the final series will continue to be played until a result is achieved.

In the event of teams gaining the same number of points at the end of the preliminary rounds, the respective placings shall be determined by ranking teams according to goal percentages

8 FIXTURE

Club are required to inform the BNA Committee of any fixture requests or changes 14 days prior to the match where possible.

- While requests will be taken into consideration and accommodated where feasible, it is important for Clubs to recognise it is not reasonable to assume every request can be fulfilled. Expectations should be managed accordingly.
- The Committee will make the final decision as to the scheduling of the fixtures and these shall be played as advised.
- The full fixtures for all divisions and age groups in the Competition shall be published on [PlayHQ](#).
- Fixtures will be appropriately adjusted at the discretion of BNA should the need arise. Clubs will be notified as soon as possible.

9 UMPIRES

BNA has an Association Umpire Development Team. This team is responsible for the education and development of umpires within the association as well as facilitating specific development squads for juniors and seniors to improve the level and number of BNA umpires. Some sessions will require compulsory attendance for team representatives to ensure the information is shared amongst all teams and members accurately. [Penalties for non-attendance apply, including loss of ladder points or as determined by the Committee. See rule 12.1.](#)

The roles and responsibilities of Umpires on match day are outlined in the [World Netball Rules of Netball current Edition](#). These shall apply to all BNA matches in conjunction with this Competition Handbook and as required by BNA.

9.1 Junior Competition Umpires

The BNA Committee/AUDO will be responsible for allocating umpires for all junior games, providing opportunities for the development of junior and senior umpires. Opportunities for umpires to be supported and mentored by senior umpires will be open for all umpires. The umpiring of Junior matches during the Winter competition forms part of our Umpire Development Program and should be treated as an environment for learning and the fostering of Umpire enjoyment. For further information, refer to [NWA website](#).

BNA supplies Umpires for our Junior Competition. Payments to umpires are decided annually and are at the discretion of the committee. Umpire payments acknowledge umpires experience and badge level.

9.2 Senior Competition Umpires

Club and Teams are responsible for supplying an umpire for their own senior matches. BNA will work with Clubs/Teams to contact and secure umpires ready for the commencement of the competition. There is no BNA Senior Umpire roster. Clubs must ensure that an umpire is at the courts for their team 15 minutes prior to the scheduled start time and that their team Umpire has the required ability to fulfill the Responsibilities of an Umpire and adhere to the [Official Code of Conduct](#). It is an expectation that clubs develop umpires for senior teams.

BNA supplies an Umpire Development Program so clubs can upskill sufficient umpires for their teams' requirements. Contact info@broomenetball.com.au Attn: AUDO for more information and to sign up for our Umpire Development Program.

9.3 Umpire Fee Structure

All Umpires participating in a BNA competition must be registered as an official with their Club in PlayHQ or with BNA where the Umpire does not have an association with a Club. BNA strongly encourages Teams/Clubs to make umpire payments in line with [BNA Umpire payment guidelines and recommendations](#), which acknowledges umpires experience and badge level. Paying higher than recommended rates for less experienced umpires reduces incentive to further develop individual umpiring skills.

BNA, at the discretion of the AUDO, can supply a Mentor suitable for the assistance in mentoring and developing upcoming Umpires. The AUDO is responsible for approving those capable of taking on Mentor responsibilities.

9.4 Responsibilities of an Umpire

- Rostered umpires should arrive at least 15 minutes before the allocated match where possible.
- The match ball, scorecard, rolling sub marker, timer and other are supplied in the black court box.
- Off court, the umpires shall inspect players for jewellery, adornments, the correct length of fingernails and uniforms. No taped fingernails or jewellery is permitted on any player.
- Umpires are to officiate the game and umpire according to the rules of netball and the Officials Code of Conduct.
- Umpires are to liaise with the scorer and timekeeper (if not on central timing) at the beginning and end of each playing time.
- At the completion of the game, umpires must ensure that the scorecard is completed correctly. This includes players positions each period, captains' signatures to verify the scorecard correctness, and their Fairest & Best votes. The score card is then to be returned in the folder (closed) to the match box.

All umpires officiating during BNA and NWA facilitated competitions must be registered to one of BNA's affiliated clubs or to BNA directly. For non-playing umpires this registration is FREE. Please contact your club or info@broomenetball.com.au to register prior to umpiring.

9.5 Umpires and Finals

The BNA Association Umpire Development Officer alongside the Committee will allocate Umpires for all finals games. Umpires are allocated to finals games based on umpire performance and consideration of the teams playing. Badged Umpires will be given preference over non-badged Umpires. When necessary, badged umpires from other North West Associations may be invited to umpire to ensure fairness if appropriate BNA Umpires are not available.

10 SCORERS AND TIMERS

- The first named team in the fixture shall provide the Official Scorer and if on the final match of the day return the black match box to the BNA shed.
- The second named team shall supply the Official Timekeeper.
- Both officials shall remain together and be seated at the official score bench located in between the courts and check scores and time keeping with each other for the duration the game.

- The match will not commence or go ahead as scheduled until each team supplies their duty official. Clubs should support their teams to ensure they have dedicated support people to score and time at their matches.

11 SCORECARDS

Where hard copy scorecards are used:

- Scorecards can be collected from the match box at each court.
- Scorecard folders include rolling substitution cards
- Scorecards will be printed with all the game information including the first & surnames of the players registered to play in that team. Teams must confirm and rectify any errors or omissions.
- A maximum of 12 players may be nominated on the scorecard (players not taking part in the match must be crossed out).
- If more than 12 people are nominated on the scorecard the 13th player onward will be ineligible players.
- **Teams should check players are accurately listed prior to the game commencing. Player names can not be added to a score card once the game has commenced.**
- **Failure to follow above will result in the player being identified as ineligible player and a [forfeiture](#) will be awarded**
- Any player not printed may have their name manually added to the scorecard with reason for manual entry clearly noted, ie. Single Game Voucher (SGV), Casual Fill in Voucher (CFV), Playing Up (P/U and division playing up from), New Registration (NR) next to their name. NOTE: Adding NR against a Player's name does not replace the requirement for the club to allocate this player to a team in PlayHQ.
- Each team is responsible for completing the scorecard details in full for their team, including player positions for each quarter. To have played a competition match, the player must be recorded on the scoresheet for that match as having taken the court (position recorded next to their name for a minimum of one quarter) Rolling substitutions must be recorded on the card provided.
- Scorers and Umpires are required to track player warnings, suspensions and send offs during the game by recording this information on the back of the scorecard.
- Scorers are also required to record any injury sustained which caused a player to leave the court. A brief description is required (eg. Player X injured left ankle during 1st quarter).
- No protests will be entered into regarding scoring. It is the responsibility of the two Clubs to ensure their Scorer and Timer sit together at the official bench in the centre sideline of the court, checking each other to ensure the game result is accurately recorded.
- Scorecards must be signed by both Captains and Umpires as correct and true.
- Querying the published result of a match must be done by email to info@broomenetball.com.au before the following round.

Correct filling out of score cards is essential to avoid team forfeits. Please check they are filled out correctly before, during and after each match.

12 COACHES and TEAM MANAGERS

Clubs shall ensure all Coaches and Team Managers adhere to the following:

- Current registered members of BNA– registered as a non-playing member regardless of whether they also hold a player registration.
- Responsible for ensuring their team(s) comply with all rules and procedures.
- Where relevant, coaches and team managers must have a current Working with Children Check (WWCC) unless an exemption applies– verification is required to be provided to their clubs and BNA upon request.
- Coaches are encouraged to gain accreditation to ensure the proper coaching of netball skills especially at grass roots level. BNA subsidises coach accreditation fees.
- Ensuring all players are in correct uniform.
- Ensuring any fill-in players have paid their Single Game Voucher or Casual Fill in Voucher prior to taking the court. (Record SGV or CFV next to their name on the official scorecard)
- Ensuring that all players are financial and are a registered member of BNA.
Any player that takes the court that isn't financial or registered is deemed an ineligible player
- Ensuring all players taking the court are recorded on the scorecard.
- Noting that Playhq pre-fills scorecards electronically, however this has proven inconsistent and should not be relied on for correctness. Teams are responsible for ensuring player names are recorded correctly for that match.

[penalties](#)

Correct filling out of score cards is essential to avoid team forfeits. Please check they are filled out correctly before, during and after each match.

12.1 Coaching and Umpiring sessions

BNA provide opportunities for skill development in the areas of Coaching and Umpiring through our NSG, Go (10U) Fixture and Junior Development Program including our Junior Development Camp held before the commencement of the season each year. Opportunities for Coaches and Umpires to advance through the NWA pathway are available through the Junior Development Program.

Information about these programs is available on our socials and occasionally uploaded to our website. If you have any questions, please contact info@broomenetball.com.au Att: ADO, AUDO.

12.2 Junior Coaches and Captains Meetings

Prior to the start of the competition, the BNA committee will hold meetings to provide key information to all team representatives. Senior teams are required to provide a representative (captain) when requested to attend. Junior teams are required to have a Coach, or if their Coach is unavailable, a team manager/representative when requested to attend. These meetings may include information on rule updates and changes, policies and their requirements, or any other pertinent information that BNA are required to inform teams of.

When required, all teams must be represented, and Club Representatives must also attend to listen and disseminate to their members important updates/information about the commencement of the fixture.

This is a BNA requirement for governance and compliance, and therefore a loss of Premiership points for non-attendance will apply for each team not represented. [Penalties](#)

13 PLAYER DIVISION RULES

- No registered player shall play in a team in a lower grade of the grade for which the player is registered. An application for permission for an incorrectly graded player to “Pass Down” to a lower team shall be lodged in writing to the BNA Committee in sufficient time for the Committee to witness the requested player play and then consider the application, prior to commencement of the teams’ next match. Match day officials as representatives of the BNA committee are present and can attend.

If clubs have an opportunity to play a player from their own club, they must do so before asking a player from a different club.

- Clubs may play senior players up divisions for a combined maximum of 3 games. At the commencement of the 4th game, that player becomes a permanent player in the division higher and may not play down for the remainder of the competition.

Any games the player may have played for the higher team under a “SGV or CFV” before becoming registered with the relevant club will be counted.

- A club which may be short of players for the finals, may bring up a fully registered player from a team in a lower grade of the same club if they have played for the club three times during the season. Single games played on SGV’s and CFV’s are seen to be qualifying matches.

A players record of participation in any match is recorded on the official scorecard. This record will be used by BNA administrators to comply to this rule. If a breach of this rule has occurred Clubs will be notified, and [penalties](#) may apply

Clubs will make their members/teams aware of these rules and support their teams to manage player movements accordingly.

13.1 Play Up Rule (17U Division only)

- The play up rule enables junior players playing in the 17U Division to play up in higher divisions for both their personal development and to support senior club teams. The number of times a 17U player may do this is not specified.
- Junior players playing in any capacity must play in their age division defined by their year of birth throughout the season to be eligible to play in higher divisions also.
- Junior players aged 14U that show exceptional talent and/or physical competency may apply in writing to the BNA Association Development Officer to request to be identified as such prior to requesting to ‘play up’. This request must have the written support of the players parent/guardian. Screening of junior players and their skill and physical competencies aligns with our policies and supports junior player protection and development.

14 INELIGIBLE PLAYER

An ‘ineligible player’ is deemed as a player that has either broken the rules outlined in the ‘rules of netball’ revised 2024 version or the BNA Competition Handbook.

14.1 Sanctions

	Penalty
Forfeiture	2 points to opposing team (10 goals to non-offending team, 0 goals to offending team). No votes to be awarded to either teams if a forfeit occurs during the game. In the event a team is late, Officials will give the late team 5 minutes to take the court. If they fail to do so they are deemed to have forfeited the match.
Ineligible Players as per SECTION 14	Immediate forfeit of game - 2 points to opposing team (10 goals to non-offending team, 0 goals to offending team).
Failure to attend team designated responsibilities (i.e.BNA, NWA requested meetings, Coaching / umpiring clinics etc.)	Loss of 1 premiership point for non-attendance
Breach of Player or Coach/Official code of conduct.	

15 FINALS

15.1 Qualifying Criteria

A person qualifies to play in BNA finals' matches when said player has registered and paid and played in 3 fixtured matches for the same team on three separate dates during the specified netball season within the BNA. This includes single games using SGV's and CFV's.

This rule does not apply to players playing finals in compliance with rule 13.

15.2 Junior and Senior Finals

Finals fixture will be released after the final round of the regular season, the number of finals will be dependent on the number of teams and will be decided by the BNA Committee.

Finals shall be played on the day, date and time specified in Finals fixtures.

15.3 Finals – Extra time

- In the event the score is equal at full time, a 4 minute break shall commence at the final whistle or as instructed by the match officials.
- Extra time will commence after the break and will be made up of the following:
Senior – 2 x 7min periods
17U – 2 x 7 min periods
14U – 2 x 5 min periods
12U – 2 x 5 min periods
(all breaks are 2 mins between periods)
- Teams will change ends at the end of the first period.
- Rolling subs are allowed as per rules of netball.
- Medical time is as per [rules of netball](#). In the event of a tie remaining at the end of extra time, a visual shall be used to indicate that play shall continue until 1 team has a two (2) goal advantage.

15.4 [Finals and Competition Awards.](#)

Please follow this link

16 CANCELLATIONS, RESCHEDULING AND/OR REPLAYING OF MATCHES

16.1 Weather

- In the event of adverse weather conditions, the BNA Match Official will decide whether games are to be postponed and re-scheduled. If both teams agree to play at a different time than that scheduled by BNA and a venue and Officials are available, the match may go ahead at the agreed time.
- All match rules, scorecard requirements and Officiating shall remain as per the original scheduled match.
- In the event both teams do not agree on a different time then the Committees scheduled time will be final.
- If both teams agree to cancel and therefore not play the original scheduled match at a different time, then a joint forfeit shall be determined and a draw awarded unless all matches are cancelled.

17 [FORFEITS](#)

- Notice of a team's intention to forfeit shall be emailed to the Secretary (info@broomenetball.com.au) by 1pm of Match Day and should clearly identify team name and division. BNA will then contact the opposing team and/or club delegate; however, it is expected that the team forfeiting advises the opposing team wherever possible).
- Forfeiture after 1pm without reasonable explanation to BNA and the opposing team will cause a loss of one (1) point.
- If a team believes that there were reasonable circumstances to support their late notice of forfeiture, they can apply for a decision by writing to the committee within 48 hours after the scheduled start time of the match. Notice by emailing info@broomenetball.com.au.
- A team at risk of multiple and frequent forfeits must notify BNA in advance so we can support them in remaining in the competition. If a solution can be found, and the team remains at risk of multiple forfeitures, that team will be considered for deregistration in the competition.
- Forfeiture will award two (2) points and ten (10) goals to the opposing team.
- Joint forfeits cause neither team to be awarded points or goals to their competition total.
- In the event of forfeiture after the commencement of a match, the goals scored shall be recorded. The team that forfeited will be deemed to have lost the match and premiership points awarded to the opposing team.
- The opposing team may submit a score card with players listed who intended to play the game and they will be recorded as having played.

NOTE: Teams can agree to jointly forfeit a match but cannot agree to declare a joint forfeited match a drawn match.

18 REPLAYING MATCHES

In all cases that a match needs to be replayed, it will be regarded as a new match and any players eligible to play in the teams concerned may be included, irrespective of whether such player was included in the team on the day on which the original match was played. Casual payment is still required for non-registered players and payment should accompany the scorecard submitted to the committee after the game. Playing a non-registered player without payment will result in a forfeit for that team.

19 TEAM WITHDRAWAL

- Any Club or team who wishes to withdraw from the competition must do so in writing to the BNA Committee at info@broomenetball.com.au, advising the team's name, division and date the withdrawal is to take effect.
- Players from the withdrawn team may transfer to another Club if they do not owe money to either BNA and/or the withdrawn team/club– the Player Transfer process shall apply.
- Should an unfinancial Club disband at the conclusion of the season, any member of that Club registering with another Club shall be required to pay their portion of that debt before further registration will be accepted.
- When a team withdraws from any division after the commencement of the season. The BNA Committee shall use their discretion to ensure an even number of games played remains amongst the remaining teams in the relevant division. Ladder adjustments may be made to ensure a fair reflection of points for all remaining teams within this division.
- If withdrawal of a team results in a division having less than 4 teams, a Grading Panel will convene to determine if re-grading is necessary.
- Team nomination fees are non-refundable once that team has played 2 matches.

20 FUNDRAISING & SPONSORSHIP

- Clubs must apply to the BNA to undertake fundraising activities on match days.
- Club's must not display any Sponsor logos if these Sponsors conflict with either BNA or Netball WA sponsors.

21 FACILITIES

Court bookings for training and club needs can be booked through BRAC on the Shire of Broome Website. Go to Venue booking request and follow the prompts.

22 MEDIA

22.1 Media Consent

Upon registering with BNA, it is assumed the registered party grants permission for BNA to use their photograph/s in publications, both print and digital forms, including on/in association websites, newsletters, emails, social media posts, videos, brochures, and advertisements, unless otherwise indicated through their PlayHQ registration.

Media denials made via PlayHQ registration will be noted at the start of the season. A red dot will be placed on the scorecard of games in which a Player who has denied media consent will be playing. Media denial also includes live streaming to social media. Should a team/player wish to change their consent for photography/videoing, written notification must be sent from the Club Representative and to the BNA Secretary (info@broomenetball.com.au) as soon as possible.

22.2 Photography and Videography

Broome Netball Association has a responsibility to manage the photography and videography of members as part of the Association's risk management of the BNA competition. Broome Netball Association abides by [Netball WA's Photography and Videography Policy](#).

Photography and videography should only be required by members at BNA related events for the purposes of:

- Participant and family personal use
- Development
- Club/Association promotion and publicity

Members shall not take photography or videography that is the nature of:

- Indecent
- Defamatory
- Used to cyber bully
- Being used as voyeurism
- Protected by a court order
- Provocative or sexual in nature

Members found to be in breach of the rule may face disciplinary action. It is imperative all members adhere to these guidelines to ensure a safe and respectful environment for everyone involved in Broome Netball Association activities

22.3 Social Media Behaviour

Any BNA member (including affiliated club members), found to participate in inappropriate comments, videos and/or other content in the media (including all forms of social media) in relation to BNA, committee, members and officials, shall expect action taken against them.

The BNA committee shall decide upon the level of harm the alleged comments caused and shall offer the offending person or persons the opportunity to rescind such comments. If a complaint is made to BNA, the procedure for [Complaints](#) will be followed. See rule 29.

For further information on Cyber Bullying and Safety and online bullying please refer to the [Netball Australia Member Protection Policy](#).

23 [REPRESENTATIVE TEAMS](#)

Each year, BNA advertises for officials and sets program dates for participation in representation team selection processes through our Junior Development Program. This commences with open registration for squad trainings and our annual Junior Development Camp (Including final selections for BNA Rep. Teams). Teams train through the start of our season until June when they attend Northwest Championship. The purpose of this representative program is as follows:

The below information will be provided in pdf format via the above link, this allows us to update our program information each year.

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- To provide community skill clinics with accredited coaches during 4 weeks of open registration squad training.
- To entice new players to play netball by providing skill training before the commencement of our Winter competition.
- To upskill coaches, open to all clubs with High Performance Coach visit to camp and weekly mentoring with senior coaches and BNA ADO.
- To provide a program facilitating matches that are utilised by our Umpire Development Team to improve outcomes in our Junior Umpire Development Program and General Umpire Development.
- Umpires gain opportunities in the NWA Umpire Pathway program
- Umpires can aspire to a National B Badge obtained at Northwest Regional Championships.
- It provides the support and training opportunities for talented athletes to aspire to the NWA Pathway and FIT (Fever in Time) opportunities.
- It provides Development Accredited Coaches opportunities to attend the Regional Development Camp (NWA) and apply to gain Intermediate Accreditation.
- Skill Development flows through to our Junior Competition as JDP Athletes develop and demonstrate to their teammates skills they are learning in the program. (You can be what you can see).
- Athletes selected in teams gain opportunities to train with accredited coaches for 8 weeks leading into performing at the Northwest Regional Championships.

Athletes, Coaches and Umpires in the BNA Development Program gain valuable experience in a High performance style environment with netballers of similar skill.

- All Development Program participants must be registered members of Broome Netball Association.
- Fees for all representative teams attending North West Championships and the Junior Development Camp shall be set by BNA and advised to players as this is a 'user pay' program. These fees will be non-refundable.

23.1 North West championship divisions

The BNA Development Program aligns with the [NWA Pathway](#) recommendations for Age divisions. Therefore, BNA select athletes in the following age divisions based on a calendar year.

12U – Age 12 (minimum age for talent identification recommendations)

14U – Age 13 & 14

17U – Age 15, 16 & 17

Open – Division 1 and Division 2

Masters – Age 35 and over

24 ALCOHOL & ILLEGAL SUBSTANCES

BNA is committed to conducting netball and social events and activities in a manner that encourages responsible service and consumption of alcohol.

- No player may take the court whilst under the influence of alcohol or any illegal substance.
- Players, spectators or officials suspected of acting under the influence of alcohol or illegal drugs will be asked to leave the playing area and surrounds.
- If a member suspects someone to be under the influence of alcohol or drugs within the venue, they are to advise the BNA Match Day official and/or BRAC venue Managers/staff.

25 APPREHENDED VIOLENCE ORDERS (AVO's), VIOLENT RESTRAINING ORDER (VRO'S) OR OTHER AS DETERMINED BY THE COURT

Clubs/Teams are reminded that if such an order is in place, it is the responsibility of the involved parties to promptly remove themselves from any potential situations. BNA does not assume liability for any breaches. Individuals concerned are encouraged to promptly contact the relevant authorities when necessary.

26 SMOKE FREE VENUE

BNA playing areas are entirely 'Smoke Free Venues'. Smoking is not permitted at any time under any circumstances within the grounds or within 10 metres of the entry gates. A person observed smoking within playing areas will be notified of the Smoke Free status of the venue by a BNA representative. The BNA representative will ask them to immediately refrain from smoking and/or direct them to one of the designated smoking areas outside the grounds. BNA will not receive money, other benefits or have arrangements with the tobacco industry.

27 HEALTH & WELLBEING–NETBALL WA POLICIES

Please refer to the following Netball Australia policies. Through its affiliation with Netball WA, BNA is bound by the policies of Netball Australia and may refer to them where a situation is not adequately covered by an existing BNA policy. <https://wa.netball.com.au/member-protection>

Injuries sustained during a BNA sanctioned competition require an injury/incident form to be completed and submitted to the Committee. Forms can be obtained from the BNA Match Day official. The incident should also be recorded on the official scoresheet for BNA to refer to.

For any insurance claims being made for an injury sustained, the financial affiliated individual player/coach/umpire should follow instructions on the form to proceed with the claim. BNA will be required to make a declaration so please ensure that the initial [injury/incident report form](#) has been completed and submitted to BNA.

27.1 Member Protection Policy

Through its affiliation with Netball Australia, BNA and its Affiliated Clubs are bound by the policies of Netball Australia and may refer to them where a situation is not adequately covered by an existing BNA policy.

BNA Teams/Clubs should refer to [Netball Australia Policies](#) if addressing issues such as:

- Child Protection
- Taking images of children
- Anti-Discrimination, Bullying, sexual harassment and Victimisation
- Sexual Relationships
- Pregnancy
- Gender Identity
- Cyberbullying and Safety
- Inclusion
- Social Networking websites.

27.2 Concussion

[Netball WA's Concussion Management Policy](#) sets out the guidelines, procedures, information and other resources that can be used by participants, coaches, support staff and parents responding to participants who have received a concussion. Information is provided at the venue for match day procedures if required also. If an incident of suspected concussion occurs, procedures must be followed to determine the well-being of the participant. BNA Match Day officials are present to support Officials, Players and Coaches during suspected incidents of concussion.

BNA will request a 'clearance' from a medical practitioner when a player is ready to return to the competition. Clubs are encouraged to ensure a player training to play also has a recommended 'return to sport' plan prior to allowing the player to train.

27.3 Medical & First Aid

First aid facilities are not provided by BNA; however, first aid services are available in the First Aid room located inside the glass sliding door near Indoor Court 1 at the BRAC Indoor courts.

- First Aid equipment located in this room is available to borrow from the BRAC in the event of an emergency.
- Limited first aid equipment and ice may be available from the BNA match official for injuries sustained during match play inside the BNA Shed located at the back of the BRAC outdoor courts
- [An injury report form](#) must be completed for all injuries for insurance purposes.
- Competition participants are covered under the [Netball National Insurance Program](#). Only participants who are registered as a member of their Club/Team for the current Calendar Year on the PlayHQ system or have purchased an SGV/CFV are covered under Netball WA's Insurance Howden Netball Australia (howdengroup.com).
- Where required, Clubs are responsible to ensure athletes have gained clearance to play from appropriate medical practitioners whose primary employment role is to diagnose the relevant injury/illness sustained by the athlete. BNA may from time to time request a copy of a players' clearance from major injury, but not limited to, for its records.

28 [CODE of BEHAVIOUR](#)

The following Codes of Behaviour are to apply when playing, training, or taking part in any Association sanctioned activities.

EVERYONE

- Act within the rules and spirit of the sport of netball
- Show courtesy to all involved with the sport.
- Respect the rights, dignity and worth of all involved in the sport regardless of their gender, ability, cultural background or religion.
- Promote fair play over winning at any cost.
- Respect the decisions of Umpires, officials, coaches and administrators.
- Display appropriate and responsible behaviour in all interactions.
- Act with integrity, objectivity and accept responsibility for your decisions and actions.
- Ensure your decisions and actions contribute to a safe environment.

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Respect the effort and performances of all players, umpires, and officials. • Reject the use of harassment, bullying or violence in any form, whether by other spectators, coaches, officials, or players. 	
Players	Coaches
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Always give your best. • Participate for your own enjoyment and benefit. • Play by the rules. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Help each person (player, Umpire, official etc.) to reach their potential. • Respect the talent, developmental stage and goals of each person and encourage them with positive and constructive feedback. • Obtain appropriate qualifications and keep up to date with the latest coaching practices and the principles of growth and development of young players. • Ensure that any physical contact with another person is appropriate to the situation and necessary for the person's skill development. • Address unsporting behaviour and promote respect for other players and officials.
Officials	Parents & Spectators
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Be consistent, impartial, and objective when making decisions. • Address unsporting behaviour and promote respect for other players and officials. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Encourage your child to participate, do their best and have fun learning. • Focus on your child's fun, enjoyment and improvement, rather than performance and winning or losing. • Never ridicule or yell at a child for making a mistake or losing a game. • Model appropriate behaviour, including respect for other players, Umpires and Officials.
Administrators	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support coaches and officials to improve their skills and competencies. • Act honestly, in good faith and in the best interests of the sport. • Ensure that any information acquired, or advantage gained from the position is not used improperly to gain advantage over another. • Conduct Club responsibilities with due care, competence, and diligence. • Conduct all responsibilities within the rules of the BNA Constitution and Competition Handbook. 	

29 [COMPLAINT HANDLING PROCESSES](#)

29.1 **GameDay**

If a Team has a complaint relating to code of behaviour during a match which needs immediate resolution, they should present to the Match Official and explain the nature of their complaint in detail. The Match Official will attempt to source a BNA representative to attend the game. Where a BNA representative is available, they shall present to the court as soon as possible to assess whether there is a potential code of behaviour breach.

After observing behaviour at the court, the BNA representative may:

- Request any person to cease certain behaviour
- Request any person to leave the court area
- Request any person to leave the venue
- Where any person fails to adhere to the BNA representative's direction, the game will be stopped, score will stand, and a BNA Complaints Form is to be completed.

If a BNA representative is not available, the game umpires shall determine if the game can safely continue. If they feel the game cannot continue safely, the game will be stopped and a BNA Complaints Form submitted by the umpires. Any player ordered off court as per the World Netball- Rules of Netball current Edition, is not permitted to participate in any further BNA competition until their case has been referred to the BNA Tribunal. On the occasions where an Umpire has ordered off a player, the Umpires must submit a BNA Complaints Form as soon as possible after the alleged offence has occurred.

29.2 **Official Complaints**

A complaint must be lodged using the [BNA Complaints Form](#) within 48 hours of the alleged offence occurring.

- The offence may have occurred before, during or after a competition game, program or event, but must have occurred within BNA designated event area– the car park does not form part of BNA event area.
- The Committee will refuse to accept complaints not signed by the Club President and/or deemed to be frivolous, vexatious, or otherwise mischievous in nature.
- Complaints may be lodged by the BNA Committee if they believe there has been a breach of BNA's Codes of Conduct, or any other BNA or Netball WA policy or competition rules/policy.
- The final decision on acceptance or rejection of a complaint will rest with the President or their delegate.

29.3 **Tribunal Process**

If a complaint is accepted and requires a Tribunal, then the following process shall apply:

- A Tribunal Panel shall consist of three people, the BNA President or representative, a Club Delegate or BNA Office Holder, and one other external third party. No member of the Tribunal Panel shall have any conflict of interest with a party involved in the complaint.
- The Convenor of the Tribunal Panel shall be the BNA President or their representative.
- The Tribunal Panel reserves the right to request assistance from Netball WA or any other incorporated body to assist with representation if required.
- Notification will be sent to parties involved as to whether they may participate in BNA related programs while the tribunal process is underway. This decision is at the discretion of the Tribunal Panel.

The BNA Committee shall:

- Advise all parties involved via email of the Tribunal date, time and place. This includes the person making the complaint, the person named in the complaint and any other officials involved in the complaint.
- Obtain confirmation from all parties that notification has been received.
- Ensure all parties have been supplied with the relevant documentation including a copy of the complaint. During the tribunal:
 - All parties shall be interviewed separately.
 - All players shall be accompanied by a recognised official of their club and players under the age of 18 may also be accompanied by a parent/guardian.
- If the alleged offender (or representative of the accused team or club) fails to attend a Tribunal as requested without reasonable cause, the Tribunal may proceed, and a determination made by the Tribunal Panel in the absence of the alleged offender, team or club, provided the Tribunal Panel are satisfied all notification procedures have been carried out correctly.
- The purpose of the Tribunal shall be to determine whether the alleged offence has been established on the balance of probabilities.

The principles of natural justice shall apply. If the Tribunal Panel considers an appropriate charge has been established, they may impose any one or more of the following penalties:

- A monetary fine
- A warning
- Suspension, disqualification, reprimanding and/or banning
- Any other such penalty as the Tribunal Panel considers appropriate.

Suspension may include being prohibited from coaching, umpiring, or playing for any team within the Association. Suspension may also include being prohibited from being present at BNA competitions, programs and/or events. If the Tribunal Panel is not satisfied the offence as charged has been established but is satisfied a lesser charge has been established, the Tribunal Panel may apply the penalty applicable to the lesser charge.

Where charges arising from one incident are heard together and the Tribunal establishes that the alleged offender or team has committed more than one offence, it may impose a single penalty, being not more than the maximum penalty for the most serious of the offences, or it may impose individual penalties for each offence. Where the Tribunal Panel imposes more than one period of suspension, it may impose them to be served concurrently or cumulatively.

Monetary penalties must be paid prior to the next playing date following advice of said penalty. The Tribunal Panel is not obliged to provide any oral or written reasons for any decision made. The BNA Committee shall notify the complainant and offender/s club/s in writing of the outcome of the Tribunal and any penalties applied, within 48 hours of the Tribunal. A Tribunal file that is separate to the general correspondence shall be maintained. If at any time during the Tribunal process it becomes known that criminal charges have been brought (as opposed to merely the subject of police investigation) arising out of the actions the subject of the hearing or investigation, the Tribunal and/or the BNA may, until the completion of the criminal charges adjourn the proceedings

29.4 Appeals Process

Should any party involved in the Tribunal process request to appeal the decision then they shall lodge an Appeals Notice stating the full detail of the charges and results thereof and stating, in full, the grounds of appeal.

This lodgement should be within 5 days of the notification of the Tribunal decision. Upon receipt of any Appeals Notice the BNA will convene with Netball WA to review and agree on whether an Appeals hearing is to be granted and, if an appeal hearing is granted, the time, date and location of the appeal hearing. The Appeal Tribunal and persons appearing before it will be bound by the Tribunal process as if the Appeal Tribunal was a Tribunal hearing a matter at first instance.

29.5 Vexatious or Improper Complaints & Victimisation

BNA is dedicated to creating a safe and supportive environment for all individuals involved in the complaint resolution process. We strive to prevent any form of victimisation against those who come forward with complaints or contribute to their resolution.

In cases where the Committee or Tribunal Panel suspects that a complainant has knowingly filed a vexatious or malicious complaint against the respondent, the matter may be subject to dismissal.

Individuals found responsible for instigating or participating in a vexatious complaint or engaging in victimisation against a complainant will face an incident report and subsequent review. Appropriate actions, including disciplinary measures, may be taken against the party responsible. However, it's crucial to recognize that BNA's influence may be limited in cases of victimisation that occur privately outside the direct netball context.

While BNA will make every effort to prevent victimisation within the realm of netball, we cannot guarantee absolute prevention, especially if such actions occur privately outside of netball-related settings.

In situations extending beyond the netball context, individuals are encouraged to leverage appropriate legal channels, personal support networks, and professional assistance to address incidents, ensuring personal well-being and taking necessary steps for resolution.

29.6 Confidentiality and Records

Confidentiality must be maintained throughout the Complaints Process. All parties to a Complaint must agree to the maintenance of confidentiality. No person involved in the Complaints Process shall publicly comment on any aspect of the Complaints Process without the prior written agreement of all parties.

30 WORKING WITH CHILDRENS CHECK

All Clubs affiliated with BNA are obliged to comply with the Netball WA Working with Children Check Policy (Member).

Further information can be found at <https://wa.netball.com.au/child-safeguarding>

BNA email address: info@broomenetball.com.au

BNA website address: www.broomenetball.com.au



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Additional policies of interest are located on the [Netball WA](#) and [Netball Australia Website](#)