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**NETBALL GUIDELINES
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1. BY LAWS

- 1.1 By Laws are additional rules which apply to all WRFL members that generally deal with the internal and administrative matters. The By Laws are made under the Association Rules.
- 1.2 The Western Region Football League Inc (WRFL) is the governing body of the Western Region Football League competition.
- 1.3 These Netball Guidelines are bound by the WRFL By-Laws and can be found at:
<https://www.wrfl.com.au/wp-content/uploads/2022/04/220401-By-Laws-master.pdf>

2. AFFILIATION

- 2.1 The WRFL requires all Netball teams that participate in competition are to be from Member Clubs of the WRFL. Unless approved otherwise by the WRFL.

3. PERSONNEL

- 3.1 Operations Manager (**OM**) is a staff member of the WRFL who is appointed to manage competition.
- 3.2 Netball Officer (**NO**) is a staff member of the WRFL who is appointed to manage the competition in collaboration with the OM.
- 3.3 Senior Netball Umpire Director(s) (Umpire Director) is/are a staff member of the WRFL who is appointed to manage the Umpiring component of the WRFL.
- 3.4 Senior Netball Court Supervisor(s) (Court Supervisor) is/are a staff member of the WRFL who is appointed to manage the competition on match day.

4. CORRESPONDENCE

- 4.1 All correspondence from the club must be from the Club Administrator or Authorised Netball Delegate to the WRFL's OM/NO.
- 4.2 All correspondence from the WRFL shall be directed to the Club Administrator and the Authorised Netball Delegate, as listed on the Club contacts and registration form.

5. INFORMATION FROM THE WRFL

- 5.1 The WRFL shall provide the following information to clubs via email prior to the start of the season:
 - 5.1.1 WRFL contact details
 - 5.1.2 WRFL venue address
 - 5.1.3 WRFL By Laws
 - 5.1.4 WRFL Fixtures
 - 5.1.5 WRFL Calendar of events
 - 5.1.6 WRFL details of coaching courses and seminars etc.

6. CLUBS / TEAMS CONDITIONS

- 6.1 Team Submissions/Entry Forms will be made available in February of each year or at a time set by the League for that season's competition.

- 6.2 It is the responsibility of each WRFL club to ensure that it lodges an entry form into the competition.
- 6.3 A Club applying for entry into the competition shall;
- 6.3.1 Register for entry on the official Entry Form and pay any required Fees.
 - 6.3.2 The Entry Form shall be submitted to the OM/NO on or before the stated closing date and time.
 - 6.3.3 Additional relevant information may be submitted with the Entry Form.
 - 6.3.4 Satisfy the OM/NO that they are able to field a team for all fixtured matches and are in a position to meet the financial requirements of the WRFL.
 - 6.3.5 Agree to abide by the policies, rules, and By-Laws of the WRFL.
 - 6.3.6 Agree to abide by the WRFL Code of Conduct.
 - 6.3.7 Agree to abide by Netball Victoria Codes of Conduct.
 - 6.3.8 In the event of a Club withdrawing a team from the competition:
 - 6.3.8.1 After the confirmation of acceptances – there will be no reimbursement of the Entry Fee.
 - 6.3.8.2 Once competition matches have commenced – there will be no reimbursement of Fees received, and any outstanding Court Fees must be paid.
 - 6.3.8.3 Subsequent participation in the competition will be re-assessed by the OM.
 - 6.3.8.4 Where any club has more than one (1) team in the competition it must withdraw the team in the lower grade first (*e.g. Division 5 before Division 4, Division 3 before Division 1 and so on.*)
 - 6.3.9 The OM reserves the right to refuse an entry from any WRFL Club for any reason.
 - 6.3.10 Club Fees shall be set by the WRFL each year and circulated to all clubs at a time set by the League prior to the coming season.

7. MEMBERSHIP / REGISTRATIONS

- 7.1 The Netball Victoria membership fee is set annually by Netball Victoria and a pre-requisite to competing in the WRFL is that each player pays that fee prior to competing in the WRFL.
- 7.2 All Players, coaches and umpires must be registered with the WRFL. All players are to be financial with Netball Victoria before taking the court or prior to commencing participation.
- 7.3 The penalty for playing a player who is not registered with Netball Victoria will see the offending team lose the match.

8. TRANSFERS/CLEARANCES

- 8.1 Any player wishing to obtain a transfer to another Club during the season must complete the transfer through the GameDay platform.
- 8.2 A player may be granted multiple transfers per season and will be subject to the OM/NO decision. No transfer shall be granted after the seventh (7th) round of matches.
- 8.3 A player must have received notification via email of the successful clearance and registration, from GameDay before playing for their new Club.
- 8.4 A transfer may be refused if there are any outstanding fees or equipment relating to the player.
- 8.5 The exiting club has seven (7) days to complete the transfer, or the player will automatically transfer to the new club.
- 8.6 The seven (7) days COMMENCES from the time the transfer is lodged in the GameDay system.
- 8.7 If the transfer is refused by the exiting club, then it is the responsibility of the player to ensure that the issue is resolved before another transfer application is submitted.
- 8.8 Best and Fairest votes, as well as Goals Scored, will transfer with the player for that season, should they remain in the WRFL and playing within the same division as their previous team.
- 8.9 The number of games played in the current season will NOT transfer with the player to the new club, *i.e. the player will need to qualify for finals with the new club.*

9. PLAYERS

- 9.1 All Players participating in the WRFL must hold current VNA registrations with Netball Victoria. This includes a VNA single game registration.
- 9.2 Single game registrations will be available in the WRFL but will only constitute a current Netball Victoria Membership for the one (1) game granted.
- 9.3 A player is eligible to play in the WRFL if they are registered to their club in the current season as showing on GameDay and holds a valid Netball Victoria VNA membership.
- 9.4 Players may play more than one match in each home and away round across different grades subject to WRFL By-law section 9.5 and 9.6.
- 9.5 In the event that there is more than one team from the same club in separate grades, players may transfer between teams until the player takes the court for their **sixth game** for a particular team. Once this occurs the player is only able to play up in the higher grades than they have qualified in but is not able to play down in any lower grade.
- 9.5.1 If a player plays in the lowest graded team for their club and has played six (6) games in that division, they are qualified for finals in the team. They are then free to play up in higher grades, as well as their lower graded team, provided they do not take the court for a sixth time in a particular higher graded team. If they do, then they are unable to go back down to their lower team they once qualified in.

- 9.6 In the event that there is more than one team from the same club in the same grade, players may transfer between teams until the player takes the court for their **sixth game** for a particular team. Once this occurs the player must remain with the team, they played their **sixth game** with for the remainder of the season. At this point the player is only able to play up in a higher grade but is not able to play down in any lower grade.
- 9.7 Once a player has played **six games** of the season for their club in one **particular** team, they are eligible for finals in that **particular** team and any higher graded team that the Club has **participating in finals**.
- 9.8 A player who is eligible to play in finals across multiple grades may only play one (1) match per finals weekend including Friday nights.
- 9.9 Finals matches do not count towards games played when determining finals eligibility.
- 9.10 Teams found playing an ineligible player during the home and away season and/or finals series will be considered to have lost that match. In addition, the matter will be investigated by the OM/NO who will have the power to suspend a team or player from competing further in the WRFL.
- 9.11 Participant age is determined as of 1st January of the year of competition. Clubs are expected to obtain and provide correct dates of birth. The minimum age requirement for WRFL is 15 years of age as of 1st January of the year of competition.

10. COACHES

- 10.1 All coaches must hold or obtain a minimum of the "Foundation" Accreditation for the first season in which they coach.
- 10.2 Accreditations must be obtained prior to 30th June of current competition year.
- 10.3 All coaches must have a current Netball Victoria Membership.
- 10.4 Coaching is permitted by the Accredited Coach during any stoppage. This person shall be the only person that may approach the players at the sideline. Bench players may also approach the sideline if coaching occurs.
- 10.5 During a stoppage any Team Official may approach the players at the sideline for the purpose of providing rehydration. At no time during a match (including intervals) are coaches permitted to approach umpires. Any discussion made with the umpires **MUST** be made by the team captain and only during intervals.
- 10.6 Coaches can speak with the WRFL Umpire Director(s) only.

11. UMPIRES

- 11.1 The OM/NO will appoint a WRFL Umpire Director(s) to oversee the recruitment, appointment, development and badging of all umpires throughout the season.
- 11.2 WRFL clubs may be required to provide one umpire per participating team or at least one umpire that can cover the same number of games for the number of teams fielded by the club.
- 11.4 Umpires shall not be changed during a game, except with the permission of the Umpire Director(s).
- 11.5 Umpires must supply their own whistle.

- 11.6 A current copy of the WRFL By Laws shall be available from the competition desk.
- 11.7 WRFL Umpires are to be dressed appropriately in umpire's attire: one (1) white t-shirt; white shorts or skirt; correct sport shoes.
- 11.8 Finals Umpires shall be appointed by the WRFL Umpire Director.
- 11.9 Any conduct of a player or team deemed to be unbecoming or bringing the game into disrepute will be reportable by one or both officiating umpires, this includes the awarding of Yellow Cards. Any report is to be recorded and submitted to the OM/NO by 10am of the Monday after the match has been played. The OM/NO will consider any report or citation and convene an Independent Tribunal, if necessary.
- 11.10 Two (2) yellow cards in a season constitutes an automatic one-week suspension for that player.
- 11.10.1 Any player awarded a yellow card on match day is required to remain off the court for two (2) minutes. The time the card is awarded and must be recorded by the timekeeper / scorer and monitored. If there is less than two (2) minutes remaining in a quarter, the remainder of time is to be served in the quarter following.
- 11.11 Reported teams/players will appear before the WRFL Independent Tribunal who will have jurisdiction to impose penalties on players in the WRFL.
- 11.12 Players may receive any or all of the following penalties as deemed suitable by WRFL Independent Tribunal:
- 11.12.1 Loss of premiership ladder points for the team; Suspension for the player or team from the WRFL home and away games/finals and/or Interleague.

12. BEST AND FAIREST VOTING & AWARDS

- 12.1 Voting for Best and Fairest shall be as follows:
- 12.1.1 The match umpires shall award votes for the best and fairest three players in each game. Voting shall be three (3) votes for the best and fairest player, two (2) votes for the second best and fairest player and one (1) vote for the third best and fairest player.
- 12.1.2 Votes are to be recorded on the score sheet after the Team Captains have signed and then handed to the Umpire Director/Court Supervisor.
- 12.2 The following player awards will be presented for each season at minimum, in each Division:
- 12.2.1 1st Best and Fairest
- 12.2.2 Leading Goal Scorer
- 12.3 Best and Fairest votes, as well as Goals Scored, will be transferred with a player for that season, should they transfer to a different team in the WRFL in the same division as their previous team.
- 12.4 Goals scored and Best & Fairest votes will carry across with players whose team have been regraded into a different division during the regrading process.

13. DRESS CODE

- 13.1 Each Club must register its uniform prior to the commencement of the season.
- 13.2 The OM/NO must approve all uniform colors and designs.
- 13.3 Clubs must notify the OM/NO of any changes to uniform.
- 13.4 All Uniforms must have the WRFL Logo on the right-hand breast.
- 13.5 All uniforms are purchased through the WRFL approved supplier.
- 13.6 All players are to be in correct uniform for matches unless prior approval has been given by the OM/NO on an agreed interim uniform.
- 13.7 No bikini pants/see-through pants, slacks, or track suit pants are permitted.
- 13.8 Skins/bike pants may be worn under dress but must be skin color and must not extend below the dress.
- 13.9 If there are religious or medical reasons why a player should wear particular head coverings or other items of clothing, the club must notify the OM/NO in writing prior to participating in an WRFL match. The notification must state the reason for the non-standard uniform. Providing the OM/NO is satisfied with respect to the request, the OM/NO shall issue a notification in writing approving the request. The OM/NO shall take into account the particular religious customs and player safety when making such a decision.
- 13.10 Nails must be short and smooth OR taped using approved material tape or approved sporting gloves.
- 13.11 Long nails must be taped even if player chooses to wear gloves.
- 13.12 Fingernail - 1 piece of tape over the top and one 1 piece of tape around the nail
- 13.13 No item of jewellery may be worn, in any circumstances.
- 13.14 Body piercing (ears, nose, and eyebrow) which cannot be removed, should be taped.
- 13.15 Body Piercing – Tape to fully cover ear, nose, eyebrow, or any other pierced site.
- 13.16 Nails and piercings not taped in accordance with this By Law shall be deemed to be 'out of uniform'.

PENALTY: The Umpire shall have the right to prevent a player who is 'out of uniform' from playing in a game until the issue is rectified by the player.

14. TEAMS AND GRADING

- 14.1 Clubs may enter as many teams as they wish. All teams are to be graded at the start of the season.
- 14.2 Clubs will have the opportunity to submit requests upon submitting teams, however all division allocations are at the discretion of the League.
- 14.3 There will be anywhere between two (2) to four (4) grading games at the beginning of the season.

- 14.4 All Clubs shall have the opportunity to submit requests to the OM/NO to change grades at the completion of Round 4. The OM/NO shall consider each request and make a decision. The OM/NO's decision shall be final.
- 14.5 Grading allocations are subject to the final ladder positions in the previous season and the discretion of the WRFL.
- 14.6 New teams will be allocated a grade in consultation with the OM/NO.
- 14.7 In the event a Club wishes to withdraw a team in the competition and has multiple teams participating, it must withdraw the team in the lower grade first (*e.g., Division 5 before Division 4, Division 3 before Division 1 and so on.*)

15. CONDUCT OF MATCHES

- 15.1 All sections shall play on a Friday at a venue(s) designated by the OM/NO, which are displayed on the Fixture.
- 15.2 All Divisions are to be four (4) x ten (10) minute quarters with an interval of one (1) minute between the first and second quarters; an interval of two (2) minutes at half time; and another one (1) minute between third and fourth quarter.
- 15.3 No team is permitted to take the court unless five (5) players are present.
- 15.4 There is to be no more than twelve (12) players listed on a team sheet, per team.
- 15.5 All players must be listed on the team sheet prior to start of the game. Players named on the team sheet must have signed the team sheet and had court time during a game to have the match registered as a game played. Players who remain on the interchange bench for the entire match shall not have that game recorded as a game played.
- 15.6 Team sheets **must** be entered into GameDay every Friday on Match Day prior to **12.00pm**. Failing to submit team sheets prior to 12.00pm on Match Day on multiple occasions, will incur a penalty at the discretion of the WRFL.
- 15.7 Any team failing to start on time shall forfeit a goal per minute to the non-offending team, and a further goal per minute until ten (10) minutes has lapsed. A forfeit shall then be declared, providing the non-offending team has at least five (5) or more players present.
- 15.8 The Umpire shall toss a coin with the presence of captains in order to determine starting ends prior to the start of each game.
- 15.9 All games are to be timed on one central clock/bell.
- 15.10 No Injury time – A match may be stopped by the Umpires in extenuating circumstances to ensure a safe playing area is maintained. Injuries are treated under the Netball Victoria Policy which is adopted in these WRFL Guidelines. If an umpire observes a player is injured, the game is stopped, the clock is NOT stopped. The player/s must leave the court immediately (up to 30 seconds) and may be substituted as per the standard injury rule. They are not to be treated on court and players are to be moved off court – if safe and reasonable to do so.

16. BLOOD POLICY

16.1 Blood Policy shall apply as follows.

16.1.1 The game is stopped; the clock is NOT stopped.

16.1.2 The bleeding player shall leave the court; substitution rule applies with no time allowance.

16.1.3 Play is resumed.

16.1.4 The Blood Rule is treated under the Netball Victoria Policy which is adopted in these WRFL Guidelines. If an umpire observes a player bleeding or there is blood on the court, ball or any other player, the game is stopped, the clock is NOT stopped. The player/s with blood must leave the court immediately (up to 30 seconds) and may be substituted as per the standard injury / blood rule. The player is not to be treated on court and is to be moved off court – if safe and reasonable to do so.

17. SCORING

17.1 Each team must provide a non-participating scorer for all matches. Scorers must sit together at the scorer's bench. Scorers must be 15 years or over.

17.2 All players must be listed on the team sheet prior to start of the game. Players named on the team sheet must have had court time during a game to have such a match registered as a game played. Players who remain on the interchange bench for the entire match shall not have that game recorded as a game played.

PENALTY: for not removing players who did not take the Court from the team sheet will be considered to have played an ineligible player.

17.3 Any player who takes the court without having been named on the score sheet must be removed immediately and cannot participate in the remainder of the match. The score sheet must also indicate the players' positions played each quarter, the goals they score and the match score. A new player taking the court, must provide on the back of the score sheet, their full name, date of birth, address and Netball Victoria registration number which must be valid.

17.4 At the conclusion of the match, to indicate their satisfaction that the information on the official score sheet is correct, it is to be signed by:

17.4.1 The captains of both competing teams

17.4.2 The officiating umpires

17.4.3 The scorers.

17.5 Participating teams shall be responsible for the entering of all results onto the league website, and is to include the following:

17.5.1 Team players

17.5.2 $\frac{1}{4}$ by $\frac{1}{4}$ scores and full-time scores

17.5.3 Goal Scorers

17.6 The OM/NO shall be responsible for the entering of the results into the database for end of season awards and is to include:

17.6.1 Best & Fairest votes that have been given by the officiating umpires.

18. LADDERS

18.1 All ladder rankings are sorted based on the ratio of matches won.

18.2 In the event that more than one team is on the same win ratio, then the rankings will be sorted by the highest %.

18.3 There is no match ratio or ladder points awarded for a bye.

18.4 In the event of the game being abandoned before half time due to equipment fault or any reason considered by the OM/NO to be appropriate, the game will be classified as a Draw.

18.5 If a game is abandoned after the third quarter has commenced due to equipment fault or any reason considered by the OM/NO to be appropriate, the team which is leading at the time the game is abandoned will be classified as to have won the match.

19. FINALS & ELIGIBILITY

19.1 The match ratio and ladder ranking during the season shall determine teams qualifying for finals. In the event of teams being on the same match ratio, positions shall be determined by the percentage. In the event of teams being equal on percentage, positions shall be determined by the greater number of goals scored for. In the event teams are still equal, then positions shall be determined by the lower number of goals conceded.

19.2 All divisions shall consist of a minimum of a top four (4) for finals purposes. However, the number of teams eligible for finals in a particular division may increase at the discretion of the OM/NO should it be determined the number of teams in that division warrants an increase in the number of finalists.

19.3 Once a player has played **six** games of the season for their club in one **particular team**, they are eligible for finals in that **particular team** and any higher graded team that the Club has **participating in finals**.

19.4 A player who is eligible to play in finals across multiple grades may only play one (1) match per finals weekend including Friday nights.

19.3 Teams found playing an ineligible player during the finals will be considered to have lost the match and be charged with conduct unbecoming.

19.4 Matches shall be conducted for finals in the same manner that home and away matches are conducted under these By Laws. The start time may vary, and clubs will be advised accordingly.

20. DRAWN GAMES IN FINALS

20.1 There is to be a one-minute time allowance to enable teams to change ends and scores to be verified on score sheet.

- 20.2 Positional changes and/or substitutions may only be made prior to any additional time commencing.
- 20.3 Divisions will have 2 x 5 minutes halves to be played.
- 20.4 Should there still be a draw at the end of the second half of extra time, play continues until one team has a two (2) goal advantage.

21. FORFEITS

21.1 In the event a Club needs to forfeit a team due to numbers and has multiple teams participating in the competition, it must forfeit the team in the lower grade first (*e.g. Division 5 before Division 4, Division 3 before Division 1 and so on.*)

21.2 **PENALTY** for forfeits:

21.2.1 A 10-nil score line to the non-offending team and points shall be awarded.

21.2.2 In the event that a team forfeits prior to the match clock starting, games shall only be awarded to nominated players of the non-offending team. No games shall be awarded to players of the offending team.

21.2.3 Any team forfeiting a match must, as soon as possible, notify the opposing team that they are forfeiting the game. The forfeiting team shall pay all cost involved with the umpires, unless the team has notified the League by close of business on the Tuesday before the match. The forfeiting team shall pay a fine of ten (10) penalty units. The team that should have played against the forfeiting team shall be awarded the win for that game. This team will be credited with the “for” and “against” score recorded by the team that recorded the greatest winning margin in a game in that division of that round. The offending team will receive the “for” and “against” for the team defeated by the greatest margin in a game in that division of that round.

21.2.4 Repeated forfeits may result in that Club/Team being excluded from future competitions and penalised with a further fine subject to the OM/NO discretion.

22. APPEALS / PROTESTS / DISPUTE RESOLUTIONS

22.1 A team wishing to protest a scoring issue must:

22.1.1 Not sign the Official score sheet and immediately notify the Court Supervisor(s) and/or the Umpire Director(s) of the intention to protest.

22.2 A protest in writing must be lodged by the Club concerned with the OM/NO within forty-eight (48) hours of the match being played. A club shall have the right to lodge a written appeal to the OM/NO within 48 hours of notification of a penalty. No appeals will be accepted after 10.00am on the Monday following the match.

22.3 A club lodging an appeal must lodge a cheque for \$250 made payable to the WRFL with the OM/NO at the time of lodging the written appeal.

22.3.1 \$200 will be returned to the club if the appeal is upheld.

- 22.3.2 The appeal notification will then be considered by the WRFL Independent Tribunal who will decide the outcome.
- 22.3.3 The club will be permitted to appear before the WRFL Independent Tribunal to plead its case.
- 22.3.4 The decision of the WRFL Independent Tribunal is final.

23. SELECTION OF REPRESENTATIVE TEAMS

- 23.1 The OM/NO will organise the Representative Team Selection Trials and Matches.
- 23.2 Selection trials will be conducted under the following conditions:
 - 23.2.1 Clubs shall be informed in writing of the Selection trial date, time, and place where selection trials are to be held.
 - 23.2.2 Clubs are required to nominate two (2) players per team.
 - 23.2.2.1 Any Clubs with three (3) or more teams are eligible to nominate eight (8) players.
 - 23.2.3 Notice of selection trials must be provided to all nominated players at least ten (10) days prior to the date of the trials.

24. TEAM SELECTION PANELS

- 24.1 A minimum of three (3) selectors must be appointed by the OM/NO for each team and shall be made up of the Team Coach(es) and selectors.
- 24.2 Selectors may be appointed to more than one selection panel.
- 24.3 Players shall be notified, in writing, of the team in which they have been selected within seven (7) days of the selection trials.
- 24.4 The selectors' decision shall be final.
- 25.2 Other forms of recognition will be awarded by the WRFL as deemed appropriate.

25. RISK MANAGEMENT

- 25.1 All Clubs are responsible for recording all injuries on the Match Day Report Sheets provided.

26. PREGNANCY

- 26.1 An individual who is pregnant is free to play in the WRFL. However, a pregnant player should;
 - 26.1.1 Be aware that her own health, and the wellbeing of her unborn child, is of utmost importance in her decision about whether to continue playing sport;
 - 26.1.2 Obtain medical advice as to the risks associated with playing sport when pregnant. She should ensure she understands this advice and where necessary question the advice until she is sure she understands the risks taken in participating in Netball;

26.1.3 Have regular antenatal reviews with her doctor, including ongoing review of her exercise participation;

26.1.4 Take into account her changed physical condition, use common sense and not take unnecessary risks;

26.1.5 Remember that the ultimate decision to participate in Netball will always be hers, whilst having regard to all the circumstances.

26.2 The Western Region Football League disclaims any liability for any injury or complication sustained by a pregnant woman in the course of an Australian Netball Match.

27. FIRST AID

27.1 The WRFL will ensure that a First Aid Kit is accessible at each venue.

27.2 The First Aid Kit will be stored at the stadium entrance office and all appropriate personnel (court supervisors, umpires and coaches) will have access to it.

27.3 The WRFL will ensure that a qualified first aider is present at all WRFL competition times.

28. EMERGENCY PROCEDURES

28.1 Emergency phone numbers – ie. Ambulance, Doctor, Physiotherapist, Health Clinic and Police and an Emergency Procedure will be displayed next to the venue phone and in the First Aid Kit.

29. WEATHER

29.1 The WRFL personnel may cancel any WRFL match due to adverse weather conditions such as, but not limited to, excessive heat/humidity, lightning or rain/hail that may endanger participants' health or safety.

29.2 In the event there are no WRFL staff available to make a decision, a game may be cancelled on the agreement of both Teams, for the reasons set out in 29.1. However, if the WRFL, on review of the game, decides the game should not have been cancelled, it reserves the right to award points or hand down any penalty as it sees fit.

29.3 Where play is unable to proceed in a home and away game for a period of time equal to one quarter, for the reasons set out in 29.1, the game shall be cancelled.

29.4 Match points to be awarded in line with Section 18 of these By-Laws.

30. BLOOD POLICY AND INFECTIOUS DISEASES

30.1 The WRFL will adopt Netball Victoria Infonet rules - U4 and RM6 relating to blood policy and infectious diseases.

31. PRE-PARTICIPATION SCREENING / MEDICAL INDEMNITY

31.1 All personnel involved with the WRFL will be required to complete a medical indemnity form as provided in Netball Victoria Infonet rules - see RM7).

31.2 The OM/NO will hold all such forms and have them available upon request of clubs/players.

31.3 All forms will be destroyed by the OM/NO at the conclusion of each season.

32. SMOKEFREE

32.1 The WRFL will adopt a SmokeFree policy. This will include indoor venues and outdoor court surroundings; this also includes the use of e-cigarettes otherwise known as Vaping.

33. RESPONSIBLE SERVING OF ALCOHOL IN SPORTING CLUBS

33.1 The WRFL will adopt a Responsible Serving of Alcohol Policy as prescribed by the Australian Drug Foundation's Good Sports Accreditation Program.

34. SUN PROTECTION

34.1 The WRFL adopts the SunSmart policy as prescribed by the Cancer Council Victoria.

35. CODES OF CONDUCT

35.1 The WRFL adopts the Codes of Behaviour as prescribed by Netball Victoria.

35.2 These Codes of Conduct apply but are not limited to; Players, Coaches, Administrators, Umpires & Spectators.

35.3 As a registered player and/or official with the WRFL you are automatically bound by these Codes of Conduct.

35.4 Anyone found to be breaching these Codes of Conduct, will be issued a Citation or any other penalty that the OM/NO see fit.

36. DRUG POLICY

36.1 The WRFL does not support the use of performance enhancing substances and views any such use as detrimental to both the sport of Netball and the spirit of the game.

37. RACIAL AND RELIGIOUS TOLERANCE POLICY

37.1 The WRFL adopts the WRFL Vilification Policy.

38. PRIVACY POLICY

38.1 The WRFL adopts the WRFL Privacy Policy.

39. MEDIA POLICY

39.1 The WRFL adopts the WRFL Media Policy.

40. SOCIAL MEDIA POLICY

40.1 The WRFL adopts the WRFL Social Media Policy.

41. INDEMNITY CLAUSES

41.1 Except where required by law and such cannot be excluded, the WRFL and its respective directors, officers, members, servants, or agents are absolved from all liability however arising from injury or damage, through whatever cause and however arising.

42. SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES CLAUSE

42.1 Where this By Law is silent, a decision can be made that ensures the integrity of the WRFL is maintained at all times.

42.2 The OM/NO may, in using reasonable discretion and only in exceptional or extenuating circumstances, alter, vary or waive the requirements set out in these By Laws relating to the WRFL.

43. COMPETITION REGULATION

43.1 The WRFL adopts the Competition Regulation prescribed by Netball Victoria.

44. MEMBER PROTECTION POLICY

44.1 The WRFL adopts the Child Safety in Netball Policy prescribed by Netball Victoria.