

Kingston Mixed Netball Association Incorporated Bylaws

Amended: November 2010

1. Basic Objectives

The basic objectives of the Association shall be:

- (a) To encourage, promote, control and manage the game of Mixed Netball under the Kingston Mixed Netball Association Inc. name.
- (b) To give as many people as possible the opportunity, incentive and assistance to learn and play Netball regardless of skills.
- (c) To do all things to further the game of Mixed Netball.

2. Application for Membership

- (a) Entry of a persons name on an Official Score Sheet of any internal match conducted by this Association under these bylaw's shall be deemed to be written application for membership.
- (b) Non-playing persons may apply for membership by submission of their name to the Committee. Non-playing members (coaches, managers, panel umpires) are required to pay membership fees as set by the committee.

3. Playing Rules

The Association shall enforce the rules as recognised by the All Australian Netball Rule Book, except as laid down in these bylaw's.

4. Player Age

Players shall be no younger than 15 years before participating. The Committee of Management may request identification, as they deem necessary.

5. Mixed Teams

- (a) Three (3) males and four (4) females make up a Mixed Netball Team.
- (b) A minimum requirement of two (2) males, are to be on court at all times. Should a team be reduced to less than two (2) males on court at any stage, i.e. due to an injury or players sent from the court for misconduct, the game shall be immediately forfeited in favour of the opposing team.
- (c) There is to be no more than one (1) male per team in each goal circle. The positioning of males on court in other positions is at the team's discretion.

6. Grading

- (a) Registration is taken from when a persons name is first recorded on an Official Score Sheet.
- (b) Unless a player has been re-graded by the Association within that roster, no player may participate in a lower grade match, unless Committee approval has been granted. The exception being the lowest division who may have a fill in from the same division, this must not exceed two (2) games in an entire season with any team except in the lowest division.
- (c) A player's correct name must be entered on the score sheet for the game in which that player is to participate prior to the commencement of the game.
- (d) A player may participate in a game in a higher division. However, a player may only participate in two (2) games in a higher division for the entire season. If this is exceeded the player must then stay in that higher division.

- (e) Teams containing Senior State League players maybe assessed for regrading at the committees digression.

7. Changing Teams - Clearances

- (a) Clearances are not required for players participating with different teams in separate rosters.
- (b) Players wishing to change to another team during any one roster must have written clearance signed by the players, captain, or coach of the team they wish to leave. Such clearance is to be attached to and submitted with the Match Fees prior to the commencement of the game.

8. Registration Fees

- (a) Registration Fees shall be determined by the Committee of Management prior to the commencement of each season. Seven (7) players registrations must be paid prior to participating in the first roster game of the appropriate season. Remaining players registration must be paid prior to participating in their third Association game.
- (b) Fees are to be placed in an envelope with Players Full Name and Team Name written on it. Fees are to be placed in Match Fees Box prior to the commencement of the game.
- (c) Players wishing to transfer their registration will only be permitted if a written request is presented before the committee. Permission will be granted for exceptional reasons only i.e. Injury, Pregnancy, Death, working away or moving away. This only applies to players who have played 6 games or less only.

9. Match Fees

- (a) Match Fees shall be determined by the Committee of Management prior to the commencement of each season and must be paid prior to the commencement of each roster game.
- (b) Fees are to be placed in bag/envelope provided with Team Name written on it, and placed in Match Fees Box.

10. Uniforms

- (a) Colours are to be submitted on the Team Entry Form. No change in uniform colours can be made during the season without the prior approval of the Committee of Management.
- (b) All Players are required to be in complete and correct uniform at the commencement of the third roster game. Failure to comply results in a Uniform fine. Amount is determined by the Committee of Management prior to the commencement of each season. This fine must be paid within two (2) weeks of issue or the offending player will be ineligible to participate until fine is paid. Offending team will also have points deducted refer 17(a).
- (c) Windcheaters are permissible, provided they are identical in colour to the uniform top.
- (d) Bike Shorts are permissible with shorts and skirts. They must be identical in colour to the uniform shorts or plain black. Any shorts/skirts worn must be above the knee.
- (e) Tracksuit pants, rolled up Tracksuit pants, leggings or tights may only be worn for the first quarter, except for finals when correct uniform must be worn or offending players will not be allowed to take the court. They may be worn if a medical certificate is provided.
- (f) Approved footwear, i.e. sandshoes or gym boots (no black marking soles) are to be worn.
- (g) Bibs, with position clearly marked, must be worn at all times on court.
- (h)
- (i) No gloves or hats (other than a "Neo-Prene" Visor) are to be worn, unless a medical condition exists and a supporting medical certificate is provided.
- (j) Any exemptions should be addressed to the committee for their approval.

11. Taping – Jewellery/Accessories

- (a) Nails are to be cut short, not covered with tape or gloves, except in reference to rule 10 (i). Nails may be checked during a game if the Umpire deems it necessary.
- (b) Any item considered to be dangerous by Umpires must be removed at their request. No metal adornments are permissible.

12. Alcohol and Smoking

- (a) A player under the influence of alcohol and/or drugs is ineligible to participate.
- (b) An umpire may deem a player incapable or participating due to the effect of alcohol and/or drugs.
- (c) Alcohol and smoking is not permitted in the Sports Centre.

13. Complaints

Complaints made by individual teams must be in writing and forwarded to a member of the Committee of Management, posted to the Association, or placed in Match Fees Box. The written complaint must be signed by the team captain/coach.

14. Forfeiting

- (a) If teams are unable to play a match at the time set down, they forfeit.
- (b) If teams give at least 24 hours notice, they are required to pay their Match Fees only for that game which they forfeit, unless exemption has been granted by the Committee.
- (c) Teams giving less than 24 hours notice are required to pay their own as well as the opposing teams Match Fees for that game which they forfeit or a fee set by the Committee at the commencement of the roster, unless exemption has been granted by the Committee.
- (d) Forfeiting teams remain responsible for providing duty personnel on the night they forfeit if they are rostered to do so.

15. Match Time and Duration of Games

- (a) Match commencement times will be reviewed from roster to roster.
- (b) Games shall comprise of four quarters, with intervals of two minutes. The committee at the commencement of the roster shall determine the length of these quarters.
- (c) Teams are to assemble on court two minutes prior to roster commencement time.
- (d) In the event of one team being on court in positions ready to commence play at the rostered commencement time and the other team not, the team on court shall be awarded one goal each minute until five minutes has elapsed. After five minutes has elapsed, the game shall be forfeited in favour of that team which was on court ready to commence play. This shall not apply in finals.
- (e) Should games be running behind the scheduled time, the first quarter only may be shortened. The minimum duration of the first quarter shall be seven minutes, inclusive of any time waiting under rule (d).
- (f) If unforeseen circumstances occur during a match, a full game will be deemed to have been played if two (2) full quarters have been completed. If two (2) quarters have not been played then the match result will be a draw.
- (g) Injury time shall be in accordance with the "All-Australian Rule Book", with the exception that the clock shall not stop for injury time during a roster game. Unless an injury occurs in the last five minutes of the final quarter of the game, and the score difference is five or less goals. The clock shall be stopped in accordance with the rules for all final matches.

- (h) *Finals* - In the event of a drawn game, teams are to play an additional five minutes each end with no interval. Should the game still be drawn, play continues until one team has a two-goal advantage. Substitutions are not permitted in overtime except in the event of injury or illness.

16. Goal Percentage

- (a) In the event of two or more teams being level on points, their position shall be determined by goal percentage for that roster.
- (b) Any team receiving a forfeit shall be awarded the average of goals scored in that grade, on that night. The team giving the forfeit shall be awarded the average of goals scored against in that grade, on that night.

17. Awarding of Points & Votes

- (a) Premiership points shall be awarded/deducted as follows;

Win or Win by Forfeit	4 points
Bye	4 points
Drawn Game	2 points
Loss or Loss by Forfeit	0 points
Failure to supply a Scorer/Timekeeper	2 demerit points
No representative at General Teams Meeting	2 demerit points
No representative at Umpires Clinic	2 demerit points
Outstanding Uniform Fine following notice	2 demerit points
Outstanding Match Fees following notice	2 demerit points

If an Uncleared, Unregistered, or Ineligible player participates in a game, the team will lose 4 points after statistics are done. Regardless of Win, Lose or Draw.

Players participating under an assumed name team will lose 4 point after statistics are done and player receives 1-week suspension.

- (b) Awarding of association votes.

Votes will be awarded each week by the umpires presiding over each game.

- (c) Awarding of team votes.

Votes will be awarded each week by the scores of each game.

18. Eligibility for Finals

To be eligible for finals, a player must;

- (a) Have participated in at least three (3) roster matches with the team they are participating with.
- (b) Be a registered member of the team.
- (c) Have paid all outstanding fees and/or penalties imposed on them.
- (d) Be in complete and correct uniform.

19. Team Responsibilities

- (a) Provide a competent Scorer/Timekeeper as rostered.
- (b) Ensure player's names are correctly entered on score sheet including substitute players, five minutes prior to rostered commencement time. Players not recorded prior to the commencement of the game will be unable to participate at any stage in that game.
- (c) Ensure that all substitutes used are recorded correctly on score sheet.
- (d) Ensure that team members attend General Teams Meetings as instructed.

- (e) *Ensure courts and adjacent spectator areas are left in a clean and tidy condition after the game.*

20. Umpires

Umpires shall:

- (a) *Umpire to the best of their ability according to the rules recognised by the Association.*
- (b) *Ensure score sheets are completed correctly and sign them after each match.*
- (c) *Follow any directives given by the Officers, Committee or Umpires Convenor.*
- (d) *Report all Uniform Infringements on the reverse of the score sheet including Team Name, Player Name and Description of Infringement in the report.*
- (e) *Report all other breaches of bylaws or unacceptable behaviour on report forms provided and placed with the scoresheet.*
- (f) *Report all serious breaches or major disputes to the Secretary within 24 hours of the match.*
- (g) *Place equipment and score folders out on score benches when rostered to do so at least ten (10) minutes prior to roster commencement time.*
- (h) *Have the power to cancel any game or to remove offending players from the game according to the rules of the Association, or as directed by an officer of the Committee or Umpires Convenor.*
- (i) *Have the right to penalise teams for the conduct of their players and/or spectators.*
- (j) *Have the authority to ask players prior or during a match to remove facial taping and headwear to ascertain that no jewellery or piercings are present.*

21. Debts

- (a) *Teams who incur a debt greater than \$20,00 during a season will be ineligible to participate in any matches until this debt is paid in full. The team will still be responsible for any fees and roster duties associated with any ineligible matches.*
- (b) *Teams with outstanding monies owing to the Association at the close of any season will have the debt equally apportioned between all players who have participated in 3 or more games in that team.*
- (c) *The debt will remain for a period of three (3) years from the close of the season in which the debt was incurred.*
- (d) *Players owing money to the Association under this rule may not participate in any game with any team until;*
 - 1. *Their portion of the Debt has been paid in full, or*
 - 2. *A period of three (3) years has elapsed, or*
 - 3. *They have been cleared by the Association to play.*
- (e) *Should a player participate in a game with a debt under this rule, the penalty shall be equal to that of playing an Unregistered Player.*

22. Fines and Penalties for Breaches of Bylaws

- (a) *The Association may impose fines or penalties upon players or teams for breaches of by-laws. Where possible, standard fines and penalties for offences shall be set out at the commencement of the season.*
- (b) *The Association reserves the right to suspend any player or team for serious, continuous, or repeated breaches of a bylaw.*
- (c) *Players that have been suspended during a roster will be unable to receive the “Best & Fairest” award.*

23. Tribunals

- (a) *Where any player is sent from the court for misconduct on two occasions in any one season, automatic suspension of two (2) weeks will apply and they may be required to answer to the Tribunal.*
- (b) *Where a written report is made to the Secretary from any Umpire, Opposing Team, Duty Personnel or an Officer of the Committee, a Tribunal may be held at the discretion of the Committee of Management.*
- (c) *Tribunals shall be held at a suitable time and venue prior to the next rostered match of players/teams involved.*
- (d) *Each player/team shall be entitled to have representatives at the Tribunal, which shall hear evidence from the person making the charge and people present or involved in the incident.*
- (e) *The tribunal shall consist of the Officers of Committee, and shall be chaired by the President, if no conflict of interest arises.*
- (f) *The Tribunal has the power, if necessary, to impose any fine or suspension upon any players/teams.*

24. Glossary

- (a) *"In Writing" means in writing and forwarded to a member of the committee of management, posted to the Association, or placed in the Match Fees Box.*
- (b) *"Division" and "Grade" have the same meaning.*