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1. BYLAWS

These Bylaws are the rules governing the internal affairs of the West Gippsland Football Netball Competition – Netball. They are the operating procedures that determine the conduct and the direction of the WGFNC. The Directors adopted these Bylaws on 17th March 2025. Any amendments to these Bylaws come into effect on the date they are approved by the Directors and will remain in force until amended, repealed or replaced.

Bylaws are additional rules which apply to members which generally deal with internal, administrative or operational matters. Bylaws are subordinate to the Constitution and must not be inconsistent with the Constitution. There should be a clause in the Constitution that provides the power to the Directors to make Bylaws.

2. REGISTRATION

- i. West Gippsland Football Netball Competition Clubs are to ensure all participants are registered on Netball Connect before taking the court in any game. Players are required to have a primary or secondary NV membership with the club they are taking the court for.

3. NETBALL VICTORIA MEMBERSHIP

- i. The Netball Victoria membership fees are set annually by the Victorian Netball Association Inc.
- ii. All players, coaches and umpires, must be a current financial Netball Victoria member.
- iii. Single Game Vouchers (SGV) may be used for unregistered players. The WGFNC SGV must be submitted electronically to the Competition and purchased prior to taking the court. Only three (3) SGV can be purchased per person per season.
- iv. Individuals with NV membership through another Association must complete an electronic secondary registration with the WGFNC club PRIOR to taking the court. Failure to do so will deem the player ineligible and penalties will apply as per By-Law 2.
- v. Clubs failing to register eight teams (A, B ,C, D, 17/U, 15/U, 13/U and 11/U) two weeks prior to the start of the season must appeal to the WGFNC in writing and provide reasons for failing to register the required 8 teams.

4. COACH ACCREDITATION

- i. Clubs must ensure coaches obtain a coaching accreditation prior to round nine of the current season. Coaches must ensure they successfully complete an accredited Netball Victoria coaching course to obtain their accreditation.

5. INCLUSIVE ENVIRONMENTS

- i. The WGFNC is committed to providing a safe, fair and inclusive sporting environment where all people can contribute and participate.
- ii. The WGFNC may conduct cultural awareness training & inclusive workshops to ensure all clubs are providing a welcoming environment and creating awareness around cultural views and barriers.
- iii. The WGFNC supports participation in netball on the basis of the gender with which a person identifies. If issues arise, the WGFNC will seek advice and act in accordance with the Netball Victoria Transgender & Gender Diverse Policy. [NV Transgender & Gender Diverse Policy July 2022.pdf \(netball.com.au\)](https://www.netball.com.au/files/2022/07/NV-Transgender-&Gender-Diverse-Policy-July-2022.pdf)
- iv. All competitions will be clearly labelled in regard to age group and gender. This includes additional references to all genders that are permitted to play. All competition labelling will be clear and transparent.

6. GRADING & AGE REQUIREMENTS

- (i) **Participant age is determined as of 31st December of that year for A, B, C, D, 17/U, 15/U, 13/U and 11/U playing grades.**
- (ii) The playing grades shall consist of A, B, C, D, 17/U, 15/U, 13/U and 11/U.
- (iii) Minimum age requirements are:
 - i. Open sections – 14 years – Female competition
 - ii. 17/U – Turning 14 years – Female competition
 - iii. 15/U – Turning 12 years – Female competition
 - iv. 13/U – Turning 11 years – Mixed competition
 - v. 11/U – Turning 9 years – Mixed competition
- (iii) The WGFNC observes the Netball Victorian Gender Regulation in regard to mixed competition:
 - i. Mixed competition for the 11&U and 13&U age groups will have NO restrictions applied on the basis of gender.

7. CONDUCT OF MATCHES

- a. Game rules shall be those of Netball Australia, except:

Timing of Matches

11 & Under

Commence 8:00am

4 x 10 minute quarters

2 minute break between 1st & 3rd quarter and 3 minutes at ½ time.

13 & Under

Commence 8:50am

4 x 10 minute quarters

2 minute break between 1st & 3rd quarter and 3 minutes at ½ time.

15 & Under

Commence 9:40am

4 x 10 minute quarters

2 minute break between 1st & 3rd quarter and 3 minutes at ½ time.

17 & Under

Commence 10:30am

4 x 12 minute quarters

2 minute break between 1st & 3rd quarter and 3 minutes at ½ time.

D Grade

Commence 11:30am

4 x 12 minute quarters

2 minute break between 1st & 3rd quarter and 3 minutes at ½ time.

C Grade

Commence 12:30pm
4 x 12 minute quarters
2 minute break between 1st & 3rd quarter and 3 minutes at ½ time.

B Grade

Commence 1:30pm
4 x 15 minute quarters
3 minute break between 1st & 3rd quarter and 5 minutes at ½ time.

A Grade

Commence 2:45pm
4 x 15 minute quarters
3 minute break between 1st & 3rd quarter and 5 minutes at ½ time.

Game times will be as above or as negotiated between clubs. (e.g Times may be altered to play two games at once, provided that both clubs concerned are in agreeance, Night Games) or determined by the West Gippsland Football Netball Competition (e.g Finals). Game times must be finalised and emailed to the League by 5pm Wednesday. The opposing club must also be cc'd in the email.

8. WEST GIPPSLAND FOOTBALL NETBALL COMPETITION FOOTBALL & NETBALL USAGE

- i. Prior to each season the WGFNC will instruct the Clubs via email of any requirements for netball usage in the upcoming season. This may include:
 - i. Brand of balls to be used.
 - ii. Sponsorship requirements.
 - iii. Or any other WGFNC requirements.

In every match during the regular season, match balls that meet these requirements must be used.

- ii. Clubs require written permission from the WGFNC to use any balls in matches outside the stated requirements.

Fines for breaching bylaw 8 will be \$100.00 per instance.

- iii. The WGFNC will be responsible for supplying finals netballs.

9. INJURY / ILLNESS OR BLOOD STOPPAGES

The following is taken directly from the Netball Rule Book [INF-RulesofNetball2020.pdf](#)

- i. The umpires hold time for blood when notices or for injury / illness when requested by an on-court player (in extreme circumstances the umpires may hold time without a request being made).
- ii. The player concerned must leave the court within 30 seconds and receive any treatment off the court. The times keepers advise the umpires when 10 seconds remain.
- iii. Only primary care person/s are permitted on the court to assess the player's medical condition and to assist the player from the court.
- iv. If the primary care person/s advise the umpires that the player concerned cannot be removed safely within 30 seconds, the umpires will extend the time for the player to leave the court.
- v. The umpires may authorise other persons (including team officials) to assist the player to leave the court if needed.

- vi. Any blood on the ball or court must be cleaned before play restarts and any blood-stained clothing replaced.
- vii. During the stoppage both teams may make substitutions and / or team changes, provided these are completed within the time allowed for the stoppage by the umpires.
- viii. If no substitution is made for the injured / ill player, or for a player who is bleeding, play may resume with the position left vacant. If the player is the Centre and no substitution is made, one player must move to play Centre to allow the match to continue.
- ix. If the position is left vacant the player concerned may, during the match subsequently, after advising the umpire, take the court immediately after one of the following:
 - a. A goal has been scored (in this case the player or substitute must play in the position left vacant)
Sanction: Free pass where the ball was when play was stopped – the player is sent from the court until the correct time for entry.
 - b. A stoppage for injury / illness or blood.
 - c. An interval.

10. CONCUSSION PROTOCOL

Please refer to the attached Netball Vic Concussion Policy [AIS Concussion Guidelines for Youth and Community Sport.pdf \(netball.com.au\)](#)

11. CLUB REQUIREMENTS

Clubs are to ensure that at all home games the following forms are available courtside before each match:

- WGFNC Contact List
 - Official Rule book from Netball Australia
 - West Gippsland Football Netball Competition By-Laws
 - Reporting forms – Injury and conduct report sheets.
- i. Clubs are to ensure that appropriate league jackets for Court Supervisor and Primary Carer are available and worn at each match.
 - ii. Court Supervisors are to be appointed before each match and their roles and duties are as follows:

Role of the Court Supervisor

- This position will be the responsibility of the home club except during the finals series where it will be undertaken by West Gippsland Football Netball Competition representatives and members.
- Court supervisor transitions may occur before, during or at the conclusion of games, provided that continuity of oversight is maintained and all supervisory duties continue without interruption.
- The appointed person should be one who is aware of the rules and bylaws and is mature and competent enough to take in considerations of safety and make crucial decisions on the day.
- The appointed person shall always act in an unbiased manner.
- The appointed person will remain courtside for the duration of the game.
- The supported person will wear the supplied High Vis vest for the duration of the game.
- The appointed person will act with the approval and authority of the West Gippsland Football Netball Competition.

Duties of the Court Supervisor

- Attend to and resolve spectator issues. Where there is violence involved, please contact police immediately.
- Ensure timekeepers are in place and aware of the rules.
- Ensure scorers are in place and aware of the rules.
- Ensure coaches and team members remain in the designated bench areas.

- Should a no show by an umpire occur, it will be the responsibility of the Court Supervisor to contact a member of the WGFNC from the contact list provided for guidance or approval of an agreed upon resolution of the matter through consultation of both teams. Should no WGFNC member be contactable, the decision of the court supervisor will be deemed to be that of the WGFNC.
- Ensure safety of umpires.
- Ensure clear area at courtside for umpire movement during play.
- Ensure umpires are dressed to the appropriate standard of the Netball Australia rules. [General POLICIES - Netball Australia](#)
- Ensure a copy of the West Gippsland Football Netball Competition Netball Bylaws are available courtside.
- Ensure all the rules of Netball Victoria and bylaws of the WGFNC are adhered to and administered fairly without bias.

Penalty for not supplying a Court Supervisor will be \$100.00 per instance.

- Clubs are to ensure a Primary Carer is supplied for the entirety of each match. They must always wear supplied West Gippsland Football Netball Competition vest for identification by both umpires and court supervisors. Primary Carer requirements are as per stated in the Netball Australia rule book.

Failure to supply a Primary Carer for each game will incur at \$100.00 fine per game.

12. BENCH OFFICIALS

Benches will be limited to a maximum of nine (9) people throughout the home and away season including finals. This can be made up of four (4) officials and five (5) players. Written permission must be sought from the League to include players who were injured throughout the home and away season for these players to be on the bench during finals. There must be a clear one (1) metre space around the bench area.

13. RISK MANAGEMENT

Injury Reporting

- All Clubs are responsible for recording all injuries at the discretion of the injured player or players' guardian (if under 18) on the Injury Reporting Sheets provided and kept by the club. [RISK MANAGEMENT INFONET: RM14 \(netball.com.au\)](#)
- Major injuries should be recorded on the back of the scoresheet.
- All players in the WGFNC representative teams are responsible for recording all injuries at the discretion of the injured player or players' guardian (if under 18) on the Injury Reporting Sheets provided.
- Each Club will provide a First Aid Kit complying with Netball Victoria Info net RM2 – First Aid for Netball. [First Aid.pdf \(netball.com.au\)](#)
- The WGFNC will ensure that a qualified First Aid person is present at Finals.

Emergency Procedures

Local Emergency phone numbers – Ambulance, Doctor, Physiotherapist, Health Clinic and Police and an Emergency Procedure Plan is to be displayed prominently in the netball area and in the first Aid Kit. The Home club is to assist the Away club in an emergency.

Weather

In the case of extreme weather conditions, the WGFNC will follow Netball Victoria Policy. [Weather Guidelines - Netball VIC](#)

Blood Policy & Infectious Diseases

The WGFNC will adopt Netball Victoria Blood Policy and Infectious Diseases. [Infectious Diseases and Hygiene.pdf \(netball.com.au\)](#)

Pregnancy

As per Netball Victoria Policy – Pregnancy and Netball. [SD-Pregnancy-Policy.pdf \(netball.com.au\)](#)

Pre-participation Screening / Medical Indemnity

As per Netball Victoria Policy. [Medical Indemnity and Consent Editable.docx \(live.com\)](#)

14. DELAY DUE TO SERIOUS INJURY

If play is required to be suspended due to a serious injury / incident that following shall apply:

- a)
 - i. Play is to be halted by the umpires. The match umpires will note the time of the incident and the time remaining on the current quarter with the scorers and this will be recorded on the match scoresheets.
 - ii. Quarter breaks are not to be taken early.

If a second court is available to recommence the match, the umpires will notify both Clubs that the remainder of the match will be played on another court.

For play to commence the following must occur:

- b)
 - i. Both Clubs will be required to sign off on the Netball Australia matchday checklist to approve the surface and surrounds for play.
 - ii. Both Clubs must have a scorer courtside at the new court.
 - iii. A scoreboard must be visible at the new court for both benches.
 - iv. Once the above measures are in place, the umpires will be responsible for the recommencement of play. The match will be played out in full.

If a second court is not available:

- c)
 - i. The Captains and match Umpires will be responsible for determining when it is safe for play to recommence within a 30 minute period after the incident. If play resumes within the 30 minute period, then that match will be played out in full and all other scheduled games after the current match will commence at the conclusion of the game.
 - ii. If play has not recommenced 30 minutes after the time noted on the scoresheet; the match umpires and two captains will meet and determine that the match will be abandoned.

15. MATCH ABANDONMENT

If a match is abandoned before half time the following shall apply:

- i. The game will be classed as a draw and both teams will receive two (2) points. The score will be entered in the Netball Connect system as 0-0. Players that have taken the court will count towards finals eligibility. No League B & F votes will be done for any match abandoned before half time.

If a Match is abandoned at half time or after half time the following shall apply:

- ii. The final score for the match will be as is when play was stopped by the umpires. Scorers are to confirm with the umpires that scoresheets are correct, and the final score will be recorded on the scoresheet. Both captains and umpires will be required to sign off on the scoresheet, and once signed off, the match result is final, and will be recorded as such by the Netball Administrator. Players that have taken the court will count towards finals eligibility. League B & F votes will be completed and submitted by the umpires.

16. DRESS CODE

- i. Club uniforms will be inclusive according to the Netball Victoria uniform policy. [Uniform Guidelines - Netball VIC](#)
- ii. Clubs and teams must notify the WGFNC in writing of any proposed changes to their uniform. The WGFNC must then approve all changes and contact the required Club Official.
- iii. The following items will be considered part of the standard uniform, and Do Not require the player to seek approval from the WGFNC:
 - Head coverings - Players must not wear anything that is dangerous to themselves or another competitor. This includes no jewellery and no sharp pins on head coverings. If the head covering needs to be fastened, clips and non-sharp pins are to be used. Head coverings must be tight and non-flowing
 - Additional clothing options are for cultural/religious modifications only. Additional clothing must be all black, all white or club colours and must be worn under the existing team uniform.
- iv. Players will not be permitted to take the court unless they are in full uniform.

Penalty \$50.00 per occurrence.

- v. Jewellery which cannot be removed for religious / medical reasons should be covered with tape as necessary to prevent injury to others. A certificate must be on hand to be viewed by the umpires.
- vi. Fingernails must be short and smooth when participating in the WGFNC. No taping of nails will be accepted. Gloves can only be worn with a medical certificate.

Penalty: Fine to be determined by Directors.

17. CLEARANCES

- i. A clearance is required if a player wishes to transfer to another Club within WGFNC during a season. The relevant paperwork must be completed by no later than the 30th June each season.
- ii. No player will be granted more than one (1) clearance per season.
- iii. Players who owe outstanding playing fees or are in possession of Club property (uniform, equipment) are not eligible to be granted a clearance.
- iv. A player must have received notification in writing from the WGFNC before playing for a new Club.
- v. The player must complete all details in the top section of the clearance form and send it to the WGFNC Administrator.
- vi. The WGFNC to forward the clearance request to the existing Club for approval.

- vii. The existing Club has 7 days to complete the clearance or the WGFNC will automatically clear the player to the new Club.
- viii. If the Club refuses to clear the player (refer: conditions of clearances), the WGFNC will notify the player and Club advising the reason why. Any dispute arising from clearance restrictions will be dealt with according to the grievance procedure outlined in the Constitution.
- ix. The existing Club to advise the WGFNC when clearance is approved.
- x. The player will then receive notification advising that the clearance has been approved and a copy is forwarded to both Clubs.
- xi. A clearance is not required between seasons.

18. SCORING

- i. The home team will provide three (3) scorers, one (1) will complete the scoresheet, one (1) will control the scoreboard, and the third can complete the live scores (from anywhere in the court vicinity.) The away team will supply one (1) person to conduct the timing of the matches. These people must sit together for the duration of the match. Scorers must be free from all distractions, including mobile phones.
- ii. One (1) official scoresheet provided by the Home Team will be used for each match. This scoresheet will list the complete names (both given and surname) of all players intending to participate as players in the game prior to the commencement of play. This scoresheet shall also indicate the starting positions played each quarter by individuals and the game score. A record of centre passes must also be kept and provided if requested by an umpire. Changes to positions as a result of an injury must be recorded on the scoresheet.
- iii. Should a player take the court that was not on the score sheet prior to the commencement of play, the following penalties shall apply:
 - **If the player has taken the court in more than 1 quarter:** The team will be liable for the loss of any premiership points for the game and the official result will entered as a forfeit by the offending club. The game will continue after the breach has occurred and be played out in full.
 - **If the player has taken the court for less than 1 quarter:** Once the breach has been identified, the scorers are to sound the siren and notify the umpires of the offending player. The player will be removed from the court and the position left vacant until the end of the quarter. If the player was in the Centre position: One player must move to this position for the rest of the quarter. The offending player will not be able to return for the remainder of the match.

The offending club in either case will incur a \$200.00 fine per breach.

- iv. At the match conclusion, to indicate their satisfaction that the information on the Official score sheet is correct, it is to be signed by:
 - The Captains of both competing teams, and
 - Officiating Scorers, and
 - Officiating Umpires
- v. If a scorer, team or club believes the scoresheet is incorrect they must:
 - Not sign the scoresheet
 - Notify the WGFNC via email on the day of the match.
- vi. The League will advise the result of the dispute and this decision will be final and binding on all parties.
- vii. All games are to be live scored. Any internet issues, please advise WGFNC as soon as practicable.
- viii. The home team must send the original scoresheets via email to the WGFNC as per matchday manual provided by the WGFNC. The Home Club is to send the hard copy to the WGFNC Netball Co-Ordinator on the Monday. Any later than this, the scoresheets must be sent via express post.
- ix. Once there becomes a 20 point difference in scored between 11/U and 13/U sides, the use of the scoreboard must stop. Match scoring continues on the scoresheet. Player positions must continue to be filled in each quarter on the scoresheet.

Any breach of bylaw 18 will incur a \$100.00 fine unless stated above.

19. PLAYER VOTES

Players in all grades are awarded votes (1,2 and 3) from third best to best on court. Votes will be conducted by the official umpires at the completion of each game during the home and away season. Votes are placed in a sealed envelope and returned to the Netball Co-Ordinator with the team sheets.

20. SIX GAME RULE

- i. Once a player has played six (6) games in a higher senior grade throughout the home and away season, the player in question is no longer eligible to play in any lower senior grade, but is eligible to play in a higher grade. For example; 5 games in B Grade, 1 game in C Grade, this player cannot then play D Grade.
- ii. Junior players who play in the senior grades are also subject to this rule, but are still eligible to play in their own grade.

21. QUALIFYING PLAYERS

- i. Where senior players play in two (2) grades on the same day, only the game in the highest grade will count towards their qualifying quota of games.
- ii. Players must play one third (1/3) of the home and away playable rounds in that season with their Club to be eligible to participate in finals. Players named on the scoresheet who have taken the court, will be deemed to have played that game.
- iii. All players may only play in two (2) games of netball in any one given day.

Penalty for breach of bylaw 21ii & 21iii: Loss of four (4) premiership points and a \$200.00 penalty.

- iv. Any additional players need to be registered on Netball Connect membership module prior to the start of any match. (This needs to be completed by the player online).
- v. Clubs requiring Day Passes for players in any season are required to register the player as SGV or Single Game Voucher on the Netball Connect system and are required to pay at the same time. [Refer to bylaw 3](#) Failure to follow this process will cause this player to be unregistered and if played, the Club will forfeit the game.

22. ROLLING SUBSTITUTIONS

- i. Players must be recorded on the scoresheet for the starting positions only, for all four (4) quarters.
- ii. Rolling substitutions must be recorded on the specified Rolling Subs Sheet only.
- iii. Injured players must be recorded on the scoresheet immediately after the player has left the court and replaced with an alternative player.
- iv. Rolling Substitutions sheet must accompany the scoresheet and submitted to the League.
- v. The rolling substitution stands at the designated area.
- vi. Before leaving the designated area, the substitute tags (with hands) the player leaving the court.
- vii. Only one (1) rolling substitute per team can be made at a time.
- viii. Play is not to be held up for rolling substitutions. If play is delayed, the player will be penalised under Rule 19.2. Delaying play.
- ix. Players must observe the offside rules as they enter/leave the court.
Sanction: Free pass where the infringement occurred (offside area) unless this places the non-infringing team at a disadvantage, or advantage is applied.
- x. Players must not interfere with the umpire's movement during the substitution.
Sanction: Free pass where the ball was when play was stopped (advantage may be applied).
- xi. If a player leaves the court as a rolling substitution, and there is no player in the designated area, the replacement player is treated as a late player (as per Rule 3.8) and must wait until a break in play to enter

the court.

3.8. Any late player may, after advising the umpire, take the court in the vacant position/s at the next break in play.

Action: Any late player is sent from the court until the correct time for entry and possession is awarded to the opposing team where the ball was when play stopped.

Terminology: Incorrect entry

23. PREMIUM PLAYERS

A Premium Player (PP) is defined by the highest level of netball they are playing in the year of competition and the year preceding it. A player is classed to have played once they have taken the court in a competition match. Players who are playing or were playing Open levels of competition in VNL (Victorian Netball League), SSN (Suncorp Super Netball) and ANL (Australian Netball League) will be classed as a Premium Player.

- i. Only three (3) Premium Players are allowed from each team on the court at any given time of the A Grade match;
- ii. Premium Players are not eligible to play B,C or D Grade competitions;
- iii. Players who meet the Premium Player definition are to be clearly identified on the match scoresheet with 'PP' next to their name.
- iv. If there are 3 or less Premium Players in any one team, there is no need to record 'PP' on the score sheet.
- v. Junior players (U19) playing VNL are eligible to play in their age appropriate sides in WGFNC. However, they can only play A or B grade if playing in a higher grade.

Penalty for breach of bylaw 23: Loss of four (4) premiership points per player.

24. FINALS

- i. WGFNC will play top six (6) finals series.
- ii. The number of points gained during the season shall determine teams qualifying for finals. In the event of teams being equal on points, positions shall be determined by the percentage of goals scored for and against. In the event of teams being equal on percentage, positions shall be determined by the greater number of goals scored for.
- iii. Drawn matches in finals:
 - If the scores are tied at full time, extra time will be played to determine a winner.
 - The length of each half is:
 1. 2 x 7 minute halves if the main game was 4 x 15 minute quarters.
 2. 2 x 6 minute halves if the main game was 4 x 12 minute quarters.
 3. 2 x 5 minute halves if the main game was 4 x 10 minute quarters.
 - There is an interval of two (2) minutes at the end of full time. Team changes and substitutions can be made during this time.
 - Extra time consists of two halves of equal length, with a half time interval of one (1) minute. Team changes and substitution can be made during this time. Teams change ends at half time.
 - The first centre pass in each half is taken by the team entitled by the next centre pass.
 - In the event of a tie remaining at the end of extra time, a visual sign (orange card) is placed at the official bench to indicate that play will continue until one team leads by two (2) goals.
 - Injury time – see [Conduct of Matches](#).

25. INELIGIBLE PLAYERS

Ineligible players (players not written on the scoresheet) who participate in games either deliberately or inadvertently, or if unregistered are an unacceptable insurance risk.

26. FORFEITS

- i. Where a match results in a forfeit prior to the match clock starting, the nonoffending team will:
 - Be awarded the four (4) premiership points with a match score of twenty (20) – zero (0).
 - Credit games to only seven (7) nominated players (Captain is to choose which players) on the official scoresheet for finals qualifications.
 - No games shall be credited to the players of the offending team.
 - In the event of a forfeit in a senior grade, the lowest team from the club must be forfeited before a higher team.

Penalty for breach of bylaw 26i: A fine of \$200.00 is to be paid to the opposing club to cover umpire costs.

- ii. Where a match results in a forfeit after the commencement of the match clock starting:
 - The result of the match will be twenty (20) – zero (0) if the forfeiture is caused by the winning team.
 - The score of the winning team or twenty (20) – zero (0), (whichever is greater) will stand if the forfeiture is caused by the losing team. The losing team will be stripped of its score and credited with zero (0).
 - No games shall be credited to players of the offending team.

27. CANCELLATIONS

- i. When matches are cancelled on account of a factor beyond the control of the relevant Teams or Clubs, the match will be deemed a draw, both Teams or Clubs will be credited with two (2) points and five (5) goals each and the competition will continue as per the fixture.
- ii. Four (4) points can only be awarded for fully completed games.
- iii. Games will be awarded to seven (7) players nominated by the Captain.
- iv. Should circumstances occur which require successive rounds to be cancelled, the WGFNC will consider the position and determine a suitable course of action.

28. PROTESTS

- i. A team wishing to protest must lodge the protest in writing to the West Gippsland Football Netball Competition on an official letterhead with the prior consent from a club executive member within 48 hours of the match being played.
- ii. A Club shall have the right of appeal to the West Gippsland Football Netball Competition decision within 48 hours of notification of a penalty.

29. UMPIRES

- i. Each Club is responsible of the supply and payment to umpires during the home and away season. Minimum payment will follow the recommendation of Netball Victoria.
 - Umpires should not officiate more than two (2) games in any one given day.
 - All Clubs must supply a Netball Victoria Current Badged umpire for all A & B grade games.

- ii. All umpires must be current to their badge grading.
- iii. Inexperienced umpires must be supported by an Umpire Mentor. Umpire Mentors are not to have a whistle and are to wear vests as supplied by the League. The Umpire Mentor is to write their name on the scoresheet. Umpire Mentors are not to approach the opposition umpire unless asked before the start of the game. The Mentor is not to leave the court area until the completion of the game.
- iv. Umpires must wear a white or cream top. Block colour bottoms (black) are acceptable, until we establish our own netball umpire colour. Umpires will wear all white for finals. [Uniform Guidelines - Netball VIC](#)
- v. All umpires must wear suitable sports footwear.
- vi. All umpires are to have completed the Online Level 1 course and passed the theory section.
- vii. Umpires must be registered / linked to a Club within WGFNC before the round they are to umpire. Umpires must also ensure their badge is current. Clubs must submit any new umpires to the league with their full name and netball connect registration number. **Penalty \$100.00 fine**
- viii. Clubs are to advise the WGFNC Netball Co-Ordinator and the Umpire Co-Ordinator of all umpire tests and are required to forward all contact details of Testers and Umpires.
- ix. Complaints process - Umpires are to ensure their own conduct is appropriate and within the requirements of Netball Victoria. Umpires are also responsible for ensuring the conduct of players, coaches and officials are also adhered to. Should a Club / individual feel the process hasn't been followed correctly, they are to complete the following form [Complaint-Form-.pdf \(netball.com.au\)](#) This form must then be submitted via email to the League (within three days of the incident), and the League will determine the next steps.

30. PRE-MATCH CHECKLIST

- i. A pre-match check will be completed prior to all WGFNC match day games, by members of both competing clubs. Pre-Match Checklists are available here. [Game & Training Checklist.pdf](#)
- ii. Any hazards identified will be:
 - Documented – completion of court audit form.
 - Rectified if possible.
 - Reported to the WGFNC if major repair is required and then the WGFNC will follow up with appropriate agencies.

31. SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES / PROVISIONS CLAUSE

Where this bylaw is silent, a decision can be made that ensures the integrity of the WGFNC is always maintained. The WGFNC may, in using its reasonable discretion, in exceptional or extenuating circumstances, alter, vary, or waive the requirements set out in this bylaw relating to the WGFNC.

32. INDEMNITY

Except where provided or required by law and such cannot be excluded, the WGFNC and its respective directors, officers, members, servants or agents are absolved from all liability however arising from injury or damage, however caused, arising whilst participating in the WGFNC activities as a member.

33. PENALTIES

Along with all the penalties mentioned in individual bylaws above, the following will also apply:

- Failure to provide all original scoresheets (one per grade), votes and match results as per bylaw 16, incurs.
- Scoresheets for each grade must be electronically submitted on the matchday as per instructions from the League.
- Failure to provide a badged umpire for A & B grades.

Any breach by law 33 will incur a \$100.00 fine per instance.