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DEFINITIONS

“Association/league” means the Springvale & District Netball Association Netball Association/league Incorporated.

“Club” means a non-profit incorporated body which has an interest in netball and is affiliated with the Association/league.

“By-laws” means these By-laws of the Association/league as amended from time to time.

“Committee” is the governing body of the association or league.

“Constitution” means the constitution of the Association/league as amended from time to time.

“Core Player” refers to a player who is an original part of a team – one who has been registered with that team for the current season and has played four games with this team in one season.

“Club Delegate” is a representative of a Club or Team who liaises with the Committee.

“Ineligible player” is a player who is not entitled to participate in a game, which may include a player who has not qualified or a player not eligible to play in that age section.

“Individual Team” is a team which is not affiliated with a governing Club.

“Team Official” has the meaning given to it by By-law 21.

BY-LAWS

These By-laws govern the Springvale & District Netball Association (SDNA). They are the operating procedures that determine the conduct of the Association and its members. The Association adopted these By-laws in November 2023 at the AGM. Any amendments to these By-laws come into effect on the date they are approved by the Association and will remain in force until amended, repealed or replaced.

1. CLUB DELEGATE MEETINGS

- 1.1** Club Delegate meetings will be held on the dates determined by the Committee and advised to Clubs from time to time.
- 1.2** All Clubs / Individual teams must be represented by at least one delegate at all Club Delegate meetings.
- 1.3** Clubs who do not comply with Bylaw 1.2 may be fined by the Committee (with the amount of the fine to be determined by the SDNA Committee – refer Appendix 1).

2. CORRESPONDENCE

- 2.1** All correspondence sent by a Club to the Association must be sent in writing from the Club Secretary or authorised person to the Association Secretary.
- 2.2** All correspondence from the Association to a Club will be addressed to the Club Secretary or authorised person.

3. FINANCES

- 3.1** Fees
 - (a) The SDNA Committee shall determine the fees to be paid by each Club and Individual team to the Association.
 - (b) The fees shall be calculated to cover the costs of Association and Competition management activities.
 - (b) All monies due to the Association must be paid by the nominated due date. Clubs or Individual teams that have not paid by the nominated date will not be permitted to take the court.
 - (d) Any individual with outstanding debt to the Association shall not be permitted to take the court for any Club or Individual team in any competition until the outstanding debt is paid.
 - (e) Any individual who breaches Bylaw 3.1(f) may be subject to a fine as determined by the SDNA Committee (refer Appendix 1).

3.2 Reimbursements / Payments

- (a) SDNA Committee members may be entitled to claim authorised expenses incurred whilst acting in an official capacity from the Association. Receipts must be supplied to the Association in order for any reimbursements to be made.
- (b) The SDNA Court Supervisors, Umpire Co-ordinator, Umpires and Game day officials will be paid at the rate determined by the Association.
- (c) Other Association personnel may be entitled to claim authorised expenses incurred whilst acting on behalf of the Association as determined at the discretion of the Association on a case-by-case basis.

4. INFORMATION TO CLUBS

4.1 The Association shall provide information to all Clubs prior to the start of the season. This information may include:

- (a) Association contact details
- (b) Association calendar of events
- (c) Competition Bylaws
- (d) Fixtures
- (e) Details of courses, seminars etc

5. CLUB AND INDIVIDUAL TEAM REGISTRATION

5.1 In order for a Club or Individual team to be eligible to compete in the Association's competitions, the Club or Individual team must complete their Registration to the Association by the due date.

5.2 All Clubs and Individual teams that are registered to the Association shall receive information from the Association, which may include:

- (a) Due date and amount of all fees and levies that are to be paid for the season, including Registration Fees, Court Fees, Netball Victoria Fees and any other fees that may be deemed necessary for that season.
- (b) A link to the Association Constitution and By-laws.
- (c) Information regarding any meetings or other requirements of the Association; and
- (d) any information provided in accordance with By-law 4.
 - (i) No Club or Individual who submits a registration application to the Association is to be considered registered until the Association confirms in writing to the Club or Individual team.
 - (ii) The Association reserves the right to reject the registration application of any Club, Club team or Individual team applying to the Association for registration to participate in a competition.

- (e) All Clubs and Individual teams will have access to relevant Netball Victoria policies, procedures, regulations, and Codes of Conduct via the Netball Victoria website.
- (f) Players that have played four games with the same team, are deemed to be registered to that team. They are considered a Core player.
- (g) Additional players must be registered in an existing team by:
 - (i) The Player completing the registration to the applicable SDNA competition in Netball Connect, through the specific link provided by their Club/Individual team. Clubs can then add the players to the team in Netball Connect so they appear on the scoresheet. Individual teams to contact SDNA office for assistance.
 - (ii) Players can only be registered to one club / Individual team per season. A player will be registered to the team as a core player once they have played four games for that team within that season. The only exception to this rule is where a player is registered to play in one Club team in an age group division. And then registers to play for the same Club in another team that plays in the Age Group division above.
 - (iii) Club and Individual teams who do not comply with Bylaw 5(g) may be subject to a fine as determined by the SDNA Committee. (Refer Appendix 1)

6. NETBALL VICTORIA MEMBERSHIP

6.1 The Netball Victoria membership fees are set annually by the Victorian Netball Association Inc.

- (a) In order to be eligible to participate in affiliated Association competitions or programs (including NetSetGo), as a player, coach or umpire, an individual must be a current financial Netball Victoria member. All Junior, Senior and All Abilities players, coaches and umpires must register through the appropriate online registration process as set by Netball Victoria and/or the Association.
- (b) An off-the-court membership product will be offered to those Association members that have an off-court role (Committee members, Administrators, Team Managers, Scorers).

6.2 No player, coach or umpire will be permitted to participate in the Association's activities in any capacity without a current Netball Victoria membership. Any breach of this By-law will be subject to sanction to the individual, Individual team or Club as determined by the Committee. (Refer Appendix 1)

6.3 Single Game Vouchers may be used.

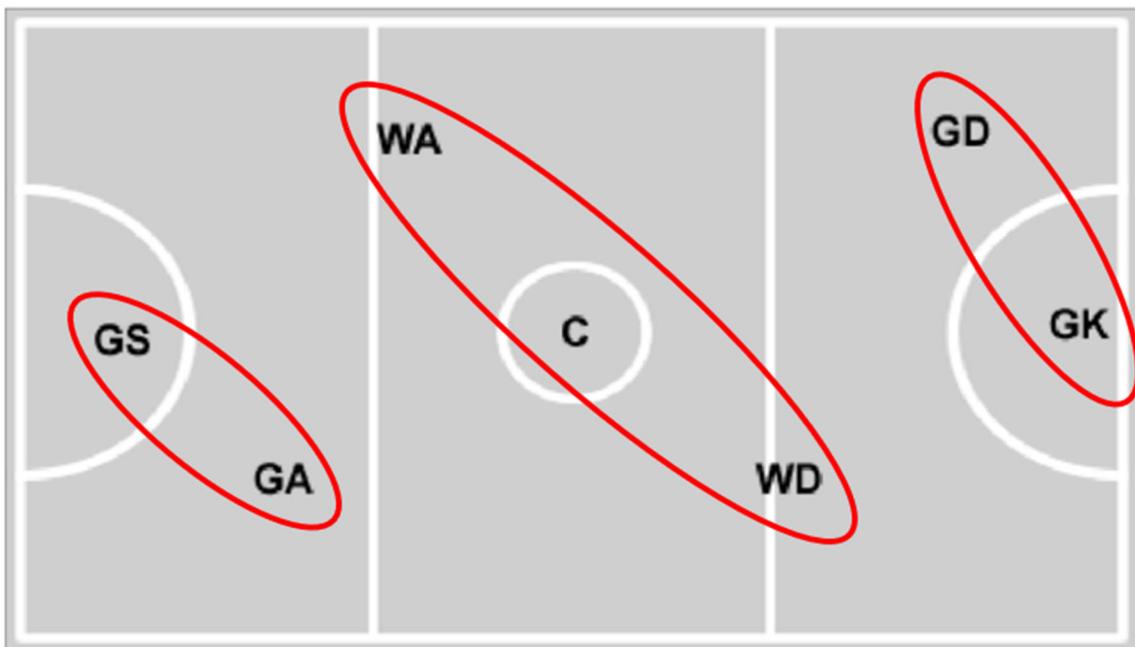
- (a) Individuals may purchase a Single Game Voucher and purchase of a voucher will allow the individual to participate as a player in the Association's activities only for the game or activity to which the Single Game Voucher relates.
- (b) A player must purchase a Single Game Voucher through the nominated process prior to becoming eligible to participating in the relevant game or activity.
- (c) A maximum of three (3) Single Game Vouchers may be purchased per year by the player, before the player must become a Netball Victoria member for the year.
- (d) Club and Individual teams who do not comply with Bylaw 6.3 may be subject to a fine as determined by the SDNA Committee. (Refer Appendix 1)

7. INCLUSIVE ENVIRONMENTS

- 7.1** The Association is committed to providing a safe, fair, and inclusive sporting environment where all people can contribute and participate.
- 7.2** The Association will endeavour to provide opportunities for males to participate in mixed and male competitions.
- 7.3** The Association may conduct cultural awareness training & inclusive workshops to ensure your club is providing a welcoming environment and creating awareness around cultural views and barriers.
- 7.4** The Association supports participation in netball on the basis of the gender with which a person identifies. If issues arise, the Association will seek advice and act in accordance with the Netball Victoria Transgender & Gender Diverse Policy.
- 7.5** All competitions will be clearly labelled regarding age group and gender. This includes additional references to all genders that are permitted to play. All competition labelling will be clear and transparent.
- 7.6** The Association observes the Netball Victoria Gender Regulation regarding male participation:
- (a) Ineligible - Males who are 13 years (and older) are not permitted to participate in female competition.
 - (b) Eligible - Males must be less than 13 years of age (actual age) as at the first day of the competition or season; and males that turn 13 during that competition or season will be permitted to participate for the duration of that competition or season.

7.7 The Association observes the Netball Victorian Gender Regulation regarding competition where boys are eligible to play (Refer to By-law 7.6 b).

- (a) Competition for Female 10&U, Female 11&U, Female 13&U and Female 15&U will observe the following rules:
- (b) The minimum number of males in a team is ZERO, and
- (c) A team must only have a maximum of 3 males on court at any one time, and
- (d) A team must only have up to one male in each third on court. For the avoidance of doubt this means:
 - (i) One male is permitted in the defence third occupying the position of Goal Defence or Goal Keeper, and
 - (ii) One male is permitted in the mid third occupying the position of Center, Wing Attack or Wing Defence, and
 - (iii) One male is permitted in the goal third occupying the position of Goal Attack or Goal Shooter.



8. AGE REQUIREMENTS

8.1 Player age is determined as at the 31 December of the current playing year. Specially, By-law 7.6 must also be applied

8.2 Club and Individual Teams are trusted to obtain and provide correct dates of birth. SDNA reserves the right to request proof of age if required.

8.3 Participants are only eligible to participate in certain age groups upon reaching the relevant age threshold (Minimum Age Requirements). The Minimum Age Requirements for each age group are:

| <i>Age Group</i> | <i>Minimum</i> | <i>Age Group</i> | <i>Minimum</i> |
|------------------|----------------|------------------|----------------|
| 10&U | 6 Years | 11&U | 9 Years |
| 13&U | 11 Years | 15&U | 12 Years |
| 18&U | 15 Years | Open | N/A |

8.4 Participants are only eligible to participate in certain age groups upon reaching the relevant age threshold (Maximum Age Requirements). The Maximum Age Requirements for each age group are (age determined as at the 31 December of the current playing year):

| <i>Age Group</i> | <i>Maximum</i> | <i>Age Group</i> | <i>Maximum</i> |
|------------------|----------------|------------------|----------------|
| 10&U | 10 Years | 11&U | 11 Years |
| 13&U | 13 Years | 15&U | 15 Years |
| 18&U | 18 Years | Open | N/A |

8.5 An Individual team or Club who breaches this By-law 8 may be subject to a penalty of the loss of four (4) premiership points.

9. COMPETITIONS & PROGRAMS

9.1 The Association offers the following competition & programs:

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| FEMALE 10&U | Female only competition (males <13 years of age as at the first day of competition may participate – restrictions apply) – see 7.6 & 7.7 |
| FEMALE 11&U | Female only competition (males <13 years of age as at the first day of competition may participate – restrictions apply) – see 7.6 & 7.7 |
| FEMALE 13&U | Female only competition (males <13 years of age as at the first day of competition may participate – restrictions apply) – see 7.6 & 7.7 |
| FEMALE 15&U | Female only competition (males <13 years of age as at the first day of competition may participate) – see 7.6 & 7.7 |
| FEMALE 18&U | Female only competition |

10. GRADING

- 10.1** The Association will implement a grading process which will be determined by the Association to evaluate, grade and re-grade all teams.
- 10.2** The Association reserves the right to re-grade an Individual team or Club at any time of any season.
- 10.3** Re-grading requests submitted to the Association by an Individual team or Club will be considered by the Association without any requirement for the Association to take any further action in relation to the grading of that Individual team or Club.
- 10.4** The Association will be the ultimate adjudicator of all grading decisions.
- 10.5** Following the re-grading period, all sections and teams will have their premiership points and goals reset back to zero.

11. DRESS CODE

11.1 Players

- (a) Each Club or Individual team must submit its proposed uniform to the Association/League, for approval by the Association/League. Clubs/Individual teams are permitted to offer uniform options within their registered uniform to their players. If a club provides uniform options for their members, all uniform options should result in players in the same team being easily recognised as being in the same team/club, i.e., if some players choose to wear shorts/shirt combination and others a dress they should still be easily recognisable as the same team/club with the colours and design.
- (i) 10&U sections ONLY, must submit the colour of long sleeve t-shirt and leggings that may be worn in accordance with By-law 11.1 (f).
- (b) Clubs and Individual teams must notify the Association/League in writing of any proposed changes to their uniform for approval by the Association/League. Clubs changing to a new approved uniform are permitted one season for transition. During this period, a club making a change to a new approved uniform is permitted to have teams with players wearing either the old or new uniform provided the uniforms are of similar appearance and colours, so the players are easily recognised as being in the same Individual team/club.
- (c) The Association must approve all Club and Individual team uniform colours and designs. If a club has any player/s requesting to wear shorts or other items of clothing that do not form part of their club's approved registered uniform options, the club will need to submit a design and colour to the Association/League, for approval. Any player may seek a variation to the uniform for medical, cultural, religious, or other reasonable grounds. Wherever possible exceptions will be made for other items of clothing that are worn for religious, cultural, medical, or other inclusive reasons. Notification should be made in writing and approved before the player takes the court stating the reason for the non-registered uniform. A copy of the acknowledgement must be provided on game day if requested.

The following items will be considered part of the standard uniform, and do not require the player to seek approval from the Association/League:

- (i) 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
- (ii) Additional clothing options are for cultural/religious modifications only. Additional clothing must be all black, all white or club colours and must be worn with the existing team uniform.
- (d) No jewellery or body piercing may be worn when participating in the Association/League's activities. Players may be precluded from participating until such jewellery or body piercings are removed or covered
- (e) Fingernails must be short and smooth when participating in the Association/League's activities. Taping of their nails is permitted. Gloves are not permitted. Players will not be able to take the court if this requirement is not met.
- (f) Players in 10&U may wear tight fitting leggings and full-length long sleeve t-shirts underneath their club / team uniform if they wish. The long sleeve t-shirt and leggings need to be the same colour or approved club colours. Legging and t-shirt colour must be submitted to the Association as part of the individual team or club uniform process.
- (g) No hard-peaked caps may be worn, only soft peaked hats, visors or bucket hats. Sunglasses are also permissible.
- (h) Suitable footwear must be worn.
- (i) Players will receive a warning from the umpire before a penalty is applied for incorrect uniform. If the incorrect uniform is not corrected prior to the offending player taking the court, then penalty will be applied immediately.

Penalty: Two goals for each incorrectly uniformed player to the non-offending club or individual team and will be recorded by the umpire (refer to Appendix 1)

11.2 Umpires

- (a) Umpires shall wear uniform as determined by the Association/League. Suitable footwear is required.
- (b) Any Umpire does not need to seek approval from the Association for a variation from the uniform where circumstances exist, such as religious, cultural, medical, or other inclusive reasons.
- (c) the following items will be considered part of the standard uniform, and Do Not require the umpire to seek approval from the Association/League:
 - (i) Head coverings - Head coverings must be all black or all white. Umpires must not wear anything that is dangerous to themselves or another competitor. This includes no jewellery and no sharp pins on head coverings (hijabs). 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.
 - (ii) Additional clothing options are for cultural/religious modifications only. Additional clothing must be all black, all white and must be worn with the existing umpire uniform.

11.3 Representative Squad

- (a) The Association/League representative squad uniform will be determined by the Association/League.

12. CLEARANCES

12.1 A clearance is required if a player wishes to transfer to another Club during a season.

12.2 No player will be granted more than one (1) clearance per season.

12.3 A clearance will not be granted after the halfway point of the relevant season has passed.

12.4 Players who owe outstanding playing fees to the Association or are in possession of Club or Individual team property (uniform, equipment) are not eligible to be granted a clearance.

Penalty: Fine as determined by the Committee. Match points may also be lost by the receiving club in each instance the player takes the court without approved clearance as determined by the committee. (Refer to Appendix 1)

12.5 To obtain a clearance, a player must submit a clearance application to the Association and must comply with all the requirements as outlined by the Association. The individual's existing Club or Individual team has seven (7) days from date of lodgement to complete the clearance upon receipt of approval from the Association or the Association will automatically clear the player to the new Club. If a clearance application is approved by the Association, the player and both Clubs will receive notification of such approval and the clearance will be approved in Netball Connect by both Clubs and Association.

12.6 A clearance is not required if a player wishes to transfer to another Club in between seasons.

13. CONDUCT OF GAMES

13.1 The Association is subject to, and must always comply with, the "Official Rules of Netball" as amended or revised from time to time.

13.2 The length of quarters for all matches governed by the Association will be determined by the Association prior to the start of the season.

13.3 Timing will be operated centrally by the Game Day Supervisor.

13.4 As games are centrally timed, there will be no injury time. However, matches may be stopped by the umpires at their discretion at any stage, as considered appropriate, to ensure the safety of players and maintain a safe playing area.

13.5 Rolling Substitutions:

- (a) Rolling substitutions will be allowed to take place in all games within SDNA competitions effective from July 2024 onwards.
 - (i) The rolling substitution stands at the designated area behind the rolling substitution line.
 - (ii) Before leaving the designated area, the substitute tags (with hands) the player leaving the court.
 - (iii) Only one (1) rolling substitute per team can be made at a time.

- (iv) 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.
19.2. Delaying play: A player or team must not intentionally waste time or delay play.
Sanction: Penalty pass which is advanced.
- (v) 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.
- (vi) 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).
- (vii) 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.

14. SCORING

- 14.1** The Association will provide an official tablet, and/or Scoresheet to score for all games.
- 14.2** It is the responsibility of the first named Individual team or Club to score the game.
- 14.3** Each Individual team or Club must provide a non-participating scorer for all games.
- 14.4** The scorers must stand together for the duration of the game in the marked Scorers box.
- 14.5** One (1) official scoresheet/Live Scoring App will be used for each game. This scoresheet/Live Scoring App will list the complete names (both given and surname) of all players intending to participate as players in the game.
- 14.6** One (1) premiership point will be deducted for teams with incorrect or incomplete score sheets or that have otherwise failed to comply with By-laws 14.1-14.7.
- 14.7** If a scorer, Individual team or Club believes the score is incorrect they must:
 - (a) notify the Committee.
 - (b) lodge a dispute in writing with the Association's secretary within 48 hours of the game being played.

The Committee will advise the result of the dispute and this decision shall be final and binding on all parties.

15. COMPETITION LADDERS

15.1 Competition ladders will be made available by the Association during competition seasons.

15.2 Premiership points are awarded during competition seasons as follows:

- (a) 4 points for a win or bye.
- (b) 2 points for a draw; and
- (c) 0 points for a loss, forfeit or abandonment.

15.3 In the event of Individual teams or Clubs being equal on points, positions shall be determined by the percentage of goals scored for and against each Individual team or Club (with higher percentage from the relevant Individual teams or Clubs leading to higher position on the ladder).

In the event of Individual teams or Clubs being equal on percentage, positions shall be determined by the greater number of goals scored by those Individual teams or Clubs.

16. BORROWING PLAYERS

16.1 A player may play in a team other than the team in which that player is registered providing all the following criteria are met:

- (a) the second team is in the same Club as the team in which the player is registered.
- (b) the second team has more of their core players on court than fill-in players. (Minimum of four core players).
- (c) the second team is a higher grade of the same age division or an older age division than the team in which the player is registered.
- (d) the player plays no more than four matches in any one team in a higher grade of the same age division.

16.2 Where there are two or more teams from the same Club graded in the same section, players can only play with their registered Team in that section.

16.3 Where a player has played a fifth game for a team at a higher grade, the player will then belong to the team in the higher grade. It is up to the Club or Individual Team to keep track of fill in players and be aware.

16.4 When filling in for another team, players must ensure they are recorded on the scoresheet/Live Scoring App.

- (a) If the fill-in player cannot be found in Netball Connect and added to the team on the Scoring Tablet, a team representative must complete a Borrowing Player Form available in the Game Day office as soon as the game concludes.

16.5 A player may play in a second team within the same Club they are registered, as long as the second team is in an older Age Division.

16.6 A player may not fill in for a team in a lower Age Division. Even if they are eligible by age. E.g. If a 15 year old player has played more than 4 games in 18&U (their first registered team), they are unable to then fill-in for a team playing in 15&U age division team.

16.7 An Individual team or Club who does not comply with By-law 16 may be fined by the Association (with the amount of the fine to be determined by the Committee. (refer to Appendix 1)

17. FINALS

17.1 Finals will be played at the conclusion of the regular rounds of a season.

17.2 The format for finals is as follows:

Semi-Final – First round of finals

Semi-Final 1 Ladder Position 1 versus Ladder Position 2

Semi-Final 2 Ladder Position 3 versus Ladder Position 4

Elimination Finals - Second round of finals

Elimination Final Loser of Semi-Final 1 versus Winner of Semi-Final 2

Grand Final

Winner of Semi-Final 1 versus Winner of Elimination Final

17.3 The ladder position of Individual teams and Clubs at the conclusion of the regular rounds of the season shall determine the Individual teams and Clubs which qualify to participate in the finals. Ladder positions are to be calculated in accordance with By-law 15.

17.4 Sections with 10 teams or less will play a four-team final series between Ladders Positions 1-4.

17.5 Sections with more than 11 teams or more will have a four-team final series between Ladder Position 1-4 and an additional finals series between Ladder Positions 5-8.

17.6 Players must play a minimum of four games in a team throughout the season to be eligible to participate in that teams' finals series.

17.7 Players that have played four games for a team throughout the season is eligible to play for any other team (within the same Club) competing in Finals. As long as the team is in a higher section or age division and the Finals are not being played at the same time.

17.8 Penalty: If the individual does not play the number of games as stipulated above, the player will be ineligible to participate in finals for that section. (Refer to Appendix 1)

Individual teams or Clubs found playing an ineligible player during finals will be deemed to have lost that game. (Refer to Appendix 1)

17.9 By-law 13 applies to finals matches in the same manner as regular season matches.

17.10 If a final does not reach half time, it must be re-scheduled.

17.11 Drawn games where a winner is required will be conducted as follows:

(a) The durations of extra time shall be as follows:

(i) There is a one (1) minute time allowance to enable teams to change ends and scores to be verified on the Official Scoresheet / tablet.

- (ii) Extra time will consist of 2 x 5-minute halves, with an interval of one minute at half time. Teams shall change ends at half time. The Centre pass is taken by the team entitled to the next Centre Pass.
- (iii) Positional changes and substitutions may be made at the commencement of extra time and at half time interval.
- (iv) During extra time, normal injury or illness procedures shall apply.
- (v) Should there still be a draw at the end of the second half of extra time, play will continue until one team has scored two goals consecutively (2 goal advantage).
- (vi) A SDNA official will oversee the scoring duties during extra time.

17.12 10&U Under Teams will not participate in finals. They will be play additional rounds during Finals rounds.

17.13 The Committee will determine awards for premiers and runners-up in competitions.

18. FORFEITS

18.1 In the event that an Individual team or Club forfeits prior to the game clock starting, only players of the non-offending Individual team or Club will be deemed to have participated in that game. Players of the offending Individual team or Club will not be deemed to have participated in that game.

18.2 A forfeit fine determined by the Committee will be imposed on any Individual team or Club that forfeits a match and must be paid before that Individual team or Club's next game.

18.3 If an Individual team or Club notifies the Association Secretary by 12pm on the day prior to competition of its intent to forfeit, no penalty will be imposed. (Refer to Appendix 1)

18.4 A forfeit may result in that Club or Individual team's exclusion from entry into future competitions.

18.5 When only one (1) team has five (5) or more players ready to play at the start of the match, the Umpire will award them one (1) goal for each completed minute (maximum of five (5) minutes) before a walkover is declared.

18.6 If neither team has five (5) or more members in position on the court and ready to play at the start of the match, walkover fees apply to both teams and teams receive no points and have a zero (0) to zero (0) score recorded. No player will be credited with playing.

18.7 When a game is in progress with a team fielding five (5) players; should a player from that team be injured and unable to continue playing a walkover shall be declared. Four (4) points and ten (10) goals to zero (0) will be awarded to the opposing team. Walkover fees do not apply in this situation. After half time the score will stand.

19. CANCELLATIONS

- 19.1** When games are cancelled on account of a factor beyond the control of the relevant Individual teams or Clubs (e.g. power outage, or other extenuating circumstances, weather or some other cause) the match will be deemed a draw, both Individual teams or Clubs will be credited with two (2) points and five (5) goals each and the competition will continue as per the fixture.
- 19.2** Four (4) points can only be awarded to a Individual team or Club for winning a fully completed game.
- 19.3** In the event that a game is cancelled due to weather a maximum of twelve players for each Individual team or Club can be deemed to have participated in the game.
- 19.4** Should circumstances occur which require successive rounds to be cancelled, the Committee will consider the position and determine a suitable course of action.
- 19.5** (a) If a match is cancelled prior to the ½ time siren, each team will be awarded 2 points.
(b) If a match is cancelled after the ½ time siren, the current score will stand.
- 19.6** Unless the cancellation of matches is communicated well in advance through email, text and / or on the SDNA Facebook page, all teams are expected to report to the courts for their scheduled matches. Teams are required to have 5 players sighted by their match appointed umpires and recorded.

20. SELECTION OF REPRESENTATIVE TEAMS

- 20.1** The Association will develop a team selection policy. See Appendix 3 – Team Selection policy.
- 20.2** Nominated Association selections will complete the 'Select for Success' online learning program or equivalent as appropriate.
- 20.3** The Association will organise the representative squad selection trials.
- 20.4** Selection trials will be conducted under the following conditions:
- (a) All players who have submitted a player registration form shall be informed of the date, time and place where selection trials are to be held.
- (b) Notice of selection trials will be provided at least ten (10) days prior to the date of the selection trials.
- 20.5** Team Selection Panels
- (a) Team Selectors will be appointed for each team and may be made up of the Team Coach and other nominated selectors.
- (b) Team Selectors may be appointed to more than one panel.
- 20.6** Players shall be notified of the outcome of selection trials within the timeframe nominated by the Association.
- 20.7** Players may request feedback from the Team Selectors.
- 20.8** The Team Selector's decision shall be final and no appeals regarding selections made under this By-law are available.

20.9 To be eligible for selection in SDNA representative teams, a player must participate in at least four games during SDNA Season One competition, in the year they are being selected for.

21. TEAM OFFICIALS

21.1 The Team Officials shall consist of the following roles:

- (a) Coaches
- (b) Team Managers
 - (i) A team manager shall be appointed for each selected Team or Club.
- (c) Scorer and Timekeeper – as outlined in By-Law 14.
- (e) Umpires
 - (i) An umpire shall be appointed for each match.
 - (ii) An individual must, at a minimum, have completed the online theory exam to be eligible to be appointed as an umpire.
- (f) Captain
- (g) Each Team and Club selects a team bench position along the side of the court where Team Officials and bench players are located during play.

22. AWARDS

22.1 All 10&U participants will receive a participation award as deemed appropriate by the Association.

22.2 All players who participate in a grand final will receive an award to be determined by the Association.

23. PRESENTATION NIGHT

23.1 A presentation night shall be held by the Association.

23.2 The date and format shall be determined annually by the Committee.

23.3 Presentation of all Association awards shall be made on the presentation night.

23.4 Recognition of achievements shall be made on presentation night.

24. FUNDRAISING

- 24.1** The Association shall conduct fundraising activities during each year.
- 24.2** The Committee shall determine the specific fundraising activities to be conducted.
- 24.3** Individual representative Teams or Clubs must seek approval from the Committee for any individual fundraising activities they wish to conduct. Individual teams or Clubs must apply in writing at least four weeks prior to the event, providing details of and rationale for the fundraising activity. Information as to how the activity will be organised, including risk management and safety measures if relevant, must be provided.
- 24.4** All members are required to support the fundraising activities of the Association.

25. COURSES, SEMINARS & OTHER OPPORTUNITIES

- 25.1** The Association shall provide notification of opportunities for all members to improve their skills by attending courses, seminars, and other personal development activities.
- 25.2** The Association shall encourage and support members who wish to attend appropriate courses, seminars, and other personal development activities.

26. RISK MANAGEMENT

26.1 Injury Reporting

- (a) All Individual teams and Clubs are responsible for recording all injuries of the injured player (or players' guardian for players under 18). Incidents can be reported via the Association Injury Report Form (located at the office) or via the Live scoring tablet by recording an incident via Netball Connect.
- (b) All players in SDNA representative teams (or players' guardian for players under 18) are responsible for reporting all injuries to their Coach or Team Manager.

26.2 Child Safety in Netball

- (a) The Association and all Individual teams and Clubs are responsible for the observance, promotion, enforcement and monitoring of the Child Safety in Netball Policy and Code of Conduct.
- (b) The Association and all Individual teams and Clubs are responsible for the management and administration of the application of the Netball Victoria Working with Children Check Regulation.
- (c) The Association and all Individual teams and Clubs are responsible for the management and administration of complying with the 11 Child Safe Standards

26.3 Game Day Checklist

- (a) A Game Day Checklist must be completed prior to all Association and Individual team and Club competitions, tournaments, games, programs, and training.
- (b) Any hazards identified will be:
- (i) Documented.
 - (ii) Rectified if possible; and

- (viii) Reported to the appropriate agency (local council, reserve committee) if major repair is required.

26.4 First Aid

- (a) The Association will provide a first aid kit for competitions played at the Association's venues.
- (b) The first aid kit will be stored in the First Aid Room located inside the Clubhouse and all appropriate personnel (including court supervisors, umpires, and coaches) will have access to it.
- (d) The SDNA Committee and First Aid Officer will maintain the first aid kit supplies.
- (e) The Association has a designated First Aid Room for the treatment of injuries. This is located within the Clubhouse. The room or area should be always kept clean and accessible.
- (f) The Association will ensure that a qualified first aider is present at all competitions.

26.5 Emergency procedures

Emergency phone numbers - ambulance, police and an emergency procedure plan are to be displayed at the Association venue.

26.6 Weather

In the case of extreme weather conditions, the Association shall refer to the Association's weather policy. (See Appendix 2)

26.7 Smoke Free

The Association adopts a smoke free policy.

Smoking and vaping is banned within 10 metres of an outdoor public sporting venue during organised underage sporting events and training sessions.

26.8 Sun Protection

The Association will adopt a sun smart policy. (See Appendix 3)

26.9 Codes of Conduct Policies

The Association has created their own Codes of Conduct policies which are in line with the Netball Australia and Netball Victoria policies and may be amended from time to time. All Clubs and Individual Teams are bound by these codes. (Available from the SDNA website)

- (a) A player, spectator, team and/ or Club who breaches the Code of conduct policies may be subject to penalties as determined by SDNA Committee. (Refer to Appendix 1)

26.10 Netball Australia and Netball Victoria Policies

The Association will adopt all codes, policies, procedures and regulations from Netball Australia and Netball Victoria as amended from time to time.

27. DISPUTE RESOLUTION

- 27.1** Where a member breaches a By-law, and that Bylaw prescribes a penalty for such breach, then the Committee may impose such penalty. For any other breach of the By-laws, the Committee will impose any other penalty it sees fit in accordance with these By-laws and the Constitution.
- 27.2** Any member who does not agree with a penalty or action of the Committee made under this By-law, may advise the Committee in writing within a timely manner following the penalty or decision being made. The Committee may then:
- (a) Discuss the issue with the relevant party and then make a decision regarding the matter. The Committee shall inform the party/s involved of their decision either verbally or in writing; or
 - (b) Have an informal meeting with the relevant party/s in order to discuss and resolve the dispute.
- 27.3** Any penalty imposed under By-law 27 is final.
- 27.4** If a member wishes to lodge an official complaint to the Association, they may do so provided the following essential criteria are met:
- (a) It is received within a maximum of three (3) working days
 - (b) It is lodged directly with the Association
 - (c) it is lodged on the official form (available from the SDNA website)
 - (d) Where possible, it is received from the President or Secretary of a Club or Coach / Team Manager of an Individual team and not an individual member of SDNA
- 27.5** SDNA will handle each complaint using the guidelines set forth in Netball Victoria's Competition Complaints Handling Regulation and SDNA Grievance Policy.

28. SET UP / PACK UP DUTIES

By registering a club or Individual team to compete in the Association's competitions, the Club or Individual Team acknowledges the requirement to assist with set up / pack up duties if they are fixtured on the first or last round of the day.

The Court Supervisor will assist with the necessary duties. Clubs or Individual Teams that fail to perform these duties may be subject to a fine as determined by the Association.

(Refer Appendix 1)

29. DOGS

Dogs are not allowed on the netball court surfaces. Dogs are allowed on leash on the surrounding grass areas.

30. SPECTATORS

All Spectators are to stay along the sidelines of the court. No person/s is to be located on the court behind the goal lines. The Association expects all spectators to always abide by the Code of Conduct – Spectator policy. (Available from the SDNA website) and penalties may be given if they are breached. (Refer Appendix 1)

31. COACHING / TEAM BENCHES

All coaches must be located with their team bench at each end of the court. Both team benches are not to be located at the same end of the court. Coaches and assistant coaches must remain at their own end of the court for the duration of the match and may only walk as far as the transverse line at their end. This may be extended to half way for the 11&U. This may be extended to the full length of the court for 10&U competitions. (Refer to further information on the SDNA website)

32. SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES/PROVISIONS CLAUSE

Where these By-laws are silent on a particular matter, a decision can be made by the Committee. In exceptional or extenuating circumstances, the Committee may, acting reasonably, alter, vary, or waive the requirements set out in these By-laws relating to the Association.

33. INDEMNITY

Except where provided or required by law and such cannot be excluded, the Association 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 Association's activities as a member.

34. APPENDIX 1 - SPRINGVALE & DISTRICT NETBALL ASSOCIATION PENALTY POLICY

Section 1.3 By Law – Failure to attend Club Delegate Meetings

- Club - \$50 fine

Section 3.1 By-Law – Finances

- Clubs' teams or Individual teams will not be permitted to take the court until payment has been made.

Section 5.2.G By-Law – Non registered / Ineligible players

- 10&U Age Group - \$50 Fine
- 11&U – 18&U Age Groups - Loss of 4 competition points and potential sanction of individual player

Section 6.2 By-Law – Netball Victoria membership –Unregistered players

- 10&U Age Group - \$50 Fine
- 11&U – 18&U Age Groups - Loss of 4 competition points and potential sanction of individual player

Section 6.3 By-Law – Improper use of single game vouchers

- 10&U Age Group - \$50 Fine
- 11&U – 18&U Age Groups - Loss of 4 competition points and potential sanction of individual player

Section 8 By-Law – Age requirements – ineligible players

- 10&U Age Group - \$50 Fine
- 11&U – 18&U Age Groups - Loss of 4 competition points and potential sanction of individual player

Section 11.1 By-Law – Dress code violations

- Players will receive a warning from the umpire before a penalty is applied for incorrect uniform. If the incorrect uniform is not corrected prior to the offending player taking the court, then penalty will be applied immediately.
- Penalty: Two goals for each incorrectly uniformed player to the non-offending club or individual team and will be recorded by the umpire.

Section 12 By Law – Clearances

- Fine as determined by the Committee.
- Match points may also be lost by the receiving club in each instance the player takes the court without approved clearance as determined by the committee.

Section 14 By-Law – Scoring – Incorrect recording of all players on court

- One (1) premiership point will be deducted for teams with incorrect or incomplete score sheets or that have otherwise failed to comply with By-laws 14.1-14.7.

Section 16 By-Law – Borrowing Players – ineligible players

- 10&U Age Group - \$50 Fine
- 11&U – 18&U Age Groups - Loss of 4 competition points and potential sanction of individual player

Section 17.8 By-Law – Finals - ineligible player

- Individual teams or Clubs found playing an ineligible player during finals will be deemed to have lost that game.

Section 18 – Forfeits – late notification

- 18.2 – No advisement of Forfeit game
 - All Age Groups - \$100 fine
- 18.3 – Late advisement of Forfeit game
 - All Age Groups - \$50 fine

Section 26 – Risk Management

- 26.9 – Code of Conduct Policies
 - Fine as determined by the Committee.
 - Loss of Match points to the receiving club for breach of code of conduct
 - Match bans may be imposed, determined by the Committee, and based on the seriousness of the misconduct.

Section 28 – Set up / Pack up duties

- Failing to complete set up/pack up duty as allocated by SDNA Committee
 - Clubs / Individual team - \$50 fine

35. APPENDIX 2 - SPRINGVALE & DISTRICT NETBALL ASSOCIATION WEATHER POLICY

The SDNA weather policy has been adopted in accordance with the guidelines set down by Netball Victoria. Netball is traditionally a winter, outdoor sport and SDNA's preference is to NOT cancel games. However, SDNA has a duty of care to protect the health, safety, and wellbeing of all participants, during extreme weather. When there is a risk of exertional heat illness, severe rainfall, or dangerous weather, SDNA is committed to acting in the best interest of all participants by implementing the following mitigation strategies. Courts or conditions are deemed to be unsafe by the SDNA (Committee, Competition Supervisor, Umpire Manager and Umpire Supervisors), and they will make the decision to cancel matches.

EXTREME HEAT

In the case of extreme heat, prior to each match commencing, readings will be recorded from Bureau of Meteorology – Moorabbin Airport station and the Wet Bulb Globe Temperature (WBGT) Chart will be consulted to incorporate the humidity and determine the relative temperature.

If the WBGT reaches:

- 32°C - Quarters will be reduced by 1 minute and a 30 second drink break will be incorporated at $\frac{1}{4}$ time and $\frac{3}{4}$ time.
- 38°C - Current matches will be cancelled until the WBGT temperature reduces.

Preventative measures can be undertaken to minimise heat injuries.

- Examples include the provision of appropriate sun protective hats, appropriate sunscreen, spray bottles and drinking water.
- Players should hydrate 24 hours in advance of their scheduled match time.

WET WEATHER

Netball is traditionally a winter, outdoor sport and SDNA therefore will play if there is rain. If the rain or the residual water on the courts is deemed to be too heavy or dangerous, the match may be delayed, postponed, or cancelled.

LIGHTNING

In Australia, statistics show that lightning accounts for 5-10 deaths and 100+ injuries annually and that approximately 25% of people killed by lightning are playing sport. Should thunderstorms present on match day, SDNA will adopt the "30-30" rule to determine whether a game should be cancelled or suspended.

- When lightning is sighted, count the seconds until thunder is heard.
- If that time is more than 30 seconds, remain vigilant and observant.
- If that time is 30 seconds or less, the thunderstorm is within 10km and is dangerous and all activity is to cease immediately.
- Activities may not be resumed until 30 minutes after the last detection of thunder or lightning.

SDNA GUIDELINES

- Matches will be cancelled in the event of HEAVY rain, hail and/or lightning.
- Games will not be cancelled because it is cold.
- The decisions to cancel matches in advance are done with as much knowledge, information and notice as possible.
- The decisions to cancel matches on competition days are made round by round.
- Match cancellations will not be based on player/umpire/spectators' comfort – only safety.
- If players/coaches wish to forfeit their match they are free to do so. If both teams agree, no points will be given. If only one team wishes to forfeit, then the other team will receive the points for the game.
- If parents do not want their children to play for whatever reason, they have the option to remove their child.

At no stage will the spectators, parents, players or team officials approach the Court or Umpire Supervisors regarding the weather. An announcement will be made by the Court Supervisor over the PA system and, if possible, a communication will be posted on the SDNA website and social media channels.

When playing any sport, you are voluntarily exposing yourself to a variety of risks for the sake of fun. YOU must decide whether the risks you choose to take are ACCEPTABLE risks for you/your child.

Please do not question SDNA's legal and moral responsibilities OR our "insurance cover". SDNA's decision will always be a balance between the enthusiasm of players who generally want to play and their health and safety, which is paramount.

AWARDING POINTS

Please note that unless the cancellation of matches is communicated to clubs / teams directly, posted in the news feed on SDNA's website or posted on SDNA's social media channels, all teams are expected to report to the courts for their scheduled matches. Teams are required to have 5 players sighted by their match appointed umpires and recorded on the scoresheet.

- If a match is cancelled prior to the ½ time siren, each team will be awarded 2 points.
- If a match is cancelled after the ½ time siren, then the current score will stand.

POLICY REVIEW

This policy will be reviewed annually by SDNA.

36. APPENDIX 3 - SPRINGVALE & DISTRICT NETBALL ASSOCIATION TEAM SELECTION POLICY

The purpose of the Representative Team Selection Policy is to outline SDNA's Representative Team selection process.

OBJECTIVES

- Uphold a transparent and independent team selection process to ensure equal opportunities for all current and potential SDNA players.
- Identify talent, performance, and potential for growth and development.
- Commit to selecting players and teams within each age group to maximize each team's likelihood of success.
- Meet our responsibilities to recognize, foster, and develop players who strive to play netball at district, regional, state, or national representative levels.
- Ensure players and parents understand the process.

For the purpose of this Policy, SDNA accepts that all players:

- Wish to play in a team and play against teams of similarly skilled players and ability.
- Understand that team selection decisions are focused on maximising the development of players and performance of each team.

PROCESS AND TIMING OF SDNA REPRESENTATIVE TEAM SELECTION TRIAL

- Players are able to attend SDNA Representative Team selection trials, once per year. Squads for the age group will be selected for the following calendar year.
- Current players are sent an invitation to register for the trials.
- Dates will be advertised on the SDNA website and SDNA Facebook/Instagram pages. Trials information will be distributed to all the clubs competing at SDNA and it is expected clubs will circulate and promote this information.
- After each selection trial, players will either be requested to attend the next trial or be advised that they were not selected. Feedback for unsuccessful players will be provided on request only.
- All players must attend the dates set down for the team selection trials.
 - If a player is ill, unable to attend or injured, this must be put in writing before the trials to info@SDNA.net.au. In the case of illness on the day this must also be emailed through, or it will be deemed as a "no-show".
 - If the player is injured or unwell or has school commitments at the time set down for the trials, the player may be invited to form part of the age group squad until such time as they can be assessed.
 - SDNA must receive notice of the injury, sickness or school commitment prior to the date of the trial not being attended.
 - The SDNA Head Representative Coach / Selection Panel will have discretion to select a player based on previous representative SDNA team performance.
 - Current players are required to participate in selection trials.
- Squads will be announced as follows:
 - Players will receive an email advising whether they are successful or not.
 - The date of this will be advised at selections.
 - The email advising selection in the team will advise the steps involved in securing the squad offer.

ELIGIBILITY TO PARTICIPATE

- It is expected that all parents and players will have read and understood this Policy in advance of submitting registration and/or attending trials.
- A player will only be eligible to attend selection trials if:
 - They commit to be a registered player to play four games within the SDNA domestic competition in the year that they are selected.
 - If circumstances arise where this eligibility is compromised, players may approach SDNA via the SDNA Head Representative Coach and request an exemption. The final decision may rest with the SDNA Executive Committee.
 - They have registered to attend the trials by the due date.

SELECTION TRIALS

- Players will participate in trials for squad selection based on their age which is taken on the 31st of December.
- Selection trials will be facilitated by coaches and selectors who:
 - are independent of any player in that age group.
 - understand the competitive demands at that age group.
- A minimum of two trials will be conducted for each age group.
- Players must wear white tops and dark coloured shorts/skirt to each trial session. No club or Representative branding.
- Players will be asked to change if they arrive in anything other than above.
- Should a player or their parent request to participate in trials in a higher age group, SDNA Committee must first approve this prior to confirming the request.
- Parents who help at the selection trials must not be involved in any selection discussions or associated processes and will not be able to assist with age groups where they have a player involved.

TRIAL PROCEDURE

- Players should expect / complete the following at trials:
 - Tick off your attendance.
 - Be dressed in the correct attire, taped and ready to warm up.
 - Coaches will take warmups and skill drills during the first section of trials.
 - The court runs are prepared before the trials and will be read out prior to a selection run and during the current ones. Players need to be listening.
 - Each player will be placed on runs in their first and second nominated positions. Some will have more runs than others because there may be less applications for these positions. All will have a minimum of 2 runs.
 - Selectors may choose to make changes at any time during the run and may also advise you to trial in a specific position if that optimises your chances of selection.
 - Each selector will have a copy of the runs and will individually score each players' performance. This information will be collated after each trial and discussed by the SDNA Representative Teams Selection Panel.

SELECTING TEAMS

- Players will be assigned to a team based on their:
 - performance during selection trials.
 - performance during pre – season.
 - Team Balance needs.
 - Match and training performance during the previous season.
 - Adherence to the Player Code of Conduct.
- Coaches will be provided with standardised pre-trial feedback forms for the relevant age group.
- Coaches may obtain input from the previous season’s coach(es) (in addition to the pre-trial feedback forms) and will consult the most recent player review. Teams will also be discussed between the coaches of the Squad and the SDNA Head Representative Coach.
- No player should expect that they will remain in a team or with other players from season to season, or from year to year.
- Whilst every attempt is made to finalise teams within age groups as quickly as possible, some movement should be expected during pre-season and as player combinations are trialled at the start of each season.
- To maximise court time and enjoyment of players, teams competing in a 40-minute game competition may be assigned ten (10) players wherever possible and teams competing in a 60 minute game competition may be assigned ten (12) players wherever possible. In certain circumstances, SDNA may decide to vary this number. Team sizes must not exceed twelve (12) players.
- Parents & players understand that the decisions made by the SDNA Selection Panel will be final. Any objections must be directed to info@SDNA.net.au.
- Feedback will be made available after team selections are made, on direct request from the player or their parent/guardian only. Feedback will not be provided on another player.

TRAINING PARTNERS

- The SDNA may select training partners across all age group teams.
- Training partners are selected because they are seen to have the potential to play representative netball but are not yet at a stage of development of other players at their age group.
- SDNA will decide on the number of training partners at the end of the selection process.
- Training partners must attend regular training sessions but are not required to attend weekly games or tournaments, unless requested.
- Training partners and/or development teams may train as a group or may be affiliated with teams in their age group.
- Training partners will be considered as a ‘reserve’ for the teams so that in the event that a replacement player is required for a match or tournament they may be given the opportunity to play. The team coach, in consultation with the SDNA Head Representative Coach, will be responsible for selecting one or more training partners based on the court positions needing to be filled.
- Training partners will be the first players considered to replace a team member should a player in a team withdraw permanently.

SDNA REPRESENTATIVE TEAMS SELECTION PANEL

- The SDNA Representative Teams Selection Panel and SDNA Committee is responsible for upholding this Policy.
- Formation of the SDNA Representative Teams Selection Panel will be undertaken prior to scheduled trials.
- The SDNA Representative Teams Selection Panel may be made up of the following individuals:
 - SDNA Head Representative Coach
 - SDNA Representative Coaches
 - Independent selectors
 - SDNA Committee members
- Any SDNA Representative Teams Selection Panel member, who has a family member or close contact trialling in an age group will abstain from any involvement with that age group in which that player is competing and will declare that conflict.

MORE INFORMATION

For more information please contact - info@SDNA.net.au

This policy will be reviewed annually by SDNA.