



WAKATIPU NETBALL CENTRE (WNC)

REGULATIONS AND BYLAWS **amended as at 24 February 2015**

1. CONCERNING PLAYERS/ INDIVIDUAL MEMBERS:

- 1a No person shall play in any match under the control of the Wakatipu Netball Centre unless she is a registered member of a Wakatipu Netball Centre affiliated club. A team playing an unregistered player will be penalized as follows:
 - i if the team has won the match – it will forfeit the win and subsequently lose four (4) points as set for a win and pay a fine of \$10.00;
 - ii. if the team has lost the match, a fine of \$10.00 will be imposed.
- 1b Late registrations the player fill in a player registration form and enter their name on the Team List kept in the Registrations Folder at the control desk (court 1 score bench) and * their name on the scorecard prior to taking the court. At the next WNC committee meeting the Club/School must pay if requested a later registration fee of \$10.00 per player.
- 1c Maximum number of players to be registered per team is 15.
- 1d All teams must read and sign the 'codes of conduct' form, which must be received with the Team Registration form.
- 1e At the discretion of the Executive Committee any complaint received regarding a breach of the 'Codes of Conduct' may result in a written warning. The second complaint received may result in de-registration of the player concerned, or a banning of the concerned individual(s) from the netball centre facilities during Wakatipu Netball competition.
- 1f Once a player has been deleted from a team register, that player must apply to the Executive committee to be re-registered for that current season or for any other team entered into the competition.
- 1g Players registered in a certain grade may not play in a lower grade without first applying to the Executive Committee for a re-grade. Any

player who plays in three matches in a higher graded team, than in which she is registered, shall automatically be registered in such higher graded team.

- 1h When two teams from one club are registered in any one grade, one team shall be recognized team "A"; the other team "B", with team "A" regarded as higher graded team than team "B". Players from team "A" may not play for "team "B".
- 1i Each player while taking part in a match, shall wear the registered uniform of the club. NB: The umpires may waive this rule under exceptional circumstances only.
- 1j Captain of teams are required to complete the official registration card with the names and playing positions of players taking part, and shall also name any substitutes. If the registration card is furnished with an error in name and is proved to the satisfaction of the committee that it is an error and not an unregistered player the team shall be given a warning.
- 1k Chewing gum while playing is strictly prohibited. All hair to be tied in such a way that it will not cause a nuisance to any players on the court.
- 1l Players must have taken the court at least two (2) competition games during the current season prior to semi finals to be eligible to play in the finals.

2. COMPETITION POINTS / GRADES:

- 2a Four (4) points awarded for a win, two (2) points for a draw and one (1) point for being within 5 goals or less (for 60 minute game) and within three (3) goals of less (40 minute game)
- 2b In the event of a tie in order to ascertain teams for the semi finals and finals IFNA rulings shall apply. In any other event of a tie where winner is required goal ratio shall be used. Add goals for and goals against – divide goals for by goal against, highest ratio is winner. In the event of a three –way tie, third place getter to receive certificate.
- 2c The structure of the competition is to be agreed by the executive committee for each season. This includes the start and finish date and the length of the games to be played for all grades.

4. CONCERNING CLUBS AND TEAMS:

- 4a That a **Registration Meeting** is to be held the week after Grading Day. Two members from each **team** must attend. All registrations must be registered on the Official registration form. Subscriptions must be paid on or before the first playing competition day. Nonpayment of subs results in players not being able to take the court,
- 4b The setting of the number of grading days will be set at the Executive Committee's discretion.
- 4c Before the start of the competition, every member club or member school shall submit on a yearly basis a list of its current office bearers to the Wakatipu Netball Centre's Management Committee.
- 4d All games must be played on a Saturday (with the exception of those games approved by the executive committee) in the Wakatipu area, and will start at a specified time.
- 4e All Clubs/Schools are responsible for distributing, notifying and informing their teams of Committee Meeting Minutes and Discussions. Any correspondence must be applied in writing (using 'Advice of General Business Item' form) before 48 hours of next Centre Meeting. A written response from the WNC is required within 7 days following Centre Meeting.
- 4f The Draw will be published weekly on the WNC website.
- 4g Team Defaults:
- (i) All teams shall not default a match without notifying the Captain of the opposing team, umpires and secretary of the Centre **BY NOON ON THE FRIDAY** prior to the match. A team shall be fined \$100.00 when it defaults on the day of the match and fails to give sufficient notification to the opposing team, umpires and secretary of the Centre.
 - (ii) Further Premier and Senior A teams will only be able to default in extenuating circumstances. The executive committee will assess the reason for the default, and if they deem the default unnecessary have the right to fine the defaulting team up to a maximum of \$500.00
- 4h A team may not withdraw from the Competition without notifying the executive Committee at least 14 days prior to the withdrawal.
- 4i Every member club or member school shall provide two umpires per team available to umpire all/most competition days. If a team is unable to provide a named umpire this requirement will be passed on to individual members. Failure to supply an umpire as rostered in the draw, will incur a fine of \$100.00 per team together with deduction of four (4) competition points. Teams will also forfeit a player for the first half or quarter of the next competition game played. Payment of the fine is to be made to the control table prior to the offending team taking the court for their next game. If not paid, then the team to forfeit future games until payment is made.

- 4j Umpires **MUST** complete the reverse side of the scorecards re: punctuality, conduct and uniform for Conduct Points.
- 4k Every member club or member school shall be required to serve duty days during the netball season. Duties days are set by the Draw Committee and are subject to change as deemed necessary. **Failure** to supply an umpire as rostered in the draw, will incur a fine of \$100.00 per team together with deduction of four (4) competition points. Teams will also **forfeit a player** for the first half or quarter of the next competition game played. Payment of the fine is to be made to the control table prior to the offending team taking the court for their next game. If not paid, then the team to forfeit future games until payment is made.
- 4l Specific game times may be requested, although these may not be granted.
- 4m All game requests must be made by a club official/coach and should be made at least one week in advance – bereavement being the only exception.
- 4n All protests shall be made in writing to the Secretary of the Centre within three days of the occurrence of the incident. Such protests shall be accompanied by a fee of \$20.00, which shall be forfeited if the protest be deemed frivolous.
- a) Upon receipt of a protest, the judiciary committee shall consider the protest;
 - b) Evidence concerning the dispute may be given from the teams involved and, if required, from the scorer, timekeeper, and/or umpires. All these persons shall then retire and a majority decision shall be made by the judiciary committee;
 - c) The decision of the judiciary committee shall be final and shall be made public as soon as conveniently possible.
- 4o For infringements of any of the By-laws, the Management Committee may fine or suspend a player, team, club or award a match to the opposing side at its discretion.
- 4p All correspondence addressed to the Centre from clubs must be countersigned by the club president or secretary.
- 4q A new member club shall submit its name and uniform to the Wakatipu Netball Centre Management Committee for approval. If the name has business or cultural implications a letter of permission may be required prior to its acceptance.

5. CONCERNING THE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

- 5a *Relegation & Promotion*

The management committee shall have the power to alter the grading of any player or team.

5b *Postponement of Matches*

The postponement of matches shall be at the discretion of the committee. It's duties shall be to decide whether games shall be played or postponed. The committee shall see that a notice is advised via email, website or text. That under deteriorating weather conditions and courts becoming dangerous, the committee will have the power to postpone games in progress.

5c *Appeals*

Any club, team official or player disqualified by the centre will have the right to appeal to the Management Committee of the Centre, especially call for that purpose within 14 days of the passing for the resolution of disqualification. Such appeals shall be accompanied by a deposit of \$10 which shall be forfeited if the appeal is deemed frivolous. Pending decision of any appeal, disqualification shall be operative.

5d *Representative Players*

- i. That coaches be given sole authority to discipline the players in any representative team.
- ii. That all representative trialists must attend at least two (2) trials, except in exceptional circumstances.
- iii. That all representative players must complete and sign and have countersigned by parent/ guardian/ caregiver a Waiver Form handed to them on team selection. This Waiver must be returned (completed) to the Manager prior to leaving/ taking the court for any representative games.

5e *Code of Conduct*

All players are required to wear the Wakatipu Netball Centre Representative uniform with the pride and respect it deserves. A waiver is required to be executed by all representative players. Players are representing their Centre and their behaviour will reflect upon them and the Centre. No smoking or alcohol to be consumed. Players are expected to respect and obey the wishes of coaches and managers. Players will be responsible for their own medical costs. Any player not abiding by the rules set by Wakatipu Netball Centre shall be sent home at player's cost and parents notified. A list of any medical conditions (that pertain to netball) should be made available to your manager.

- 5f A representative from the executive committee is to be a representative seat on the Wakatipu High School committee.

6. UNIFORM

- 6a Every member club or member school must play in a registered uniform approved by the Wakatipu Netball Centre Management Committee.
- 6b Teams will be permitted to register jerseys or sweatshirts the same colour as their shirts as part of their uniform. Jerseys to be worn to individual players needs.
- 6c A member club or member school must apply in writing, to the Wakatipu Netball Centre Management Committee if it wishes to change it's uniform in any way. Any uniform changes must be approved by Wakatipu Netball Centre Management Committee.

7. SERVICE AWARDS IN LIFE MEMBERSHIP **(In Conjunction with Centre Constitution)**

- 7a A Service Award may be conferred upon a person after 15 years outstanding service to the Wakatipu Netball Centre. After a further period of five years outstanding service, a Service Award holder may be awarded a Life Membership. If a person becomes a member of the Wakatipu Netball Centre after outstanding service to netball in another centre, she/he will be eligible for nomination for a Service Award after a total of 15 years outstanding service provided this person has not received a Service Award or Life Membership prior to affiliation with Wakatipu Netball Centre. Nominations for a Service Award or Life Membership must be submitted to the Secretary, Wakatipu Netball Centre, at least seven days prior to an Annual General Meeting.