

NETBALL RULES



Central Murray & Golden Rivers Leagues

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PART 1

CENTRAL MURRAY & GOLDEN RIVERS RULES

1. LAWS OF NETBALL

Game rules shall be played in accordance with those of International Netball Federation - Rules of Netball (most current edition).

2. CONSISTENCY

Where any provision in the Netball Victoria Rules is inconsistent with any provision contain in these laws, the provision in the NA Rules shall prevail to the extent of the inconsistency.

3. CM & GR NETBALL COMPETITIONS

The CM & GR Leagues netball competitions are a single gender female competition. The Equal Opportunity Act (2010) (Victoria) permits the exclusion of boys from participating in female competitions when:

- a. The strength, stamina and physique of competitors is relevant; or
- b. The exclusion is intended to facilitate participation by girls and is reasonable.

4. NETBALL VICTORIA MEMBERSHIP

- a. Netball Victoria membership fee is set annually by Netball Victoria.
- b. All players, coaches and umpires participating in a Central Murray & Golden Rivers Leagues competition or program must be a current Netball Victoria member.
- c. CM & GR Leagues Staff and Board Members shall have their Netball Victoria membership paid by the leagues.
- d. Players may play during the season on a Single Game Voucher. Official Netball Victoria Vouchers can be purchased from the Leagues Manager prior to participation in any game. The Single Game Voucher number must be recorded in the comment section of the scoresheet and accompany the scoresheet to the Leagues Manager.
- e. A player may only play on three (3) Single Game Vouchers within the playing season. If the player wishes to play for the Club after three (3) games, full registration details and Netball Victoria fees need to be paid prior to the player taking the court.

5. CLUB PENALTIES

Penalties for non-compliance with the reasonable administrative expectations of the Central Murray & Golden Rivers Leagues are documented in the Club Excellence Award and in the By Laws.

6. UNIFORMS

- a. Clubs wishing to change their uniform must notify the Leagues Manager in writing, together with a picture indicating exact team and bib colours. The Central Rivers Board must approve all designs and changes prior to the club changing their uniform. Penalty – Failure to complete any of these tasks will incur a 20 unit fine per game.
- b. If a Club alters its uniform prior to the commencement of the season the club must register a picture of its uniform indicating exact team and bib colours with the Leagues Manager. Penalty – Failure to complete any of these tasks will incur a 5 unit fine.
- c. The Central Murray interleague uniform is royal blue and sky blue colours. The Golden Rivers interleague Uniform is royal blue and yellow colours.

- d. If two (2) Clubs have similarly coloured uniforms, during the playing season the visiting Club is required to alter their uniform to make it distinguishable from the other, e.g. Bib colour. During finals the team finishing lower on the ladder are required to alter their uniform.
- e. Compression shorts, if worn, may be black, skin coloured or a Board approved colour as an integral part of the uniform and not visible beneath the hem length.
- f. Players may not wear anything that could endanger them or other players, specifically no adornment or jewellery may be worn. A medical alert bracelet may be worn provided it is covered with tape. Fingernails must be short and smooth.
- g. Players will not be able to take the court until they comply with (f) above.

7. PLAYER REGISTRATION

- a. Clubs must register the bulk of their players 2 weeks prior to the commencement of the season to allow the Leagues Manager to verify the registrations.
- b. Playing an unregistered player results in the offending team losing four (4) premiership points.
- c. Additional players may register throughout the season provided their details are placed on the Netball Victoria registration system.

8. MALES PLAYING IN THE NETBALL COMPETITION

- a. For a complete understanding of using males in the netball competition, please refer to the "Males Playing Netball Policy".
- b. Males who are 13 years of age or older are not permitted to participate in the netball competition. Males that turn 13 during the season are permitted to complete the season.
- c. Teams may have up to two (2) boys playing at any one time. If two (2) boys are on court at one time they must play in separate thirds of the court, (ie one as GS or GA, one as C, WA or WD and one as GD or GK).

9. SHARED PLAYERS & THE EQUALIZATION RULE

For a complete understanding of the Equalization Rule in the netball competition, please refer to the Equalization policy. A "shared player" is a player who is "loaned" to an opposing team.

- a. A team must present on the day of the match a minimum of 5 players to be eligible to request "loan" player(s) from their opposition. If a team presents with less than 5 players a forfeit must be the official result. Players can then be shared and a match played.
- b. In the week prior to the match the team with less than the required numbers may borrow players from other teams to ensure a match proceeds according to the league schedule. On the day of the match if a team has only 5 or 6 players the Equalization Rule applies.
- c. A shared player is eligible to receive best and fairest votes, playing for multiple clubs. All votes for more than one club contribute to a player's total best and fairest votes, in each grade.
- d. Clubs must utilize the Equalization Policy when fielding all underage teams and Reserve teams every week.

10. RISK MANAGEMENT

- a. Injury Reporting
 - i. All Clubs are responsible for recording all injuries at the discretion of the injured player or players' guardian (player under 18) on the Injury Reporting Sheets provided; Coaches of CM & GR representative teams are responsible for recording all injuries at the discretion of the injury player or players' guardian (player under 18) on the Injury Reporting Sheets provided.
- b. Pre Match Checklist

- i. A pre-match checklist will be completed prior to all CM & GR matches, programs and training;
 - ii. Every home Club must in consultation with a visitor club representative complete and sign a pre-match checklist. The Original checklist is to be sent to the Leagues Manager with scoresheets and vote envelopes.
- c. Any hazards identified will be:
- i. Documented;
 - ii. Rectified if possible;
 - iii. Reported to the appropriate agency (local council, reserve committee) if major repair are required.
- d. First Aid
- i. CM & GR Leagues will provide a first aid kit for all representative games;
 - ii. The CM & GR Leagues will ensure that a qualified primary carer is present at all organised Interleague tournaments.
 - iii. Emergency phone numbers - Ambulance, Doctor, Physiotherapist, Health Clinic and Police and an Emergency Procedure Plan is to be displayed in the Clubrooms and in the First Aid Kit.
- e. Weather/Serious Injury
- In the case of extreme weather conditions, dangerous conditions or serious injury where a player is unable to be removed from the court, games can only be postponed or cancelled by the umpires in consultation with captains and coaches of teams involved in that game. If games are cancelled prior to half time, the premierships points are split (2 points per team). If games reach half time or more, the score stands and premierships points and league votes are awarded as usual.
- f. Coaches and Volunteers
- i. All club appointed coaches of junior players, team officials and umpires are required to have a current Volunteer Working with Children Check;
 - ii. Appointed coaches and umpires of the junior CM & GR representative teams will be subject to a Volunteer Working with Children Check;
 - iii. In the event of any junior representative teams being required to spend a night away from home to compete in tournaments, accompanying team managers will also be subject to a Volunteer Working with Children Check.

11. CLEARANCES

- a. A clearance is required if a player wishes to transfer to another Club during the current season.
- b. No player will be granted more than one (1) clearance per season.
- c. A clearance will not be granted after the 30th of June in a current season.
- d. Players who owe outstanding playing fees or are in possession of Club property (uniform, equipment, etc.) will not be granted a clearance.
- e. The player must apply for a clearance on the My Netball system and the clearance must be approved by the original club before the player is eligible to play for their new club.
- f. The Leagues Manager must forward the clearance request to the existing Club for approval.
- g. The existing Club has seven (7) days to complete the clearance or the CM & GR will automatically clear the player to the new Club.
- h. If the Club refuses to clear the player (refer: conditions of clearance), the Leagues Manager will notify the player in writing advising the reason why and forward a copy to both Clubs. Any

dispute arising from clearance restrictions will be dealt with according to the grievance procedure outlined in the CM & GR By-Laws.

- i. The existing Club must advise the Leagues Manager when the clearance is approved.
- j. If a player is cleared from one Club to another, she must qualify with her new Club to be able to play in finals. Any CM & GR Leagues votes received at either Club are valid.
- k. All players are free to move between Clubs at the conclusion of the season.
- l. Central Murray Penalty – Any player playing prior to a clearance being finalised shall result in the loss of four (4) premiership points to the offending team.
- m. Golden Rivers Penalty - If a team plays a non-cleared player they will incur a penalty as per Rule Player Eligibility. If a team with a non-cleared player has no premiership points, they will incur a fine of \$100. Games the cleared player has played at the new club will remain in her games tally and count towards eligibility.

12. TEAM OFFICIALS

a. Coaching Qualifications

All coaches of CM & GR club and representative netball teams are required to be accredited. To be accredited:

- i. Coaches must participate **or have booked into** at least one of the CM & GR Coaching Workshops at the commencement of the season; **OR**
The coach must complete the online entry level, Foundation Netball Coaching Course specified in the National Coach Accreditation Framework; **OR**
The coach has already gained an equivalent or higher coaching qualification which is approved by the Board.

The penalty to be imposed by the CM & GR Leagues if coaches continue to coach having not obtained the necessary accreditation must be:

- ii. A 20 unit fine (Senior) or 10 unit fine (Junior); and
The loss of match points for the matches won by the team whilst the unaccredited coach continues to coach. In the event of no match points being received the league must apply the above fines.
Fines are applied once only (\$200 or \$100) and are not applicable to every match. In the instance where coaches are not accredited and commit to completing the next available (or otherwise agreed upon) Accreditation Course, the following bonds for clubs are to apply \$200 (Senior) and \$100 (Junior). Where a coach fails to complete the agreed upon Accreditation Course the bond paid by the club is forfeited.

All coaches shall be registered with the NV on My Netball.

b. Primary Carer Qualifications

- i. Each team shall provide one suitably qualified or experienced Primary Care Person; and
- ii. The minimum qualification for a Primary Carer is HLTAID003 – Provide First Aid; and
- iii. The Primary Carer shall be identified by **wearing the Board approved vest** supplied by the leagues, first aid kit, ice and spray bottle containing water and disinfectant for blood ruling.

All **adult** Primary Care Persons shall have a Working with Children Check and details shall be recorded in the club WWCC Register.

13. UMPIRES

- a. The co-ordination of netball umpiring across the CM & GR Leagues is delegated to the **Umpire Leagues** Manager and the Netball Umpire Committee. The role of this committee and its delegation is documented in the Netball Committee Appointment Policy.
- b. **Umpires must provide a current Working with Children Check and be recorded on the club's WWCC Register**

- c. Umpires are not to be substituted during any CM & GR Leagues game except in the case of injury or illness.
- d. In the CM & GR Leagues each team shall supply an umpire and each umpire shall umpire no more than 2 games per day.
- e. In the CM all A Grade games must be conducted with current badged umpires. For GR this is an aspirational goal. CM Clubs may apply to the Umpire Manager for an exemption to this rule if they believe they have a “competent” umpire.
- f. The procedure and criteria for appointment of umpires in finals is documented in the “Netball Umpire Finals Appointment Policy”
- g. Umpires shall wear the set uniform determined by the Central Rivers Board when officiating in any CM & GR Leagues' matches.

14. STARTING THE GAME

The opposing Captains will toss a coin for the goal end or Centre Pass. This applies in all home and away games and finals.

15. FINALS - DRAWS

No match shall be a drawn game in the finals. If a draw occurs at the end of full time extra time shall be played:

- a. There shall be a 3-minute interval at the end of full time where coaches may address their teams before they resume the court, team changes are permitted and teams change ends;
- b. Extra time of two halves of 5 minutes, with a 1-minute interval at half time, team changes are permitted and teams change ends;
- c. In the event of a tie remaining at the end of extra time, a visual signal is placed at the official bench to indicate that play will continue until one team leads by two goals.
- d. In the event of injury or illness during extra time, positional changes and/or substitutions may be made.

16. COMPETITIONS

Competitions in both leagues are similar however there are some small differences:

Central Murray	Golden Rivers
The eight (8) grades – A, A Reserve, B, B Reserve, 18 and Under, 16 & Under, 14 & Under, 12 & Under.	The GR will play A, B, B Reserve, 17 & Under, 14 & Under and 12 & Under.
The 12 & Under competition is a skill development competition. Scoresheets can be completed as you would complete any competition but points will not be awarded. No votes will be given in this competition.	
Each Club is to field a minimum of six (6) teams; that is three (3) senior teams and three (3) junior teams.	Each club is expected to field 5 grades; A, B, B Reserve, 17 & Under, 14 & Under
Players in underage competitions are to be these ages as at the 31 st December in the current year of the competition.	
In the event of a Club being unable to field all senior teams during the playing season, a top down filling of teams is to be followed; A Grade must be filled before A Reserve; A Reserve must be filled before B Grade, B Grade must be filled before B Reserve.	
In order for any competitions to run, there must be six (6) or more sides entered prior to the February SGM.	
If a club can show that they are unable to field one or more teams due to insufficient registered players, that club can apply for a special exemption from the Central Rivers Board. The Central Rivers Board will then review the submission and decide in the best interests of the Club and the competition.	
If a Saturday gazetted time or venue is to be altered, it must be done by mutual agreement. The Leagues Manager must be notified in writing by the instigating Club three (3) days prior to the alteration taking place.	
Minimum eligible age to play in any of the competitions is 10 years of age which is determined as at 31 st December of that year.	

17. FORFEITS

- a. In the event of a forfeit by a team prior to the game, the opposing team shall receive four premiership points and the percentage relative to a 20 goal to nil win.
- b. In the event of a forfeit by a team after the commencement of play, the opposing team shall receive four premiership points and the higher of the percentage relative to a 20 goal to nil win and the score recorded at the time of the forfeit.
- c. **It is the responsibility of the non-forfeiting team to complete their scoresheet with the coach's or captain's signature.** The score sheet and vote cards, if applicable, are to be sent in as normal to the Leagues Manager.
- d. When a forfeit notification is not received by the visiting club the defaulting club, a 5 unit penalty shall be imposed.

PART 2

CENTRAL MURRAY

18. SCHEDULE OF GAMES

This schedule allows for nine (9) minutes in each game for injuries and changeover between games.

Home & Away Games

Times and Grades					
Grade	Match Length	Quarter Lengths	Q1 Break	Q2 Break	Q3 Break
A Grade	71 mins	15 mins	3 mins	5 mins	3 mins
A Reserve	71 mins	15 mins	3 mins	5 mins	3 mins
B Grade	71 mins	15 mins	3 mins	5 mins	3 mins
B Reserve	71 mins	15 mins	3 mins	5 mins	3 mins
18 & Under	71 mins	15 mins	3 mins	5 mins	3 mins
16 & Under	71 mins	15 mins	3 mins	5 mins	3 mins
14 & Under	55 mins	12 mins	2 mins	3 mins	2 mins
12 & Under	55 mins	12 mins	2 mins	3 mins	2 mins

Home & Away Schedule

Time	Court 1	Court 2
9:00am	Net Set Go / Modified Programs	
10.00am	16 & Under	12 & Under
11.20am	18 & Under	14 & Under
12.40pm	A Reserve	B Reserve
2.00pm	A Grade	B Grade

Finals Schedule (To be decided)

Time	Court 1	Court 2
9.00am	16 & Under	
10.30am	18 & Under	14 & Under
12.00am	B Grade	
1.30pm	A Reserve	B Reserve
3.00pm	A Grade	

19. PLAYER QUALIFICATIONS

- a. To qualify for finals a player must participate in six (6) separate rounds of the Central Murray, with their registered Club. In the case of their only being six (6) teams in a competition, to qualify for that competitions finals, a player must participate in four (4) separate rounds within that competition in the Central Murray with their registered Club.
- b. After playing a total of six (6) games in higher grades players may not play in a lower grade for the remainder of the season, including finals. Finals matches will not be included in the games tally of a player.
- c. In the event of the offending team winning the match, the four (4) premiership points shall be awarded to the opposing team, together with the percentage of a 20 goal win and a penalty of four (4) premiership points shall be deducted from the offending team's points tally held prior to the match.
- d. In the event of the offending team losing the match, four (4) premiership points shall be deducted from the team's points tally held prior to the match,

- e. If the breach is during a finals match the match will be awarded to the non-offending team and a 20 unit penalty.

20. MATCHDAY REQUIREMENTS

- a. Clubs must;
 - i. Have access to two (2) outdoor netball courts;
 - ii. Provide an umpire for each game;
 - iii. Provide a scorer for each game;
- b. Home teams must provide;
 - i. A timekeeper for each game;
 - ii. At least three (3) time clocks – one to keep quarter time, one to keep 30 second injury rule and one to keep 2 minute suspension time. If clubs wish they may have a fourth clock for intervals;
 - iii. An air horn or another audible sound device to note end of quarter/game;
 - iv. One A-Frame or equivalent scoreboard for each court;
 - v. A Court Supervisor, identified by wearing yellow vest supplied by the leagues, to be present at the courts for the duration of the games; Court Supervisors must be nominated on each court's scoresheet.
- c. Both clubs must sign the pre-match checklist to ensure playing arena is safe before any matches are played.
- d. The home club must return each scoresheet, game day checklist, any award forms associated with that grade and Central Murray vote envelopes to the Leagues Manager no later than 9.00am on the Monday after the match.
- e. Scores for all grades must be published on the competition website by 5.30pm on the day of the match for media and league purposes.
- f. All players and team officials; consisting of Coach, Team Manager and Primary Carer, must be situated in the designated official bench areas for the duration of the game.
- g. Voting for Best and Fairest shall be as follows:
 - i. The match umpires shall award votes for the best three players in each game except for 12 & Under. Voting shall be 3 votes for the best player, 2 votes for the second-best player and 1 vote for the third best player;
 - ii. Votes shall be placed in the envelope provided;
 - iii. Both umpires must sign vote cards and vote envelopes, (signature must be across the seal and legible).

21. SCORING

- a. Each team must provide a non-participating scorer for all matches, 15 years of age or older.
- b. These two people must sit together for the duration of the match.
- c. The Central Murray Leagues Manager will have scorebooks available for distribution to Clubs
- d. Two (2) scoresheets will be used for each match. These scoresheets will list the complete names (both given and surname) of maximum twelve (12) players intending to take the court, prior to the commencement of play. These scoresheets shall also indicate the positions played, the on court captain each quarter, the match score, the coaches, umpires, and court supervisor. Failure to fully complete the scoresheet is penalized in the Club Excellence Award.
- e. At the match conclusion, to indicate their satisfaction that the information on the scoresheets is correct, the scoresheets are to be signed by;
 - i. The captains of both competing teams; and
 - ii. The Scorers of the match.

- f. Four (4) points shall be awarded for a win and two (2) points for a draw in all grades except for 12 & Under. There will be no points awarded in this grade. If the draw consists of an unequal number of byes, the effected teams shall be awarded four (4) points and a twenty (20) goal advantage for all byes.
- g. In the event of a late start; each team is given five (5) minutes grace, after which time the clock is to be started by the umpires, and three (3) goals will be added to the score of the team ready to play. If the game is not started within five (5) minutes of the clock being started then the game is forfeited and normal procedure applies. This applies to all grades of competition.

22. MERCY RULE – 14 & UNDER, 12 & UNDER GRADES

The Central Murray is committed to encouraging more junior players to maintain their interest in netball and increase their longevity in the sport. The Mercy rule is to prevent coaches and teams going onto the court and mercilessly hammering their opposition. Junior netball must focus on sportsmanship, enjoyment and fun, and promote participation. Good coaches knowing they are to play a weaker opposition will implement strategies to prevent the Mercy rule being implemented:

- i. More game time to weaker players;
- ii. Rotating GS and GK;
- iii. Rotating players through unfamiliar positions;
- iv. Instructing players to play "off" their opposition number.

Mercy Rule (U12's and U14's): Junior netballers lose interest in netball when the margin between two teams in any match is excessive.

- a. When the score differential in Home & Away matches between U12 teams equals 35 points the scorers will notify the umpires and play is stopped.
- b. When the score differential in Home & Away U14 teams equals 50 points the scorers will notify the umpires and play is stopped.
- c. The scores at this point, with a 35 and 50 differential will be submitted to the league as the FINAL SCORE. The game and scoring continues on the scoreboard however **no further scores can be added to the official score sheet.**
- d. When the Mercy Rule is invoked, *there will be a timeout of three minutes for coaches to organise their respective teams* the match shall continue for the remainder of the allocated time of play. However, if the rule is applied within three (3) minutes of the break, the game will resume after the break. *(The score at the time of the Mercy Rule being invoked, as well as, goal shooters will be the only official results entered)*
- e. Coaches will consult and share players using spare bibs or alternatively work out other suitable strategies which make the game more equal. **The scoreboard (A Frame) differential must reflect this equalization.** *(The scoreboard keeps running and the differential must reduce in the subsequent time allowed. If the score differential does not reduce further strategies must be employed. The game will be stopped (for the three minutes) to implement these strategies)* Some of these will be:
 - i. Sharing the better players to even up the teams;
 - ii. The losing team will receive all centre passes until the scores are even;
 - iii. Rotating players through unfamiliar positions.
- f. When the mercy rule is invoked, both coaches **MUST** then do their best to mix the teams in a sportsmanlike manner to ensure an even contest. If this is not done, at the discretion of the Central Rivers Board;
 - i. The premiersip points may be forfeited; and/or
 - ii. The club fined; and/or

- iii. The coaches brought before the Independent Tribunal and charged with a breach of the Code of Conduct.
- g. The Mercy Rule does not apply in finals.

23. FINALS

- a. The top five (5) teams in each grade at the conclusion of the home and away season will qualify for the finals series.
- b. 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.
- c. Teams found playing an ineligible player during finals will be considered to have lost that match.
- d. Match times shall be conducted for finals as for home and away rounds, with the exception of the Grand Finals, which will have times set one (1) week prior to the Grand Final date.
- e. For all finals, clubs participating in these games will each supply one (1) scorer and one (1) timekeeper or scoreboard attendant over the age of 15 years of age. These people must sit together for the duration of the match. The Leagues Manager will appoint neutral scorers and timekeepers when possible for Grand Final matches.
- f. During the finals series all team sheets must be filled in and handed to league officials at least 1 hour prior to the start of the match. Penalty – Failure to complete any of these tasks will incur a 2 unit fine.
- g. Clubs successful in tendering for finals are to provide refreshments for CM & GR umpires and officials during finals.
- h. The CM & GR Leagues will provide balls, scorebooks and time clocks for use during finals.
- i. Twelve (12) Premiership medals and a Premiership Trophy will be provided for all grades. These will be presented at the completion of each Grand Final match. Clubs have the option of purchasing further medals at their own cost.

24. INTERLEAGUE COMMITMENTS

- a. Every Club in the Central Murray is to participate in the pre-season Junior Round Robin at a date set by the league. Tournament will determine Interleague Selection.
- b. All nominated players are to attend try-outs to be eligible for junior Interleague teams. **Where players cannot make the try-outs an exemption may be granted by the Leagues Manager.** Nominated players must be available for all of the scheduled tournaments.
- c. **Any player(s) after gaining Central Murray or Region selection must sign a player's contract. Penalty – If this contract is broken a one (1) match suspension, which will be accrued to the player(s) on their next playing game. The Leagues Manager will then inform the Club(s) involved.**
- d. Junior Interleague coach positions will be advertised every year. Applications will be received by the Leagues Manager.
- e. If any team (not Club) has two or more players or playing officials are representing the Central Murray or Region on the same day as a scheduled Central Murray draw game that Club may request the game be rescheduled to a time convenient to both Clubs. The Leagues Manager must be notified by both Clubs of the amended date prior to the game being rescheduled. If the Clubs concerned cannot come to an agreement about the time, the Leagues Manager shall appoint a suitable time. The game must be played within four (4) weeks of the event or prior to the last home and away game whichever occurs sooner.

25. AWARDS / PRESENTATION NIGHT

- a. The following player awards will be presented for each grade except for 12 & Under Reserve each season;
 - i. Best and Fairest for each section;
 - ii. Runner-Up Best and Fairest will be provided for each of the grades 18 & Under and 16 & Under;
 - iii. In the event of a tie, two (or more) awards shall be presented.
- b. All votes are to be pre-counted by the Leagues Manager prior to Presentation Night.
- c. A 19 and Under Distinction Award will be presented at the end of each season.
 - i. Criteria and nomination forms are to be distributed by the Leagues Manager, and completed Nomination Forms are to be forwarded to the Leagues Manager by the set date. Players may only be nominated for the 19 and Under Distinction award once.
 - ii. Clubs may only nominate only one player per year for the 19 and Under Distinction Award.
 - iii. All 19 and Under Distinction Award will be reviewed and decision made by the Central Rivers Board.
- d. Criteria to be met by each nominee for 19 and Under Distinction Award are:
 - i. Nominee must be 19 & Under which is determined by 31st of December of that year;
 - ii. Nominee may only be nominated for the award once;
 - iii. In the current season, nominees must be playing in a senior Club team.
- e. Selection Criteria for the 19 and Under Distinction Award are:
 - i. Nominees club involvement and commitment to club activities;
 - ii. Nominees sportsmanship;
 - iii. Nominees playing performance throughout the Central Murray season;
 - iv. Nominees' representation within league or regional teams;
 - v. Nominees' achievements.
- f. Nominations from Clubs and the Netball Umpire Committee for Umpires Awards for Badged and Unbadged Umpires at Presentation Night are to be in to the Leagues Manager by the date set on the nomination forms. A Club may make multiple nominations and may nominate an Umpire from another Club. Nomination by each Club is not compulsory.

PART 3

GOLDEN RIVERS

26. PLAYER REGISTRATION & ELIGIBILITY

- a. A team that plays a non-registered player will incur a fine of 10 units.
- b. Once a senior player has played a total of six games in any higher grades, they are no longer eligible to play in a lower grade for the remainder of the season.
- c. Finals games will not be included in the games tally of a player.
- d. Junior players may play unlimited games in senior and junior grades whilst returning to play in their respective junior grade during the home and away season.
- e. Once a junior player has played a total of six games in any higher senior grade, they are no longer eligible to play in a lower senior grade for the remainder of the season. Juniors are eligible to play in their respective junior grade during the finals series. Juniors may play finals in any grade providing they meet the finals eligibility requirements.
- f. Penalty: Home and away season - A loss of four premierships points in the grade played, and if the team won, the results will be deemed a forfeit. Finals Series - if the team won, the match will be awarded to the opposition.

27. TEAM OFFICIALS

Scorers

- a. Each team shall provide one scorer and a scorebook.
- b. Scorers must be minimum 14 years of age.
- c. Score sheets will be deemed official once signed by captains and umpires.
- d. The stroke method of scoring must be used at all times.
- e. Substitute players are entered onto the score sheet only when they take the court.

Time Keepers

- a. During the home and away season the home team shall provide a timekeeper.
- b. This person must be minimum 14 years of age.
- c. During the home and away season the home team shall provide a timekeeper. One timekeeper shall keep time and the other shall attend the running scoreboard.

28. CONDUCT OF MATCHES

- a. Home and away matches and the finals series of the netball competition are to be played on the same day and at the same venue as the football competition. Matches may only be transferred to another venue if both clubs agree and approved by the Board.
- b. Game Length:

Game Length					
Grade	Game Length	Quarter Lengths	Q1 Break	Q2 Break	Q3 Break
A Grade	71 mins	15 mins	3 mins	5 mins	3 mins
B Grade	71 mins	15 mins	3 mins	5 mins	3 mins
B Reserve	71 mins	15 mins	3 mins	5 mins	3 mins
17 & Under	71 mins	15 mins	3 mins	5 mins	3 mins
14 & Under	71 mins	15 mins	3 mins	5 mins	3 mins
12 & Under	51 mins	10 mins	3 mins	5 mins	3 mins

- c. Game times can be changed following consultation and agreement between one Executive of each club no later than 8pm Tuesday evening of the match day week.

ONE Court Times			
Time	Grade		
9:25am or agreed time	12 & Under		
10:15am	14 & Under		
11:30am	17 & Under		
	Round 1-5:	Round 6-10:	Round 11-16:
12:45pm	B Grade	B Reserve	A Grade
2:00pm	B Reserve	A Grade	B Grade
3:15pm	A Grade	B Grade	B Reserve

- d. Clubs that have two courts may, with the permission of the visiting club, play two matches at the same time. They should be played as:

TWO Court Times			
Time	Grade		
10:15am	14 & Under and 12 & Under		
11:30am	17 & Under		
	Round 1-5:	Round 6-10:	Round 11-16:
12:45pm	B Grade	B Reserve & A Grade	A Grade & B Reserve
2:15pm	B Reserve & A Grade	B Grade	B Grade

- e. Points shall be allocated as follows;
- i. Percentage points awarded based on goals scored for and against;
 - ii. Win - 4 points, Draw - 2 points, Forfeit - as per by-laws;
 - iii. Where there is a Bye in a competition, no points will be awarded for the Bye;
- f. In a season containing an uneven number of Bye's for competing teams, 'Match Ratio' will be used to determine ladder positions. (Match Ratio – reflects the number of wins against the number of matches played)
- g. 12 & Under is an unofficial competition, no points will be allocated, no ladders created, no best and fairest voting.

29. FINALS MATCHES

Times - MINOR FINALS		Times - GRAND FINAL	
Time	Grade	Time	Grade
9:45am	14 & Under	9:15am	14 & Under
11:00am	17 & Under	10:45am	17 & Under
12:15pm	A Grade	12:15pm	A Grade
1:30pm	B Grade	1:45pm	B Grade
2:45pm	B Reserve	3:15pm	B Reserve

- a. To be eligible to play in GRFNL finals, a player must play minimum five games with the same GRFNL affiliated club in the current season on separate Saturdays.
- b. In any grade where there are less than six teams competing, a player must play three games with the same GRFNL affiliated club in the current season on separate Saturdays.
- c. To be eligible to play in the GRFNL finals, a player must play minimum three games with that grade.
- d. Any team who plays an ineligible player in finals will incur a penalty of loss of match.
- e. Each team participating shall provide one scorer. This person must be minimum 14 years of age and not a member of a team playing.

- f. Each team participating shall provide one timekeeper. This person must be minimum 14 years of age and not a member of a team playing. One timekeeper shall keep time, the other shall attend to the running scoreboard.
- g. The League shall provide the scorebooks.
- h. Both captains and umpires must sign the score sheets.
- i. No match shall be a drawn game in the finals. If a draw occurs at the end of full time extra time shall be played:
 - i. There shall be a 3-minute interval at the end of full time where coaches may address their teams before they resume the court, team changes are permitted and teams change ends;
 - ii. Extra time of two halves of 5 minutes, with a 1-minute interval at half time, team changes are permitted and teams change ends;
 - iii. In the event of a tie remaining at the end of extra time, a visual signal is placed at the official bench to indicate that play will continue until one team leads by two goals.

30. NETBALL AWARDS

The League shall provide medallions for all winning teams in Grand Final matches, as well as, the premiership trophy. The two officiating umpires will select the Best on Court player for each grade on Grand Final Day.

- a. Best and Fairest Awards
 - i. The umpires of each home and away game shall select three players and allocate 3, 2 and 1 votes, in order of preference. **These votes can be distributed in any manner, including all votes to one team;**
 - ii. Votes are to be used in determining the Best and Fairest players in each grade of the League;
 - iii. Home teams shall provide vote cards and envelopes for all grades;
 - iv. The full names of these players and the number of votes received by them shall be recorded by the umpires;
 - v. Both Umpires to sign the vote card and the envelope sealed. In the event of either umpire failing to sign, the offending club will be fined 2 units for each unsigned envelope/card. The votes for players will remain valid;
 - vi. The player(s) receiving the most umpire votes shall be awarded the respective grade Best and Fairest Award. There will be no countback if the count is tied. The player(s) receiving the second most umpire votes shall be awarded the respective Runners Up Award. There will be no countback if count is tied.
 - vii. The A Grade best and fairest award shall be known as the "Reita Pay Memorial Award". The winner will be awarded the "Reita Pay Medal" and suitable trophy.
- b. Championship Club Award

All clubs in the League will contest the *"Fenton Perpetual Trophy"* for the Championship Club. Points awarded will be 2 points for a win and one point for a draw in any participating competitive grade. In the event of clubs being equal on points at the end of the home and away matches, the winner will be decided on a count back, i.e. most wins in A Grade, then B Grade, etc., down to the lowest junior grade. Winner will be announced at the League Presentation Night.
- c. Junior Distinction Award

Junior players are eligible for nomination for the GRFNL Junior Distinction Award if they suit the following criteria: -

 - i. Player must be under the age of 17&U as of the 31st December in the year of competition;

ii. Player may be participating currently at either junior or senior level or both.

Nomination Submissions:

- i. Must include the player's netball history (e.g. awards, coaching, umpiring, courses, club involvement, club/league level);
- ii. Limited to one nomination per club and no more than two A4 pages in total;
- iii. Must include comment from the player's coach;
- iv. Briefly describe overall sporting achievements – school, sport and community are also recognized;
- v. To be submitted to the Leagues Manager before Round 16 of the home and away season, or an earlier closing date if the season is less than 16 rounds;
- vi. Include authorization from parent/guardian for permission of nomination and publication of photos or details contained within this nomination;
- vii. Players may be nominated for this award more than once but if successful, cannot be renominated;
- viii. Late or incomplete submissions will not be accepted;
- ~~ix.~~ The judging panel shall consist of the CM & GR Board.

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