



COMPETITION RULES

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Introduction To Competition Rules

The Competitions Rules for Hastings Valley Netball Association (HVNA) will be in accordance with the Australian Netball Rules (ANR) together with our adopted rules and policies as set out in this document.

The Netball NSW (NNSW) Member Protection Policy applies to all members of the Association.

Codes of Conduct are to be adhered to by all individuals who are involved with Netball in the Hastings Valley areas:-

- Executive Committee Members for HVNA and all Committee Members for all Individual Clubs / Representative Squads within the Association.
- All Coaches
- All Umpires
- All Players
- All Parents, Friends, Family and Spectators
- All volunteers who assist with various duties on Game and Carnival Days.

Should there be any concerns regarding the conduct of the game currently in play, this should be brought to the attention of Control immediately and recorded on the score sheet.

The rules apply to all HVNA competitions.

Exceptions are when rules specific to a competition are adopted.

1. Registrations

1.1. Registrations will be taken by the individual Clubs within Hastings Valley Netball Association for the following age groups:-

NetSetGo	Boys & Girls 5-7 years Activity Skills Program
NetSetGo	Boys and Girls 5 - 10 years
Juniors	Boys to 12 years
Juniors	Girls 11- 17 years
Juniors	Boys 13- 17 years in Boys' division
Seniors	Players 18 years and over
PWD	Players with Disability
Non Players Life Members, Association Members	

** NetSetGo Terminology Explained:

- HVNA 10 Week Activities Program = Net
- First Year Non-competition Modified game play = Set
- Second Year Non-modified Game Play = GO
- At HVNA 10years play full netball rules

1.1.1 Refer to Appendix A for Structure of Competition and eligible age groupings. Any exceptions can be referred to the relevant grading committee.

1.2 Saturday competition starts for players turning the age of 10 in the year of the competition.

1.3 Players turning the age of 9 may be registered in a competitive Saturday team if Clubs require those players to field a team. It is preferable that all Set players play in the Set section,

1.4 Ages are determined by the age a player is turning by the 31st December in the current calendar year of play.

(i) Players 18years of age and under must provide a birth certificate / extract or passport as proof of age.

1.5 **Saturday Competition Late Registrations**

1.5.1 Late registrations will be accepted until the date set by the Grading Committee at the paper grading night.

1.6 **Opens Night Competition Late Registrations**

1.6.1 Late registrations will be accepted until half way through the competition. No registrations will be taken after this time.

1.7 **Late Registrations Opens Night Competition and Saturday Competition**

1.7.1 Any late registrations must be notified to the relevant HVNA registrar 24 hours prior to the player taking the field. If the player does play without HVNA being given the 24 hour notification, a fine & penalty will apply.

- (i) Late registrations should not dramatically increase the advantage of a graded team .
If a player of exceptional ability is a late registration and wishes to enter a lower grade, the Executive may consider the circumstances and in extreme cases, the Executive may prevent he or she from playing in that grade for the duration of the competition.
- (ii) Except in special circumstances, no player may leave their affiliated club or team to play with another team or club in any one competition. No Club may register a player from another club or team without the permission of the Association.

2. Grading

- 2.1 For the purpose of the Competition run by HVNA on a Saturday, the following grade descriptions will apply:-
- A. NetSEtGo Activity Skills Program
 - B. NetSEtGo Final
 - C. Junior Ages
 - D. Cadets Male
 - E. Cadets Female
 - F. Opens Male
 - G. Opens Female
- 2.1.1 There is a Grading Committee and Carnival Committee appointed to assist the HVNA Junior Registrar throughout the year. Any decisions made will be in the best interest of all players in the Association and these decisions will be final.
- 2.2 For the purpose of the Competition run by HVNA of an evening for Open Ages, teams will be graded into Divisions.
- 2.2.1 There **“may”** be grading for the Mixed Social Night Competition.
- 2.3 At the commencement of each season, all teams are paper graded by their Clubs. Two graders from each Club will attend a Paper Grading meeting with the Relevant HVNA Registrar to nominate their teams. These Club Graders are to have the authority to negotiate and make any grading decisions on behalf of their clubs.
- 2.3.1 For all competitions, each Club commits to provide their team lists to the relevant HVNA registrar, ***Prior*** to paper grading.
- 2.3.2 The relevant HVNA Registrars are as follows:
- For Saturday Competition this will be the Junior Registrar
 - For Open Night Competition this will be the Senior Registrar
- 2.4 Any changes to teams after paper grading up until the commencement of the season, must be notified to the relevant HVNA Registrar and referred to the relevant grading committee.

2.5 Should there be any objections regarding the grading of a team these objections must be raised in writing by the teams' Club to HVNA by Close Of Business (COB) 5pm on the Monday directly following grading.

2.5.1 Objections raised are to be completed as follows:-

- a. On Club Letterhead
- b. Reference the Team in question
- c. Signed by the Clubs' relevant Registrar and President/Secretary
- d. Be succinct and provide legitimate reasoning to have the grade changed
- e. Sent to the relevant HVNA Registrar, Secretary & President

2.6 Any exceptions can be referred to the relevant grading committee.

3. Eligibility to Play

- 3.1 A player's eligibility to play is determined by the following criteria:-
 - a. The Player meets the age and grading requirements.
 - b. The player has paid the correct registration fees.
 - c. The club the player wishes to play for is classified as financial.

- 3.2 All players must sign a team registration sheet prior to playing their **2nd** game. The relevant HVNA registrar will notify Clubs of players who still need to sign sheets prior to their second game. Any player taking the court for their second game and has not signed their team registration sheet will cause the team to forfeit their game and a penalty will apply.

- 3.3 Teams may borrow from a lower grading, taking into consideration the duty of care of all players.
 - 3.3.1 A player may play up twice only per season. However, if they play up a third time, they are deemed to be a member of that team and are no longer eligible to play in their original team. Borrowing for a non-scoring round is not recognised.
 - 3.3.2 A player cannot play in a lower grade to that in which they are registered.
 - 3.3.3 9 year old Go players may fill in the 10 year age group. These Go players can only fill in twice in a season.
 - 3.3.4 A player may play two games in any one day of play. Playing more than this will cause third team to forfeit.

- 3.4 There is to be no borrowing of players in the Semi Finals, Finals or Grand Finals.

- 3.5 All teams must have 5 of their original team members on the court at all times. Substitution rule is allowed per AANA rules.

4 Uniforms for Saturday Competition and Open Night Competition

- 4.1 Ensure full Club Uniform as Registered with HVNA is worn at all times. Players have 3 weeks to be in full uniform.
- 4.2 As per Australia Netball Rules the following applies:
- a. Players may not wear anything that could endanger themselves or other players, specifically:-
 - i. No adornment or jewellery may be worn other than a wedding ring which must be covered with tape.
 - ii. A medical alert bracelet may be worn provided it is covered with tape.
 - iii. Fingernails must be short and smooth.
 - iv. HVNA allows daith piercing, provided the following is adhered to:-
 - 1. The daith piercing is covered with tape.
 - 2. The player's club has received a copy of the medical certificate confirming medicinal use of the daith piercing.
 - 3. The players' club provides HVNA a copy of the medical certificate.
- 4.3 Any changes to a clubs' uniform must be approved by HVNA.
- 4.4 If a Club has a problem supplying the correct uniform to players, a letter should be sent to the HVNA Secretary notifying of the reason.
- 4.5 Players without uniform shall wear suitable netball attire as close to recognised club uniform as possible until such time as the ordered uniform arrives.
- 4.6 Mixed Social Competition Teams do not have to play in uniform, but proper sporting footwear is Mandatory.

5. Games

- 5.1 Games will be played in accordance with Australian Netball Rules (ANR)
- 5.2 Timing for games will be as follows:-
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| a. NetSetGO Games | 4x12 minute quarters |
| b. Junior Age Games | 4x12 minute quarters |
| c. Cadets Games | 4x12/15 minute quarters depending on court availability |
| d. Opens Saturday Games | 4x15 minute quarters |
| e. Opens Night Games | 4x12 minute quarters |
| f. Opens Mixed Social Night Games | 4x12 minute quarters |
- 5.3 Each game will start and finish on the umpires whistle in conjunction with the hooter. No injury time will be played unless it is during the final series.
- 5.4 A size 5 ball will be used in games 10years and over. A size 4 ball will be used for Net and Set games. Goals are not to be scored / counted for Set Games.
- 5.5 Positional patches will be worn at all times.

6. Forfeits

- 6.1 What will constitute a Forfeit
- A team taking the court with less than 5 of their players
 - If players do not sign the scoresheet in their own handwriting
 - Playing an ineligible player (for definition of this refer to Section 3)
 - When a team fails to take the court within 5 minutes of the start of play of the game. The umpires shall award to the non-offending team.

7. Scoring and Points Score

- 7.1 Official score sheets are to be collected from Control prior to games commencing. Every player must sign on in their own writing. If players do not sign the score sheet themselves, it will not be deemed as official and they will forfeit the game. All writing must be legible and as written on their "Team Registration Sheet".
- 7.2 Scorers on Saturday Competition are to be supplied by the team named first on the draw for the entire game. It is recommended that a representative from the opposite team observe the scorer. Scorers are to position themselves halfway down a sideline for the entirety of the game. Scorers are to make sure that the Best and Fairest is picked and that both captain and umpires sign the score sheet. Scorers must sign the sheet and NO changes can be made after signing.
- 7.2.1 Best and Fairest for Saturday Competition is nominated by the coach of their team. Best and Fairest for Open Night Competition is nominated by the opposing team. Best and Fairest to be written on the score sheets.
- 7.4 Any problems regarding scoring must be addressed immediately. Do not wait until the game is over. The captain of any team with a complaint should NOT sign the score sheet. The matter is to be reported immediately and the complaint followed by a letter from the Secretary for that team's Club within 3 days of the match if action is required.
- 7.5 The winning team will hand in the score sheet to Control.
- 7.6 Point Scores will be allocated as follows:-

Win	3 Points
Loss	1 Point
Draw	2 Points
Bye	0 Points
Forfeit	0 Points with the appropriate 24hours notification
Forfeit	-2 Points without the appropriate 24hours notification
Wet Weather	See Wet Weather Rules

8. Fines & Penalties

8.1 Fines & Penalties will be imposed on Clubs and or Teams for the following:-

- Playing Non Financial Player
- Late registered player taking the field without providing HVNA 24 Hours notice of their late registration
- Playing Ineligible Player
- Saturday Competition & Opens Night Competition - Failure to supply Umpire
- Failure to complete Club Duty
- Failure to provide 24hours notice to HVNA to forfeit game.
- Individual player, not signing team registration sheet after playing their first two games.
- Failure to sign scoresheet in own handwriting

8.1.1 Refer Appendix B for Fine and Penalty Amounts

8.2 Non-payment of fines will see the Club/Team classified as “un-financial” and their teams will be unable to play in the competition. Clubs will have 2 weeks to pay any fines. Invoices will be sent out by the HVNA Treasurer to the Clubs’ Secretary that the team represents. These must be paid for the Club to remain financial with the Association.

9. Final Series

9.1 No team shall play a player in a semi-final, final or grand final unless the player/s have **played 3** competition matches with that team. A team’s win by forfeit **does** count as a qualifying game.

9.2 Teams cannot borrow during the finals series.

9.3 Throughout the final series including the Grand Final where teams finish on an equal score, extra time will be played. There shall be a 2 minute interval at the end of full time. Substitutions and/or team changes are permitted. Extra time of 2 x 5 minute halves shall be played. Teams change ends at halftime without interval. No substitutions and/or
team changes are permitted.

9.3.1 In the event of a tie remaining at the end of extra time, play will continue until one team leads by two goals.

9.4 The extra time will be timed by a stopwatch by an Executive of HVNA or appointed person.

10. Umpiring

10.1 Clubs are responsible for allocating an umpire to each of their teams.

10.1.2 Mixed Social Night Competition umpiring is provided by HVNA.

10.2 All umpires are to be suitably attired with correct footwear, club colours or a white shirt.

10.3 All umpires must be a registered member of an affiliated HVNA Club.

10.4 Umpires must check all players for correct uniforms, that nails are cut short and smooth and that no jewellery (with the exceptions of items noted in Section 4) or any adornment deemed dangerous is worn.

10.5 If an umpire is unsure or is worried about anything during a game, they are to come to Control and have an Executive from HVNA address the problem. Bad behaviour or language is not to be tolerated and the umpire will address the situation immediately, whether it's a warning or by a send off. Notation of these items must be written on the back of the score sheets.

10.6 With the exception of NetSetGo, umpires are not to coach a team whilst they are umpiring.

11. Club Duty

11.1 Saturday Competition Club Duty

11.1.1 All Clubs within HVNA will be rostered on for Duty throughout the season. The number of times a Club is rostered on will be determined by the number of teams the Club has.
See note below for formula on how this is done

11.1.2 Before the commencement of games: pole pads are to be put on courts, put out rubbish bins with bin liners, making sure the courts are clean and clear of debris by using the squeegee, blower or brooms as required.

11.1.3 The duty club is responsible for canteen duty for the day, commencing 30 minutes prior to the first game.

11.1.4 At the end of the day the pole pads are to be put away, bins are to be emptied and lined in readiness for use by the next competition (Carnival, Open Night etc) and the courts are to be cleared of rubbish and debris. Rings on courts 7,8,9 & 10 are to be stowed in the equipment room.

11.1.5 Drink fridges in the Canteen must be restocked and lollies should be bagged (only relevant to Saturday Competition and Carnival).

11.1.6 It is preferable that each Club have an Executive member on hand to coordinate their Club's duties throughout the day, i.e a Club Canteen Supervisor.

Note Duty Formula

The number of teams in a Club divided by the number of teams in competition multiplied by the number of rounds played.

Example: If Saints has 32 teams playing in a round competition where there are 95 teams in the comp. $32 / 95 * 15 = 5.05$

Saints would be on Canteen Duty 5 times through the season.

11.2 Duty for Opens Night & Opens Mixed Social Night Competitions

11.2.1 Before the commencement of games: Pole pads are to be put on the courts, put out rubbish bins with bin liners, making sure the courts are clean and clear of debris by using a blower, squeegee or brooms as required.

11.2.2 The duty team/s are to supply one team member to assist the registrar of the competition in their role.

11.2.3 The duty team/s are to supply a scorer for each court. As allocated by relevant Registrar.

11.2.4 At the conclusion of the evening, the pole pads are to be put away, bins are to be emptied and lined in readiness for use by the next competition (carnival, Saturday comp etc) and the courts are to be cleared of rubbish and debris. Rings on court 7,8,9 &10, if used are to be stowed in equipment room.

11.2.5 Final duty team member assisting the Registrar must remain until she/he has locked up and is leaving the courts.

12. Carnivals

12.1 All Carnivals will be conducted in accordance with HVNA carnival rules.

13. Wet Weather

- 13.1 The days' games will be assessed per time slot by club delegates. Therefore, teams need to attend, unless advice is received by HVNA.
- 13.2 Notification will be given to each Club and an announcement will be placed on the HVNA Website and Facebook page where possible.
- 13.3 Games not played or cancelled before half time due to we weather will be considered abandoned and **not be rescheduled**, unless rule 13.6 applies.
- 13.4 Games cancelled after half time will be considered completed and the score on the scoresheet will stand.
- 13.5 Point Scores for weather affected games will be allocated as follows:-
- Abandoned game 1 point
 - Completed game points awarded as per section 7.6
 - Bye Team 0 Points
- 13.6 Where an age group and / or division is played across more than one timeslot the following will apply:-
- a. Games completed will be recorded as per section 13.5 above
 - b. Games abandoned will be rescheduled where possible.
 - c. Bye teams will not be affected.
- 13.7 If Semi Finals are cancelled due to wet weather, Semis' 1 v 4 & 2 vs 3 will be held the following week in a knockout format.
- 13.8 In extreme weather conditions, HVNA defer to NNSW Adverse Weather Conditions Policy 2015 (current at the time of printing and link for policy can be found in reference section).

14. Opens Night Competition Rules

- 14.1 If a team forfeits a 3rd or more competition game, they are deemed ineligible for that competition.
- 14.2 Opens Night Competition is open to males. However, they will need to be able to field enough teams to form their own grading. They will not be able to play in the female competition.
- 14.3 Game fees per team, per game are payable to HVNA and placed in the plastic bag that is on the score-board with the score-sheet.

15. Opens Mixed Social Night Competition Rules

- 15.1 Three male team members may be allowed on a mixed team and at any one time on court of play there shall be on male play one are of court. Meaning you cannot play two males in GK & GD or GA & GS or WA & C.
- 15.2 The competition may be split into mixed and womens divisions.

Appendix A Competition Structures

Saturday Competition

Grade	Open to	Age
NetSetGo Activity Skills Program **	Female & Males	5 yrs to 7 yrs
NetSetGo Modified & 2nd Yr Non Modified*	Female & Males	5 yrs to 9 yrs
Junior Ages	Female & Males	10 yrs to 12 yrs
Cadets Male	Male	13 yrs to 16 yrs
Cadets Female	Female	13 yrs to 16 yrs
Opens Male	Males	14 yrs and over
Opens Female	Females	14 yrs and over

Opens Night Competition

Opens Night Competition Females	Females	14yrs and over
Opens Night Competition Males	Males	14yrs and over

Opens Mixed Social Night Competition

Opens Mixed Social Night Competition	Males & Females	14yrs and over
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** NetSetGo Terminology Explained:

- HVNA 10 Week Activities Program = Net
- First Year Non-competition Modified game play = Set
- Second Year Non-modified Game Play = GO
- At HVNA 10years play full netball rules

Appendix B Fines & Penalties

<i>Fine Description</i>	<i>Amount of Fine</i>	<i>Penalty</i>
<i>Playing Non Financial Player</i>	<i>\$100</i>	<i>-5 Points</i>
<i>Late Registered player, taking field without providing HVNA 24 hour of their late registration</i>	<i>\$20</i>	<i>-2 points & Forfeit</i>
<i>Individual not signing team registration sheet after playing first two games</i>	<i>n/a</i>	<i>-2 points & forfeit</i>
<i>Playing Ineligible Player</i>	<i>n/a</i>	<i>-0 points & forfeit</i>
<i>Saturday Competition - Failure to Supply Umpire</i>	<i>\$20</i>	<i>n/a</i>
<i>Opens Night Competition - Failure to Supply Umpire</i>	<i>\$20</i>	<i>-2points</i>
<i>Saturday Competition - Failure to Complete Club Duty</i>	<i>\$50</i>	<i>n/a</i>
<i>Opens Night Competition - Failure to Complete Club Duty</i>	<i>\$50</i>	<i>-2pts</i>
<i>Mixed Social Night Competition - Failure to Complete Club Duty</i>	<i>\$50</i>	<i>n/a</i>
<i>Failure to provide 24 hours notice to Forfeit Game</i>	<i>\$50</i>	<i>-2points</i>
<i>Failure to sign score sheet in own handwriting</i>	<i>n/a</i>	<i>Forfeit game & -2points</i>

References

Netball NSW Adverse Weather Conditions Policy

<https://s3-ap-southeast-2.amazonaws.com/netball-wp-assets/wp-content/uploads/sites/4/2013/10/06150501/Netball-NSW-Adverse-Weather-Conditions-Policy-V1.pdf>

Netball NSW Member Protection Policy

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Netball NSW Codes of Behaviour Policy

<https://s3-ap-southeast-2.amazonaws.com/netball-wp-assets/wp-content/uploads/sites/4/2013/10/06143442/Netball-NSW-Code-of-Behaviour-Policy-V5.pdf>

Netball Australia Rules of Netball

<https://netball.com.au/our-game/basic-rules-of-netball/>

Thank you



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