



**NETBALL CENTRE INC.**

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# **Regulations 2018**

## Application and Interpretation of these Regulations

Any matter not covered by these Regulations shall be decided by the Whangarei Netball Centre (WNC) Board in accordance with WNC's Constitution. The WNC Board delegates interpretation of these regulations to Netball Manager.

Any member has a right to appeal a determination made under these regulations to the WNC Board. Any appeal made to the WNC Board must be made in writing within 14 days of the determination being given to that member. Any determination of the WNC Board may be appealed as per the WNC constitution Part VI, 19.3 Appeals.

For further information, clarification and regulation procedures please contact WNC Netball Manager.

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# Section 1 - Code of Conduct

All teams shall be held responsible for the behaviour of their supporters. Spectators whose behaviour is not acceptable will be advised of the expected code of behaviour and the Zero Tolerance Policy will apply.

## 1. Whangarei Netball Centre Code of Conduct

- Be respectful of others at all times
- Be fair and honest at all times
- Be responsible for your own actions
- Do not abuse others verbally or physically
- Do not discriminate against others
- Be safety conscious for yourself and others at all times
- Be a positive role model

## 2. Behaviour on Court

WNC's Code of Conduct governs any member, player, team, umpire, coach, manager, volunteer and any other person who, participates, spectates and/or is involved in any way in any activity held at WNC's facilities or is involved in any activity under the auspices of WNC. Unacceptable behaviour will not be tolerated in any form.

## 3. Unacceptable Behaviour

- Violence in any form (including wilful damage to property)
- Assault by any member or spectator on another person
- Verbal abuse by any member or spectator towards any other member or spectator
- Consumption of alcohol or illegal drugs within the courts perimeter, pavilion or car park
- Intoxication or illegal high, of any member or spectator within the courts perimeter, pavilion or car park
- Team officials, bench players and spectators may not indulge in inappropriate comments or behaviour, including moving up and down the side lines or along the goal lines during play (refer International Rulebook Rule 3.4.2; 19 & 20).

## 4. Netball New Zealand General Code of Conduct and Ethics

WNC and all members of WNC are affiliated to Netball New Zealand (NNZ) and therefore are bound by the rules, regulations and Code of Conduct of NNZ, found in the "NNZ Regulations 2017"

## Section 2 - Member Regulations

### 5. Affiliation & Membership

- a. Clubs, Schools and Individuals shall apply and are accepted for membership by completing the required registration documentation and payment of fees. Registration documentation is available on the WNC website or by contacting the WNC Office.
- b. New Clubs / Schools are subject to additional requirements, the closing date for the affiliation of new clubs/schools to WNC shall be 20 February each year. New Clubs and Schools Information is available on the WNC website or by contacting the WNC Office.
- c. Affiliation and Team registration fees are determined by the WNC Board each year and paid by due date.
- d. Fees are non-transferrable and non-refundable. In exceptional circumstances consideration may be given on a case-by-case basis at the discretion of WNC.
- e. Unpaid fees by due date forfeit the right for representation at Annual General Meeting (AGM) and could result in removal from competition.
- f. WNC reserves the right to refuse membership under the WNC's constitution.
- g. WNC are responsible for the centre contribution to Netball Northern Zone. If a Club or School chooses to play in more than one Centre, any Netball Northern Contribution levy will be met by the players home Centre.
- h. WNC shall send notification of affiliation acceptance together with a copy of the WNC Constitution and Regulations to each new affiliate. Further copies of the Constitution and Regulations are available on the WNC website.
- i. Every Collegiate, Intermediate and Junior team must have a Coach and/or Manager with the team for each game.

### 5.1 Consultation with Members

- a. Open forum meetings for Clubs/Schools shall be held twice in a season. Written/electronic notice of meetings shall be sent to all affiliated clubs/schools. These meetings are held in order to keep members informed of WNC's activities, and give them an opportunity to make recommendations and bring any matters to the attention of WNC.
- b. WNC will consult/communicate regularly with members via email, website, Facebook, telephone and meetings. Feedback is sought through all mediums.

### 5.2 Males in Netball

- a. Males 11 years and younger are entitled to participate in netball under Part VII – Integrity Regulations, 3.6.
- b. Males who are 12 years and over and are in Year 7 or 8 at school may continue to play at the discretion of the WNC. A maximum of three (3) males playing on court in any position at one time is recommended.
- c. WNC has the discretion to grant a dispensation for a Transgender player under Part VII, 3.4 of the Netball New Zealand Regulations.

### 6. Fundraising

- a. Clubs/Schools need to apply in writing for approval to the WNC of any fundraising and raffles that are being organised and undertaken at the WNC facility.
- b. Fundraising activities will be for netball purposes and WNC Representative fundraising will take precedent.

## 6.1 Sponsorship

- a. Clubs/Schools seeking any form of sponsorship whether product, monetary or naming rights must seek written approval from WNC before any contract or negotiations are finalised with the prospective sponsor.
- b. No member shall be permitted to be sponsored by an alcohol or tobacco product, manufacturer seller or promoter of alcohol or tobacco products.

## 6.2 Club, Team and School Sponsor's identity

- a. Change/s to uniform, placement of logo and any sponsorship whether product, monetary or naming rights on draw must seek approval from WNC before any order or changes to their team name, playing uniforms, logo etc are made.
- b. If there is a conflict of sponsorship with Netball New Zealand, Netball Northern Zone or WNC then approval will be declined. Individual player sponsorship is not permitted to be worn on the court.
- c. Identification of a Sponsor shall be permitted subject to the following conditions:
  - i) One sponsor's name and/or logo shall only be used once per garment.
  - ii) Playing bibs may have Sponsor's name discreetly once on the front.
  - iii) The Club or School logo, name or sponsor may be vertically displayed on the dress/skirt side panel or on hem of dress/skirt.
  - iv) Playing top or dress may have Sponsor's name on one sleeve band, or across the top of the playing top or dress above the bib.

## 6.3 Funding Applications

If Clubs/Schools are applying for netball related funding then notification can be sent to WNC and a Letter of Support supplied to be attached to funding application.

## 7. Trophies and Awards

- a. Trophies are awarded for Intermediate, College and Senior - Preliminary and Championship Runner up and Winners
  - i) If two or more teams are equal on points in the Preliminary Round, trophies will be awarded to joint winners and runners up. A goal ratio will determine first named team/s on trophy.
  - ii) Championship Trophies are awarded to outright Winners and Runner up.
- b. Trophies are awarded for Juniors Section 1 & 2 Championship Winners and Runner up
- c. Trophies are awarded for both Individual and Team Special Awards
- d. The Club/School shall be liable for all costs of repairs and/or replacement if trophy/trophies are damaged or lost/stolen. Trophies must be returned to WNC as directed by WNC, failure to comply will result in a fine as per "Schedule 1 WNC Fees and Charges".

### 7.1 Awards Committee

WNC shall annually appoint an Awards Committee comprising of a minimum of 3 persons as per Awards Regulations.

### 7.2 Life Membership and Service

As per Part II – Membership of the Whangarei Netball Centre Constitution

## **8. First Aid**

- a. Each Club or School is responsible for the supply and administering of first aid for each team. It is strongly recommended that coaches/managers do a first aid course.
- b. Ice is available in the Freezer of WNC

## **9. Insurance**

WNC will not be responsible for any incident or accident which may occur while representing WNC and or at the venue of WNC.

## **10. Smoking and Alcohol**

- a. WNC has a smoke free policy. Smoking is not permitted in the Netball Pavilion, Netball Courts or the Car Park area.
- b. Alcohol may not be consumed in the court area, pavilion or carpark (excluding private events related to venue hire outside of normal netball competitions).

## **11. Pregnant Players**

Netball NZ has developed guidelines for pregnant players and these outline responsibilities for the pregnant player, coaches, administrators, umpires and other players when dealing with pregnancy in netball. Please refer to NNZ Pregnancy guidelines.

## **12. Health and Safety**

- a. Dogs, other than guide dogs, are not permitted in WNC buildings or property.
- b. Persons with bicycles, skates, skateboards, rollerblades, scooters or other similar contraptions are not permitted in WNC's court enclosure and buildings during Saturday Competition.
- c. Members and supporters should report to the WNC Office, any damaged building or equipment, which may pose a risk to members.

## **13. Privacy**

WNC acknowledges the provisions of the Privacy Act 1993 and its amendments ("the Act"). When collecting personal information WNC will comply with the Act and these regulations.

# Section 3 - Competition Regulations

## 14. Team Registrations

All teams must register each year by the due date on the registration forms provided

- a. Existing Senior Clubs are required to register a minimum of two (2) senior teams, these can include senior and/or collegiate teams.
- b. Existing Intermediate and Junior Clubs are required to register a minimum of two (2) intermediate and/or junior teams.
- c. Schools with Secondary, Intermediate and Junior netball teams may register one or more teams.
- d. Dispensation may be given to Clubs who have been registered with WNC for a period of three (3) or more years to field less than the minimum amount of teams mentioned as above, apply in writing to the WNC Office.
- e. Dispensation may be given to current registered Clubs whose players reside outside a 15km radius from the netball courts, apply in writing to the WNC Office.
- f. The names of players in a team shall be registered with the WNC before commencement of netball season as advised at time of registration.
- g. A player shall be registered with only one club or school at any one time within the WNC competition.
- h. A team, who is short of a player, may play a player from another netball centre within the Northern Zone (from Mangonui NC at Kaitaia in the north to Waiuku in the south) during the current season as a day registered player.
- i. A Player may register and play for more than one Netball Centre or Zone under 6.2 Registration of Players (d) & (e) of the Netball New Zealand Regulations.
- j. If a Club/School plays a player who is not registered with their Club/School as per Regulation 14 – Team Registrations or Regulation 15 – Additional Players / Transfer of Players, will be subject to a fine as per “Schedule 1 WNC Fees and Charges”.

### Juniors Only

- k. The maximum number of players a team may register at any one time is twelve (12).
  - i) Junior Year 5 & 6 (including Section 1 & 2) teams are required to register a minimum of 8 players
  - ii) Year 3 & 4 teams are required to register a minimum of 7 players
  - iii) Junior Year 1 & 2 are required to register a minimum of 6 players

### Intermediate, Collegiate & Seniors Only

- l. The maximum number of players a team may register at any one time is twelve (12), this includes Day Registered players (see 2.1).
  - i) Premier and Premier Reserve teams are required to register a minimum of 10 players
  - ii) Senior, College, Intermediate (Year 7& 8) teams are required to register a minimum of 8 players
- m. Player policing of players will take place and any discrepancies will result in team or teams being penalised.
- n. Following the preliminary round promotion/relegation, teams in Premier Reserve grade who are promoted to Premier Grade will be required to pay the Premier registration fee and Premier teams relegated to Premier Reserve grade will be reimbursed partial Premier registration fees.
- o. Teams in Senior A1 or Collegiate 1 grade, who are promoted to Premier Reserve grade after the promotion/relegation round, must have a minimum of ten (10) registered players at the start of the championship round.
- p. If a player who is not on the registered team list takes part in any games, the team concerned will be defaulted.



## 15. Additional Players / Transfer of Players

- a. Club and School teams may before the start of the second game in the Preliminary Round amend their team lists with replacement/s for their original player registrations at no additional fee. Players cannot have been registered to another Club or School to be classified as a replacement in this rule. Application for replacement/s must be made no later than 11am Wednesday prior to the scheduled playing day.
- b. From start of Preliminary Round Promotion Relegation through the Championship Round 50% of the player's registration fee must be paid for any additional player.
- c. No player may take the court during Finals Format games unless they are registered and have played a min of two (2) playing days, including day registration games, with that Club or School prior to the finals Format which includes quarters, semis, and finals. 50% of the player's registration fee is required prior to finals.
- d. If a team is short in the Finals Format because of a serious injury/s or medical reasons and they have no players in their club/school who meet the Playing Up (15.3 a.) criteria, the team concerned may seek dispensation to register an additional player. Application must be made at least two (2) hours prior to the game commencing and 50% of the players registration fee is required.

### 15.1 Day Registrations

- a. Day registrations are only permitted during the five weeks of Preliminary Round. Application to Day Register a player must be made prior to the scheduled game. A Day Registration form is available on the WNC website or at Control.
- b. Day Registration fees are not refundable and cannot be deducted off any registration fee.
- c. No player can day register more than twice in any season and the day registration ONLY applies to the one (1) team on one (1) playing day irrespective of the number of games allocated on that day to that team.
- d. A player who pays a day registration fee is considered registered with that one team and they cannot play for more than one team on that day.
- e. If a player day registers more than twice they are required to pay full registration and complete a player registration form, before playing on that third day.

### 15.2 De-Registration of Players

- a. De-Registrations are only permitted during the five weeks of Preliminary and Championship Round. Application to de-register a player must be made no later than 11am on the Wednesday prior to the scheduled playing day. A De-Registration form is available on the WNC website or by contacting the WNC Office.
  - i) Clubs/Schools can de-register a player during the **Preliminary Round** if a player becomes injured, pregnant or transfers out of the district and cannot continue for the rest of the season, another player can be registered in their place at no cost up until the end of the Preliminary round. (Note: This does not include the preliminary promotion/relegation round). A doctor's certificate or other appropriate documentation must be attached to the de-registration form.
  - ii) Clubs/Schools can de-register a player during the **Championship Round** if a player becomes injured, pregnant or transfers out of the district and cannot continue for the remainder of the season, another player can be registered in their place as per Regulation 2 (b) above. A doctor's certificate or other appropriate documentation must be attached to the request.
- b. The player concerned cannot re-register for that Club or School team in the current season.
- c. A player who has de-registered and wishes to transfer to another club or school team must follow the transfer procedures in Regulation 15.4 Transfer of Players.
- d. No Day Registered player can be de-registered unless there is a 3 week period between the first date of Day Registration and the date of application to de-register a player.

### 15.3 Playing Up / Down Grading

- a. A player may play two playing days in a higher graded team within their own club/school that is not in the same grade and still remain in their own team. If the player plays a third playing day for that team they must remain in that team for the rest of the season and cannot re-join their original team.
- b. Club or School teams with more than one (1) team in the same grade may not interchange players between the teams regardless of the team seeding except;
  - i) if they apply to transfer a player within the same grade (see Transfer of Players) or
  - ii) in exceptional circumstances which need to be applied for through the WNC Office before 11am the Wednesday before the scheduled playing day.
- c. Downgrading of a player is only permitted during the five weeks of Preliminary Round, the player cannot play for the team they are downgrading to for one (1) playing day. Application to Downgrade a player must be made no later than 11am on the Wednesday prior to the scheduled playing day. A Downgrade Form is available on the WNC website or by contacting the WNC Office.

### 15.4 Transfer of Players

- a. A Club or School may transfer a player to another team in that Club or School within the same grade. Application to Transfer a player must be made no later than 11am on the Wednesday prior to the scheduled playing day. A Transfer form is available on the WNC website or by contacting the WNC Office.
  - i) From the date of the transfer application the player cannot play for either team for at least one (1) playing day
  - ii) Player concerned can only apply once during the playing season.
- b. A player may transfer from one Club or School to another Club or School during the netball season. A Transfer form is available on the WNC website or by contacting the WNC Office.
  - i) From the date of the transfer application the player cannot;
    - play for that Club or School team that they are transferring from
    - play for the Club or School team that they are transferring to for two (2) playing days.
  - ii) If the player has an outstanding debt or holds equipment/uniform with the original Club or School, then that player will not be transferred until the debt is cleared and/or the equipment returned. Written release from the original Club or School must be received by WNC prior to the first game to be played with the new Club or School. If the original Club or School does not advise WNC of their release/decline of the player transfer within 10 days of transfer application, then WNC may release the player.
  - iii) No more than two (2) transfers between Clubs/Schools per player will be accepted in a season.

### 16. Uniforms

- a. Each Club and School before affiliating to the Centre shall submit to WNC a design for its uniform, giving details of colour and style, once approved this uniform shall be registered against the Club or School. Any player not wearing the registered uniform of their Club or School will not be permitted to play.
- b. Any Club or School wishing to make changes to the uniform in any way must submit all details to WNC and gain approval before changes can be made. Once approved this uniform shall replace any uniform previously registered with the Centre.
- c. A Club or School may seek dispensation if they cannot meet their registered playing uniform. Application must be made prior to the season commencing.
- d. Bike pants, baggy shorts, jeans, track pants, tee shirts or g-string underwear are not permitted and no underwear should be showing below skirt line when player is standing.
- e. In exceptional circumstances, a Club or school may seek dispensation for players who
  - i) because of disability or medical condition may require additional coverings.

- ii) is unable to fit the existing uniform, therefore needs to play in an alternate uniform i.e. skirt and top or uniform as determined by WNC, for up to a six week period while the correct fitting uniform is sought. WNC may give dispensation for the players concerned for a fixed period or may require the whole team to wear an alternate uniform. The decision made by WNC will be based on all the information available at the time including time frames and availability of alternate uniform/s.
- f. Where two (2) opposing teams with identical uniforms play each other, approval for appropriate colour tee shirts and/or bibs to be worn will be given for that game. WNC is to be notified of any change.

#### **Juniors Only**

- g. Junior players can wear thermal items in inclement weather. These items must be worn under the playing uniform, be close fitting, of a colour consistent with their uniform and/or basic colours (navy, black or white). No additional adornment is allowed. Not every team member has to wear these.

## **17. Grades and Player Regulations**

Grades in the Centre shall be decided by WNC. This decision will be governed by the number of entries received by the Centre each year. In most instances grades will consist of six (6) teams however in some instances lower grades may need to have five (5), seven (7) or eight (8) teams.

#### **Juniors Only**

- a. Junior teams in Year 1-6 modified will be placed in one section per Year group and have the opportunity to play as many different teams as possible. If there are an uneven number of teams in that year group, a different team each week may play twice to ensure every team gets a game.
- b. Junior Section 1 & 2 teams; where possible teams will be placed in the same section that they were in the previous season. Information provided by the Clubs/Schools when registering these teams will assist in determining the final starting positions. Grading of Year 6 Section 1 & 2 teams will be considered after Preliminary Round - Week 5 depending on the results of the previous games and consideration to regrading of teams will be given before the start of the Championship Round - Week 6.

#### **Intermediate, Collegiate & Seniors Only**

- c. Teams wishing to challenge for Premier Grade must have played in the previous seasons Premier Reserve championship round. New additional teams from existing Clubs/Schools or new Club/School teams must play in Grading games and even if they finish first (1<sup>st</sup>) or second (2<sup>nd</sup>) will be required to play in the Preliminary Round and qualify for Premier through Preliminary Round Promotion Relegation.
- d. Premier and Premier Reserve grades may consist of Senior and Secondary School teams.
- e. Senior grades from A1 down consist of senior teams only, Collegiate grades consist of Secondary School and/or Club Collegiate teams.
- f. Senior teams consist of adults, adult students, polytechnic and university students and individual secondary school players. All of these players including secondary school players are required to pay the senior fee.
- g. Secondary School and club collegiate teams must consist of players Year 9 up to Year 13, attending Secondary School and are Under 19 as per the Secondary School Association criteria.
- h. Intermediate teams must consist of players Year 7 and/or 8 attending Intermediate School.
- i. In exceptional circumstances: Area Schools or Primary Schools with pupils Year 1 to 8, may seek written dispensation to request a junior player playing in the intermediate competition.
- j. Once a player has been named on the team card, the player is considered registered with that Club or School team. Premier and Premier Reserve are precluded from above regulation.
- k. Withdrawal/Relegation - Premier and Premier Reserve Grade
  - i) Premier team/s from the previous season who withdraw or request relegation and who have approval from the WNC, will be relegated to the Premier Reserve grade or a lower grade and will take part in grading games to ascertain their ranking.
  - ii) Premier Reserve teams will not gain automatic entry into Premier grade through the withdrawal, or relegation of Premier teams from previous season, rule.

## 17.1 Grading of Teams

- a. For grading games, WNC will at its discretion decide a format at the beginning of each season to allow teams registered with the Centre to be graded into competitions for the Preliminary Round and these games will take place over a period determined by WNC, prior to the commencement of the Preliminary Round. WNC will advise Clubs/Schools of the Grading format on Registration.
- b. Teams in all grades enter the same grade they were in at the end of the previous season. WNC has the right to re-grade teams to fit in to the grades determined.
- c. Preliminary Promotion Relegation;
  - i) Bottom placed in Premier grade will play the top ranked team (1st team) of Premier Reserve grade.
  - ii) Bottom ranked Premier Reserve Club team will play the top ranked A1 Club team and the bottom ranked Premier Reserve College team will play the top ranked College A1 team.
  - iii) All other grades – bottom ranked team will play the 1st ranked team in the grade below.
  - iv) The winning team will play in the higher grade for the championship round.
  - v) No draws permitted in any Promotion Relegation games. Procedure for Extra time will be followed pending a draw at the end of full time. This will be clearly outlined on the Draw.

## 18. Game Regulations

### 18.1 Weekly Draws

- a. The compilation of the draw shall be done by WNC, and allocation of Umpires to the draw shall be done in conjunction with the Umpire Co-ordinator. Draws will be available mid-week on WNC website, WNC noticeboards and will be emailed to nominated Clubs & School representatives (including coaches), Umpires and others on WNC mailing list. Club and School contacts are responsible for ensuring that all their teams receive the draw.
- b. If a team wishes to play at a specified time during the Preliminary and/or Championship Rounds only then applications need to be made in writing to the WNC office at least fourteen (14) days prior to the scheduled playing day. Every endeavour will be made to meet time requests but cannot be guaranteed - only one (1) time request per team per round will be accepted.
- c. Coaches, Managers, and players who are involved with more than one team may apply in writing, before the beginning of the season, to the WNC Office for consideration to be given in the preparation of the draws.

### 18.2 Competition Rounds

- d. Initial grading round will be followed by one round of Preliminary Round, Preliminary Round Promotion/Relegation Weekend, one round of Championship Round then three (3) weekends of Finals
- e. In the event of a tie for position, points for and against will decide the team to be Promoted or Relegated.
- f. At the conclusion of the Preliminary Promotion Relegation weekend, all grades start afresh with Championship points and goal points. Points amassed for all grades in the Promotion Relegation Round are not carried over to the Championship Round.
- g. Finals Format; All grades for Senior, Collegiate, Intermediate and Junior Section 1 and 2 will play in the finals format. There are no points awarded to the teams but there must be a result in every match played during the finals format therefore no draws are permitted and extra time will be played – winners and losers are recorded.

### 18.3 Team Cards

- a. Year 1-6 modified teams are not required to fill out team cards
- b. Teams playing in first round games must complete the team card 10 minutes prior to scheduled start of game, failure to comply will result in a fine as per "Schedule 1 WNC Fees and Charges".
- c. Every team must collect and have completed their Team Card by the end of the third quarter of the previous round, failure to comply will result in a fine as per "Schedule 1 WNC Fees and Charges". For grading however team cards must be completed by half time of the previous game.

#### **Juniors Section 1 and 2, Intermediate, Collegiate and Seniors Only**

- d. The Team Card/team list is collected from and completed outside control.
- e. When completing the weekly team cards/team lists, all players who will be taking the court should be listed. Player's first name and surname must appear on the team card/team list. (No nicknames).
- f. Once a player who is listed on a team card/team list for a particular game, that player is considered to have played at some time in that game.

#### **Premier and Premier Reserve Only**

- g. Team lists are printed with the registered players in that team, Team Manager collects team list and substitution forms from official bench.
- h. Any changes of player's playing positions made at quarter time and/or injury time must be completed on a new substitution sheet with all playing positions.
- i. Players who are playing up will need to be written on all sheets even if they have not taken the court. A player will be considered to have played for that team when a position is marked beside their name.

### 18.4 Duration and Timing of Games

- a. Grading games will be 2 x 12 minute halves with 2 minutes half time. Game time may be lengthened at the discretion of the WNC along with the number of grading games played in one day.
- b. All Junior games will be 4 x 8 minute quarters with 2 minute breaks between the quarters and at half time.
- c. All Senior, College, Intermediate and Junior Section 1 and 2 Preliminary Round, Preliminary Round Promotion Relegation and Championship Round games will be 4 x 10 minute quarters, with two (2) minute breaks between the quarters and a three (3) minute half time.
- d. There will be no official injury time however umpires must stop the game for up to 30 seconds in the event of an injury to allow the injured player to be safely removed from the court and if applicable, for substitutions to be made. Time lost due to stoppage for injury or illness cannot be made up.
- e. Timing of games shall commence with the official centralised electronic clock.

#### **Premier and Premier Reserve Only**

- f. All Premier and Premier Reserve Preliminary Round, and Championship Round games will be 4 x 15 minute quarters with a three (3) minute break between quarters and a five (5) minute half time. The half time can be shortened if both teams are in agreement after discussion with the umpires. Stoppages due to injury/ illness, blood or emergency will comply with the International Rules of Netball.
- g. Preliminary Round promotion relegation games will be 4 x 10 minute quarters, with two (2) minute breaks between the quarters and a three (3) minute half time.
- h. Injury time is allowed for, up to 30secs as per INF Rules of Netball.
- i. Timing of games shall commence with the official time keeper. Time lost due to stoppage for injury or illness is controlled by official timekeepers and the umpires as per the International rules of Netball.

## 18.5 Deferred Games / Bye Requests

- a. Any team wishing to apply for a Bye (deferred game) in the Preliminary or Championship rounds must apply in writing to the WNC Office 4 weeks before the scheduled game day. If the reasoning for deferring the game is deemed appropriate, the transferred game shall be played before the end of the effected round. Bye requests will not be permitted in the Grading or Promotion Relegation rounds.
- b. Any team with two (2) or more players out for Representative netball fixtures shall be granted a transfer game. Where possible the transferred game shall be played before the end of the affected round.

## 18.6 Defaults

- a. Any team wishing to default must advise the WNC Office no later than 11am of the Friday before the scheduled playing day. Failure to comply will result in a fine as per "Schedule 1 WNC Fees and Charges", some exceptions may apply for that of a serious nature where time frames were unable to be followed and for Junior teams.
- b. Every effort will be made to notify affected teams predominantly the day before or if needed as soon as possible on game day.
- c. Defaults notified to Control on the day of the competition must be made by the team coach or manager NOT a player.
- d. If after two (2) minutes from the commencement of the game, a team cannot field five registered players from that team and for the duration of the game, then that team shall lose by default and penalty will be enforced as per regulation 18.5a.
- e. Teams that default more than three (3) times within the season in situations other than that of a serious nature e.g. bereavement may be withdrawn from the competition at the discretion of WNC.

## 18.7 Netballs

- a. Clubs/Schools must provide each team with their own netball, Juniors are permitted to play with a smaller ball as per FutureFERNs Programme Information.

## 18.8 Points

- a. Results for each week will be available on the Centre website.

### Juniors Only

- b. No points are recorded

### Juniors Section 1 and 2, Intermediate, Collegiate and Seniors Only

- c. For Preliminary and Championship Rounds points are as follows:

Win	4 points
Draw	2 points
Loss by 3 goals or less	1 point for 40 minute game
Loss by 5 goals or less	1 point for a 1 hour game
Loss by more than above	0 points

- d. Where points are equal, to determine a seeding, this will be done on a goal ratio (total goals 'for' divided by total goals 'against' in that round).

## 18.9 Umpiring and Scoring

- a. If a coach or a supporter of your Club/School wishes to umpire, they may give their name and team name to the Netball Manager and they will be placed on the draw as a 'named umpire' if they have attended and passed an umpire's course.
- b. All persons umpiring are required to supply their own whistle and wear appropriate sports clothing and suitable sports footwear. Unsuitable footwear, clothing, carrying or using any other item which includes cell phones, umbrellas etc will be subject to a fine as per "Schedule 1 WNC Fees and Charges".
- c. Sunglasses, sunhats or hooded raincoats maybe worn as long as vision is not restricted.

### Juniors Only

- d. Junior teams are required to provide their own umpire who is permitted to coach while they umpire. No other people shall enter the court during play for that team.

### Juniors Section 1 and 2, Intermediate, Collegiate and Seniors Only

- e. Teams are advised to provide a scorer. The delegated scorers shall stand together at the halfway point of the northern sideline of the court
- f. Clubs/Schools with Senior teams and Secondary school teams are required to umpire when games are allocated on the Senior and Intermediate draw. Intermediate teams are required to umpire as allocated on the Draw.
- g. If a team is late for their umpiring duty (including not picking up the umpiring card by the end of the previous round) or their team does not turn up for umpiring duty when scheduled on the draw to do so, the club or school will be subject to a fine as per "Schedule 1 WNC Fees and Charges".

### Premier and Premier Reserve Only

- h. Each team is to supply one responsible person for scoring or timekeeping (for their game) at all times.
  - i) Premier and Premier Reserve team are required to send at least two (2) players to WNC umpire's classes and attend the entire course or they can complete the Netball NZ online Theory and send the certificate to WNC to prove they have completed the test.
  - ii) If a Premier or Premier Reserve team has 8 players who have attended WNC umpire's classes and sat the exam, they will not need to send more players until such time as their numbers drop below 8 in that team. Current qualified umpires in the team are part of 8 player criteria.
  - iii) Any Premier or Premier Reserve team that does not comply with this regulation will be subject to a monetary fine as per "Schedule 1 WNC Fees and Charges".

## 19. Rules of the Game

- a. The game of Netball in this Centre shall be governed by the rules of the Netball New Zealand Inc. International Rulebook.

## 20. Duties of Clubs, Schools and Teams

- a. Club/School teams will be allocated various duties throughout the season. Club/School teams will be informed of when these duties are to be performed via the weekly draw.
- b. Duties include control duty, pavilion duty, grounds duty, and rubbish duty, assisting with Junior Year 1 & 2 goals, Year 3 & 4 goals and any other duties deemed necessary by the WNC. Duty tasks are identified on the noticeboard beside control room door.
- c. Senior / College teams in grades who are not required to do umpiring duty will be assigned several duties during the season.
- d. If duties are not carried out satisfactorily according to the WNC representative in Control the Club/School team will be required to carry out the duty a second time and subject to a fine as per "Schedule 1 WNC Fees and Charges".

## 21. Finance

- a. Membership Fees are payable by all Clubs or Schools for the following categories:
  - i) Premier Team - includes Senior and Secondary School teams
  - ii) Senior Team
  - iii) Secondary or Collegiate Team Year 9 to Year 13
  - iv) Intermediate Year 7 and Year 8
  - v) Junior
    - Year 6
    - Year 5 and Year 6 modified
    - Year 3 and Year 4 modified
    - Year 1 and Year 2 modified
- b. Where a Club/School does not comply with the provisions outlined in the WNC Regulations, that Club or School may be fined. Fines imposed will be advised by email to Club or School contact and must be paid within 10 days of the date of the invoice. Clubs or Schools who do not pay their fines may have the team in question removed from the competition. All fine payment amounts and penalties will be advised annually as an appendix to the regulations and on the WNC website – see “Schedule 1 WNC Fees and Penalties”.
- c. The Club/School shall be advised of the fine or penalty imposed (if not on the day) then soon after.

### 21.1 Outstanding Debtors

- a. Club/Schools who are owed monies or assets from another Club/School can inform WNC with full details of the debt by notifying the WNC Office. WNC will assist the Club/School to recover the debt as long as full details are provided, WNC may also refuse registration of Club/School until such debts are recovered.
- b. Any individual who owes monies or assets to a Club/School or WNC and have not fulfilled those debts will not be permitted to register with WNC. Club/School must notify the WNC Office either at the end of the previous season or during registrations.

## 22. Netball Development

- a. Affiliated Clubs/Schools have a responsibility to ensuring and encouraging their Team Officials to further develop their Coach and Umpire skills. They are also responsible to promote “Fair Play” to the wider community within their Club/School.
- b. WNC will assist affiliated Clubs/Schools with their Team Officials development, by coordinating the delivery of annual netball development opportunities.
- c. Affiliated Club/School Umpires must be assessed for further qualification by a qualified Umpire Coach Assessor who is appointed by WNC.

## 23. Forums

- a. WNC will endeavour to hold regular forums during the season and these shall be no fewer than three (3) meetings one being the Annual General Meeting. At least one (1) member should represent a club and school at these meetings.

## 24. Tournaments and Tours

- a. Any Club or team wishing to participate in overseas tournaments and/or a tour during the period of their membership, which is for one year from first day of March in the current year, shall apply in writing to the Centre for approval.
- b. Netball New Zealand will be informed using the appropriate form and all conditions of Netball New Zealand Inc. Regulations shall apply.



## **25. Representative Teams and Player Eligibility**

WNC members are governed by the Netball New Zealand, the Netball Northern Zone and Whangarei Netball Centre Inc representative regulations.

- a. WNC Representative Teams shall be as determined by WNC provided there is a Coach and Manager for each team. If these criteria cannot be met, WNC shall decide what Representative teams the Centre should provide in any given year.
- b. All players selected must be a registered member of a Club or School team affiliated to the Centre.
- c. All players, coaches and managers must be fully aware of their obligations to representative teams by reading and signing appropriate contracts or agreements.
- d. All players selected shall be advised that the Centre can nominate them for the Netball Northern Zone Representative Teams.
- e. It is the responsibility of WNC to supply Representative Uniforms. If damaged or missing it is the responsibility of the player or official to reimburse the Centre an amount decided by WNC.
- f. Representative fees are set by WNC annually, and will be notified to all representative trialists prior to the first trial date. Any outstanding fees from the previous year will need to be paid prior to trials for that player to be considered for a representative team.
- g. As per the Netball New Zealand rule a player may play and be registered as a player in two or more Centres within the Netball Northern Zone. However, if this applies and the player wishes to be eligible as a representative player for a Netball Centre the player must nominate the Netball Centre in which they intend representing as their primary Netball Centre on the registration form.

## **26. Facility and Court Hire**

- a. Any organisation can apply to WNC to use the courts and/or facilities including Pavilion. All applications need to be made in writing to the WNC Office. WNC shall decide on all charges and whether the application is granted.
- b. Any Club/School can request an application form for hireage of courts for night training. The charge will be determined by WNC annually (as per "Schedule 1 WNC Fees and Charges"). Court hire fees are non-transferrable and non-refundable and done on a first in first served basis. There is no charge for day trainings.
- c. Affiliated Clubs/School will not be charged a bond for the key however if the key is not returned the Club/School or individual will be charged for the replacement of the keys.
- d. A Facility Hire Form is available on the website or by contacting the WNC Office.
- e. The car park is reserved for WNC Officials and Life Members only.

## **27. Cancellation of Play**

There will be no cancellations, except in the following circumstances, notifications will be made on the website, Facebook and answerphone;

- a. Extreme weather for Juniors Only.
- b. An umpire may stop play for any extraordinary circumstances which may be deemed an emergency. This may include; equipment, court, weather. Such cancellation decisions will be made in consultation with the WNC member on duty.
- c. The WNC Committee may cancel play if the safety of its members is at risk. Should Preliminary or Championship competition games be cancelled due to unforeseen circumstances ie; unsafe conditions or surface area, the cancelled games will be rescheduled in future weeks within the competition round completion, as determined by the WNC Office.
- d. Cancelled Grading games will not be rescheduled and results relating to such cancellations will be recorded as a loss by default with no goal points for or against for either team.
- e. Should teams both agree to cancel a game on the day of competition, that game result shall not be rescheduled and will be recorded as a loss by default with no goal points for or against for both teams. No other penalty will be incurred.

## **28. Amendments to Regulations**

Requests to amend, add, delete the WNC Regulations should be made in writing to the WNC Office for consideration. WNC is under no obligation to implement such requests (refer to WNC Constitution Article 4 (f)). All decisions regarding whether such requests shall be implemented will be provided in writing to the requesting member within 30 days of receiving the request.

## **29. Adherence to Regulations**

Affiliated member Clubs/Schools and individuals are expected to adhere in full to these regulations, including the payment of fines within the required timeframes. Failure to do so will result in referral to the Judiciary Committee and may include suspension or expulsion of Whangarei Netball Centre membership.

## **30. Various Competitions**

Various Competitions held by the Centre shall be decided by WNC annually and communicated to the Clubs/Schools contacts and publicly through the Website and Facebook. The various competitions can include;

- a. Pre-Season Tournament; for Collegiate and Senior teams held prior to the season commencing
- b. Beazley Tournament; for Intermediate Year 7 /8 held during the season
- c. Junior Tournament; for Year 1-6 modified held during the season
- d. Twilight Tournament; for Intermediate through to Seniors, Mixed teams held out of season

# Section 4 - Incident/Complaint and Compliments

## 31. Incident and Complaints

Any person may lodge an incident/complaint with WNC concerning:

- a. A member (including player, umpire, coach, team official, WNC board or staff member)
- b. A supporter or other person attending a game or event
- c. The WNC regulations, including regulation interpretation and enforcement by the WNC Office

Any incident/complaint that affects the outcome of a game must be brought to the attention of the WNC member in control either during or immediately following the game. It is advised that if there is an umpiring issue that a person comes to control immediately so that the umpiring can be observed.

### 31.1 Incident / Complaint Subjects

The subject of the complaint may be one or more of the following:

- a. misconduct including verbal or physical abuse, assault, threatening behaviour or harassment by a member or a supporter;
- b. illegal, unregistered or non-financial members playing a game;
- c. breach of WNC's constitution, regulations or policy;
- d. any other conduct or incident which the Judiciary Committee considers may be subject to these regulations.

### 31.2 Incident / Complaint Report

In the event of any unacceptable behaviour/misconduct or if an incident/complaint is not resolved to the satisfaction of any party during or after the game, a WNC player, official or spectator may complete an Incident/Complaint Form. Anyone completing the Incident/Complaint form should be advised that the contents or copy of the report will be made available to the person(s) that the infringement report is about.

Incident/Complaint Form is available on the WNC website or by contacting the WNC Office. Such Incident/Complaint Reports must be either physically delivered or emailed to the WNC Office within 48 hours of the alleged misconduct/unacceptable behaviour occurring.

On receipt of the incident/complaint form relating to Club Competition regulations, the Netball Manager of WNC shall make an initial assessment and investigation which may involve contacting relevant parties and requesting their attendance to a judiciary hearing.

On receipt of the incident/complaint form not relating to Club Competition regulations, the Netball Manager of WNC shall make an initial assessment and investigation which may involve contacting relevant parties and requesting submissions or any other appropriate actions. Netball Manager will categorise the Incident/complaint as one of the following:

- a. minor;
- b. further action required; or
- c. serious.

The Netball Manager may request the assistance of the Judiciary Committee to categorise incidents/complaints not relating to the Club Competition regulations. After investigation, the Netball Manager shall refer serious Incidents/complaints or complaints requiring further action to the Judiciary Committee. All minor complaints shall be dealt with by the Netball Manager or Umpire Coordinator.

### **31.3 Judiciary Committee**

As per Part VI – Discipline of Members, 19 Judiciary Committee of the Whangarei Netball Centre Constitution

### **31.4 Incident / Complaint Determination**

For the purposes of determination the Judiciary Committees shall adopt one or more of the following courses of action:

- a. determine that no further action will be taken;
- b. issue a warning to the member or support and/or advise the club or school or the member of the consequences of any future conduct brought to the attention of the Judiciary Committee;
- c. require the member to make reparation in the form of apology, undertake training or any other appropriate actions;
- d. censure the member or support and/or advise the school or club of the member or supporter of the censure;
- e. suspend the member for a period not exceeding two years;
- f. determine any other penalty or action that the Judiciary Committee determines is appropriate in the circumstances.

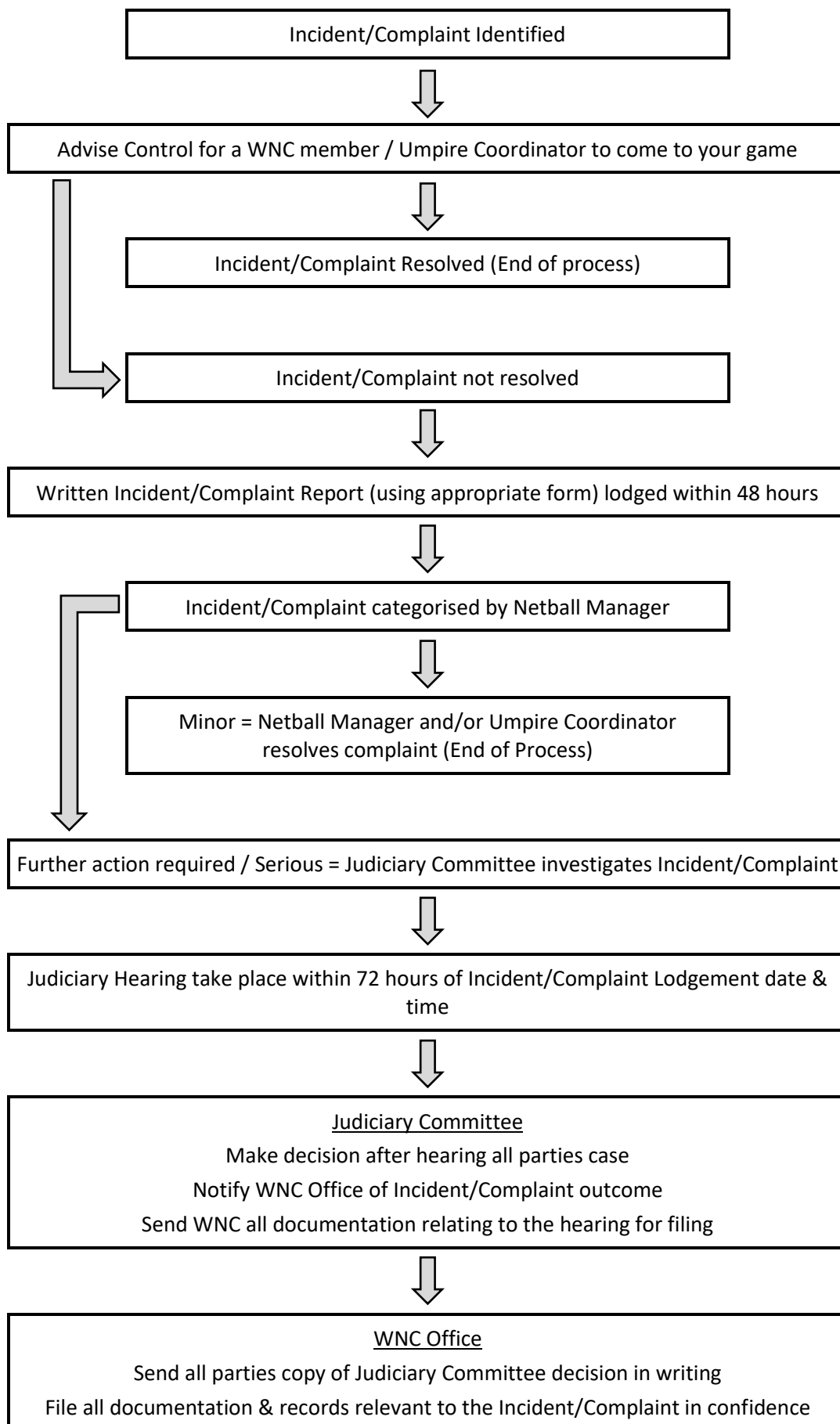
### **31.5 Judiciary Committees Determination**

- a. Subject to these regulations, the Judiciary Committees may determine its procedures as it thinks fit
- b. The Judiciary Committees may suspend a member prior to a determination under regulation 31.5 where it considers that suspension is necessary in the interests of WNC and/or its members.
- c. Where the Incident/complaint, other than a minor complaint, is referred to the Judiciary Committee, the Judiciary Committees will provide information about the Incident/complaint to the member or supporter being complained about. The member or supporter being complained about will have the opportunity to have their response considered by the Judiciary Committees.
- d. Any written Incident/complaint or any response to an Incident/complaint may be submitted to WNC on behalf of a member or supporter, by the school or club they are associated with. The school/club submitting the Incident/complaint or response to an Incident/complaint on behalf of a member or supporter, must provide the name or names of the member or supporter they are representing.

### **31.6 Appeals**

As per Part VI – Discipline of Members, 19.3 Appeals of the Whangarei Netball Centre Constitution

## Whangarei Netball Centre Complaints Process



## **32. Compliments**

Any person may lodge a compliment with WNC acknowledging good behaviour and conduct.

### **32.1 Compliments Form**

In the event of any WNC member (player, coach, umpire or team official) wanting to make a compliment or acknowledge good behaviour and conduct they may complete a Compliments Form.

Compliments Form is available on the WNC website or by contacting the WNC Office and must be either physically delivered or emailed to the WNC Office as soon as possible after the good behaviour or conduct.

On receipt of the Compliments form WNC will formally advise the player, club, school or person of the compliment form and its contents. This may include forwarding on the form or writing a formal letter or email.