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The By-Laws of the Albury Indoor Netball Association Inc.

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1. Albury Indoor Netball Association By-Laws Overlay

1. The By-Laws of the Albury Indoor Netball Association Inc. (hereafter called the Association) can be changed at any General Meeting.
2. The Statement of Purposes & Rules and By-Laws shall apply to all Association competitions.
3. The association and the umpires shall **not** be responsible for injuries received by any player or spectator on or off the court before, during or after play.

2. MEETINGS

1. Each team participating in a senior competition of the association must be represented by **two** financial members, before the commencement of roll call at the beginning of any Annual General Meeting or any Special General Meeting as designated by the secretary.
2. Any team participating in a senior competition not represented at the Annual General Meeting shall lose two (2) premiership points and a fine of \$40.00 which must be paid prior to taking the court for their next game.

3. REGISTRATIONS

1. All players must hold a current Netball Victoria. card and be affiliated with the association.
2. All teams must name seven (7) players on the nomination form. No registration fees will be transferable. Registration fees and affiliation fees are to be paid in full before taking the court at the commencement of any competition. No fees will be refundable. New players registering after the commencement of competition must pay the required registration and affiliation fee before taking the court.
3. The name and telephone numbers of the manager and coach of each team shall be lodged when nominating the team.
4. All players must be aged 13 and over to be eligible to play in senior competitions (with the exception of association selected representative teams). (See Representative teams). Association selected representative teams are not permitted to play as a team in any association junior competition.

5. Should a team win a match with an unregistered, illegal and/or non-affiliated player, the executive committee must inform the captain of the said team that the game will be forfeited to the opposing team. The committee shall also have the power when checking registrations to award the match to the opposing team if they find that one team has played an unregistered, illegal and/or non-affiliated player. In the event of both teams playing unregistered, illegal and/or non-affiliated players, it is declared a “no match” with no points being awarded.
6. When playing an unregistered, illegal and/or non-affiliated player, the team loses the said match plus an additional penalty of two (2) premiership points.
7.
 - (a) In the event of a player wishing to transfer from one team to another after the commencement of the season, he/she must obtain a clearance from their own team, which is signed by the captains of both teams concerned, and then forward it to the committee for approval. You are regarded as bound to a team after having played one game for the said team in any given season.
 - (b) The penalty for playing a player without a clearance and committee approval (5a) will result in loss of the game and two (2) premiership points.
8. For players to be eligible to play in finals they **MUST** have played **five (5)** games in their nominated team prior to the semi-finals, unless otherwise changed by the Committee. (Byes and forfeits do not count as played games). See forfeits and byes 4. (a) and (d).
9. All players are to be registered and affiliated with the Association **five (5)** weeks prior to semi-final matches being played.
10. **Definitions:** Unregistered: (not a financial member of Netball Victoria)
Affiliation: (a financial member of Albury Indoor Netball Association)
Illegal: (a player being financial or non financial playing under another players name or a player playing out of legal age group)

4. FORFEITS AND BYES

- (a) All notified forfeits do not count as a played game. **A forfeit does not count as a played qualifying game.** Unless otherwise decided by the Albury Indoor Netball Association committee.
- (b) For a forfeit called at the scheduled starting time of a game to count as a played qualifying game, players must be in attendance and score sheet filled out with players names / signatures.
- (c) A \$42.00 forfeit fee per game will be applied to all senior competitions and a \$22.00 forfeit fee for all junior competitions. Forfeit fees are to be paid before taking the court the following week. The forfeit fee will be waived if 24 hours notice is given to the competition co-ordinator or president of the association.
- (d) Byes do not count as a played game.

5. UMPIRES

1. Teams failing to provide umpires when rostered shall forfeit two (2) premiership points.
2. It is the umpire's responsibility to check the association supplied ball to ensure that it is appropriate for the said match.
3. All court surfaces are the responsibility of the Lauren Jackson Sports Stadium management.
4. It is the umpires' responsibility to ensure that there is a scorer from each team in the score box before the game commences or to arrange an alternative arrangement agreeable by both teams. The umpire is not responsible for the scoring of the game.

6. COLOURS AND UNIFORMS

1. No team shall be permitted to change uniform during the season without first obtaining the permission of the Committee.
2. Uniforms shall be of a decent length. Undergarments to be the colour of uniform or black. **NO BIKINI PANTS OR BIKE PANTS** to be worn unless with a medical certificate. All players must be in full uniform no later than the third round of the competition, unless otherwise arranged with the AINA committee.
Any player out of uniform after this time will be penalised by awarding a **five-(5)** goal per player to the opposing team. If it is not possible to provide a fill in player with a uniform then the fill in player may play out of uniform only to prevent a forfeit or make the said game even. No player may play in finals out of uniform.
3. Tracksuit pants may be worn under uniform throughout the season but **NOT** in finals. Skirt must be worn over the top of tracksuit pants. Skivvies or similar, may be worn if they are the same colour as the shirt.
4. All players of a team must either wear shirts with collars or shirts without collars, with sleeves or without sleeves. All shirts must be the same in regards to markings (e.g. stripes or embroidery).
5. All skirts and shorts (unisex male players only may wear shorts ladies must wear skirts) must be of the same colour, except where it is impossible to purchase shorts in the colour of the skirts in which case all male team numbers must wear black shorts. There are to be no pockets in shorts.

7. CONDUCT OF MATCHES

1. In the event of a team being late the opposing captain with not less than five (5) players present may claim the match after ten (10) minutes of commencement time has elapsed. Teams with five (5) players must commence play when the umpires start time.

2. For every minute late that a team takes the court a one goal penalty shall be awarded to the opposing team. The team in attendance must be on court in their playing positions, with the scoresheet filled in.
3. **Scorers**
 - (a) There shall be two scorers for each game, one scorer from each team.
 - (b) Scorers may not be changed during the game.
 - (c) Scorers must sit together in the score box.
 - (d) Scorers must ensure that the score sheet stays in the score box.
 - (e) All players must sign the score sheet before playing (in senior competition)
 - (f) Goals must be scored as they occur. Rule 3.2.2 A.A.N.A. Rule Book. (ie if a goal is missed it may not be added to the score sheet after the event)
 - (g) There is no scoring in 9/Under as this is a development age group.
 - (h) In the case of anyone altering the score sheet during or after the game it will be dealt with at the committee's discretion.
4. **Points System**
 - (a) Four (4) points to be allocated for a win or bye.
 - (b) One (1) point to be allocated for a loss.
 - (c) Four (4) points to be allocated to the team forfeited to zero (0) points to the team who forfeits.
 - (d) Two (2) points to be allocated for a draw.
 - (e) In the case of a forfeit the percentage of ten (10) goals will be given.
 - (f) For junior outdoor games, in the event of wet weather, each team will be allocated two (2) points each.
 - (g) One point (1) will be awarded to a team entering a competition for each week missed after the competition has commenced.
5. **Team Duties**
 - (a) Any protest must be signed by the captain of the team and must clearly state reason of same. This must be given to the committee within forty-eight (48) hours after the match and a date for the hearing will be set.
 - (b) Any injuries must be reported on the back of the score sheet signed by the umpires, captain and injured player (if possible).
 - (c) The captains of both teams shall sign the official score sheet marked correctly with official score. Each team shall have all players names clearly marked and in senior competition all players must sign. Failure to do so will mean the player will not be credited with the game. The umpires are also to sign the score sheet.
 - (d) All fingernails must be cut short or taped with soft surgical tape. Approved gloves are also permitted to be worn with a current medical certificate, which must be shown to the association committee or competition co-ordinator.
 - (e) No items of jewellery or visible body art may be worn, unless it is taped with soft surgical tape.

6. Substitutions

There is no limit to the number of substitutions, which can be made by a team provided that the players used do not exceed the twelve (12) named for the match. This applies to all competitions.

Players may be substituted;

- (a) During interval.
- (b) In the event of injury or illness.

Fill In Players

- (a) In senior competitions, a player may fill in with another team other than their nominated one provided that it is a grade above their nominated grade or at the discretion of the executive committee. This is to prevent a forfeit or to make the said match even (eg if a team has seven **nominated** players to take the court they may not use a player from another team to fill in). If a player plays **3 games** with any one team (other than their nominated team) they are then bound to that team and cannot return to their own team.
- (b) All fill-in players must be registered with Netball Victoria and affiliated with the Association prior to the commencement of the game. It is the coach/managers responsibility to ensure that the fill-in player has been approved by the Competition Coordinator or Association President, and to ensure that the players Name and details has been added to the teams nomination form prior to the commencement of the game. Under Albury Indoor Netball Association By Laws it is illegal to play a person under another players name.
- (c) Junior players may play in a higher age group in junior competitions, but must stay up after the third game is played with one specific team in the higher age group. This applies to 17/u, 15/u & 13/u. (i.e. if a team has seven **nominated** players to take the court they may not use another player to fill in unless an injury or illness occurs during the game. The injured or ill player may not take any further part in the game). Division 2 players may fill in for a Division 1 team in the same age group BUT Division 1 players must NOT fill in for a Division 2 team in the same age group.

Junior players are classified as "Juniors" whilst they are 17/u as at the 31st December in that year.

- (d)
 - i. Any junior player playing in a nominated older age group, may also fill in with another team within their own age group in Division 1 to prevent a forfeit or to make the said game even.
 - ii. 11/u Div 2 players may fill in with other 11/u Div 1 and Div 2 teams to prevent a forfeit or to make the said game even. (eg if a team has seven **nominated** players to take the court they may not use another player to fill in). Unless injury or illness occurs during the game, the injured or ill player may not take further part in the game.
 - iii. 9/u players may fill in with any other 9/u team to prevent a forfeit or to make the said game even (eg if a team has seven **nominated** players to take the court they may not use another player to fill in).

- (e) The penalty of playing a player in an incorrect team as defined above in points 9 (c) and 9 (d) will result in loss of game and an additional penalty of two (2) premierships points.
- (f) The penalty of playing and illegal players subject to fill in players (point b and h of Albury Indoor Netball Associations By-Laws) will result in loss of game and 5 premierships points ie total of 9 points.
- (g) Any player in breach of (fill in players b) at the discretion of the Committee will be ineligible to play in finals.
- (h) Any coaches/managers falling into breach of (Section b and h) of Albury Indoor Netball Associations By Laws will be penalised under (Section k fill in players of the By Laws).
- (i) When playing boys in a junior team you are only permitted to play with three (3) boys on the court at any one time. You must play a boy in each third only, at no time is it permitted to have more than one boy in each third at commencement of play.
- (j) Any financial member found guilty of disputing an Umpires' decision on the netball courts or otherwise misconducting themselves shall be liable to be disqualified from taking part in any match under association control for such time as may be decided upon by the Executive Committee.
- (k) Conduct unbecoming of a member, if prejudicial to the interest of the Association, shall be liable to be suspended from membership or disqualified from taking part in any matches under the Associations control for such time as may be decided by the Executive Committee.
- (l) The Committee reserves the right to make any alterations to the draws, time slots and gradings as deemed necessary.
- (m) If during a game a team walks off the court without mutual agreement of a forfeit with the other team, then the remaining team is to receive a ten (10) goal forfeit or the score as it stands, whichever gives the greater advantage.

8. FINALS MATCHES

1. At the conclusion of home matches the finals are to be played on dates set down in Association draws.

Finals format is as follows unless otherwise changed by the Committee:

- (a) Semi Finals
 - (i) Between 3rd and 4th
 - (ii) Between 1st and 2nd
- (b) Preliminary
 - Winners of (a) (i) and Losers of (a) (ii)
- (c) Grand Final
 - Winners of (a) (ii) and Winners of (b)

2. In the event of teams being level on points the positions shall be determined

by percentage of goals scored for and against.

3. (a) All teams in the final four must play a preliminary final. With the exception of the winning team of 1st and 2nd in the semi final rounds. The fifth team on the ladder to take the place of third or fourth if they withdraw from semi-finals.
- (b) In the event of a team forfeiting a preliminary final then the next qualifying team may take the vacant place in finals, if adequate notice is given to the Committee (48 hours).
- (c) In the event of drawn finals in senior competition teams will play five (5) minutes each end with a straight change over. In the event of a further draw, teams may have a two minute break and play an extra three minutes each end.
- (d) In the event of drawn finals in junior competition, teams will play an extra three minutes each end with a straight change over and repeat in the event of a further draw.
- (e) All junior finals will be played to the senior guideline with the exception of 9/u as no finals will be played for this age group as it is regarded as a development age group. However, all 9/u players who have played (5) games and are present on Junior Presentation day, shall be rewarded with a medal or trophy of encouragement/participation.

9. ASSOCIATION REPRESENTATIVE TEAM GUIDE LINES

The Association will select any said age group of representative players between the months of October and November of each year. At the Association's current Committees discretion.

1. The Associations selections of these players will be by Association Committee members and Association approved coaches.
2. Parents of player's trialling may not take part in selections of their children's age group.
3. Squads of up to 10 players will be selected in each age group.
4. In the event of any selected player withdrawing from any said representative team, the coach and representative co-ordinator may with the Associations Committees approval seek the best path in replacing any player who has withdrawn.
5. Advertising of representative selections will be made public 4 weeks prior to selections. Player's trialling must attend all selection trialling dates, if this is not possible an absentee note must be handed to the representative coordinator prior to trialling dates. In the event of this happening the said player will be invited to attend representative training days so as the coach may give her the option to trial.
6. All representative players will be given a code of conduct to abide by. Failing to abide by any of the representative guidelines may result in expulsion or suspension from any said selected representative team.

7. Advertising in regarding to coaching and manageress positions of any Association selected representative teams will be made public 4 weeks prior to selections.
8. Coaches and manageresses are required at all times to travel with Association selected representative teams. All Association selected representative players must travel with teams at all times, with the exception of injured or ill players.
9. All Association selected representative players are expected to attend all of the said carnivals except in the event of injury or illness. Failing to attend all said carnivals will result in the omission of representative team placing's.
10. All representative teams will have an Association approved coach and managers. At the Associations Committees discretion either of these positions may be terminated throughout the representative season.
11. The Associations representative co-ordinator has the responsibility of organising all team accommodation/travel arrangements. Room allocations and meals for all said representative teams.
12. All Association selected representative teams shall be required to wear their Association representative uniform when travelling with teams at all times.
Coaches and managers are also required to wear representative jackets at all times.