SOUTH EAST
FOOTBALL NETBALL LEAGUE INC.

NETBALL BY-LAWS
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1. DEFINITIONS

In these netball By-Laws, the following definitions and provisions apply:

(a) “N.V.” means Netball Victoria

(b) “SEFNL” means South East Football Netball League

(c) “Club” shall, for the purposes of these By-Laws only, mean and include such member Clubs of the SEFNL that field netball teams in such netball competitions conducted by the SEFNL and netball associates of the SEFNL.

(d) “SEFNL Netball” means such netball competition(s) as are conducted by the SEFNL.

(e) “CEO” means the Chief Executive Officer of the SEFNL or such person as having his or her delegated authority or acting with the SEFNL Board’s authority in his or her stead.

(f) Where there is any conflict between these By-Laws or the Rules of the SEFNL, the Rules of the SEFNL shall apply.

(g) Where there is any matter not covered by the provisions of these By-Laws, the football By-Laws of the SEFNL, with such minimal modifications as are required by the circumstances, shall apply and in any circumstances of doubt, the CEO or Board may make a determination.

(h) Where references are made herein to the powers of the SEFNL Board or actions that may be taken by the SEFNL Board, such powers or actions may be taken by the CEO, subject always to the SEFNL Board in its discretion having a supervisory or overriding authority over any power or action exercised by the CEO or where by necessary implication or by force of law the actions are required to be done by the SEFNL Board.

(i) Reference to the Netball Administrator herein shall include any person delegated the responsibility of administering the Netball Competition as employed by the SEFNL Board.

Otherwise, these By-Laws have the same meanings and definitions as set out in the SEFNL Rules, including those words importing the masculine gender include the female gender and vice versa.

These bylaws should be read in conjunction with the SEFNL schedule listed in Appendix 1.
2. **AMENDMENTS TO RULES**

Any direction from Netball Victoria or Netball Australia or amendments to the Australian Netball Rule Book shall automatically be amended.

3. **CONDUCT OF MATCHES**

(a) The date of commencement and duration of the season shall be determined by the Board, and shall be presented to the member Clubs and netball associates no later than the date of the Annual General Meeting of the SEFNL.

(b) All Clubs of the SEFNL must field Junior and Senior teams throughout the season as follows;

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(c) The rules of play in netball matches shall be those of Netball Australia.

(d) Each Club must play their best senior players in ‘A’ Grade and their best Junior players in the ‘Red’ Section. The SEFNL Board will enforce this rule.

(e) All netballs shall be as of the Rules of Netball and of a type and brand approved by the Board prior to the commencement of each season.

(f) The umpires have the power to reject a netball prior to commencement of the game, and if it is considered unsatisfactory for match play, the home club shall supply a ball of satisfactory quality.

(g) All matches shall be played as arranged in the fixture of the SEFNL, but competing teams may, by mutual agreement, play on a court or a time more convenient than that selected in fixtures and must notify the Netball Administrator of the changes.

(h) Matches will be conducted under the following scheduled time frames;

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Clubs which have one court facilities may have an alternate time frame as advised by Netball Administrator.
Any competing teams in consultation with the umpires and the court supervisor, may by mutual agreement, alter the duration of quarters or breaks due to extenuating circumstances i.e. extreme weather.

4. REGISTRATIONS

All players must be registered with their Club via Netball Victoria’s My Netball System.

(a) All players, coaches and umpires participating in SEFNL must be a current N.V. Member and must be registered on the Netball Victoria MyNetball System before taking the court on Match Day.

(b) Each player is required to register as a N.V Member with their club through the SEFNL Netball Victoria MyNetball link.

(c) If players have registered and paid for their N.V Membership with an external league or association, all SEFNL players are still required to complete a secondary registration with their club through the SEFNL Netball Victoria MyNetball link. Netball Victoria fees will not be charged on Secondary registrations.

5. AGE LIMITS

(a) Junior teams will comprise: 13 & Under, 15 & Under and 17 & Under. Age is determined as at 31st December in the year being played.

(b) Documents verifying proof of age may be requested and shall include, birth certificate, extract of birth entry, passport or any other official document acceptable to the Netball Administrator.

(c) Minimum age requirements are:
   i. A, B, C & D Sections - must be turning 15 years of age in the year of competition
   ii. 17 & Under - 14 years
   iii. 15 & Under - 12 years
   iv. 13 & Under - 10 years

6. CLEARANCES

(a) In the event a clearance of a player from one Club to another is required this should be entered 5 days prior to commencement of a game, the procedure will be administered through the My Netball clearance process.

(b) Clearances must be approved by and cleared through the Netball Administrator before becoming effective.
(c) No player shall be granted more than one clearance in any one season except in exceptional circumstances.

(d) No clearance shall be granted after 30 June in any one season.

(e) The Netball Administrator has the power to grant or refuse clearances, after 7 days from application if there has been no response from the Club.

(f) Players who owe outstanding playing fees or are in possession of Club/team property (uniform, equipment) will not be granted a clearance.

(g) No Senior or Junior player is permitted to play for another Club in SEFNL without a clearance, unless that player has not played for one year in the SEFNL.

(h) Once a player has been registered pursuant to clause 2, they are deemed a player with that Club and would require a clearance to play with another SEFNL Club.

(i) In the event a clearance is required for a player, the Club requesting the clearance is prohibited from registering that player in accordance with clause 6 (a) until such time as the clearance has been granted pursuant to clause 8.

7. GRADING

(a) Where a Club has entered two or more senior teams in the SEFNL, all players (both junior and senior) may be selected to play in the said senior teams during the home and away season on an open basis PROVIDED THAT;

i. Where a player (junior or senior) has played five (5) games in a higher senior grade they shall on the 6th game forfeit eligibility to play in any lower senior grades.

ii. Junior players eligible to play in either the 15 & Under or the 17 & Under competition may play in any amount of games in senior or higher junior grades and remain eligible to participate in their own age group during the home and away season.

iii. If a junior player plays 6 or more games in a Red section in a junior age group, they may not drop back to the White section in that age group.

(b) Senior Players who are currently playing or selected during the season to play in the following competitions shall only be permitted to play in “A” Grade in the SEFNL:

- Victorian Open team
- Victorian 21 and under team
- VNL Championship & Div 1
- ANL

(c) In the event a senior or junior player who has played more than six (6) games in a particular senior grade and wishes to be transferred to a lower senior grade, written application must be
made to the SEFNL Board and a permit granted before the player can play in that grade. Once a permit is granted, the player must play in the grade for which the permit was granted for the remainder of the season. No permit will be granted after the completion of the home and away games.

   ii. A Club applying for a permit for a junior player to play in a lower grade, written application must be made to the SEFNL Board and a permit granted before the player can play in that grade.

(d) Junior players eligible to play in the junior competition and who meet minimum age requirements, By-Law 5 (iii), may play in their junior section and one (1) senior or higher junior-match only in any one round. A player is deemed to have played a match when their name appears on the score sheet for that match and they take the court during that match.

(e) Junior players participating in the senior grade competition must do so in compliance with the rules stipulated in By-Law 7 (a) – (d)

**Player Finals Eligibility**

(g) A player must play 6 matches on separate days for their Club to be eligible to participate in finals.

(h) A junior player playing in a higher senior grade during the home and away season must play a minimum of 5 games in the junior age grade to be eligible to play in that grade in junior finals matches.

(i) Teams found playing an ineligible player during finals will be considered to have lost that match.

(j) Players who qualified in a lower junior or senior grade during the home and away season are permitted to play one other game in a higher grade for their club in a final on the same day or weekend but must do so in compliance with the rules stipulated in By-Law 7 (a) (i).

8. **PENALTY FOR PLAYING INELIGIBLE/UNREGISTERED PLAYERS**

In the event that the Netball Administrator substantiates that a Club has played a player in contravention of By-Laws 5,6,7. The Club with which the player concerned played shall provide a written submission outlining the reasons behind the misdemeanor and forward such submissions to the Netball Administrator who in turn will address the matter and may be subject to;

(a) If the Club wins the game, the Club shall be subject to:

   i. Appendix 4 - Fines
   ii. Reversal of match points
   iii. Loss of all points for pertaining to that game
   iv. And maybe subject to further penalty as determined by the Netball Administrator

(b) If the Club draws or loses the game, the Club shall be subject to:
Appendix 4 – Fines

Loss of all points for pertaining to that game

And maybe subject to further penalty as determined by the Netball Administrator

9. OFFICIALS/SCORING

The officials of the game shall be the Umpires, Court Supervisor, Scorers, Timekeeper and Primary Carers

(a) Umpires – refer to bylaw 16 (Umpires)

(b) Court Supervisor

i. Each team must be accompanied by a scorer and the home team is to provide a timekeeper and two (2) time clocks.

   ii. The scorers and timekeepers must act together.

   iii. Each junior scorer must be accompanied by a responsible senior over 18 at alltimes.

   iv. No one under the age of 15 may score or time keep

   v. Clubs must provide scorers for each game and scorers and timekeepers must verify the scores, after each goal, at intervals and at the end of each match.

   vi. Timekeepers of each game at ten (10) seconds to go, MUST FOLLOW THE NEAREST UMPIRE and notify him/her when time is up.

   vii. At intervals timekeepers must notify umpires when thirty (30) seconds and then (10) seconds remaining prior to the start of the game, the end of an interval or stoppage.

   Penalty: Appendix 4 – Fines

(c) Primary Carers – Each team must provide a suitably trained and competent Primary Carer who is identified by wearing a first aid armband. A Team Manager may be a Primary Carer. Only Primary Carers are permitted on the court to treat an injured or ill player and/or assess the player’s medical condition.

(d) No one may consume or be under the influence of alcohol whilst officiating.

(e) Captains and scorers are to sign the score sheet to confirm the final score is correct.

   Penalty: Appendix 4 – Fines

(f) Club Secretaries / Team Managers of each team are to ensure the official score sheet (home and away sheet) is completed and all names correct in MyNetball.

   All players’ names must be recorded on the score sheet prior to the commencement of the game in which that player plays. Any player who does not take the court shall be deemed as not played and is to be deleted from the Team sheet in MyNetball.

   ii. In the event that a non-listed player on the scoresheet takes the court the umpire is notified and the infringement confirmed, the player is to leave the court immediately. A free pass is awarded to the non-offending team where the ball was when played stopped. The vacant position can be filled by a player listed on the scoresheet, after a goal, interval or injury and
the infringing player may not participate for the remainder of the game. The offending team may also receive a penalty as determined by the board.

**Penalty: Appendix 4 – Fines**

(g) All players must appear on the scoresheet as they appear on the SEFNL members register. Club Secretaries have until the third round to correct any spelling errors in Members Register. These must be made in writing to the Netball Administrator.

i. Names on score sheet are not to be abbreviated

ii. Players who marry throughout the season are to play under the same name as registered with Netball Victoria at the beginning of the season.

**Penalty: Should incorrect names appear on score sheets, either Given or Surname, Appendix 4 – Fines**

(h) The secretary of the home team only shall forward the envelope containing the score sheets with the results of matches, names of players and signatures of captain, scorers and envelope with votes from the umpires to the Netball Administrator by 12 noon Monday. This must be done even if the weather is inclement.

**NOTE:** Once the score sheets have been received by the Netball Administrator no alterations can be made.

**Penalty: Appendix 4 – Fines**

(i) Four (4) points shall be awarded for a win and two (2) points for a draw.

(j) All teams on a bye to receive four (4) points, but no percentage, whether the draw is even or uneven.

(k) The home team shall upload scores onto the MyNetball website by 6:00pm on match day and ensure that Team Sheets are completed and any corrections made by Monday at 9am following the match.

**Penalty: Appendix 4 – Fines**

10. **COURTS**

(a) All courts must be sealed, outside and safe to play on.

(b) Nets must be provided for all rings by the start of the season.

(c) Goalposts must be padded. In the event of current padding having to be replaced, it must be replaced with padding the full length of the post.

(d) A scoreboard capable of clearly showing the names of the competing teams and scores shall be supplied and operated by the home Club and courts shall be marked in accordance with the Rules of Netball.

**Penalty: Appendix 4 – Fines**
11. INFRINGEMENT

(a) Clubs are to be notified by the Netball Administrator if they have infringed the rules or By-Laws before the next match is played.

(b) Any infringement of the SEFNL By-Laws or any Club that does not fulfil their duties may be dealt with by the SEFNL Board as they think fit and may incur sanctions as determined by the Board or Fines as set out in Appendix 4.

12. FORFEITS AND NON FIELDING SIDES

**Penalty:** In the event of a forfeit, the offending team will awarded zero (0) premiership points and nil to twenty (20) score and will incur loss of demerit points as set out in the Schedule of Demerit Points as determined by the Board. The non-offending, opposing team will be awarded four (4) premiership points, Club Championship points and twenty (20) goals to nil score.

(a) Forfeits

i. Notification of a forfeit must be given to the opposing Club before 9pm on the Friday night prior to playing the match.

**Penalty:** Appendix 4 – Fines

ii. In the event of an un-notified forfeit, the offending team shall receive a fine as set out in the Schedule of Fines as determined by the Board.

iii. In the event of a team is more than ten (10) minutes late for the commencement of a match, the match shall be forfeited, provided the opposition has five (5) or more team players present.

**Penalty:** Appendix 4 – Fines

(b) Where a Club is unable, for whatever reason, to field the teams required pursuant to clause 5 (b) for a season from the commencement thereof, that Club may apply in writing to the SEFNL Board for permission not to field a particular team.

i. Such application must be lodged with the SEFNL Board at least twenty-one (21) days prior to the commencement of the season. The SEFNL Board will consider any such application and the facts and circumstances thereof and make a determination within seven (7) days from the commencement of the season.

ii. The decision of the SEFNL Board pursuant to clause 5 is final and binding for the duration of the season.

(c) In the event of inclement weather in home and away matches, Umpires and the court supervisor shall decide whether the court is fit for play. Every attempt should be made to reschedule a game.
If it is decided not to play and each team has five (5) or more players present, two (2) points will be awarded to each team. If both teams have less than five (5) players present, no points are awarded. If play has been commenced and been abandoned prior to half time two (2) points will be awarded to each team. If play has commenced and then the game is abandoned after half time, the score will stand.

i. “inclement weather” for the purposes of this By-Law includes, but is not limited to, conditions of extreme weather such as very heavy rain, snow, sleet and conditions of extreme heat.

ii. A court is not fit for play in the event that lightning is visible at the venue of the court or its immediate vicinity. Play must be suspended in such circumstances. Umpires and Court Supervisor shall endeavour to resume play as soon as possible once the lightning risk is considered by them to have abated.

iii. Whether a court is fit for play pursuant to this By-Law includes consideration of the court’s surface and also the conditions surrounding the court, including weather conditions.

NOTE: Score Sheets, with names of those players present, signed by scorers must be forwarded to the Netball Administrator in the usual way.

In the event of a team forfeiting two consecutive matches, except as provided above, the team shall show cause to the SEFNL Board why it shall not be disqualified.

13. UMPIRES

(a) All umpires for senior grades must be badged and current members of N.V.

(b) Each Club is to provide an umpire for each match. Therefore, every match has two (2) umpires – one from each Club – irrespective of where the match is played.

(c) In the event an umpire does not attend for a game:

i. The offending team has the opportunity to supply an alternative umpire in a reasonable time: or

ii. The non-offending team may provide the umpire if able; or

iii. Failing all attempts to find a replacement, the team that has failed to supply the umpire will forfeit the match

   **Penalty:** Appendix 4 – Fines

(d) Umpires are to finish a match unless in a Senior game the captains approve or in a Junior game the coaches or team managers approve otherwise. No more than two (2) umpires are to officiate in any one match unless under extreme circumstances.

(e) An umpire or player may not play or umpire the game in which she is respectively officiating or playing.
(f) All umpires are to be dressed predominantly in white or cream top, skirt or trousers no player Club tops to be worn.

(g) All umpires for junior grades must have completed N.V. theory papers on line before umpiring and must be umpiring under the direct supervision of a badged umpire.

(h) An umpire may umpire up to three (3) games on a given day, provided that they do not umpire more than two consecutive SEFNL matches on that day.

(i) An umpire may not criticise or coach any team while a competition match is in progress. Umpires shall be responsible for their own actions. Disciplinary action shall be taken by the SEFNL Board.

(j) Umpires are to complete SEFNL Netball vote cards first, before doing any Club votes. Umpires must put First name, Surname and Club name of players on vote cards.

(k) Umpires should write their names and sign the score sheet used for votes so it is legible.

   **Penalty: Appendix 4 – Fines**

14. REPORTING

(a) Umpires have the ability to report a player or official of a team outside of the sanctions that can be applied under the Rules of Netball.

   Any conduct of a player or team deemed to be unbecoming or bringing the game into disrepute will be reportable by one or both officiating umpires. Any report is to be recorded on the official report sheet supplied to clubs and submitted to the Netball Administrator by 10am of the Monday after the match has been played. The Netball Administrator will consider any report and convene an Independent Tribunal, if necessary.

(b) Reported teams/players will appear before the SEFNL Independent Tribunal who will have jurisdiction to impose penalties on players or officials in the SEFNL.

(c) Players may receive penalties as deemed suitable by SEFNL Independent Tribunal.

15. DISPUTE RESOLUTION

This procedure shall not apply to any matter that is capable of resolution by procedures laid down elsewhere in these Rules / By-Laws

Where a dispute arises between the Board and Clubs or any player, or between Clubs within the SEFNL, the following procedure shall be followed:

   i. Direct negotiations must take place between the parties within five (5) days of the request of any party.
ii. If, after direct negotiations, the dispute is not resolved, any party after service upon other parties of a notice, that they consider the negotiations have failed, may request within (5) five days that an arbitrator be appointed to resolve the dispute.

iii. In the case of a dispute between Clubs, the Board may intervene and direct that the dispute be referred to an arbitrator.

iv. It shall be the responsibility of the party requesting the appointment of an arbitrator to contact the Institute of Arbitrators, seeking the appointment.

v. An arbitrator appointed must be a member of the Institute of Arbitrators, and may be a local person if necessary so that costs are minimised.

vi. Any arbitrator appointed by the Institute shall have sole discretion as to the manner, conduct and place of any hearing, and may vary in any way any fine, penalty, decision or determination that caused the dispute. Any decision will be final and binding on any parties to the dispute.

vii. Any fees and expenses for the arbitrator, as negotiated, must be paid on an equal share basis, prior to the hearing.

viii. Members of the legal profession shall be prohibited from representing any party at any hearing, unless the arbitrator grants specific approval.

ix. Any decision of the arbitrator must be implemented within the time frame specified by the arbitrator.

x. The arbitrator shall be empowered to determine any penalties to be imposed if the arbitrator’s determination remains unfulfilled. This may include financial penalties, de-registration, loss of premiership points or such other penalty as is determined.

16. INVESTIGATION OFFICER

(a) Annually, the Board shall appoint one or more Investigation Officers (Hearing Officers) to deal with matters under the Competition Regulations.

(b) A $500.00 deposit will accompany the notice for investigation and will be dealt with as follows:

i. The Club requesting the investigation will cover the Investigation Officer’s fees unless the charged player is found guilty at the Independent Tribunal.

ii. In the case of a complaint being referred to the Independent Tribunal and results in a guilty finding, the club to which the guilty party belongs shall be charged the investigation fee and any other fines that are applicable.

iii. Where the complaint is deemed to be frivolous by the Independent Tribunal or Investigation Officer (Hearing Officer) the $500.00 will be forfeited.

iv. In the event of an appeal, the entire case will be heard as one with the outcome of the appeal determining who will cover the cost of the Investigation Officer’s fees.

17. UNIFORMS

(a) Each club shall register its uniform and colours with the League Manager upon affiliation with SEFNL. Each Club shall have an individual uniform/design.
(b) AFL South East 2018 Style Guide requirements must be met in SEFNL club dress designs. Any club with an existing dress design (prior to 2018) that does not meet the AFL South East 2018 Style Guide will have 2 seasons (2018 season and 2019 season) to adopt these requirements. All club uniforms will have the AFL South East logo placed on the right breast as worn, or in a position approved in writing by the League Manager.

**Penalty:** Any SEFNL club with a netball dress design outside the AFL South East 2018 Style Guide from 2020 season shall receive a fine as per Appendix 4 – Fines

(c) A uniform is to comprise suitable netball attire – bodysuit with skirt, skirt, shirt (male players to wear shorts without pockets), A Line dress, Club or white socks and appropriate sports briefs.

(d) All club uniforms will have AFL South East logo placed on the left breast or in a position approved in writing by the League Manager.

(e) No Club shall make any change in its uniform without first obtaining the consent off the League.

(f) Three (3) matches are allowed at the beginning of the season for teams to be in their correct uniform.

**Penalty:** Any player in the SEFNL playing out of uniform after the third match shall incur a fine as per Appendix 4 – Fines

(g) Players shall not be permitted to wear leotards (tracksuits) or gloves except in exceptional circumstances for health reasons. Clubs are to apply in writing to the Netball Administrator for approval and enclosing a Medical Certificate.

(h) Nails must be short and smooth or may be taped with appropriate sports tape and be checked prior to the match.

(i) No player or official shall be permitted to play or officiate in a match with apparel or protective equipment which may cause injury to themselves or opponents. No adornment or jewelry may be worn other than a wedding ring or medical alert bracelet which must be covered with tape.

(j) Specialised protective equipment to be approved prior to use by Umpires.

18. FINALS

The control of all finals, including the allocation of courts, shall be in the hands of the Board.

(a) At the conclusion of home and away matches, there will be a final five.

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3rd Week  Preliminary Final - Loser of 2nd Semi Final vs winner of 1st Semi Final

4th Week  Grand Final - Winner of 2nd Semi Final vs winner of Preliminary Final

(b) Suitable awards will be made to each member of the premiership and runner-up team of each grade and a flag will be given to the Premier Clubs to keep.

(c) Preference will be given to outside badged umpires for all finals; however the SEFNL Board may select badged umpires that have umpired during the season where necessary for all senior finals matches and junior grand finals.

(d) In the event of teams being level on points the conclusion of home and away matches, the position shall be determined by the percentage of goals scored for and against.

(e) To be eligible to participate in finals, Clubs must pay all monies owing to SEFNL.

(f) Each team in finals is to supply their own ball, except in the Grand Final.

(g) In the event of a draw in a final, at the end of the game the Official Rules of Netball will be followed;
   i. There shall be a two (2) minute interval at the end of full times.
   ii. Extra time shall consist of two (2) halves of;
      - Five (5) minutes for games of 15 minute quarters
      - Four (4) minutes for games of 12 minute quarters
      - Three (3) minutes for games of 10 minute quarters

An interval of one (1) minute at half time. Teams shall change ends at half-time. The Centre Pass is taken by the team entitled to the next Centre Pass; during both to these intervals, substitutions and / or team changes may be made.

In the event of a tie remaining at the end of extra time, a signal shall be used to indicate that play shall continue until one team has a two (2) goal lead.

19. CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP

(a) Club teams to be given points for wins during the season. The Club finishing with the most points shall be declared Club Champions.

Points system:

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(b) Half points will be awarded for a draw.
(c) Club Championship Trophy to be presented to the Club with the highest points each year.

20. ALCOHOL – UNDER AGE PLAYERS
The Board may disqualify for up to four (4) matches any player who is under 18 years of age who drinks alcoholic beverages within the precincts of Clubrooms and grounds.

21. COMPETITION RECORD / PUBLICITY
Each Club shall submit weekly notes and Player List to SEFNL for inclusion in the Netball section on the Tuesday 12 noon prior to the next round of matches.

22. INTERLEAGUE
(a) From time to time, SEFNL may participate in Inter-League or representative competitions involving netball competitions. For a player to be invited to represent the SEFNL in such competition is considered an honour and she shall make all reasonable efforts to attend selections, train for and play in such competitions.

(b) Clubs must make all players available for representative or Inter-League matches and practice sessions.

23. OFFICIAL LEAGUE FUNCTION
No Club shall conduct a function on the same date as an official SEFNL Function including the VCFL Premiers Dinner. This shall include, but not be limited to, the Annual Presentation Dinner, SEFNL and/or League or Netball Vote Counting Night/s.

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24. CALENDAR OF EVENTS
The SEFNL will prepare a calendar of events ready for the beginning of each season.

25. RISK MANAGEMENT
25.1 Injury Reporting
(a) All Clubs are responsible for recording all injuries at the discretion of the injured player or players’ guardian (player under 18) on the Injury Reporting Sheets provided. Refer to Infonet RM14.

(b) All players in a SEFNL representative team are responsible for recording all injuries at the discretion of the injured player or players’ guardian (player under 18) on the Injury Reporting Sheets provided. Refer to Infonet RM14.
25.2 Pre Match Checklist

(a) A prematch checklist, which can be downloaded from Netball Victoria, must be completed prior to all SEFNL matches. This checklist must be retained by the Club for 7 years.
Refer to Schedule – Court Supervisors.

(b) Any hazards identified will be:
   i. Documented
   ii. Rectified if possible.
   iii. Reported to the appropriate agency (local council, reserve Committee) if major repair is required.

25.3 Pregnancy

As per Netball Victoria Infonet RM1 – Pregnancy & Netball.

25.4 First Aid

(a) Each Club shall provide a First Aid Kit complying with Netball Victoria Infonets RM2 – First Aid for Netball.

(b) The First Aid Kit will be stored in an easily accessible location and all appropriate personnel (court supervisors, primary carers, umpires and coaches) will have access to it.

(c) Each Club shall nominate a person to be responsible for maintaining the first aid kit supplies. An inventory is to be completed on a weekly basis.

25.5 Blood Policy

SEFNL follows the Australian Netball Rule Book on Blood Policy.

25.6 Infectious Disease

SEFNL adopts Netball Victoria Infonets RM6 relating to infectious diseases.

25.7 Smoke Free

SEFNL adopts a smoke free policy. This includes indoor venues and outdoor court surroundings.

25.8 Codes of Behaviour

SEFNL adopts the Role Specific Codes of Behaviours as prescribed in the Netball Australia National Codes of Behaviour - May 2015.

25.9 Drug Policy

SEFNL does not support the use of performance enhancing substances and illicit drugs and views any such use as detrimental to both the sport of netball and the spirit of the game.

Refer to Netball Australia Anti – Doping Policy
Refer to Netball Australia Anti – Illicit Drugs in Netball
25.10 Photography & Videography

Most people taking photos at sporting events are doing so for acceptable reasons and are using appropriate methods, for example, a parent videoing their child at a sports presentation or photographing their child on the field during play or a professional photographer taking photos for a Club. Where a sporting event is held on a Club's private property, privately owned land, a school or council owned facilities, the owner of private property or venue is able to restrict, ban or require permission of photography/videoing anywhere in their venue. (Reference: Australian Sports Commission Website)

SEFNL employs photographers to attend various ground locations and these photos are placed in the weekly record and on the SEFNL website and Social Media. These photos are available to all clubs and players for purchase. Where a player does not want to have their photograph taken or published, the onus is on the player to wear red tape on their upper arm which is visible.

(a) VIDEOGRAPHY - Clubs wishing to video a game for training purposes should notify the opposition club prior to the game and a copy of the video will be made available to the opposition club at the conclusion of the game.

25.11 Cybersafety

Refer to Netball Victoria Cybersafety Policy

25.12 Working with Children’s Check

This check replaces the police check and is free for volunteers. This is applicable to all persons working with juniors up to the age of 18. It is mandatory by law as of January 2007, for coaches and volunteers to obtain this check if they undertake any of the following roles:

(a) Club personnel including coaches, trainers etc appointed or seeking appointment for reward.

(b) Volunteer personnel who will or are likely to travel away overnight with teams of players under 18 years of age, and

(c) Persons appointed or seeking appointment to a role in which that person is likely to have individual and unsupervised contract with players Under 18 years of age.

26. BEST AND FAIREST AWARDS

(a) The League shall award a medal and trophy for the Best and Fairest and Runners Up player in each grade of the netball competition each year.

(b) The voting for the League Best and Fairest Award/s shall be determined as follows;

i. At the conclusion of each of the home and away matches, the umpire/s shall award three (3) votes to the player considered to be the best and fairest player in the match; two (2) votes to the player considered to be the second best and fairest; one (1) vote to the player considered to be the third best and fairest.
ii. Umpires must convene at half time to determine their top 3 at this point in the game. This is to ensure all players are fairly looked at during the entire match.

iii. The umpire shall submit such votes to the Netball Administrator in such manner as is directed by the SEFNL in a secure envelope.

(c) In the event of a tie for first place in a Best and Fairest Award, the award shall be shared and no count back shall apply.

(d) Any player who is found guilty of a charge by the SEFNL Tribunal during the home and away matches shall not be eligible to win a League Best and Fairest award, during that season.

(e) The League shall also make an award available for the Most Valuable Player (MVP) in the A Grade competition.

(f) Other awards may be awarded annually pursuant to such guidelines and voting system, as may be determined by the board.

27. SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCE CLAUSE

Where a By-Law is silent, a decision can be made that ensures the integrity of the SEFNL is maintained at all times.

SEFNL may in using its reasonable discretion, in exceptional or extenuating circumstances, alter, vary or waive the requirements set out in these By-Laws relating to the SEFNL.

28. INDEMNITY CLAUSE

Except where provided or required by law and such cannot be excluded, the SEFNL and its respective Directors, Officers, Members, Servants or Agents are absolved from all liability however arising from injury or damage, however caused, arising whilst participating as a member.

29. REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

29.1 Club Annual General Meetings

All Affiliated Clubs and Associate Members must conduct their AGM prior to 30 November each year.

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29.2 Lodgement of Annual Reports

(a) All Affiliated Clubs and Associate Members shall forward to the League no later than 1 December each year, one copy of their Annual Report.

(b) No later than 1 December, all Affiliated Clubs shall forward to the league:

i. a Profit and Loss Statement and Balance Sheet on an official “proforma” supplied by the League for the immediate past year,
ii. A list of all club office bearers and their contact details for the coming season are to be loaded into the online competition management system as stipulated by the league. The office bearers that are required to be loaded as a minimum are as follows;

- President
- Secretary
- Registrar
- Treasurer

Clubs may load other roles into the competition management system as they see fit.

**NOTE:** Clubs must advise the Operations Manager of changes made throughout the season to the club office bearers and their contact details within 7 days of the change. The club must update their contact details in the competition management system within the above time frames.

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### 30. MEETINGS

#### 30.1 Compulsory

The league may convene compulsory meeting(s) for Club officials as stipulated by the league from time to time. These meetings shall include, but are not limited to: Club Administrator Courses, Coaches Forums, Presidents Meetings, and Finals Participants Meetings.

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#### 30.2 Representatives

(a) Two representatives of clubs must attend all Annual General Meetings and Special General Meetings of the League. Such representatives shall be the President and/or Secretary and/or one other member of the club.

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(b) Representatives may, with the prior approval of the league, appoint another person to attend Annual General Meetings and Special General Meetings in their place.

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### 31. COACHES

#### 31.1

All coaches must hold or obtain a minimum of the “Foundation” Accreditation for the first season in which they coach.

#### 31.2

Clubs must provide proof of coach’s accreditation prior to season commencing.

#### 31.3

In the instance where coaches are not accredited, accreditations must be obtained prior to 30th June of current year.

#### 31.4

In the event of an appointed coach being absent, the nominated person in charge of that team must be accredited.
31.5 While play is in progress coaches may only coach if they are positioned at the team bench.

31.6 During a stoppage, coaches may coach provided they remain either at the team bench or on the court surround and they do not enter the court.

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