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PART A – ABOUT THE COMPETITION

1. Purpose & Authority

1.1 Relationship with Netball WA

In addition to those rules implemented by Netball WA Inc (NWA), the Leschenault Netball Association (LNA), in conjunction with the Leschenault Leisure Centre, have adopted the following rules that shall be adhered to concurrently.

1.2 Order of precedence

Should there be a conflict between these rules and those implemented by NWA, these By-Laws take precedence.

1.3 Special Consideration Requests

Should a member wish to have special circumstances applied to any of these By-Laws, a written application via email to leschenaultnetball@gmail.com detailing the special circumstances will be required for submission to the committee to allow for consideration. Special consideration will NOT be considered or applied for any team who starts the season with 8 or less and due to injury or other has 7 or less players, nor will it be applied to any team who has 8 players, or an injury has been known for some weeks. Planning ahead for these risks is strongly encouraged and recommended.

1.4 Code of Conduct

All members must abide by LNA's Code of Conduct Policy found on the LNA website or [Click Here](#).

2. Definitions & Key Terms

- LNA - Leschenault Netball Association
- MVP - Most Valuable Player
- PWD - Players with Disabilities.
- NWA – Netball WA (Inc)

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PART B – PLAYER ELIGIBILITY & PARTICIPATION

3. Player Registration & Financial Status

3.1 Financial Requirements

To be considered financial, players must have paid their annual fees as outlined in clause 32 or come to a financial arrangement with the committee prior to taking the court on the first day of grading or when they first play should they join late.

3.2 Unaffiliated Players & single-game vouchers

Unaffiliated players must pay the required \$15 single game voucher fee prior to taking the court to be considered a financial player. Teams for whom the unaffiliated player plays will remain liable for any unpaid fees. All borrowed players must be recorded on the score sheet 30 seconds prior to the scheduled time of the game commencing otherwise penalties apply. See Section 15 – Penalties & Fines

3.3 Finals Eligibility Requirements

A player wishing to join a team after grading will be required to follow the borrowed player rules as outlined in clause 12. Players wishing to qualify for finals will need to also be full financial members and have paid all fees required to netball WA as well 100% of the LNA fee.

4. Age Eligibility

4.1 Saturday Competition

Participants in the Saturday morning competition must be primary school age. Both male and females are permitted to play in this competition.

4.2 Weeknight Competition

Weeknight competition Division 2 and lower is open to all players aged between 11 and 19. Division 1 will remain as an open division to all players. With the exception male participants are eligible to play in the weeknight competition up to and including the year in which they turn 12.

As of 2027, female participants who are in Year 6 at school, or who are 11 years old during the current year, are permitted to participate in weeknight competitions in a development team, as graded players, but also must be registered to a Saturday team.

4.3 Mixed Competitions

There may be an ungraded mixed division offered which will be available to all genders aged 12 and above. This will be dependent on the interest expressed from participants/ teams. The committee will determine the requirement for a specific mixed competition each year based on expression of interest.

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4.4 Coaching Age Requirements

Coaches must be 16 years of age or older. Coaches under 18 years of age must have an unrelated team manager over 18 years of age to support them. Coaches Under 16 years of age are not permitted for their own protection but can act as an Assistant to any Saturday team. All coaches irrespective of age are strongly encouraged to complete their foundation accreditation as a minimum.

5. Participation Expectations

5.1 Respect for Umpires and Officials

- Any player found to have struck or threatened a player or official will receive an appropriate suspension or be disqualified from the competition.
- Bullying, Swearing or racially vilifying players or officials will result in that team member receiving appropriate suspension. This includes via social media, during, before or after the game or in any other way linked back to the game.

5.2 Player Participation

- Abide by all rules of the game.
- Respect the role of the umpires in charge of the game and abide by all decisions.
- Respect the rights of all players to enjoy the game safely and in good spirits.
- Respect the property, rules, and rights of the Leschenault Leisure Centre
- Choose your behaviour and be prepared to accept the consequences for your actions.
- All Players must be aware of all LNA by-Laws and being unaware is not considered to be a defence to any penalty imposed.

5.3 Awareness of By-Laws

- Players found to be in breach of this section or any other code of conduct which has resulted in any suspension shall have all MVP votes forfeited up to the time of their suspension.
- A breach of this section shall result in a penalty as outlined in Section 15 – Penalties & Fines

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PART C – COMPETITION STRUCTURE

6. Grading

6.1 Junior Grading

Grading will be performed by the grading committee at the beginning of a season with a structure of the following:

- Year 3 competition is stand alone and is not graded
- Year 4 competition is stand alone and is not graded
- Year 5/6 competition may be graded if there are sufficient teams for 2 grades.

The committee reserves the right to grade across one or two Saturday mornings.

6.2 Weeknight Grading

The weekday competition is subject to as many grading days required at the discretion of LNA grading committee. ALL teams irrespective of what division or night they end up playing in are required to attend ALL nights. If players are absent and could have a significant impact when considering what grade, a team should be in coaches should contact the committee to discuss further.

6.3 Re-Grading Process

Re-grading may be considered at the committee's discretion. All team members should be present for grading games. The committee reserves the right to make such decisions and changes deemed necessary to ensure the competition is as even as possible. It is the LNA's policy to consider all re-grading requests where possible, however, this may not always be feasible.

All grading requests/concerns or discussions should be made prior to or during the grading process NOT after its completed. All teams must be prepared to be graded into any grade.

No refunds will be given to teams that withdraw due to grade disputes.

7. Game Duration & Timing

7.1 Saturday vs Weeknight Games

All Saturday Morning games will be twelve (12) minute quarters with two (2) minute breaks for quarter and three-quarter time and a three (3) minute break for half time. All weeknight games will be fifteen (15) minute quarters with two (2) minute breaks for quarter and three-quarter time and a three (3) minute break for half time.

7.2 Segregated Competitions

Segregated competitions such as mixed or social netball as driven by demand, shall have their game duration determined on an as needs basis at the committee's discretion.

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8. Premiership Points & Ladders

8.1 Points Allocation

Premiership points are awarded on the following basis:

- Win 3 points / Draw 2 points / Loss 1 point / Forfeit 0 points and a score of 20-0
- Byes: no points are awarded to byes. However final team standings will calculate on the match ratio principle thereby eliminating any possible bias.
- Match ratio = Number of games won / Number of games scheduled.

8.2 Match Ratio Explanation

Match ratio points override premiership points to determine the final four. Premiership points and percentage (in that order) are used to determine final positions where match ratio is the same between two or more teams.

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PART D – MATCH DAY RULES

9. Uniforms & Equipment

9.1 Uniform Standards

After the first three (3) fixture games (excluding grading), the following uniform requirements are mandatory:

All Competitors/ All teams are required to be in matching and consistent uniforms.

General Considerations:

- Skirts, dresses, or shorts should be of an appropriate length.
- G String knickers are not acceptable.
- Bibs with clearly defined lettering must be worn and CANNOT be attached to uniforms via safety pins or any other method not considered safe by the umpire or court manager.

9.2 Footwear

Players will not be allowed to participate in any game unless appropriate sport footwear are worn.

9.3 Finals Requirements

All players must be in the team's full uniform for finals. Players not in full uniform are not considered eligible to play.

10. Hair, Nails, Jewellery & Food

10.1 Inspection Process

All players participating in a game must present themselves to the umpire prior to participating in the game for inspection of hair, nails and jewellery, irrespective of when they arrive at the court e.g. if they are late, they must still present to the umpire prior to participating in the game.

10.2 Safety Rules

10.2.1 HAIR

Hair should always be tied up. Hard hair clips, or other accessories are not permitted due to possible injury to other players as determined by the umpire.

10.2.2 JEWELLERY

All jewellery must be removed prior to the commencement of the game with the exception of medical alert bracelets (which must be taped). **Earrings and any other body piercings must be removed - NOT taped.**

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10.2.3 FINGERNAILS

Must be cut &/or filed smooth (not bitten) and be able to be inspected by the umpire prior to the commencement of the game. For this reason, nails are not permitted to be taped before the match to ensure the umpire can inspect them in a timely fashion prior to the game. **Players must re-present themselves to the umpire for further inspection after the nails have been cut &/or filed smooth to ensure they are compliant before taking court.**

10.2.4 FOOD & GUM

Due to safety risks NO Player can play whilst eating including chewing gum or any other substance. Should this occur, the umpire will call time & the player will be asked to leave the court to dispose of the item. They will not be able to return until the next goal is scored and have disposed of the item. During this time NO Replacement or position changes can occur.

11. Injury Time & Bleeding Players

11.1 Injury Procedures

Each team is allowed unlimited injury times per quarter of up to 30 seconds in duration. Injured or bleeding players are to leave the court immediately within 30 seconds, **this means players do not get the choice to play on they must leave the court.** Injured/bleeding players not replaced can return to the game after the next goal or if they have been replaced as per normal replacement protocols.

Due to central timing No Coaching can take place during injury times and other players cannot leave the court during injury time. Players are to stay in their normal position areas. Team officials are only allowed on the court to attend to the injured player. Player treatment should occur off court unless medically that cannot be done.

Injury time can only be signalled to the umpire by a player on court, except in the Saturday competition where the coach is able to call time but should be encouraging players to do so.

11.2 Blood Rules

No player will be allowed to take the court if they have blood on their uniform. The game cannot recommence until court, bibs, ball etc are free of blood or have been replaced. Penalties for delays at umpire discretion.

11.3 Penalties

- *Penalty for a breach of 30secs– see Section 15 – Penalties & Fines*

12. Borrowed Players & Substitutions

12.1 Purpose of Borrowed Player Rules

The overall objective of this provision is to encourage teams to use LNA players over and above those outside of LNA so they can experience a higher division and

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develop further. In addition, LNA aims for as fair as possible a competition thus these provisions are aimed at deterring last minute team inclusions which change the outcome of a final.

Eligible players may be borrowed from other teams or from outside the association. The court supervisor will assist in finding a player if possible. Should a substitute be required they **MUST** be recorded on the score sheet 30 seconds PRIOR to the game commencing, and the following rules must be applied:

- To be fair to registered permanent team members fit to play, borrowed players should not play more quarters than other permanent team members present at that game. Note Section 13 for rolling subs quarter counts.

12.2 Unaffiliated Players

Unaffiliated players can be used as borrowed players during a game as long as they:

- a) Are added to the score sheet 30 seconds prior to the game beginning in the borrowed player section (Section 15 – Penalties & Fines).
- b) purchase a game voucher from the Court supervisor prior to the commencement of the match. Each game the unaffiliated player plays incurs a non-refundable \$15 fee which must be paid PRIOR to the game commencing and recorded on the score sheet 30 seconds prior to the game starting, otherwise the Player is deemed to be ineligible to play, and a forfeit will be applied. During grading a game is considered to be made up of 2 half normal games. Should the borrowed player not be affiliated with NWA via any other association they will be provided with a NWA insurance certificate which will be at LNAs cost.
- c) are eligible (see below)

An unaffiliated player may act as a borrowed player in LNA teams for **12** quarters only. They may play for several different teams, but once they have played 12 quarters they cannot act as a substitute for any LNA team until they register **with the team they have filled in for the majority of the 12 quarters allowed during the season** and have paid full Netball WA Fees plus a pro rata basis for LNA fees (e.g. second half of season attracts a 50% reduction).

Please note to be eligible to play in finals Full LNA Fees are required to paid prior to finals commencing, no special circumstances will be considered for any reduction in fees.

Once fees are paid, they are eligible to play in finals, BUT only if they have played 10 quarters for the team they are now registered with.

- If the grade/division has age limits these also apply to any substitute player.
- Unaffiliated borrowed players are not able to play more than 2 games in one night and the first game deems the division they are registered for on the night, thus if they fill-in for a Div. 2 team then their next game that night can only be in a higher grade – Div. 1.

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12.3 LNA Affiliated Players

LNA affiliated players can be used as borrowed players for another team as long as:

- a) They are added to the score sheet prior to the game beginning.
 - b) Their regular team is in a lower division than the team they are substituting for.
 - c) They are eligible (see below)
- An LNA player may fill in for a team in a division higher whenever they wish to a total of 12 quarters. (A 13th quarter means they stay up in higher division for the team they have played the most quarters for).
 - They can choose to join any team higher than the division they are first registered for at any time however to be eligible for finals they must have played 10 quarters for that team.
 - Once they have joined a higher team permanently their name will be transferred to that teams' list on the score sheet & they can no longer play down.
 - An LNA player can only play two games in a night/day. They can only fill in for a higher grade than their registered team, but it does not matter which game is scheduled first. If the grade has age restrictions, they must comply with these.

12.4 Quarter Limits & Finals Qualifications

	# Qrts	Team to Join	Finals Qualification	# Games per Night	Division for Night
Unaffiliated	12	Filled in for the most quarters	10 qrts for that team	2	First Game of night
Affiliated	12	Any Team Higher they have played in	10 qrts for that team	2	Registered Division

12.5 Saturday Morning & Representative Exceptions

12.5.1 LNA REPRESENTATIVE TEAM MEMBER EXCEPTION

Players registered to play in an LNA Club/Entity team will be exempted from the above LNA Affiliated Members borrowed player rules for the purpose of playing in the LNA representative team. This exemption applies to any player selected for the representative team squad or any other girl of the SAME birth year as the selected squad if they would have otherwise been eligible for selection in the original team squad.

Girls from a lower birth year **only** can also be a fill in with the approval of the development officer. This exemption will further only apply for those players who have played for their club/entity team for that week or have had their club/entity team game forfeited by the opposing team that week.

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12.5.2 LNA SATURDAY MORNING EXCEPTION

- Any player turning 11 or older registered in a Saturday morning team (where finals are not played) may also be registered to play in a weeknight team.
- People playing exclusively on a weeknight cannot fill in for a Saturday team as a borrowed player.

12.3.3 NET SET GO EXCEPTION

- LNA players in year 3 or 4 Net Set Go competitions may substitute for another player on any team within the same grade they play, should one team not have 7 players.

13. Rolling Substitutions

13.1 Applicable Competitions

LNA has implemented Rolling Subs for the following competitions only:

- Thursday Competition
- Friday Competition.

Note: Tactical Changes Rules will NOT be permitted in the LNA competition in 2024 and beyond unless changes are endorsed to future year Bylaws.

The following will apply:

- Teams will be permitted to make substitutions during play, stoppages and intervals
- There is no limit to the number of substitutions that can be made during a match, and more than one substitution may be made at any time (providing the substitutions are appropriately recorded on the score sheet)
- Play will not be held for rolling subs (umpires do not need to be notified if a player wishes to complete a substitution)
- Teams must have additional matching bibs on hand to avoid play delays

13.2 Procedures

- I. The substitution area will be marked with a marker next to the scorer/timer area
- II. Each time a player is rolled off it counts as half a quarter with a maximum of 1 quarter per quarter, irrespective of how many times they are rolled on and off.
- III. The substitute/s stand at their team's substitution area to indicate a substitution is to be made
- IV. Players can only enter play once the substituting player has **completely exited the court**
- V. Before the player moving onto the court leaves the substitution area, the player leaving the court must tag hands
- VI. Players **must observe the offside rule** as they enter/leave the court in permitted areas for their position

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- VII. If a player entering or leaving the court enters an area not designated for their playing position, a sanction will be awarded whether that player is in contact with the ball or not
- VIII. Players must not interfere with the umpire's movement during the substitution, or a sanction will be awarded.
- IX. A player leaving the court must return directly to the team bench
- X. Players cannot change positions whilst on the court
- XI. Any changes to positions requires a player to roll off and return to the court in the desired position with the correct bib on.

13.3 Sanctions

Sanction: Free pass where the ball was when the interference or offside upon entry/exit occurred.

Should a team delay play whilst making a substitution a sanction will be awarded. The normal sanction for delaying play will apply. **Sanction: A penalty pass is awarded which is advanced.**

Sanction: When an incorrect substitution occurs, a Free Pass is awarded instantly where the ball was (on court) at that time.

If the non-controlling umpire sights an incorrect substitution and the ball is in other umpires end of the court, then play continues.

Should the non-infringing team be in possession of the ball at the time the sanction should be awarded, play continues and no stoppage is required.

13.4 Umpires

- I. Players must observe the offside rules as they enter/leave the court and must not interfere with the umpire's movements during the substitution
- II. Umpire's priority must always be the players on court

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PART E – CONDUCT, PENALTIES & ENFORCEMENT

14. Player & Spectator Behaviour

14.1 On-court Conduct

In conjunction with Section 5 Participation Expectation, LNA Code of Conducts and guidance from Netball WA, it is expected that players ensure they adhere to respectful behaviours at all times.

14.2 Spectator Conduct

- Spectators suspected of being under the influence of alcohol or any other prohibited substance will be asked to leave the centre
- Players/teams associated with any spectator/s found to be guilty of any of the above or any other Netball WA Rule shall incur the same penalties as if they themselves committed the offence. Should a breach of the Netball WA rules require a warning or suspension of a player then this shall be applied to the captain of the spectators offending team. Serious offences requiring report by umpires will be dealt with on an individual case basis. There may also be further penalties for that individual player which will be at the committee's discretion.
- Spectators demonstrating bad sportsmanship, including booing or abusing/showing dissent towards an umpire or other players shall be asked to leave the game and/or penalties applied against their team as if they were a player on the court. Spitting is considered a striking offence and will be dealt with accordingly.

14.3 Social Media Behaviour

Any social media deemed inappropriate, unacceptable and unsportsmanlike, during, before, after or linked to and LNA game, will result in that team member receiving appropriate suspension as by the committee discretion. See Section 5 Participation Expectations.

15. Penalties & Fines

15.1 Behaviour Penalties

Minimum of 2 weeks up to 5 weeks **per** offence depending upon the severity of the breach. To avoid any doubt, for example swearing would be one breach and striking a second breach, even if they should occur with the same instance or separate instances. If Multiple offences are linked to 1 game the committee may elect to discount the penalty by 1 week if it is a first offence only.

15.2 Uniform Penalties

- 5 goals per player out of uniform except for the Saturday morning competition. No penalties are applied for the Saturday morning competition; however, teams will be reminded of the rules ready for weekday competition.

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- Umpires, Court Manager/supervisor will award these penalties to the opposition team. This includes any substitute players out of uniform.

Please refer to Section 9 – Uniforms and Equipment for further information.

15.3 Lateness Penalties

Teams failing to take the court at the predetermined start time will incur a 1 goal per 30 seconds penalty for every whole 30 second bracket that they are late taking the court. Scorers failing to be in position to score incur the same penalty for their team. Umpires will award these penalties only once the other team has taken up their positions on court ready to begin and their scorer is in place.

Teams that do not take the court by the end of the first quarter will be deemed to forfeit the match and premiership points will be awarded to the attending team. No points will be awarded to the forfeiting team.

15.4 Injury Delays

If the injured/bleeding player cannot be removed within 30 seconds, the umpire is to be notified, and it will be at their discretion as to whether a 1 goal penalty should be imposed. i.e. if a player requires a wheelchair or must be carried this may take longer than 30 seconds. The safety of the injured player should be the umpire's priority, and a penalty should only be imposed should the umpire believe the team has no legitimate reason for delaying the game. i.e. they do not have substitutes ready to go on is not an adequate reason. Each full 30 seconds further that play is halted due to the injury will incur another goal penalty.

- *Uniform, lateness, and injury time penalties should be recorded on the score sheet by the umpires before the game or prior to half time but can be added at any time during the game. To distinguish these goals, they should be circled and initialled by the umpire or court official.*
- Please refer to Section 11 – Injury Time & Bleeding Players

15.5 Unregistered Players

- Players who play whilst unregistered (i.e. have not paid a full registration or purchased a single game voucher), will be given a warning for their first offence and required to pay fees immediately.
- Should a player play whilst unregistered for a second time, they will be removed from the court immediately and fined \$20.
- Should a player play for a third time whilst unregistered they will be banned from playing at LNA for the remainder of the season.

15.6 Forfeits

Any team forfeiting who gives at least two (2) days notification will be charged a forfeit fee of \$10. Any team not giving (2) days' notice will be fined \$15 unless due to extenuating circumstances. Teams forfeiting during finals will be fined \$30.

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Fines are due and payable prior to the team competing in their next scheduled game. Teams may be expelled from competitions at this point. At the very least, they will be ineligible to earn premiership points, compete in finals matches or individuals will not be considered for Most Valuable Player (MVP) awards until they become financial. Premiership points once deducted will not be reinstated.

Please seek guidance from the court supervisor to ensure you are following procedure. If an error has been made approach the court box as soon as possible and we will assist you.

Ideally, forfeits should be advised:

- in writing (via email to leschenaultnetball@gmail.com)
- a minimum of 2 working days prior to the scheduled game.

The Court Box Manager can be contacted in urgent circumstances as per the contact list located on the LNA website.

Premiership points will be based on section 18, and a fee must be paid in accordance with Section 15 – Penalties & Fines.

For the purpose of finals qualification, forfeited games will result in:

The forfeiting team:

- All financial members will be credited with quarters equally.

The non-forfeiting team:

- Score sheets can be completed as if the game was played, including borrowed players & positions etc.
- Score sheets must be completed prior to the scheduled time of the game starting should it not have been forfeited or details emailed to LNA.Courtmanager@gmail.com and a phone call the court Manager advising that the score sheet details have been emailed.
- If the score sheet is not completed prior to the time the game would have commenced, then all financial members will be credited quarters equally.

Penalty for breaching see Section 15 – Penalties & Fines. Please seek guidance from the court supervisor to ensure you are following procedure. If an error has been made approach LNA as soon as possible to rectify the issue.

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PART F – OFFICIALS & MATCH ADMINISTRATION

16. Umpires

16.1 Appointment

Umpires are appointed to official games by the Association Umpire Development Officer and or delegate as per scheduled roster. At times replacements or fill umpires may be required.

16.2 Payment

Umpires are paid on honorarium per game to recoup any expenses they have incurred.

16.3 WWC Requirements

- The need for a WWC will be determined by the number of paid games umpired per week at the discretion of the Umpire Coordinator.
- All Badged Umpires and Umpires over the age of 18 must obtain a WWC.

17. Team Officials & Duties

17.1 Club Liaison

Each Club that has four (4) or more teams in the LNA competition must provide a club representative at games to assist the Court Box Manager for the duration of the season. This club representative is required to report to the Court Box at the beginning of competition day or allocated period to advise who the representative or representatives will be and will be debriefed of assisting duties.

17.2 Managers

Each team must have a team manager or coach. A coach can also be a team manager.

The Team Manager is responsible for ensuring the bench consist of only three team officials, substitutes players registered to that team and injured players present. The Team Manager is responsible for ensuring all parties are in uniform with considerations to any fill ins from divisions below.

17.3 Coaches

Coaches are required to ensure all the By-Laws are fully understood and form part of their coaching protocols. In particular they are required to ensure all Players understand they are to listen to the umpire and fully respect their decision. Coaches are also required to ensure all players understand Umpire hand signals.

Coaches must remain stationary (sitting or standing) on the side-line within your bench area and cannot move up and down the sideline. Due to central timing No coaching can take place during injury time and players must stay in their positions

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LNA requires all Coaches with players aged less than 14 to complete and maintain their 'online' foundation coaching course as a minimum. LNA will pay the costs incurred and requires this course to be completed by the 3rd game of the season.

Coaches under the age of 18 require an adult team manager who attends the majority of trainings and games. If they cannot be at a game another adult must act in their place. (This is for the wellbeing and protection of players and coaches). It is also strongly recommended that all coaches have their team manager or another parent present during training session.

17.3.1 COACHING AGE GROUPS

Net Set Go games do allow coaches on court however, this should be kept to 1 coach per team, and they must try to not interfere with play. After 4 weeks coaches should stay off the court as much as possible to allow the game to flow but are permitted to walk up & down the court.

Year 4 team coaches should start to remain stationary by the second half of the season when the rules are progressed to full rules. This will mean they can no longer walk up & down the court.

According to the Netball WA rules players are required to call time for injury or illness, thus once girls get to the Saturday Year 5/6 competition coaches should encourage them to call time themselves.

17.4 Team Captains

Team captains & scorers are expected to arrive no later than ten (10) minutes prior to their fixtured game time to complete the score sheet.

NOTE: Failure to complete the score sheet in time will result in teams not receiving full game time and late penalties may apply. See Section 15 – Penalties & Fines.

Captains will meet with the umpires to toss for the centre pass before the match.

Captains only may seek rule clarification from umpires on interpretations at breaks. Note seeking rule clarification **does not** extend to questioning umpire's decisions or asking them to look out for penalties as this is dissent towards the umpires. Any concern over umpiring whilst the game is being played, which a team feels needs addressing immediately, must be directed to the LNA Court box manager.

17.5 Scorers

A Scorer from each team is required to be seated together ready prior to the game commencing. The game cannot commence until the scorers are both seated, and penalties apply if they fail to do so.

Scorers are responsible for scoring the game and ensuring all players' positions are correctly recorded against that player's name. Borrowed/fill-in players are to be recorded including positions they play. If positional changes are not recorded accurately or absent that team's players will not be eligible for MVP points.

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Scorers are required to record cautions, warnings and suspensions, as well as centre passes. If 2 umpires agree on whose centre pass it is and that differs to the scorer, the scorer is to notify the umpire PRIOR to the whistle being blown. The umpire will then hold time and make a decision as to who is to take the pass.

Umpires will defer to the score sheet record if they differ between each other as to whose centre pass it is next.

In the event that one scorer must leave their duties mid game, a new official from that team may take his/her place. Both should sign the score card.

17.6 MVP Selection Process

- The coach from each team will be required to select an MVP and R/Up MVP from the opposing team for each game by assigning 2 points to the MVP & 1 point to the R/Up MVP.
- Teams not completing the score sheet are not eligible for MVP Points
- Players who receive a warning are not eligible for MVP points
- If the coach fails to complete the points attempts will be made to contact them however LNA reserves the right to ask the umpires for their vote.

18. Score Sheets

18.1 Completion Requirements

Players not printed on the score sheet are not considered to be part of that team and need to be recorded as a borrowed player. If there is an error on the score sheet note this in writing and the court supervisor will investigate further. Should an error be found on the score sheet for finals this must be notified to the court box immediately for further determination.

Must be filled out each week before the start of play. Players cannot be added once play starts, so if a player is not on the score sheet at the start of the game, they cannot play that game, unless see 18.2 Borrowed Players exemption.

18.2 Borrowed Players

A substitute player is required due to a team having less than 7 girls able to play resulting from an injury occurring during play. If a team began with 6 they can only go back to 6 players. (No substitute can be added after play begins).

Incomplete score sheets which do not identify player positions will result in any borrowed players quarters being recorded as 4 quarters even if the game is a deemed forfeit. Score sheets whereby a player is incorrectly recorded or there are more than 7 players on the score sheet listed as playing in one quarter, will have the borrowed player as being the person who has played the quarter.

18.3 Errors & Corrections

If positional changes are for all 4 quarters are not recorded accurately or absent that team's players will not be eligible for MVP points. Score Sheets with unmarked borrowed players will receive a penalty. Section 15 – Penalties & Fines.

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PART G – COMPLAINTS, REPORTS & PROTESTS

All complaints must be dealt with in accordance with LNA's Complaints Policy as outlined on the LNA Website or [Click Here](#).

19. Reports by Umpires

Reports received from umpires relating to inappropriate behaviour of players will be investigated by the court supervisor/complaints officer. Umpires are required to record all reports even if they are of an informal nature by writing these on the back of the score sheet. If the complaint is considered to be of a formal nature the umpires are to instruct the complainant to submit a written complaint as per the Complaints Policy.

20. Complaints by Players & Spectators

All complaints must be received within 48 hours of the incident and in accordance with complaints policy which can be found on the LNA web site.

21. Game Protests

In the case of a protest, the team concerned must contact the court manager within forty- eight (48) hours by phone, email, or txt and then in writing stating the reason for the protest. A game protest occurs when a player was not eligible to be played e.g. not written on score sheet etc. The outcome could result in the game being forfeited in accordance with the rules set out in these By-Laws.

Protests are to be dealt with by the court manager & committee if required.

22. Approaching Officials & Other Members

UNDER no circumstances are any spectators, players, coaches, managers, or others to approach any LNA person be it a player, umpire, coach, spectator or other for the purpose of laying a complaint directed at them or someone else. Providing advice as to how to play etc is also not permitted unless it is the coach or manager of a team providing advice to their players.

Most LNA Members are children and as such they can sometimes make an error in judgement. For this reason, all complaints must be directed to the LNA supervisor on duty in the court box. A breach of this clause is considered to be a breach of LNA's code of conduct and shall be dealt with accordingly.

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PART H – FINALS

Finals will be played as confirmed by the LNA committee at the beginning of the season. This following criterion will need to be met for Finals:

23. Finals Eligibility

23.1 Player Eligibility

All players must be considered to be part of the team as per clauses 3 to 7 above. Once finals have started no further team changes are permitted. No player may play in finals for two different LNA teams. Players joining an LNA team after grading is completed must follow substitution rules in clause 12 to qualify.

23.2 Team Eligibility

Teams must also be financial in that all single game vouchers (clause 3) and forfeit fees (clause 19) for which they are liable must be paid prior to finals being played.

24. Finals Match Procedures

24.1 Timing & Scoring

Semi-finals are centrally timed, and each team will be required to provide a scorer. Preliminary finals will have an LNA appointed timer and each team will be required to provide a scorer. Grand finals will have an LNA appointed timer and scorer.

24.2 Umpires

Suitably badged or experienced umpires will be appointed by LNA for all finals. All umpires are required to be registered with Netball WA for insurance purposes or pay a single game insurance voucher for each game umpired.

24.3 Drawn Finals

In the event of a draw during finals there shall be:

- I. A 2-minute interval at the end of full time During this time teams shall change ends & make substitutions if required.
- II. Extra time shall consist of 2 by 5-minute halves with an interval of 1 minute at the half time. Teams change ends but NO substitutions can be made during this time.
- III. In the event of continued draw, play shall continue until one team leads by a margin of 2 goals, at which time that team will be declared the winner.

25. Awards

25.1 MVP Eligibility

A player who is issued a warning in the Grand Final is NOT eligible for the award.

25.2 Grand Final MVP

The Grand Final MVP will be selected by the score bench for each game.

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PART I – SAFETY, INSURANCE & CHILD PROTECTION

26. Insurance

All registered financial players & committee members are covered by the Netball WA insurance policy. Coaches, umpires, scorers and other volunteers are not covered by the NETBALL WA insurance policy unless they register on-line and pay any relevant fee. Each team must have a coach or manager registered on LNAs registration platform by the end of grading and prior to the 1st round.

27. Working With Children

27.1 General WWC requirements

- All members of LNA are required by to abide by the Western Australian Government's requirements for Working with Children Checks (WWC). Therefore, all LNA Team Managers, Coaches, Umpires and Club Representatives must comply. These will be recorded and maintained on a register.

27.2 Umpire WWC Requirements

- The need for a WWC will be determined by the number of paid games umpired per week at the discretion of the Umpire Coordinator.
- All Badged Umpires and Umpires over the age of 18 must obtain a WWC.

27.3 Club Responsibilities

Due to privacy legislation, all Clubs will be accountable for maintaining their own compliance with Western Australian Government's requirements for WWC. It is the Clubs responsibility to provide confirmation at the commencement the season of their compliance and their plan of conducting/maintaining WWC throughout the year. LNA may request to be provided with Clubs WWC registers at any time.

28. Child Safety & Wellbeing

28.1 Photography & video policy

LNA does not support the photographing/videoing of games as it represents a breach of privacy. Permission from a child's parent/guardian must be obtained before taking an image of a child that is not their own. Due to the team nature of netball, it is likely that photos or videos taken of a child will include images of other children and therefore will not be permitted.

LNA representatives will ask persons breaching this rule to cease recording and remove all images taken. LNA does not support the use of photography/videoing, or use of phones inside changing areas, showers and toilets as the privacy of others is to be respected.

The only exception to the photographing/videoing rules is when two teams from the same club are playing each other. If the club has written permission from all the

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children's parents/guardians from both teams, the club may approach LNA to obtain special permission to photograph/video that particular game only.

LNA's commitment to seeking to ensure the safety and wellbeing of all children and young people who participate in netball at LNA is outlined on the LNA Website

[CLICK HERE](#)

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PART J – SATURDAY & SPECIAL COMPETITIONS

29. Saturday Morning Competition

29.1 Rotational Rules

All players should play at least half a game each week unless injury, illness, or non-attendance at multiple trainings have occurred. This includes all finals matches. It is expected that all players in the team get approximately even court time over the season. If a coach is not planning to play a player in a finals game, they should consult with the LNA committee for guidance prior to the match.

If players or parents believe coaches are ignoring these guidelines, they may make a complaint to the LNA committee, by filling out an official complaint form, only after they have spoken personally with the coach and or their club. If LNA believe the breach of rules warrants sanctions these may be imposed. Examples of sanctions are official warnings, coaches being banned from games, loss of premiership points or forfeiture of match.

Whilst there is no formal penalty for a breach of this section the committee reserves the right to impose any penalty deemed suitable should the complaints committee agree with a parent or child that they have been unfairly disadvantaged.

29.1.1 ROTATIONAL RULES EXEMPTION

LNA midweek representative teams are exempt from these guidelines. LNA representative teams at carnivals are also exempt as they may have larger squads however, it is expected that all players have fair court time and that any policy about participation that the carnival adheres to is followed by all LNA teams.

29.2 Fair Play

LNA supports the principals outlined in the 'play by the rules' website. These are stipulated below:

- Kids' sport is for kids, not adults – make sure you understand and prioritise what kids want
- Kids' sport should be fun, safe and inclusive, and maximise individual participation
- Kids are less likely to enjoy sport if there is an over emphasis on winning, they don't get
- enough playing time, or they don't play with their friends
- A broad range of experiences (e.g. team positions) adds variety, sustains interest and fosters skill development
- Well graded competitions allow for better skill development and cater to children, particularly those in their teenage years, who seek competitiveness
- Early specialisation can result in overuse injuries, over training, boredom, limit skill development and prevent a broad understanding of the game.

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- Borrowed players should not play more quarters than other players permanently on the team unless they are required to do so to qualify for finals, refer to clause 12 for penalties.
- LNA's coaching guidelines for weeknight teams includes players playing at least two different positions during the season.

29.3 Transitions to Full Rules

Year 4 NSG will transition to full rules halfway through the year except for the goal height which is to remain as half height to allow for further development.

29.4 Saturday Borrowed Players

Players in school group year 6, 11 years old and are registered in a Saturday morning team (where finals are not played) may also be registered to play in a weeknight team. People playing exclusively on a weeknight cannot fill in for a Saturday team as a borrowed player.

NOTE: A Secondary registration fee is required to be paid.

30. Segregated & Mixed Competitions

The mixed junior age group rules shall be:

- Age – year 7- 9 or year 9-12
- At least 2 boys are required to be registered in each team
- Not more than 3 boys can be on the court at any one time
- Can only have 1 boy in the goal circle per team during any quarter

Please refer to section 4 regarding age & eligibility.

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PART K – ADMINISTRATION & GOVERNANCE

31. Fees & Payments

31.1 Annual Fees

Fees are set annually as per the Annual General Meeting. Players are considered financial once fees are paid to LNA, NWA & Netball Australia. This is inclusive of the below:

- Non-Playing NETBALL WA Member Fee Nil (Umpires, Coaches & Volunteers)
- Life Members – Nil
- No Limits - Nil
- Administration fee for Non LNA players required to be registered with Netball WA \$10

Note all fees are inclusive of credit card charges. NWA & Netball Australia fees vary based on age but are included in the above. All fees to all bodies are paid directly to them at upon registration. Should a refund occur, each body will refund separately and are subject to their refund policy. LNAs refund policy only applies to the LNA fee.

Annual accounts are prepared in accordance with the constitution however, a review as approved by the board by a suitably qualified internal or external person will occur every second year even though the constitution or legislation may not require such a review to occur. This review will be signed and submitted to the board at the first meeting of each year.

31.2 Due Dates

All payments are due to be paid PRIOR to training commencing and no later than 1 week prior to the commencement of competition there will be NO further grace period afforded and a late payment fee of \$25 will apply to any registration. No player will be eligible to take the court to play or be permitted to train unless fees are paid in full or a payment plan is agreed upon. This rule also applies to LNA Rep Teams and is a requirement of NWA.

31.3 Refunds

Will only be given on a case-by-case basis and will attract a \$25 admin fee to cover costs incurred to ensure any refund does not result in the association incurring additional costs.

Typically, partial or full refunds will be given for over payment due to playing in another association, major injury by players who have just started to play and no Netball WA fees have been paid on their behalf or other situations approved by the committee. No Refunds can be given past the Netball WA fee payment cut-off date which is generally the 1st of May. For NSG refunds the cost of the NSG pack

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cannot be refunded once the pack has been dispatched and Netball Australia do not accept any returns. Packs are dispatched immediately after registration.

Players who withdraw and a refund is considered appropriate are still required to pay the borrowed player fee for each game they have played to cover insurance, the LNA administration fee and a portion of the LNA game fee. As no Netball WA Fee can be refunded from the lock out date withdrawals post this date will be required to pay the full NWA fee.

No Credit card fees are refunded.

31.4 Withdrawals

Any team withdrawing from the competition before it commences will be entitled to a full refund. Teams withdrawing after the competition has commenced will not be refunded unless the team has been withdrawn at the discretion of the committee. Players who are part of such a team that wish to continue playing in another team may do so by advising the LNA Administrator. Such players can only join a team within their same division or above.

32. Registrations of Team Names

Team names need to be carefully considered be appropriate for all LNA Players. LNAs competition is for a broad range of ages thus names which include the following:

- Inappropriate reference to internet sites
- Inappropriate words which others consider or could potentially consider offensive
- Inappropriate sexual references or terms which can be linked back to sexual references

Should the board consider a name to be inappropriate for any of the above reasons a team will be requested to change their name should they not be able to provide a suitable name the board will provide one for them.

33. Club Clearances

Players who withdraw from a club should provide the club they are moving to with a clearance which can occur via a simple exchange of emails. A club can refuse to clear a player to another club if they have not returned a uniform or club equipment as required under the club's policies or by laws, or they have not paid fees or any other expenses from the prior year.

Should a formal clearance not be received by LNA **and** the club objects to a player transferring on the bases outlined above the player will be deemed to have been ineligible to have played until a clearance form can be provided to LNA. It is not a requirement for LNA, nor will LNA actively seek to receive clearances, but it is strongly advised that clubs receive them from each other to avoid a player being deemed ineligible due to a club not being able to clear a player based on their particular by laws or non-payment of fees.

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This by-law is aimed at protecting the financial viability of clubs and is not aimed at preventing players from playing elsewhere.

34. Altering Game Dates & Times

This must be organised and agreed upon by both teams involved and take place within 2 weeks of the scheduled time or as agreed to by the committee. Additional court costs incurred will be required to be paid by the teams organising the rescheduled game.

Suitably qualified umpires are to be appointed by LNA or as agreed by both teams. All LNA by-laws are to be adhered to during such make up games. If games are not considered to be appropriately conducted in accordance with LNA rules, then the game will be considered a forfeit and neither team will be eligible for premiership points.

35. Power Failure & Unsafe Courts

Should any court be deemed not safe to play on due to any reason including an injured player being unable to be moved **OR** in the event of a power failure, the following shall occur:

- All teams will be awarded points as a draw, with the exception that any games in the Finals will be re-fixtured.

36. State Emergency Situations

Due to COVID 19 OR any other State emergency should the government impose restrictions, all club committees, coaches, managers, players, umpires and other officials are required to abide by ALL government, Netball WA, Leschenault Leisure Centre and LNA safety or other requirements. Including all training and game protocols.

This includes NO Player being able to play if visually unwell or demonstrates other symptoms. All Coaches are responsible for ensuring all players are healthy and free from any illness deemed infectious.

Due to safety reasons masks are not permitted to be worn by players as hands can be caught in them.

37. Sub-Committees

Sub-committees can be appointed by the boards for the purpose of conducting board business. All subcommittee responsibilities will be outlined by a board approved charter &/or policy.

38. Amendments

Amendments to these by-laws can only occur in accordance with the Leschenault Netball Associations constitution which requires amendments via the Annual General Meeting.

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Alternatively, if so, deemed by the committee a special meeting of all LNA members can be called for the purpose of amending these by-laws. By Laws can be amended by the committee and then ratified at the next possible AGM or special meeting.

40. Disclaimer

By participating in the LNA Competition each player agrees to exonerate the Leschenault Leisure Centre, the Leschenault Netball Association and committee members from any liability in the event of an accident, injury or other event. In the unfortunate event that you are injured during playing netball all insurance matters will be handled by Netball WA.

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APPENDIX A – Clause Mapping

This table helps committee members, umpires and clubs transition from the old numbering to the new member-friendly structure.

Old Section	Old Title	New Section
1	Player Participation	5 – Player Participation Expectations
2	Players & Spectators’ Behaviour	14 – Player & Spectator Behaviour
3	Financial & Registered Players	3 – Player Registration & Financial Status
4	Grading	6 – Grading
5	Team Name	1 – Purpose & Authority (Competition Standards)
6	Uniforms	9 – Uniforms & Equipment
7	Penalties & Fines	15 – Penalties & Fines
8	Reports & Complaints	19–22 – Complaints, Reports & Protests
9	Hair, Nails, Jewellery & Food	10 – Hair, Nails, Jewellery & Food
10	Game Duration	7 – Game Duration & Timing
11	Injury Time & Bleeding Players	11 – Injury Time & Bleeding Players
12	Borrowed Players	12 – Borrowed Players & Substitutions
13	Club Liaison, Scorer, Captains, Coaches & Managers	17 – Team Officials & Duties
14	Score Sheets	18 – Score Sheets
15	Power Failure / Unsafe Courts	34 – Power Failure & Unsafe Courts
16	Umpires	16 – Umpires
17	Altering Game Date & Time	33 – Altering Game Dates & Times
18	Premiership Points	8 – Premiership Points & Ladders
19	Forfeited Games	15 – Penalties & Fines (Forfeits)
20	Age	4 – Age Eligibility
21	Coaching Protocols	17 – Team Officials & Duties (Coaches)
22	Fair Play	14 – Player & Spectator Behaviour (Fair Play)
23	Draw in Finals	24 – Finals Match Procedures
24	Finals	23–25 – Finals
25	Insurance	26 – Insurance
26	Working With Children	27 – Working With Children
27	Saturday Morning Competition	29 – Saturday Morning Competition
28	Segregated Competitions	30 – Segregated & Mixed Competitions
29	Sub Committees	36 – Sub-Committees
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APPENDIX B – Cheat Sheet

 <h3>By-Laws Cheat Sheet</h3>		
<p>Unregistered Players</p> <p>Unregistered players will receive a warning and asked to register. Second offence player will be removed from game & fined. Third offence season ban.</p> <p>Fine: \$20.00</p>	<p>Borrowed Players</p> <p>Unaffiliated players must pay the \$15 game voucher fee prior to playing. Players name must be recorded on score sheet.</p> <p>Fee: \$15.00</p>	<p>Borrowed or Ineligible Players</p> <p>Borrowed players not recorded on score sheet 30 secs before scheduled game time will be deemed to have forfeited the game despite the result.</p> <p>Game Forfeit</p>
<p>Unaffiliated Players</p> <p>Unaffiliated players may act as a borrowed player in LNA teams for 12 quarters only. Further play is not permitted unless they register with the team and paid fees.</p> <p>Full fees</p>	<p>LNA Affiliated Players</p> <p>LNA affiliated players can be used as borrowed players for another team provided:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) They are added to score sheet before game b) Their regular team is in a lower division c) They are eligible* <p>Further conditions apply</p>	<p>Team Forfeits 2+ days notice</p> <p>Team forfeits with a minimum of 2 days notice will be charged a forfeit fee of \$10.00. Fines to be paid before next scheduled game.</p> <p>e: leschenaultnetball@gmail.com</p> <p>Fee: \$10.00</p>
<p>Injury Time</p> <p>Each team is allowed unlimited injury time per quarter of up to 30 seconds in duration. Injured or bleeding players are to leave the court immediately.</p> <p>Penalty: 1 goal</p>	<p>Out of Uniform</p> <p>All players are expected to be wearing matching uniform after the first 3 fixtured games (excluding grading).</p> <p>Penalty: 5 goals pp</p>	<p>Lateness</p> <p>Teams failing to take the court at the pre-determined time will be penalised. Scorers failing to be in position to score incur the same penalty.</p> <p>1 goal/30 seconds</p>
<p>Team Forfeits <2 days notice</p> <p>Team forfeits with under 2 days notice will be charged a forfeit fee of \$15.00. Fines to be paid before next scheduled game.</p> <p>Fee: \$15.00</p>	<p>Team Forfeits Weekday Teams</p> <p>Email (2 days+ notice) leschenaultnetball@gmail.com</p> <p>Last minute forfeits Court Manager</p> <p>Weekday 0419921180</p>	<p>Team Forfeits Weekend Teams</p> <p>Email (2 days+ notice) leschenaultnetball@gmail.com</p> <p>Last minute forfeits Court Manager</p> <p>Weekend 0458 179 649</p>

This is intended as a guide only. Please refer to the full By-Laws for further information

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