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Affiliation with SAUCNA

- Application for Affiliation will not be accepted without the accompanying fee and must be returned on or before the due date, to the Association Treasurer.
- Any Club which has affiliated with the Association for any season and finds it necessary to withdraw once programs have been completed, shall forfeit the affiliation fee.

Registration of Players

- Regular players in a team MUST be registered in the online system PRIOR to the first match.
- These players are not required to sign an Association registration form however it is the club's responsibility to ensure that each player signs an agreement to abide by the club policies and the constitution and policies of SAUCNA.
- The club secretary signs the Association payment form acknowledging that this agreement has been made by all regular players for the club.

Registration of Fill-in players

- Fill-in players are required to complete a small individual registration form which must be signed by a club official.
- The form must be delivered or posted to be received by the Association Registrar no later than the Saturday following the Saturday match in which the player/s first played. **Fines apply for late arrival of registration forms.**
- Ideally players should be registered in the online system PRIOR to them playing. This avoids playing a player who may be registered for another club.
- If the registration of any player is not lodged by the due date, then the team could forfeit the points for the match in which such player took part and after that time all matches played by the player's Club could be forfeited until such registration has been received.
- The Association Registrar shall notify the Club Secretary should a club become liable to forfeit because of unregistered players.

Player Eligibility (see also Finals)

- No player over the age stated shall be allowed to play in age grades.
- **Penalty: Match Forfeit.**

One Club

- No player shall play for more than one affiliated Club during the season, except with Association Board permission.
- Any player who plays five matches in higher grades cannot play in a lower grade.

Two or More Teams in the same grade

- Two or more teams from the one club may play in the same grade.
- A club that has teams in the same grade shall nominate their teams highest to lowest.
- Players may interchange between teams but once a player has played five games in a higher named team (ie team with the higher letter) that player may not play again in the lower team except with Association Board permission.
- No interchanges between such teams after week 10 or in major round matches without Association Board permission.
- **Penalty: Match Forfeit.**

Disability

- Players with a disability may apply for permission to play out of their age group.

Boys

- Boys are eligible to play.
- They must be eligible for 11/U but can play in 13/U.
- There is a maximum of two boys per team allowed on court at any one time and they must always be positioned in different thirds
 - This means they cannot play: GA & GS, GD & GK, C & WD/WA.
 - However, **they can play** GA & WA, GD & WD, C & GA/GS/GD/GK

Match Suspension

- A player who is suspended during a match **must have** their name recorded on the score card.
- If they are subsequently ordered off for the remainder of the match this should ALSO be recorded on the card.
- Any player who is suspended in two **separate** matches shall be automatically suspended from playing for one match immediately following the second sending off regardless of whether the following match is a minor or major round match or in a subsequent season.
- **Players suspended or ordered off must be recorded on the score card.**

Award Ineligibility

Any player who has been reported and found guilty or has been subject to a match suspension shall be ineligible for the Joy Smith Award (A1) or the Kevin Beare Award (A2).

Team Re-grading

- In all grades re-grading will be considered after Round 5 -- 4 May 2019
- New programs will be sent to all club secretaries.
- There will be no change to match times at Association courts.
- **To facilitate the re-grading process all scores must be entered and confirmed into the online scores recording system before 8pm on Saturday 4 May**

Court Availability

- If re-grading for suburban teams creates a court availability problem, then alternative arrangements for home games can be made.
 - Changes should be made in consultation with opposition team(s).
 - Both teams need to agree to the change.
 - If there is a problem, contact the Association Secretary and a solution suitable to both clubs will be found.
- Clubs must notify the opposition Club Secretary, Association Registrar and Association Secretary when it is necessary to make a change so that all programs may be updated.

Uniforms, Colours, etc.

- Players shall all wear their Club's registered uniform and comply with the relevant standards
- **No additional clothing (eg leggings, jumpers, long sleeve shirts, etc) may be worn unless registered as part of the uniform OR permission has been granted by the Association Board.**

Female Players

- Netball style dress, bodysuit with skirt or skirt and shirt. No lacy briefs, bikini briefs, bike pants or extended bodysuits are permitted. Pants shall be same colour or darker than the colour of the skirt or dress. The skirt or dress must be longer than and cover any style of shorts/pants worn. If a uniform does NOT meet this criteria at the inspection prior to the match commencing, the player cannot take the court. **Any concerns over this rule should be brought to the attention of the Association Board Contact Margaret Johnson.**

Boys

- Sports shorts and shirt. Bike pants or beach/surf shorts are not permitted. The colour/s of the boy's shorts shall be the same as the club main colour.

Clash of Colours

- If the colours of the uniform of two opposing teams are the same, the **Home Team** shall make a distinctive change.

Jewellery & Nails

- Players shall not wear adornments (jewellery, bobbles, combs, metal headbands, hair beads, earrings, studs or other accessories)
- **Piercings cannot be taped, they must be removed.**
- A wedding ring may be worn, but only if it is taped.
- Umpires shall ensure that each player has short and smooth fingernails before each player is permitted to play.
- No player shall play with long or sharp nails under any circumstances.
- As per the rule book (5.1.1 (iv)(d)), hair must be suitably tied back.

Gloves

- Gloves are permitted provided nails are inspected and are short and smooth.
- Gloves must be of a soft sports material

Hats

- Hats may be worn but must be of a soft texture.

Medic Alert

- With the prior permission of the Association Medic Alert bracelets may be worn while playing.
- Bracelets shall be covered with a sweatband with the words "Medic Alert" printed clearly on it. It is not necessary to renew such permission each year.
- **Be aware there is a new type of bracelet specifically made for sport. This type needs only to be taped.**
- *Umpires please note: Any player wearing a Medic Alert bracelet/necklet or insulin pump shall not be asked to remove it.*

First Aid and ice

- A suitable First Aid Kit shall be supplied by each team at all matches, including matches played at Association Courts.
- First Aid Kits should include disposable gloves.
- All those persons who administer first aid to injured players are to take necessary precautions against the risk of contraction from Hepatitis B, Hepatitis C and HIV.
- **Teams must bring their own ice.**

Matches

- Six team grades will commence on 30 March 2019.
- Eight team grades will commence on 6 April 2019.
- Eight team grades will play two rounds.
- Six team grades will play three rounds

Match Commencement & Duration

- All matches are to start at their appointed time.
- If five (5) team players are present, play **MUST** commence.
- A grace time of up to 15 minutes is allowed for the minimum number of five team players to be present.
- Any team not prepared to start within 15 minutes of the scheduled time shall forfeit the match, unless the Association Board decides otherwise.
- **This grace period extends to umpires travelling to a match from suburban or Association courts.**
- A team cannot commence or continue play with less than five players. In such circumstances the umpires shall award a forfeit.
- Teams and umpires are requested to give consideration to those opposing teams and players which could experience difficulties in travelling (to/from/between suburban locations).
- Teams should also allow time for the movement of umpires, to and from suburban to Association courts.
- All grades except for G & H play 4 x 15-minute quarters. G and H grades play 12-minute quarters.
- All grades will have a 3-minute break at quarter and three-quarter time and a 5-minute break at half time.

Match Start

- The team winning the toss shall have the choice of the goal end or centre pass.
- The team losing the toss may select that which was not chosen by the winner of the toss.
- The team with the first centre pass shall choose which ball is used.
- If one ball is not passed by the umpire, then the one approved ball shall be used throughout the match.

Forfeited Matches

- In the event a team is aware it will be unable to fulfil its engagement, the following procedure shall be taken:
 - For All grades – Notify the opposing team (via its Club Secretary), the Association Secretary, and the Association Registrar
 - Make sure the opposition acknowledges any message or email. Best to speak to someone as well as SMS and/or email.
 - A fine of \$80 will apply if a forfeit is received after **11am on the day of the match**.

Score Card for forfeited match

- A scorecard, completed with the teams involved and the details of the forfeit, is to be forwarded to the Association Registrar in the normal manner.
- The team receiving the forfeit will be allocated two points and may choose to enter the players that would have played – this will count as a match played for those players.
- The following scores apply to forfeited matches
 - 30 to 0 for Open, 17/U, 15/U, & 13/U
 - 20 to 0 for 11/U
 - 10 to 0 for 9/U & 8/U

Three Forfeits in one grade

- The Secretary of the Club of a team which has forfeited three matches in a competition shall notify the Association Secretary giving an explanation why the team should not be suspended.

Match Abandonment

- If both teams are at the court and following consultation with the captains, the umpires agree that the weather makes play or continued play impossible or unsafe, the match shall be abandoned.
- If, despite the umpire's decision to play, one team refuses to play that team shall forfeit the match.
- If, despite the umpire's decision to play, both teams refuse to play both teams shall forfeit the match and neither will receive points.

Hot Weather Policy

- See Extreme and Hot Weather Policy on the [SAUCNA Website](#)
- No points or percentage are awarded for any team.

Injury/Illness Time / Blood

- See [IFNA 2018 Edition](#) Rule 9.3, 9.3.1 & 9.3.2.
- See also Rules specific to 9/u & 8/u grades

Score Cards

- The White score card is the Official Card and must be supplied by the Home team.
- The Blue score card is the check card and must be supplied by the Visiting team.
- In the event of a discrepancy between cards, the White card will be accepted as recording the official result.
- Do NOT make alterations to a card after the match.
- Umpires sign that they officiated the match and do NOT comment on the score discrepancy.
- A team consists of up to 12 players.
- Player's names must be entered on the score card and player positions MUST be entered for each quarter.
- If a player does not take the court then the name must be crossed out.
- No changes are permitted to the white card in the case of discrepancy.

Points

- Two points shall be awarded for a win and one point for a draw.
- Two points for a win on forfeit.
- No points for a team that forfeits.
- Hot Weather Policy no points awarded.
- Match abandoned (incomplete)
 - no points to either team if abandoned before half time
 - after half time, score at time of abandonment stands and winning team receives 2 points.

Scores and Score Cards after the Match

- Re-Grading
 - For re-grading purposes in addition to the normal dispatch/delivery of score cards, all scores must be entered into the online scores recording system **before 8pm** after matches on 4 May
- End of Minor Round
 - After matches played on Saturday 27 July, in addition to the normal dispatch/delivery of score cards, all scores must be entered into the online scores recording system **before 8pm**
- Finals
 - After all major round matches, all score cards must be left with the Association Secretary in the clubrooms.
 - Where semi-final games are scheduled on suburban courts, scorecards are to be left with the supervisor at that site, as nominated by the Association.
 - Clubs are not required to undertake any data entry of scores or players for finals matches.

Major Round (Finals)

Unfinancial

- No unfinancial club may participate in major round matches.

Player Eligibility

- No player who has played **less than three Association matches** for the club during the minor round of a competition shall be eligible for major round matches except with Association Board permission.
- **Penalty: Match Forfeit**

Playing More Than One Grade

- No player shall play in any major round match in more than one grade without Association Board permission.
- Unless the Association Board otherwise directs, a player given permission to play in more than one grade under the above rule shall be eligible to play in:
 - All finals in the grade in which the player first plays in the major round;
 - The match or matches specified by the Association Board in another grade.

Timing and Scoring

- For all major round matches teams must provide their own electronic timer (not a mobile phone) and first aid equipment.
- Score cards are supplied to the teams at the clubrooms.
- All names are to be printed in full and clearly.

Draw (A-F grades)

In the event of a draw in any major round match the following applies:

- There shall be a two (2) minute interval at the end of full time. Substitution and/or team changes are permitted.
- Extra time of two halves of seven (7) minutes shall be played.
- Teams change ends at half time with 1-minute interval.
- Substitutions and/or team changes are permitted.
- The ball may also be changed.
- The Centre Pass is taken by the team entitled to the next Centre Pass.
- In the event of a tie remaining at the end of extra time, a visual signal shall be used to indicate that play shall continue until one team has a **two (2) goal advantage**.
- When one team has a two (2) goal advantage **the white score card scorer** will advise the umpire accordingly.

Draw (G and H grades)

In the event of a draw in **Semi Final & Preliminary Final** match the following applies:

- There shall be a two (2) minute interval at the end of full time. Substitution and/or team changes are permitted.
- Extra time of two halves of six (6) minutes shall be played.
- Teams change ends at half time with an interval of one minute, substitutions are allowed.
- Teams can change ball at this break
- The Centre Pass is taken by the team entitled to the next Centre Pass.
- In the event of a tie remaining at the end of extra time, a visual signal shall be used to indicate that play shall continue until **one team scores a goal**.

In the event of a draw in **Grand Final** match the following applies:

- Conditions as for Semi and Preliminary Final except
 - If there is still a draw at the end of the extra time, then **both teams will be declared winners**

Match Officials

Umpires, Timers and Scorers

- Except at Association Courts (grades A1-C5), where independent umpires are allocated by the Association, the home team is responsible for providing two umpires for each game. Both teams must supply a timekeeper, an electric timer, and a scorer. The home team is responsible for timing the quarters (15 or 12 minutes) and the visiting team is responsible for timing the breaks (interval breaks and illness/injury breaks). Timers must follow the umpire with 10 seconds of play left in each quarter. Both scorers must sit together throughout the match. All scorers must be aged 14 or over at the time of scoring. Please note that a mobile phone is not permitted as an electronic timer.

Umpire Age

- Umpires are permitted to umpire after their 14th birthday. An umpire may apply for permission and will be screened once they are 13 years of age. See web site for forms.

Balls and Goal Posts

Ball

- The home team shall be responsible for providing a suitable ball. If the visiting team brings a ball and both balls are passed by the umpire/s, then each ball shall be used for half the match.

Goal Posts

- All goal rings must have good nets securely fastened. Padding must be used on all goal posts. Padding used shall not be less than 25mm (1 inch) thick and shall start at the base of the post and **extend the full length of the post**.
- At Association courts the first home team is responsible for putting up the pole covers and the home team playing last on that court is responsible for bringing in the pole covers. Failure to do so will incur a fine of \$55.

Complaints

- All complaints shall be in writing via email and shall be lodged with the Association Secretary. A complaint relating to or arising out of any match in a competition conducted by the Association shall be lodged not more than forty-eight (48) hours after the match took place. Complaints may only be lodged by:-
 - a Club Secretary
 - an Umpire
 - Association Registrar
- Any person affected by an enquiry will be notified of the time and place at which the enquiry will be held. This will usually be 48 hours after receiving the complaint (Thursday evening).
- A complaint not match related has no lodgement time restrictions.

Fines

Meetings

- Penalty fines for non-attendance at Association General and Umpires' meetings Fines apply to all clubs. Three meetings for season
- Apologies will be accepted and recorded but a fine will still apply
 - 1st meeting missed \$22.00 fine (including GST)
 - 2nd meeting missed \$33.00 fine (including GST)
 - 3rd meeting missed \$44.00 fine (including GST) also two points per team per Club will be forfeited.
- One delegate must represent the Club at the 3 meetings.
- All umpires are encouraged to attend the Development Sessions.

Unregistered Players

- A penalty of \$10.10 for each player not registered within the specified time will be imposed (and on each occasion such is played), unless reasonable excuse is given to the Association Secretary within three (3) days of the match. Points may be deducted if an unregistered player is played more than once.

Late Score Cards

- Teams are liable for a \$10.10 fine for score cards arriving late to the Association Registrar. This also applies to late Data Entering of scores and players.

Pole Covers

- On an Association court, the last home team must bring in the pole covers. There is a \$55 fine for failure to do so.

Late notification of a forfeit

- Forfeits received after 11 am on Saturday will incur an \$80 fine.

Payment

- ALL FINES must be paid to the Association Treasurer within fourteen days notification of such fine.