SAUCNA Playing Conditions

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Definitions

Affiliation Fees:	Fees charged by the Association for each competition. Fees are charged on a team basis.
Financial	To be considered financial, clubs must have paid ALL outstanding invoices.
Higher Grades	Letters A, B, C designate the ranking of teams in a club. The term “higher grades” also considers the age group. Age groups are ranked as follows: Open, 17/u 15/u. 13/u, 11/u, 9/u and 8/u. Where a team is graded lower than their club ranking (eg 17E team is originally graded in a lower grade than the 17F team), the grade will take precedence over the letter when considering player eligibility.
Higher Letter	Highest to lowest letter alphabetically is the preceding letter in alphabetical order, such as A before B or G before H."
Insurance	Association Insurance is paid per team, separate to the affiliation fee. It covers players and umpires for some out of pocket expenses to a maximum level. Details of the policy and how to claim are available at www.saucna.net/insurance.
Match suspension	Any player who is ordered off (and/or suspended) in two matches during a season will automatically be suspended from playing the next eligible competition match, not including forfeits or byes, and may be carried into the next season. Any player who receives a match suspension is ineligible for the Joy Smith, Kevin Beare or Barb Morgan award.
Ordered Off	A player may be ordered off as per the Rules of Netball and they are no longer permitted to have any involvement in the match in which they are ordered off. If this occurs it must be noted in the box on the front of the scorecard. A player who is ordered off (and/or suspended) in two matches during a season will automatically be suspended from playing the next eligible competition match, not including forfeits or byes, and may be carried into the next season.
Overflow Venue	When there are more matches to be scheduled than courts available at Association courts, an overflow venue will be used and clubs will be notified when this is required.
Suspended	A player may be suspended as per the Rules of Netball for 2 minutes of playing time. If this occurs it must be noted in the box on the front of the scorecard. A player who is suspended (and/or ordered off) in two matches during a season will automatically be suspended from playing the next eligible competition match, not including forfeits or byes, and may be carried into the next season.

Affiliation with SAUCNA

- Application for Affiliation MUST be made through the online system. No team affiliations will be accepted after the due date except at the discretion of the relevant subcommittee.
- Invoices for team affiliation fees and insurance will be sent via email once nominations close and must be paid prior to the commencement of the season.
- Clubs MUST be financial to be eligible to nominate for a future season.
- Clubs MUST be financial to be eligible to compete in finals.

Withdrawal of Teams

- Any Club which has affiliated with the Association for any season and finds it necessary to withdraw a team once grading has been completed for that season, shall forfeit the affiliation fee for that team.
- Teams that withdraw prior to regrading will forfeit matches up to regrading but will not be charged forfeit fines.
- Teams that withdraw from a competition after regrading will be charged the appropriate forfeit fines to a maximum total of $200 aggregate for the remainder of the season.

Registration of Players

- Please refer to SAUCNA Player Registration and Eligibility Policy (www.saucna.net/regulations) for complete details relating to player registration.
- Regular players in a team MUST be registered in the online system PRIOR to the first match.
- Players who have previously played for a SAUCNA club in any competition (summer, winter or junior carnival) MUST register using the same email address as the previous registration. If that email address is no longer available, please contact the SAUCNA Registrar to arrange to have your email address updated prior to registration.
- Players who have previously registered for a different club in a specific season, must apply for a transfer before completing their registration.
- At registration each player (or player's parent/guardian) completes a series of questions confirming that they will abide by the Association's policies, playing conditions and codes of conduct.

Registration of Fill-in players

- All fill-in players MUST register as per the SAUCNA Player Registration and Eligibility Policy (www.saucna.net/regulations) for complete details relating to player registration.
- 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 **in any one competition** during the season. ***Penalty: Match Disqualification and forfeit score applies***
- In the **Summer season**, Open (Wednesday night) and Junior (Mon/Tues/Thurs/Friday nights) competitions are considered TWO separate competitions and as such players may play in both competitions either for the same club or different clubs.
- Any player who plays five matches in higher grades **in one competition** cannot play in a lower grade **in that competition**. ***Penalty: Match Disqualification and forfeit score applies***.

Two or More Teams in the same grade or higher grades.

- Two or more teams from the one club may play in the same grade.
- A club that has multiple teams in the same grade shall nominate their teams highest to lowest alphabetically. The higher ranked team will then be denoted with the higher letter.
- Players may interchange between teams but once a player has played five games in higher ranked or graded teams, including higher grades (i.e. team with the higher letter) that player may not play again in the lower team. ***Penalty: Match Disqualification and forfeit score applies.***
- No interchanges between such teams are permitted after week 10 **OR** in major round matches. ***Penalty: Match Disqualification and forfeit score applies***.

Disability

- Clubs with a player with a disability may apply to the relevant SAUNCA Subcommittee Secretary for permission to play out of their age group. The player may not take the court until permission is received in writing. All correspondence MUST be sent from the club secretary.
- A letter will be provided, if necessary, which should be kept with the player to show to opposition, umpire or umpire coordinator if requested

Boys

- Boys are eligible to play in age groups up to and including 13/u.
- Boys must be 12 or under as of 31 December in the year the competition commences.
- There is a maximum of two boys per team allowed on court at any one time under the following restrictions:
    - Boys cannot play: GA & GS, GD & GK, C & WD/WA, or WA & WD at the same time.
    - However, **they can play** GA & WA, GD & WD, C & GA/GS/GD/GK

Discipline

- All World Netball Rules relating to discipline are to be enforced for all competitions however umpires should be more lenient in matches involving players from 13/u and below.
- SAUCNA Regulations related to discipline are available in Appendix D of these playing conditions.

Suspension and Ordered Off

- A player who is suspended or ordered off during a match **must have** their name recorded in the box on the front on the score card.
- The suspended player **must sit with the scorers** and timers until the 2-minute suspension period is completed.
- The 2-minute suspension is timed by a person from the opposing team not already acting as a timer or scorer and is playing time only. If time is held for any reason the suspension timer must be stopped and then restarted with the appropriate whistle. This includes a quarter/half time or injury break. The suspension may be timed on a mobile device if there is no electronic timer available.
- If the player is subsequently ordered off for the remainder of the match this should ALSO be recorded on the card.
- The player who is ordered off **must sit with the scorers** and timers until the end of the match and may not return to the court.
- If a player is ordered off, they may be replaced after 4 minutes of playing time which is timed as per the 2-minute suspension period outline above.
- Any player who is suspended or ordered off 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 any Association based awards including the Joy Smith Award (A1 – Winter), Kevin Beare Award (A2 – Winter), Barb Morgan Award (17/1 – Winter) or Dean Lawrance Award (13 & under Summer).

Team Re-grading

- In all grades, re-grading will be considered after 5 matches for 6 team grades or 4 matches for 8 team grades.
- Updated programs will be available through PlayHQ and on the SAUCNA home page.
- **To facilitate the re-grading process all scores must be entered into the online scores recording system by the date and time advised each season. Fines will apply for late data entry.**

Court Availability (Winter Season ONLY)

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

Uniforms, Colours, etc.

Preamble: *SAUCNA acknowledges the desire of netball players to participate in netball in a uniform they feel comfortable wearing. SAUCNA has moved to a more inclusive uniform policy, where we approve the wearing of a mix of uniform styles within a club/team. Broadly, this includes retaining of current dress/bodysuit/skirt/skort & top options and adds the option for clubs to introduce a top & short combination for those players who prefer that option.*

Uniform Regulations

- Players shall all wear their Club's registered uniform from round 1 of matches and comply with the relevant standards.
- Clubs must notify the Association, in writing, of any proposed changes to their uniform which must be accompanied by a graphic or photo of the proposed new uniform/s. Changes must be approved by the SAUCNA Board.
- Individual players who require a variation to the club's registered uniform, based on medical, cultural, religious, or other reasonable grounds must be submitted to the relevant subcommittee for approval. The secretary of the relevant subcommittee will provide a letter to cover the player for any questions from opposition clubs, umpires or umpire supervisor. The letter must be carried by the player/parent/coach/team manager and be able to be presented to the umpire, umpire supervisor and/or opposition on request.
- **Players in 8/u, 9/u and 11/u grades are permitted to wear a long sleeve top (not a jumper or hoodie) similar to the dominant colour of their uniform top. It must be worn underneath the shirt/dress/bodysuit.**
- Permission MUST be applied for if any visible compression items to be worn (including sleeves or socks). The information supplied to SAUCNA must include colour and description of item, where it is to be worn, and reason for its use. The application MUST be submitted to the relevant subcommittee for acknowledgement. The secretary of the relevant subcommittee will provide a letter to cover the player for any questions from opposition clubs, umpires or umpire supervisors. The letter must be carried by the player/parent/coach/team manager and be able to be presented to the umpire, umpire supervisor and/or opposition on request.

- Teams may register to wear either a Netball style dress, bodysuit with attached skirt, or skirt/skort and shirt. In addition, clubs may register a gender-neutral short and top to be worn in the same team as the dress/bodysuit/skirt/skort and shirt.
- The top of the gender-neutral uniform must emulate the top of the dress/bodysuit or be the same as that worn with the skirt/skort.
- The shorts for the gender-neutral uniform must be similar colour to the dress/bodysuit/skirt/skort, should have an elastic waist and no pockets or any features that may hook a player's fingers.
- Appropriate sports briefs/sports **fitted** shorts must be worn under the dress/bodysuit/skirt/ skort and must cover the player's buttocks completely.
- Briefs/sports fitted shorts shall be same colour or darker than the dominant colour of the dress/bodysuit/skirt/skort. The fitted sports shorts may be longer than the hem of the uniform but must not be longer than the top of the player's knees.
- The length of the dress/bodysuit/skirt/skort must be adequate enough to **fully** cover the player's body (including their buttocks) in a normal standing position.
- Players may wear sports fitted shorts over bodysuit underwear (for modesty or health reasons) as long as they are the same colour as the bodysuit, and they may extend below the skirt section of the bodysuit but must finish above the knee.
- **Any concerns over this rule should be reported to the relevant court supervisor who will investigate the issue and report to the relevant subcommittee. Sanctions may be applied for continued wearing of incorrect uniform. Teams will be given adequate time to correct any issues based on information from the club secretary regarding availability of replacement uniforms.**
- **Players may be asked (by an umpire or court/umpire supervisor) to leave the court during finals matches if they do not comply with the uniform conditions.**

Clash of Colours

- If the colours of the uniform of two opposing teams are **substantially** the same, the **Home Team** shall make a distinctive change. This can be the use of a different colour bib or a change of shirt/overshirt of a different colour.
- Where a completely different 'clash' uniform is to be worn, it MUST be approved by the SAUCNA Board prior to use.

Jewellery & Nails

- Players shall not wear adornments (jewellery, bobbles, combs, metal headbands, hair beads, earrings, studs or other accessories), including those plaited into the hair.
- **Piercings cannot be taped; they must be removed.** Players are NOT permitted to play with piercings of any type.
- Diarth piercings, in the ear/s, may be worn once a medical certificate has been presented to the relevant subcommittee Secretary and permission received in writing.
- 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 World Netball 2024 Rule 3 (part 12h), hair must be suitably tied back.

Gloves

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

Hats

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

Glasses

- Glasses, including sunglasses, may be worn. It is HIGHLY recommended that if glasses are worn that they are secured with a suitable sports band for the safety of all players.

Medic Alert

- With the prior permission of the Association, Medic Alert bracelets may be worn while playing. The secretary of the relevant subcommittee will provide a letter to cover the player for any questions from opposition clubs or umpires. The letter must be carried by the player/parent/coach/team manager and be able to be presented to the umpire and/or opposition on request.
- 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 shall not be asked to remove it. However, the item must be secured.*

Medical Devices

- With the prior permission of the Association, a medical device may be worn while playing. The secretary of the relevant subcommittee will provide a letter to cover the player for any questions from opposition clubs or umpires. The letter must be carried by the player/parent/coach/team manager and be able to be presented to the umpire and/or opposition on request.
- As per World Netball Rule 3 (part 12e) any medical device that is worn must be securely covered with tape and/or padding.
- *Umpires please note: Any player wearing a Medical Device shall not be asked to remove it. However, the item must be secured.*

Tracking/Monitoring Devices

- As per World Netball Rule 3 (part 12f) player monitoring devices may be worn provided they are secured within the playing uniform. If the device becomes loose, it must be removed immediately.

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.
- First Aid should only be provided by the designated Primary Care Person as they are the only person permitted to enter the court (see World Netball 2024 Rule 10 (part 14).
- At Association Courts there is normally a trained First Aid professional to attend to injuries as needed.
- At Suburban Courts clubs must make their own arrangements for the provision of First Aid.
- Players and umpires please note: No person with an uncovered bleeding wound may participate or officiate until such time as this situation has been rectified. Whilst time cannot be "held" during centrally timed matches in summer, the umpires have the power to use their discretion to **stop play if necessary** (see also section on Injury/Illness/Blood).
- **Ice is provided in the clubrooms at Association Courts. Teams should carry their own ice when playing at suburban courts.**
- **Preventative strapping and strapping tape are NOT provided by the Association.**

Matches

- Matches will commence as per the program published on the SAUCNA website each season.
- Eight team grades will play two rounds. Six team grades will play three rounds.

Match Commencement & Duration – Winter

- All matches are to start at their appointed time.
- If five (5) team players are present, play MUST commence. **A 15-minute** GRACE period is permitted to ensure that five (5) players are present. Matches must commence as soon as both teams have a minimum of five (5) players present and close as possible to the listed start time.
- A 15-minute GRACE period is also permitted to ensure that two (2) umpires are present. Matches must NOT commence until two (2) umpires are present.
- If two (2) umpires are not present at the conclusion of the grace period, a suitable replacement needs to be sourced. **Penalty: Match Forfeit**
- Games should be given every opportunity to proceed. Weather conditions need to be taken into account with the grace period when players/umpires are travelling from other locations.
- A team cannot commence or continue play with less than five players. **Penalty: Match Forfeit**
- All grades except for 8/u or 9/u play 4 x 15-minute quarters. 8/u and 9/u grades play 12-minute quarters.
- Quarters may only be shortened in accordance with extreme weather guidelines as outlined in the Appendix A of these Playing Conditions and in the SAUCNA Extreme and Hot Weather Policy available at www.saucna.net/regulations.
- All grades will have a 3-minute break at quarter and three-quarter time and a 5-minute break at half time.
- Scheduled match times CANNOT be changed except in the case of regrading (see page 6 – Court Availability (winter season only)

Match Commencement & Duration – Summer

- All matches are to start at their appointed time.
- The Association Central Timing Device (siren) will be used during all matches.
- Matches played at overflow venues must provide their own timers and timing devices, with the home team responsible for timing the quarters and the away team timing the intervals.
- If five (5) team players are present, play MUST commence. **Penalty: Match Forfeit**
- There is **NO OFFICIAL GRACE PERIOD** in the Summer Competition. Commonsense should apply if the umpire/player arrives up to 2 mins after the scheduled start time due to traffic issues or being involved in matches at the other end of Association courts.
- A team cannot commence or continue play with less than five players. In such circumstances the umpires shall award a forfeit. **Penalty: Match Forfeit**
- Match times are as follows:
    - 8/u and 9/u – 10-minute quarters
    - All other grades - 12-minute quarters
- Match break times are as follows:
    - Open grades – 1 minute break at quarter and three-quarter time and 3-minute break at half time
    - All other grades – 2-minute break at quarter and three-quarter time and 3-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 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.
- The ball passed by the umpires but not used in the first half will be stored at the Scorer's bench for umpires to be able to access.
- When the ball is changed at half time, the ball used for the first half will remain at the Scorer's bench for easy access until the end of the match.

Failure to take the court

- Further to World Netball 2024 Rule 3 (parts 4-7), it is expected that in matches involving 13/u or below this rule is not needed to be applied (particularly below 13/u). Teams are, however, encouraged to move quickly into position on the court when advised that there is 30 seconds remaining until the end of the interval.
- For matches involving Open, 17/u and 15/u teams this rule will be applied, and the sanction awarded. This means that the umpire will restart the match and then immediately award a penalty pass however no offending player will stand out of play.

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 – the club secretary will advise the opposition club's secretary by email and/or phone call AND complete the online Forfeit form which will advise the relevant administrators of the forfeit.
    - Winter – Forfeits must be advised not later than 5pm Friday prior to the match.
    - Summer – Forfeits must be advised not later than 12pm on the day of the match.
    - Make sure the opposition acknowledges any message or email. Best to speak to someone as well as SMS and/or email.
    - If confirmation is not received from the opposition within 4 hours of the match start time please phone the Association Registrar for assistance.
    - A fine will apply if a forfeit is received after **the time designated by the relevant subcommittee and/or if any of the notifications are not made**.
- Clubs should take ALL possible measures to ensure that at least Division 1, 2 and 3 are NOT forfeited where clubs have teams in lower grades that could provide fill ins.

Score Card for forfeited match

- A scorecard, completed with the teams involved and the details of the forfeit (winter season only), is to be forwarded to the Association Registrar in the normal manner.
- The Home team is required to enter the Forfeit score in the normal manner and to set the "Override Result" to "Forfeit Team A/B" (depending on which team forfeited). Fines still apply for non-entry of the result.
- 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

Two or more Forfeits by one team

- Any team which has forfeited two matches in a competition shall be fined for the second and all subsequent forfeits. Please see fines section of this document for details of these fines.

Awards Voting Procedures When a Forfeit Occurs

- When a forfeit occurs during a season, the process of awards voting is directly affected. The absence of an actual match means that players who might have demonstrated outstanding performance in the forfeited game lose the opportunity to earn votes based on their achievements. This situation can challenge the fairness of the awards process and diminish the recognition of actual accomplishments.
- To address these issues and maintain the integrity of awards, vote adjustments are implemented for the non-forfeiting team. By awarding additional votes to players on the team list that did not forfeit, the process compensates for their lost opportunity and helps ensure fair recognition. Through these vote adjustments, SAUCNA can better uphold the principles of fairness and integrity in determining awards recipients.
- For teams in A1, A2, and 17U/1 grades, up to 10 non-forfeiting players listed on the score card will get 2 points each as compensation for missing vote opportunities due to a forfeited game.

Match Abandonment

- If both teams are at the court and following consultation with the captains (and coaches for 15/u and below), the umpires and court supervisor agree that the weather makes play or continued play impossible or unsafe, the match shall be abandoned.
- If, despite the umpires' decision to play, one team refuses to play that team shall forfeit the match.
- If, despite the umpires' decision to play, both teams refuse to play both teams shall forfeit the match, and neither will receive points.
- In the case that an injury occurs during a match and the player cannot be moved, the match will be considered to be abandoned **if there is no spare court that the match can be moved to.** In this case the score will stand at the time the match is abandoned.

Match Cancellation

- In the case of extreme weather, please follow the Extreme Weather conditions outlined in Appendix A of this document and in the SAUCNA Extreme and Hot Weather Policy available at www.saucna.net/regulations.
- Teams may select to enter the players that would have played in this match into PlayHQ, and these will count towards a match played in this team for finals eligibility.

Hot Weather Conditions of Play

- The Hot Weather Conditions are outlined in detail in Appendix B of this document and in the SAUCNA Extreme and Hot Weather Policy available at www.saucna.net/regulations.
- Any questions relating to these conditions should be directed to a member of the Association Board or relevant subcommittee.
- Teams may select to enter the players that would have played in this match into PlayHQ, and these will count towards a match played in this team for finals eligibility.

Injury/Illness Time / Blood

- See World Netball 2024 Rules of Netball Rule 10 (parts 9-22)
- See also Rules specific to 9/u & 8/u grades – Appendix C of this document.
- In the case that an injury occurs during a match and the player cannot be moved, the match will be considered to be abandoned **if there is no spare court that the match can be moved to.** In this case the score will stand at the time the match is abandoned.

Tactical Substitutions/Changes

- See World Netball 2024 Rules of Netball Rule 10 (parts 1-4)
- Tactical substitutions are NOT permitted in 8/u, 9/u and 11/u matches.
- The Association recommends that tactical substitutions are kept to a minimum to ensure fair court time to all players, particularly in 17/u and below.
- Tactical substitutions may ONLY be made immediately after a goal is scored and only if the umpire has been notified by an ON-COURT player.
- Please note that substitutions must be made quickly, and any delay may result in the umpires penalising teams for delaying play (Rule 10 part 3).

- An umpire may refuse or penalise a tactical substitution/change if the number of changes made in a quarter are considered to be frivolous.
- Summer only – tactical changes are limited to ONE instance per team per quarter. Each instance may include multiple changes as long as they are completed quickly.
- Summer only – if a team performs a tactical change during a change called by the opposition this is considered to be that team's change for the quarter as well.

Score Cards

- Score cards for the Winter season are distributed to the clubs prior to the beginning of the season whilst in summer season scorecards are to be collected from the clubrooms prior to each match.
- The White score card is the Official Card and must be used by the Home team.
- The Blue score card is the check card and must be used by the Visiting (Away) team.
- In the event of a discrepancy between cards, the White (Home) card will be accepted as recording the official result subject to a review by the relevant subcommittee.
- Do NOT make alterations to the result on a card after the match. Emergency players and positions may be added after the conclusion of the match.
- Umpires sign that they officiated the match and do NOT comment on the score discrepancy.
- A team consists of up to 12 registered players.
- Player's names must be entered IN FULL (as listed on PlayHQ registration) on both score cards prior to the match commencing and player positions MUST be entered for each quarter.
- A player who becomes available to cover an unexpected delay or injury may have their name added to the scorecard after the match has commenced.
- If a player does not take the court, then the name must be crossed out.
- Scorecards which are completed incorrectly will be subject to a fine. This includes missing grade, date, playing positions and/or player full names.
- Any team suspected of having intentionally falsified the name/identity of a player on the scorecard violates the integrity standards of the SAUCNA Playing Conditions and this matter will be immediately referred to the relevant subcommittee for investigation. On completion of the investigation the subcommittee may refer the incident to the SAUCNA Board for disciplinary action.
- No changes are permitted to either card in the case of discrepancy.

Match Scoring

- Scoring by the home team MUST be completed on the official WHITE scorecard.
- Scoring by the away team MUST be completed on the BLUE scorecard AND/OR by using the e-scoring feature in PlayHQ.
- Both scorers MUST still sit together in the designated area.
- Where scoring is completed using the e-scoring feature, the Home team does not have to enter the scores into PlayHQ at the completion of the match.
- If the Home team note a discrepancy in a match that was e-scored the club secretary should email the SAUCNA registrar within 48 hours of the match start time to report the discrepancy.

Points

- Two points shall be awarded for a win and one point for a draw.
- Two points shall be awarded for a win on forfeit or disqualification.
- No points shall be awarded for a team that forfeits or is disqualified.
- Match cancelled (weather or court condition) no points awarded to either team.
- Match abandoned (incomplete)
    - no points or score 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

- After each match clubs are responsible for entering the match score (Home Team only) as well as entering the players that played in that match (both teams).
- This can be managed by one person within the club, or each team coach/manager may complete the data entry. Clubs may set their own procedures to ensure this is completed no later than **48 hours after the match start time**. **Fines apply for late data entry.**
- **For Winter Competition** – During the minor round scorecards must be received by the Association Registrar no later than 9am Wednesday after the match has been played. Cards can be left at Association clubrooms, delivered/mailed to the Association Registrar's home address or an alternate venue as advised by the Winter subcommittee. **Fines apply for late arrival of scorecards.**
- **For Summer Competition** – ALL scorecards MUST be left at the clubrooms, or with the court supervisor at overflow venues, at the conclusion of all matches. **Fines apply for scorecards not received on the night of the match.**
- In the case of a forfeit (winter only), a scorecard MUST still be completed and returned to the Association Registrar. The team who wins on a forfeit may choose to submit the players who would have played in that match and this counts towards eligibility for finals. The team who forfeits is NOT permitted to record any players for this match.
- Re-Grading
    - For re-grading purposes in addition to the normal dispatch/delivery of score cards, all scores must be entered (by the home team) into the online scores recording system **before the date and time listed for that season. Fines apply for late entry of match results.**
- End of Minor Round
    - After the final round of matches, in addition to the normal dispatch/delivery of score cards, all scores must be entered (by the home team) into the online scores recording system **before the date and time listed for that season. Fines apply for late entry of match results.**
- Finals
    - After all major round matches, all score cards must be left with the Association Registrar in the clubrooms.
    - Where semi-final games are scheduled on suburban courts in Winter, scorecards are to be left with the supervisor at that site, as nominated by the Association.
    - Clubs MUST NOT undertake any data entry of scores or players for finals matches.
    - **Fines will apply for teams entering scores or players during the finals.**

Match Officials

Duty Manager

- A Duty Manager is appointed at Association Courts (known as the Association Duty Manager) and all decisions related to playing conditions are made by this person in consultation with Association Board or relevant subcommittee members.
- The Association Duty Manager oversees all other appointed supervisors at Association Courts and is available to answer questions from Suburban Court Supervisors.

Court Supervisor

- A Court Supervisor is appointed at Association Courts (known as the Association Court Supervisor).
- The Association Court Supervisor reports to the Association Duty Manager and is responsible for ensuring all spectators/coaches/support staff/reserve players follow the Association Regulations and Codes of Conduct.
- Each Club that hosts matches at their respective home courts will be required to appoint a Court Supervisor who may contact the Association Duty Manager for advice with respect to any playing conditions outlined in this regulation or to assist in making decisions related to extreme weather conditions.

Clubroom/Duty Supervisor

- A Clubroom/Duty Supervisor is appointed at Association Courts (known as the Clubroom Supervisor) and is available to answer questions relating to matches, collects scorecards and directs the duty manager, court supervisor and/or umpire supervisor to courts where an issue has been identified.

Umpire Supervisor

- An Umpire Supervisor is appointed at Association Courts (known as the Umpire Supervisor) and is available to answer questions relating to the rules of netball, to mentor umpires and to attend any issues on court identified to the Clubroom Supervisor.
- The Umpire Supervisor is also responsible for supporting umpires in the application of discipline rules and, with the Court Supervisor will remove anyone from the court area who refuses an umpire instruction to leave the venue.
- All clubs are encouraged to appoint an Umpire Supervisor at their home suburban courts to assist and mentor their umpires.

Timers and Scorers

- Both teams must supply a timekeeper, an electronic timer, and a scorer.
- Please note that a mobile phone is not permitted as an electronic timer (except in the case of timing discipline actions).
- The home team is responsible for timing the quarters and the visiting team is responsible for timing the breaks (interval breaks and illness/injury breaks).
- The home team timer must follow the umpire with 10 seconds of play left in each quarter and advise when time is concluded. The timer should NOT speak to the umpire whilst play is in progress except to say "TIME" at the end of the quarter. The timer is NOT required to advise an umpire as to how much time is remaining in the quarter. (See World Netball Rule 5 part 7(c)).
- Any 2-minute suspension period or 4-minute ordering off awarded to a player as per World Netball Rules of Netball 2024 Rule 5 (part 7(f) or (g)) will be timed by a member of the opposing team using a separate timing device (this may be a mobile phone or watch – do not use the electronic timer dedicated to interval/injury time). The person chosen to time the suspension period must NOT be already undertaking an official role such as timer or scorer. The person timing the suspension period must stand with the scorers while timing continues.
- Both scorers **must** sit together throughout the match.
- If the scorers identify that an incorrect centre pass has been signalled by BOTH umpires, the scorer must IMMEDIATELY notify the umpire using an audible sound – BEFORE the centre pass has been taken. If scorers realise this after the centre pass has been taken scorers must NOT interfere with ongoing play.
- All scorers must be aged 14 or over at the time of scoring.
- Only Match Officials, that is scorers and timers, are permitted to be on the scoring bench. No other people, especially children are permitted to be on this bench.

Umpires

- All umpires MUST be registered in Refbook.
- All allocations will be made and accepted through Refbook.
- Failure for clubs to allocate umpires in Refbook (suburban courts in Winter and all matches in Summer) will result in fines being applied.
- Umpires for finals are allocated and paid by the Association.

Winter Season – Minor round matches

- Teams playing in Open and 17/u competition at Association courts must provide one umpire per team per week into a pool for independent allocation to matches.
- All umpires at Association courts will be paid by the Association. Clubs will be invoiced based on the number of games played each week to reimburse the association for the umpire payments. This invoicing will occur at the completion of weeks 5, 10 and 15.
- If an umpire is unable to attend their allocation the umpire allocation panel will identify a suitable replacement. Clubs may be contacted to identify available personnel.
- Teams playing in 15/u to 8/u at suburban courts will provide two umpires per match at their home courts.
- Failure to provide the required umpires will mean that the home team must forfeit their match.
    - if insufficient umpires for Association court matches have not been provided by Thursday 5pm (and matches have not been able to be covered by pool umpires) then matches for that club will need to be forfeited commencing with the lowest team that has not provided any umpires (this will be completed in discussion with the club secretary and umpire coordinator).
- If a match is forfeited late, teams are responsible for paying their umpires at suburban courts. The Association will provide some funds to assist in covering this payment from the fine received for the late forfeit. The Association will ensure payment to any umpire affected by a late forfeit at Association Courts.

Summer Season – Minor round matches

- Each team will provide one umpire to officiate at their match with one umpire from the opposition team. Clubs are responsible for paying their own umpire for each game.
- Failure to provide an umpire at the time the match is due to commence will mean that team must forfeit the match.

Umpire Age

- Umpires are permitted to umpire after their 14th birthday. An umpire may apply for permission and will be screened once they are 12 years of age. See SAUCNA website for forms (https://www.saucna.net/umpire-information).

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 umpires, then each ball shall be used for half the match.
- The team who takes the first centre pass of the match chooses the ball that is played with (see Match Start on page 11 of this document).
- The ball not being used will be given to the scorers for safe keeping once the balls are passed by the umpires.

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 $50.

Major Round (Finals)

Unfinancial Clubs

- All fines and monies due must be paid within 14 days of the invoice date or they will be listed as unfinancial.
- Any team from a Club which is unfinancial may NOT participate in major round matches until the monies have been paid.

Determination of Finals teams

- In each grade, at the end of the minor round the four teams which have the best match ratio shall compete in the major round.
- The match ratio with the calculated value of

$$\frac{Premiership\ points}{Number\ of\ Games\ Played}$$

- If two or more teams in a grade have the same match ratio then the team positions shall be determined by calculating their percentages in accordance with the following formula:

$$\frac{\text{Goals For} \times 100}{(\text{Goals For} + \text{Goals Against})}$$

- The major round shall be played on the dates stated in the programme and shall comprise the following matches (home team are listed first):
  - Winter Season
    - First semi-final: first team v second team (match A)
    - Second semi-final: third team v fourth team (match B)
    - Preliminary Final: winner of match B v loser of match A (match C)
    - Grand Final: winner of match A v winner of match C.
  - Summer Season
    - First semi-final: first team v fourth team (match A)
    - Second semi-final: second team v third team (match B)
    - Grand Final: winner of match A v winner of match B.

Player Eligibility – Finals

- No player who has played **less than three Association matches** for the particular team during the minor round of a competition shall be eligible for major round matches except with permission of the relevant subcommittee. **Penalty**: ***Match Disqualification and forfeit score applies.***

Playing More Than One Grade

- No player shall play in a finals match in more than one grade across all finals (SF, PF or GF) without receiving permission in writing from the relevant subcommittee.
- Permission will only be considered where the fill in player provides the team with a seventh or ONE bench player.
- If the team requesting a fill in, who has already played a finals match in another team, has eight players available then permission for the fill in player WILL NOT BE GRANTED.
- Unless the relevant subcommittee 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 their regular grade (i.e., the one in which the player first plays in the major round); and
  - The match or matches specified by the relevant subcommittee in another grade unless the player then plays more than FIVE competition matches, including minor and major round matches. In this case the player may NOT play in the lower grade in subsequent finals matches.

Application for exemptions

- All applications for exemptions in finals must be submitted by the club secretary on the provided online application. Applications close at 12:00 noon the day before the match. NO LATE applications will be accepted.

Finals Umpires – Both seasons

- Each club will provide a list of umpires outlining their availability and accreditation level to the umpire allocation panel.
- The umpire allocation panel will determine independent allocation of umpires to all finals matches and advise clubs and umpires of their allocation.
- Umpires must check in at the clubrooms prior to officiating any finals match.
- If an umpire becomes unavailable for their allocation at any time, the umpire or club must immediately notify the umpire allocation panel who will locate a suitable replacement from the pool of umpires.
- Clubs are NOT to change allocations once they are published.
- Umpires will be paid by the Association, and clubs will not be charged for this payment.

Timing and Scoring (Finals Matches)

- For all major round matches teams must provide their own electronic timer (not a mobile phone).
- Summer finals are centrally timed with the exception of extra time in the case of a draw.
- Score cards are supplied to the teams at the clubrooms (or court supervisor at overflow venue) and must be collected prior to the match.
- All player names are to be printed clearly and in full as they appear on the PlayHQ registration.
- Completed score cards must be returned to the clubrooms (or court supervisor at overflow venue) immediately following all finals matches. **Fines apply for cards not handed in on time.**

Draw (Open to 11/u 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 (six (6) minutes for the summer finals).
- Teams change ends at half time with 1-minute interval.
- Substitutions and/or team changes are permitted.
- Teams in 13/u to Open may make tactical changes during extra time (one per team for all of extra time in summer competition)
- 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 (9/u and 8/u 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 (five (5) minutes for the summer finals).
- 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.**

Complaints

- All formal complaints shall be in writing via email and shall be lodged with the Association Complaints officer (saucnacomplaints@gmail.com). 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 notification will usually be 48 hours after receiving the complaint.
- Where a complaint is referred by the Complaints Committee to a club concerning a player, team, coach, manager, official, or other representative of that club, the club secretary must acknowledge receipt of the complaint to the Complaints Committee as soon as practicable.
- The club secretary must forward the complaint to the relevant team, person, or club representative within 24 hours of receipt, where applicable, having regard to the time at which the complaint was received.
- The club must provide a written response to the Complaints Committee within (3) three working days of receipt of the complaint. An extension may only be granted where the relevant person is unavailable or where the Complaints Committee is satisfied that a reasonable cause for delay exists
- Unless the complaint is classified as serious or requires further investigation, the complaint must be determined as substantiated or not substantiated within one (1) week of the complaint being received.
- Where a complaint remains unresolved and is classified as a serious breach of SAUCNA's policies, procedures, or playing conditions, the matter may be referred to the Board for review and determination.
- All correspondence and relevant information relating to the complaint must be provided within two (2) weeks of the initial complaint being received, unless extenuating circumstances prevent the club from complying with this timeframe.
- Any request for additional time must be submitted in writing to the Complaints Committee and must include the reasons for the request. The Complaints Committee may refer the request to the Board where appropriate.
- If a response is not received within the required timeframe, and follow-up correspondence remains unanswered, the Board may review the complaint and make a determination without input from the complaint recipient or club concerned.
- A complaint that is **not match related** has no lodgement time restrictions.
- Incidents that are not consider formal complaints should be lodged by the club secretary to the opposition club secretary with a copy sent to the Association Complaints officer.
- Records of all incidents and formal complaints are kept by the Association Complaints officer and reported regularly to the Association Board.

Fines

All fines issued may be appealed in writing before the due date by the club secretary to the Association Executive Administrator (saucnanetball20@gmail.com) for consideration by the SAUCNA Board.

- Only fines issued to clubs as administrative sanctions may be appealed.
- An appeal deposit of $100 must be submitted with the appeal application, the deposit will be refunded if the appeal is successful. Deposits are to be sent to the SAUCNA Treasurer. The deposit is non-refundable is the appeal is upheld, nor will it constitute payment or part-payment of the original fine.
- Appeals must be lodged with the subcommittee responsible for the relevant competition or function, including the Winter Chair/Secretary, Summer Chair/Secretary, or Registrar/Admin Executive, as applicable.

- The appeal submission must be made in writing and include all relevant information supporting the request.

Meetings and Club Expectations

- Penalty fines apply for non-attendance by a club representative at all Association meetings in a calendar year: Association AGM, Association General meeting and any Special General Meeting called by the Association.
- Apologies will be accepted and recorded but a fine will still apply.
    - 1st meeting missed $50.00 fine (including GST)
    - 2nd meeting missed $100.00 fine (including GST)
- A maximum of two delegates per club may attend meetings however only one delegate is eligible to vote. This maximum does not include life members or current board/subcommittee members who choose to attend.
- Working Bee – Clubs MUST provide at least one representative to each SAUCNA Working Bee held at Association Courts in March and September/October. A fine of $10 per team nominated for the upcoming season will apply for non-attendance at the working bee.

Late Score Cards

- Teams are liable for a $10.00 fine for score cards arriving late to the Association Registrar.
- A $10.00 fine also applies to late data entry of scores and players into the online system.
- Fines apply to each occurrence per team per match to a maximum of $120 per week per club.

Incorrectly Completed Score Cards

- Teams are liable for a $10.00 fine for score cards that are not completed correctly. This includes missing grade, missing date, missing team names, missing or incomplete player names, missing playing positions for both teams for ALL quarters.
- Fines apply to each occurrence per team per match to a maximum of $120 per week per club.

Pole Covers

- On Association courts, the last home team must bring in the pole covers. There is a $50.00 fine for failure to do so.

Late notification of a forfeit

- Forfeits received after the time published for that season will incur a $20 administrative fine and umpires' fees will be invoiced to the forfeiting club on the following basis:
    - Non-forfeiting Club providing one umpire (Association Courts in Winter) - $40
    - Non forfeiting Club providing two umpires (Suburban courts home match in Winter) - $60
    - Non-forfeiting Club providing one umpire (Summer season) - $30

Second and subsequent forfeits by one team

- A team forfeiting for the second time in one season will be fined $50. If the team forfeits after the designated time a late forfeit fine will also be applied.
- A team forfeiting for the third or subsequent match in one season will be fined $100. If the team forfeits after the designated time a late forfeit fine will also be applied.

Payment

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

Appendix A – Extreme Weather Conditions

SAUCNA recognises that the game of netball is traditionally an outdoor sport, and the preference is that all matches are played to schedule.

SAUCNA expects that correct clothing and suitable footwear is worn by all players and officials at all times, and that all players and officials are responsible for ensuring that they have access to appropriate protective clothing, sunscreens, supply of drinking water and access to dry clothing, if required before, during and after matches.

Although severe weather forecasts may result in a blanket cancellation of games in advance, this is unlikely, and decisions regarding cancellation, interruption or abandonment of matches would normally be made on a time slot basis, either immediately prior to, or during play.

Match conditions may be adjusted (see below for permitted adjustments), due to prevailing conditions at the time, or in order to have excess water drain from playing surfaces, however these may only be adjusted by the nominated Duty Manager/Court Supervisor and must be advised to the relevant subcommittee Secretary and Association Registrar for noting.

Matches may be interrupted by the Duty Manager/Court Supervisor to allow intense weather conditions to pass, before play is re-commenced. Umpires retain the right to hold time on individual courts if they feel weather conditions make this necessary.

The decision to cancel, interrupt or abandon matches will be made by the Duty Manager/Court Supervisor, and will be based on reasons of player and umpire safety, and not on the comfort of players, officials or spectators. The Duty Manager/Court Supervisor will monitor weather reports, radar information and lightning detection applications as well as consider weather warnings supplied by the Bureau of Meteorology. Court supervisors located at suburban courts in the Winter Season may contact the Association Duty Manager for advice at any time.

The Association also is aware that very young players may be more susceptible to distress caused by intense conditions.

Situations where cancellation of matches may apply:

- Forecasts of extreme heat, catastrophic fire danger, or prolonged extreme violent weather.

Situations where interruption to play may apply:

- Short periods of intense rain, hail or strong winds
- Short periods of localised thunderstorm or lightning activity (lightning and thunder less than 30 seconds apart)
- Foreign objects being blown onto the court.
- Court furniture or court fixtures being disturbed or damaged.
- Player safety being affected by the force of the wind.

Situations where abandonment of play may apply:

- Prolonged localised thunderstorm or lightning activity
- Prolonged intense hail or sleet activity
- Prolonged extremely heavy rain or high wind speeds
- Excessive water remaining on court playing surfaces.

Duty Manager/Court Supervisor Procedures

- Where it is identified that matches should be abandoned the Duty Manager/court supervisor will instruct all umpires to stop the match by holding time and arrange for the players to move to a safe area.
- Once the conditions have been reassessed the Duty Manager/court supervisor will advise players and officials that matches will either:
    - Recommence shortly (giving a suitable time frame for players to warm up again if the delay has been significant) and all players and officials must return to the court and take their positions. Play will recommence from where the ball was when time stopped and the remainder of the time for that quarter, and any subsequent quarters will be played, OR
    - Advise that conditions are no longer safe for the match to continue and that the match is abandoned. Scores and points are allocated based on the time of abandonment (see Match Abandoned conditions on page 9)

Adjustment of Playing Conditions

- If matches are not cancelled but the Duty Manager/Court Supervisor deems the weather to be unsuitable for normal playing conditions, matches will go ahead however the following alterations may be applied at the beginning of the match.
    - Quarters may be shortened however they shall be no shorter than 10 minutes duration and all quarters will be of the same duration for that match.
    - An additional drinks break may be taken during each quarter for no more than 1 minute at the halfway point of the quarter.
    - Breaks may be lengthened by 2 minutes each break to allow players adequate recovery time.
    - **No other alterations to playing conditions are permitted.**
- Match conditions may only be altered by the nominated Duty Manager/Court Supervisor, both teams and umpires are to be made aware of the alterations and the reasons for the changes.
- All alterations made, together with the reasoning behind the decision, must be advised to the Association Executive Administrator and Registrar in writing within 2 days of the completion of the match.

Appendix B – Hot Weather Conditions

- The onus is on each club and each team to be aware of this procedure and to watch for such an announcement.
- If the Hot Weather Conditions are invoked and matches are cancelled, no points will be awarded for that round of matches.

Winter Competition

- Matches for the day will be cancelled if the predicted temperature during the day is deemed that it will be too hot to play by the relevant subcommittee Chairperson and Secretary.
- It will be announced on the SAUCNA Facebook page and the SAUCNA website no later than 9.00am on the day of the matches.

Summer Competition

- Matches for the night will be cancelled if the temperature is deemed that it will be too hot to play by the relevant subcommittee Chairperson and Secretary.
- It will be announced on the SAUCNA Facebook page and the SAUCNA website no later than 4.30pm on the day of the matches.

Major Round (Finals) – Winter Competition

- If Major Round matches are cancelled due to hot weather the following will apply:
    - For Semi Final matches: the following week there will be two matches played.
        - The team in first position will play the team in fourth position, and
        - The team in second position will play the team in third position.
        - The winner for each match will progress to the Grand Final.
    - For Preliminary Final matches: the higher ranked team will progress to the Grand Final.
    - For Grand Final matches: each participating team will be declared joint Premiers.

Major Round (Finals) – Summer Competitions

- If Major Round matches are cancelled due to hot weather the following will apply:
    - For Semi Final matches: the teams who finished first and second at the completion of the minor round will move directly to the Grand Final the following week.
    - For Grand Final matches: each participating team will be declared joint Premiers.

Appendix C – Rules specific to 9/u and 8/u matches

Ball

- 508mm to 609mm circumference) Size 4
- Leather or suitable synthetic material. Well inflated.

Injury Time

- Further to Rule 10 (parts 7-22) in the World Netball 2024 Rules of Netball, the following will apply:
    - If the umpire deems that the match will be able to continue quickly, the injured player MAY be treated and remain on court however the match MUST recommence after a ONE-minute interval.
    - Common sense should apply and if it is obvious that the player needs to leave the court to be treated (and/or comforted) then this should be completed in the normal 30 second change over.
    - Umpires should be considerate of the young age of these players and treat all instances of injury and blood in consultation with the coach/primary care giver.

Match Duration

- 4 x 12 mins quarters (Winter season) and 4 x 10 mins quarters (Summer season), standard breaks will apply.

Tactical Substitutions and Team Changes

- Tactical substitutions and Team Changes are NOT permitted in 8/u and 9/u matches for any SAUCNA competition.
- Substitutions and team changes are permitted during a stoppage for injury/illness or at an interval.

Umpires

- To use simple language and explain decisions.
- Adopt an encouraging and pleasant manner to ensure an open and free-flowing game, particularly in setting up penalties and throw-ins, etc.
- The umpire should use common sense to ensure that “spirit of the game” is not lost overcalling the game.

Draw in Major Round matches (Winter and Summer Seasons)

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 in winter and five (5) minutes in summer.
- 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.**

Appendix D – Discipline Procedures

The SAUCNA Board, in response to concerns from the Umpire's subcommittee, have endorsed the following procedures to be put into practice IMMEDIATELY in an attempt to kerb the levels of abuse being experienced by umpires over the past years. Netball Australia has advised Associations that they are able to implement such procedures in local competitions.

Coaches/Team Officials/Team Bench players

- Any team official who is located on the team bench is subject to the World Netball 2024 Rule 18 (part 43-47) and as such the umpire may award a free/penalty pass, or in extreme situations issue a warning/suspension or ordering off to the person/s concerned..

- Should the official be subject to the last option, removal from the playing area, and that person refuses to leave then the umpire will ask the away team timer to set 30 seconds on the clock. After this time if the person remains then that team will forfeit the match and a forfeit score for the relevant match level will apply.

- The umpires will call time, inform both captains, ensure the scorers both identify on the cards that the match is a forfeit and then both umpires leave the court to the safety of the clubrooms (or other such safe location at suburban courts) to advise what they have done.

- The scorecards can be signed by the umpires later.

Umpires

- A Duty Manager and/or Umpire Supervisor may speak with an umpire to stop a match during a quarter if they believe that there is a duty of care discussion required for the safety of the players.
- The Duty Manager and/or Umpire Supervisor will discretely ask an umpire to hold time and will then bring both umpires to the side of the court away from the spectators to discuss the issue/s observed and to request umpires to be aware of these incidents and to penalise accordingly.
- If the issue continues an umpire may need to be replaced in extreme circumstances.

Spectators

- Spectators are bound by the SAUCNA Code of Conduct Regulation.

- If the umpire can identify a spectator contravening this regulation, the umpire will hold time and then a warning shall be issued by the umpire to the spectator/s concerned.

- If the spectator/s behaviour is identified by a duty manager, court/umpire supervisor, the supervisor will request the controlling umpire to hold time and stop the match for the spectator/s to be warned of sanctions that may be applied if behaviour continues.

- If the spectator/s behaviour continues, in accordance with World Netball 2024 Rule 18 (part 43-47) the umpire may award a free/penalty pass, or in extreme situations issue a warning/suspension or ordering off to the person/s concerned.

- If the behaviour continues the umpire, court/umpire supervisor, or duty manager will hold time and request that the spectator/s remove themselves from the playing area (definition below).

- If the spectator/s refuse to leave, then the umpire will ask the away team timer to set 30 seconds on the clock. After this time if the person remains then that team will forfeit the match and a forfeit score for the relevant match level will apply.

- The umpires will call time, inform both captains, ensure the scorers both identify on the cards that the match is a forfeit and then both umpires leave the court to the safety of Management to advise what they have done.

- The scorecards can be signed by the umpires later.

In the procedure above the term “playing area” can be defined as follows:

- Where the netball courts being used are located on private property (e.g.church or school grounds) the person being removed can be asked to leave the property or at least far enough away from the court that they cannot be seen or heard by any players, officials or spectators.
- Where the courts are located on public land, e.g.Association Courts, parklands or other parks, the person being removed must move at least the equivalent of one court away from the court the match is being played on so as they cannot be seen or heard by any players, officials or spectators.