

HAMPDEN FOOTBALL NETBALL LEAGUE INC
CONSTITUTION
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Statement of purpose of the Hampden Football Netball League Inc

The purpose of the Hampden Football Netball League Incorporated is as follows

1. Promote, foster and control all grades of football and netball (or other grades as determined from time to time) within the League
2. Promote football, netball and sport in general
3. Invest and control any excess finance of the League
4. Act as a Trustee
5. Accept and hold real and personal property on trust
6. Do all things that are legally required to achieve the purpose of the Incorporated League

Rules

1. Name

- 1.1** The name of the incorporated association is the Hampden Football Netball League Incorporated (in these rules called the League). The address of the Hampden Football Netball League is recorded on its official letterhead.

2 Interpretation

- 2.1** In these rules, unless the contrary intention appears:

“Executive” means the Independent Executive constituted pursuant to rule 15

“Club” means an affiliated club of the Hampden Football Netball League Inc

“Club Delegate” means a Club Delegate appointed by a club to a Reference Group

“Administrator” means the Administrator Officer of the League

“Reference Group” means a combined meeting of up to two (2) appointed Club Delegates with the President, Vice President and Administrator pursuant to rule 10

“Senior Football” means competition in relation to Senior, Reserve and Under 18.5’s Football

“Senior Netball” means competition in relation to Open, Div 1, Div 2, Div 3, 17 & Under, 17 & Under Reserves, 15 & Under and 13 & Under Netball

“Junior Football” means competition in relation to Under 16’s, Under 14’s and Under 12’s football

“Junior Netball” means competition in relation to 15 & Under Reserves, 13 & Under Reserves and Development Age & Under Netball

“Annual General Meeting” means an Annual General Meeting of the league convened in accordance with rule 8

“Special General Meeting” means a Special General Meeting of the league convened in accordance with rule 9

“Financial Year” means the year ending 31st of October of any year

“The Act” means the Associations Incorporation Act 1981

“The Regulations” mean the Regulations under the Act

- 2.2 In the Rules a reference to the Administrator of the League is a reference to:
- 2.2.1 A person holding office under these Rules as the Administrator of the League, and
 - 2.2.2 In any other case to the Public Officer of the League
 - 2.2.3 Words or expressions contained in these Rules shall be interpreted in accordance with the provisions of the Acts Interpretation Act 1958 as enforced from time to time

3. **Membership**

- 3.1 A Club which is nominated and approved for membership, as provided in these rules, is eligible to be a member of the League upon payment of any affiliation fee applicable and subject to the rules of the Victorian Country Football League Inc and Netball Victoria.
- 3.2 A Club which is not a member of the League at the time of the Incorporation of the League shall not be admitted to membership unless:
- 3.2.1 the Club is nominated as provided in sub-clause 3.3
 - 3.2.2 the Club's admission as a member Club is approved by the Executive
- 3.3 A nomination of a club for membership of the League:
- 3.3.1 shall be made in writing
 - 3.3.2 lodged with the Administrator of the League
 - 3.3.3 the Administrator of the League shall refer the nomination to the Executive
 - 3.3.4 the Executive shall determine whether to approve or reject the nomination
 - 3.3.5 the Administrator shall notify the nominee Club in writing within 28 days of the Executive's decision
- 3.4 Upon a nomination being approved by the Executive, the Administrator shall request an affiliation fee payable within 28 days of the Club being invoiced.
- 3.5 The Administrator shall, upon payment of the fees referred to in sub-clause 3.4 within the period referred to in that sub-clause, enter the Club's name in the register of Member Clubs kept for that purpose, and upon the Club's name being so entered, the nominee becomes a Member of the League.
- 3.6 A right, privilege or obligation of a Club by reason of its membership of the League:
- 3.6.1 is not capable of being transferred or transmitted to another Club
 - 3.6.2 terminates upon cessation of the Club's membership by resignation or otherwise

4. **Affiliation Fee**

- 4.1 The Affiliation Fee shall be fixed at the Annual General Meeting and shall be payable to the League not later than the Thursday prior to the commencement of the first playing match of each season.

5. **Registration of Members**

- 5.1 The Administrator shall keep and maintain a register of members in which shall be entered the full name, address and date of entry of the name of each member and the register shall be available for inspection by the members at the address of the Public Office.

6. Resignation of Clubs

6.1 A member Club, which is financial, may resign from the League by first giving twelve months notice in writing to the Administrator of its intention to resign. Upon the expiration of that period the member club shall cease to be a member Club.

6.2 Upon the expiration of the twelve (12) month notice by any Club under sub-clause 6.1 the Administrator shall make an entry in the register of member Clubs recording the date upon which the member Club that gave the notice of intention to resign ceased to be a member Club.

7. Expulsion, Suspension and Fining of Clubs

7.1 Subject to these rules the Executive may, by resolution:

7.1.1 Expel a club from the League

7.1.2 Suspend a club from membership of the League for a specified period; or

7.1.3 Fine a club if the Executive is of the opinion that the club

7.1.3.1 has refused or neglected to comply with the rules of the League; or

7.1.3.2 has been guilty of conduct unbecoming a club or prejudicial to the interest of the League

7.2 A resolution of the Executive under sub-clause 7.1

7.2.1 does not take effect unless the Executive at a meeting held not earlier than fourteen days and not later than twenty-eight days after the service on a club of a notice under sub-clause 7.3 confirms the resolution in accordance with this clause; and

7.2.2 where the club exercises a right of appeal to the League under this clause, does not take effect unless the League confirms the resolution in accordance with this clause

7.3 Where the Executive passes a resolution under sub-clause 7.1.1, 7.1.2 and 7.1.13; the Administrator, as soon as practicable, causes to be served on the club a notice in writing

7.3.1 setting out the resolution of the Executive and the grounds upon which it is based

7.3.2 stating that the club may address the Executive at a meeting held not earlier than fourteen days and not later than twenty-eight days after the service of this notice

7.3.3 stating the date, place and time of that meeting

7.3.4 informing the club that it may do one or more of the following:

7.3.4.1 attend at that meeting

7.3.4.2 give to the Executive before the date of that meeting a written statement seeking the revocation of that resolution

7.3.4.3 not later than seven (7) days after the date of the hearing lodge with the Administrator a notice to the effect that it wishes to appeal the decision.

7.4 At a meeting of the Executive held in accordance with sub-clause 7.2 the Executive:

7.4.1 shall give the club an opportunity to be heard

7.4.2 shall give due consideration to any written statements submitted by the club; and

7.4.3 shall by resolution determine whether or not to confirm or revoke the resolution.

7.5 Where the League receives a notice under sub-clause 7.3.4 the Administrator shall notify the Executive and the Executive shall convene a Special General Meeting of the League to be held within twenty-one days after the date on which the League received the notice.

- 7.6 At a Special General Meeting of the League convened under sub-clause 7.5**
- 7.6.1 no business other than the question of the appeal shall be transacted.
 - 7.6.2 the executive may place before the meeting details of the grounds of the resolution and the reasons for passing the resolution
 - 7.6.3 the club shall be given the opportunity to be heard; and
 - 7.6.4 the clubs present, and eligible to vote as provided for in clause 9, shall vote by secret ballot on the question whether the resolution shall be confirmed or revoked
- 7.7 If at the Special Meeting:**
- 7.7.1 seventy five per cent (75%) or more of the eligible members vote in person in favour of the confirmation of the resolution, the resolution is confirmed; and
 - 7.7.2 in any other case the resolution is revoked.
- 8. Annual General Meeting**
- 8.1 The League shall in each calendar year convene an Annual General Meeting of its clubs.
 - 8.2 The Annual General Meeting shall be held on such a day as the Executive determines.
 - 8.3 The Annual General Meeting shall be specified as such in the notice convening it.
 - 8.4 The Annual General Meeting shall be attended by the members of the Executive and the Club Delegates.
 - 8.5 Each club shall be entitled to one vote on all items of business transacted at the Annual General Meeting.
 - 8.5.1 The Executive do have voting rights at the Annual General Meeting except for the election of the Executive
 - 8.6 **The ordinary business of the Annual General Meeting shall be:**
 - 8.6.1 to confirm the minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting and of any Special General Meeting held since the meeting.
 - 8.6.2 to receive from the Executive reports upon the transaction of the League during the preceding year.
 - 8.6.3 to conduct the election of the Executive
 - 8.6.4 to receive and consider the financial statements submitted by the League in accordance with section 30(3) of the Act
 - 8.6.5 to appoint an auditor
 - 8.7 The Annual General Meeting shall transact special business of which 21 days notice in writing is given to the Administrator.
 - 8.8 All affiliated clubs shall hold their own annual general meeting prior to the league's annual general meeting
 - 8.9 The Annual General Meeting shall be held in addition to any Special General Meeting that may be held in the same year.

9. Special General Meeting

- 9.1** All specially convened meetings shall be called Special General Meetings.
- 9.2** The Executive may, when it thinks fit, convene a Special General Meeting of the League
- 9.3** The Executive shall, on the request in writing of not less than seventy five per cent (75%) of the clubs, convene a Special General Meeting
- 9.3.1** the request for a Special General Meeting shall set the objects of the meeting and shall be signed by the clubs making the request and sent to the address of the League.
- 9.4** Each member of the Executive and Club Delegates are eligible to attend all Special General Meetings.
- 9.5** Each club shall be entitled to one vote on all items of business transacted at the Special General Meeting.
- 9.5.1** The Executive do have voting rights at the Special General Meeting

10. Reference Group

- 10.1** The League shall have two (2) reference groups to be known as "The Senior & Junior Football Reference Group", "The Senior & Junior Netball Reference Group".
- 10.2** The President or in his absence, the Vice President, the Administrator, the elected Club Delegate / s shall meet on the following
- 10.2.2** Senior & Junior Football Forum: dates as determined by the Executive
- 10.2.3** Senior & Junior Netball Forum : dates as determined by the Executive
Or such dates as determined by the Executive
- 10.3** The purpose of the meetings will be for an interchange of information and views. Resolutions passed by Club Delegate / s at such meetings shall be noted in the minutes of the meeting.
- 10.3.1** Should a resolution be required to be passed by the league executive, it shall be done at the next scheduled executive meeting.
- 10.4** Each club shall be entitled to one vote on all items of business transacted at the Reference Group Meeting.
- 10.5** If at the Reference Group:
- 10.5.1** seventy five per cent (75%) or more of the eligible members vote in person in favour of the confirmation of the resolution, the resolution is confirmed; and
- 10.5.2** in any other case the resolution is revoked.
- 10.5.3** any club not represented at each of the Reference Group meetings referred to in 10.2 shall be fined \$250
- 10.6** The league may appoint non executive members to "The Senior & Junior Football Reference Group" and "The Senior & Junior Netball Reference Group" as it sees fit.
- 10.7** Executive Members may attend reference group meetings as they see fit.

11. Executive Meeting

11.1 The Executive shall meet as required throughout the year with a minimum of eight (8) meetings to be convened.

12. Notice of Meetings

12.1 The Administrator of the League shall at least seven (7) days before the date scheduled for holding an Annual Meeting, a Special General Meeting, a Reference Group or a Executive meeting send a meeting agenda to each member of the Executive and / or Club Delegate stating the place, date and the time of the meeting and the nature of business to be transacted at the meeting.

12.2 No business other than that set out in the notice convening the meeting shall be transacted at the meeting, except with the agreement of the members present.

13. Proceedings at Meetings

13.1 No item of business shall be transacted at a Meeting unless a quorum of members entitled under these rules to vote is present.

13.2 Seventy five per cent (75%) or more of the members (being members entitled under these rules to vote at a Meeting) constitute a quorum for the transaction of business of a Meeting.

13.3 If within half an hour after the appointed time for the commencement of a Meeting, a quorum is not present, the meeting if convened upon the request of members shall be dissolved and in any other case shall stand adjourned to the same day of the next week and (unless another place is specified by the President at the time of the adjournment or by written notice to members given before the day to which the meeting is adjourned) at the same place and if at the adjourned meeting a quorum is not present within half an hour after the time appointed for the commencement of the meeting, the members present shall be a quorum.

13.4 The President or in his / her absence, the Vice President, shall preside as Chair at each Meeting of the League.

13.5 If the President and Vice President are absent from a Meeting, the members present shall elect one of the Executive members to preside as Chair at the meeting.

13.6 The Chair of a Meeting at which a quorum is present may, with the consent of the meeting, adjourn the meeting from time to time and place to place, but no business shall be transacted at an adjourned meeting other than the business left unfinished at the meeting at which the adjournment took place.

13.7 A question arising at a Meeting shall be determined by a show of hands and unless before or on the declaration of a show of hands a poll is demanded, a declaration by the President that the resolution has, on a show of hands, been carried or carried unanimously or carried by a particular majority or lost, and an entry to that effect in the Minute Book is evidence of the fact, without proof of the number or proportion of the vote recorded in favour of, or against that resolution.

- 13.8** Upon any question arising at a meeting of the League an executive and / or club has one vote only and shall record a vote.
- 13.9** All votes shall be given personally.
- 13.10** In the case of a tied vote on a question, the President of the meeting is entitled to exercise a second or casting vote.
- 13.11** If at a meeting a poll on any question is demanded by not less than three members, it shall be taken at the meeting in such a manner as the President may direct and the resolution of the meeting on that question
- 13.12** A poll that is demanded on the direction of a President or on a question of an adjournment shall be taken forthwith and a poll that is demanded on any other questions shall be taken at such time before the close of the meeting as the President may direct.
- 13.13** A club is not entitled to vote at any Meeting unless all monies due and payable by the club to the League have been paid.
- 13.14** Each club shall be entitled to appoint another Club Delegate as his / her proxy by notice given to the Administrator before the time of the meeting in respect of which the proxy is appointed.

14. Independent Executive

- 14.1** The affairs of the League shall be managed by an Independent Executive as constituted and provided in rule 15.
- 14.2** The Executive
- 14.2.1** shall control and manage the operations and affairs of the League
- 14.2.2** may, subject to these rules, the regulations and the Act, exercise all such powers and functions as may be exercised by the League other than those powers and functions that are required by rule 16 of these rules to be exercised by Meetings of the clubs of the League and which powers and functions are known as reserved powers
- 14.2.3** subject to these rules, the regulations and the act, has power to perform all such acts and things as appear to the Executive to be essential for the proper management of the business and affairs of the League
- 14.2.4** may appoint such sub – committee's and on such terms as it sees fit and delegate any of its functions to such sub – committees as it deems desirable for the efficient management of the League
- 14.2.5** shall have the power from time to time to make, alter and repeal such by – laws as the Executive seems desirable for the proper conduct and management of the affairs of the League
- 14.2.6** shall be entitled to be in receipt of an honorarium, such honorarium to fixed at the Annual General Meeting of the League
- 14.2.7** shall attend a minimum of four (4) executive meetings and two (2) reference group meetings per year

15 Constitution of the Independent Executive

15.1 The persons constituting the Independent Executive shall be known as the Independent Executive

15.2 The Independent Executive shall be

15.2.1 The President

15.2.2 Up to twelve (12) Executive Members or more at the discretion of the Independent Executive or Clubs at the AGM or when required at an officially convened meeting of the HFNL.

15.3 The provisions of Rule 17 so far as they are applicable and with the necessary modifications, apply to and in relation to the election of persons to any of the Executive positions mentioned in clause 15.2.

15.4 Each Executive member of the League shall hold office for a term of two years expiring at the second Annual General Meeting after the date of election but shall be eligible for re –election.

15.5 In the event of a casual vacancy in any of the directorships referred to in sub clause 15.2 the League at an Executive Meeting called for that purpose may elect a person to the vacant Executive member position and the person so appointed may continue in the directorship up to the next Annual General Meeting after the date of election.

15.6 A person shall not be eligible to hold an Executive member position of the League if that person also holds office on a committee of an affiliated club.

15.7 A person from an affiliated club can offer themselves for election as an executive member of the league provided that immediately upon election, the person resigns from their position of office from the affiliated club.

15.8 Honorarium, if any, for the Independent Executive shall be determined at the Annual General Meeting. Information from which the Annual General Meeting can make a determination shall be made available by the Executive when clubs are officially notified of the agenda for the Annual General Meeting.

16 Reserved Powers

16.1 The following powers and functions of the League shall be exercisable only by the meetings of the Executive

16.2 The expulsion of any club or incorporated body affiliated with the League

16.2.1 a club or incorporated body affiliated with the League may be expelled from the League for acting in Breach of the By – Laws of the League or in a manner which is otherwise detrimental to the interests of the League

16.3 The admission of any club or incorporated body seeking to become affiliated with the League

16.4 Such other powers and functions as may from time to time be reserved for the meetings of the Executive

17 Nomination of Executive Members

- 17.1** Nomination of candidates for election as Executive Members of the Independent Executive
- 17.1.1** shall be made in writing on the prescribed expression of interest form and shall be lodged with the Administrator at least twenty-one days prior to the Annual General Meeting
- 17.1.2** expression of interests shall be called through advertisements in The Warrnambool Standard and or Western District Newspapers and Hamilton Spectator Group of publications prior to the twenty-one (21) days required for the expression of interests to be in
- 17.2** The Executive Members of the Independent Executive of the League shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting of the League at which each affiliated club shall only have one vote
- 17.3** If insufficient nominations are received to fill all vacancies on the Executive, the candidates nominated shall be deemed elected and further nominations shall be received at the Annual General Meeting
- 17.4** Each candidate nominating for election as an Executive Member shall nominate specifically for one of the Executive member positions detailed in rule 15.2
- 17.5** If only one nomination is received for a particular position to be filled, the person so nominated shall be deemed to be elected
- 17.6** If the number of nominations exceeds the vacancy to be filled, a ballot shall be held
- 17.7** The ballot for the election of the Executive shall be conducted at the Annual General Meeting in such usual and proper manner as the Executive may direct
- 17.8** A candidate may nominate for more than one position on the Executive provided however that if elected to one of the positions his nomination shall than be declared invalid for any other positions and a candidate may not hold more than one position on the Executive
- 17.9** The position of Vice President shall be elected by a majority of the Executive at the first meeting of the Executive following the Annual General Meeting
- 17.10** In the event of a casual vacancy in any Executive member position, the Executive may fill any vacancy until the next Annual General Meeting.
- 18 Club Delegates**
- 18.1** Two (2) Club Delegates to each Reference Group shall be appointed at the Annual General Meeting of the club; which shall be held prior to the Annual General Meeting of the League.
- 18.2** Nomination of Club Delegates to each Reference Group shall be made on club letterheads to the League to the Annual General Meeting of the League.

19 Cessation of an Executive Member

For the purpose of these rules the position of an Executive member of the Independent Executive becomes vacant if the member:

- 19.1** ceases to be an Executive member of the Executive
- 19.2** fails to satisfy the review of the member Clubs at the Annual General Meeting each year or at a Special General Meeting called for the purpose. A resolution of failure requires a seventy five per cent (75%) vote of the eligible members
- 19.3** becomes insolvent under administration within the meaning of the companies (Victoria) code; or
- 19.4** resign his / her office in writing given to the Administrator of the League.

20 Administrator

- 20.1** The Administrator to the League shall be appointed by a process determined by the Executive. All applicants must be considered for their skill and knowledge relating to competent management of the League's administration. The appointment shall be for a period of three years.
- 20.2** The Administrator shall not have the right to vote at any meetings of the League.
- 20.3** The Administrator shall, if required, be subject to a performance review by the Annual General Meeting or at a Special Meeting called for the purpose. Failure to satisfy this review could result in the Administrator being dismissed from the position.
- 20.4** The salary of the Administrator shall be determined by the Executive, reviewed each year and paid on a fortnightly basis.
- 20.5** The Administrator shall:
 - 20.5.1** convene all meetings of the League
 - 20.5.2** keep the minutes of the resolutions and proceedings of each meeting in books provided for the purpose together with a record of the names of persons present at each meeting.
 - 20.5.4** do such matters as pertaining and identified in the job description signed on appointment as the Administrator
 - 20.5.5** shall act as the public officer of the League

21 Duties of the Executive Member

- 21.1** Each of the Executive members shall perform such duties and functions as may from time to time be directed by the Executive
- 21.2** Subject to such directions from the Executive, the Executive members shall perform the following functions
 - 21.2.1** The President
 - Shall act as President of the Executive and shall preside at all meetings of the League and may sit on all sub - committees of the League. He shall be responsible for the supervision and assessment of the league.
 - 21.2.2** Executive Members
 - Executive Members shall perform such duties and functions as directed by the Executive.

22 Cheques / Payments

- 22.1** All cheques or Direct EFT transactions shall be signed by any two (2) of the President, Vice President or Administrator.

23 Seal

- 23.1** The Common Seal of the league shall be kept in the custody of the Administrator
- 23.2** The Common Seal shall not be affixed to any instrument except by the authority of the Executive and the affixing of the Common Seal shall be attested by the signatures of either two members of the Executive or one member of the Executive and the Administrator of the League.

24 Alterations

- 24.1** These Rules and the Statement of Purposes of the League shall not be altered except by way at the Annual General Meeting in which a majority of seventy five per cent (75%) or more of such members of the league as being entitled under the Rules of the league so to do.

25 Notices

- 25.1** A notice may be served by or on behalf of the League upon any member either personally or by sending it by post to the member at his / her address shown on the Register of members.
- 25.2** Where a document is properly addressed, pre-paid and posted as a letter, the document shall, unless the contrary is proved, be deemed to have been given to the person at the time at which the letter would have been delivered in the ordinary course of the post.

26 Winding Up or Cancellation

- 26.1** In the event of winding up or cancellation of the Incorporation of the League, the assets of the League after payment of all just debts and liabilities shall not be distributed to the clubs but shall be distributed to a fund or funds with similar purposes or objects and / or to a fund or funds for charitable purposes.

27 Custody and inspection of books and records

- 27.1** Except as otherwise provided in these rules, the Administrator shall keep in his or her custody or under his control all the Books, Documents and Securities of the League.
- 27.2** All accounts, books, securities and any other relevant documents of the League must be available for inspection free of charge by any member upon request.
- 27.3** A member may make a copy of any accounts, books, securities and any other relevant documents of the League.

28 Funds

- 28.1** The funds of the League shall be derived from finals entrance fees, affiliation fees, donations, partnerships and such other sources as the Executive determines.
- 28.2** In the event a surplus of funds is shown in the accounts at the completion of the financial year, the League may at its discretion and prior to the declaration of a dividend, transfer to a reserve fund, such sum to be decided by the Executive and such reserve fund shall be deemed to be the property of the League and any affiliated club ceasing to be a member of the League shall have no entitlement to any monies of the League.

29 Auditors

29.1 That the appointment of an auditor, who shall be a registered company auditor, which shall be required to ensure the Leagues account are audited each financial year prior to the Annual General Meeting of the League

30 Netball Victoria

30.1 The League shall be affiliated with Netball Victoria on an annual basis and all netball matches shall be played under the All Australian Netball Association Official Rule Book where the League by – laws do not apply.

31 AFL Victoria Country (Previously - VCFL)

31.1 The League shall be affiliated with AFL Victoria Country on an annual basis and all football matches shall be played according to the AFL Laws of the Game, AFL Victoria Country rules and regulations where the League by – laws do not apply.

32 Disputes & Grievance

32.1 If a member desires to make a complaint about the behaviour, or conduct of an Executive member of the League or a club of the League, they must give notice of that business in writing to the Chief Executive.

32.1.1 If a member desires to make a complaint about the behaviour or conduct of the Administrator of the League, they must give notice of that business in writing to the President.

32.2 All parties in relation to the dispute must meet and discuss the matter in dispute and if possible resolve the dispute within fourteen (14) days after the dispute comes to the attention of all parties in the presence of the Administrator.

32.3 If the parties are unable to resolve the dispute at the meeting or if a party fails to attend that meeting, then the parties must within ten (10) days hold a meeting in the presence of a mediator being the Administrator.

32.4 The parties to the dispute must act in good faith; attempt to settle the dispute by mediation.

32.5 The mediator, in conducting the mediation, must

32.5.1 give the parties to the mediation process every opportunity to be heard

32.5.2 all due consideration by all parties of any written statements submitted by any party

32.5.3 ensure that natural justice is accorded to the parties to the dispute throughout the mediation process

32.6 The mediator must not determine the dispute.

32.7 If the mediation process does not result in the dispute being resolved, the parties may seek to resolve the dispute in accordance with the Act or otherwise at law

HAMPDEN FOOTBALL NETBALL LEAGUE INC

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General

The following by – laws shall be read in general across all grades of football and netball competitions.

1 Life Membership

- 1.1 Players completing two hundred and fifty (250) senior football matches within the League shall be awarded automatic life membership of the League.
- 1.2 Players completing two hundred and fifty (250) in Open (Formerly A Grade) netball matches within the League shall be awarded automatic life membership of the League.
- 1.3 Any person by stint of outstanding service to the League may be nominated for life membership by submission to the HFNL Executive at least 21 Days prior to the AGM of the HFNL. For eligibility to be determined by the HFNL Executive.
- 1.4 The Hampden Football Netball League Executive on submissions from Clubs or Executive Members shall have the power to elect life members that will be ratified at the Annual General Meeting.

2 Authorized League Passes

- 2.1 The following passes shall be distributed during each season by the league

2.1.1 Home & Away Season including Finals Pass

Life Members	Warrnambool & District Football Umpires Association
League Partners/Sponsors	Colac & District Football Umpires Association
Executive Members	Western District Football Umpires Association
Club Delegates	
Netball Panel Umpires	
League Employees	

2.1.3 Match Day Finals Passes

Host Club x 20
League Suppliers

2.1.4 Grand Final Day Passes

Host Club x 20
League Suppliers

3 League Colours

- 3.1 The official colours of the league shall be bottle green and white.

4 Clubs

4.1 Each club within the league during the previous season shall be deemed to be an affiliate of the league for the following season subject to payment of such affiliation fees due as per Rule 4.1 of the HFNL Constitution.

4.2 The clubs of the league shall be:
Camperdown Football Netball Club Inc
Cobden Football Netball Club Inc
Hamilton Kangaroos Football Netball Club Inc
Hawks Junior Football Netball Club Inc
Koroit Football Netball Club Inc
North Warrnambool Eagles Football Netball Club Inc
Portland Football Netball Cricket Club Inc
Port Fairy Football Netball Club Inc
South Warrnambool Football Netball Club Inc
Terang Mortlake Football Netball Club Inc
Warrnambool Football Netball Club Inc

5 Club Colours

5.1 Shall be as follows:

Camperdown Football Netball Club Inc	Black / White
Cobden Football Netball Club Inc	Black / Red
Hamilton Kangaroos Football Netball Club Inc	Royal Blue / White
Hawks Junior Football Netball Club Inc	Brown / Gold
Koroit Football Netball Club Inc	Red / White / Black
North Warrnambool Eagles Football Netball Club Inc	Dark Blue / White / Yellow
Portland Football Netball Cricket Club Inc	Black / Gold
Port Fairy Football Netball Club Inc	Purple / Yellow
South Warrnambool Football Netball Club Inc	White / Red
Terang Mortlake Football Netball Club Inc	Blue / Red
Warrnambool Football Netball Club Inc	Dark Blue / White

6 Club Grounds

6.1 Shall be as follows:

Camperdown Football Netball Club Inc	Leura Oval Camperdown
Cobden Football Netball Club Inc	Cobden Recreation Reserve Cobden
Hamilton Kangaroos Football Netball Club Inc	Melville Oval, Hamilton
Hawks Junior Football Netball Club Inc	Deakin University Oval Warrnambool
	Davidson Oval Warrnambool
Koroit Football Netball Club Inc	Victoria Park Koroit
North Warrnambool Eagles Football Netball Club Inc	Bushfield Oval Bushfield
Portland Football Netball Cricket Club Inc	Hanlon Park, Portland
Port Fairy Football Netball Club Inc	Gardens Oval Port Fairy
South Warrnambool Football Netball Club Inc	Friendly Societies Park Warrnambool
Terang Mortlake Football Netball Club Inc	Ridley Recreation Reserve Terang
	D.C Farren Oval Mortlake
Warrnambool Football Netball Club Inc	Reid Oval Warrnambool

7 League Competitions

7.1 Competitions within the league shall be a senior competition and junior competition.

7.2 Clubs shall compete in either the senior competition or junior competition.

7.3 Hawks Junior Football Netball Club Inc shall compete only in the junior competition.
Portland Football Netball Cricket Club Inc and Hamilton Kangaroos Football Netball Club Inc shall only compete in the senior competition.

7.4 Senior competition shall be

Senior Football

Senior Football

Reserve Football

Under 18.5 Football

Senior Netball

Open Netball

Div 1 Netball

Div 2 Netball

Div 3 Netball

17 & Under Netball

17 & Under Reserves Netball

15 & Under Netball

13 & Under Netball

7.5 Junior Competition shall be

Junior Football

Under 16 Football

Under 14 Football

Under 12 Football

Junior Netball

15 & Under Reserves Netball

13 & Under Reserves Netball

Development Age & Under Netball

8 Admission Pricing

8.1 Senior Competition

For the 2021 home and away season the following pricing shall be

Adult	\$12
Student / Concession	\$7
12 & under	Free
Car	Free
Record	Free

8.2 Junior Competition

For the 2021 home and away season the following pricing shall be

Entry	Free
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8.3 Senior Competition – First Three Weeks of Finals

For the 2021 finals series the following pricing shall be

Adult	\$15
Student / Concession	\$7
12 & under	Free
Record	Free
Car	Free

For the 2021 grand final the following pricing shall be

Adult	\$18
Student / Concession	\$7
12 & under	Free
Record	Free
Car	Free

8.4 Junior Competition - Finals

For the 2021 finals series including the grand final the following pricing shall be

Adult / Student / Concession	\$7
16 & under	Free
Record	Free
Car	Free

9 Fixture

9.1 The Administrator shall complete the fixture for each season for both the senior and junior competition. Each club shall be entitled to make a submission to the league on issues to be taken into consideration, although no guarantee is made. Such submission should be received by the league not later than a nominated date set by the Administrator. The fixture shall be approved at the Annual General Meeting of the current season for the forthcoming season.

10 Other Matches

10.1 No club shall, without the prior approval of the Executive engage in any match other than the approved fixture for each season. Any club wishing to take part in any other competition that is not within the approved fixture for each season, must lodge a letter twenty one days (21) prior to the match taking place with the league's Administrator seeking the Executive's approval.

11 League Sanction Functions / Events

It is Compulsory that all HFNL Affiliated Clubs attend and or participate in all sanctioned League Functions or Events as determined by the HFNL Executive and as advised to all Clubs. This is related to any official event or a sponsored event. Non participation by a Club for any reason will incur a set at the discretion of the HFNL Executive

. Preseason games will be set at 4 weeks prior to the commencement of the Home and Away season each year or date advised to Clubs prior to 1st November the year prior.

11.1 Clubs shall not conduct a club trip away on a weekend the following matches are held

11.1.1 AFL Victoria Country Country Championships

11.1.2 League Finals Matches

11.1.3 Netball Victoria Association Championships

12 HFNL Record

12.1 Each home club will be allocated an amount of HFNL records for distribution at all senior competition matches during the home and away season.

12.2 Each club must supply notes for each section including football, netball and social notes via email (only) to hfnl@bigpond.com prior to 5pm on the Monday preceding each round of matches as per the fixture.

12.3 Each club will be forwarded a club notes template prior to the start of each season as a guide.

12.4 Fines for not providing club notes may be set at the discretion of the HFNL Executive

12.5 Each club shall make its own arrangements to collect their allocated records from Star Printing.

13 Media

13.1 Any league registered player or official found to have made inappropriate comments in the media towards the League's Executive, AFL Victoria Country, Netball Victoria, Warrnambool & District Football Umpires Association, Colac & District Football Umpires Association, Western District Football Umpires Association or league netball panel umpires may be fined. set at the discretion of the HFNL Executive

The Executive shall decide the appropriateness of the comments made and the offending party will be given the opportunity to explain their actions prior to the fine being given.

14 Premiership Points

In all home and away matches, the following shall apply in all competitions played as per by – law

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14.1 Four (4) points shall be awarded for a win

14.2 Two (2) points shall be awarded for a draw

14.3 Zero (0) points shall be awarded for a loss

14.4 In the event of Clubs having equal points at the end of each season, the position of Clubs shall be determined by the percentage equated from points for and against of matches played by each Club

15 Complaints

15.1 Any club or registered member of a club with a complaint against the Administrator, League Executive, another club or registered member of another club, umpires or independent tribunal

must make the complaint through the Administrator or President in writing. The matter will be dealt with by the Executive within a timely manner. Refer Constitution disputes. – Section 32.
Constitution

- 15.2** Should a club or registered member of a club not lodge a complaint through the Administrator or President as per by – law 15.1, the club may incur a fine set at the discretion of the HFNL Executive

16 Reference Group

- 16.1** Any club who fails to attend a Senior & Junior Football Reference Group, Senior & Junior Netball Reference Group may incur a fine of set at the discretion of the HFNL Executive

17 Finals Format

- 17.1** Clubs positioned 1 to 5 on the league ladder shall play in the league's finals.

- 17.2** No league final shall be played at night.

- 17.3** The leagues finals fixture shall be

First Saturday	Qualifying Final (team 2 v team 3)
First Sunday	Elimination Final (team 4 v team 5)
Second Saturday	Second Semi Final (team 1 v winner of Qualifying Final)
Second Sunday	First Semi Final (loser of Qualifying Final v winner of Elimination Final)
Third Saturday	Preliminary Final (loser of Second Semi Final v winner of First Semi Final)
Fourth Saturday	Grand Final (winner of Second Semi Final v winner of Preliminary Final)

18 Finals Venues

- 18.1** Finals venues shall be selected subject to ground availability at the discretion of the HFNL Executive.

19 Awards

- 19.1** Club Championship Award

On an annual basis, the league will award a Club Championship which will be awarded at the league's senior best and fairest presentation. Points towards this award will be accrued as follows

Senior Football Win	30 points
Reserves Football Win	20 points
Under 18.5 Football Win	15 points
Open Netball Win	30 points
Div 1 Netball Win	20 points
Div 2 Netball Win	15 points
Div 3 Netball Win	15 points
17 & Under Netball Win	15 points
15 & Under Netball Win	10 points
13 & Under Netball Win	5 points

Should a draw occur between two (2) clubs, points will be halved.

19.2 Official of the Year

19.2.1 an award known as the “official of the year” shall be made each year to the best official for the current season.

19.2.2 clubs are to nominate one (1) official each season who are an official for their club.

19.2.3 a panel consisting of the President, Vice-President, Junior Vice-President and Administrator shall select the official of the year from the nominations given throughout the season.

19.3 Volunteer of the Year

19.3.1 an award known as the “volunteer of the year” shall be made each year to the best volunteer for the current season.

19.3.2 clubs are to nominate one (1) volunteer each season who are a volunteer for their club.

19.3.3 a panel consisting of the President, Vice-President, Junior Vice-President and Administrator shall select the volunteer of the year from the nominations given throughout the season.

19.5 Netball Umpire of the Year

19.5.1 an award known as the “netball umpire of the year” shall be made each year to the best panel umpire as voted for by the clubs

19.5.2 The Administrator Officer shall nominate panel umpires who have officiated in more than five (5) senior netball games.

19.5.3 The senior coach from each senior club shall award either three (3) votes, two (2) votes or one (1) vote on a sheet provided by the league.

19.5.4 the umpire or umpires with the most votes shall be awarded the netball umpire of the year award. In the case of two umpires receiving equal votes, a joint winner shall be declared and separate awards shall be awarded to each umpire.

19.6 Under 19 Club Netball Umpire Rising Star Award

19.6.1 an award known as Under 19 Club Netball Umpire Rising Star as nominated by Clubs.

19.6.2 Clubs to nominate one Under 19 Club Netball Umpire to be awarded a Rising Star Award

19.6.3 10 Nominated Under 19 Club Netball Umpires to be presented with a trophy and recognised at the Judd Cup presentation night each year.

20 Powers of the Executive

20.1 The Executive shall make a decision on any case arising which is not provided for in the general, senior football, senior netball, junior football and junior netball by – laws.

HAMPDEN FOOTBALL NETBALL LEAGUE INC

By – Laws

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Netball

The following by – laws are the rules governing the league's Senior & Junior Netball Competition and shall be read in conjunction with the league's general by – laws

72 Playing Rules

72.1 All matches shall be played under the All Australian Netball Association Official Rule Book, except in such cases and conditions where the by – laws hereby adopted are superseded by the league's by – laws.

73 Netball Coordinator

73.1 Each club shall appoint a netball coordinator / s.

73.2 Any club that does not appoint a netball coordinator shall incur a fine of set at the discretion of the HFNL Executive

73.3 The netball coordinator / s shall have a working with children check and a copy of this must be supplied to the league prior to the start of the current season.

73.4 Any netball coordinator that does not have a working with children check and / or has failed to supply the league with a copy shall incur a fine of.set at the discretion of the HFNL Executive

74 Player Registrations

74.1 All players shall be registered with Netball Victoria.

74.2 Each player must provide relevant details when registering on the Netball Victoria MyNetball/Sportzvault registration system and be registered on the Netball Victoria database with their club prior to the start of the current season.

74.3 Should a player after the first match of the current season wish to play and has not provided the league registration information and been registered on Netball Victoria database with their club, this information must be completed and lodged with the club's match day results as per by – law 96.5

75 Players

75.1 Players age is determined as at 31st of December of that year.

75.2 Any player registered with their club may play in Open, Div 1, Div 2 or Div 3

75.3 Any player registered with their club may play in 17 & Under Netball, 17 & Under Reserves Netball, 15 & Under Netball or 13 & Under Netball depending on their age.

75.4 Any player registered with their club may play in 15 & Under Reserves, 13 & Under Reserves Netball or Development Age & Under Netball depending on their age.

76 Player Clearances

- 76.1 A clearance is required if a player wishes to transfer to another Club during the current season.
- 76.2 No player will be granted more than one (1) clearance per season.
- 76.3 A clearance will not be granted after round nine (9) unless extenuating circumstances exist.
- 76.4 A player must have received notification in writing from the League before playing for a new Club.
- 76.5 A player must complete a League clearance form and submit this to the league
- 76.6 The League will then forward the clearance request to the existing Club for approval
- 76.7 The existing club has 7 working days to complete the clearance or the HFNL will automatically clear the player to the new club.
- 76.8 If the club refuses to clear the player (refer conditions of clearance) the League will write to the player advising the reason why and forward a copy to both clubs. The player has a right to appeal to the HFNL tribunal within 10 working days.
- 76.9 The existing Club must advise the HFNL when clearance is approved.
- 76.10 The player will then receive a letter advising that the clearance has been approved and a copy is forwarded to both clubs.
- 76.11 Best and Fairest votes will transfer with the player should they remain in the league.

77 Coach Registrations

- 77.1 All coaches shall be registered with Netball Victoria.
- 77.2 Each coach must be registered on the Netball Victoria database with their club prior to the start of the current season.
- 77.3 The club of any unregistered coach shall incur a fine of set at the discretion of the HFNL Executive

78 Coaches

- 78.1 All coaches registered with the league coaching Open, Div 1, Div 2, Div 3, 17 & Under, 16 & under, 15 & under, 14 & under, 13 & Under or 12 & under Netball must have completed the Netball Victoria foundation coaching course prior to the start of the current season or have written permission from the league.
- 78.2 All coaches registered with the league coaching Open Netball must have completed or be working towards the Netball Victoria Development coaching course prior to the start of the current season or have written permission from the league. Club could incur a \$100.00 Fine if not advised.
- 78.3 All coaches registered with the league coaching Open, Div 1, Div 2,

Div 3, 17 & Under, 17 & Under Reserves, 15 & Under , 15 & Under Reserves, 13 & under, 13 & Under Reserves or Development Age & under Netball must attend any rules discussions sessions as nominated by the league. If they do not then the club shall incur a fine set at the discretion of the HFNL Executive

78.4 The coach shall have a working with children check and a copy of this must be supplied to the league prior to the start of the current season. Any coaches club that does not have a working with children check and / or has failed to supply the league with a copy shall incur a fine set at the discretion of the HFNL Executive

79 Team Managers

79.1 All team managers in Open, Div 1, Div 2, Div 3, 7 & Under, 17 & Under Reserves, 15 & Under , 15 & Under Reserves, 13 & under, 13 & Under Reserves or Development Age & under Netball on match day shall wear an armband stating team manager as supplied by the league. All team managers on match day who do not wear an armband stating team manager as supplied by the league, the club shall incur a fine of set at the discretion of the HFNL Executive

79.3 Team managers shall have a working with children check and a copy of this must be supplied to the league prior to the start of the current season.

80 Primary Carer

80.1 All primary carers in Open, Div 1, Div 2, Div 3, 17 & Under, 17 & Under Reserves, 15 & Under , 15 & Under Reserves, 13 & under, 13 & Under Reserves or Development Age & under Netball on match day shall wear an armband stating primary carer as supplied by the league. All primary carers on match day who do not wear an armband stating primary carer as supplied by the league, the club shall incur a fine of set at the discretion of the HFNL Executive

80.2 Primary carers shall have a working with children check and a copy of this must be supplied to the league prior to the start of the current season.

80.3 Home clubs shall ensure that ice is available courtside.

81 Umpire Registrations

81.1 All umpires shall be registered with Netball Victoria prior to season commencing.

81.2 Any unregistered umpire shall incur a fine set at the discretion of the HFNL Executive

82 Club Umpire

82.1 The league shall be responsible for the overall development of umpires and clubs shall be responsible for badging of umpires throughout each season.

82.2 All club umpires registered with the league umpiring in Open, Div 1, Div 2, Div 3, 17 & Under, 17 & Under Reserves, 15 & Under , 15 & Under Reserves, 13 & under, 13 & Under Reserves or Development Age & under Netball must have successfully completed a section 1 theory exam, prior to the start of the season.

82.3 Clubs shall supply one umpire, per grade, every round, unless a panel umpire is provided.

82.4 Club umpires shall be paid at the discretion of the club.

83 Panel Umpires

- 83.1 The league shall appoint panel umpires if available.
- 83.2 All panel umpires registered must have completed or hold a minimum "B" badge, unless they have permission from the league executive.

83.5 All umpires shall be paid at the following rate during the league's finals series:

83.5.1	Open Netball	\$40 per match
83.5.2	Div 1 Netball	\$35 per match
83.5.3	Div 2 Netball	\$30 per match
83.5.4	Div 3 Netball	\$30 per match
83.5.5	17 & Under & Reserves	\$35 per match
83.5.6	15 & Under & Reserves	\$25 per match
83.5.7	13 & Under & Reserves	\$25 per match
83.5.8	Sunday finals	\$25 per match
83.5.9	Emergency	\$10 per match
83.5.91	Travel	\$0.50 per km return trip

- 83.6 Panel umpires shall be paid by the league by direct credit.
- 83.7 Each club umpire must attend a rules discussions session as nominated by the league. Any club umpire that does not attend the rules discussions session as nominated by the league may incur a fine of set at the discretion of the HFNL Executive

84 Umpire Mentoring

- 84.1 The league will provide mentors at the request of clubs. Costs to be negotiated.

85 Umpire Testing

- 85.1 Umpires shall not be changed during a match, the exception being where an umpire is being tested or is injured.
- 85.2 Clubs must lodge an application for testing two (2) weeks prior to the date of testing and must be lodged to the league administrator by the club umpire coordinator / s. Clubs who do not lodge an application for testing two (2) weeks prior to the required date to the league administrator may incur a fine set at the discretion of the HFNL Executive
- 85.5 No testing shall be carried out after round 15 of the current season.
- 85.6 The club shall incur the costs of the tester plus travel as per Netball Victoria rates.

86 Netballs

- 86.1 The league shall supply one white Gilbert netball per grade per club, plus one spare for the season. The club shall incur the cost of all match balls provided for home and away matches. Clubs who do not use the correct approved league sponsor logo as stated by the league shall incur a fine of set at the discretion of the HFNL Executive
- 86.3 The league shall supply white Gilbert netballs for all finals matches.

87 Player Dress Code

- 87.1 Each club shall register its playing uniform prior to 28th of February of the current season
- 87.2 The league must approve all uniform colours and designs as per by – laws 5.1
- 87.3 Clubs must notify in writing any proposed changes to their uniform prior to 15th of February of the current season
- 87.4 The league must approve all changes to the clubs uniform
- 87.5 All players are to be in the approved uniform by the first match of the season. Should approved uniforms not be ready, approval from the league must be given for an agreed interim uniform
The club of any players who are not in the approved uniform by the first match of the season and have not received approval from the league for an agreed interim uniform shall incur a fine set at the discretion of the HFNL Executive
- 87.6 One logo is permitted on the front bottom of the players dress and must not exceed 10cm x 6cm
- 87.7 One logo is permitted above the positional bib on the back of the players dress and must not exceed 10cm x 6cm
- 87.8 Should a club require additional logos on the front or back of the players dress; a request must be lodged with the league administrator to be determined by the executive
- 87.9 No bikini pants, see through pants, slacks, bike pants or tracksuit pants are permitted
- 87.10 The club of any player wearing any item as set in by - law 87.10 shall incur a fine set at the discretion of the HFNL Executive
- 87.11 Club and panel umpires shall ensure that players
 - 87.12.1 are wearing no jewellery (wedding rings or medical alert bracelet may be taped)
 - 87.12.2 fingernails are short and smooth as required
 - 87.12.3 no gloves

88 Club Umpire Dress Code

- 88.1 Each club umpire shall / are to be dressed appropriately in umpire's attire as follows
 - 88.1.1 White t-shirt or jumper
 - 88.1.2 White skirt
 - 88.1.3 Correct sports shoes
 - 88.1.4 White or clear rain jacket is permitted
 The club of any club umpire not adhering to by – law 88.1 shall incur a fine set at the discretion of the HFNL Executive

90.1 Match times shall be as follows for day matches including first and second week of finals

90.1.1	13 & Under Netball	10am
90.1.2	15 & Under Netball	11am
90.1.3	17 & Under Netball	10am
	17 & Under Reserves Netball	12 noon
90.1.4	Div 3 Netball	1.00pm
90.1.5	Div 2 Netball	11 am
90.1.6	Div 1 Netball	12 noon
90.1.7	Open Netball	1.15pm

90.2 Match times shall be as follows for night matches or as decided by Clubs with League approval.

90.2.1	13 & Under Netball	3pm
90.2.2	15 & Under Netball	4pm
90.2.3	17 & Under Netball	3pm
	17 & Under Reserves Netball	5pm
90.2.4	Div 3 Netball	6pm
90.2.5	Div 2 Netball	4pm
90.2.6	Div 1 Netball	5pm
90.2.7	Open Netball	6.15pm

90.3 Match times, venues and order of matches for Preliminary and Grand Final shall be at the discretion of the HFNL Executive

Match Times Sunday

90.4 Match times shall be as follows for day matches

90.4.1	Development Age & Under Netball	10am
90.4.2	13 & Under Reserves Netball	11am
90.4.3	15 & Under Reserves Netball	12noon or at discretion of participating clubs

90.5 Match times shall be as follows for night matches or as decided by Clubs with League approval.

90.5.1	Development Age & Under Netball	5pm
90.5.2	13 & Under Reserves Netball	6pm
90.5.3	15 & Under Reserves Netball	7pm or at discretion of participating clubs

90.6 Match times shall be as follows for first two weeks of finals matches

90.6.1	Development Age & Under Netball	10am
90.6.2	13 & Under Reserves Netball	11am and 12noon
90.6.3	15 & Under Reserves Netball	1pm and 2pm

Match times shall be as follows for Preliminary and Grand final matches

90.6.4	Development Age & Under Netball	10am
90.6.5	13 & Under Reserves Netball	11am
90.6.6	15 & Under Reserves Netball	12noon

90.7 Any team who forfeits, the opposing team shall receive four (4) premiership points and percentage shall be worked out as fifteen (15) goals to nil and the opposing team will be permitted to lodge a team sheet.

90.8 Players who umpire must be given time to change between games and must not delay games.

91 Match Intervals Saturday

- 91.1** Match intervals shall be as follows
- 91.1.1** 13 & Under & Reserves Netball 4 x 10 minute quarters with breaks 2, 3, 2
 - 91.1.2** 15 & Under & Reserves Netball 4 x 10 minute quarters with breaks 2, 3, 2
 - 91.1.3** 17 & Under & Reserves Netball 4 x 10 minute quarters with breaks 2, 3, 2
 - 91.1.4** Div 3 Netball 4 x 12 minute quarters with breaks 2, 3, 2
 - 91.1.5** Div 2 Netball 4 x 12 minute quarters with breaks 2, 3, 2
 - 91.1.6** Div 1 Netball 4 x 12 minute quarters with breaks 2, 3, 2
 - 91.1.7** Open Netball 4 x 15 minute quarters with breaks 3, 5, 3

91.2 Match Intervals Sunday

Match intervals shall be as follows

- 91.2.1** Development Age & Under Netball 6 x 8 minutes quarters with breaks 2,2,3,2,2
Option to change 4 x 10 minute quarters with breaks 2, 3, 2 with agreement to be made prior to game starting.
- 91.2.2** 13 & Under Reserves Netball 4 x 10 minute quarters with breaks 2, 3, 2
- 91.2.3** 15 & Under Reserves Netball 4 x 10 minute quarters with breaks 2, 3,

92 Playing Conditions

- 92.1** If during a match, conditions (weather, court or equipment) change, making playing conditions dangerous, the umpires shall consult and in conjunction with the league decide the outcome. The league CEO is to determine whether the match should be relocated, delayed or cancelled.
- 92.2** Play in any match, delayed due to weather, is to commence or resume upon the direction of the umpires. Any team which fails to take the court when so directed will be declared as forfeiting the match and the club shall incur a fine set at the discretion of the HFNL Executive
- 92.3** Should a match be abandoned due to dangerous conditions before half time, a draw will be awarded and percentage shall be worked out as twenty (20) goals all and each team will be permitted to lodge a team sheet.
- 92.4** Should a match be abandoned due to dangerous conditions after half time the score will stand.

93 Scoring and Timekeepers

- 93.1** Each team must provide a non – participating scorer for all matches.
Should a team not supply a non – participating scorer the club shall incur a fine set at the discretion of the HFNL Executive
- 93.2** Each home team must provide a scoreboard and non – participating scoreboard attendant for all home matches. Should a team not supply a scoreboard and non – participating scoreboard attendant for all home matches the club shall incur a fine set at the discretion of the HFNL Executive
- 93.3** Home Clubs shall supply the official league scoresheet.
- 93.4** The home team scorer is to record on the official league scoresheet. The away team scorer is to act as a check scorer and timekeeper and they sit together for the duration of the match.
- 93.5** The official scoresheet and timing device must at all times be placed in full view of both scorers for the duration of the match.

- 93.6** Scorers must be at least 14 years of age. The club of any scorer under 14 years of age shall incur a fine set at the discretion of the HFNL Executive
- 93.7** The official league scoresheet shall list all player names (both given and surname) intending to take the court prior to the commencement of the match and shall not be added to during the duration of the match.
- 93.8** Should the league scoresheet not list all player names (both given and surname) prior to the commencement of the game, the player cannot take the court or must leave the court immediately. The players club shall incur a fine set at the discretion of the HFNL Executive
- 93.9** The league official scoresheet shall also include the player's position per quarter during the duration of the match, the goals scored and the match score.
- 93.10** Should the league official scoresheet not include the players position per quarter during the duration of the match, the goals scored and / or the match score, the players registered club shall incur a fine set at the discretion of the HFNL Executive per player.
- 93.11** At the end of the match to indicate their satisfaction that the information on the league official scoresheet is accurate and correct it is to be signed by the following
- 93.14.1** the captain of each competing team
 - 93.14.2** the officiating umpires
 - 93.14.3** the scorers

94 Scoring and Timekeepers in Finals

94.1 The following format will be used in relation to club requirements for finals

Finals Week 1

Qualifying Final (Team 2 v Team 3) Scorer, Timekeeper and scoreboard attendant supplied by Team 6

Elimination Final (Team 4 v Team 5) Scorer, Time keeper and scoreboard attendant supplied by Team 7

Finals Week 2

2nd Semi Final (Team 1 v Qualifying Final winner) Scorer, Timekeeper and scoreboard attendant supplied by Team 8

1st Semi Final (Elimination Final winner v Qualifying Final loser) Scorer, Timekeeper and scoreboard attendant supplied by loser of Elimination Final

Finals Week 3

Preliminary Final (2nd Semi Final loser v 1st Semi Final winner) Scorer, Timekeeper and scoreboard attendant supplied by loser of 1st semi final

Finals Week 4

Grand Final (2nd Semi Final winner v Preliminary Final winner) Scorer, Timekeeper and two scoreboard attendants supplied by loser of Preliminary Final

96 Match Day Results

- 96.1** The home club is responsible for entering each match result into the Netball Victoria MyNetball/Sportsvault database on the day of the match by 4pm or 8pm for night match.
- 96.2** Match result information shall include
- 96.2.1** quarter by quarter scores and final score (league media scoresheet as provided by the league)
 - 96.2.2** best players 1 to 3
 - 96.2.3** successful goals scored per player
 - 96.2.4** most valuable player votes 3 to 1 (Open Netball only)
- 96.3** It is the responsibility of the home club to ensure that all match day results are entered accurately.
- 96.5** It is the responsibility of the home club to ensure that all match day paperwork be sealed in the league match day envelope and delivered to the league's office by 4pm on the second working day following the match and must include
- 96.5.1** official league scoresheet
 - 96.5.2** quarter by quarter scores and final score (league media scoresheet as provided by the league)
 - 96.5.3** signed current season Willis Australia Netball Victoria match day checklist
 - 96.5.4** best and fairest vote cards
 - 96.5.5** most valuable player vote cards (Open Netball only)

97 Rescheduled Matches

- 97.1** Starting times of home and away matches can only be changed with the consent of the league who shall have the consent of both clubs. If approval is not given, match times as per by – law 90 shall be adhered to.
- 97.2** Clubs must request a change to starting times of home and away matches in writing to the league CEO two (2) weeks prior to the match or matches taking place.

98 Player Qualification

- 98.1** Any player registered with their club must take the court for a combined twenty (20) quarters in Open Netball, Div 1 Netball and / or Div 2 Netball and / or Div 3 Netball to be eligible to play finals.
- 98.2** After round ten any Open Netball, Div 1 Netball, Div 2 Netball or Div 3 Netball player who plays more than 8 quarters in a particular higher age grade is not eligible for a lower age grade unless she applies to the League in writing. If the League grants permission she must then remain in the lower grade for the rest of the season including finals.
- 98.3** Any player registered with their club must take the court for a combined twenty (20) quarters in 17 & Under Netball, 17 & Under Reserves, 15 & Under Netball and / or 13 & Under Netball to be eligible to play finals. To be eligible to play Div 1 Netball, Div 2 Netball or Div 3 Netball senior finals, junior players must have played a minimum of 15 quarters in either Div 1 Netball, Div 2 Netball or Div 3 Netball to play finals in that grade or above. Open is exempt from this restriction.
- 98.4** Any player registered with their club must take the court for a combined sixteen (16) quarters in 15

& Under Reserves Netball and / or 13 & Under Reserves Netball to be eligible to play finals.

98.5

98.5.1 After round ten, any 13 & Under, 15 & Under, 17 & Under & 17 & Under Reserves aged player who plays more than 8 quarters in a particular higher Junior age grade is not eligible for a lower age grade unless she applies to the League in writing. If the League grants permission she must then remain in the lower grade for the rest of the season including finals.

98.5.2 After round ten any 15 & Under Reserves, 13 & Under Reserves or Development Age & Under aged player who plays more than 16 –quarters in a particular higher Junior age grade is not eligible for a lower age grade unless she applies to the League in writing. If the League grants permission she must then remain in the lower grade for the rest of the season including finals.

98.5.3 **Once** a registered player with their club has taken to the court for a combined twenty – one (21) or more quarters during the home and away season in 13 & Under, 15 & Under, 17 & Under aged & 17 & Under Reserves, they are ineligible to play in 15 & Under Reserves, 13 & under Reserves Netball for the remaining home and away season and finals and the club shall incur a fine of \$100 and match points for that game.

98.6 Clubs must complete a HFNL exemption request form to seek any exemptions to any by-laws in this document.

98.7 Over age players are ineligible for league awards.

99 Finals

99.1. Any player registered with their club who plays 17 & Under Netball, 17 & Under Reserves, 15 & Under Netball or 13 & Under Netball is permitted to play in Open Netball, Div 1 Netball, Div 2 Netball or Div 3 Netball and is allowed to take to the court for a combined total of a maximum of 2 games on the same weekend during finals, provided the player has complied with by – law 98.2 & 98.3. Any breach of this will result in the club incurring a fine set at the discretion of the HFNL Executive and the loss game in which the breach occurred..

99.2 Any player registered with their club who plays 15 & Under Reserves Netball or 13 & Under Reserves netball is permitted to play for a combined total of a maximum of six (6) quarters on the same weekend during the final, provided the player has complied with by-law 98.4. Any breach of this will result in the club incurring a fine set at the discretion of the HFNL Executive and the loss game in which the breach occurred.

99.3 The club of any player registered with that club who plays Open Netball, Div 1 Netball, Div 2 Netball or Div 3 Netball who plays in more than one final per finals weekend finals match per weekend, the club shall incur a fine set at the discretion of the HFNL Executive and loss of the second finals game.

99.4 In the event of a drawn match in any finals match including the grand final, the following shall apply Drawn games Refer to Rule 2.5 of the Official Rules of Netball for the procedure for extra time where a winner is required.

- (a) **The duration of extra time shall be based on the length of the quarters:**
- (i) 10 minute quarters will play 2 x 5 minute halves 13 & U, 13 & U reserves, 15 & U, 15 & U Reserves, 17 & Under Reserves,
 - (ii) 12 minute quarters will play 2 x 6 minute halves. 17 & U, Div 1, Div 2 and Div 3
 - (iii) 15 minute quarters will play 2 x 7 minute halves. Open

99.5 In the event of a drawn match in any finals match including the grand final, the following shall apply for 13 & Under, 13 & Under Reserves, 15 & Under, 15 & Under Reserves, 17 & Under, 17 & Under Reserves, Div 1, Div 2 and Div 3 Netball

99.5.1 the teams change ends following a break of no more than five (5) minutes

99.5.2 extra time as per bylaw 99.4 shall be played with no break during the change of ends

99.5.3 if at the end of the second extra time scores are still level, no change of ends shall occur, and play will continue until one team has a two goal advantage

99.6 In the event of a drawn match in any finals match including the grand final, the following shall apply for Open Netball

99.6.1 the teams change ends following a break of no more than five (5) minutes

99.6.2 extra time as per bylaw 99.4 shall be played with no break during the change of ends

99.6.3 if at the end of the second extra time scores are still level, no change of ends shall occur, and play will continue until one team has a two goal advantage

99.7 The nominated away team shall call the toss of the coin.

100 Team Lists

100.1 Open Netball, Div 1 Netball, Div 2 Netball, Div 3 Netball, 17 & Under Netball, 17 & Under Reserves Netball, 15 & Under Netball, 15 & Under Reserves Netball, 13 & Under Netball, 13 & Under Reserves Netball team lists must be supplied to The Warrnambool Standard by 8pm each Thursday prior to each match. Should Open Netball, Div 1 Netball, Div 2 Netball, Div 3 Netball. If team lists are not supplied to The Warrnambool Standard and printed in the following Friday's paper prior to each match, the club may incur a fine set at the discretion of the HFNL Executive per team.

101 League Representative Teams

101.1 The league shall participate in

101.1.1 Regional Victorian State League

101.1.2 Netball Victoria Association Championships

101.2 The league shall appoint representative team coaches for a period of one (1) year for each team participating in by – law 101 and shall advertise the positions as required upon the completion of each one (1) year period.

101.3 The league shall appoint representative team coaches upon a final recommendation to the league's executive.

102 Codes of Behaviour

102.1 All players, coaches, umpires, netball coordinator / s, umpire coordinator / s, parents and spectators shall comply with Netball Victoria codes of behaviour and also the Victorian Code of Conduct for Community Sport. Should any players, coaches, umpires, netball coordinator / s, umpire coordinator / s, parents and spectators fail to comply with Netball Victoria codes of behaviour and also the Victorian Code of Conduct for Community Sport the matter will be referred to the league's hearing officer.

103 Hearing Officer

103.1 The league shall appoint a hearing officer for a period of one (1) year and shall advertise the positions as required upon the completion of each one (1) year period.

103.2 Shall have such duties as outlined in the Netball Victoria competition regulation.

104 Protests

104.1 A team wishing to protest a scoring issue must

105.1.1 not sign the official league scoresheet

104.1.2 lodge the protest in writing with the league by 4pm on the first working day following the match

104.2 The league shall advise in writing of the protest result by 4pm on the third working day following the lodgement of the protest.

105 Appeals

105.1 A club shall have the right to appeal within 48 hours of notification of the result of the protest and must do so in writing to the league.

105.2 If a club wishes to appeal to the league CEO, a cheque for \$500 should accompany by – law 105.1 in which

105.2.1 \$250 shall be returned to the club should the appeal be up held

105.2.2 up to \$250 shall be returned to the club if the appeal is dismissed (at the discretion of the league CEO)

105.2.3 up to \$250 shall be returned to the club if the appeal is not heard (at the discretion of the league CEO)

105.3 The appeal notification shall then be forwarded to the league hearing officer who will decide if the appeal will be heard.

105.4 The club shall then be notified in writing if the appeal will / will not be heard.

105.5 The hearing officer's decision shall be final.

106 Goal Post Padding

106.1 All netball goal posts must be padded prior to the start of first match of the competition day

106.2 All netball goal posts padding shall be a minimum of 3m high x 23cm wide
Failure to provide padding as required shall incur a fine set at the discretion of the HFNL Executive.

107 Photography / Video Footage

107.1 No photographs or video footage is to be taken of players eligible to play 17 & Under & 17 & Under Reserves Netball, 15 & Under and 15 & Under Reserves Netball or 13 & Under and 13 & Under Reserves Netball and Development Age & Under Netball without written permission from the requesting club to the opposition club prior to the game.

108 Best and Fairest Awards

108.1 Open Netball Best & Fairest Medal

108.1.1 an award known as the "Bendigo Bank Medal" shall be made each year to the best and fairest player or players in the senior netball competition

108.1.2 voting for such award shall be made by the umpires officiating each senior netball competition match

108.1.3 the umpires officiating in each senior netball competition match shall, at the conclusion of the match, select three (3) best and fairest players in the match

108.1.4 the three nominations shall then be awarded either three (3) votes, two (2) votes or one (1) vote on an official league vote card provided by the home club

108.1.5 the card is then placed in a sealed envelope and returned to the home club

108.1.6 at the end of the home & away season the league shall tally all votes from each match

108.1.7 the player or players with the most votes shall be awarded the medal. In the case of two or more players receiving equal votes, joint winners shall be declared and separate medals shall be awarded to each player

108.1.8 the player or players who receive the second most votes shall be awarded the runners up medal

108.2 Div 1 Netball Best & Fairest

108.2.1 an award known as the "Div 1 Netball Best & Fairest" shall be made each year to the best and fairest player or players in the Div 1 netball competition

108.2.2 rules in relation to the shall be identical to by – law 108.1

108.3 Div 2 Netball Best & Fairest

108.3.1 an award known as the "Div 2 Netball Best & Fairest" shall be made each year to the best and fairest player or players in the Div 2 netball competition

108.3.2 rules in relation to the shall be identical to by – law 108.1

108.4 Div 3 Netball Best & Fairest

108.4.1 an award known as the "Div 3 Netball Best & Fairest" shall be made each year to the best and fairest player or players in the Div 3 netball competition

108.3.5 rules in relation to the shall be identical to by – law 108.1

108.5 17 & Under "Rebekah Moroney Memorial Medal" Netball Best & Fairest

108.5.1 an award known as the "17 & Under Rebekah Moroney Memorial Medal Netball Best & Fairest" shall be made each year to the best and fairest player or players in the 17 & Under Netball competition

108.5.2 rules in relation to the shall be identical to by – law 108.1

108.6 17 & Under Reserves Netball Best and Fairest

108.6.1 an award known as the "17 & Under Reserves Netball Best and Fairest" shall be made

each year to the best and fairest player or players in the 17 & Under Reserves Netball competition

108.6.2 rules in relation to the shall be identical to by – law 108.1

108.7 15 & Under Netball Best & Fairest

108.7.1 an award known as the “15 & Under Netball Best & Fairest” shall be made each year to the best and fairest player or players in the 15 & Under Netball competition

108.7.2 rules in relation to the shall be identical to by – law 108.1

108.8 15 & Under Reserves Netball “Mc Meel Medal” Netball Best and Fairest

108.8.1 an award known as the “McMeel Medal” shall be made each year to the best and fairest player or players in the 15 & Under Reserves Netball competition

108.8.2 rules in relation to the shall be identical to by – law 108.1

108.9 13 & Under Netball Best & Fairest

108.9.1 an award known as the “13 & Under Netball Best & Fairest” shall be made each year to the best and fairest player or players in the 13 & Under Netball competition

108.9.2 rules in relation to the shall be identical to by – law 108.1

13 & Under Reserves Netball Best & Fairest

108.9.12 an award known as the “13 & Under Reserves Netball Best & Fairest” shall be made each year to the best and fairest player or players in the 13 & Under Reserves Netball competition

108.9.22 rules in relation to the shall be identical to by – law 108.1

109 Most Valuable Player Award

109.1 an award known as the “Most Valuable Player” shall be made each year to the best player or players in the OPEN netball competition

109.2 voting for such award shall made by the opposing coach participating in each senior netball competition match

109.3 the opposing coach participating in each senior netball competition match shall at the conclusion of the match select three (3) best players in the match

109.4 the three nominations shall then be awarded either three (3) votes, two (2) votes or one (1) vote on an official league vote card provided by the home club

109.5 the card is then handed to the home club and placed in a sealed envelope.

109.6 at the end of the home & away season, the league shall tally all votes from each match

109.7 the player or players with the most votes shall be awarded the most valuable player award. In the case of two players receiving equal votes, joint winners shall be declared and separate awards shall be awarded to each player

- 110.1 an award known as the “rising star” shall be made each year to the best first year player in the senior netball competition
- 110.2 clubs are to nominate one (1) player aged 21 and under each season.
- 110.3 the player or players with the most combined votes from both the senior Open Grade best and fairest and Most Valuable Player shall be awarded the rising star award. In the case of two players with the most votes, joint winners shall be declared and separate awards shall be awarded to each player

111 Grand Final Awards

111.1 Presidents Medal

An award known as the “Presidents Medal” shall be presented each year to the player judged Best on Court in the 13 & Under Netball Grand Final by the umpires

111.2 Presidents Medal

An award known as the “Presidents Medal” shall be presented each year to the player judged Best on Court in the 13 & Under Reserves Netball Grand Final by the umpires

111.3 Sarah Wall Medal:

An award known as the “Sarah Wall Medal” shall be presented each year to the player judged Best on Court in the 15 & Under 1 Netball Grand Final by the umpires

111.4 Presidents Medal

An award known as the “Presidents Medal” shall be presented each year to the player judged Best on Court in the 15 & Under Reserves Netball Grand Final by the umpires

111.5 Lynne Everall Medal

An award known as the “Lynne Everall Medal” shall be presented each year to the player judged Best on Court in the 17 & Under Netball Grand Final by the umpires

111.5b Presidents Medal

An award known as the “Presidents Medal” shall be presented each year to the player judged Best on Court in the 17 & Under Reserves Netball Grand Final by the umpires

111.6 Presidents Medal

An award known as the “Presidents Medal” shall be presented each year to the player judged Best on Court in the Div 3 Netball Grand Final by the umpires

111.7 Presidents Medal

An award known as the “Presidents Medal” shall be presented each year to the player judged Best on Court in the Div 2 Netball Grand Final by the umpires

111.8 Joanne Arundell Medal

An award known as the “Joanne Arundell Medal” shall be presented each year to the player judged Best on Court in the Div 1 Netball Grand Final by the umpires

111.9 Peta Richardson Medal

An award known as the “Peta Richardson Medal” shall be presented each year to the player judged Best on Court in the Open Netball Grand Final by the umpires