



HAMPDEN FOOTBALL NETBALL LEAGUE INC
CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS
Season 2023 Version 2

CONSTITUTION

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 Administration 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 Competition” means competition in Senior, Reserve and Under 18.5’s Football, Open, Division 1, Division 2 and Division 3 Netball.

“Junior Competition” means competition in relation to Under 16’s, Under 14’s and Under 12’s Football, 17 & Under, 17 & Under Reserves, 15 & Under and 13 & Under, 15 & Under Reserves, 13 & Under Reserves and Development Age 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 AFL Victoria 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 does 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 Football Reference Group", "The 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** Football Forum: dates as determined by the Executive
- 10.2.3** Netball Forum : 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 may incur a fine set at the discretion of the Executive.

10.6 The league may appoint non-executive members to “The Football Reference Group” and “The 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 Minutes 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

5.11 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 nominated to the League prior to the commencement of each Season.

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 electronic form 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 Finance - Cheques / Payments

22.1.1 All funds of the League shall be deposited into the Leagues accounts at such bank or recognised financial institution as the Executive determines.

22.1.2 All accounts due by the League shall be paid by Direct Debit after having been passed for payment at the Executive Meeting and when immediate payment is necessary, accounts shall be paid and the action endorsed at the next Executive Committee Meeting.

22.1.3 The Administrator shall not spend more than a set amount Petty Cash without the consent of the Executive Finance Committee, and shall keep a record of such expenditure.

22.1.4 A statement showing the financial position of the League shall be tabled at each Executive Committee Meeting by the Treasurer.

22.1.5 A statement of Income and Expenditure, Assets and Liabilities shall be submitted to the Annual General Meeting. The auditor's report shall be attached to such a financial report.

22.1.6 The financial year of the Association shall commence on 1st November each year. The accounts, books and all financial records of the League shall be audited each year.

22.1.8 All property and income of the League will apply solely to the promotion of the objects of the League and no part of that property or income shall be paid or otherwise distributed, directly, or indirectly, to members, except in good faith in the promotion of these objects.

22.1.9 All cheques or Direct EFT transactions shall be signed by any two (2) of the President, Vice President or Finance Committee Executive member as voted and approved by the Executive.

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 to do so.

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 The appointment of an auditor, who shall be a registered company auditor, will be required to ensure the League's accounts 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

31.1 The League shall be affiliated with AFL Victoria on an annual basis and all football matches shall be played according to the AFL Laws of the Game, AFL Victoria 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

General

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.

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) 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. Eligibility to be determined by the HFNL Executive.

2 Authorized League Passes

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

2.1.1 Home & Away Season including Finals Pass -

Life Members,

Warrnambool & District Football Umpires Association,

League Partners/Sponsors,

Executive Members,

Western District Football Umpires Association,

Club Delegates,

Netball Panel Umpires/Mentors,

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
Koroit Football Netball Club Inc.	Davidson Oval, Warrnambool
North Warrnambool Eagles Football Netball Club Inc.	Victoria Park, Koroit
Portland Football Netball Cricket Club Inc.	Bushfield Oval, Bushfield
Port Fairy Football Netball Club Inc.	Hanlon Park, Portland
South Warrnambool Football Netball Club Inc.	Gardens Oval, Port Fairy
Terang Mortlake Football Netball Club Inc.	Friendly Societies Park, WBool
	Ridley Recreation Reserve, Terang
	Wilson D.C Farran 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.

7.4 Senior Competition shall be:-

Senior Football,
Reserve Football,
Under 18.5 Football,
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

Under 16 Football,
Under 14 Football,
Under 12 Football.
15 & Under Reserves Netball,
13 & Under Reserves Netball,
Development Netball.

8 Admission Pricing

8.1 Senior Competition

For the 2023 home and away season the following pricing shall be

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

8.2 Junior Competition

For the 2023 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 2023 finals series the following pricing shall be

Adult	\$17
16 & U / Student / Concession	\$8
12 & under	Free
Record	Free
Car	Free

8.4 Senior Competition - Grand Final

For the 2023 Grand final the following pricing shall be

Adult	\$20
16&U / Student / Concession	\$8
12 & under	Free
Record	Free
Car	Free

8.5 Junior Competition - Finals

For the 2023 finals series including the grand final the following pricing shall be

Adult	\$8
Student / Concession	\$7
16 & under	Free
Record	Free
Car	Free

9 Fixture

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 no 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

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 may incur a fine, set at the discretion of the HFNL Executive.

Preseason games will be set at least 4 weeks prior to the commencement of the Home and Away season each year, or on a 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 Championships;

11.1.2 League Finals Matches;

11.1.3 Netball Victoria Association Championships.

12 HFNL Online Record

12.1 The League will provide an Online Record for Clubs and Supporters, made available on a Friday prior to each Round.

12.2 Clubs can provide information to be included in the Online record but may be subject to approval by the League.

13 Media

Any league registered player or official found to have made inappropriate comments in the media towards the League's Executive, AFL Victoria, Netball Victoria, Warrnambool & District Football Umpires Association, Western District Football Umpires Association or any league Football or Netball umpire may incur a fine 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 7:-

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 to Constitution disputes –Section 32 of the 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

Any club who fails to attend a Football Reference Group or Netball Reference Group may incur a fine set at the discretion of the HFNL Executive.

17 Finals Format

17.1 Clubs positioned 1 to 5 on the league ladder of all Competitions 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

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
17 & Under Reserves Netball Win	10 points
15 & Under Netball Win	10 points
15 & Under Reserves Netball Win	10 points
13 & Under Netball Win	5 points
13 & Under Reserves 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 is 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.

19.4 Netball Umpire of the Year

19.4.1 An award known as the “netball umpire of the year” shall be made each year to the best umpire as voted for by the clubs.

19.4.2 The Administration Officer shall nominate umpires who have officiated in more than five (5) Open netball games.

19.4.3 The Open netball coach from each senior club shall award three (3) votes, two (2) votes and one (1) vote to the nominated Umpires whom they consider to be the best Umpires for the current season, on a sheet provided by the league.

19.4.4 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, joint winners shall be declared and separate awards shall be awarded to each umpire.

19.5 Under 19 Netball Umpire Rising Star Award

19.5.1 An award known as the Under 19 Netball Umpire Rising Star as nominated by Clubs.

19.5.2 Clubs to nominate one Under 19 Netball umpire (from their Club) and the winner will be selected by the League Executive and awarded the Under 19 Netball Umpire Rising Star

20 Powers of the Executive

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

Senior Football and Under 18.5 Football Bylaws

The following by-laws shall be read in general across the league's Senior Football Competition and Under 18.5 Competition. This shall be read in conjunction with the league's general by-laws.

21 Playing Rules

21.1 All matches shall be played under AFL laws of the game, AFL Western District Junior Area and Permit Agreements, AFL Western District Junior Equalisation Policy and On-Field Number Regulations, AFL Victoria rules and regulations except in such cases and conditions where the by-laws hereby adopted are superseded by the league's by-laws.

22 Football Coordinator

22.1 Each club shall appoint a football coordinator/s.

22.2 Each football coordinator must sign an AFL Victoria registration form and be registered on AFL PlayHQ with their club prior to the start of the current season.

22.3 Any club that does not appoint a football coordinator may incur a fine set at the discretion of the HFNL Executive.

22.4 The football 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.

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

23 Player Registrations

23.1 All players shall be registered with AFL Victoria.

23.2 Each player must be registered on AFL PlayHQ with their club prior to the start of the current season.

23.3 Any player wishing to play after the start of the current season and who is not registered with AFL Victoria Country on AFL PlayHQ with their club, must complete the registration prior to the match they wish to participate in.

23.4 Any club playing an unregistered player shall be referred to AFL Victoria rule 1.3.

24 Players

24.1 Players age is determined as at 1st of January of that year.

24.2 Any player registered with their club may play in Senior Football or Reserves Football.

24.3 Any player registered with their club may play in Under 18.5 Football subject to HFNL by-law 23.1

AFL Victoria Rule Definition - 3.8.3 Football Bodies who extend the age of a competition must adhere to the 1 January as the age determination date. E.g. For an Under 18.5 competition in 2023, the age shall be extended back to 1 July 2022, thus allowing the player to be 18.5 on 1 January 2023.

25 Player Clearances

25.1 Clearances for players in underage competitions, including all those in Under 18.5 competition, are restricted to once every three weeks. All senior clearances shall refer to the AFL Victoria Country handbook.

26 Permits

26.1 All permits shall refer to the AFL Victoria handbook. Players in underage competitions, including Under 18.5s, can play on permit between the Warrnambool & District Football Netball League and the Hampden Football Netball League under a renewed layered permit system across the Leagues. A renewed junior area agreement is introduced for permits from WDFNL to HFNL and an area permit agreement is introduced for permits from HFNL to WDFNL; both reinforce the on-field number regulations. Those playing on permit may only play one match in one league per weekend. Clearances will be limited to once every three weeks.

All clubs, coaches and team managers must be familiar with AFL Western District Junior Equalisation Policy and On-Field Number Regulations.

Clubs are encouraged to utilise intra-league sharing of players via Rule 2.9 to permit players to opposing teams when player numbers are lacking. Clubs doing so need to consult the AFL Western District Junior Equalisation Policy and On-Field Number Regulations.

26.2 All clubs shall adhere to all league area permits per season as per by-law 28.

26.3 Clubs shall be limited to four (4) permits per match day per open age competition grade unless approved by the HFNL Executive. Underage Competitions, including Under 18.5, shall be limited based on the club's own registered players. A club may only play the following number of players permitted to interchange, in any week and must not exceed this number:

- o 14 players available on the team sheet : 4 permit players allowed;
- o 15 players available on the team sheet: 3 permit players allowed;
- o 16 players available on the team sheet: 2 permit players allowed;
- o 17 players available on the team sheet: 1 permit player allowed;
- o 18 players available on the team sheet: no permit players allowed.

26.4 Should a club have five (5) or more permits per match day per senior grade they may incur a fine set at the discretion of the HFNL Executive per extra player unless approved by the HFNL Executive.

26.5 Any player who is not registered to a club shall not play finals.

27 Local Interchange Agreements

27.1 The league shall enter into local interchange agreements with club listed TAC Cup competition players.

27.2 The league shall enter into local interchange agreements with club listed VFL competition players at the request of the club.

28 Area Permits

28.1 For Underage Competitions, including Under 18.5, AFL Western District introduced new agreements where players can play on permit between the Warrnambool & District Football Netball League and the Hampden Football Netball League under a renewed layered permit system across the Leagues. A renewed junior area agreement is introduced for permits from WDFNL to HFNL and an area permit agreement is introduced for permits from HFNL to WDFNL; both reinforce the on-field number regulations. Those playing on permit may only play one match in one league per weekend. Clearances will be limited to once every three weeks. The HFNL Executive will decide with which other League/s an Area Permit Agreement will be agreed to for the upcoming season including following leagues

Warrnambool & District Football Netball League
South West District Football Netball League
Mininera & District Football Netball League
Portland Junior Football League
Hamilton Junior Football League

The HFNL Executive will decide with which other League/s an Area Permit Agreement will be agreed to for the upcoming season. The Area Agreement/s and policies can be found on the HFNL Website.

29 Coaches Registration

29.1 All coaches shall be registered with the AFL Victoria.

29.2 Each coach must be registered on AFL PlayHQ with their club prior to the start of the current season.

29.3 Any coach who wishes to coach after the start of the current season and who is not registered with AFL Victoria on AFL PlayHQ with their club, must complete the registration prior to the match he wishes to coach in.

29.4 The club of any unregistered coach may incur a fine set at the discretion of the HFNL Executive.

30 Coaches

30.1 All coaches shall be accredited as per AFL Victoria handbook.

30.2 All coaches 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.

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

31 Coaches / Umpires Meetings

30.1 A meeting may be convened annually prior to or during the season between all registered senior football coaches and representatives from Warrnambool & District Football Umpires Association, and the Western District Football Umpires Association.

31.2 The club of a senior football coach who does not attend the coaches / umpires meeting may incur a fine set at the discretion of the HFNL Executive.

32 Team Managers Registration

32.1 All team managers shall be registered with the AFL Victoria.

32.2 Each team manager must be registered on AFL PlayHQ with their club prior to the start of the current season.

32.3 A team manager who wishes to take to the field after the start of the current season and is not registered with AFL Victoria on AFL PlayHQ with their club, must complete the registration prior to the match he wishes to participate in.

32.4 The club of any team manager who is unregistered may incur a fine set at the discretion of the HFNL Executive.

33 Trainers Registration

33.1 All trainers shall be registered with AFL Victoria.

33.2 A trainer must be at least 15 years of age.

33.3 Each trainer must be registered on AFL PlayHQ with their club prior to the start of the current season.

33.4 Any trainer who wishes to take the field after the start of the current season and is not registered with AFL Victoria on AFL PlayHQ with their club must complete the registration prior to the match they wish to participate in.

33.5 The club of any unregistered trainer may incur a fine set at the discretion of the HFNL Executive.

34 Trainers

34.1 Each club shall have a minimum of one (1) trainer holding a level 1 Australian Football Trainer Education Centre (AFTEC) accreditation.

34.2 All registered trainers shall be registered with the South West Trainers Association.

34.3 The club of all registered trainers who are not registered with the South West Trainers Association may incur a fine set at the discretion of the HFNL Executive.

34.4 The trainer / 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.

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

34.6 Trainers shall be attired in either long black or white pants or shorts.

34.7 Trainers shall be attired in a white shirt which must have the club name and identifying number on the back of the shirt.

34.8 Trainers shall be attired in a club jacket which must have the club name and identifying number on the back of the jacket.

34.9 The club of any trainer attired incorrectly may incur a fine set at the discretion of the HFNL Executive.

35 Runners Registration

35.1 All runners shall be registered with AFL Victoria.

35.2 A runner must be at least 16 years of age.

35.3 Each runner must be registered on AFL PlayHQ with their club prior to the start of the current season.

35.4 Any runner who wishes to take to the field after the start of the current season and is not registered with AFL Victoria on AFL PlayHQ with their club, must complete the registration prior to the match he wishes to participate in.

35.5 The club of any unregistered runners may incur a fine set at the discretion of the HFNL Executive.

36 Runners

- 36.1** Clubs may appoint up to two (2) team runners per grade.
- 36.2** One (1) runner may enter and remain on the field at any one (1) time.
- 36.3** Runners must enter and leave the field by the designated interchange area.
- 36.4** The club of any runner who breaches by – laws 35.2 or 35.3 may incur a fine set at the discretion of the HFNL Executive.
- 36.5** The runner / 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.
- 36.6** Any runner that does not have a working with children check and / or has failed to supply the league with a copy may incur a fine set at the discretion of the HFNL Executive.
- 36.7** Runners shall be attired in shorts and shirt as supplied by the HFNL.
- 36.8** Runners must have the club name and identifying number on the back of the shirt.
- 36.9** The club of any runner attired incorrectly may incur a fine set at the discretion of the HFNL Executive.

37 Water Carriers Registration

- 37.1** All water carriers shall be registered with AFL Victoria.
- 37.2** A water carrier must be at least 12 years of age.
- 37.3** Each water carrier must be registered on AFL PlayHQ with their club prior to the start of the current season.
- 37.4** Any water carrier who wishes to take to the field after the start of the current season and is not registered with AFL Victoria on AFL PlayHQ with their club, must complete the registration prior to the match he wishes to participate in.
- 37.5** The club of any unregistered water carrier may incur a fine set at the discretion of the HFNL Executive.

38 Water Carriers

- 38.1** Water Carriers shall be attired in either black or white long pants or shorts.
- 38.2** Water Carriers shall be attired in a blue shirt which must have the club name and identifying number on the back of the shirt.
- 38.3** The club of any water carrier attired incorrectly may incur a fine set at the discretion of the HFNL Executive.

41 Club Medical Personnel

- 41.1** All club medical personnel in Senior Football, Reserves Football and Under 18.5 Football on match day shall wear an armband stating doctor, physiotherapist or chiropractor as supplied by the league.
- 41.2** The club of all club medical personnel in Senior Football, Reserves Football and Under 18.5 Football on match day not wearing an armband stating doctor, physiotherapist or chiropractor as supplied by the league, may incur a fine set at the discretion of the HFNL Executive.

42 Club Umpires Registration

- 42.1** All club umpires shall be registered with the AFL Victoria.
- 42.2** A club boundary umpire must be at least 12 years of age.
- 42.3** A club goal umpire must be at least 16 years of age.
- 42.4** A club central umpire must be at least 18 years of age.

42.5 Each club umpire must be registered on AFL PlayHQ with their club prior to the start of the current season.

42.6 Any club umpire who wishes to take to the field after the start of the current season and is not registered with the AFL Victoria on AFL PlayHQ with their club, must complete the registration prior to the match they wish to participate in.

42.7 The club of any unregistered club umpire may incur a fine set at the discretion of the HFNL Executive.

43 Club Umpires

43.1 Clubs shall supply umpires to the following matches

43.1.1 Under 18.5 Football 1 x boundary umpire, 1 x goal umpire and per home and away team

43.1.2 Reserve Football 1 x central umpire, 1 x boundary umpire, 1 x goal umpire– per home and away team. Except when Clubs may wish to use Association Umpires and advise the HFNL before February of each new season.

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

43.3 The club umpire / 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.

43.4 Any club umpire that does not have a working with children check and / or has failed to supply the league with a copy may incur a fine set at the discretion of the HFNL Executive.

43.5 Club central and boundary umpires must wear orange shirts with black shorts and orange socks as their uniform. Club Goal Umpires must wear the League approved vest as their uniform at cost of the Clubs..

43.6 The club of any club umpire attired incorrectly may incur a fine set at the discretion of the HFNL Executive.

43.7 All club central umpires registered with the league umpiring Reserve Football must have completed or hold a minimum level 1 umpire accreditation prior to the start of the season or have written permission from the league.

43.8 The club of all club central umpires registered with the league umpiring Reserve Football who have not completed or hold a minimum level 1 umpire accreditation prior to the start of the season or have written permission from the league, may incur a fine set at the discretion of the HFNL Executive.

43.9 Club umpires shall supply their own whistle.

43.10 The goal umpires shall record on cards as provided by the league exact scores and shall be returned with the match day results as per by – law 56.5.

44 Association Umpires

44.1 The league shall appoint association umpires from the Warrnambool and District Football Umpires Association and the Western District Umpires Association to officiate all league games as negotiated on a season to season basis.

44.2 The league shall supply association umpires to the following matches

43.2.1 Senior Football 2 or 3 x central umpires, 2 boundary umpires, 2 x goal umpires

43.2.2 Under 18.5 Football 2 x central umpires.

44.3 Association umpires shall be paid as per AFL Victoria pay rates.

44.4 The goal umpires shall record on cards as provided by the league exact scores and shall be returned with the match day results as per by – law 56.5.

45 Footballs

45.1 The club shall incur the cost of all match balls provided for home and away matches.

45.2 The league shall supply, at the Leagues expense, footballs for all finals matches.

45.3 The league shall supply match balls to clubs for each home game plus one spare for the season for each senior, each reserve game, and each Under 18.5 game.

45.4 The choice of ball will be set for and at the discretion of the league.

45.5 Cost for balls in the home and away season will be covered by clubs.

45.6 Clubs who do not use the correct approved league sponsor logo football as stated by the league may incur a fine set at the discretion of the HFNL Executive.

46 Player Uniforms

46.1 All players must wear AFL Victoria approved uniforms complying with the registered colours of their club including numbered playing jumpers, shorts and socks.

46.2 Only Beige/ Cream colour bike shorts and black gloves are permitted. Black Bike Shorts not permitted.

47 Player Jumpers

47.1 Each club shall register its playing uniform prior to 28th of February of the current season.

47.2 The league must approve all uniform colours and designs as per by – law 5.1.

47.3 Clubs must notify in writing of any proposed changes to their uniform prior to 15th of January of the current season.

47.4 The league must approve all changes to the club's uniform.

47.5 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.

47.6 The club of all players not in the approved uniform by the first match of the season and who have not received approval from the league for an agreed interim uniform may incur a fine set at the discretion of the HFNL Executive.

47.7 One logo is permitted to the top front left of the players jumpers and must not exceed 10cm x 6cm.

47.8 One logo is permitted 5cm below the player's number and must not exceed 30cm x 7.5cm.

47.9 Should a club require additional logos on the front or back of the player's jumper, a request must be lodged with the league and will be determined by the executive.

48 Player Shorts

48.1 A maximum of two logos may be attached to the front of player's shorts which must not exceed 10cm x 6cm.

48.2 The home club shall wear their home shorts.

48.3 The away club shall wear white shorts.

49 Player Socks

49.1 As per by – law 46.1

50 Match Times

50.1 Match times shall be as follows for day matches

50.1.1	Under 18.5 Football	10.30am	Siren to be sounded 10.20am
50.1.2	Reserve Football	12.15pm	Siren to be sounded 12.05am
50.1.3	Senior Football	2.00pm	Siren to be sounded 1.50pm

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

50.2.1	Under 18.5 Football	2.45pm	Siren to be sounded 2.35pm
50.2.2	Reserve Football	4.15pm	Siren to be sounded 4.05pm
50.2.3	Senior Football	6.00pm	Siren to be sounded 5.50pm

50.3 Match times shall be as follows for finals matches

50.3.1	Under 18.5 Football	10.20am	Siren to be sounded 10.10am
50.3.2	Reserve Football	12.00pm	Siren to be sounded 11.50am
50.3.3	Senior Football	2.10pm	Siren to be sounded 2.00pm

50.4 Should a match be running late, the siren is to be sounded immediately after the completion of the previous match.

50.5 Any team failing to start play on time shall, after five (5) minutes, forfeit five (5) goals to the opposition team and a further goal per minute until 10 minutes have elapsed. A forfeit shall then be declared providing the opposing team has provided their team sheet.

50.6 The club of any team who forfeits may incur a fine set at the discretion of the HFNL Executive. The opposing team shall receive four (4) premiership points and percentage shall be worked out as 15.0.90 to nil and the opposing team will be permitted to lodge a team sheet.

51 Match Intervals

51.1 Match intervals shall be as follows

51.1.1	Under 18.5 Football	4 x 20 minute quarters no time on with breaks 5, 10, 5
51.1.2	Reserve Football	4 x 20 minute quarters no time on with breaks 5, 10, 5
51.1.3	Senior Football	4 x 20 minute quarters plus time on with breaks 5, 20, 5

51.2 Any club delaying the start of a quarter may incur a fine set at the discretion of the HFNL Executive.

52 Match Conditions

52.1 a. The Senior Football team shall consist of between fourteen (14) and twenty two (22) players with up to eighteen (18) on the field at any one time with remaining players on the interchange. Reserves Football team shall consist of between fourteen (14) and twenty one (21) players with up to eighteen (18) on the field at any one time with remaining players on the interchange.

b. If the senior side is unable to field a list of 18 players on the ground, the number of players for both competing teams on the field will be limited to that teams list with at least 1 player as interchange. The number of players will remain at this number for the entirety of play excluding players unable to play due to injury (ie. List of 18, therefore 17 on the ground with 1 interchange).

52.2 a. The Under 18.5 Football team can name up to twenty one (21) players on their team sheet.

b. For underage football competitions, including Under 18.5 teams, refer to the AFL Western District Junior Equalisation Policy and On Field Number Regulations, in part replicated here;

On-Field Number Regulations:

- Minimum Bench is two at the start of the game. Maximum bench is per the age group and league by-laws.
- Teams may play with 18, 16, 15, 14 or 12 players, as long as there are 2 on the bench.
- If a match is played with 16 players on each team, it is the wing positions lost.
- Coaches of opposing teams can negotiate the positions lost when on-field players are 15 and below.

52.3 A player Under 18 years of age who played Under 18.5 Football shall not be permitted to play Senior Football or Reserves Football on the same day unless the club obtains written consent from the player and the player's parent / s or guardian, this must be completed and filed with the club's match day results as per by – law 56.5.

52.4 The club of any such player playing without the written consent from the player and the player's parent / s or guardian may incur a fine of \$100.

52.5 A club can have up to four (4) nominated over age players in Under 18.5 Football. The players must be under 19 years of age as of 1st July of the current season and their names must be advised to the league prior to the commencement of the current season.

52.6 Over age players are ineligible for league awards.

52.7 Should an over age player play four (4) or more matches in Senior Football or Reserves Football he is deemed ineligible to play Under 18.5 Football.

52.8 Team sheets must be marked "O/A" to indicate over age players.

52.9 A TAC Cup, VFL, AFL player is ineligible to play as an over age player.

52.10 Any over age player suspended by the league's independent tribunal shall be ineligible to play Under 18.5 Football for the remainder of the season including finals.

53 Team Lists

53.1 Team lists must be lodged on the AFL PlayHQ database by 7.15pm for Senior teams and 8.00pm for all other teams each Thursday prior to each match and must be printed off immediately. The printed team list must also include coaches, runners, trainers, water carriers, team managers, interchange stewards and club umpires if known.

53.2 In Senior Football twenty two (22) players must be named in position with up to four (4) players to be named as emergencies.

53.3 Should a player be injured and is required to be withdrawn from the named twenty five (25) players, the club shall notify the League Administrator. The League Administrator must then notify the opposing club immediately by phone and email.

53.4 The team list printed as per by – law 52.1 must be used on match day. Each participating club must add any coaches, runners, trainers, water carriers, team managers, interchange stewards and club umpires not known on the Thursday night when lodged by hand. Each participating club must place a line through any players who were selected but not playing and provide to the central umpires prior to the match. This team sheet must be provided with the match day results as per by – law 56.5.

53.5 Any club who does not provide the team sheet as per by – law 52 may incur a fine set at the discretion of the HFNL Executive.

54 Timekeepers

54.1 Each participating club shall provide a timekeeper per match.

54.2 The siren shall only be sounded by the timekeepers prior to, during and at the completion of a match.

54.4 Stop watches must be synchronised, if only one stopwatch is available, that shall be the official time.

54.5 The timekeepers shall record on cards as provided by the league exact times and shall be provided with the match day results as per by – law 56.5.

54.6 Timekeepers must be 16 years of age or older.

54.7 The club of any timekeepers that are 16 years or younger may incur a fine of \$100.

55 Match Day Checklist

55.1 A home and away club representative must complete the Marsh Insurance Match day checklist prior to the start of the first match of the competition day on the approved phone app.

56 Match Day Results

56.1 The home club is responsible for entering each match result into AFL PlayHQ database by 5.30pm or 10pm for a night match.

56.2 Match result information shall include

56.2.1 quarter by quarter scores and final score (league media scoresheet as provided by the league)

56.2.2 best players 1 to 6

56.2.3 goals scored per player

56.2.4 most valuable player votes 3 to 1 (Senior Football only)

56.3 It is the responsibility of the home club to ensure that all match day results are entered accurately.

56.4 Should inaccurate information be entered the home club may incur a fine of \$50 per inaccurate entry.

56.5 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 first working day following the match and must include

56.5.1 official league scoresheet

56.5.2 quarter by quarter scores and final score (league media scoresheet as provided by the league)

56.5.3 best and fairest vote cards

56.5.4 most valuable player vote cards (Senior Football only)

56.5.5 signed league timekeepers card

56.5.6 signed league goal umpires card

56.5.7 any other form required by the League

56.6 Should the home club not deliver the match day envelope to the league's office by 4pm on the second working day following the match they may incur a fine set at the discretion of the HFNL Executive.

56.7 Should any match day paperwork be missing from the match day envelope as per by - law 56.5, the club responsible may incur a fine set at the discretion of the HFNL Executive.

57 Finals

57.1 In the event of a drawn match in any finals match including the grand final, the following shall apply

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

57.1.2 two five (5) minute halves plus time on shall be played with an immediate change of ends after the first (1st) five minute half with no break during the change of ends

57.1.3 if at the end of the second five minute half scores are still level, no change of ends shall occur, play will be restarted at the centre bounce and continue until one team has a one point advantage

57.2 The HFNL shall allocate rooms and shorts uniforms prior to each finals match and notify the club via the club secretary by 12 noon on the first business day immediately following the previous matches.

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

58 Finals Eligibility

58.1 Any player registered with their club who plays Reserves Football must take the field in four (4) or more home and away Reserve Grade Football matches to be eligible to play finals in Reserves Football.

58.2 Any player registered with their club who plays Reserves Football cannot take the field in more than ten (10) home and away matches in Senior Football to be eligible to play finals in Reserves Football.

58.3 Should a club be playing Senior Football and Reserves Football on the same weekend during finals, by – laws 58.1, and 58.2 are removed; but a player can only play one match per weekend.

58.4 Any under age player registered with their club who plays Four (4) Club games in the current Season is eligible to play finals in their own age group that season.

58.5 Any TAC Cup listed player may play with their registered home club during finals in senior and under 18.5 football only; but a player can only play one match per weekend between their club and TAC Cup club.

58.6 Any VFL listed player may play with their registered home club during finals in senior football only; but a player can only play one match per weekend between their club and VFL club. Refer AFL Victoria Country Finals Eligibility- Section 11. FINALS ELIGIBILITY – COATES TALENT LEAGUE, VFL and VFLW PLAYERS

58.7 Should a player play more than one match per weekend during finals, the club shall incur the loss of the second match the player played in.

59 AFL Victoria Country Championships

59.1 The league shall compete in the AFL Victoria Country Championships as required.

59.2 The league shall appoint representative team coaches for a period of one (1) year for each team participating in by – law 59.1 and shall advertise the positions as required upon the completion of each one (1) year period.

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

59.4 The league shall supply clubs with selection letters for players selected in the AFL Victoria Country Championships squads.

60 Practice Matches

60.1 The league must be notified of a practice match which shall include the participating clubs, date, time and venue.

61 Set Penalties

61.1 As per AFL Victoria rule 12.0.

62 Investigations

62.1 As per AFL Victoria rule 5.0.

62.2 The club requesting the investigation shall incur the cost of the investigation.

Investigation fees:

In instances where a club lodges a request for an investigation in accordance with AFL Victoria Rule 5.0 (unbecoming conduct) and lodges the required fee of \$590, the full amount of \$590 shall be retained by the League and will be refunded in full or part after completion of the investigation and subsequent tribunal hearing (if applicable) as per the League's policy, as set out below.

The following policy in relation to payment of the Investigations Officer's payment will be enforced by the League for investigations:

A) When the Investigations Officer determines there is no case to answer, the club requesting the investigation will receive a refund of the bond, less the Investigations Officer's fee for services.

B) In cases where the investigations officer refers the matter to the League's Independent Tribunal, and a verdict of not guilty (or case not proven) is determined, the club requesting the investigation will receive a refund of the bond, less the Investigations Officer's fee for services.

C) In cases where the Investigations Officer refers the matter to the League's Independent Tribunal and a guilty verdict is determined, the club requesting the investigation shall receive a full refund of \$500. The club of the player/official that has the guilty verdict applied to it shall be fined the amount of the Investigations Officer's fee for services. (in addition to any additional tribunal fine) which shall be used by the League for payment to the Investigations Officer for services.

Note: The above financial policy part (a) & (b) shall be applied in cases where the investigations officer fee does not exceed \$590. In extenuating circumstances (e.g. More difficult, complex or lengthy investigations) the Investigations officer may request an amount over and above \$590 which will be paid by the club requesting the investigation over and above the bond paid.

63 Order Off

63.1 A red card indicates the player is ordered off for the remainder of the match and is able to be replaced after 20 minutes of elapsed playing time from the resumption of the play after being ordered off.

63.2 A yellow card indicates the player is ordered off for 15 minutes of elapsed playing time from the resumption of the play after being ordered off and cannot be replaced within that time.

64 Independent Tribunal

64.1 The independent tribunal comprising up to 10 members shall be appointed by AFL Western District and the executive prior to the current season.

64.2 Three (3) members of such an independent tribunal shall form a quorum.

64.3 Nominations for membership of the independent tribunal shall be advertised and the names of intending nominees shall be forwarded to the league prior to the current season to be appointed by the executive.

64.4 The members of the independent tribunal shall not hold any other position of office in the league or an official position with a club affiliated with the league within a period of twelve (12) months prior to nomination.

64.5 The members of the independent tribunal shall not have been an AFL Victoria registered player within a period of twenty – four (24) months prior to nomination.

64.6 Elected members of the independent tribunal shall receive the following prior to the current season

64.6.1 league season pass including finals

64.6.2 AFL Victoria handbook

64.6.3 league handbook

64.7 The league's tribunal shall be held in the week following a round of matches at a venue and time determined by the league.

Order Of Proceedings;

Vision of the incident to be introduced only when requested by one of the participating parties. (Offended player, Charged Player, Tribunal Chairman, League Prosecutor)

Preliminary formalities will be conducted by the Tribunal Secretary prior to the hearing. (ie)

- o List names of all witnesses
- o Notify attendees who is comprising the Panel
- o Seek any objections to Panel members
- o Confirm Identification of all players and umpires concerned.
- o Ask the umpire if there are any amendments to his/her report.

64.8 Matters shall be referred to the independent tribunal as per AFL Victoria rule 7.0.

64.9 Any matter referred to the independent tribunal as per AFL Victoria rule 7.0 can be appealed as per AFL Victoria rule 8.0.

64.10 The league's tribunal shall consult with the league for interpretation of any AFL Victoria rule or league by – law as required whether the tribunal hearing has commenced or not. The league may also request further interpretation of any AFL Victoria rule from AFL Victoria.

64.11 In the absence of a quorum at a hearing of the independent tribunal, any players charged shall be eligible to play for their club until the matter is heard and determined by the independent tribunal.

64.12 Where video evidence is available from HFNL authorised media outlet video production team, this evidence WILL be made available to the Tribunal to be reviewed as required.

Match Review Panel (MRP)

The Match Review Panel shall have the power to lay a report following analysis of HFNL Official game day footage that has been raised with the League from any club or Umpiring Association.

The MRP shall follow AFL Victoria rules when laying a report from video footage. The HFNL shall provide an advocate to prosecute all MRP cases that have been referred to the tribunal and at no point shall a member of the MRP be present during a tribunal case. The two systems shall remain independent to each other.

Where a Club or Umpire Association wishes to tender a Club/League authorised League video or non-authorised video as evidence in a case, the Club/Umpire Association must notify AFL Western District/HFNL no later than 10.00am on the Monday following that weeks round and such video must be delivered to AFL Western District/HFNL no later than Noon on day of the scheduled day of the Tribunal.

64.13 Match Review Panel (MRP)

Umpires may request a review of an incident during a period of the match (authorised League video, Senior Football Matches only) when giving 'all clear'. Clubs will be advised verbally or shown a Written copy of the request at this time. Clubs may also make an official request to review specific incident/s of concern to the HFNL Administrator/ AFL Western District Tribunal Secretary by 10am the first working day after the match. The AFL Western District MRP will view the relevant footage, and if deemed appropriate may lay a charge to be heard by the Independent Regional Tribunal or recommend a set penalty.

The MRP will also assess all reports Monday as received throughout the weekend and have the power to impose or amend penalties as they deem appropriate. This will include involvement in melees (if captured on vision). The MRP will have a "Grading of Offences" table and a "Melee Matrix" available as a guide when deliberating on relevant penalties, with the aim to create more consistency. The charged player may challenge the imposed set penalty at tribunal, but if found guilty by the tribunal panel will receive a penalty that is at a minimum that which was originally offered, and the club will be levied \$500. If a set penalty is applied or amended by the MRP, the charged player will have until 10.00am on that Tuesday to request the charge be heard at tribunal or the set penalty will apply as offered.

64.14 Set Sanctions

If after the game the reporting umpire doesn't indicate on the player report sheet that the offence warrants a tribunal hearing, the offending player can defer his decision or choose to accept the prescribed penalty by signing the player report sheet in the space provided. The reporting umpire, the offending player and the offended player's club secretary all have until 12.00noon the first working day following the incident at the latest to inform the league that they wish the matter to be heard by a tribunal. If one party initially chooses the set sanction, they can change their decision within the time frame. If there is no official indication within the designated timeframe that a tribunal is required, the relevant set sanction will be applied.

Personnel

Tribunal Chairperson - A professional Tribunal Chairman will possibly be paid an honorarium for his or her work specific to the Hampden Football Netball League.

- League Prosecutor - A professional League Prosecutor who will possibly be paid an honorarium for his or her work specific to the Hampden Football Netball league.

- MRP – The MRP will be made up of the following members: League nominated representative and two selected independent panel members.

Levies

As set by AFL Western District on a yearly basis and provided to all Clubs and subject to change.

Tribunal Fees:

Player Reported sent directly to Tribunal and found guilty \$500

Player Reported sent directly to Tribunal and found not guilty No Charge

Investigations League/Club calling for investigation - refunded if not guilty - if opposition player is found guilty \$590.00. If player/official being investigated is found guilty \$590.00

Set Penalty - Player accepts set penalty \$100.00 Contests set penalty \$350.00 \$500

MRP (HFNL Only) Accepts MRP decision - no involvement of Tribunal Sec. No charge
Accepts MRP decision - involvement of Tribunal Sec. \$100.00 \$350

Contests MRP decision - involvement of Tribunal Sec. \$350.00 \$500

65 Codes of Behaviour

65.1 All players, coaches, team officials and spectators shall comply with AFL Victoria code of conduct and the Victorian Code of Conduct for Community Sport.

65.2 Should any players, coaches, team officials and spectators fail to comply with AFL Victoria code of conduct and the Victorian Code of Conduct for Community Sport the matter will be referred to the league's tribunal.

66 Stretchers

66.1 Each home club must ensure that an appropriate stretcher is placed at the interchange area.

66.2 Any club who fails to provide an appropriate stretcher may incur a fine set at the discretion of the HFNL Executive.

67 Post Padding

67.1 All football posts must be padded prior to the start of the first match of the competition day.

67.2 All football posts padding shall be a minimum of 2.5m high x 30cm wide

67.3 Failure to provide padding as required may incur a fine set at the discretion of the HFNL Executive.

68 Ground Lighting

68.1 If natural light is deteriorating during a match, the two participating club coaches and officiating central umpires can agree to turn on ground lighting to assist with the natural light at the ground to allow the match to complete.

69 De – Registration / Non – Registration Policy

69.1 The league shall adhere to the AFL Victoria's de – registration policy.

70 On Field Communication Devices

70.1 Listening / talking devices shall not be allowed to be used on the field during matches.

70.2 Should any club use listening / talking devices on the field during matches they may incur a fine set at the discretion of the HFNL Executive.

71 Awards

71.1 Maskell Medal

71.1.1 an award known as the “Maskell Medal” shall be made each year to the best and fairest player or players in the senior football competition

71.1.2 voting for such award shall made by the field umpires officiating each senior football competition match

71.1.3 the field umpires officiating each senior football competition match shall at the conclusion of the match select three (3) best and fairest players in the match

71.1.4 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

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

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

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

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

71.1.9 any player who has been found guilty of an offence during the home and away season shall not be eligible to win the medal

71.2 Lew Kelly Medal

71.2.1 an award known as the “Lew Kelly Medal” shall be made each year to the best and fairest player or players in the reserves football competition

71.2.2 rules in relation to the Lew Kelly Medal shall be identical to by – law 71.1

71.3 Judd Cup

71.3.1 an award known as the “Judd Cup” shall be made each year to the best and fairest player or players in the under 18.5 football competition

71.3.2 rules in relation to the Judd Cup shall be identical to by – law 71.1

71.4 Most Valuable Player

71.4.1 an award known as the “Most Valuable Player” shall be made each year to the best player or players in the senior football competition

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

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

71.4.5 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

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

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

71.4.8 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

71.5 Leading Goal Kicker

71.5.1 an award known as the “leading goal kicker” shall be made each year to the leading goal kicker in the senior, reserves and under 18.5 football competitions

71.5.2 the player or players with the most goals kicked shall be awarded the leading goal kicker award. In the case of two players kicking the most goals, joint winners shall be declared and separate awards shall be awarded to each player

71.6 Rising Star

71.6.1 an award known as the “rising star” shall be made each year to the best first year player in the senior football competition

71.6.2 clubs are to nominate one (1) player aged 21 and under each season who have played fewer than 10 senior games for their club at time of nomination.

71.6.3 the player or players with the most combined votes from both the Maskell Medal 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

71.7 Richard Nixon Medal

71.7.1 an award known as the “Richard Nixon Medal” shall be presented each year to the player judged Best on Ground in the Senior Football match in the AFL Victoria Country Championships

71.8 Stephen Anderson Medal

71.8.1 an award known as the “Stephen Anderson Medal” shall be presented each year to the player judged Best on Ground in the Under 18 Football match in the AFL Victoria Country Championships

71.9 Ron Hoy Medal

71.9.1 a medal known as the “Ron Hoy Medal” shall be presented each year to the player judged Best on Ground in the Senior Football Grand Final by the central umpires.

71.10 Fred Bond Medal

71.10.1 a medal known as the “Fred Bond Medal” shall be presented each year to the player judged Best on Ground in the Reserve Football Grand Final by the central umpires.

71.11 Ted Parker Medal

71.11.1 a medal known as the “Ted Parker Medal” shall be presented each year to the player judged Best on Ground in the Under 18.5 Football Grand Final by the central umpires

Junior Football

The following by – laws shall be read in general across the league’s Junior Football Competition and shall be read in conjunction with the league’s general by – laws.

110 Playing Rules

110.1 All matches shall be played under AFL laws of the game, AFL Western District Junior Area and Permit Agreements, AFL Western District Junior Equalisation Policy and On-Field Number Regulations, AFL Victoria Country rules and regulations except in such cases and conditions where the by – laws hereby adopted are superseded by the league’s by – laws

111 Junior Football Coordinator

11.1 Each club shall appoint a Junior Football Coordinator / s.

111.2 Each Junior Football Coordinator / s must sign a AFL Victoria registration form and be registered on AFL PlayHQ with their club prior to the start of the current season.

111.3 Any club that does not appoint a football coordinator may incur a fine set at the discretion of the HFNL Executive.

111.4 The Junior Football 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.

111.5 Any Junior Football Coordinator that does not have a working with children check and / or has failed to supply the league with a copy may incur a fine set at the discretion of the HFNL Executive.

112 Player Registrations

112.1 All players shall be registered with the AFL Victoria

112.2 Each player must sign an AFL Victoria registration form and be registered on AFL PlayHQ with their club prior to the start of the current season.

112.3 Any player wishing to play after the start of the current season and who is not registered with the AFL Victoria on AFL PlayHQ with their club, must complete the registration prior to the match they wish to participate in.

112.4 Any club playing an unregistered player shall be referred to AFL Victoria rule 1.3.

113 Players

113.1 Players age is determined as at 1st of January of that year.

113.2 Any player registered with their club may play in Under 12, Under 14 and Under 16 Football subject by – law 113.1.

114 Player Clearances

114.1 All clearances players in underage competitions are restricted to once every three weeks and shall refer to the AFL Victoria handbook

115 Permits

115.1 All permits shall refer to the AFL Victoria handbook.

115.2 All clubs shall adhere to all league area permits per season as per by – law 116.

115.3 A player who is not registered to a club shall not play finals.

116 Area Permits

116.1 The league shall enter into local area permits with the following leagues

Warrnambool & District Football Netball League

South West District Football Netball League

Mininera & District Football Netball League

Hawks Junior FNC

Portland Junior Football League

Hamilton Junior Football League

And any other League as entered into by the League

117 Coaches Registration

117.1 All coaches shall be registered with CoachAFL.

117.2 Each coach must register online at CoachAFL and indicate the club which they will be registered to prior to the start of the current season.

117.3 Any coach who wishes to coach after the start of the current season must register with CoachAFL and indicate the club which they will be registered with prior to the match in which they will coach.

117.4 The club of any unregistered coach may incur a fine set at the discretion of the HFNL Executive.

118 Coaches

118.1 All coaches shall be accredited as per AFL Victoria handbook.

118.2 All coaches shall have a working with children check and a copy of this must be supplied to the league prior to the 31st of March of the current season or prior to the first match, they coach if appointed after the start of the season..

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

119 Coaches / Umpires Meetings

119.1 A meeting may be convened annually between all registered club coaches and representatives from Warrnambool & District Football Umpires Association, and the Western District Football Umpires Association.

119.2 The club of a junior football coach who does not attend the coaches / umpires meeting may incur a fine set at the discretion of the HFNL Executive.

120 Team Managers Registration

120.1 All team managers shall be registered with AFL Victoria.

120.2 Each team manager must sign an AFL Victoria registration form and be registered on AFL PlayHQ with their club prior to the start of the current season.

120.3 A team manager who wishes to take to the field after the start of the current season and is not registered with AFL Victoria on AFL PlayHQ with their club, must complete the registration prior to the match he wishes to participate in.

120.4 The club of any team manager who is unregistered may incur a fine set at the discretion of the HFNL Executive.

121 Runners Registration

121.1 All runners shall be registered with AFL Victoria.

121.2 A runner must be a minimum 16 years of age.

121.3 Each runner must be registered on AFL PlayHQ with their club prior to the start of the current season.

121.4 Any runner who wishes to take to the field after the start of the current season and is not registered with AFL Victoria on AFL PlayHQ with their club, must complete the registration prior to the match he wishes to participate in.

121.4a In the event of the regular registered runner being unavailable on match day a fill-in may be appointed. The League shall be notified of this fill-in and runners must be included on the team sheet.

121.5 The club of any unregistered runner may incur a fine set at the discretion of the HFNL Executive.

122 Runners

122.1 Clubs may appoint up to two (2) team runners per grade.

122.2 One (1) runner may enter and remain on the field at any one (1) time.

122.3 Runners must enter and leave the field by the designated interchange area.

122.4 Any runner who breaches by – laws 122.2 or 122.3, the club may incur a fine set at the discretion of the HFNL Executive.

122.5 The runner / 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.

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

122.6a In the event of a fill-in runner on match day By-law 122.6 shall not apply.

122.7 Runners shall be attired in shorts and shirt as supplied by the HFNL..

122.8 Runners must have the club name and identifying number on the back of the shirt.

122.9 The club of any runner attired incorrectly may incur a fine set at the discretion of the HFNL Executive.

123 Water Carriers

123.1 Water Carriers shall be attired in either black long pants or shorts.

123.2 Water Carriers shall be attired in a blue shirt which must have the club name and identifying number on the back of the shirt.

123.3 The club of any water carrier attired incorrectly may incur a fine set at the discretion of the HFNL Executive.

124 Club Umpires Registration

124.1 All club umpires shall be registered with AFL Victoria.

124.2 A club boundary umpire must be at least 12 years of age.

124.3 A club goal umpire must be at least 16 years of age.

124.4 A club central umpire must be at least 18 years of age.

124.5 Each club umpire must be registered on AFL PlayHQ with their club prior to the start of the current season.

124.6 Any club umpire who wishes to take to the field after the start of the current season and is not registered with AFL Victoria on AFL PlayHQ with their club, must complete the registration prior to the match they wish to participate in.

124.6a In the event of the regular club umpire being unavailable on match day a fill-in may be appointed. The League shall be notified of this and the fill-in umpire must be named on the team sheet.

124.7 The club of any unregistered club umpire may incur a fine set at the discretion of the HFNL Executive.

125 Club Umpires

125.1 Clubs shall supply umpires to the following matches

125.1.1 Under 16 Football 1 x central umpire – home and away team

125.1.2 Under 16 Football 1 x boundary umpire, 1 x goal umpire – home and away team

125.1.3 Under 14 Football 1 x central umpire – home and away team

125.1.4 Under 14 Football 1 x boundary umpire, 1 x goal umpire – home and away team

125.1.5 Under 12 Football 1 x central umpire, 1 x goal umpires – home and away team

In the event of a club not providing a boundary umpire then that club at the direction of the controlling Central Umpire once the ball has been called out of bounds must instruct a player from that club to throw in the ball

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

125.3 The club umpire / 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.

125.4 Any club umpire that does not have a working with children check and / or has failed to supply the league with a copy may incur a fine set at the discretion of the HFNL Executive.

125.4a In the event of a fill-in club umpire on match day By-law 125.4 shall not apply.

125.5 Club central and boundary umpires must wear orange shirts with black shorts and orange socks as their uniform. Goal Umpires must wear orange League approved vests.

125.6 The club of any club umpire attired incorrectly may incur a fine set at the discretion of the HFNL Executive.

125.7 Club umpires shall supply their own whistle.

125.8 The goal umpires shall record on cards as provided by the league exact scores and shall be returned with the match day results as per by – law 138.

126 Association Umpires

126.1 The league shall appoint association umpires from the Warrnambool and District Football Umpires Association and the Western District Umpires Association to officiate all league games as negotiated on a season to season basis.

126.2 The league shall supply association umpires for final matches

126.2.1 Under 16 Football

126.2.2 Under 14 Football

126.3 Association umpires shall be paid as per pay rates.

127 Footballs

127.1 All balls shall have the approved league sponsor's logo printed on the footballs except for the Under 12 synthetic footballs.

127.2 Clubs who do not use the correct approved league sponsor logo as stated by the league may incur a fine set at the discretion of the HFNL Executive.

127.3 The club shall incur the cost of all match balls provided for home and away matches

127.4 The league shall supply red Match Sherrin footballs for all Under 16 finals matches.

127.5 The league shall supply red Match Sherrin footballs for all Under 14 finals matches.

128 Player Uniforms

128.1 All players must wear AFL Victoria approved uniforms complying with the registered colours of their club including numbered playing jumpers, shorts and socks.

128.2 Only Beige / Cream colour bike shorts and black gloves are permitted. Black Bike shorts are not permitted.

129 Player Jumpers

129.1 Each club shall register its playing uniform prior to 28th of February of the current season.

129.2 The league must approve all uniform colours and designs as per by – law 5.1.

129.3 Clubs must notify in writing of any proposed changes to their uniform prior to 15th of February of the current season.

129.4 The league must approve all changes to the club's uniform.

129.5 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.

129.6 The club of all players not in the approved uniform by the first match of the season and who have not received approval from the league for an agreed interim uniform may incur a fine set at the discretion of the HFNL Executive.

129.7 One logo is permitted to the top front left of the players jumpers and must not exceed 10cm x 6cm.

129.8 One logo is permitted 5 cm below the player's number and must not exceed 30 cm x 7.5cm.

129.9 Should a club require additional logos on the front or back of the player's jumper, a request must be lodged with the league to be determined by the executive.

130 Player Shorts

130.1 A maximum of two logos may be attached to the front of player's shorts which must not exceed 10cm x 6cm.

130.2 All clubs shall wear their home shorts.

131 Player Socks

131.1 As per by – law 128.

132 Match Times

132.1 Match times shall be as follows for day matches Home & Away

132.1.1 Under 12 Football 11.00am Siren to be sounded 10.50am

132.1.2 Under 14 Football 12.15pm Siren to be sounded 12.05pm

132.1.3 Under 16 Football 1.45pm Siren to be sounded 1.35pm

132.2 Match times shall be as follows for night matches

132.2.1 Under 12 Football 5pm Siren to be sounded 4.50pm

132.2.2 Under 14 Football 6.15pm Siren to be sounded 6.05pm

132.2.3 Under 16 Football 7.45pm Siren to be sounded 7.35pm

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

132.3.1 Under 12 Football 9.00am Siren to be sounded 8.50am

132.3.2 Under 14 Football 10.00am and 11.30am Siren to be sounded 10 minutes before

132.3.3 Under 16 Football 1.00pm and 2.45pm Siren to be sounded 10 minutes before

132.4 Match times shall be as follows for preliminary and grand finals

132.4.1 Under 12 Football 11.00am Siren to be sounded 10.50am

132.4.2 Under 14 Football 12.15pm Siren to be sounded 12.05pm

132.4.3 Under 16 Football 2.00pm Siren to be sounded 1.50pm

132.5 Should a match be running late, the siren is to be sounded immediately after the completion of the previous match.

132.7 The club of any team who forfeits may incur a fine set at the discretion of the HFNL Executive, the opposing team shall receive four (4) premiership points and percentage shall be worked out as 15.0.90 to nil and the opposing team will be permitted to lodge a team sheet.

133 Match Intervals

133.1 Match intervals shall be as follows

133.1.1 Under 12 Football 4 x 12 minute quarters no time on with breaks 5, 10, 5

133.1.2 Under 14 Football 4 x 15 minute quarters no time on with breaks 5, 10, 5

133.1.3 Under 16 Football 4 x 20 minute quarters no time on with breaks 5, 10, 5

133.2 Any club delaying the start of a quarter may incur a fine set at the discretion of the HFNL Executive..

134 Match Conditions

134.1 The Under 12 Football team shall consist of between fourteen (14) and 28 Players on the team sheet with up to twenty (20) on the field at any one time, providing for a bench minimum of two players, with remaining players on the interchange. Also refer to Under 12 Football Guidelines.

134.2 The Under 14 Football team can name up to twenty six (26) players on their team sheet for both Home and Away and Finals games.

134.3 The Under 16 Football team can name up to twenty six (26) players on their team sheet for both Home and away and Finals games.

134.4 Clubs are encouraged to utilise intra-league sharing of players via Rule 2.9 to permit players to opposing teams when player numbers are lacking. Clubs doing so need to consult the AFL Western District Junior Equalisation Policy and On-Field Number Regulations.

On-Field Number Regulations:

- Minimum Bench is two at the start of the game. Maximum bench is per the age group and league by-laws.
- Teams may play with 18, 16, 15, 14 or 12 players, as long as there are 2 on the bench.
- If a match is played with 16 players on each team, it is the wing positions lost.
- Coaches of opposing teams can negotiate the positions lost when on-field players are 15 and below. In the spirit of junior football any club that is short of numbers on any given match must contact the opposing club and inform them of the situation by 9.00pm the day preceding the game so as to come to a suitable agreement.

134.5 Over age players shall be approved by the league with final approval of the junior football reference group at the next available meeting. If granted a player must stay in the age group they have been approved to play or the overage permit will be cancelled.

134.6 Over age players are ineligible for league awards.

134.7 Team sheets must be marked “O/A” to indicate over age players.

134.8 Any over age player suspended by the league’s independent tribunal shall be ineligible to play as an over age player

134.9 15 metre penalties will be utilised in Under 12s in the place of 50 metre penalties. Any player who disputes the decision of the umpire shall be sent off the ground.

134.10 Under 12 players will not be allowed to kick the ball off the ground. This will reduce a soccer style of play and increase ball handling skills.

134.11 No official results shall be kept for Under 12 Football

134.12 Players are only allowed to bounce the ball once in Under 12 Football; should a player bounce the ball twice, a ball up shall be called by the umpire.

134.13 As per the AFL Western District Junior Equalisation Policy and On Field Number Regulations Minimum Bench is two at the start of the game.

135 Team Lists

135.1 Team lists must be lodged on the AFL PlayHQ database by 8pm each Thursday prior to each match and must be printed off immediately. The printed team list must also include coaches, runners, trainers, water carriers, team managers, interchange stewards and club umpires if known.

135.2 Players must be named in position including emergencies.

135.3 The team list printed as per by – law 135.1 must be used on match day, each participating club must add any coaches, runners, trainers, water carriers, team managers, interchange stewards and club umpires not known on the Thursday night when lodged by hand. Each participating club must place a line through any players who were selected but not playing and provide it to the central umpires prior to the match. This team sheet must be returned with the match day results as per by – law 138.

136 Timekeepers

136.1 Each participating club shall provide a timekeeper per match.

136.2 The siren shall only be sounded by the timekeepers prior to, during and at the completion of a match.

136.3 Stop watches must be synchronised, if only one stopwatch is available, that shall be the official time.

137 Match Day Checklist

137.1 A home and away club representative must complete the Marsh Insurance match day checklist prior to the start of the first match of the competition day on the approved Marsh Insurance app.

138 Match Day Results

138.1 The home club is responsible for entering each match result into AFL PlayHQ database by 5.30pm on a day match day or 10pm on a night match. All results must be forwarded to the Junior Football Operations Manager on the day for result confirmation.

138.2 Match result information shall include

138.2.1 Quarter by quarter scores and final score (league media scoresheet as provided by the league)

138.2.2 best players 1 to 6

138.2.3 successful goals scored per player

138.3 It is the responsibility of the home club to ensure all match day results are entered accurately.

138.4 Should inaccurate information be entered the home club may incur a fine set at the discretion of the HFNL Executive per inaccurate entry.

138.5 It is the responsibility of the home club to ensure 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

138.5.1 official league scoresheet

138.5.2 quarter by quarter scores and final score (league media scoresheet as provided by the league)

138.5.4 best and fairest vote cards

138.5.5 signed league goal umpires card

138.5.6 any other form required by the League

138.6 Should the home club not deliver the match day envelope to the League's Office by 4pm on the second working day following the match they may incur a fine set at the discretion of the HFNL Executive.

138.7 The club responsible for any missing match day paperwork from the match day envelope as per by - law 138.5 may incur a fine set at the discretion of the HFNL Executive.

139 Finals

139.1 In the event of a drawn match in any finals match including the grand final, the following shall apply

139.1.1 two five (5) minute quarters shall be played with an immediate change of ends after the first (1st) five minute quarter break with no break during the change of ends

139.1.2 if at the end of the second five minute quarter scores are still level, no change of ends shall occur, play will be restarted at the centre bounce and continue until one team has a one point advantage

139.2 The league shall allocate rooms and uniforms prior to each finals match and notify the club via the club secretary by 12 noon on the first business day immediately following the previous matches.

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

140 Finals Eligibility

140.1 Any player registered with their club who plays Junior Football must take the field in four (4) or more home and away matches to be eligible to play finals in Under 14 Football or Under 16 Football.

140.2 Any under age player registered with their club who plays Four (4) Club games in the current Season is eligible to play finals in their own age group that season.

140.3 Permit players are not eligible to play finals without consent from the HFNL Executive.

141 Junior Interleague Carnival

141.1 The league shall compete in the Junior Interleague Carnival as required.

141.2 The league shall appoint representative team coaches for a period of one (1) year for each team participating in by – law 141.1 and shall advertise the positions as required upon the completion of each one (1) year period.

141.3 The league shall appoint representative team coaches.

141.4 The clubs shall supply the league with the names of five (5) players to be selected in the Junior Inter League Carnival squads.

142 Set Penalties

142.1 As per AFL Victoria rule 12.0.

143 Investigations

143.1 As per AFL Victoria rule 5.0.

Investigation fees:

In instances where a club lodges a request for an investigation in accordance with AFL Victoria Rule 5.0 (unbecoming conduct) and lodges the required fee of \$590, the full amount of \$590 shall be retained by the League and will be refunded in full or part after completion of the investigation and subsequent tribunal (if applicable) as per the League's policy, as set out below.

The following policy in relation to payment of the Investigations Officer's payment will be enforced by the League for investigations:

A) When the Investigations Officer determines there is no case to answer, the club requesting the investigation will receive a refund of the bond, less the Investigations Officer's fee for services.

B) In cases where the investigations officer refers the matter to the League's Independent Tribunal, and a verdict of not guilty (or case not proven) is determined, the club requesting the investigation will receive a refund of the bond, less the Investigations Officer's fee for services.

C) In cases where the Investigations Officer refers the matter to the League's Independent Tribunal and a guilty verdict is determined, the club requesting the investigation shall receive a full refund of \$590. The club of the player/official that has the guilty verdict applied to it shall be fined the amount of the Investigations Officer's fee for services. (in addition to any additional tribunal fine) which shall be used by the League for payment to the Investigations Officer for services.

Note: The above financial policy part (a) & (b) shall be applied in cases where the investigations officer fee does not exceed \$590. In extenuating circumstances (e.g. More difficult, complex or

lengthy investigations) the Investigations officer may request an amount over and above \$590 which will be paid by the club requesting the investigation over and above the bond paid.

144 Order Off

144.1 A red card indicates the player is ordered off for the remainder of the match and is able to be replaced after 20 minutes of elapsed playing time from the resumption of the play after being ordered off.

144.2 A yellow card indicates the player is ordered off for 15 minutes of elapsed playing time from the resumption of the play after being ordered off and cannot be replaced within that time.

144.3 Players sent off the ground in Under 12 Football by the umpire shall remain off the ground for the remainder of the game. Players sent off may be replaced in Under 12 Football to ensure that all players can have a maximum amount of playing time.

145 Independent Tribunal

145.1 The independent tribunal of up to 10 members shall be appointed by the executive at its first meeting after the Annual General Meeting.

145.2 Three (3) members of such an independent tribunal shall form a quorum.

145.3 Nominations for membership of the independent tribunal shall be advertised and intended nominee's names shall be forwarded to AFL Western District and League Administrator seven (7) days prior to the first meeting of the executive after the Annual General Meeting.

145.4 The members of the independent tribunal shall not hold any other position of office in the league or an official position with a club affiliated with the league within a period of twelve (12) months prior to nomination.

145.5 The members of the independent tribunal shall not have been an AFL Victoria registered player within a period of twenty – four (24) months prior to nomination.

145.6 Elected members of the independent tribunal shall receive the following prior to the current season

145.6.1 league season pass including finals

145.6.2 AFL Victoria handbook

145.6.3 league handbook

145.7 The league's tribunal shall be held on the Wednesday following a round of matches at a venue and time determined by the league.

145.8 Club attire or smart casual attire shall be worn at the tribunal.

145.9 Matters shall be referred to the independent tribunal as per AFL Victoria rule 7.0.

145.10 Any matter referred to the independent tribunal as per AFL Victoria rule 7.0 can be appealed as per AFL Victoria Country rule 8.0.

145.11 The league's tribunal shall consult with the league for interpretation of any AFL Victoria rule or league by – law as required whether the tribunal hearing has commenced or not. The league may also request further interpretation of any AFL Victoria rule from the AFL Victoria.

145.12 In the absence of quorum at a hearing of the independent tribunal, any players charged shall be eligible to play for their club until the matter is heard and determined by the independent tribunal.

146 Codes of Behaviour

146.1 All players, coaches, team officials and spectators shall comply with the AFL Victoria code of conduct and the Victorian Code of Conduct for Community Sport.

146.2 Should any players, coaches, team officials and spectators fail to comply with the AFL Victoria code of conduct and the Victorian Code of Conduct for Community Sport the matter will be referred to the league's tribunal.

147 Stretchers

147.1 Each home club must ensure an appropriate stretcher is placed at the interchange area.

147.2 Failure of the club to provide an appropriate stretcher may incur a fine set at the discretion of the HFNL Executive.

148 Post Padding

148.1 All football posts must be padded prior to the start of the first match of the competition day.

148.2 All football post padding shall be a minimum of 2.5m high x 30cm thick.

148.3 Failure to provide padding as required may incur a fine set at the discretion of the HFNL Executive.

149 Ground Lighting

149.1 If natural light is deteriorating during a match, the two participating club coaches and officiating central umpires can agree to turn on ground lighting to assist with the natural light at the ground to allow the match to complete.

150 De – Registration / Non – Registration Policy

150.1 The league shall adhere to the AFL Victoria's de – registration policy.

151 On Field Communication Devices

151.1 Listening / talking devices shall not be allowed to be used on the field during matches.

151.2 Should any club use listening / talking devices on the field during matches they may incur a fine set at the discretion of the HFNL Executive.

152 Awards

152.1 Doug McConnell Medal

152.1.1 an award known as the "Doug McConnell Medal" shall be presented each year to the best and fairest player or players in the Under 16 football competition

152.1.2 voting for such award shall made by the field umpires officiating each Under 16 football competition match

152.1.3 the field umpires officiating each Under 16 football competition match shall at the conclusion of the match select three (3) best and fairest players in the match

152.1.4 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

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

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

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

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

152.1.9 any player who has been found guilty of an offence during the home and away season shall not be eligible to win the medal

152.2 Under 14 “Stuart Brunt” Best and Fairest Medal

152.2.1 an award known as the “Under 14 Stuart Brunt Best and Fairest Medal” shall be made each year to the best and fairest player or players in the Under 14 football competition

152.2.2 rules in relation to the shall be identical to by – law 152.1

152.3 Leading Goal Kicker

152.3.1 an award known as the “leading goal kicker” shall be made each year to the leading goal kicker in the Under 16 football and Under 14 football competition

152.3.2 the player or players with the most goals kicked shall be awarded the leading goal kicker award. In the case of two players kicking the most goals, joint winners shall be declared and separate awards shall be awarded to each player

152.4 Danny O’Leary Medal

152.4.1 a medal known as the “Danny O’Leary Medal” shall be presented each year to the player judged Best on Ground in the Under 14 Football Grand Final by the central umpires.

152.5 Ray Russell Medal

152.5.1 A medal known as the “Ray Russell Medal” shall be presented each year to the player judged Best on Ground in the Under 16 Football Grand Final by the central umpires.

UNDER 12 GUIDELINES

To be read in conjunction with HFNL Junior & Football Bylaws.

AGE ELIGIBILITY

All players playing in the Under 12 competition must be under 12 on the 1st January, unless otherwise granted permission by the League to play as an Overage player. The minimum age at which a player may partake in this competition is 10 years of age. IE a player must turn at least 10 years of age in the calendar year.

PLAYERS

All players are to be registered with the AFL Victoria.

TEAM SHEETS

It is mandatory that team sheets are filled in before commencement of play with the names of the players, coach/coaches, runner, trainers and umpires. Team sheets must be with the HFNL Administrator by the Tuesday following the game.

GROUND SIZE

The size of the playing field can be shortened if playing less than 18 players, and if BOTH coaches agree.

EXTRA PLAYERS

It is generally accepted that teams may run 20 players on the ground at once (2 on each wing). It is possible, with both coaches' consent, to increase playing numbers provided the game does not get too crowded and remains reasonably fluent.

LACK OF PLAYERS

Both teams should have equal playing numbers on the ground, per the AFL Western District Equalisation Policy and On-Field Number Regulations.

FOOTBALLS

Size 4 leather/synthetic ball, by agreement of competing coaches before commencement of the match. If no agreement, a leather ball is to be used on Dry Conditions, synthetic in Wet Conditions.

KICKING OFF THE GROUND

Players will not be allowed to kick the ball off the ground. This will reduce a soccer style of play and increase ball handling skills.

BOUNCING THE BALL

Players will only be allowed to bounce (or touch down) the ball once with anyone in possession of the ball. If a player bounces a second time, they will be stopped, and the umpire will have a ball-up.

OUT OF BOUNDS

If a player takes, disposes or moves the ball out of bounds the ball is to be thrown up 10 metres from the boundary. Out of bounds on the full, AFL Victoria Country Rule applies (Free kick).

15 METRE PENALTY

15 metre penalties will be used in Under 12s. A player who disputes the decision with the umpire shall be sent off the ground.

PLAYERS SENT OFF

Players sent off the ground by the umpire shall remain off the ground for the remainder of the game. Players sent off may be replaced in Under 12s to ensure that all players can have a maximum amount of playing time.

OFFICIALS ON THE FIELD

Although adult involvement is encouraged and usually well supported only TWO (2) officials are allowed on the ground during play. It is vitally important that there be no reference to the opposition players in a negative manner. Comments that “put-down” opposition players will not be tolerated from officials, parents or spectators.

The umpires have the authority to send officials, parents, spectators off the ground or the bench if they interfere or disrupt the game in any way, or use negative comments about or to opposition players whilst on the ground.

The runners duty is to run messages from the coach/coaches to players, he/she is not permitted to stay on the ground during play. All club officials must use the coaches boxes provided and must remain behind the designated line between boundary line and coaches box. Parents and spectators are to remain behind the oval fence and only enter ground at quarter breaks.

UMPIRES

One central umpire and one goal umpire in appropriate uniform (orange shirt and socks, black shorts, goal umpire in vest) from each team are to officiate each game. The two central umpires should be fair in their judgment and be mindful of player safety at all times. Umpires need to be up-to-date with the rules, including rule variations used in Under 12s. It is also advisable that the umpire takes that extra 5 to 10 seconds during the game to explain to the player/players why a decision has been made.

The umpires are to adopt a zero tolerance policy with player behaviour. Acts of poor behaviour or bad sportsmanship should first be penalized with a free kick or a 15 metre penalty where necessary. More serious offences or repeat offences should result in that player/players being sent off the ground. It is also the responsibility of the coach/coaches and their staff to help with player behaviour.

SCORING

Team sheets to be completed in PlayHq and game results entered after each game with goal scorers and best players recorded. No official ladder will be visible to the Public and no finals or best and fairest awards will be awarded for the season Under 12 matches.

Netball Bylaws

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 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, the Club shall incur a fine 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 Netball Connect 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 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 set at the discretion of the HFNL Executive

78 Coaches

- 78.1** All coaches registered with the league coaching Senior or Junior Competitions 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. If not completed, clubs may incur a fine set at the discretion of the HFNL Executive..
- 78.3** All coaches registered with the league coaching Senior or Junior Competitions must attend any rules discussion sessions as nominated by the league. If they do not, 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 Club of coaches that don't 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 Senior or Junior Competitions 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 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 Senior or Junior Competitions 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 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 Umpires

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

82.2 All club umpires registered with the league umpiring Senior or Junior Competitions 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 Finals Umpires

83.1 The league shall appoint all Finals Umpires

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

83.2.1 Open Netball \$50 per match

83.2.2 Div 1 Netball \$40 per match

83.2.3 Div 2 Netball \$40 per match

83.2.4 Div 3 Netball \$35 per match

83.2.5 17 & Under & Reserves \$35 per match

83.2.6 15 & Under & Reserves \$30 per match

83.2.7 13 & Under & Reserves \$30 per match

83.2.8 Sunday finals \$30 per match

83.2.9 Emergency \$15 per match

83.2.10 Travel \$0.70 per km return trip

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 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 cannot be substituted during a match, the exception being where an umpire is injured.

85.2 Clubs must lodge an application for testing two (3) weeks prior to the date of testing and must be lodged to the league administrator or Leagues Umpire Delegate by the club umpire coordinator/s. Clubs can lodge an application for testing earlier than 3 weeks prior to the required date but will need to be approved by the Leagues Umpire Delegate.

85.5 No testing of umpires shall be carried out after round 15 of the current season.

85.6 The club shall incur the costs of the testers 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 balls as stated by the league shall incur a fine set at the discretion of the HFNL Executive.

86.3 The league shall supply 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 club's 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 87.9 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 Are not wearing gloves.

88 Club Umpire Dress Code

88.1 Each club umpire shall be dressed appropriately in umpire's attire as follows:-

88.1.1 HFNL Official Umpire Shirt

88.1.2 White skirt or shorts;

88.1.3 Correct sports shoes;

88.1.4 White Jumper or white/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.

89 Match Times Saturday

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

89.1.1	13 & Under Netball	10.00 am
89.1.2	15 & Under Netball	11.00 am
89.1.3	17 & Under Netball	10.00 am
89.1.4	17 & Under Res Netball	1.00 pm
89.1.5	Div 3 Netball	12.00 noon
89.1.6	Div 2 Netball	11.00 am
89.1.7	Div 1 Netball	12.00 noon
89.1.8	Open Netball	1.20 pm

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

89.2.1	13 & Under Netball	3.00 pm
89.2.2	15 & Under Netball	4.00 pm
89.2.3	17 & Under Netball	3.00 pm
89.2.4	17 & Under Res Netball	6.00 pm
89.2.5	Div 3 Netball	5.00 pm
89.2.6	Div 2 Netball	4.00 pm
89.2.7	Div 1 Netball	5.00 pm
89.2.8	Open Netball	6.20 pm

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

Match Times Sunday

89.4 Match times shall be as follows for day matches

89.4.1	Development Netball	10.00 am
89.4.2	13 & Under Reserves Netball	11.00 am
89.4.3	15 & Under Reserves Netball	12 noon or at discretion of participating clubs

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

89.5.1	Development Netball	5.00 pm
89.5.2	13 & Under Reserves Netball	6.00 pm
89.5.3	15 & Under Reserves Netball	7.00 pm or at discretion of participating clubs

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

89.6.1	Development Netball	10.00 am
89.6.2	13 & Under Reserves Netball	11.00 am
89.6.3	15 & Under Reserves Netball	12 noon

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

89.7.1	Development Netball	10.00 am
89.7.2	13 & Under Reserves Netball	11.00 am
89.8.3	15 & Under Reserves Netball	12 noon

89.8 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.

89.9 Players who umpire must be given time to change between games but must do so as efficiently as possible.

90 Match Intervals

90.1 Match intervals for Saturday shall be as follows:-

90.1.1 13 & Under Netball 4 x 10 minute quarters with breaks 2, 3, 2.

90.1.2 15 & Under Netball 4 x 10 minute quarters with breaks 2, 3, 2.

90.1.3 17 & Under & Reserves Netball 4 x 10 minute quarters with breaks 2, 3, 2.

90.1.4 17 & Under Netball 4 x 12 minute quarters with breaks 2, 3, 2.

90.1.5 Div 3 Netball 4 x 12 minute quarters with breaks 2, 3, 2.

90.1.6 Div 2 Netball 4 x 12 minute quarters with breaks 2, 3, 2.

90.1.7 Div 1 Netball 4 x 12 minute quarters with breaks 2, 3, 2.

90.1.8 Open Netball 4 x 15 minute quarters with breaks 3, 5, 3.

90.2 Match intervals for Sunday shall be as follows:-

90.2.1 Development Netball 6 x 8 minute quarters with breaks 2,2,3,2,2.

Clubs have the option to change 4 x 10 minute quarters with breaks 2, 3, 2, if both Clubs agree prior to the start of the match.

90.2.2 13 & Under Reserves Netball 4 x 10 minute quarters with breaks 2, 3, 2.

90.2.3 15 & Under Reserves Netball 4 x 10 minute quarters with breaks 2, 3, 2.

91 Playing Conditions

91.1 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 Administrator is to determine whether the match should be relocated, delayed or cancelled.

91.2 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.

91.3 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.

91.4 Should a match be abandoned due to dangerous conditions after half time the score will stand.

92 Scoring and Timekeepers

92.1 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.

92.2 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.

92.3 Home Clubs shall supply the official league scoresheet.

92.4 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 must sit together for the duration of the match.

92.5 The official scoresheet and timing device must at all times be placed in full view of both scorers for the duration of the match.

92.6 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.

92.7 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.

92.8 Should the league scoresheet not list all player names (both given and surname) prior to the commencement of the game, the players not listed 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.

92.9 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.

92.10 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 per player set at the discretion of the HFNL Executive,

92.11 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

92.11.1 The captain of each competing team;

92.11.2 The officiating umpires;

92.11.3 The scorers.

93 Scoring and Timekeepers in Finals

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

93.1.1 Finals Week 1

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

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

93.1.2 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.

93.1.3 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.

93.1.4 Finals Week 4

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

94 Match Day Results

94.1 The home club is responsible for entering each match result into the Netball Victoria Netball Connect database on the day of the match by 4.00 pm or 8.00 pm for night matches.

94.2 Match result information shall include:-

94.2.1 Quarter by quarter scores and final score (on league media scoresheet as provided by the league);

94.2.2 Best players 1 to 3;

94.2.3 Successful goals scored per player;

94.2.4 Most valuable player votes 3 to 1 (Open Netball only);

94.3 It is the responsibility of the home club to ensure that all match day results are entered accurately.

94.4 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

94.4.1 official league scoresheet

94.4.2 quarter by quarter scores and final score (league media scoresheet as provided by the league)

94.4.3 signed current season Willis Australia Netball Victoria match day checklist

94.4.4 best and fairest vote cards

94.4.5 most valuable player vote cards (Open Netball only)

95 Rescheduled Matches

95.1 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.

95.2 Clubs must request a change to starting times of home and away matches in writing to the league Administrator two (2) weeks prior to the match or matches taking place.

96 Player Qualification

96.1 Any player registered with their club must take the court for a combined twenty (20) quarters in the Senior Netball Competition to be eligible to play finals.

96.2 After round ten any Senior Competition Netball player who plays more than 8 quarters in a particular higher 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.

96.3 Any player registered with their club must take the court for a combined twenty (20) quarters in Junior Competition Netball to be eligible to play finals. To be eligible to play Senior Competition Netball finals, junior players must have played a minimum of 15 quarters in the Senior Competition. Open is exempt from this restriction.

96.4 Any player registered with their club must take the court for a combined sixteen (16) quarters in the Junior Competition to be eligible to play finals.

96.4.1 After round ten, any Junior Competition 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 the player must then remain in the lower grade for the rest of the season including finals.

96.4.2 After round ten any Junior Competition 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.

96.4.3 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 the Junior Competition they are ineligible to play in the Junior Competition for the remaining home and away season and finals and the club may incur a fine at the discretion of the HFNL Executive and match points for that game.

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

97 Finals

97.1 Any player registered with their club who plays in the Junior Competition is permitted to play the following in Finals - ***Junior players can play 2 games- 1 junior and 1 senior per weekend in 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.

97.2 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 96.4. 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.

97.3 The club of any player registered with that club who plays in the Senior Competition who plays in more than one final per finals weekend, the club shall incur a fine set at the discretion of the HFNL Executive and loss of the second finals game.

97.4 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.

The duration of extra time shall be based on the length of the quarters:

97.4.1 10 minute quarters will play 2 x 5 minute halves 13 & U, 13 & U reserves, 15 & U, 15 & U Reserves, 17 & Under Reserves,

97.4.2 12 minute quarters will play 2 x 6 minute halves. 17 & U, Div 1, Div 2 and Div 3

97.4.3 15 minute quarters will play 2 x 7 minute halves. Open

97.5 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.

97.5.1 The teams change ends following a break of no more than five (5) minutes;

97.5.2 Extra time as per by-law 97.4 shall be played with a one minute break during the change of ends.

97.5.3 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.

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

98 League Representative Teams

98.1 The league shall participate in the Netball Victoria Association Championships

98.2 The league shall appoint representative team coaches for a period of one (1) year for each team participating in by-law 98 and shall advertise the positions as required upon the completion of each one (1) year period.

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

99 Codes of Behaviour

99.1 All players, coaches, umpires, netball coordinator/s, umpire coordinator/s, parents and spectators shall comply with Netball Victoria Codes of Behaviour and 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.

100 Hearing Officer

100.1 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.

100.2 The Hearing Officer shall have such duties as outlined in the Netball Victoria competition regulation.

101 Protests

101.1 A team wishing to protest a scoring issue must:-

101.1.1 Not sign the official league scoresheet;

101.1.2 Lodge the protest in writing with the league by 4.00 pm on the first working day following the match.

101.2 The league shall advise in writing of the protest result by 4.00 pm on the third working day following the lodgement of the protest.

102 Appeals

102.1 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.

102.2 If a club wishes to appeal to the league Administrator, a cheque for \$500 should accompany by-law 102.1 in which:-

102.2.1 \$250 shall be returned to the club should the appeal be upheld;

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

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

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

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

102.5 The Hearing Officer's decision shall be final.

103 Goal Post Padding

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

103.2 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.

104 Photography/Video Footage

104.1 Any junior player may be photographed or video unless they inform the League that this is not permitted.

105 Best and Fairest Awards

105.1 Open Netball Best & Fairest Medal

105.1.1 An award known as the "Dot Jenkins Open Medal" shall be made each year to the best and fairest player or players in the Open Netball competition.

105.1.2 Voting for such award shall be made by the umpires officiating each Open netball competition match.

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

105.1.4 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.

105.1.5 The card is then placed in a sealed envelope and returned to the home club.

105.1.6 At the end of the home & away season the league shall tally all votes from each match.

105.1.7 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.

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

105.2 Division 1 Netball Best & Fairest

105.2.1 An award known as the “Tracey Baker Division 1 Medal” shall be made each year to the best and fairest player or players in the Div 1 netball competition.

105.2.2 Rules in relation to the Best and Fairest award shall be identical to by-law 105.1

105.3 Division 2 Netball Best & Fairest

105.3.1 An award known as the “Division 2 Netball Best & Fairest” shall be made each year to the best and fairest player or players in the Div 2 netball competition.

105.3.2 Rules in relation to the Best and Fairest award shall be identical to by-law 105.1

105.4 Division 3 Netball Best & Fairest

105.4.1 An award known as the “Division 3 Simone Moloney Memorial Medal Netball Best & Fairest” shall be made each year to the best and fairest player or players in the Div 3 netball competition.

105.4.2 Rules in relation to the Best and Fairest award shall be identical to by-law 105.1

105.5 17 & Under Netball Best & Fairest

105.5.1 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.

105.5.2 Rules in relation to the Best and Fairest award shall be identical to by-law 105.1

105.6 17 & Under Reserves Netball Best and Fairest

105.6.1 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.

105.6.2 Rules in relation to the Best and Fairest award shall be identical to by – law 105.1

105.7 15 & Under Netball Best & Fairest

105.7.1 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.

105.7.2 Rules in relation to the Best and Fairest award shall be identical to by – law 105.1

105.8 15 & Under Reserves Netball “Mc Meel Medal” Netball Best and Fairest

105.8.1 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.

105.8.2 Rules in relation to the Best and Fairest award shall be identical to by-law 105.1

105.9 13 & Under Netball Best & Fairest

105.9.1 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.

105.9.2 Rules in relation to the Best and Fairest award shall be identical to by-law 105.1

105.10 13 & Under Reserves Netball Best & Fairest

105.10.1 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.

105.10.2 Rules in relation to the Best and Fairest award shall be identical to by-law 105.1

106 Most Valuable Player Award

106.1 An award known as the “Most Valuable Player” shall be made each year to the best player or players in the Open netball competition.

106.2 Voting for such award shall be made by the opposing coach participating in each Open netball competition match.

106.3 The opposing coach participating in each Open netball competition match shall at the conclusion of the match select three (3) best players in the match.

106.4 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.

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

106.6 At the end of the home & away season, the league shall tally all votes from each match.

106.7 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.

107 Rising Star Award

107.1 An award known as the 'rising star' shall be made each year to the best under 21 player in the Open netball competition.

107.2 The player or players with the most combined votes from both the 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.

107.3 Players can only win the award once.

108 Grand Final Awards

108.1 Presidents Medal

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

108.2 Presidents Medal

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

108.3 Sarah Wall Medal:

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

108.4 Presidents Medal

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

108.5 Lynne Everall Medal

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

108.6 Presidents Medal

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

108.7 Presidents Medal

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

108.8 Presidents Medal

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

108.9 Joanne Arundell Medal

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

108.10 Peta Richardson Medal

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