



Gosford Netball Association Registration Policy

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1. PLAYERS AND TEAMS

1.1 PLAYERS AND TEAMS – Players

- 1.1.1 All Players must be registered with an Affiliated Club of the Association.
- 1.1.2 All players must abide by the Player’s Code of Behaviour Policy (refer to Member Protection, Part D, Codes of Behaviour Policy, Attachment D4 & D5).
- 1.1.3 All players of the Association, who are under 18 years of age on 31 December in the year of play and competing in an age division, must present written evidence of their date of birth for sighting by the Affiliated Club Registrar. Written evidence can include any one of the following:

- Birth certificate
- extract of Birth Certificate
- Passport
- Photo Identification noting the date of birth issued by any State, Federal or Territory Authority

Copies of Certificates, Passports and Photo Identification will be accepted as evidence of their birth date if they are certified as correct by the Affiliated Club Registrar, by signing and dating the copy, to signify that the Affiliated Club Registrar has sighted the original.

If circumstances exist whereby the specified proof of age cannot be produced, an appeal may be made in writing to the Secretary of the Association to be decided by the Executive.

- 1.1.4 Any player/s who are turning 15, 16 or 17 in the year of play, may register as a Dual Team Member. A Dual Team Member is permitted to play in a 15 & UNDER DIVISION OR a 17 & UNDER DIVISION, PLUS a SENIOR DIVISION team. Dual Team Members will be seen as a full team member of BOTH teams.

1.1.4.1 Dual Team Members can be added after affiliation day and up to the regrading submission cut off by way of a Member Change Request Form.

1.1.4.2. After regrading, Dual Team Members will only be approved if they are replacing a senior player who is deregistering or who will not be playing for the remainder of the season, OR if they are newly registering to an affiliated club as a late registration.

- 1.1.5 Any player/s who registers with the Association after the Association’s final Affiliation Day, may register with an Affiliated club at any time during the competition. An affiliated club may request a change to member status or player team placement after Affiliation Day. The Affiliated Club must submit a correctly completed Change Request form and lodge with the Association Secretary seven (7) days prior to the player taking part in the next scheduled competition game up to and including Week 5 and by Tuesday 5pm after Week 5 prior to the player taking part in the next scheduled competition game.

1.4.1.1 Any player/s who wish to transfer between Affiliated Clubs and/or teams within an Affiliated Club at any time during the competition then the Affiliated Club must complete a transfer form and lodge with the Association Secretary prior to Week 5

7 days' notice; after Week 5 by Tuesday 5pm prior to the player taking part in the next scheduled competition game.

- 1.1.6 A player affiliated after a team has been graded will be permitted to do so only with the approval of the Grading Convenor, after written approval of the majority of the Grading Committee.
- 1.1.7 All junior and senior players who are participating in competition games are to provide a passport sized ID photo. A new photo is to be supplied to the Club Registrar at ages 10, 15, 18 and thereafter at the discretion of the Club or Association Registrar.
- 1.1.8 A player cannot be registered in a team younger than their age division, unless written permission is given by the Executive Committee.
- 1.1.9 A player must apply for approval from the Junior or Senior Grading Convenor for transfer to a higher team if they wish to be a permanent member of that team and to be eligible for the finals series. No player may play in more than one (1) team in the finals series.
- 1.1.10 An affiliate club may not form an Age division or 15 and under division team that consists of more than four (4) players that were members of the Association Representative teams for the previous year, unless each player has been a registered member of the affiliated club for a minimum of two (2) years.
- 1.1.11 A graded reserve (to be known as a member) is a player who affiliates directly with the Association or an Affiliated Club. The graded reserve player will be graded as an individual player by the grading committee.

1.2 PLAYERS AND TEAMS – Teams

Team Descriptions - The following team descriptions apply.

- 1.2.1 NON COMPETITION – players who are 6, 7,8 or 9 years of age by 31 December in the year of play.
- 1.2.2 AGE DIVISIONS – Players who are 10, 11, 12 or 13 years of age by 31 December in the year of play.

Having regard to the number of teams registered and the quality of teams in an age division, the Grading Committee, in consultation with the Competition Co-Ordinator may combine Age Divisions:
 - a. wholly, as to create a single Age and Under Division; or
 - b. partly, as to merge a grade across Age Divisions.
- 1.2.3 15 & UNDER DIVISIONS – players who are 13, 14 or 15 years of age by 31 December in the year of play.

Players who are 12 years of age by 31 December in the year of play may be eligible to play subject to recommendation of their affiliate club and approval of the grading committee.
- 1.2.4 17 & UNDER DIVISIONS – players who are 15, 16 or 17 years of age by 31 December in the year of play.

Players who are 14 years of age by 31 December in the year of play may be eligible to play subject to recommendation of their affiliate club and approval of the grading committee.

1.2.5 OPEN DIVISIONS – players who are 18 years of age or over by 31 December in the year of play. Open Divisions team may be comprised of no more than four (4) Dual Team Members. Players who are between 14 years and 17 years of age by 31 December in the year of play may be eligible to play subject to recommendation by their Affiliate Club and approval of the Grading Committee. Players 14 years of age can only be nominated in a Division no lower than Division 4.

1.2.6 Teams to consist of a minimum of seven (7) and a maximum of twelve (12) registered member players of an Affiliated Club of the Association.

All registered member players of a team must nominate the previous playing experience as described in 2. Grading Policy. Any Team providing misinformation or missing information may influence the outcome of any appeal under the Member Protection Policy.

1.2.7 All team nomination forms must list a minimum of seven (7) registered players to be accepted by the Association.

1.2.8 A club executive member must verify the correctness of each team nomination form submitted on Affiliation day.

1.2.9 Clubs must complete their rostered Association Duty as allocated by the Association.

2. UMPIRING

2.1 All umpires must hold a current Netball Australia Rules of Netball Theory pass and any new umpires must have attended the GNA Beginner Umpire Program. No umpires under the age of 15 may umpire in the senior divisions without permission from the GNA Umpires Co-ordinator. All umpires appointed to GNA sanctioned games must be turning at least 12 in that year.

2.2 It is the responsibility of each Club Umpires Convenor to supply a suitably qualified umpire for each allocated duty. If it is necessary for the Association to report/remove an umpire due to competency, the Club concerned may be fined, as per failure to perform rostered duties, if they are unable to provide a suitable replacement.

2.3 All umpires must abide by the Umpire Code of Behaviour (refer to Member Protection, Part D, Codes of Behaviour Policy, Attachment D6).

2.4 A National Badged umpire may umpire any game regardless of Affiliated Club, but must be wearing white attire.

2.5 All Affiliated Club umpires must wear their Affiliated Club uniform with white shirt, or full white attire and appropriate footwear, and must have their own whistle. If a jacket/jumper is worn it must be white, not coloured or patterned.

2.6 All umpires must report to the Umpire's room prior to their allocated game.

2.7 Failure to umpire an allocated game will incur a \$200 fine. The responsible Club shall nominate a team that is responsible for payment of the fine and the registered team members shall be deemed un-financial and unable to participate in the competition until the fine is paid.

2.8 Each Affiliated Club must submit an Umpire Allocation Sheet for the relevant week to GNA Umpires Co-ordinator, as per agreed time notified to Club Convenors prior to the

commencement of each competition, unless arrangement have been made with the GNA Umpires Co-Ordinator.

- 2.9 Each affiliated club must have a representative at each time slot available to answer calls to courts where that club is umpiring.
- 2.10 Clubs must nominate one umpire for each of its teams that qualifies in the final series with a minimum of a Gosford award or at the discretion of the Umpires Co-ordinator. A fine of \$50.00 will apply for each umpire not supplied.
- 2.11 Affiliated club umpires convenors, or their representative, are to attend two compulsory meetings each year. Failure to attend may incur a \$200.00 fine.
- 2.12 In the event a club is unable to supply the allocated number of umpires they are to seek assistance from other Club Umpires convenors prior to contacting the GNA Umpire's Co-ordinator. Clubs are not permitted to obtain umpires from other clubs without first contacting the relevant club convenor.
- 2.13 All Beginner Umpires must have a club mentor. Preferably from their own club, mentor/coach them for the entire game, during all Saturday games in the Association Winter competition for a minimum of five (5) weeks, starting with their first initial game, unless permission is obtained/provided by the Umpires Co-Ordinator.