

# BENKENNIE

Netball Club Inc.



## General Netball Policy

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## 1. TEAMS

- a) Junior teams shall consist of nine (9) players. Exceptions may be made if registrations for particular age groups dictate a different number.
- b) Junior players may not enter as a team. All players will be subject to grading and will be placed in teams as decided by the Grading Committee.
- c) Each year each junior team will be re-graded.
- d) Where possible equal court time, based on percentage of games attended, will be given throughout the season. A record of court time, attendance at training and absences is to be kept. Court time during the semi-final, final and grand-final is at the discretion of the Coach. Coaches, however, must ensure that all players have at least one quarter court time during each game in the final series.
- e) Senior Division players may enter as a team with a minimum of seven (7) players. This team will be subject to grading and, if in the opinion of the Grading Committee, members of the team are not of similar standard, these players may be placed in other teams.
- f) All senior teams must supply at least one (1) suitably qualified umpire.
- g) Vacancies in Senior Division teams can be filled by the Registrar, regardless of c).

## 2. REGISTRATION

- a) New players to Benkennie Netball Club (the Club) will complete an expression of interest and be placed on a wait list. New players will be accepted from the wait list according to vacancies.
- b) All players must register online prior to or on registration day to be considered for any team.
- c) Late registrations will only be accepted to fill vacancies in existing teams or age groups at the discretion of the Registrar.

## 3. REFUNDS

- a) No refund of the Benkennie Netball Club portion of the fees will be refunded after teams have been published on the club website.
- b) Refunds of Camden netball and Netball NSW components are at the discretion of the two parties.
- c) Extenuating circumstances may be considered with written evidence.

## 4. FINES

Any fines levied upon the Club by C&DNA due to team infringements must be paid by the team responsible. The Club Treasurer will follow up and collect payment.

## 5. UNIFORM

- a) The Club uniform worn as per uniform registered with C&DNA. Players uniform consists of a maroon, pale blue and white dress or shirt with black sports briefs, shorts or tights. Black long sleeve shirts can also be worn under uniform when playing.
- b) Net skills players have no specified uniform but may wear the supplied shirt. Adopted 2008,

## 6. UMPIRES

All umpires are to be registered either as a player or non-player and abide by the Netball NSW Umpire Code of Behaviour.

- a) All umpires are to complete the approved courses when offered and where possible. b) All umpires must attend training meetings prior to the commencement of the season and any other as deemed necessary at the request of the committee.
- c) All members performing umpiring duties must do so in Club uniform with white umpire shirt or approved C&DNA umpire uniform.
- d) It is the responsibility of each person to ensure their umpiring duty is covered. A reduction in payment may be imposed if an umpire fails to fulfil their obligation. If unable to umpire, they must inform the Umpire Coordinator the day before rostered where possible.

## 7. COACHES

All coaches are to be registered either as a player or non-player and are to abide by the Netball NSW Code of Behaviour.

- a) All coaches are to have a Foundation Coaching Certificate or higher. Preference may be given to a more qualified coach. If no certificate is held the coach must undertake to complete a course as soon as possible. The Club will reimburse the cost of any course upon completion and taking up of a coaching position.
- b) All coaches must attend at least one (1) meeting prior to the commencement of the season and any other as deemed necessary at the request of the Committee.
- c) Coaches will be allocated by the coaching coordinator in consultation with the Senior Executive. If a coach has a team preference, they are to inform the Coaching Coordinator. d) Coaches will be responsible for the training, development, welfare, general appearance and behaviour of players.
- e) They must maintain and have available for inspection all equipment, team records including attendance at training and games, positional rosters and glasses prescriptions etc. f) Coaches will attend all training sessions, competition games and carnivals when entered. g) Coaches should wear Club supplied sponsor shirt to games and training where possible. They must also be suitably attired, which includes appropriate footwear.

- h) If a coach is unable to attend training, they are to arrange a qualified replacement or cancel training. Coaches to contact the Coaching Coordinator for assistance if required.

## 8. MANAGERS

- a) Will be responsible for the welfare, general appearance and behaviour of team players at training sessions, carnivals and competition matches.
- b) Organise rosters for scoring.
- c) Be responsible for the collection of their teams' forfeit fines and pass on to treasurer.
- d) Be familiar with the Club 'Role of Manager' guidelines. *See Appendix 1.*

## 9. AWARDS

- a) Each NetSetGO player will receive a medal or trophy.
- b) Teams playing in the 10 to Intermediate divisions will receive participation trophies.
- c) Junior division teams will receive a small gift.
- d) Teams who win the grand final will receive an additional gift.
- e) The Coach of all 10 to Intermediate and Junior division teams will select two (2) players to receive one each of the following:
  - i) Most Consistent Player Award
  - ii) Coach's Award
- f) The Umpire Coordinator will select two (2) umpires to receive one each of the following:
  - i) The Ingrid Lund Umpire of the Year Award
  - ii) Umpire Encouragement award
- g) The Coaching Coordinator will select two (2) coaches to receive the following:
  - i) The Kerrin Thomas Coach of the Year Award
  - ii) Coaching Encouragement Award
- h) The Executive will select one (1) person to receive the following:
  - i) Benkennie Clubperson of the Year

*See Appendix 11 for criteria of all the awards.*

## 10. DISCIPLINE

Severe infractions will usually be dealt with by C&DNA, particularly if the offence occurs at a competition or carnival game. However, the Benkennie Committee will also impose penalties as it sees fit for any inappropriate behaviour by players, spectators or coaches either at games or training sessions. This can include temporary or permanent ban from match play, regardless of C&DNA's involvement or lack thereof. Offences will be dealt with as per the Netball NSW Discipline Policy.

## **11. SOCIAL MEDIA**

Abusive, threatening, or demeaning behaviour on Facebook or other platforms, about or to other players, spectators, coaches or officials may be dealt with by either C&DNA or Benkennie. Members, players, spectators, or officials are expected to conduct themselves appropriately. Inappropriate behaviours enacted through the Club social media platforms will be dealt with as per Netball NSW Code of Conduct and policy.

## **12. SPONSORSHIP**

Sponsorship money will be allocated to the Club not to a specific team. The Executive will be responsible for the allocation of sponsors' funds.

## **13. PAYMENTS AND DONATIONS**

- a) Costs incurred by executive members may be paid on presentation of receipts with approval from the Executive.
- b) A gratuity may be given to the Umpire Coordinator. The amount is to be decided by the Committee each season and paid on a per round basis. The gratuity to be decided at the February meeting.
- c) A donation may be made per season to a deserving charity. The charity and the amount are to be decided by the Committee at the February meeting.
- d) A contribution towards costs for Benkennie Representative players will be made each season. The amount is to be decided by the Committee at the February meeting and paid immediately after teams are selected.
- e) Umpires will be paid according to their current badging level. The fees for Beginner, Graduate, Association, National Badges and Mentors will be decided at the February meeting each year. If a higher level badge is achieved during the season the increment will apply from the next game umpired.
- f) Umpires will be paid on Round 6, 11 and the semi-final round for each preceding 5 weeks. If the competition format changes, umpires will be notified.