

# MORRINSVILLE NETBALL CENTRE REGULATIONS March 2025

EMAIL: Sylvia Smith <u>smswater55@gmail.com</u> Games Room <u>gamesroom.morrinsville@gmail.com.</u>

## TABLE OF CONTENTS

PAGE

#### PART 1MORRINSVILLE NETBALL CENTRE REGULATIONS

1.1	MNC Code of Conduct and Ethics	. 1
1.2	Compliance	. 1
	MNC Meetings	
	MNC Executive Convenors/Committees	

#### PART 2MEMBERS REGULATIONS

2.1	Complaints Procedure	4
2.2	Fees and Payment	5
2.3	Refunds	5
2.4	Safety	5
2.5	Smokefree Policy	5
2.6	Facility Hireage by MNC Members	5

#### PART 3COMPETITION REGULATIONS

Registration	6
Unregistered Players	6
Teams and Players	7
Thames Valley League Players	
Alternative Affiliation	
Male and Transgender Participation	8
	Unregistered Players Teams and Players Playing Up/Regrading Thames Valley League Players Alternative Affiliation

#### PART 4REPRESENTATIVES

4.1	Representative Tournament Schedule	8
4.2	Representative Coaches/Managers	8
4.3	Representative Tournament Entries	9
4.4	Trialist Numbers	9
4.5	Representative Player Eligibility	9
4.6	Representative Uniforms	9
4.7	Representative Fees	9
4.8	Umpires for Representative Teams	.10
4.9	Thames Valley Netball Cluster Representation	.10
4.10	Player Development Programme	.10

# TABLE OF CONTENTS

#### PAGE

		17.0
PART 5PLA	YING THE GAME	
5.1	General	11
5.2	Male/Transgender Players	11
5.3	Requests for Early or Late Games	11
5.4	Deferred Games	11
5.5	Score Cards	12
5.6	Game Formats	12
5.7	Duration and Timing of Games	12
5.8	Points	12
5.9	Semis-Finals and Finals	13
5.10	Umpiring and Scoring	13
5.11	Defaults	14
5.12	Cancellations	15
	Results	
5.14	Uniforms	15
5.15	End of Season Prizegiving	16

### PART 6MISCELLANEOUS

6.1	Hireage of Facilities	1	6
-----	-----------------------	---	---

# PART 1 MORRINSVILLE NETBALL CENTRE REGULATIONS

- 1.1 Morrinsville Netball Centre Code of Conduct and Ethics
  - 1. Respect the rights, dignity and worth of others.
  - 2. Be fair, considerate and honest in all dealings with others.
  - 3. Accept responsibility for and be professional in your actions.
  - 4. Make a commitment to providing quality service.
  - 5. Demonstrate a high degree of individual responsibility especially when dealing with persons under 18 years of age.
  - 6. Be aware of and maintain an uncompromising adhesion to Netball New Zealand standards, rules/regulations and policies.
  - 7. Operate within the rules of netball including national and international guidelines which govern Netball New Zealand, the Zone and Netball Centres.
  - 8. Understand your responsibility if you breach or are aware of any breaches of this Code of Conduct and Ethics.
  - 9. Do not use your involvement with Netball New Zealand, a Zone or Netball Centre to promote your own beliefs, behaviours or practices where these are inconsistent with those of Netball Zealand, a Zone or a Netball Centre.
  - 10. Wherever possible avoid unaccompanied and unobserved activities with persons under 18 years of age.
  - 11. Any form of abuse towards others will not be tolerated.
  - 12. Any form of harassment towards, or discrimination of others will not be tolerated. (a) this behaviour will not be tolerated & will result in immediate suspension from the courts for 2 weeks) any offence after the 1st will require standing down & a letter to be written to return to playing) then can add in the standown frame work into the very end with blanket standown template
  - 13. Provide a safe environment for the conduct of any netball or netball related activity.
  - 14. Show concern and caution towards others who may be sick or injured.
  - 15. Be a positive role model.

#### 1.2 Compliance

Morrinsville Netball Centre abides by all conditions out laid within the following Policies and Acts:

- Netball New Zealand Junior Netball Policy
- Thames Valley Netball Cluster Selection Policy
- Venue Booking Policy
- Hazard Management 2017
- Code of Conduct to be sited and signed by team coaches/managers
- Covid-19 Protection Framework
- Health & Safety at Work Act 2015
- Vulnerable Children Amendment Act 2017
- Privacy Act 2020

- 1.3 Morrinsville Netball Centre Meetings
  - 1. Clubs/Teams/Schools playing in the Senior and Junior Competitions must be represented at the Centre AGM and special meetings.
  - 2. All clubs/teams/schools are expected to attend Centre planning meetings and key date events to support the running of the Centre as follows:
    - (a) At least two representatives per club/team/school must attend the start of season working bee, the date for which will be set at the Planning Meeting. Failure to do so will incur a \$150 fine per team/club/school. Extenuating circumstances will be considered in writing.
    - (b) Teams are to perform game day pavilion and ground duties as set during the season. Defaulting teams will still be required to complete their rostered duty.
- 1.4 Morrinsville Netball Centre Executive Convenors/Committees
  - 1. Player Development Programme Officer

This role is responsible for the planning and development opportunities for players Year 7 and above.

Meeting attendance is not mandatory however reports must be submitted prior to the monthly Executive Committee meetings during the season.

- Representative Convenor This role is to oversee the organisation of Representative teams and to liaise with other committee members during the season in relation to tournaments, budgets, transportation, umpires etc. Executive Committee meeting attendance is required.
- 3. Health & Safety Convenor

This role is responsible for ensuring that Morrinsville Netball Centre meets the requirements and is compliant in the relevant areas of the New Zealand Health and Safety at Work Act 2015.

Record & report any identified health & safety hazards

Maintain the Health & Safety injuries register

Executive Committee meeting attendance is required.

The Centre & Centre activities are complaint with the current guidelines for the Covid-19 Protection framework.

3A Child Safety Represenative role

This role should be filled by 2 individual to make sure that someone is available at all times.

Complete an online training (once every 2 years)

Promotoe a culture within the Centre where anyone who has a concern about a volunteer/coach/staff member feels safe & able to bring those concerns to the child safeguarding representative

Be able to keep accurate & clear records

Have the confidence to share information & make reports of concern where necessary

Be aware of the risks to children & young people both in (physical location) & out online

Be aware of the signs & indicators that adults may display when are grooming or abusing a child or young person. NB - the safeguarding online module & Child safeguarding

Be able to reach out & ask for help when needed

Ensure adequate reporting & recording systems are in place for all safeguarding procedures

4. Communications Convenor

This role is responsible for the release to the community of all media, social media and website content relating to the Morrinsville Netball Centre.

This role is responsible for promoting Morrinsville Netball Centre and any tournaments or training opportunities for coaches, officials and players. The Liaison officer can be the first point of contact for any of the Centre's members for queries or requests for changes to existing game arrangements or training opportunities etc but these must be presented to the Umpire Convenor and/or Games Room Convenor for approval. Executive Committee meeting attendance is required.

5. Sponsorship Convenor

This role is responsible for obtaining sponsorship to meet the needs of programmes and to support the connection between sponsor, community and Morrinsville Netball Centre's Vision.

The convenor will also be responsible for preparation and submission of funding applications. Any sponsorship or funding applications are to be approved by the Executive Committee prior to any action being taken. Executive Committee meeting attendance is on an as required basis.

6. Junior Convenor

This role is responsible for overseeing the implementation of the NNZ Woolworths futureFERNS at all levels and overseeing Junior Festivals held by MNC.

A representative from each participating junior school up to Year 8 must attend the pre-season Junior meeting.

The convenor will be responsible for the game formats and the set up and pack down of equipment on game days.

The convenor will adhere to the guidelines of the Netball New Zealand Junior Netball Policy in all decisions made in relation to the wellbeing and safety of futureFERNS participants. The Junior Convenor shall decide, in the case of wet weather, if futureFERNS shall play, or, if games have started, whether they will continue.

Executive Committee meeting attendance is required.

7. Umpire Convenor

This role is responsible for the upskilling, mentoring and support of umpires at all levels throughout the season.

The convenor is also responsible for the weekly allocation of umpires during the regular season in accordance with each umpire's skill level and will ensure Duty Umpires are circulating around the courts to support officiating umpires during games each week.

The convenor will also allocate suitably qualified umpires during the representative season as required, including the national tournament.

The convenor is responsible for arranging the assessment of umpires for all Centre awards and badges.

Executive Committee meeting attendance is required.

8. Games Room Convenor

This role is responsible for monitoring and maintenance of the season's competition formats, team and player registrations, posting of results, duty assignment for all teams from Year 7 through to Senior level and the running of the games room on game days and tournaments as required. Executive Committee meeting attendance is required.

9. Draw Convenor 2025

This role is responsible for the draw creation and posting. The executive committee have the right to review and change the draw if necessary.

 Canteen Convenor (if applicable) This role is responsible for the running of the canteen when it is contracted out to any interested party.

- as a fundraising opportunity with a year by year agreement at the discretion of the Executive.

-OR individual contractor willing to hire for season length.

Set up a roster prior to season starting Hireage fee to schools/clubs/groups - \$25 per night (to cover electricity) Key bond \$50 (paid back when keys returned)

Executive Committee meeting attendance is on an as required basis.

11. Life Membership Committee

This Committee shall be appointed at the Annual General Meeting.

# PART 2 MEMBERS REGULATIONS

#### 2.1 Complaints Procedure

All official complaints must be received by Morrinsville Netball Centre within 48 hours of the complaint issue arising.

Complaints regarding umpiring decisions shall not be accepted unless the MNC Umpire Coordinator or an Executive Committee Member has been called to the court during the game. (Flags raised at court by official.)

All official complaints must be received in writing, either by post, hand delivered or by email.

Official complaints will be addressed and the outcome decided before the next competition night and major complaints escalated to a complaints committee for further discussion; the results of this discussion and any action taken will be communicated to the complainant in a written format.

In serious complaints the MNC Executive Committee may choose to have the Judicial Committee investigate and determine the outcome.

For any complaints that involve physical violence, any player/s involved will be stood down immediately pending investigation.

All complaints must be flagged on the night. A MNC Umpire Coordinator or Executive Committee Member will then attend the court to observe the behaviour themselves.

The attendee will write a report following the game noting the complaint has been raised and the steps taken and the decision made at the time. This will then be communicated to the TIC or Club representatives.

If the complaint is not resolved on the night the school/club has until Monday 3pm from the time they receive the report from MNC to respond.

- 2.2 Fees and Payment
  - (a) All fees set at the Annual General Meeting are to be paid by Clubs/Teams/Schools by the due date set down at the Annual General Meeting.

If fees are not paid by the due date the team/s will be removed from the draw until payment is made in full and a late payment fee of \$10 per month will be charged until the invoice is paid.

#### 2.3 Refunds

(a) Sub refunds will only be given on presentation of a Doctor's Certificate. There will be no exceptions.

The process for sub refunds are as follows:

Sub refunds are only applicable for the first half of the season, ie until 30 June. All scorecards for games played prior to the refund application are checked by the Games Room Convenor to determine how many games the player is deemed to have played. (A player is deemed to have played when their name is on a scorecard.) The daily registration fee for a maximum of three games they are deemed to have played is then deducted from the sub.

After three games a refund will be allocated reflective of the NNZ and NWBOP Membership Fees and Levies paid at the time of request.

- (b) Player movements at 31 May College, Intermediate and Woolworths futureFERNS teams that have players who will be moving out of the area on 31 May will pay <u>a daily registration fee only</u> for those players for the whole month of May (4 weeks).
- 2.4 Safety
  - 1. In the event of an emergency all players and officials are to assemble on Courts 2 and 3.
  - 2. No animals, other than guide dogs, are permitted in the Centre's buildings or court enclosures.
  - 3. Persons with bicycles, skates, skateboards, rollerblades, scooters or other similar equipment are not permitted in the Centre's buildings or court enclosures.
  - 4. Sprigged footwear such as rugby and football/soccer boots are not to be worn within the buildings or court enclosures.
  - 5. In the event of severe weather conditions, eg lightning, games will be concluded. If the game is <sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub> through this will be accepted as the end score and games stopped prior will be abandoned.
- 2.5 Smokefree Policy
  - (a) All MNC buildings and property are Smokefree, E-Cigarette and VAPE free
  - (b) No person may smoke/vape while in any of these areas nor may any person advertise or sell tobacco or vaping products while in these areas.

#### 2.6 Facility Hireage by MNC Members

The MNC facilities are available for hire by registered teams/clubs/schools/organisations during the Centre's netball season (eg April to August) by application to the Secretary. The following fees will apply upon receipt of the signed hireage agreement.

Keys must not be loaned or given to any other person or Club under any circumstances.

(a) Gate key - \$50 fee which will be refunded at the conclusion of the season.

(b) Floodlight key if required - \$20 usage fee (non-refundable)

If any issued keys are not returned a \$50 replacement fee will be charged.

### PART 3 COMPETITION REGULATIONS

- 3.1 Registration
  - (a) Registrations must be completed through the online platform (Friendly Manager) by the date determined at the Annual General Meeting.
  - (b) Existing teams wishing to alter their registered team colours must submit the changes in writing to the Secretary.
  - (c) New teams wishing to register with the Centre must submit their request in writing together with their team colours.
  - (d) Teams may register additional players within the first 5 weeks of the season (2 weeks of grading then 3 weeks of playing).

- (e) Players wishing to apply for approval for uniform dispensations due to medical, religious or cultural reasons must do so in writing when registering.
- 3.2 Unregistered Players
  - (a) A team may play an unregistered player by paying the following fees:

- Senior	 \$5
<ul> <li>Secondary School</li> </ul>	\$5
- Intermediate	\$5

- Woolworths futureFERNS (Yr 1-6) N/A

Unpaid unregistered player fees will be billed to Club/School upon end of season.

- (b) An unregistered player can play for a maximum of 3 games.
- (c) No team shall be permitted to play an unregistered player in the semi-final or final games of the season.
- 3.3 Teams and Players
  - (a) Only registered players or additional unregistered players as per Rule 3.2 shall be allowed to play in a Centre competition.
  - (b) No Club shall be permitted to play a player from another Club.
  - (c) No transfer of any registered player/s from Club to Club shall be permitted during the season without the permission of both Clubs concerned, written application having been made to the MNC Secretary and approval given by the Executive Committee.
- 3.4 Playing Up/Regrading
  - (a) A player may play two times in a higher grade within their own Club/School and still remain in their own grade. The third time they play in a higher grade, they are automatically graded up into that grade and cannot rejoin their original grade, unless they are regraded.
  - (b) A player must apply in writing to the Executive Committee for a regrading.
  - (c) No player is permitted to play in a grade lower than that of their registered team.
  - (d) if a club has more than one team in same grade, Player can play across and up a grade but not below.
  - (e) The executive reserves the right to move teams through grades at their discretion.
- 3.5 Players that are registered in the TV Friday & Monday & college open A -
  - (a) Players who are registered in another Centre as well as the Morrinsville Centre must be registered with the Morrinsville team from the start of season (ie they will not be able to play on a daily registration fee in Morrinsville or register with a Morrinsville team part way through the season).
  - (b) Players who play in a TV league team and also wish to play in a local club team must be registered with the club team from the beginning of season. Players may not play down a grade (ie they must play in the highest grade of the Morrinsville competition).

- (c) If a Thames Valley League team does not have any other teams in its club, dispensation must be sought from the Executive Committee to allow them to play in another club in the Morrinsville competition, with a letter of agreement from both clubs in support, to be sent to the Secretary before the close of registrations to be submitted to the Executive Committee. Note: A Grade teams with TV Friday night league players in no more than 3 players in the same team. Teams from TV League are by default in A grade.
- 3.6 Alternative Affiliation
  - (a) Players who are affiliated with other Centres, who have previously resided or have been affiliated with MNC are eligible for Morrinsville representative teams, however as they are not affiliated to Morrinsville Netball Centre, an affiliation fee of \$20 must be paid to be eligible for consideration, prior to the first training.
  - (b) If players have made themselves available for the other Centres representative teams and were not successful or have chosen to represent Morrinsville, they must gain a letter of release from that Centre to confirm their eligibility for selection.
  - (c) If players are trialling for other Centre representative teams, the player must declare this in writing prior to the first MNC trial date.
- 3.7 Male and Transgender Participation MNC encourages the participation of all individuals regardless of gender. We follow the recommendations set out by Netball New Zealand. All teams must ensure that all genders are integrated fairly and respectfully within the framework of the game.
  - (a) Male players aged 18 and under are permitted to participate in netball competitions and activities.
  - (b) Transgender players will be considered for participation on a case-by-case basis and with reference to Netball New Zealand

## PART 4 REPRESENTATIVES

- 4.1 Representative Tournament Schedule The representative tournament schedule for the season is to be submitted to the Executive prior to the commencement of trials.
- 4.2 Representative Coaches/Managers Coaches will be appointed by the date agreed by the MNC Executive Committee prior to trials commencing. If there are no coaches or managers nominated by the due date no representative selection trials will be conducted. Representative trials will be held but if there are no coaches and managers applications received by the first training date we reserve the right to withdraw from the representative programme. The Executive Committee will appoint and advise the successful applicants.

- a) MNC will appoint all officials for the MNC teams which includes Selection Panels, Coaches and Managers.
- b) The MNC representative teams will initially comprise of up to 12 players.
- c) Create and administer selection processes which are clear, transparent and fair for all players and officials.
- d) Communicate dates, times and processes for player trials and officials appointments as widely and as early as possible amongst its members and the local community.
- e) Where required ensure replacement players are sourced for teams using the replacement player process.
- 4.3 Representative Tournament Entries Entries must be confirmed at the beginning of the Representative Season to the Secretary.
- 4.4 Trialist Numbers The number of trialists must exceed the number of places available in the squad/squads.
- 4.5 Representative Player Eligibility

The following is to be read in conjunction with the Representative Guidelines:

- (a) Players wishing to trial for Morrinsville Rep Teams must be affiliated to the Morrinsville Netball Centre or do so immediately after selection – this \$20 must be paid prior to first training.
- (b) Players wishing to trial for Thames Valley Teams must first be available to represent Morrinsville.
- (c) Players who are not affiliated to any centre and wish to trial must pay a \$40 fee plus an umpire fee.
- (d) Players must be within the respective age group as at 01 January in the year they are trialling.
- 4.6 Representative Uniforms
  - (a) A \$20 refundable bond must be paid prior to the issue of the representative uniform.
  - (b) Representative players will be issued warm up shirts which they will be entitled to retain at the conclusion of the representative season.

#### 4.7 Representative Fees

All representative fees are to be paid by each player prior to team registration for the national tournament. If any player has not paid fees in full by this time the player will no longer be eligible to attend the national tournament.

MNC may offer some financial support (amount TBC) to a set number of applicants (number TBC) to assist with representative fees. The application must be submitted within one week of confirmation of acceptance into the representative team; no applications will be taken mid season or at the end of the representative season. All applications must be in writing and meet the criteria set by the Executive Committee and the successful applicant/s will be determined by the Committee.

If fees from the prior years have not been paid, or the current years fees prior to June have not been paid in full then they are no longer eligible to play for the netball centre and will be removed from the team.

Any player who has not paid their fees will not be eligible to trial as a MNC player if you have outstanding fees

- There is the ability to apply for hardship money through the committee.
- 4.8 Umpires for Representative Teams
  - (a) Umpires for representative tournaments will be allocated by the Umpire Convenor.
  - (b) The Centre will pay umpires who travel with representative teams the amount of \$40 per day irrespective of how many teams the umpire officiates for. One-off games will be paid at a rate of \$10 per game. Umpires must submit an invoice for payment.
- 4.9 Thames Valley Netball Cluster Representation

Players wishing to trial for the Age Group Representation with the Thames Valley Netball Cluster must meet the Thames Valley Netball Cluster Selection Criteria as follows:

All Morrinsville Netball Centre players who wish to trial and represent the Thames Valley Netball Cluster must meet the Eligibility Criteria 5.2 of the Thames Valley Netball Cluster Selection Policy. This can be found in the Thames Valley Folder in the pavilion and on the Thames Valley Netball Cluster website.

- (a) To be eligible for selection in a Thames Valley Netball Cluster Age Group Representative Squad and team, players must:
  - (i) be within the respective age group as of the 1st of January the year trialling
  - (ii) have trialled and made their local Centre Age Group Representative Team; or
  - (iii) have made themselves available for selection to their local Centre Age Group Representative Team when a team in the age group may not have had the numbers to represent; or
  - (iv) be a past Thames Valley Netball Cluster Age Group Representative;
  - (v) if trialled for another represented Centre/cluster have confirmed player release confirmation in writing that the player is now eligible for selection with the Thames Valley Netball Cluster;
  - (vi) if travelling overseas with a School Tour team, have declared this before the trial;
  - (vii) be a financial member of a Centre have no outstanding fees payable to Thames Valley Cluster or Centre within the Valley as of 1st of April year trialling.
- 4.10 Player Development Programme

Any Year 7 or Year 8 player who wishes to be a part of the NNZ Player Development Programme planned dates and events will be invoiced \$20 for the entire programme. All rep players are expected to pay a fee based on the planned tournaments reflective of the entry fees no less than \$25.

(a) The MNC Centre will pay for umpires who travel with our rep teams \$40 per day.

Umpires must submit an invoice for payment.

(b) Representative players to pay transport costs for the various tournaments as determined by the Executive.

# PART 5 PLAYING THE GAME

- 5.1 General
  - (a) Teams must supply their own first aid equipment including ice.
  - (b) Each team is responsible for supplying their own regulation netball appropriate to the level being played with the exception of Year 1 and Year 2 teams which will be supplied by MNC.
  - (c) No player shall chew gum while on court.
  - (d) Name checks based off scorecards can be carried out at courtside at any time during the season at the discretion of the Games Room and game officials. Any team found to be in breach of the rules regarding substitute players will lose any points allocated to them for all games where the breach/es occurred.

#### 5.2 Male/Transgender Players

In line with previous regulation 3.7 and the NNZ Regulations regarding transgender and male players, the following applies:

(a) Juniors

Any number of male players may be registered in a team A maximum of 3 male players may be on court at any time in any one of the following positions: GK/GD, WD/C/WA, GA/GS

- (b) Seniors (18 and under) There may be a maximum of 3 male/transgender players registered in a team Only 1 male player may be on court at any time
- 5.3 Requests for Early or Late Games
  - (a) Requests for early or late games must be given in writing to the Games Room at least three (3) weeks prior to the required date.
  - (b) Schools must notify the Secretary in writing the dates of any productions or tours before the commencement of the first round of games.
- 5.4 Deferred Games
  - Requests for deferred games will only be considered in exceptional circumstances as determined by MNC.
     Teams must apply in writing to MNC at least 14 days prior to the advertised date of the game.
     All decisions are at the discretion of MNC and are final.
  - (b) All games must be played at the official venue and before the next scheduled game unless permission has been granted by MNC.

- 5.5 Score Cards
  - (a) Prior to the commencement of each round from Year 5/6 to Senior level, a representative from each team must report to the Games Room to review and sign off the team list on the score card.
  - (b) Any unregistered players taking the court must be added to the team list and the \$5 unregistered player fee paid. The player details and payment will be recorded in the Games Room register.
- 5.6 Game Formats

Junior Netball will be played in alignment with the Netball New Zealand Woolworths futureFERNS modified programmes as follows:

- (i) Years 1 & 2
   4 v 4 game format, one third of the court, size 4 ball, hoops for goals Rules align with NNZ futureFERNS guides
- (ii) Years 3 & 4
   5 v 5 game format, two third of the court, size 4 ball, 2.4 m goal post Rules align with NNZ futureFERNS guides
- (iii) Years 5 & 6
   6 v 6 game format, full court, size 4 ball, 2.4m goal post Rules align with NNZ futureFERNS guides
- (iv) Year 7 & 8
   7 v 7 game format, full court, size 5 ball, 3.05m goal post Rules align with International Netball Federation Rule Book.
- 5.7 Duration and Timing of Games
  - (a) NNZ futureFERNS games will be in accordance with the format set by NNZ.
  - (b) All other games will be played in 4 x 10 minute quarters with 2-3-2 minute breaks.10min Break between rounds – 1 mins between each quarter then 3 mins at half time.
- 5.8 Points

Points will be awarded as follows: 3 points for a Win 2 points for a Draw 0 points for a Loss 1 point for a Loss by 3 or less goals Default Win = 3 points awarded to the non-offending team Default Loss = 0 points deducted from the offending team

#### 2025 Draw configuration

6 teams per grade

15 week draw

Semis 1 v 4 & 2 v 3, 5 v 6 (final game for these teams)

Finals 1st/2nd winners of above

Draw will be published Monday nights, ready to view Tuesday mornings ahead of the game.

- 5.9 Semi-Finals and Finals
  - (a) All semi-final and final games must end with a winner.
  - (b) In the event of a draw at full-time the game continues until one team has a two (2) goal advantage.
  - (c) Semi-Finals and Finals are only played if MNC calendar dates are available.
  - (d) The format for semi-finals is as follows:
    - 1st seed in grade/section shall play 4th seed in grade/section.
    - 2nd seed in grade/section shall play 3rd seed in grade/section.
    - 5th seed in grade/section shall play 6th seed in grade/section.
  - (e) The format for finals is as follows:
    - The winner of 1v4 will play the winner of 2v3 in the final.
    - The loser of 1v4 will play the loser of 2v3 for 3rd and 4th placings.
  - (f) Name checks based off scorecards can be carried out at courtside at any time during the season at the discretion of the Games Room and game officials. Any team found to be in breach of the rules regarding substitute players will lose any points allocated to them for all games where the breach/es occurred.
  - (g) All semi-final and final games must be played within the season as set out by the Executive Committee at the Planning Meeting. Every effort will be made to accommodate the teams to enable them to play the semi-final or final games but if games are unable to be completed within those dates, there will be no result for that grade. If either team is unable to play, this will result in a default by that team and the win will be awarded to the team that does not default. A double-default will produce no result for the grade.
  - (h) Players must have played a minimum of 2 games for the team during the round prior to finals and semi finals to be eligible to play in finals rounds.
  - (i) Each team playing in a semi-final or final game can only field registered players. If a team doesn't have enough registered players they must default however a friendly match can be played.
- 5.10 Umpiring and Scoring

All umpires are to officiate games in alignment with the current version of the International Federation of Netball Rule book.

If an umpire has a problem with a supporter/spectator, they may stop the game and give a verbal warning. If the remarks continue the umpire may call on the Duty Umpire who has the authority to ask the person to leave the courts.

- (a) NNZ Woolworths futureFERNS Years 5 & 6
   6 v 6 games will be officiated by junior umpires with the support and guidance of a senior umpire.
- (b) Junior Umpires with no qualification will wear an umpire bib while Junior Umpires with Centre Theory will be identified by wearing a blue umpire's shirt. Junior umpires may be supported during the game by one Senior Umpire who has obtained their Centre Award OR is an umpire who is approved by the Umpire Convenor.
- (c) Senior Umpires will have obtained their Centre Practical Award and will be identified by wearing a white umpire's shirt.

- (d) At senior level at least one or two players/parents from a team must endeavour to attend an umpire's course to achieve Centre Theory prior to the start of the season.
- (e) All senior teams registered with Morrinsville Netball Centre are to provide an umpire to umpire each Thursday night on rostered allocation by the Umpire Convenor. Not all umpires may be required each week. Umpires will be assigned to games based on their umpiring level. MNC will run courses if and when necessary to ensure Club-supplied umpires are suitably trained; courses can also be run at your Club (subject to availability of umpire co-ordinator or other trainer).

Teams to name an umpire for their team – Centre theory is preferred but not necessary pending assessment. Internal courses will be run by the centre to support umpires. They will be put on the draw by Umpire coordinator based on their qualifications. It is the teams responsibility to pay their umpire directly, not Umpire coordinator. If their umpire can't umpire the team must find cover. If the umpire doesn't play they can umpire for more than one team.

Umpires for Intermediate round will still fall under Umpire coordinator but if Intermediate teams are in Senior rounds they need to pay \$15 per game and find umpire.

- (f) Senior umpires will be provided with 1 white shirt by the Centre at the time of passing their centre practical.
- (g) Umpires will receive payment as follows: Umpires for Years 5 & 6 games - \$5 Umpires for Years 7 & 8 games - \$10 Minimum requirement to umpire Year 7 & 8 games is Centre Theory Umpires for Senior games – qualifications centre theory - \$10 Umpires for Senior games – Centre Endorsed need a refresher \$15
- (h) Senior umpires who do not attend to umpire their games will result in their team game defaulting.
- (i) Umpires who officiate the  $6 \vee 6$  game formats, will be allocated to games on the night, and will be paid \$5 after the game.
- To eliminate any discrepancies a delegate from each team shall score the game together.
   The score card is the official score – no dispute will be entered into.

Umpires to check players names off score card for every game played.

(k) A Grade umpires must at a minimum be Centre Endorsed and are required to attend a refresher umpiring course.

#### 5.11 Defaults

- (a) If a team is unable to take the court with a minimum of five (5) registered players within one (1) minute of the official starting time of the game they shall default the game.
- (b) If a team deems it necessary to default on Thursday night competition, they must advise the Games Room Convenor by 12 pm on the Wednesday via email to gamesroom.morrinsville@gmail.com. Defaults will be shared via Facebook and the amended draw back out Wednesday night. It is the teams responsibility to check this

(c) Failure to notify or late notification of the default by midday on Wednesday will incur a \$40 fine for the defaulting team who will also be liable for the payment of both of the umpire fees for the game. The fine and the umpire fees must be paid by the following competition night. Exceptional circumstances will be taken into consideration.

#### 5.12 Cancellations

Any cancellations will be announced on our website, Facebook page, by phone to school office and emailed out to all school/team contacts no later than 2.00pm.

#### 5.13 Results

Results of the matches will be available on the MNC website as soon as practicable.

#### 5.14 Uniforms

Every team taking the court shall wear the team's registered uniform. Bibs are deemed to be a part of the registered uniform.

- (a) The playing uniform for each club/school/team must be approved and registered with MNC.
- (b) A club/school/team may not change their uniform without the approval of MNC.
- (c) Dispensations to player uniform requirements (due to medical, religious or cultural reasons) must be applied for in writing for approval by MNC before players take the court.
- (d) A temporary uniform dispensation must be applied for in writing for approval by MNC before players take the court.
- (e) All team players shall take the court wearing the registered club/school/team uniform. Teams not wearing the correct uniform will forfeit three (3) points from total points accumulated in the round at MNC's discretion.
- (f) Track pants, black stockings, rugby socks, long pants or bike shorts worn under the uniform or that hang below the skirt/dress are not permitted. Any undergarment must not be visible outside the playing uniform when the player is standing on really cold, wet days skins or tights shall be permitted.
- (g) MNC will allow black thermal tops that blend with the main uniform colour to be worn during competitions that are played outside.
- (h) Any player not in correct uniform (without approval for dispensation) will not be permitted to take the court.
- (i) No item of jewellery (ie earrings, studs, taongas, watches, bracelets, bangles etc) shall be worn. A medical alert bracelet or GCM monitor may be worn but must be fully concealed by tape. Anything not stipulated above is not permitted to be worn.

Following is in the NNZ Regulations

regligious or cultural - items may be worn for religious or cultural reasons e.g. hijab. We strongly recommend that adornments are removed where possible. If these are unable to be removed e.g a kara or taonga, they should be securely taped. It is the responsibility of the person wearing. Fitbits, watches or sports watches worn on the wrist are unable to be played in. These are covered in adornments and jewellery. Cultural necklace, cultural bracelet including a or similar. For safety we encourage these to be removed whilst playing. If they cannot be removed, they should be securely taped to the body & padded where needed. The umpire should check this before game and after each quarter

(j) Hair braiding or hair adornments, eg rigid plastic headbands, must be securely contained so as not to cause injury or interfere with play. Umpires should be satisfied that hair is suitably tied back so as not to provide a hazard or distraction for other players on court. Boys/ mens uniform - shall fall under the club/ schools uniform and needs.

Boys/ mens uniform - shall fall under the club/ schools uniform and needs to be submitted for approval.

#### 5.15 End of Season Prizegiving

At the conclusion of the season a prizegiving will be held. Cups and trophies will be presented for the following categories for Intermediate to Senior grades:

- (a) Winner
- (b) Runner up
- (c) Goaling Cup

### PART 6 MISCELLANEOUS

6.1 Hireage of Facilities

Request to hire the MNC facilities outside of the Centre's netball season (eg September to March) can be made by application to the Secretary and agreement of the hireage agreement. No alcohol may be sold or provided during the hireage. There will also be a charge for lights of \$50 per event (nonrefundable).

Fee Structure is as follows:

- (i) Affiliated club/teams = \$150 plus a \$150 bond per event
- (ii) Non-affiliated clubs = \$200 a day plus a \$200 bond
- (iii) Affiliated schools and kuras = \$100 plus a \$100 bond per event
- (iv) Non-affiliated schools and kuras = \$150 plus a \$150 bond per event

The hireage agreement will include responsibility by the hirer for damage to property.

Any groups using/hiring the facilities must ensure it is left in a clean and tidy condition, the grounds are cleared of all rubbish, all lights and non-essential appliances are turned off and all doors and windows are closed and locked. All hirers must supply their own consumables.