



# NETBALL NORTH HARBOUR

## REGULATIONS

*(Board approved December 2017)*

## **APPLICATION AND INTERPRETATION OF THESE REGULATIONS**

Any matter not covered by these Regulations shall be decided by the Netball North Harbour (NNH) Board in accordance with the NNH Constitution.

### **CODE OF CONDUCT**

NNH's Code of Conduct governs any member, player, team, umpire, coach, manager, volunteer and any other person, who participates, spectates and/or is involved in any way in a netball activity held at NNH's facilities or is involved in any netball activity under the auspices of NNH.

#### **Netball North Harbour Code of Conduct**

- Respect others at all times.
- Be fair and honest at all times.
- Be responsible for your own actions.
- Do not abuse others verbally or physically.
- Do not discriminate against others.
- Be safety conscious for yourself and others at all times.
- Be a positive role model.

#### **Misconduct**

Unacceptable behaviour will not be tolerated in any form from any member or spectator. Including, but not limited to;

- Violence in any form.
- Assault by any member or spectator on another person.
- Verbal abuse by any member or spectator towards any other member, official or spectator.
- Displaying conduct / bad language which is inappropriate in a sporting environment.

Any participant/parent/guardian or spectator who displays inappropriate behaviour may be asked to leave the complex immediately. No warning need be given. Failure to leave when asked may result in an authorised representative of Netball North Harbour taking appropriate action to ensure the safety of other participants/parents/guardians or spectators.

Any participant/parent/guardian or spectator who has been asked to leave may be requested to attend a hearing in accordance with Part 2 of these Regulations and/or potentially banned from future games. Repeated inappropriate behaviour by a participant /parent/guardian or spectator may impact the playing future of the participant.

#### **Inappropriate Behaviour**

Netball North Harbour takes the well-being of our members seriously.

Netball North Harbour will not tolerate harassment, discrimination or ill-treatment of any nature for those involved in our activities or whilst onsite at the Centre.

Netball North Harbour personnel (staff/volunteers/contractors) will report behaviour or concern about a member's safety to the appropriate authority.

#### **Netball New Zealand General Code of Conduct and Ethics**

NNH and all members of NNH are affiliated to Netball New Zealand (NNZ) and therefore are bound by the Rules, Regulations and Code of Conduct of NNZ, which are:

- Be aware of, and maintain an uncompromising adherence to NNZ standards, Rules, Regulations and Policies.
- Operate within the rules of netball including national and international guidelines which govern NNZ, Zones and Netball Centres.
- Do not use your involvement with NNZ, or Netball Centre to promote your own beliefs, behaviours or practices where these are inconsistent with those of NNZ, a Zone or a Netball Centre.

## **PART ONE**

### **1. MEMBERS REGULATIONS**

The Netball North Harbour Regulations are available from the registered office of Netball North Harbour (NNH), 44 Northcote Road, Takapuna or on the NNH website ([www.netballnorthharbour.co.nz](http://www.netballnorthharbour.co.nz))

#### **1.1 MEMBERSHIP**

Each Club or School shall, on application for affiliation, pay a fee per team that is not deductible or refundable. Where a team withdraws from the competition following the closing of entries, such a fee shall be forfeited.

#### **1.2 REGISTRATIONS**

Schools, Clubs and individual teams are required to register with NNH by completing the necessary process.

All Club, College and Intermediate online registrations (individual and teams) are required to be completed at the commencement of grading. Online team registrations will automatically generate Team Summary Sheets.

#### **1.3 CLUB/SCHOOL/TEAM FEES**

Team Fees shall be determined by the Board and shall be payable no later than **31<sup>st</sup> May** each year. No team from any affiliated Club/School whose fees are unpaid by the due date shall be permitted to play until all such fees are paid. A penalty will be imposed on all outstanding fees of more than one month.

Late withdrawal of teams:

- Any team that withdraws prior to the commencement of competition play (i.e.: during the grading weeks) shall be able to apply for a full reimbursement.
- Any team that withdraws after grading has completed, and up to the end of Round One may apply for a reimbursement on a pro rata basis.
- Any team that withdraws after the commencement of Round Two will not be entitled to any refund.
- All of the above will incur a non-refundable administration fee of \$30.00.

#### **1.4 INDIVIDUAL MEMBERSHIP FEES**

Any person may apply for Individual Membership of NNH by completing an Individual Membership Form.

#### **1.5 FLOODLIGHTING AND/OR COURT BOOKINGS**

Clubs/Teams that have booked and paid for floodlit courts may make private arrangements to let others teams/clubs use or share their court. No profit is to be made by such arrangements.

#### **1.6 OPEN FORUM MEETINGS**

Open Forum Meetings for Clubs and/or Schools shall be held as required. At least fourteen days notice in writing of such Meetings shall be given to the Clubs and Schools. These meetings are held in order to keep members informed of the Centre's activities, and give them

an opportunity to make recommendations and bring any matters to the attention of the Board and/or Executive Committees.

## 1.7 SPONSORSHIP

Any Sponsorship Agreements entered into by Clubs/Teams/Schools must be submitted to and approved by the NNH Board. Netball New Zealand Sponsorship Rulings shall apply.

## 1.8 AWARDS

### 1.8.1 Awards Committee

There shall be an Awards Committee comprising of four persons, three (3) persons, appointed annually by the NNH Board plus the President. The Awards Committee shall be responsible for recommending the recipients of NNH Life Membership and Service Awards and the Cleal Catering Cup.

The members of the Awards Committee shall, by agreement, determine which one of them will be the Convener of the Committee.

### 1.8.2 NNH Life Membership and Service Awards

The Awards Committee shall consider nominations from Members and make recommendations to the Annual General Meeting of persons it considers should be granted either Life Membership of NNH or a NNH Service Award.

A Netball North Harbour Service Award recognises an individual who has made a significant contribution to the game of netball.

- a. The Award shall be open to any player, coach, umpire or administrator who is actively involved in Netball North Harbour affairs.
- b. A minimum of ten (10) years' service shall be required for a 'Service Award'.

The Award of Life Membership recognises an individual who has made an outstanding contribution to the game of netball. It is the highest award anyone can achieve at Netball North Harbour.

- a. The holding of a Netball North Harbour Service Award shall be a prerequisite.
- b. A minimum of fifteen (15) years' service shall be required for 'Life Membership'.
- c. Additional and significant contribution beyond that which was the basis of the Service Award.

1. The distinctions shall be conferred only at an Annual General Meeting.
2. 'Life Membership' shall carry with it the privileges of full membership and the right to attend and speak at all meetings but not to vote, unless otherwise qualified.
3. Nominations for 'Life Membership' and 'Service Award' shall be made in writing, by members of the Centre, to reach the NNH Office, not later than 30<sup>th</sup> September in any year, and shall set out details of outstanding/special service rendered.
4. Nominations for 'Life Membership' and 'Service Awards' shall be communicated by the NNH office to the Awards Committee.
5. The Awards Committee shall have sole and absolute power to consider and approve or reject the nominations and forward a report to the NNH office by 10<sup>th</sup> December. The Awards Committee will make recommendations to the Annual General Meeting for approval.
6. No person shall be awarded 'Life Membership' or 'Service Award' unless two thirds of the members present and entitled to vote at an Annual General Meeting are in favour.
7. A 'Life Member' Badge/'Service Award' Badge shall be presented at the Annual General Meeting.
8. Life Members will have their names on the Honours Board.
9. Life Members and Service Award recipients will be named in the Annual Report.

### 1.8.3 Cleal Catering Cup.

Criteria: The criteria for this award are as follows: *(Set by the Cleal Family who donated the Cup).*

1. The award shall be open to any player, coach, umpire or administrator who is actively involved in NNH affairs.
2. The award winner shall be chosen by the "Awards Committee" from nominations received in the NNH office by 31<sup>st</sup> July each year.
3. The award winner shall be that person, who in the Awards Committee's opinion has been most active in promoting NNH during the past season, thereby gaining public recognition of NNH and its achievements.

### 1.8.4 Loyalty Badges

Loyalty Badges are awarded to members to recognise loyalty and commitment to NNH through involvement at club, NNH or regional level as an umpire, coach, manager, bench official or administrator.

Nominations can be made by schools, clubs or Committees of NNH, and should be received by the NNH office by 31<sup>st</sup> July each year. Nomination forms are available from the NNH office and must be completed in full. This includes the years in which service has been provided as an umpire, coach, manager, bench official or administrator.

A copy of the form will be circulated to all schools, clubs and NNH committees by no later than 30<sup>th</sup> June each year. Awards may be made for loyalty to NNH as follows:

Bronze -	-	10-20 years
Silver	-	21-35 years
Gold	-	35 or more years

All nominations must be signed by two (2) people from the School, Club or NNH Committee (making the nomination) to verify that the information is a true and accurate record. The nominations will be considered by the CEO/NNH Awards Committee who will verify the information.

The CEO's and/or Award Committee's decision will be final. All recipients will be advised of the time and place when Loyalty Badges will be presented.

## 1.9 PLAYER AND UMPIRE RECOGNITION

Registered Members named in the NZ Team (Silver Ferns) who play in an officially recognised international test match as a member of that team will be recognised as follows: Name on NNH Honours Board; Presentation Gift (of a lasting nature) following the first time they play. The presentation shall be made at the Annual Prize Giving.

Umpires who represent New Zealand at international level on a test match, Commonwealth Games or World Championship event will be recognised as follows: Name on NNH Honours Board; Presentation Gift (of a lasting nature) following the first time they umpire at that level. The presentation shall be made at the Annual Prize Giving.

## 1.10 TRAVELLING

Clubs and Schools affiliated to NNH shall not play any matches or travel outside NNH without the prior approval of the CEO. Teams wishing to travel overseas shall first apply, in writing, to NNH for approval. Once approval has been obtained, NNH shall then apply to Netball New Zealand. (This is an international requirement). A minimum of eight (8) weeks notice must be given to NNH for permission to travel overseas.

## **PART TWO     DISCIPLINE AND INCIDENT PROCEDURE**

### **UMPIRES/OFFICIALS**

- 2.1** If during an activity at an NNH facility or during any other activity under the auspices of NHH, an umpire or NNH official considers the behaviour of a player, coach, manager, team official, spectator or any other person to be unacceptable, he or she may do any of the following:
- a. In the case of a player, an umpire may stand down the player from general play, for such remaining period of the game as the umpire sees fit (including, for the avoidance of doubt, suspension for the remainder of the game);
  - b. In the case of a player, coach, manager team official spectator or any other person, require the removal from the relevant netball court and/or other facility before allowing the game to proceed;
  - c. Place a player, coach, manager, team, spectator or other person on report and file a written incident report.

### **INCIDENT PROCEDURE**

#### **2.2 Incident Procedure**

- a. Any person may lodge an Incident Report with NNH concerning a player, umpire, coach, manager, team official, Netball North Harbour staff, or Board member or any other member of NNH);
- b. A spectator or other person attending an activity at an NNH facility, or any other activity under the auspices of NHH.

Such Incident Report must relate to one or more of those matters referred to in paragraph 2.6 below.

- 2.2.1** Any written Incident Report or any responses to an incident may be submitted to NNH on behalf of any person listed at clause 2.2 above by the school or club they are associated with. The School or Club submitting an Incident Report or response to an incident on behalf of any such person must provide the name or names of the person or persons they are representing.

### **TEMPLATE**

- 2.4** The Incident Report shall be submitted on NNH's prescribed form, which is available on the NNH website ([www.netballnorthharbour.co.nz](http://www.netballnorthharbour.co.nz)) or from the NNH control room.

### **SUBMISSION OF INCIDENT REPORTS**

- 2.5** An Incident Report must be submitted to NNH within 48 hours of the relevant incident, by either submitting such report online or delivering it to the offices of NNH.

### **SUBJECT MATTER OF INCIDENT REPORTS**

- 2.6** The subject of an Incident Report must comprise one or more of the following matters:
- a. Any unacceptable behaviour including violence, verbal or physical abuse, assault, threatening behaviour or harassment by any person listed in clause 2.2 above;
  - b. Unacceptable standard of umpiring or timekeeping;
  - c. Illegal, unregistered or unfinancial person, club or school playing a game;
  - d. Breach of NNH's constitution, regulations or policy;
  - e. Any other behaviour or incident which brings the game into disrepute or which the Judicial Committee considers may be subject to these Regulations.

### **CATEGORISATION AND REFERRAL**

- 2.7** The CEO will, within seven (7) days after his or her receipt of a written incident report pursuant to 2.2 advise the complainant and their associated School/Club, in writing that he or she has received the report, and request any further information he or she requires.

- 2.8** The CEO will also advise the person or persons about whom the complaint is made of the incident report, and invite them to respond to the claims made in the report. That person or those persons shall have 48 hours from the date the CEO advises him, her or them of the incident report to provide a response.
- 2.9** The CEO shall then, within a reasonable time (having regard to the nature and seriousness of the applicable incident) consider the incident report and all additional information received, and categorise the incident as one of the following:
- a. minor; or
  - b. serious.
- The CEO may request the assistance of the NNH Board to categorise such incidents.
- 2.10** If the CEO categorises an incident as minor, the CEO shall make a decision and advise all persons involved of his or her decision.
- 2.12** In the event a minor incident is not resolved either to the satisfaction of the complainant or any person who is the subject of the complaint, then any of them may within 48 hours of receiving their written notification of the outcome of the CEO's decision, appeal that decision to the NNH Board. The NNH Board may, at its discretion either make a decision, or refer the matter to the Judicial Committee for consideration.
- 2.13** If the CEO categorises an incident as serious, the incident shall be referred by the CEO to the Judicial Committee for further action and the provisions of clause 2.14 to 2.21 below shall apply.

#### **JUDICIAL COMMITTEE**

- 2.14** The Judicial Committee will consist of a minimum of three (3) persons appointed by the NNH Board (who shall comprise persons who the Board considers are suitably qualified to deal with incidents and need not be members of the NNH Board or members of NNH).
- 2.15** Within seven (7) days of receipt of the written Incident Report the Judicial Committee shall notify the complainant and the person or persons who are the subject of a complaint in writing, of receipt of the complaint and may invite them to attend a meeting or meetings (as appropriate) with the Judicial Committee to explain their version of events. Such notice shall state the time or times of the meetings.
- 2.16** Following the meetings with the relevant parties, and after making any further investigations that the Judicial Committee considers necessary, the Judicial Committee shall, within a reasonable period (having regard to the nature and seriousness of the incident) make a determination. For the purposes of determination of any serious matter referred to the Judicial Committee pursuant to clause 2.13, the Judicial Committee may adopt one or more of the following courses of action:
- a. Determine that no further action will be taken;
  - b. Issue a warning to the relevant person or persons and/or advise the club or school of that person or persons of the consequences of any further conduct brought to the attention of the Judicial Committee;
  - c. Require the relevant person or persons to make reparation in the form of apology, undertake training or any other appropriate action;
  - d. Censure the relevant person or persons and/or advise the school or club of that person or persons of the censure;
  - e. Suspend the person or persons for such period of time as the Judicial Committee considers appropriate;
  - f. Determine any other penalty or action that the Judicial Committee determines is appropriate in the circumstances.

- 2.17** The CEO of NNH shall notify all interested parties of the decision of the Judicial Committee.
- 2.18** Subject to these Regulations, the Judicial Committee may determine its procedures as it thinks fit.
- 2.19** The Judicial Committee may suspend a person or persons prior to a determination if it considers suspension to be in the interests of NNH and/or any other person.

#### **APPEALS**

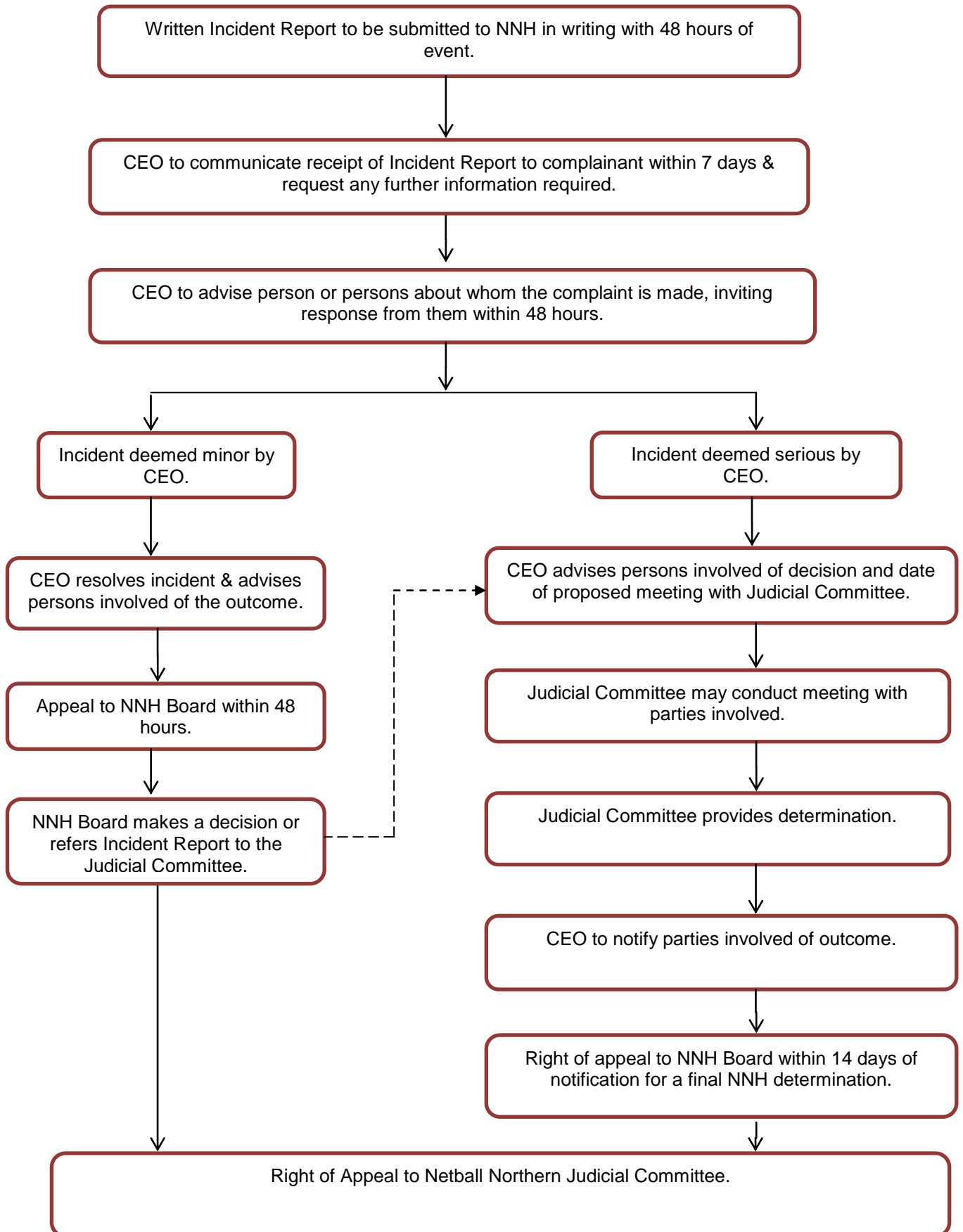
- 2.20** A determination of the Judicial Committee may be appealed to the NNH Board within fourteen (14) days of notice of the Judicial Committee's determination. The NNH Board shall determine the process for resolution of the appeal. Such appeal must be lodged in writing with the offices of NNH within fourteen (14) days of the Judicial Committee's determination.
- 2.21** If any person involved in an Incident Report does not approve a decision of the NNH Board, they may appeal to the Northern Zone Judicial Committee.

#### **PROTESTS**

- 2.22** Any person who wishes to protest the outcome of a game must firstly report such matter to a competition official either during the game or immediately following the conclusion of the game. It is the responsibility of both teams to ensure that the correct scores are recorded during the game on the official score card and therefore protest regarding the official score will not be accepted.
- 2.23** Any protest regarding umpiring decisions will not be accepted unless an NNH Official was called for during the game and supports the protest.
- 2.24** If a protest has not been reviewed to the satisfaction of a club making the protest, or the club the subject of the protest, then the matter may be referred by the management of any such club to NNH within seventy two (72) hours. NNH shall then refer the matter to a Protest Committee for determination and whose decision shall be final.



## NETBALL NORTH HARBOUR INCIDENT PROCESS



For more detail refer to PART 2: Discipline and Incident procedure in the Netball North Harbour Regulations.

## **PART THREE            COMPETITION REGULATIONS (Excluding Social Competitions & Inside 5 Aside)**

### **3.1. PLAYER ELIGIBILITY**

Players may register in more than one Netball Centre provided the Netball Centres are within the same Zone. Where a player is registered in more than one Centre, the player must nominate which Netball Centre is their Primary Netball Centre at the time of registration. The Primary Netball Centre shall take precedence for representative purposes.

### **3.2. MEMBERSHIP AND REGISTRATION**

- a. Players must be registered and assigned to their respective teams online. A Team Summary Sheet (refer Clause 1.2) will be generated from the online registrations. All teams must have a minimum of seven (7) registered players on their Team Summary Sheet, with a maximum of 12.
- b. Premier 1 teams may register up to fifteen (15) players. Teams must nominate the twelve (12) players for each game.
- c. **One Hour Games** - Under Exceptional Circumstances – which may include the following - one or more of your twelve (12) players may be temporarily or permanently replaced on application to NNH:
  - Long/short term injuries
  - Pregnancy
  - International Duties – NZ, Samoan, Fijian, etc.
  - Overseas Naval Duties
  - Franchise netball obligations
  - Bereavements

Approval for an 'exceptional circumstance' replacement must be applied for in writing. Such written request is to be submitted to NNH for approval and should include the following:

A Doctor's certificate or other appropriate documentation.

If the request for an 'exceptional circumstance' is approved, players from lower teams may "play up" with no penalty – i.e. they will not be deemed to have 'played up' but filled in as an "exceptional circumstance replacement" for the exempted player. Each individual case shall be judged on its merits by NNH or their delegated representative/s.

Teams may use up to three (3) additional players (total 15 players) from within their club. Only up to 12 players may be used in any one game. The three (3) up rule applies.

The penalty for registering or playing more than fifteen (15) players, whether as additional or playing-up is a Loss by Default at the time they play their 16th – or subsequent player/s.

- d. **40 Minute Games** -The maximum number of players that can be registered on the Team Summary Sheet at the beginning of the season is twelve (12). Additional players can be registered by completing the Additional Player Registration form and paying the required fee. There is no "cap" on the number of additional players that can be registered in teams playing 40 minute games, however only twelve (12) players are able to be used in any one game. (In exceptional circumstances, players from lower teams may be able to play up without penalty upon application to NNH.)
- e. Any player who has played in the top three (3) club grades at NNH or another Netball Centre in the past three (3) years may be registered in one (1) hour games only. Clubs may apply to NNH for special dispensation. Each individual case shall be judged on its merits by NNH or their delegated representative/s.
- f. Additional Players are required to complete the Additional Player Registration Form, register online and pay (once only) the required fee as set by the NNH Board.

- g. If any of the initial twelve (12) registered players becomes injured and cannot continue for the rest of the season an additional player can be registered using the Additional Player Registration Form, registering online and paying the Additional Player Fee.
- h. A team fielding an unregistered player will be required to pay the additional player registration fee plus a fine as determined by the NNH Board. In addition, the team concerned may be penalised further at the discretion of NNH or their delegated representative/s.
- i. A player can only be registered to play for one (1) club/school team in any competition.
- j. **Secondary Schools**
  - i. Teams entered in the Secondary Schools competition must be from a School or recognised educational group.
  - ii. Players registered by a College must be pupils of the College at the time of registration.
  - iii. Only students who are Under 19 as at 1<sup>st</sup> January of the competition year are eligible for inclusion in College teams.
  - iv. Only students being educated at Year 9 level are eligible to play in the Year 9 grade.
  - v. Only persons who are being educated at Secondary School level, may play in the College competition. This includes home school teams.
  - vi. Players playing in the Year 9 Junior 1 grade may only play in their grade and substitute into College Premiers, College A and College B grade. The three (3) up rule applies (as per regulation 3.5). The Penalty will be a loss by default.
  - vii. Other Year 9 players may substitute into the college competition.
  - viii. A player may only registered into one (1) school team.
  - ix. Premier transfers between colleges are governed by Auckland Secondary Schools Heads Association (ASSHA) (refer ASSHA rule 10.8.1) and the NZSSSC 'New to school regulations'.
- k. **Intermediate**
  - i. Only children who are being educated at Intermediate School level, may play in the Intermediate competition.
  - ii. Only Year 8 players can play in the Year 8 grade and only Year 7 players can play in the Year 7 grade. If there are insufficient Year 7 players to field a team, those players may participate as a combined Year 7/Year 8 team, but they must be registered as a composite team and accepted into the competition as a composite team in the Year 8 grade.
  - iii. The 3 up rule applies to any player playing up into Year 7/1 or Year 8/1 grades (as per regulation 3.5).
- l. **Primary**
  - i. Only children who are being educated at Primary School level (Years 1 to 6), may play in the Primary competition.
  - ii. The maximum number of players in a Primary team is (10) ten for Years 4 to 6.
  - iii. Year 1, 2 & 3 play in the ANZ Future Ferns Programme and run in accordance to that programmes guidelines.
  - iv. The 3 up rule applies to any player playing up into Year 6/1 grade (as per regulation 3.5).
- m. NNH reserves the right to allow dispensation on a case by case basis.

### 3.3 GRADING – TEAMS AND PLAYERS

- a. NNH is responsible for grading teams and reserves the right to grade any player or team or renumber or rename any team as per NNH grading procedure.
- b. All teams in Clubs and Schools must be numbered. (Note: NNH reserves the right to renumber teams following grading games).
- c. All players who play in the finals of a grade must have played or be named on the team sheet a minimum of three (3) games for that team or a lower graded team within that Club/School, prior to playing in any finals. An exception may be made e.g. ANZ franchise players who must apply to NNH.

- d. All players who play in a Promotion Relegation Game must be a current member of that Club/School and have played a minimum of three (3) games for that team or a lower graded team from that club.
- e. **Players may not play in a lower numbered/graded team (unless the lower numbered team is in a higher grade). Doing so will result in an automatic "loss by default" unless they have applied to interchange players under Clause 3.7.**

### 3.4 PREMIER ONE GRADE

At the end of the season the top four (4) teams from the Premier 1 Grade will retain their position in Premier 1 and the remaining teams will be required to grade for the following season.

The grading system will be determined as per Games Committee Terms of Reference.

If a club withdraws a team from the top four (4) prior to the start of the season (or does not enter a team) the next placed team will automatically fill the gap.

If a team withdraws following the commencement of the season the team will not be replaced and a bye will be played.

### 3.5 PLAYING UP/PLAYING DOWN

- a. **1 HOUR GAMES** - Providing there is a place on your team summary sheet, (maximum number is fifteen (15), whether they are in the team, playing-up or have been registered as an additional player, any player who plays up in a specific team on three (3) occasions is considered to be a member of that team once they have taken the court to play on the third occasion, unless an exemption has been obtained and approved by the Games Committee or its delegated representative/s.
- b. **40 MINUTE GAMES** - Any player who plays up in a specific team on three (3) occasions is considered to be a member of that team once they have taken the court to play on the third occasion, unless an exemption has been obtained and approved by the Games Committee or its delegated representative/s. Some exemptions for teams in lower grades may be approved.
- c. **Players may not play in a lower numbered/graded team (unless the lower numbered team is in a higher grade). Doing so will result in an automatic "loss by default" unless they have applied to interchange players under Clause 3.7.**

### 3.6 DOWN-GRADING OF PLAYERS

Subject to written application and approval of the Games Committee or its delegated representative/s, a Club/School may down-grade players up to and including the sixth (6<sup>th</sup>) week of play (including grading days). Such written application to be received seven (7) days prior to the competition date involved in the down-grading. No down grading will be permitted after this time, except in exceptional circumstances as determined by the Games Committee.

"Exceptional circumstances" could include: players having to be downgraded to make room for players returning from NNZ or ANZ Cup commitments; players coming from other Centres/Countries and being too advanced to play in a lower grade.

**Primary** – Subject to written application and approval of the Games Committee or its delegated representative, a school may downgrade players up to and including the fourth (4<sup>th</sup>) game of the first round of play. After this time no downgrading will be permitted. Such written application to be received by NNH, seven (7) days prior to the competition date involved in the down-grading.

### 3.7 INTERCHANGING PLAYERS

**Club and Secondary School** – Clubs and Schools with teams in the lower club grades may apply to the NNH office up to seven (7) days prior to the commencement of competition play for permission to interchange players within these grades. NNH will make the decision to grant the request if they consider it appropriate.

**Intermediate** – Schools with teams in the lower grades may apply to the NNH to interchange players no later than three (3) weeks after the season commences. Each individual case shall be judged on its merits.

**Primary** – Schools with teams in the two (2) lower grades may apply to the NNH to interchange players no later than three (3) weeks after the season commences. Each individual case shall be judged on its merits.

### 3.8 **PLAYER TRANSFERS (In and Out of Season)**

A player wishing to transfer to another Club/School is required to complete a transfer form obtained from NNH showing a clearance from the player's previous Club/School. A fine may be imposed on any Club that does not comply with this requirement prior to the player representing the new Club. Only one transfer per season per player will be permitted.

This does not apply to school age players transitioning between education levels (eg Year 6 to 7 & Year 8 to 9).

Any representative player must also be cleared by the Netball Zone (Northern Zone) before obtaining a transfer between Zones.

### 3.9 **TEAM CARDS**

Every team must collect its Team Card from the downstairs control office or other designated place, at least five (5) minutes before the start of the game. It must be completed and handed to the scorer/timekeeper prior to the game commencing. When completing the weekly team cards, the Captain must ensure that only the players who will actually be taking the court are listed. Teams can make any necessary alterations immediately the game finishes and before the card is handed into the office or other designated place.

A player who is listed on a team card for a particular game is considered to have played at some stage in that game. (See Clause 3.5.a)

#### **Premier 1, 2, 3 & College Premier**

Teams must list all players present on the team card at the designated time prior to the start of the game, whether they take the court or not. Should a player from a lower team not take the court, this will be recorded as a non play up game.

#### **Primary**

##### **Year 4 -Year 5**

Teams are required to list their players on the team card in their playing positions.

##### **Year 6**

Team cards will be issued with the score card. It is the responsibility of each team to indicate in the tick boxes as shown on the Team Card as to who played for that particular game.

### 3.10 **DURATION AND TIMING OF GAMES**

- a. **Club** - The top five (5) Club Grades (Premier 1, Premier 2, Premier 3, Senior 1, Senior 2) shall play one (1) hour competition games, played in four (4) quarters of fifteen (15) minutes each, with an interval of three (3) minutes between the first-second and third-fourth quarters and with an interval of five (5) minutes at half-time. All other Club games, including grading games shall be of forty (40) minute duration, played in four (4) quarters of ten (10) minutes each, with an interval of two (2) minutes at each break.
- b. **College** – Premier College Grade shall play 40 minute games, played in four (4) quarters of ten (10) minutes and will have a 2/3/2 minute interval at breaks. All other games shall be of 40 minute duration, played in 4 quarters of 10 minutes each and will have intervals of two (2) minutes at each break.
- c. **Intermediate** – Games shall be 40 minute duration, played in four (4) quarters of ten (10) minutes and will have intervals of two (2) minutes at each break.

d. **Primary**

- i. **Year 1, 2 & 3** : Play in the Future Ferns Programme and run in accordance to that programmes guidelines.
- ii. **Year 4** : The game is played in four (4) quarters of ten (10) minutes. The teams rotate at the end of each 10 minute quarter and the game restarts on the umpires whistle. There is a two (2) minute half time at the end of the second quarter.
- iii. **Year 5** : The game is played in four (4) quarters of ten (10) minutes. The teams rotate at the end of each 10 minute quarter and will have intervals of two (2) minutes.
- iv. **Year 6** : The game is played in four (4) quarters of ten (10) minutes and will have intervals of two (2) minutes.

e. Timing of games shall commence with the official bell or official timekeeper.

f. Teams must be on court ready to play within five (5) minutes of the official signal for the commencement of the game or lose by default. For all one (1) hour games and the College Premier grade, International Rules apply (thirty (30) seconds).

g. Where necessary two 1 hour/40/30 minute games may be played in the same competition on the same day.

### 3.11 INJURIES

Time lost due to stoppage for injury or illness in general competitions cannot be made up. Injured players should be removed from the court as quickly as practicable and another player may enter the court immediately, subject to the direction of the umpires.

Injury time will be provided for:

- a. 1 hour club competition games
- b. Secondary School Premier grade games

Injury break rulings will be made in accordance with the International Rule Book.

**Primary** – Where rotations occur, a substitute coming onto court to replace an injured player must take the injured players position.

### 3.12 OFFICIAL SCORE

Where teams are required to keep the score for their games, one person from each team (can be a team member or supporter) shall stand together (on the same side of the court as per the protocols that have been developed) and ensure that the goals go on the "correct side". Whoever is actually keeping the "official" score must allow a person from the other team to watch as goals are recorded. There is no official rule as to who has the right to take the score and whether each team has to have a turn during the game.

The score must be recorded on the NNH official score card and this is the only result that will be recognised by NNH.

The official score card must be signed by the Teams scorers at the end of each game as a witness to the official score.

### 3.13 POINTS

- a. For competition games, four (4) points shall be awarded for a win, two (2) for a draw, one (1) for a loss when the losing score is five goals or less of the winning score for **one (1) hour games** and one (1) point for a loss when the losing score is three goals or less of the winning score for **40 or 30 minute games**. A Win by Default shall be four (4) points, and no points are awarded to a team for a Loss by Default.
- b. At the conclusion of the competition, if two or more teams are on the same points, final placings shall be determined by goal ratio (goals 'for' divided by goals 'against'). If the result of a Win by Default places a potential prize-winning team at a disadvantage, all scores for all teams, for and against the defaulting team will become null and void.

### 3.14 UMPIRING

All teams must supply an umpire to control their game, unless advised to the contrary by NNH.

**Club** - Teams who are allocated an umpire by the Umpires' Committee are required to provide either a timekeeper or a scorer for the duration of their game, unless games come under the centrally controlled bell, then a scorer only is required.

*If a team does not provide an umpire, then one (1) player from that team must umpire for the duration of the game.*

**Secondary School** – For top grade college finals NNH will provide allocated umpires.

*If a team does not provide an umpire, then one (1) player from that team must umpire for the duration of the game*

**Intermediate** – Coaches of teams in Year 8 (Division 1) and Year 7 (Division 1) Grades are not permitted to umpire their own team, except during grading games.

If a team does not supply an Umpire the following alternatives are permissible:

- a. An adult or player associated with the team to umpire for the duration of the game.
- b. One player from the team to umpire.

Whatever option is agreed to by both teams must continue for the duration of the game.

**Primary** – If a team does not supply an Umpire the following is permissible:

An umpire from an opposing team may umpire the game (sole control) provided both teams verbally agree and have checked at the downstairs office that no-one else is available.

Whatever is agreed to by both teams must continue for the duration of the game.

### 3.16 DEFERRED GAMES/TIME REQUESTS

- a. Requests for deferred games will not be accepted. However NNH reserves the right to alter game schedules where deemed necessary.
- b. Time requests must be in to the NNH office by the completion of Grading Games. Time requests will be considered when submitted on the official application form together with the non-refundable fee.
- c. **Primary** – Time requests must be received three (3) weeks prior to the commencement of the competition.

### 3.17 DEFAULTS

**Weekend competitions** - Teams who wish to default games, are asked to advise the NNH Office via nominated Club/School Official as soon as they are aware that they will be defaulting or no later than one (1) day prior to their competition game (by midday, 12.00 pm). If defaults are notified prior, the Office will endeavour to contact opposition teams.

**Mid Week competitions** – NNH office must be advised of defaults by 1.00pm on the day of the competition.

Failure to advise of a default (by the specified time frame) will result in a default fee being invoiced to the Club/School.

Teams who have been advised of a default prior to the game time do not have to turn up in order to gain the Win by Default points.

### 3.18 CANCELLATIONS

Following a decision by NNH Officials' responsible for that competition, cancellations will be advertised as follows:

- a. Netball North Harbour Website: [www.netballnorthharbour.co.nz](http://www.netballnorthharbour.co.nz) will have a game status of play update and Newsflash advising of the cancellation.
- b. Netball North Harbour Facebook page

Note that netball is primarily a winter sport and rain is not considered a safety hazard.

All competition play will automatically be cancelled if a Civil Defence warning is publicly issued. If cancellation is in doubt the final cancellation decision is to rest with the CEO or nominee.

**Primary.** Netball may be cancelled in the event of thunder and lightning or hail. Team Officials may choose to withdraw their teams during a downpour of rain and resume play when ready. NOTE: The official time continues to countdown irrespective of the action taken by Team Officials.

Schools shall be notified of cancellation by phone before 2pm on game day.

### 3.19 ARENA MATCH DELAY, POSTPONEMENT OR CANCELLATION

If **during pre-game inspection** of the Field of Play, if the Game Umpires and/or the Competition Convenor/s consider that poor Field of Play conditions, equipment damage or failure, or any other reason deemed necessary to ensure the health and safety of players and umpires play may be delayed, relocated or postponed.

Only the officiating umpires may stop **play during a game** (temporarily or definitely) because of poor Field of Play conditions, equipment damage or failure, a seriously injured player, or any other reason deemed necessary by the match umpires and /or competition convenor/s.

The Competition Convenor/s in consultation with the Match Umpires, CEO, or Board Chair will determine if the game may proceed or if it must be delayed, relocated or postponed.

The Competition Convenor/s with CEO will determine if the game must be postponed or cancelled.

#### **Definitions of Delay, Postponement and Cancellation**

**Delay:** A game is considered delayed if it does not start at the scheduled start time or is interrupted after the scheduled start.

**Postponement:** A game is considered postponed when it cannot be completed within the scheduled time and is rescheduled to another time on the same day or another day. In the event that a game is delayed prior to commencement or interrupted after it has commenced and the anticipated delay becomes greater than 30 minutes, the game may be postponed.

Games that are to be rescheduled will be played on the save a day assigned to that competition.

**Cancellation:** A postponed game which is deemed to be unable to be rescheduled.

#### **Rescheduling Management**

The Competition Convenor/s and CEO based on recommendations from the Umpires will determine when delayed competition will resume.

In the event that a game is delayed or interrupted, the game must be resumed as soon as is conveniently possible under the following conditions:

Prior to game start

1. Commence game with appropriate centre pass

If match interrupted

1. On resumption the game shall be continued from the spot where the ball was when play was stopped as per IFNA Rule 7.1 (v).



2. On resumption, Rule 6, relating to the substitution of players shall apply as though there had been no interruption to the game.
3. The score on resumption of the game being that at the time the interruption took place.
4. If the interruption to a game is greater than 10 minutes, teams will be permitted a Field of Play warm-up period of up to a maximum of five (5) minutes before the game recommences.

In the event that the game is called off once play has commenced the following shall apply:

- i. If the game is called off prior to or during the first quarter break the game will be rescheduled;
- ii. A drawn result will be declared if the game was stopped during the second quarter or during half time and each team awarded two (2) game points;
- iii. If the game has entered the third quarter a win will be awarded to the team with the highest score at the time in which the game was stopped i.e. after half time;
- iv. In the event that the score is tied and the game has entered the third quarter, a drawn result will be declared and each team awarded two (2) game points.

The following must be observed when rescheduling game start times:

- i. Where two games are scheduled consecutively; if the first scheduled game is delayed prior to commencement, or is interrupted after it has commenced, or enters extended extra time as a result of a draw at the completion of full time, the commencement time of the second scheduled game may be delayed for no greater than 30 minutes. The game start time in the second scheduled game will be pushed back and the game conducted as per usual match operating and timing procedures.
- ii. If a game is delayed prior to commencement or interrupted after it has commenced and the anticipated delay becomes greater than 30 minutes, where possible, and to prevent further disruption to the competition schedule, the game may be transferred to a warm-up or secondary court within the venue for completion. In the event that the game cannot be relocated to a warm-up or secondary court, the game **may be postponed or cancelled**.

If circumstances arise which are not provided for in the IFNA and/or NNH Competition Regulations, the Competition Convenor/s and CEO will determine the necessary action to be taken as to when a game may resume.

### 3.20 NETBALLS

Netball North Harbour does not supply netballs for any games. This is the responsibility of schools, clubs and individual teams participating in any competition or event.

International Rule Book - Rule 1.3 – for Club, College, Intermediate & Year 6 Netball

**Ball:** The ball shall measure between 690mm – 710mm (27 inches – 28 inches) in circumference and weigh between 400 grams – 450 grams (14-ounces – 16 ounces). The ball may be of leather, rubber or similar material.

**Year 2 - 5 –** Size 4 ball is used.

### 3.21 UNIFORMS

- a. Teams may only play in registered club/school/team uniforms approved by NNH.
- b. Each new club or school shall, upon affiliation, register the colours and style of uniform (skirt and top or dress) to be worn by its team/s.
- c. Each existing club upon affiliation, shall register any changes that have been made to the colours and style of uniform (skirt and top or dress) to be worn by its team/s.
- d. Any sponsors whose names appear on the uniform must be noted at the time of registration.
- e. Clubs and schools are required to confirm their uniform colours and style along with any sponsors names each year, in writing, to NNH fourteen (14) days prior to the commencement of the first grading game.

- f. Shorts, g-strings, bike pants or similar are not permitted, either as part of the uniform or worn under skirts or dresses. (Dispensation may be granted by NNH for cultural sensitivities or medical reasons.)
- g. Primary Schools may also choose to wear their school PE uniform as their netball uniform.
- h. Rules regarding wearing uniforms will be relaxed in extreme temperatures in the interest of players safety. For example. Polypropylene legging and tops, thick tights may be worn beneath the netball uniform but must continue to be in uniform in appearance and colour.
- i. No jewellery is permitted to be worn or taped (with the exception of medical alert bracelets /necklaces and flat wedding rings). This is for safety reasons and will be strictly enforced as either the wearer, team member or opponent can be injured if jewellery is worn.

### **3.22 TROPHIES AND PRIZEGIVING**

- a. All trophies remain the property of NNH.
- b. Trophies will be presented to Winners and where possible to the Runners Up of all competitions.
- c. Trophies shall be returned to NNH office no later than **20<sup>th</sup> November** each year – or other such date as may be advised.
- d. If trophies are not returned by the due date, a per trophy fee shall be imposed, plus any costs that may be incurred if a new trophy has to be purchased – e.g. Replacement cost of trophy and engraving.
- e. If trophies are returned in a damaged condition the cost of repairs shall be charged against the holder.

#### **f. CLUB PREMIER PLAYER OF THE YEAR**

NNH will appoint a panel of three (3) people to select the Premier Player of the Year. The Panel will choose a recipient based on the following criteria:

- i. Has played and shown consistent high performance in Premier 1 of the NNH Winter competition.
  - ii. Makes a significant contribution showing example to others to a registered NNH club by way of leadership, inspiration and dedication.
  - iii. Has achieved the highest netball achievement in playing in the current year.
- The Premier Player of the Year will be announced at the Annual Prize Giving.

#### **g. COLLEGE PLAYER OF THE YEAR**

NNH will appoint a panel of three (3) people to select the Premier Player of the Year. The Panel will choose a recipient based on the following criteria:

- i. Has played and shown consistent high performance in College Premier grade of the NNH Winter competition.
  - ii. Makes a significant contribution showing example to others to a registered NNH school by way of leadership, inspiration and dedication.
  - iii. Has achieved the highest netball achievement in playing in the current year.
- The College Player of the Year will be announced at the Annual College Prize Giving.

**Interpretation of Regulations** not provided for in these Regulations and any questions arising as to the interpretation shall be decided by the Board.

## **PART FOUR    COMPETITION REGULATIONS - SOCIAL NETBALL and INSIDE 5 ASIDE**

### **4.1    REGISTRATIONS**

The registration process shall be completed by the due date and submitted with payment.

### **4.2    TEAM FEES**

Shall be determined by the Board and payable in full on registration close off date. In the event of a team not prepaying, the team will not be placed on the draw for the competition until fees are paid.

### **4.3    GRADING**

NNH's Competition manager is responsible for grading teams if required.

### **4.4    DURATION OF GAMES**

- a. **Social Netball** - Games will consist of four (4) x ten (10) minute quarters. The breaks will be two (2) minutes
- b. **Inside 5 Aside** – Subject to age group and competition format that games may range from four (4) quarters of eight (8) minutes to four (4) quarters of fifteen (15) minutes. The breaks will be 1/2/1 or 2/3/2 respectively.

### **4.5    TIMING OF GAMES**

Teams must be on court ready to play within five (5) minutes of the official signal for the commencement of the game or lose by default.

### **4.6    OFFICIAL SCORE**

Where teams are required to keep the score for their games, one person from each team (can be a team member or supporter) shall stand together and ensure that the goals go on the "correct side". Whoever is actually keeping the "official" score must allow a person from the other team to watch as goals are recorded. There is no official rule as to who has the right to take the score and whether each team has to have a turn during the game.

The score card must be signed by Teams Scorers at the end of each game as a witness to the official score.

The score must be recorded on the NNH official score card and this is the only result that will be recognised by NNH.

### **4.7    POINTS**

**40 Minute Game** - For competition games, four (4) points shall be awarded for a win, two (2) for a draw, one (1) for a loss when the losing score is three goals or less of the winning score. A Win by Default shall be four (4) points, and no points are awarded to a team for a Loss by Default.

**Inside 5 Aside** – Scoring during the game shall be;

One (1) point for a goal scored from within the dotted line of the goal circle

Two (2) points for a goal scored from within the dotted line and goal circle

Three (3) points for a goal scored from within the goal third, outside of the goal circle.

### **4.8    PROTESTS**

Any protest on a game must be lodged in writing by the management of the team involved, together with the requisite fee within five (5) working days of an incident. A Protest Committee - appointed by NNH - will deal with all protests.

It is the responsibility of both teams to ensure that the correct score is recorded during the game on the official score card; therefore, protests regarding the official score will not be accepted.

Protests regarding umpiring decisions will not be accepted unless a NNH Official has been called to the court during the game and is prepared to support a protest.

#### **4.9 DEFAULTS**

Teams who wish to default games, are asked to advise the NNH Office as soon as they are aware that they will be defaulting. If defaults are notified prior to game day, the Office will endeavour to contact opposition teams. If defaults are notified on game day every effort will be made to advise the opposing team before the commencement of the games.

Teams who have been advised of a default prior to the game time do not have to turn up in order to gain the Win by Default points.

#### **4.10 CANCELLATIONS**

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#### **4.11 EQUIPMENT**

All team equipment should be supplied by the team.

**Inside 5 aside** – Bibs will be supplied by NNH.

#### **4.12 UNIFORM**

Teams must appear uniform in appearance.

#### **4.13 JEWELLERY**

No jewellery is permitted to be worn or taped (with the exception of medical alert bracelets /necklaces and flat wedding rings). This is for safety reasons and will be strictly enforced as either the wearer, team member or opponent can be injured if jewellery is worn.

#### **4.14 FINGERNAILS**

Social Adult competition suitable gloves must be worn over long fingernails.

#### **4.15 UMPIRES**

Umpires to be supplied by teams unless otherwise indicated in the competition rules.

Competition cost will reflect where umpires are provided.

If a team does not supply an umpire one of the team playing members must umpire for the complete game.

#### **4.16 PRIZES**

Prizes will be awarded as promotion material is identified.

**Interpretation of Regulations** not provided for in these Regulations and any questions arising as to the interpretation shall be decided by the Board.