



# Hills District Netball Association

## NIGHT COMPETITION POLICY

The Night Competition will be run according to the Association Policies with the following exceptions:

### 1. Registration

- (a) Team registrations and payments of relevant team or participant fees must be submitted in the format specified by HDNA.
- (b) No team will be permitted to register more than 12 full players, including late registrations and one day registrations.
- (c) Grading will be held at a time specified by the HDNA Executive and conducted by the Senior Day Competition Committee and members of the Night Comp Committee. The Chairperson will be the residing Night Competition Convenor. After completion of grading the results will be available through PlayHQ.
- (d) Late registrations:
  - (i) Each Late Registration must:
    - (a) be submitted in the format specified by HDNA, and
    - (b) be a player of a similar standard to the Grade entered, and
    - (c) be approved by the Night Competition Convenor
  - (ii) Late registrations for the first week of play will be accepted at a time to be nominated by the HDNA Executive each season.
  - (iii) Late registrations from game 2 onwards will be accepted up to 12noon on the day before play.
- (e) To be eligible to play in a grand final, a player must have played a specified number of games (according to the duration of the competition) with their registered team.
- (f) A player may only register for one team per competition. The mixed competition to be deemed as a separate competition.

### 2. Mixed Divisions

- (a) A Mixed Division will be considered if sufficient teams register.
- (b) Teams shall only be permitted to have a maximum of three (3) men and a maximum of five (5) females on the court at any one time.
- (c) Male players may not all be positioned in either attack or defence ends. Male players must be positioned one in each third of the court. Only one male is permitted in the attacking and defensive goal circles.

### **3. Men's Division**

- (a) A Men's Division will only be conducted if sufficient teams register.
- (b) Men will be permitted to register in both Men's and Mixed Division.

### **4. Umpiring**

- (a) The system of umpiring to be used each year will be decided by the Umpire's Convenor in conjunction with the HDNA Executive and the Night Competition Committee.
  - (i) Where all Clubs are required to provide an Umpire, teams must do so for all games.
  - (ii) In the event of the "umpire-your-own" system being adopted, no coach or manager should umpire his/her own team.
- (b) In the event a nominated Umpire is absent, teams must provide a replacement Umpire. A fine of \$100 may be imposed on any team not providing an Umpire at any game.

### **5. Eligibility**

The following players will be eligible to play in the Night Competition:

- (a) Players of any age in line with the competition guidelines.
- (b) Players may be registered in two Divisions, either Mixed/Grade or Men's/Mixed.
- (c) Players are permitted to play more than one (1) game per week if substituting in a higher grade. If a player is borrowed for five (5) games by any teams in a higher grade or division, that player becomes ineligible to play again for their registered team and shall be considered a member of one of the higher graded teams for which they were borrowed.

### **6. Commencement of Competition Matches**

Play must commence at the time set down. If either side does not have five (5) players, a stay of five (5) minutes may be allowed. If one team is still offending after the 5 minute grace, a forfeit will be declared.

### **7. Forfeits and Withdrawals**

Should a team be unable to compete in a competition match the Team Manager must notify the HDNA Night Competition Convenor, HDNA, their own umpire and the opposing team's manager no later than 7pm on the day preceding play. Should this notification not be given, a \$100 fine may be imposed on the team. Extenuating circumstances are to be considered.

### **8. Wet Weather**

See HDNA Adverse Weather Policy.

- (a) Where two or more rounds are lost due to wet weather games may be played after the last scheduled round at the discretion of the HDNA Executive. This will include the moving of any finals to a later date after the rounds have been completed.