FASSIFERN NETBALL ASSOCIATION

2022

The Fassifern Netball Association has been providing a base to participate in an inclusive recreational activity within a small rural community for girls & women for over 20 yrs. As well as promoting a healthy lifestyle, our association also provides opportunities for young women to develop leadership & life skills; through team work, the challenge & commitment of representing the club at regional/state level, umpiring or volunteering. We are a family focused club & encourage all ages to be involved, whether they are coaching, scoring or helping in canteen. We also run a very successful Social Mixed netball competition and this year are introducing for the first time Walking Netball. This booklet provides information regarding membership, costs & commitments & a general outline of our rules & regulations.

Players Information Handbook

WELCOME TO THE NEW NETBALL SEASON

The 2022 season commences on **Monday 14TH February 2022**.
Games are played at the Fassifern Netball courts (Boonah Show Grounds) every Monday night.

GENERAL MEETINGS are held on the second Tuesday of each month (or as advised) at the Netball Association's Clubhouse at 6.30pm. Meeting dates for the year are given out at the start of every season and on our website.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:

President:	Amanda Dover	0400 364 553
Vice president:	Janet McKenna	0408 742 256
Secretary:	Tracey Rieck	0407 118 397
Treasurer:	Loraine Glegg	0431 523 953

MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE:

Open Division Convenor:	Samantha Conochie
Cadets Convenor	TBC
Intermediate Division Con:	Kaylene Reiser
NetSetGo Convenor:	Tracey Hartmann
Walking Netball Convenor:	Janet McKenna
Coaching Convenor:	Janet Mckenna
Umpire Convenor:	Justine Lutter
Representative Convenor:	Katrina Brennan
Duty Desk Convenor:	Sonya Gibson
Canteen Convenor:	TBC
Registrar:	Mikayla Kruger & Sharna Richters
Uniform Convenor:	Katrina Brennan
Covid Safety Officers:	Amanda Stubbings & Sonya Gibson

A BRIEF OUTLINE OF HOW OUR ASSOCIATION OPERATES

The Association is run in accordance with the Constitution of Netball Queensland (NQ) rules, Fassifern Netball Association (FNA) By-Laws and Model Rules.

As with most sporting organisations, our association is run by players and their families and friends. It should be remembered that all the Executive and Committee members are **unpaid volunteers** who put considerable time and effort into the job and would appreciate your support and assistance where possible.

Meetings are held on the second Tuesday of each month at 6.30pm and **all** members are encouraged to attend and participate, as your input is welcomed. Meetings are conducted in line with standard meeting procedure and all Executive and Committee decisions are subject to approval of the members present at meetings. All teams are required to have a representative at each meeting, any team without a representative will have two (2) match points deducted from their tally.

APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

Application for membership shall be on online via our website www.fassifernnetball.com
Membership must be paid in full online before a player may take the court. Membership fees include all game & umpiring fees for the season. Intermediate & Modified games fees do not include their UNIFORM which must be purchased via the duty desk:

Insurance Fee (Paid to Netball Queensland) **$95.50**

Net Set Go	**$89.50**
Non Playing Member	**$37.50**

FNA Membership Fees

Open (14 & over)	$44.50
Cadets(13-15)/Inter(11 - 13)	$44.50
Modified Games (8-10)	$48.00
Net Set Go (5-7)	$.050

PLAYERS MUST HAVE PAID THEIR TOTAL MEMBERSHIP IN FULL BEFORE TAKING THE COURT TO BE COVERED BY INSURANCE.
NO EXCEPTIONS CAN BE MADE AS THE ASSOCIATION CANNOT TAKE THE RISK.

Team and Managers Responsibilities

1. Be at assigned court at least 10 minutes prior to game time (according to the current draw).
2. Ensure that the players comply with uniform policy [see below]
3. Fill in the score sheet with team names including substitute players [subs].
4. Teams must toss for the centre pass or goal end before the game commences and line up on transverse line ready for nails & jewelry to be checked.
5. Carry out court and team duties per draw [i.e. team umpire and CANTEEN duty].
6. Provide a scorer for the duration of the game.
7. Have a representative attend all General Meetings throughout the season. Teams not represented will be deducted two (2) match points.
8. Any team who wishes to **forfeit** a game must notify a member of the executive **before 4pm on the scheduled game day**. The opposing team is automatically awarded the winning points (3). Teams who do not notify anyone will be deducted two (2) match points. A minimum of 5 team members are required for a game to count.
9. Ensure that all players and parents are aware of the **code of conduct** contained in this guide.
10. Be aware of the **photo policy** below.
11. Managers and coaches are to ensure that all junior team players have equal court time.

Uniforms

1. All players must take the court in full uniform by the 4th week of the competition. Penalty for teams found out of uniform is two (2) match points.
2. The uniform must be approved by the executive at the commencement of the season.
3. Uniforms acceptable to the association for Open Division are: **Skirt or association approved shorts [no pockets, zips or buttons] and shirt, with or without a collar or sleeves.**
4. Modified Games, Intermediate and Cadets divisions have a compulsory FNA uniform (A-line dress) that they are required to purchase and wear every week. These can be purchased from the duty desk.
5. Finger nails must be short and not sharp. No tapping of fingernails is allowed, although specific netball gloves may be worn.
6. Bike pants the same colour as the skirt may be worn [as required].
7. No jewelry can be worn. Wedding bands or Medical bracelets may be worn and must be securely taped. Newly pierced ears may be taped for up to 6 weeks. No other exceptions will be made.
7. Appropriate lightweight sandshoes must be worn as per AA official rule book.
8. Winter uniform: wearing of winter clothing i.e. skivvies, t/shirts, tracksuit pants and tops is permitted provided **uniformity of colour** to match your team colours is observed. Skirts do not have to worn over tracksuit pants.
   Team members are permitted to wear variations of their uniform e.g. uniform top with track pants provided the pants are the same colour as their skirts.
   Finals – Full regular uniforms (skirt and top) must be worn for semi finals and finals.

Coaches

All teams benefit from coaching, and the association encourages all teams to have a suitably qualified coach. If your team is unable to find a coach or if you are interested in coaching a team, please see the coaching convenor. For insurance purposes, coaches must be registered members of the association [Non-playing members]. You must register and pay via our website and then you can apply in writing for reimbursement, certain factors will be taken into consideration and a decision made by the committee. The Fassifern Netball Association will endeavor to provide coaching courses throughout the season.

RULES OF PLAY

1. Teams must have five (5) registered players in uniform before taking the court. All substitute players must also be in full uniform. SUB must be written beside their name on the score sheet.
2. Any player found guilty of disputing an umpire's decision on the netball court, or any other form of misconduct, shall be liable to be disqualified from taking part in any match under control of the association. The length of such disqualification is to be decided by the committee. Umpires may report in writing about such players to the Secretary.
3. After commencement of a game, umpires are not allowed to interchange, except in the case of illness or injury. Umpire's Convenor may make a decision on the night of competition for any extenuating circumstance.
4. In the event of a team being late no grace is allowed. One goal per minute will be added to the score of the opposing team (with 5 members on court) until at least 5 players of each team are on court in full uniform.
5. 3 points will be awarded for a win, 2 points for a draw and 1 point for a loss. A team wishing to protest shall notify the opposing team captain of its intention to protest at the conclusion of the game. All protests must be lodged in writing to the executive for consideration within 48 hours after the match.
6. The officials of the game shall be umpires and scorers. **Each team shall provide a scorer**- the two scorers must sit together. Both scorers and umpires shall sign the card at the conclusion of the game.
7. Each team (except Junior division) must supply **one** or **two** umpires for the season whose names will be recorded and who will perform that team's umpiring duties. They will be expected to sit the Theory exam and attain their Association Certification, at which time they will become "Pool Umpires".
8. A player may play as a substitute in her own division for any team as long as she plays only **3 times** for each other team and plays in the **wing positions only**. A player may substitute in a grade higher then her own as long as she only subs **3 times**. Anymore than three times in a higher division and she will have to play up in that division permanently.
9. Balls: Game balls only will be provided on fixture night. All teams are encouraged to have their **own** practice ball
10. Bibs: All teams in the open division must supply their **own** bibs. Bibs may be ordered through the club. Modified, Intermediate & Cadets teams will all be allocated a set of bibs at the start of the season. They must wash & maintain the bibs then return them at the end of the season. Any lost or damaged sets of bibs must be replaced by the team.
11. For safety reasons and to protect our surfaces no bikes, skateboards, scooters etc. will be permitted on or around courts whilst fixtures/games are in progress
12. Entry and exit to courts will be through Macquarie Street only. Please observe speed limit of 1**0km/hr** for the safety of our members and all users of the grounds.

Finals

At the conclusion of fixture matches, finals shall be played as follows:

1. The team with the highest points tally [No.1] automatically enters the final. The No.2 team will play the No.3 team. The winner of 2 versus 3 will play in the final against team 1.
2. In the event of a tie on points, when any position has to be decided then 5 minutes each way will take place. In the event of a further tie, then the team which is the first to get 2 goals ahead will be deemed the winner.

Registrations and Clearances

1. Initial registration of a team in Open Division requires at least 7 players to apply for membership.
2. Teams have the right to play new members up to the semi-finals. **No players may compete in semi-finals** without having played in their respective team **3 set fixture dates**.
3. Players are not allowed to register in more than one Open team/division participating on the one fixture competition night. Junior divisions may play up in a development team on the same night as determined by the committee each season.
4. In the event of a team disbanding, its members shall be at liberty to play with any other team with the consent of the executive. Clearance in written form must be obtained to transfer from one team to another during a season. One transfer only will be granted during any one season, unless in unforeseen circumstances, where the executive may decide otherwise.
5. A player's age on 31 December in the current year shall determine the age group in which that player may play.
6. Non Playing Membership – any Coach, Umpire, Committee member etc that is not a registered player but volunteers on or around our courts must register online for non-playing membership in order to be covered by insurance. Once registered and paid that member can then seek reimbursement by submitting a written request to the executive committee. Certain factors will be taken into consideration for each case and a decision made.

CODES OF BEHAVIOUR FOR PLAYERS/PARENTS

1. Play by the rules.
2. Never argue with an official, if you disagree have your captain, coach or manager approach the official during a break or after the competition.
3. Control your temper. Verbal abuse of officials and sledging of other players, deliberately distracting or provoking an opponent are not acceptable or permitted behaviours in any sport.
4. Work equally hard for yourself and/or your team. Your team's performance will benefit and so will you.
5. Be a good sport. Applaud all good plays whether they are made by your team or the opposition.
6. Treat all participants in your sport as you like to be treated. Do not bully or take unfair advantage of another competitor.
7. Co-operate with your coach, team mates and opponents. Without them there would be no competition.
8. Participate for your own enjoyment and benefit, not just to please parents and coaches.
9. Respect the rights, dignity and worth of all participants regardless of their gender, ability, cultural background or religion.
10. Remember, children participate for their enjoyment NOT yours.
11. Support all efforts to remove verbal and physical abuse from sport.
12. Never ridicule or yell at a child for making a mistake or losing a game.

Any player/parent found guilty of disputing an umpires decision on the netball court, or any other form of misconduct, shall be liable to be disqualified from taking part in any match under control of the association. The length of such disqualification is to be decided by the committee. Umpires may report in writing any such player to the secretary.

WET WEATHER POLICY

In the event of wet weather, a decision on the nights draw will be made by the executive; NetSetGo & Modified Games at 3.30pm, Intermediate at 4pm & Open Div at 5pm. This decision will be based on whether the association can provide a safe playing environment. Convener's will contact team managers in the event of cancellation of fixtures and information will also be placed on our Facebook page & website.
If games are cancelled before play commences; teams are awarded two points.
If games are cancelled after commencing; if it's after half time the score stands, if it's before half time both teams are awarded two points.

PHOTO POLICY

Fassifern Netball welcomes you to take photographs of your child playing netball, however as it is difficult to take individual photos of your child during a game, it is requested that you seek permission from the manager, coach or captain of both teams prior to taking any photos.

CHILD PROTECTION POLICY

The Fassifern Netball Association acknowledges its responsibility to safeguard the welfare of every child and young person who has been entrusted to its care and is committed to working to provide a safe environment for all members.

The key principles of the Fassifern Netball Association's child protection policy are that:

- The child's welfare is, and must always be, the paramount consideration.
- All children and young people have a right to be protected from abuse regardless of their age, gender, disability, culture, language, racial origin, religious beliefs or sexual orientation.
- All suspicions and allegations of abuse will be taken seriously and responded to swiftly and appropriately.

'THE BALL AND WHISTLE' CANTEEN

The association operates a canteen every Monday night. It offers healthy home style meals as well as other hot food, chips, burgers etc. There are also sweets, cold drinks, tea and coffee for sale. The proceeds from this canteen provide considerable funds for the Association and everyone is encouraged to make use of this service whenever possible.

Each division (junior and senior) will be rostered to help in the 'Ball and Whistle '.

REFUND POLICY

Players may apply for a refund within the first 4 weeks of competition if they meet the following conditions: injury sustained at netball which results in them being unable to continue or relocation to another area causing them to be unable to attend games. The refund will be less the Netball Queensland capitation fees. The same criteria apply to Rep players with refunds less the $100 deposit.

REPRESENTATIVE NETBALL

Fassifern Netball endeavours to provide an opportunity for players 11years and older to represent our association at a representative level. Each year we endeavor to provide Teams in many age groups depending on numbers interested and available qualified Coaches. Nominations for coaches are called for at the end of the season and courses can be provided throughout the year to equip interested members to become qualified coaches.

Fassifern Netball takes part in the Darling Downs Inter District Netball Competition and are given the opportunity to compete in the State Age Championships. State Age is held over 5 days usually in June/July school holidays in various locations across Queensland and teams from all over the state compete.

Queensland Netball conducts talent identification at these carnivals. Players that show above average skills may be chosen to attend specialized training to help develop their skills and may be invited to tryout for Firebabes, Firechicks and ultimately Firebirds.

Trials for representative teams will be advertised for the 2022 season; however any players who have not had the chance to trial for a team and wish to do so should contact the REP convenor.

We hope that you and/or your child/children have a fantastic 2022 season and enjoy being part of the Fassifern Netball Association; we look forward to seeing you again next year!

PLEASE KEEP THIS GUIDE FOR REFERENCE THROUGHOUT THE YEAR.

THE EXECUTIVE RESERVES THE RIGHT TO AMEND THE ASSOCIATION RULES AT ANY TIME.