

PENRITH VALLEY REGIONAL SPORTS CENTRE

NETBALL BY – LAWS

OVERVIEW:

The PVRSC conducts netball competitions that cater for all abilities, genders and standards.

FORMAT:

The competitions are played indoors at the Penrith Valley Regional Sports Centre, Herbert Street Cambridge Park, using two or three full size wooden floor courts depending on teams entered. Contact number 47313222 or mobile 0439900063

COMPETITION DURATION:

Mixed competitions are approximately 13 weeks depending on teams entered with semis and finals thereafter. These are played on a Monday night.

Game times are determined by the number of nominations per division.

Ladies competitions are approximately 13 weeks depending on teams entered with semi and finals thereafter. These are played on a Thursday night.

Game times are determined by the number of nominations per division.

COMPETITION FEE STRUCTURE:

- TEAM NOMINATION FEE: \$70 (must be accompanied with completed nomination form)
- LATE NOMINATION FEE: \$100 (must be accompanied with completed nomination form and only if space is available)
- PLAYER REGISTRATION FEE: \$50 (this include insurance and 2 seasonal competitions i.e. 1 yr.) must be accompanied with completed registration form.
- GAME NIGHT FEE: \$70 per team per round

- NOTIFIED FORFEIT FEE: \$100 (notify PVRSC before 6pm on the night of the game)
- FORFEIT FEE: \$140 (failure to notify, failure to field a team, playing a suspended player, unpaid fines or breach of rules.
- FAILURE TO COMPLETE COMPETITION: \$280 (this is divided between nominated players on team nomination form, until paid all players will be classified as un - financial and are unable to play at PVRSC.)

COMPETITION REGULATIONS:

INSURANCE: PVRSC shall insure all players that have completed a PVRSC individual registration form and are registered on their respective team's nomination form (i.e. full name and signature). You are permitted to play 3 games unregistered at a cost of \$5 per game to cover the above insurance. You must register after that to be eligible to play in semis and finals.

INDIVIDUAL REGISTRATION: Each player must complete an individual registration form.

NUMBER OF PLAYERS: Each team must register a minimum of 7 players when nominating a team to enter the competition. New players must have their details added and after 3 games register in full. A team may use up to 12 players per game, with a minimum of 5 players taking the court to commence a game. Failure to achieve this will result in a team forfeiting the game. Teams may make unlimited substitutions during each game.

Mixed teams must field a minimum of 1 and a maximum of 3 male players on the court at any one time. Only 1 male from each team is allowed in each goal circle.

LOAN PLAYERS: Players may participate in several competitions (i.e. mixed on Monday night and Ladies on Thursday night) but not in 2 grades of the same competition. Players can only play up a division and not come down to play in a lower division.

If a player plays 3 games on loan to another team, they will then be considered part of that team and not be able to return to original team. They must advise PVRSC of this decision.

Loan players must only play in the Wing positions, any disregard of this is a breach of rules and can cause a forfeit for that team. Any team using loan players must **NOT** have more players than their opposing team.

Loan players must be marked with an asterisk on the scoresheet next to their name.

QUALIFICATIONS FOR FINALS: To qualify for finals, players **MUST** have played a minimum of 50% of round games. The sign in \ scoresheet will be used as the official record for determining qualified players. Teams who choose to play players not qualified will automatically forfeit the finals game.

GAME FEE: Teams fee are \$70. These must be paid in full at the stadium kiosk, 15 minutes prior to the commencement of play.

FORFEITS: A game will be classified as a forfeit when: -

- Less than 5 players are ready to take the court no later than 5 minutes after the scheduled game time. In this instance the opposing team will be awarded the win. Teams will be penalized by 1 point for each minute they are late, providing the opposing team is on the court.
 - Playing a suspended player
 - Playing a player under false pretenses (i.e. person signing in as someone else)
 - Playing a player not listed on the game sheet prior to scheduled game time.
 - Violation of any PVRSC netball regulations.
- A team who forfeits a game will incur a loss of 2 competition points and be fined one of the following depending on the circumstances of the forfeit.

1. **NOTIFIED FORFEIT FINE:** \$100 - A call to PVRSC before 6pm on the night of the competition.

2. **FORFEIT FINE:** \$140 – Failure to notify PVRSC, playing a suspended player, failure to field a team.

Forfeit fines must be paid in full prior to the teams next round. Failure to pay all forfeit fines will result in **ALL** members being excluded from all PVRSC netball competitions until all monies are paid. If a team forfeits 3 or more times within a season, that team will be removed from the competition. Each team member will be invoiced their portion of the fine. Once paid, that individual will be able to join a new team.

If any team feel that they have mitigating circumstances about any fines issued, a letter outlining those circumstances should be addressed to the General Manager at PVRSC. The circumstances will be reviewed, and a response will be issued.

GAME TIMING: Games will consist of four 9 – minute quarters. Half time will last 2 minutes, with quarter time lasting 1 minute. Teams will be penalized by 1 point for each minute they are late, providing the opposing team have taken the court.

UNIFORMS: Teams are asked to nominate their team colours, and all team members must play in those colours for each game. Teams are asked to supply their own patches /bibs. If a team is unable to do this, patches/bibs are available at the kiosk, **these must be returned at the end of the game.**

JEWELLERY: All jewellery including watches, rings, earrings **MUST** not be worn. Plain wedding band with no stones are permissible. All eyebrow rings and nose rings must be taped.

FINGERNAILS: Fingernails longer than finger length must be taped, or gloves are to be worn. Should the tape be removed during the game, the player will be asked to retape or cut the nails before being permitted to resume their position on court.

GAME BALL: These are to be supplied by the teams in each game. The game umpire will make the selection of the game ball.

GAME SCORING: Each team **MUST** supply one scorer for their own games.

POINTS ALLOCATION: Each winning team will receive 2 points, draws will receive 1 point, lose will receive 0 points. During the competition it is possible to have “double point game”. These will be advised on the night.

UMPIRES: PVRSC will endeavor to provide 2 umpires per game. On occasion where this is not possible, a team may be called upon to supply an umpire. Each team must nominate a minimum of 1 umpire to be rostered to umpire games if required. Umpires will be paid in accordance with our umpires pay scale.

RECORDING OF INJURIES: All injuries incurred whilst playing must be recorded on the reverse of the score sheet, giving the injured players name, brief description of how the injury occurred and the extent of the injury. The Stadium Co- Ordinator must sign this, together with an injury report form.

PLAYER CONDUCT: Violations in unacceptable behaviour or breaches in code of conduct, may result in team(s) and or individuals being sited to appear before a judiciary panel which may result in suspension and or expulsion from the PVRSC Netball competitions.

COMSUMPTION OF INTOXICATING SUBSTANCES: These are to be avoided prior to your games as consuming these may have a detrimental effect on your vision, balance and reaction times, therefore increasing the likelihood of injury to the individual and fellow players. Players found to be under the influence of intoxicating substances will be suspended from playing at PVRSC.

COMPETITION FIXTURES: Each team will be given a fixture list at the commencement of each competition. A team member must sign for this and it is then the responsibility of this person to ensure that all team members are aware of their draw. All results, fixtures

and ladder updates will be posted on our PVRSC Netball web site.

CODE OF CONDUCT:

- Play by the rules.
- Never argue with an official. If you disagree, have your captain, approach the umpire during a break or after the game in an appropriate manner.
- Control your temper. Verbal abuse of officials or other players, deliberately distracting or provoking other players is unacceptable and will not be tolerated or permitted at PVRSC.
- Be a good sport. Acknowledge all good plays.
- Treat all players and officials with respect.
- Do not interfere with, bully or take unfair advantage of another player.
- Co – operate with your team, coach and officials.
- Never use derogatory language based on gender, race or impairment.
- Offensive language will not be tolerated on any level.
- Never arrive to play under the influence of any drugs and/or alcohol.
- Play for the FUN and ENJOYMENT of the sport.
- Be prepared to lose sometimes.

NOTE: A PLAYER WHO BREACHES THE CODE OF CONDUCT CAN BE EXPECTED TO FACE A DISCIPLINARY REVIEW AS TO WHETHER THEY CAN CONTINUE TO PLAY AT PVRSC.