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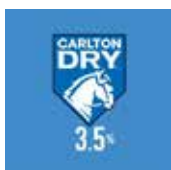
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SS&A OMFNL Important Dates 2026



WED 14 TH JAN	OMFNL Board Meeting	SS&A Club	6:30 pm
MON 2 ND FEB	Clubmap Session - Volunteers & Modern Fundraising	Online	7:00 pm
MON 9 TH FEB	OMFNL Board Meeting	SS&A Club	6:30 pm
MON 23 RD FEB	Clubmap Session - A.I. for Community Clubs	Online	7:00 pm
TUE 3 RD MAR	Operations Meeting - Netball	Online	6:30 pm
WED 4 TH MAR	Operations Meeting - Football	Online	6:30 pm
TUE 10 TH MAR	OMFNL Board Meeting	SS&A Club	6:30 pm
WED 11 TH MAR	OMFNL P&D Meeting	SS&A Club	7:00 pm
WED 18 TH MAR	Trainers/Medical Forum	SS&A Club	TBC
WED 25 TH MAR	Coaches Meeting (Football and Netball)	SS&A Club	6:00 pm
WED 25 TH MAR	2025 OMFNL Season Launch	SS&A Club – Studio Lounge	7:00 pm
SUN 29 TH MAR	Junior Rep Netball Carnival	Albury	
FRI 3 RD APR	<i>Round 1 - EASTER (Fri, Sat, Sun)</i>	<i>Various</i>	
SAT 11 TH APR	<i>Round 2</i>	<i>Various</i>	
MON 13 TH APR	OMFNL Board Meeting	SS&A Club	6:30 pm
SAT 18 TH APR	<i>Round 3</i>	<i>Various</i>	
SUN 19 TH APR	Junior Rep Netball Carnival	Wangaratta	
SAT 25 TH APR	<i>ANZAC DAY Round</i>	<i>Various</i>	
SAT 2 ND MAY	<i>Round 4</i>	<i>Various</i>	
SUN 3 RD MAY	Junior Rep Netball Carnival		
SAT 9 TH MAY	<i>Round 5</i>	<i>Various</i>	
MON 11 TH MAY	OMFNL Board Meeting	SS&A Club	6:30 pm
SAT 16 TH MAY	<i>Round 6</i>	<i>Various</i>	
SAT 23 RD MAY	Interleague Football & Netball	Bendigo	
SUN 24 TH MAY	Netball Victoria NE Zone Qualifying	Albury	
SAT 30 TH MAY	<i>Round 7</i>	<i>Various</i>	
SAT 6 TH JUN	<i>Round 8 – KINGS BIRTHDAY</i>	<i>Various</i>	
TUE 9 TH JUN	OMFNL Board Meeting	SS&A Club	6:30 pm
SAT 13 TH JUN	<i>Round 9</i>	<i>Various</i>	
SUN 14 TH JUN	Netball Association Championships – Open	Melbourne	
THU 18 TH JUN	Hall Of Fame Media Conference	SS&A Club – Locker Room	11:30 am
SAT 20 TH JUN	<i>Round 10</i>	<i>Various</i>	
SUN 21 ST JUN	Netball Association Championships – 15/17&Under	Melbourne	
SAT 27 TH JUN	<i>Round 11</i>	<i>Various</i>	
SAT 4 TH JUL	<i>Round 12 – INDIGENOUS ROUND</i>	<i>Various</i>	
MON 6 TH JUL	OMFNL Board Meeting	SS&A Club	6:30 pm
WED 8 TH JUL	OMFNL P&D Meeting	North Albury FNC	7:00 pm
SAT 11 TH JUL	<i>Round 13 - SPLIT ROUND</i>	<i>Various</i>	
WED 15 TH JUL	Hall of Fame Function	SS&A Club - Auditorium	6:30 pm
SAT 18 TH JUL	<i>Round 13 - SPLIT ROUND</i>	<i>Various</i>	
SAT 25 TH JUL	<i>Round 14</i>	<i>Various</i>	
SAT 1 ST AUG	<i>Round 15</i>	<i>Various</i>	
SAT 8 TH AUG	<i>Round 16</i>	<i>Various</i>	
MON 10 TH AUG	OMFNL Board Meeting	SS&A Club	6:30 pm
SAT 15 TH AUG	<i>Round 17</i>	<i>Various</i>	
SAT 22 ND AUG	<i>Round 18</i>	<i>Various</i>	
SAT 29 TH AUG	<i>Qualifying Final</i>	<i>TBC</i>	
SUN 30 TH AUG	<i>Elimination Final</i>	<i>TBC</i>	
SAT 5 TH SEP	<i>2nd Semi Final</i>	<i>TBC</i>	
SUN 6 TH SEP	<i>1st Semi Final</i>	<i>TBC</i>	
MON 7 TH SEP	OMFNL Board Meeting	SS&A Club	6.30 pm
SUN 13 TH SEP	<i>Preliminary Final</i>	<i>TBC</i>	
MON 14 TH SEP	Morris & Toni Wilson Medal Count	SS&A Club, Auditorium	6.30 pm
THU 17 TH SEP	OMFNL Grand Final Media Conference	<i>TBC</i>	11.00 am
SUN 20 TH SEP	<i>OMFNL Grand Final</i>	<i>TBC</i>	
MON 12 TH OCT	OMFNL Board Meeting	SS&A Club	6.30 pm
MON 9 TH NOV	OMFNL Board Meeting	SS&A Club	6.30 pm
WED 11 TH NOV	OMFNL P&D Meeting	Wangaratta FNC	7.00 pm
MON 14 TH DEC	OMFNL Annual General Meeting	SS&A Club	7.00 pm



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Round 1 - Easter Weekend**3, 4, 5 April**

North Albury	v	Lavington	Fri 3rd
Wangaratta	v	Wang Rovers	Fri 3rd - 6pm
Corowa Rutherglen	v	Wodonga	Sat 4th
Myrtleford	v	Albury	Sun 5th
Yarrowonga	v	Raiders	Sun 5th

Round 2**11 & 12 April**

North Albury	v	Wang Rovers	
Corowa Rutherglen	v	Albury	
Wangaratta	v	Raiders	6pm
Wodonga	v	Lavington	
Myrtleford	v	Yarrowonga	Sun 12th

Round 3**18 April**

Wodonga	v	North Albury	
Wang Rovers	v	Corowa Rutherglen	
Albury	v	Wangaratta	
Raiders	v	Myrtleford	
Lavington	v	Yarrowonga	

ANZAC Day**25 April**

Albury	v	North Albury	
Raiders	v	Wodonga	

Round 4**2 May**

Yarrowonga	v	Wangaratta	
Myrtleford	v	Lavington	
Raiders	v	Corowa Rutherglen	
Wang Rovers	v	Wodonga	

Round 5**9 May**

Wodonga	v	Albury	
Wangaratta	v	Myrtleford	
North Albury	v	Raiders	
Corowa Rutherglen	v	Yarrowonga	
Lavington	v	Wang Rovers	

Round 6**16 May**

Yarrowonga	v	North Albury	
Myrtleford	v	Corowa Rutherglen	
Wangaratta	v	Lavington	
Albury	v	Wang Rovers	

NB: Senior football matches begin at 2pm unless noted otherwise**Interleague
Saturday 23 May - Bendigo****Round 7****30 May**

North Albury	v	Myrtleford	
Corowa Rutherglen	v	Wangaratta	
Wodonga	v	Yarrowonga	
Wang Rovers	v	Raiders	
Lavington	v	Albury	

Round 8 - King's Birthday Weekend**6 June**

Raiders	v	North Albury	
Yarrowonga	v	Corowa Rutherglen	
Myrtleford	v	Wangaratta	
Albury	v	Wodonga	
Wang Rovers	v	Lavington	

Round 9**13 June**

Wangaratta	v	North Albury	
Corowa Rutherglen	v	Lavington	
Myrtleford	v	Wodonga	
Yarrowonga	v	Wang Rovers	
Raiders	v	Albury	

Round 10**20 June**

North Albury	v	Corowa Rutherglen	
Wodonga	v	Wangaratta	
Wang Rovers	v	Myrtleford	
Albury	v	Yarrowonga	
Lavington	v	Raiders	

Round 11**27 & 28 June**

Lavington	v	North Albury	
Raiders	v	Yarrowonga	
Wodonga	v	Corowa Rutherglen	
Albury	v	Myrtleford	
Wang Rovers	v	Wangaratta	Sun 28th

Round 12 - Indigenous Round**4 July**

North Albury	v	Wodonga	
Corowa Rutherglen	v	Wang Rovers	
Wangaratta	v	Albury	
Myrtleford	v	Raiders	
Yarrowonga	v	Lavington	

Round 13 - Hall of Fame Split Round**11 & 18 July**

Lavington	v	Wodonga	Sat 11th
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**Hall of Fame Function
Wednesday 15 July**

Wang Rovers	v	North Albury	Sat 18th
Albury	v	Corowa Rutherglen	Sat 18th
Raiders	v	Wangaratta	Sat 18th
Yarrowonga	v	Myrtleford	Sat 18th

Round 14**25 & 26 July**

Corowa Rutherglen	v	Raiders	
Wangaratta	v	Yarrowonga	
Lavington	v	Myrtleford	
Wodonga	v	Wang Rovers	
North Albury	v	Albury	Sun 26th

Round 15**1 August**

North Albury	v	Yarrowonga	
Corowa Rutherglen	v	Myrtleford	
Lavington	v	Wangaratta	
Wodonga	v	Raiders	
Wang Rovers	v	Albury	

Round 16**8 August**

Myrtleford	v	North Albury	
Wangaratta	v	Corowa Rutherglen	
Yarrowonga	v	Wodonga	
Raiders	v	Wang Rovers	
Albury	v	Lavington	

Round 17**15 August**

North Albury	v	Wangaratta	
Lavington	v	Corowa Rutherglen	
Wodonga	v	Myrtleford	
Wang Rovers	v	Yarrowonga	
Albury	v	Raiders	

Round 18**22 August**

Corowa Rutherglen	v	North Albury	
Wangaratta	v	Wodonga	
Myrtleford	v	Wang Rovers	
Yarrowonga	v	Albury	
Raiders	v	Lavington	

**FINALS**

Qualifying Final	Sat 29 August
Elimination Final	Sun 30 August
2nd Semi Final	Sat 5 September
1st Semi Final	Sun 6 September
Preliminary Final	Sun 13 September
GRAND FINAL	Sun 20 September

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ARTICLES OF ASSOCIATION

As amended at the Special General Meeting of the
OMFNL conducted on 8 December 2025

1. In these Articles unless there is something in the subject or context of them which is inconsistent:

AFL VC means the AFL Victoria Country.

AFL VC Rules means the rules and regulations from time to time of the AFL Victoria Country.

Annual General Meeting means the Annual General Meeting held each year as required by the Corporations Act and these Articles.

Articles mean these Articles of Association.

Board means the Board of Directors established pursuant to these Articles.

Bylaws mean the Bylaws of the OMFNL.

Chairman means the person appointed pursuant to these Articles.

Director means a member of the Board and a director of the Company.

Club means the football and netball clubs of Albury, Corowa-Rutherglen, Lavington, Myrtleford, North Albury, Wangaratta, Wangaratta Rovers, Wodonga, Wodonga Raiders, Yarrawonga and if any of the Clubs do not presently manage and run both football and netball teams, then the football Clubs and netball Clubs of these localities, and such additional or other Clubs as may from time to time be granted the right to participate in the OMFNL.

Company means the Ovens and Murray Football Netball League Limited.

Corporations Act means the Corporations Act 2001 as amended from time to time.

Delegate means the persons appointed by Clubs as their representatives pursuant to these Articles.

Football means the game of Australian Football.

General Manager means the General Manager of the OMFNL.

Netball means the game of netball administered by Netball Australia.

Operations Manager means the Operations Manager of the OMFNL.

OMFNL means the Ovens and Murray Football Netball League Limited.

The Tribunal means the OMFNL Tribunal.

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MEMBERSHIP

2. The membership of the OMFNL consists of the Clubs affiliated with the OMFNL from time to time.
3. A Club will cease to be a member of the OMFNL if:
 - a) The Club resigns from membership of the OMFNL by written notice and the resignation is accepted by the OMFNL;
 - b) The Club is expelled from the OMFNL in accordance with these Articles; or

- c) The Club has a resolution passed or an order made for its winding up or a liquidator, provisional liquidator, administrator, receiver or receiver and manager is appointed in respect of the Club or over its business or assets.
4. Clubs will be entitled to appoint Delegates to represent their interests as follows:
- a) A Club which fields both football and netball teams will be entitled to appoint two (2) Delegates.
 - b) Where separate Clubs represent the competing football and netball teams of a locality, then they will jointly appoint two (2) Delegates.

Only one of these two (2) delegates will have the right to vote at Delegates' Meetings.

5. Each Club will at least seven (7) days prior to the first Delegates Meeting in each calendar year will give notice in writing to the General Manager of the name of its Delegates for the following year and will nominate which of the Delegates will be the Club's voting Delegate.
6. In the event of the death, retirement or expulsion of a Delegate the Club of that Delegate will within seven (7) days give notice in writing to the General Manager of the successor to that Delegate and of any change in the Club's voting Delegate.
7. Each Delegate will continue in office until their successor is appointed, or until their office is otherwise terminated under these Articles.
8. A Club may withdraw its appointment of a Delegate or changing the voting status of Delegates by giving notice in writing to the General Manager.
9. A Delegate is not the trustee or agent for the Club that appointed them but must act independently for the encouragement and promotion of football and netball in accordance with the objects of the OMFNL set out in its Memorandum of Association.
10. If any Delegate is guilty of any conduct which in the opinion of the OMFNL is unbecoming or prejudicial to the interests of the OMFNL or of football or netball then the OMFNL may terminate the appointment of the Delegate provided that at least seven (7) days notice in writing is given to the Delegate of the Delegates' Meeting at which the resolution for their expulsion will be proposed and of the allegations against them. Prior to the resolution proposing that the Delegate be expelled being put to the meeting the Delegate will be given opportunity to provide an explanation of or defense to the allegation.
11. **If a resolution is passed by a 75% majority of Delegates at a Delegates' Meeting specifically called for the purpose then a Club may:**
- a) Be expelled;
 - b) Be suspended from, excluded from or will forfeit the right to be represented by a Delegate(s);
 - c) Forfeit some or all premiership points gained by a team of a Club; or
 - d) Be fined, if the Club:
 - e) Is guilty of conduct which is unbecoming of a Club or is prejudicial to the interests of the OMFNL or of football or netball;
 - f) Is unable to obtain and retain occupancy rights over a ground approved by the OMFNL for that Club;
 - g) Fails to pay to the OMFNL any monies due by the Club to the OMFNL within fourteen (14) days notice of notice having been given to the Club;
 - h) Fails to provide the financial statements in the form required by the OMFNL within fourteen (14) days of the OMFNL having requested them; or
 - i) Accepts as a playing member any player in contravention of the Permit Regulations of the OMFNL.

At least seven (7) days before Delegates' Meeting at which the resolution is proposed the Delegate(s) of the Club and the Club are to be given notice in writing of the meeting and of the proposed resolution and the basis for the proposed resolution. At the Delegates' Meeting the Club will be given the opportunity to give in writing or orally an explanation of or defense to the basis for the resolution.

12. A Delegate will cease to hold office if:

- a) They die;
- b) If they give notice in writing to the General Manager that they resign;
- c) If they are not nominated by a Club as their Delegate for the following year or if their Club notifies the General Manager that they have withdrawn the appointment of that Delegate;
- d) If they are expelled in accordance with these Articles;
- e) If the right of their Club to appoint a Delegate is suspended, excluded or forfeited by the OMFNL in accordance with these Articles; or
- f) If they are absent without permission of the OMFNL from more than three consecutive Delegates Meetings;

13. a) The OMFNL will elect as an honorary life member any person who has:

- i) Served as a Director for a continuous period of at least ten (10) years;
- ii) Served as a Director for an aggregate period of at least fifteen (15) years;
- iii) Served as a Director and/or official of a Club for a continuous period of at least fifteen (15) years;
- iv) Served as a Director and/or official of a Club for a period of at least twenty (20) years (including a period of at least five (5) years as a Director);
- v) Served as an official of a Club for a period of at least twenty (20) years (including at least one (1) year as a President, Secretary or Treasurer of a Club); or
- vi) Has rendered special services to the OMFNL.

and has a resolution proposing them as an honorary life member passed by a 75% majority of Delegates at an Annual General Meeting of the OMFNL.

- b) The OMFNL will **award qualified life membership** to any players who participate in not less than three hundred (300) Senior Grade matches or two hundred and fifty (250) A Grade games of netball. For this purpose, matches played whilst representing the OMFNL will be taken into account;
- c) **Honorary life members** and **Qualified life members** are entitled to attend the Annual General Meeting of the OMFNL, but are not entitled to notice of or attendance at any other meetings of the OMFNL and are not entitled to vote at any meetings of the OMFNL.

THE BOARD

- 14.** The affairs of the OMFNL will be managed and controlled by a Board which, in addition to any powers and authorities conferred by these Articles, may exercise all powers and do all things consistent with the objects of the OMFNL, except for :
- a) Admitting any Club to or expelling or suspending any Club from the OMFNL competition;
 - b) Amalgamating or joining in any other League;
 - c) Taking over the administration of any additional football club;
 - d) Providing financial assistance to any Club (other than by payment of advances of finals dividends, loans or grants no greater than \$30,000.00) or guaranteeing the obligations of any Club;
 - e) Purchasing or disposing of any capital asset with a cost of more than \$30,000;
 - f) Borrowing any money otherwise than for the ordinary purposes of the OMFNL or to give any security for borrowing except as expressly authorised in any budget approved by the Delegates;
 - g) Undertaking any major capital works (including major works in relation to existing assets of the OMFNL) involving a total expenditure of more than \$30,000; and
 - h) Adding to, deleting or amending the OMFNL Bylaws.

The Delegates may at any time revoke, withdraw, alter or vary all or any of those powers and authorities.

- 15.**
- a) The Board will consist of not more than nine (9) Directors.
 - b) The Delegates will elect a total of seven (7) Directors who shall represent the interests of football and netball (the Elected Directors). The Elected Directors will hold office for two (2) years. If a casual vacancy arises the Board may appoint a replacement elected Director to serve until the conclusion of the next Annual General Meeting. At that time the Delegates will elect a person to serve any remainder of the term.
 - c) At the first Board Meeting after the Annual General Meeting the Elected Directors will by resolution appoint up to two (2) Directors who will be selected by reason of their skills and attributes, which will be those skills and attributes which are considered to be most beneficial to the OMFNL at that time (Co-opted Directors). Co-opted Directors will be appointed for a term of two (2) years, with one (1) Co-opted Director retiring each year. Upon any casual vacancy arising for a Co-opted Director, the newly appointed Co-opted Director will serve the balance of that term.
 - d) Each Club (or in the event of separate football and netball Clubs for a locality, then jointly) is entitled to nominate one person for election to the Board as a Director, however if a current Director was nominated by that Club then the Club is precluded from nominating a Director.
 - e) Upon election or appointment as a Director, the Director must resign from any office which they hold at a football or netball Club and cannot subsequently hold an office in a football Club or netball Club whilst a Director of the OMFNL.
 - f) Nothing contained in this Article prevents a retiring Director being nominated for re-election.
- 16.**
- a) The Board will at the first Board Meeting after the Annual General Meeting elect a Chairman and a Deputy Chairman for a term of up to two (2) years (but not to exceed their term of appointment as a Director).
 - b) The Chairman, Deputy Chairman, Directors, General Manager and Operations Officer must not be a Delegate or officer of any Club. They will be paid remuneration as determined by the Board.

17. a) The General Manager and Operations Officer are entitled to attend Board Meetings, but are not entitled to vote.
- b) The Chairman is not entitled to a deliberative vote at Board Meetings. All resolutions before the Board will be decided in the first instance by a show of hands and in the case of equality the Chairman will have a casting vote.
18. The position of a Director becomes vacant:
- a) If they die;
- b) If they resign;
- c) If they become bankrupt or apply to take advantage or take advantage of any law relating to bankrupt or insolvent debtors or compound with their creditors or make an assignment of their estate for their benefit;
- d) If they are removed from office pursuant to these Articles;
- e) If they are disqualified from office under the Corporations Act;
- f) If they are convicted of an offence involving fraud or dishonesty; or
- g) If they are absent without the consent of the Board from all Board Meetings held during a period of six (6) months.
19. A Director may be removed from office at a Board Meeting after having been given not less than seven (7) days notice in writing before the Board Meeting at which the resolution is proposed of the resolution and the basis of the proposed resolution. At the Board Meeting the Director will be given the opportunity to give in writing or orally an explanation of or defense to the basis for the resolution.
20. The Board may delegate to one or more sub-committees the exercise of a function of the Board and will provide the sub-committees with Terms of Reference which the Board may vary from time to time.
21. An act performed by the Board, a Director or a sub-committee is taken to be validly performed, even if the act was performed when:
- a) There was a defect in the appointment of a Director or a member of a sub-committee;
or
- b) A Director or a sub-committee member was disqualified.

PATRON

22. The OMFNL may appoint a Patron of the OMFNL who will hold office for as long as the OMFNL may determine. The Patron is entitled to attend all meetings of the OMFNL but is not entitled to vote.

MEETINGS

23. An Annual General Meeting must be held by the end of December in each year. The General Manager must give the Clubs not less than fourteen (14) days notice in writing of the meeting.
24. The ordinary business of the Annual General Meeting is:
- a) To confirm the minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting;
- b) To receive from the annual financial report of the OMFNL;
- c) To conduct any necessary election to fill vacant Elected Director positions, in the event that there are more candidates than vacant positions; and
- d) Any special business of which notice has been given in accordance with these Articles.

- 25.** Meetings other than Annual General Meetings will be called Board Meetings, Delegates' Meetings or Special Delegates' Meetings.
- 26.** The Chairman will convene not less than nine (9) Board Meetings each year.
- 27.** The Chairman will convene not less than four (4) Delegates' Meetings (including the Annual General Meeting) each year.
- 28.** The Chairman may convene a Special Delegates' Meeting or a Board Meeting whenever he thinks fit.
- 29.** a) The Chairman will give notice of a Special Delegates' Meeting within fourteen (14) days of receiving:
- i) A resolution to do so by a Delegates' Meeting; or
 - ii) A requisition in writing signed by not less than fifty (50) per cent of the Clubs which sets forth the object of the meeting.
- b) If the Chairman fails to convene a Special Delegates' Meeting in the circumstances set out above, a Special Delegates' Meeting may be convened in accordance with the provisions of the Corporations Act as to the convening and conduct of requisitioned special meetings.
- 30.** a) Subject to the provisions of the Corporations Act relating to special resolutions and to these Articles not less than fourteen (14) days' notice must be given specifying the place and day and the hour to Clubs of any Delegates' Meeting and to Directors of any Board Meeting.
- b) Notwithstanding paragraph a) of this Article, the OMFNL may call a meeting on shorter notice, which will be deemed to have been duly called if:
- i) In the case of a meeting called as the Annual General Meeting, by all Clubs entitled to attend and vote at the Annual General Meeting; or
 - ii) In the case of any other meeting, by a majority in number of those having a right to attend and vote at the meeting, and being a majority together representing not less than eighty per cent (80%) of the total voting rights at the meeting of all those present having the right to vote.

Any meeting requiring resolution to remove or appoint a director or remove an auditor will not be subject to a shorter notice period.

- 31.** a) No business will be transacted at any Board Meeting unless a quorum of Directors is present at the time when the meeting proceeds to business. The quorum is Five (5) Directors (including the Chairman) present in person.
- b) No business will be transacted at any Delegates' Meeting unless a quorum of Delegates is present at the time when the meeting proceeds to business. The quorum is eight (8) Delegates present in person (providing that each of those Delegates is authorised to vote). For the purpose of this Article the word "Delegate" includes a person appointed by a Club as an alternate or substitute for their Delegate in the event of their Delegate being absent from the meeting.

PROCEEDINGS AT MEETINGS

- 32.** If within thirty (30) minutes from the time appointed for a meeting a quorum is not present:
- i) If convened pursuant to a requisition - it will be dissolved; and
 - ii) In any other case - it will stand adjourned to the same day in the next week at the same time and place. Notice of the adjourned meeting will be given to those entitled to attend.
- 33.** The Chairman will preside at all meetings or if he is not present within fifteen (15) minutes after the time appointed for a meeting or is unwilling to act then the Deputy Chairman will preside at the meeting. If neither the Chairman nor the Deputy Chairman is present then the Directors or Delegates present (as the case may be) will elect one of the Directors to be Chairman of the meeting.
- 34.** The Chairman may, with the consent of any meeting at which a quorum is present (and must do if so directed by the meeting), adjourn the meeting from time to time and from place to place but no business will be transacted at any adjourned meeting other than the business left unfinished at the meeting from which the adjournment took place. When a meeting is adjourned for thirty (30) days or more, notice of the adjourned meeting will be given as for the original meeting. Otherwise it will not be necessary to give any notice of an adjournment or of the business to be transacted at any adjourned meeting.
- 35.** At any Delegates' Meeting or Board Meeting a resolution put to the vote will be decided on a show of hands. The Chairman will not have a deliberative vote. In the case of an equality of votes the Chairman will have a casting vote. A declaration by the Chairman that a resolution has on a show of hands been carried or carried unanimously or by a particular majority or lost will be recorded in the Minute Book and will be conclusive evidence of the fact.
- a) At least one (1) week prior to the Annual General Meeting a Club may by notice in writing to the General Manager appoint an alternate for their Delegate(s). The appointment of an alternate Delegate may be revoked by the Club by notice in writing to the General Manager at any time and the Club may appoint another alternate.
 - b) A Club may by notice in writing to the General Manager appoint a substitute for a Delegate to attend a particular Delegates' Meeting if the Delegate and the alternate cannot attend.
 - c) At a Delegates' Meeting an alternate or substitute may exercise any rights and powers of a Delegate.
- 37.** A Board Meeting may be held by using any technology that allows Directors to clearly and simultaneously communicate with each other.
- 38.** The Board may pass a valid resolution without a Board Meeting being held if a majority of Directors entitled to vote on a resolution cast their vote either in favour or against that resolution. Voting intention must be provided in writing to the General Manager by the time nominated for the close of voting.
- 39.** Any Delegate or Director who has a financial interest in any existing or proposed contract or arrangement with the OMFNL must disclose their interest to the meeting at which that contract or arrangement is first considered, or if the interest is later acquired, at the next meeting. No Delegate or Director will vote in respect of any contract or arrangement in which they are interested and if they do vote, then their vote will be disregarded. All declarations of interest under this Article will be recorded in the minutes.
- 40.** The General Manager may give a Club notice in writing that unless the Club pays all monies (including fines) due by it to the OMFNL or makes an arrangement satisfactory to the OMFNL within fourteen (14) days that their Delegate may not take part in the proceedings of any Delegates' Meeting or be entitled to vote at that Delegates' Meeting. Failure to rectify the default will result in this consequence.

PAYMENTS AND FINANCIAL INFORMATION

41. Each Club must:

- a) Pay to the OMFNL any annual fee determined by the OMFNL;
- b) Pay to the OMFNL any levy determined by the OMFNL; and
- c) Within fourteen (14) days of being requested to do so by the OMFNL, forward to the General Manager a statement of receipts and payments of the Club for any period nominated, in the form and containing the information the OMFNL requires.

TRIBUNAL

- 42.**
- a) The Tribunal will hear and determine charges against Clubs, players, coaches and members of the training staff of a Club and may impose penalties or fines in relation to charges against them, including for giving unsatisfactory evidence.
 - b) The Board will appoint and remove Tribunal members and in considering appointments, will consider nominations submitted by the Clubs.
 - d) The General Manager will determine the time and place of Tribunal hearings.
 - e) The Tribunal will consist of three (3) panel members in each instance
 - f) The Tribunal Chairman may co-opt a panel member on a casual basis where sufficient panel members are not available to sit in any instance.
 - g) No Director may act as an advocate in proceedings before the Tribunal.
 - h) Proceedings of the Tribunal will be in accordance with the AFL Vic and/or Netball Victoria Rules.
 - i) The findings of and penalties imposed by the Tribunal are final.
- 43.** The General Manager will appoint an Investigation Officer (who must not be a Director or Delegate) whose functions and duties will be to obtain and supply to the General Manager any evidence available in relation to allegations or charges referred to them for investigation.
- 44.** In the event that the General Manager considers that action is required in relation to an allegation or charge (other than a charge laid by an officiating umpire pursuant to the Laws of the Game) which may or may not have been the subject of a reference to the Investigation Officer, he will refer the allegation or charge to the Tribunal.

MINUTES

45. The Operations Manager will keep record of :

- a) All appointments of Officers made either at Delegates' Meeting or Board Meetings;
- b) The names of the Directors present and voting at each Board Meeting;
- c) The names of the Delegates present and voting at each Delegates' Meeting; and
- d) All resolutions and proceedings at all Delegates' Meetings and Board Meetings.

SEAL

46. The common seal of the OMFNL will be kept in safe custody and will only be used by the authority of the OMFNL and every instrument to which the seal is affixed must be signed by at least two Directors or such other person or persons as are appointed by the OMFNL for that purpose.

AUDITOR AND ACCOUNTS

47. An auditor or auditors will be appointed in accordance with the provisions of the Corporations Act and the accounts of the OMFNL will be audited each year.
48. The General Manager will receive all monies on behalf of the OMFNL and will as soon as possible pay them into the OMFNL's bank account. Cheques drawn on or withdrawals made electronically from the OMFNL's bank account will be signed or electronically directed by persons authorised to do so by the OMFNL.
49. The financial year of the OMFNL ends on 31 October each year.

BYLAWS

50. The OMFNL may make, amend, or delete Bylaws as and when necessary.
51. No Bylaw will be added to, altered, or deleted except upon a resolution being passed by a 75% majority of Delegates present at a Special Delegates' Meeting called for that purpose.

MISCELLANEOUS

52. In the event of any question arising which is not provided for in these Articles the Board has the power to decide it.
53. a) Every Director, official and other officer or employee of the OMFNL will be indemnified out of the assets of the OMFNL against any liability incurred by them in defending any proceeding, whether civil or criminal, in which judgment is given in their favour or in which they are acquitted or in connection with any application under the Corporations Act in which relief is granted to them by the Court in respect of any negligence, default, breach of duty or breach of trust, or in any instance where the conduct does not arise from a lack of good faith.
- b) To the extent permitted by the Corporations Act, the OMFNL may enter into and pay for a policy of insurance insuring any Director, official and other officer or employee of the OMFNL or any former Director, official and other officer or employee of the OMFNL against any liability incurred as a Director, official or other officer or employee of the OMFNL. However, this does not apply in relation to either of the following liabilities:
- i) A liability arising out of conduct involving a willful breach of duty in relation to the OMFNL.
- ii) A contravention of section 182 or 183 of the Corporations Act.
54. Any application, notice, nomination or other document to be delivered to the General Manager is deemed to have been delivered if addressed to the General Manager and delivered to the office of the OMFNL.
55. No Article may be rescinded or altered or a new Article made except by a special resolution passed by a majority of not less than seventy-five percent (75%) of the Clubs entitled to vote and present at the Annual General Meeting or at a Special Delegates' Meeting where not less than fourteen (14) days' notice has been given specifying the resolution, subject to Article 30(b).
56. A ninety percent (90%) majority of the Clubs may at the Annual General Meeting or at a Special Delegates' Meeting resolve that the OMFNL be wound up or dissolved and upon the passing of a resolution to this effect the activities of the OMFNL will terminate immediately.



GENERAL BYLAWS

As voted at OMFNL SGM
8th December 2025

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1. DEFINITIONS

AFL means Australian Football League.

AFL Club means a body which participates in Australian Football.

AFL Laws of the Game means the laws of the game of Australian Football adopted by the Australian Football League as modified for the OMFNL.

AFL VC means Australian Football League Victoria Country.

AFL VC Code of Conduct means the code of conduct which sets the standard of behaviour of all participants and is implemented by OMFNL

AFL VC Rules means the rules and regulations from time to time of the AFL Victoria Country.

NA means Netball Australia

Annual General Meeting means the Annual General Meeting held each year as required by the Corporations Act and the Articles

Articles means the OMFNL Articles of Association.

Away Game means a game which is played at a venue not designated as its home ground.

Away Team means a team which is playing on any ground not of its own.

Badged Umpires means an umpire who is accredited through the Netball Australia Umpire Accreditation System

Bylaws means these Bylaws of the OMFNL.

Chairperson means the person appointed pursuant to the Articles.

Club means the football and netball clubs of Albury, Corowa-Rutherglen, Lavington, Myrtleford, North Albury, Wangaratta, Wangaratta Rovers, Wodonga, Wodonga Raiders, Yarrawonga and if any of the Clubs do not presently manage and run both football and netball teams, then the football Clubs and netball Clubs of these localities, and such additional or other Clubs as may from time to time be granted the right to participate in the OMFNL.

Corporations Act means the Corporations Act 2001 as amended from time to time.

Delegates Meeting means the meetings held with the delegates who are the persons appointed by Clubs as their representatives pursuant to the Articles.

General Manager means the General Manager of the OMFNL.

General Meeting means the general meeting or any special general meeting of the OMFNL.

Home and Away means the matches played between Clubs to determine those teams who are to play finals matches and decide the premier Team.

Home Game means a game played by a team at its designated home ground.

Home Team means a team which is playing on its own ground.

Investigation Officer means a person appointed pursuant to Rule 5.1 of the AFL Victoria Country Rules.

Match means a contest between two teams played according to the rules of the game.

Netball Uniform means the approved uniform by the OMFNL.

NV means Netball Victoria

Netball Connect means the digital platform used by Netball Victoria and the OMFNL to manage registrations, competitions, and game day activities.

OMFNL means the Ovens and Murray Football Netball League.

OMFNL Board means the Board of Directors established pursuant to the Articles.

OMFNL Finals Hosting Rules means the guidelines setting out the responsibilities, entitlements and operational requirements for Clubs hosting the finals series matches.

OMFNL Office means OMFNL House at 208 Fallon Street, North Albury

Operations Manager means the Operations Manager of the OMFNL.

Regular and Alternate Uniforms means approved uniforms for use as deemed throughout the season.

Reserve Grade means the reserve or second team for open age players fielded by the Club.

Rules means the AFL VC Rules and World Netball Rules.

Schedule means the Schedule of Fines annexed to these Bylaws.

Senior Grade means the first or senior team for open age players fielded by the Club.

Team means the group of players competing against another group of players in a Match of Australian Football.

Third Grade means the third team fielded by the Club.

Tribunal means the OMFNL Tribunal being a body established and constituted to hear and determine charges brought before it under these Rules.

Umpire means any of the court, field, boundary, goal and emergency Umpires officiating a Match.

Umpire match report means the umpire match report sheet as provided by the OMFNL

Umpire Panel means an independent group of netball umpires as administered by the OMFNL

World Netball Rules means the Rules of Netball as developed by World Netball

2. AFFILIATION

These Bylaws must be read in conjunction with:

- a. **Football:** The AFL VC Rules.
- b. **Netball:** Netball Victoria Affiliation and Membership Policy and the World Netball Rules collectively known as **(Rules)**

In the event of any inconsistency between these Bylaws and the Rules, the provisions of the Rules will prevail. In this clause Rules also includes any frameworks or guidelines issued by AFL VC and NV from time to time which the OMFNL Board may adopt, discard, or amend in part or in full, in its absolute discretion.

3. REGISTRATION OF CLUBS

Each Club must register its name with the OMFNL. No Club may alter its name without the prior approval of the OMFNL.

4. COLOURS OF CLUBS

- a. Each Club has the right to wear colours approved by the OMFNL and no Club will change its colours without the approval of the OMFNL.
- b. The following colours have been approved:

ALBURY		
Regular	Guernsey:	Black with gold sash
	Socks:	Black and gold hoops
	Shorts:	Black with gold inserts
Alternate	Guernsey:	Predominantly gold with black
	Sock	Black and gold hoops
	Shorts:	White with black and gold inserts
Netball Uniform	Uniform:	Black/Gold and/or alternate designs as approved by the OMFNL.
COROWA-RUTHERGLEN		
Regular	Guernsey:	Royal blue and white vertical stripes
	Socks:	Royal blue
	Shorts:	Royal blue with white inserts
Alternate	Shorts:	White with royal blue inserts
Netball Uniform	Uniform:	Royal blue/White and/or alternate designs as approved by the OMFNL.
LAVINGTON		
Regular	Guernsey:	Black with teal, red and white
	Socks:	Black with teal and white hoops
	Shorts:	Black with teal and white inserts
Alternate	Guernsey:	Predominantly grey with black and white
	Shorts:	White with black and teal inserts
Netball Uniform	Uniform:	Black/teal/white and/or alternate designs as approved by the OMFNL.
MYRTLEFORD		
Regular	Guernsey:	Black, white, and red panels and black back.
	Socks:	Red, white, and black hoops
	Shorts:	Black with red and white inserts

Alternate	Guernsey:	Predominantly red/white with black
	Socks:	Red, white, and black hoops
	Shorts:	White with black and red inserts
Netball Uniform	Uniform:	Black/White/Red and/or alternate designs as approved by the OMFNL.
NORTH ALBURY		
Regular	Guernsey:	Green with gold vee
	Socks:	Green and gold hoops
	Shorts:	Gold with green inserts
Alternate	Shorts:	White with green and gold inserts
Netball Uniform	Uniform:	Green/Gold and/or alternate designs as approved by the OMFNL.
WANGARATTA		
Regular	Guernsey:	Black and white stripes
	Socks:	Black
	Shorts:	Black with white inserts
Alternate	Guernsey:	Predominantly white with black
	Shorts:	White with black inserts
Netball Uniform	Uniform:	Black/White and/or alternate designs as approved by the OMFNL.
Wangaratta Rovers		
Regular	Guernsey:	Brown and gold vertical stripes
	Socks:	Brown and gold hoops
	Shorts:	Brown with gold inserts
Alternate	Shorts:	White with brown and gold inserts
Netball Uniform	Uniform:	Brown/Gold and/or alternate designs as approved by the OMFNL.
Wodonga		
Regular	Guernsey:	Maroon with white side panels and monogram
	Socks:	Maroon
	Shorts:	Maroon with white inserts
Alternate	Shorts:	White with maroon inserts
Netball Uniform	Uniform:	Maroon/White and/or alternate designs as approved by the OMFNL.
Wodonga Raiders		
Regular	Guernsey:	Navy with red yolk and Raider logo
	Socks:	Red
	Shorts:	Navy with red inserts
Alternate	Shorts:	White with red and navy inserts
Netball Uniform	Uniform:	Navy/Red and/or alternate designs as approved by the OMFNL.
Yarrawonga		
Regular	Guernsey:	Navy and white hoops
	Socks:	Navy and white hoops
	Shorts:	Navy with white inserts
Alternate	Shorts:	White with navy inserts
Netball Uniform	Uniform:	Navy/White and/or alternate designs as approved by the OMFNL.

- c. Each club must register its colour and uniform with the OMFNL. Only regulation netball uniform, black or matching pants and regulation footwear shall be acceptable.
- d. Clubs shall not be permitted to change uniform without obtaining permission from the OMFNL.

- e. Each player who is a registered player of the OMFNL must wear the items of uniform and apparel directed by the OMFNL, including playing uniform and other items of apparel to be worn by players attending official OMFNL fixtures and events. This includes both the Regular and Alternate uniforms which must be worn as appropriate.
- f. If a player fails to wear such items of uniform and apparel prescribed by the OMFNL pursuant to this Rule, a fine as set out in the Schedule will be imposed by the OMFNL upon the Club for each player of the Club in respect of whom there is a breach.
- g. Each Club may obtain approval of the OMFNL for two sets of football short colours to be designated by the Club as first selection and alternate selection respectively.
- h. The Home Team will adopt its first selection of short colours, and the Away Team will wear white football shorts.
- i. For final series matches, the selection of football shorts to be worn will be determined by the OMFNL.

5. NUMBERS

- a. Each player must wear the number notified by their Club. The number must be of a type and size and attached to the guernsey or Netball Uniform in a place directed by the OMFNL.
- b. If a player is not included in the players notified to the OMFNL for publication or if they play under a different number to that notified, the change of number must be announced prior to the commencement of the match. A breach of this Bylaw will result in a fine as set out in the Schedule.
- c. If a player changes his or her number during a match the change must be announced over the public address system prior to the commencement of the next quarter. A breach of this Bylaw will result in a fine as set out in the Schedule.

6. COMPETITION CONDITIONS

- a. **Home & Away matches:**
 - i. In all football and netball matches four points will be counted for a win, two for a draw. In the event of a forfeit the Club receiving the forfeit will receive four points. In the event of two or more Clubs tying on points at the end of the Home and Away matches, these Clubs will be positioned in order of percentage, determined by the proportion of points scored for and against each Club during the home and away matches.
 - ii. In the event of there being a tie for first, third or fifth position on the ladder at the end of the home and away football and netball matches i.e. Clubs having the same points and percentage, then their positions will be determined by aggregating the points scored by the Clubs during the matches which they played against each other during the home and away matches, with the Club having the greater points total being awarded the higher position on the ladder.
- b. **Final series matches:**

At the conclusion of the home and away matches the first five Clubs on the premiership ladder ("the ladder") will play off for the premiership under the final five system.

 - i. First Weekend:

Elimination Final

The Club placed fourth on the ladder will play the Club placed fifth on the ladder. The loser of the Elimination Final is eliminated from the final series.

Qualifying Final

The Club placed second on the ladder will play the Club placed third on the ladder.

ii. Second Weekend:

First Semi-Final

The winner of the Elimination Final will play the loser of the Qualifying Final. The loser of the First Semi-Final is eliminated from the final series

Second Semi – Final

The Club placed first on the ladder will play the winner of the Qualifying Final.

iii. Third Weekend:

Preliminary Final

The winner of the First Semi-Final will play the loser of the Second Semi Final. The loser of the Preliminary Final is eliminated from the final series.

iv. Fourth Weekend:

Grand Final:

The winner of the Second Semi-Final will play the winner of the Preliminary Final.

c. **Venues for final series matches:**

Final series matches will be played at venues determined by the OMFNL.

7. POSTPONEMENT OR CANCELLATION OF MATCHES

- a. The General Manager, at the OMFNL's discretion, may postpone or cancel any match in the event of a Force Majeure Event. In this clause Force Majeure Event means:
- unfavourable weather.
 - earthquakes, fires or other physical natural disaster.
 - acts of war, acts of terrorism, riots, civil or military disturbances, national or state-wide industrial disputes, or any other unlawful act against public order or authority.
 - epidemic, pandemic, public health crisis, any governmental restraint, impacts from the exercise of governmental powers; and
 - any other event which is not within the OMFNL's reasonable control.

A decision to postpone or cancel a match will be made and notified to the Clubs as soon as possible. The OMFNL will schedule the playing of any postponed match at any convenient time prior to the commencement of final series matches.

8. MATCHES BETWEEN CLUBS OUTSIDE SCHEDULED COMPETITIONS

Outside scheduled OMFNL competitions, a Club must not play another OMFNL Club without the OMFNL's approval.

9. ADMISSION PRICES

- a. At all grounds registered with the OMFNL for home and away matches there will be a uniform price of admission determined by the OMFNL. Aged and invalid pensioners will be admitted to all home and away matches on production of pension cards at a price determined by the OMFNL.
- b. Admission prices for the final's series will be decided by the OMFNL.
- c. The holders of carer companion cards and children 12 years and under will be admitted to all matches free of charge. Proof of entitlement or age may be requested.
- d. OMFNL guest passes will be issued by the General Manager to media personnel, trophy

donors to the OMFNL, Morris Medal winners, Wilson Medal winners, life members of the OMFNL, Hall of Fame inductees and recognised guests of the OMFNL.

- e. Holders of AFL Victoria service medallions and holders of guest passes issued by the OMFNL will be admitted free to all matches upon production of their medallions or guest passes.
- f. Normal admission charges will be paid by all visiting players and officials except for Third Grade football players and all netball players under the age of eighteen (18) years who will be given passes and will be admitted free to all matches upon production of their passes.
- g. The Host Club for any final series match will pay a hosting fee as advised by the OMFNL and any entitlement to free admittance for its "workers" will be as provided in the OMFNL Finals Hosting Rules.
- h. In the final series the Host Club will after adding the privilege fee, account to the OMFNL for the net amount of the gate moneys and privilege fees.

10. OMFNL PUBLICATION REQUIREMENTS

Clubs are to supply information in electronic format for OMFNL publications as requested, including accurate team lists, no later than 12.00 noon on the Tuesday before the commencement of the next round of scheduled matches. A breach of this Bylaw will result in a fine as set out in the Schedule.

11. PROOF OF COMMUNICATION

Wherever these Bylaws and the Articles of the OMFNL provide for a time limit for lodgement of any communication the onus of proof of lodgement within time is on the initiating Club.

12. LEAGUE AWARDS

- a. **Football**
 - i. This Bylaw applies to the following OMFNL awards for the player(s) adjudicated by the field umpires to be the fairest and best in home and away matches:
 - A. Senior Grade - the "Morris Medal".
 - B. Reserve Grade - the "Leo Burke Medal"; and
 - C. Third Grade - the "Leo Dean Medal".
 - ii. The player adjudged fairest and best will receive three votes, the player adjudged second fairest and best will receive two votes and the player adjusted third fairest and best will receive one vote.
 - iii. Within twenty (20) minutes of the conclusion of each match the field umpires will record their assessment of the three fairest and best players in the match in order of preference in a sealed, addressed, and stamped envelope marked with the name of the award for that grade. The secretary of the home Club is responsible for lodging the envelope at the OMFNL Office on the first working day after the match with all other "non-priority" documentation.
 - iv. At the end of the home and away matches in each season the votes will be counted and the player(s) receiving the highest number of votes is/are to receive the award. In the case of two or more players receiving an equal number of votes, joint winners will be declared and will receive the award.

- v. Any player found guilty of an offence or who has accepted a set penalty suspension is ineligible to receive the award in that season, except in the instance of a time-wasting offence(s) and offences where no period of suspension has been imposed.

A player who is ineligible is ineligible for awards in all grades, regardless of the grade in which the penalty was incurred.
- vi. The umpires will be instructed that votes are to be awarded to players irrespective of whether they have been found guilty of an offence in a match during that season and irrespective of whether they have been reported during that match.
- vii. A player to whom Bylaw 26(a)(v) applies will only be ineligible for OMFNL awards in the season in which the relevant offence occurred. A player issued any form of penalty as result of an offence in a finals game will not be ineligible for OMFNL awards in that season, or in the following season or seasons, even if all or part of the penalty is to be served in the following season or seasons.
- viii. The OMFNL will recognise significant player achievements by awarding players at the end of the season.

b. **Netball**

- i. The OMFNL shall conduct a Best and Fairest competition in all grades.
 - A. A Grade Female – Best and Fairest Award (the “Toni Wilson Medal”).
 - B. B Grade Female – Best and Fairest Award
 - C. C Grade Female – Best and Fairest Award
 - D. 17 & Under Female – Best and Fairest Award
 - E. 15 & Under Female – Best and Fairest Award
- ii. The winner shall be a player who receives the most umpires’ votes during the Home and Away matches. There will not be a countback.
- iii. For each match the umpires shall confer and complete a vote card. Three (3) votes shall be awarded to the best player on the court, two (2) votes shall be awarded to the 2nd best player and one (1) vote shall be awarded to the 3rd best player on the court. The home team will issue the umpires with a vote card for each match. The umpires shall seal it in the envelope provided. The card is color-coded for each grade. There shall be provisions on each card for full player name and club.
- iv. The home team shall have responsibility of forwarding the vote cards to the Operations Manager. Counting of votes shall take place after the last home and away game.
- v. The OMFNL will recognise significant player achievements by awarding players at the end of the season.

13. INFRINGEMENTS

- a. Where the OMFNL is of the opinion that a Club or any coach, player, trainer, official or employee of a Club has contravened the provisions of the Articles or the Bylaws the OMFNL may deal with the matter in any manner which in its absolute discretion it thinks fit.

- b. **Football**
 - i. Where the OMFNL is of the opinion that a Club or any coach, player, trainer, official or employee of a Club has been involved in conduct which is unbecoming, is likely to bring the game of football into disrepute or is prejudicial to the interests of the OMFNL, then the OMFNL will refer the matter to its Investigations Officer for investigation pursuant to the "Conduct Unbecoming " provisions of the AFL VC Rules.
 - ii. Where the OMFNL is of the opinion that coach, player, trainer, official or employee of a Club may have committed a reportable offence under the AFL Laws of the Game the OMFNL may refer the matter to the Investigation Officer for investigation and if the Investigation Officer reports that there is a case to answer, then to the Tribunal.
- c. **Netball - Breach of Rules**
 - i. Any club or player under suspension shall forfeit all rights and privileges held under the OMFNL.
 - ii. Club officials, players and umpires must not make public comment towards the OMFNL, OMFNL Board & staff, member clubs or players that may bring the OMFNL into disrepute. This includes inappropriate comments posted on social media about individual OMFNL or club members.

14. BREACH OF BY-LAWS

- a. The OMFNL will impose the prescribed penalty or any other penalty to any person that fails to adhere to these By-laws.
- b. Any person reported to the OMFNL for:
 - 1. Disputing an umpire's decision on the court or field.
 - 2. Refusing or neglecting to abide by the Rules and Bylaws.
 - 3. Conduct unbecoming, which is prejudicial to the interests of the OMFNL's competition.

Shall be liable to be suspended from taking part in any matches under the OMFNL's control for such time as may be decided by the OMFNL.

- c. Offending persons shall:
 - 1. Be notified in writing that they have been reported for alleged misconduct on or off the court or field.
 - 2. Be notified of the time and date of the OMFNL Board Meeting at which the report will be considered and any subsequent disciplinary action that may result.
 - 3. Be directed to attend the meeting and speak in answer to the report or, if the OMFNL Board should, clarify any points.
- d. If relevant the reporting umpire/s shall:
 - 1. Be notified in writing of the time and date of the OMFNL Board Meeting.
 - 2. Be directed to attend that meeting to speak of the report, or should the OMFNL Board require, clarify any points.

Any reports and/or protests must be in writing and given first to the offending person and then to the OMFNL within 48 hours of the match. The right to appeal against any decision is provided.

15. CODE OF CONDUCT

Clubs are responsible for the actions and behaviour of their coaches, players, trainers, official's employees, and supporters, immediately before, during and immediately after all matches and at all official OMFNL functions and at the Tribunal. The Clubs are responsible for ensuring that

their coaches, players, trainers, officials, employees, and supporters comply with any OMFNL, AFL VC Code of Conduct and policies, and NV Code of Conduct and Policies.

16. FAILURE TO ATTEND MEETING AS DIRECTED

- a. Any coach, player, trainer, official or employee of a Club who fails to attend any Tribunal, OMFNL Board or other meetings of the OMFNL which they may have been directed to attend will be dealt with as the OMFNL may think fit.
- b. Any person failing to attend upon the Tribunal after having been requested by the Chairperson of the Tribunal to do so upon reasonable notice will be fined as set out in the Schedule in addition to any penalty which the Tribunal may impose.

17. CLUB IN DEFAULT

If a Club has not paid any moneys due by it to the OMFNL and the OMFNL gives it notice in writing that unless it remedies the default within seven (7) days that "sanctions" will apply and the Club fails to remedy the default within that time, then from the expiry of that period and until the default is remedied, the following sanctions will be applied:

- a. The Club's delegates may not participate in OMFNL decision making.
- b. The Club may play but will not be awarded any premiership points for any match they win during this period (but no points will be awarded to the losing team). Points "for" and "against" will continue to be added for percentage purposes; and
- c. The Club will not participate in any final series match in any grade. In the event of this sanction being applied the final series will be played in the order of the first five (5) financial Clubs on the ladder.

Each of these sanctions will lapse upon remedy of the default but will not be retrospectively removed.

18. FINES

Any fine imposed by these Bylaws on any coach, player, trainer, official or employee of a Club will be payable by their Club.

19. RELEASE OF VIDEO FOOTAGE

All Clubs acknowledge that footage of games conducted by the OMFNL and taken by the OMFNL, agents, employees or contractors, is the property of the OMFNL and the General Manager may release such footage, after consultation and with the approval of the Chairperson, upon request, on a case-by-case basis.

20. NOTICES

- a. All correspondence must be in writing from the Club Secretary or authorised person to the Operations Manager.
- b. All correspondence from the OMFNL will be addressed to the Club Secretary or authorised person.

APPENDIX SCHEDULE OF FINES

BYLAW	COMMENT	AMOUNT
4 & 5	Each incorrect item of playing uniform	\$50, maximum \$500
10	Failure to meet OMFNL publication requirements	\$100
16	Failure to attend summoned meeting. i.e. board/delegate or Tribunal	\$500

These fines are those which may be imposed by the General Manager or Operations Manager without seeking a determination from the OMFNL Board. In appropriate cases the General Manager or Operations Manager may refer the infringement to the OMFNL Board in circumstances where it is considered that the fine in the Schedule is not sufficient given the gravity of the infringement.



FOOTBALL COMPETITION BYLAWS

As voted at OMFNL SGM
8th December 2025

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1. DEFINITIONS

AFL means Australian Football League.

AFL Club means a body which participates in Australian Football.

AFL Club List means the official list of players registered with an AFL Club, as maintained and updated by the AFL in accordance with its rules and regulations.

AFL Laws of the Game means the laws of the game of Australian Football adopted by the Australian Football League as modified for the OMFNL.

AFL VC means Australian Football League Victoria Country.

AFL VC Code of Conduct means the code of conduct which sets the standard of behaviour of all participants and is implemented by OMFNL.

AFL VC Investigation means an investigation commenced pursuant to Rule 5.2 of the AFL Victoria Country Rules.

AFL VC Notice of Report means the formal notification issued under the AFL VC Rules, detailing an alleged breach of the rules or conduct by a player, official or club.

AFL VC Report Form means official document used to record and submit details of an incident or alleged breach of the AFL VC Rules.

AFL VC Rules means the rules and regulations from time to time of the AFL Victoria Country.

AFL Victoria Community Club Sustainability Program – Points System means the policy prepared by AFL Victoria

AFL Victoria Community Club Sustainability Program – Player Payment Rule means the rule prepared by AFL Victoria and adopted by AFL North East Border.

Annual General Meeting means the Annual General Meeting held each year as required by the Corporations Act and the Articles

Applicable Area Agreements means an agreement pursuant to Rule 2.4 of the AFL Victoria Country Rules.

Articles means the OMFNL Articles of Association.

Away Game means a game which is played at a venue not designated as its home ground.

Away Team means a team which is playing on any ground not of its own.

Bylaws means these Bylaws of the OMFNL.

Chairperson means the person appointed pursuant to the Articles.

Club means the football and netball clubs of Albury, Corowa-Rutherglen, Lavington, Myrtleford, North Albury, Wangaratta, Wangaratta Rovers, Wodonga, Wodonga Raiders, Yarrawonga and if any of the Clubs do not presently manage and run both football and netball teams, then the football Clubs and netball Clubs of these localities, and such additional or other Clubs as may from time to time be granted the right to participate in the OMFNL.

Coates Talent League means the mens' under 18 competition conducted by the AFL.

Corporations Act means the Corporations Act 2001 as amended from time to time.

Delegates Meeting means the meetings held with the delegates who are the persons appointed by Clubs as their representatives pursuant to the Articles.

General Manager means the General Manager of the OMFNL.

General Meeting means the general meeting or any special general meeting of the OMFNL.

Home and Away means the matches played between Clubs to determine those teams who are to play finals matches and decide the premier Team.

Home Game means a game played by a team at its designated home ground.

Home Team means a team which is playing on its own ground.

Investigation Officer means a person appointed pursuant to Rule 5.1 of the AFL Victoria Country Rules.

Match means a contest between two teams played according to the rules of the game.

Match Review Form means the document used to request a review of an on-field incident that was not addressed by an AFL VC Notice of Report. The form must be completed and signed by the requesting club's president and senior coach or by the Umpire Development Manager and an officiating umpire, and submitted to the OMFNL for consideration.

Match Review Panel means the group of individuals appointed by the OMFNL to review on-field incidents referred to it through a Match Review Form.

Match Review Panel Member/s means the individuals appointed to serve on the Match Review Panel. These members must not hold any other office with the OMFNL or any affiliated club and must not have been involved with any club participating in the match under review for at least three years.

OMFNL means the Ovens and Murray Football Netball League.

OMFNL Board means the Board of Directors established pursuant to the Articles.

OMFNL Board Meeting means the formal meeting of the OMFNL Board convened to discuss and decide on matters related to the governance, operations and strategic direction of the OMFNL.

OMFNL Equalisation Guidelines means the rules made by the OMFNL which relate to the AFL Victoria Community Club Sustainability Program – Points System and/or AFL Victoria Community Club Sustainability Program – Player Payment Rule.

OMFNL Finals Hosting Rules means the guidelines setting out the responsibilities, entitlements and operational requirements for Clubs hosting the finals series matches.

OMFNL Office means OMFNL House at 208 Fallon Street, North Albury

OMFNL Uniform Specifications Guidelines means the document issued by the OMFNL that outlines the approved design, colours, logos and other specifications for club uniforms including both football and netball attire.

Operations Manager means the Operations Manager of the OMFNL.

Regular and Alternate Uniforms means the two sets of official playing attire approved by the OMFNL for each club. The Regular Uniform is the primary attire worn during Home Games, while the Alternate Uniform is used for Away Games or in situations where uniform colours may clash with the opposing team.

Reserve Grade means the reserve or second team for open age players fielded by the Club.

Rules means the AFL VC Rules and World Netball Rules.

Schedule means the Schedule of Fines annexed to these Bylaws.

Senior Grade means the first or senior team for open agent players fielded by the Club.

Team means the group of players competing against another group of players in a Match of Australian Football.

Team Manager/s means the individual or individuals appointed by a Club to oversee the administrative and operational aspects of a Team, including the preparation of team sheets, coordination with match officials and ensuring compliance with OMFNL rules and regulations.

Third Grade means the third team fielded by the Club.

Tribunal means the OMFNL Tribunal being a body established and constituted to hear and determine charges brought before it under these Rules.

Umpire means any of the court, field, boundary, goal and emergency Umpires officiating a Match.

Umpiring Body means the body governing the provision of umpires to competitions of OMFNL.

Umpire Development Manager means the individual appointed by the OMFNL to oversee the recruitment, training, education and allocation of umpires for matches.

Umpire match report means the umpire match report sheet as provided by the OMFNL.

VFL means the Victorian Football League.

VFL Club means a football club that participates in the VFL which is a state level Australian rules football competition governed by the AFL.

VFL Club List means the official list of players registered with a VFL club, as maintained and updated by the VFL in accordance with its rules and regulations.

2. AFFILIATION

These Bylaws must be read in conjunction with:

- a. **Football:** The AFL VC Rules.

In the event of any inconsistency between these Bylaws and the Rules, the provisions of the Rules will prevail. In this clause Rules also includes any frameworks or guidelines issued by AFL VC from time to time which the OMFNL Board may adopt, discard or amend in part or in full, in its absolute discretion.

3. CLUB LOGOS AND UNIFORM

- a. **OMFNL logo on players guernseys:**

The emblem of the OMFNL must be included on all guernseys and in a position on each guernsey as approved by the OMFNL for each Club.

- i. On the left shoulder - to be of dimensions 61 mm high by 75 mm wide.
- ii. On the back of the guernsey and within each number at the bottom of each number - to be of dimensions 21 mm high and 17 mm wide.

- b. **AFLVC logo on guernseys:**
 - i. All guernseys must have the approved AFLVC logo on the guernsey as directed by the AFLVC.
- c. All guernseys must be purchased through an approved AFL supplier. AFL VC logo on shorts:
 - i. Only shorts as approved by the AFL VC with the appropriate AFL VC insert may be worn and must be purchased through an approved AFL VC supplier.
 - ii. Shorts must be in the colours of the Club and must have the correct coloured inserts.
- d. **Sponsor's logos on guernseys & shorts:**
 - i. The size of the sponsors' logos on guernseys is not to exceed 18,000mm² or such other size directed by the OMFNL. The size of the sponsor's logo on players' shorts is not to exceed 7,500mm² or of such other size directed by the OMFNL.
 - ii. Sponsor's logos may be positioned on the front chest area of the guernsey and on the back of the guernsey above and/or below the number or in such other position approved by the OMFNL. Sponsor's logos may be positioned on the front left and/or right leg area of the shorts or such other position directed by the OMFNL.
 - iii. Logos are to be referred to the General Manager for checking for compliance with this Bylaw prior to being included on a Club guernsey.
 - iv. Clubs are not permitted to conclude negotiations with a sponsor whose name or product would be detrimental to the image or interest of the OMFNL.
 - v. Prior to finalisation of arrangements with any new sponsors, contact is to be made with the General Manager to seek advice as to whether entering into arrangements with the sponsor may contravene Bylaw 4(d)(iv).
- e. **Size of numbers:**
 - i. The numbers on the back of guernseys must be not less than 27.9 centimetres in size.
- f. **Under-shorts:**
 - i. Any protective gear or under-shorts worn must be skin toned or the colour of the Club shorts on the day.
- g. **Socks:**
 - i. Only AFLVC approved socks may be used in OMFNL matches.

4. COMPETITION CONDITIONS

- i. Unless otherwise determined by the OMFNL:
 - A. All Third-Grade home and away matches will commence at 10.00 a.m. and be played over four (4) quarters of twenty (20) minutes (no time-on);
 - B. Reserve Grade home and away matches will commence at 12.00 noon and be played over four (4) quarters of twenty-two (22) minutes (no time-on); and
 - C. Senior Grade home and away matches will commence at 2.00 p.m. and be played over four (4) quarters of twenty (20) minutes plus time-on.

- ii. Clubs must observe the OMFNL Equalisation Guidelines, and the AFL Victoria Community Club Sustainability Program, including AFL Victoria Player Points System and Allowable Player Payments Rules.
- iii. A Club that regularly has reduced player numbers may request the OMFNL to impose a corresponding limit on opposition player numbers in any match. The OMFNL may grant such a request and implement such change in its sole and absolute discretion.

5. FINALS

- a. **Final series matches duration:**
 - A. All Third Grade final series matches will be played over four (4) quarters each of seventeen minutes (17) plus time-on;
 - B. All Reserve Grade final series matches will be played over four (4) quarters each of seventeen minutes (17) plus time-on; and
 - C. All Senior Grade final series matches will be played over four (4) quarters each of twenty (20) minutes plus time-on.
- b. **Draws in final series matches:**
In the event of a draw in a final series match extra time will be played in the following conditions:
 - A. There will be an interval of five (5) minutes between the end of regular time and the commencement of extra time. The timekeeper will sound the warning siren three (3) times at three (3) minutes and twice (2) at four (4) minutes. Clubs not having dispersed and moved to position at the sound of the four (4) minute sirens will be reported to the OMFNL by the field umpires. The timekeeper will sound the siren again at the five (5) minute mark to recommence play.
 - B. Extra time will consist of two (2) halves each of five (5) minutes duration plus time-on.
 - C. Teams will maintain the same ends as at the completion of regular time and will exchange ends after the first five (5) minute period.
 - D. During a Senior Grade game, in the event that scores are level following the first two (2) periods of extra time then this sequence will be repeated until a result is determined.
 - E. During a Reserve Grade game or a Third-Grade game, in the event that scores are level following the first two (2) periods of extra time, teams will maintain the same ends, and the timekeeper will sound the siren to recommence play. Play is to continue until a result is determined, such result to be the first score achieved by either team. This will end the game.
 - F. Coaches and other Club staff other than those permitted to enter the arena during normal time, will only enter the field to address players during the interval between the end of regular time and the commencement of extra time.
- c. **Qualifying conditions for playing in final series matches:**
 - i. A player must play in at least three home and away matches for their Club to be eligible to participate in a final series match.

- ii. If a Club has all three teams playing final series matches on the same weekend, that Club can select players in such teams as it sees fit, subject only to Rule 6(f)(i) and the age restrictions applying to the Third Grade.
- iii. A player who has played more than half the scheduled home and away matches at Senior Grade will be ineligible to play in final series matches in a Reserve Grade team.
e.g., in an 18 week season a player is eligible to play finals in the lower grade team if he has only played 9 matches in the higher grade but is ineligible if he has played 10 matches.
- iv. An exception to Bylaw 8(i)(iii) is when a Club is engaged in both the Senior Grade and Reserve Grade in that weekend of finals.
- v. To be eligible to participate in a Reserve Grade final when the player's Club Senior Grade Team is not engaged in that weekend of the finals, the player must have played no less than two home and away matches for their Club in the Reserve Grade or Third Grade.
- vi. To be eligible to participate in a Third-Grade final when the player's Club only has a Senior Grade Team or Reserve Grade Team (or neither of the two) playing on the same weekend, that Club can only select a player in the Third Grade if the player has not played more than half the home and away matches in Senior Grade and Reserve Grade.
e.g., a player will be disqualified if they have played 6 Senior Grade matches and 4 Reserve Grade matches in an 18 match home and away season.
- vii. For permit player finals qualification refer to AFL VC Rules or Applicable Area Agreement.
- viii. For the purpose of finals qualification and player eligibility:
 - A. a Coates Talent League Under 18 competition match (e.g., Murray Bushrangers) shall be considered a Senior Grade match. For the avoidance of doubt, such matches are considered matches of the player's Club Senior Grade for the purpose of finals qualification and player eligibility under Bylaw 8(i)(i) and 8(i)(iii) and 8(i)(vi).
 - B. a player who has played more than twelve (12) 1st/Senior 18 Home and Away games for a club affiliated with a senior state league competition in that season will not be eligible to play in a final's series match.
- ix. Any player who is on an AFL Club List or VFL Club List must play at least half of the scheduled home and away matches to be eligible to play in final series matches or be delisted by their AFL Club or VFL Club.
- x. Matches played in the final series do not count toward qualification.
- xi. For the purposes of final series qualification, a player playing in two matches in the same home and away round will only be credited with the match played in the higher grade.

6. THIRD GRADE COMPETITION

- a. To be eligible to play in the OMFNL Third Grade competition a player must not turn eighteen (18) years before or on 31 December in the preceding year.
- b. Teams competing in the Third Grade competition will consist of twenty two (22) players, not more than eighteen (18) of whom may take part in a match at any time, the remaining

players being interchange players.

7. BALL TO BE USED

- a. For each Senior Grade Home and Away match the Home Club will submit two new red footballs (each approved by the OMFNL) to the visiting Club for choice, provided that in the event of a game which commences at 3.00pm or later, the Home Club will submit two new yellow footballs.
- b. By agreement between Clubs, two new red footballs may be used in a Senior Grade match.
- c. For use in the event of emergency the Home Club will arrange for not less than two additional footballs to be delivered to the Umpires' dressing room prior to the start of the match.
- d. For the purpose of this Bylaw:
 - i. the approved footballs are Sherrin with approved OMFNL sponsor logos.
- e. In Reserve Grade and Third Grade matches one new ball and one other ball of suitable condition (to be determined by the match umpires) must be supplied for the choice of the visiting Club.
- f. A breach of this Bylaw will result in a fine as set out in the Schedule.

8. ANNOUNCEMENT OF FOOTBALL TEAMS

- a. All Clubs are to electronically lodge with the OMFNL particulars of their Senior Grade, Reserve Grade and Third Grade teams (consisting of a maximum of eighteen (18) players, f o u r (4) interchange, and three (3) emergencies).
- b. Electronic lodgement of teams is to be completed by:
 - i. 8.30 p.m. Thursday if they are playing on a Friday night or Saturday; and
 - ii. 5.00 p.m. Friday if they are playing on a Sunday or public holidays. Teams playing on a Sunday or public holidays are also required to announce an extended list consisting of eighteen (18) players, six (6) interchange [seven (7) for Third Grade] by 8.30 pm Thursday.
- c. Failure to electronically lodge any team as required by Bylaw 15(a) will result in a fine as set out in the Schedule.
- d. The Senior Grade team will comprise eighteen (18) players in position, an interchange of f o u r (4) and three (3) emergencies, making a total of twenty-five (25) players. Teams must be named with the emergencies not included in the team listing of twenty-two (22). No expanded bench is to be named, other than as provided in Bylaw 15(b)(ii).
- e. Late changes to selected teams will result in a fine as set out in the Schedule.
- f. A fine as set out in the Schedule will be imposed upon Clubs who drop players from the original twenty-two (22) Senior Grade players to the Reserve Grade or Third Grade team that particular weekend or who use players in the Senior Grade team after not including them in the twenty-five (25) players lodged with the OMFNL.

9. TEAM SHEETS

- a. The team manager of each Club must meet with the team manager of the other competing Club and the Umpires:

- i. For Third Grade matches - 30 minutes before the scheduled time for commencement of the match; and
- ii. For Senior Grade and Reserve Grade matches - at three quarter time of the preceding game, and deliver to each of the opposing team manager and the umpires a team sheet listing:
 - iii. The names of all players of the Club and their guernsey numbers;
 - iv. The interchange players;
 - v. The captain;
 - vi. The coach;
 - vii. The official runner;
 - viii. The water carriers;
 - ix. Any Club umpire;
 - x. The Club umpire escort;
 - xi. The official trainers of the team;
 - xii. The interchange steward; and
 - xiii. The timekeeper.
- b. All team sheets must be completed electronically. A breach of this Bylaw will result in a fine as set out in the Schedule. The home team is responsible for printing off copies of all official team sheets for that day.
- c. All day and/or area permit forms in respect of any player must be sighted by a responsible official of the opposing Club and signed by this official prior to the commencement of the match.
- d. All team sheets are to be signed by a responsible official of the Club.
- e. After each match the Secretary of the home Club must forward to the Operations Manager a copy of each team sheet along with the umpires' report of the match.

10. REPORTS OF FOOTBALL MATCHES

- a. Team Managers of both competing Clubs must attend at the Umpires' rooms and complete and submit all necessary match day documents required by the OMFNL within twenty (20) minutes of the end of play.
- b. The home Club must electronically lodge all match day information the OMFNL requires including correct scores on a quarter by quarter basis, best players and goal kickers for all grades played:
 - i. On or before 5.30 pm for matches starting at 2.00 pm; and
 - ii. Within 30 minutes of the end of matches scheduled to start at other times.

The information submitted will include particulars of any reports made by umpires in any grade on that day or alternatively advise "all clear".

- c. The Secretary of the home Club will submit to the Operations Manager:
 - i. All match day documentation and information designated by the OMFNL as "priority" to be received by 8.00 am the next business day after the match; and
 - ii. All other required match day documentation and information by 5.00pm on the next business after the match or if sent by express post, to be posted not later than the closing time for express post on the next business day after the match.
- d. The match day documentation currently required includes the official score card certified "correct" by both official scorers, team sheets, time cards, umpires reports, OMFNL awards, interchange sheets, and day and area permits (if any). A breach of this Bylaw will result in a fine as set out in the Schedule.

11. ATTENDANCE AT THE FOOTBALL UMPIRES' ROOM

The Secretary or Team Manager of all Clubs must attend the Umpires' Room within twenty (20) minutes of the conclusion of the match to receive the "all clear" or to be notified of any report. A breach of this Bylaw will result in a fine as set out in the Schedule.

12. FOOTBALL TIMEKEEPING

- a. **Duties and Powers of timekeepers:**
The provisions of the AFL Laws of the Game apply with respect to the duties and powers of timekeepers.
- b. **Clocks and Sirens:**
 - i. Each Club must supply one clock for the use of the Club timekeeper;
 - ii. Each ground upon which OMFNL matches are played must have a bell or siren of a type approved by the OMFNL;
 - iii. The operation of the siren is under the control of the timekeepers appointed for the match; and
 - iv. The timekeepers will at the end of each quarter continue to ring or sound the bell or siren until the field umpire acknowledges that they have heard the bell or siren by blowing their whistle and holding their two hands over their head.
- c. **Times for starting matches:**
The OMFNL will determine the starting time for matches, the times by which teams will enter the field for the commencement of matches and the penalties to be paid or incurred by Clubs for failure of their teams to enter the field by the times determined.
- d. **Red/Yellow Cards**
 - i. In the case of a yellow card the timekeepers of both Clubs must liaise with each other and agree upon the time the offending player(s) left the field. Based on that time both stewards then need to work out the 15 minute playing time penalty to reach the milestone time when the player can re-enter the field. These times are to be recorded on the offending player's Club Interchange sheet and initialled by each timekeeper.
 - ii. In the case of a red card the timekeepers of both Clubs must liaise with each other and agree upon the time the offending player(s) left the field. Based on that time both stewards then need to work out the 20 minute playing time penalty to reach the milestone when the red carded player can be replaced. The offending red carded player cannot re-enter the match and can only be replaced by another named player after 20 minutes. These times are to be recorded on the offending player's Club interchange sheet and initialled by each timekeeper.

e. **Procedure for Sounding Siren:**

Start of Match	No. of Occasions
Five minutes prior to the scheduled starting time of the Match and as Umpires enter the Arena.	Once
Two minutes prior to the scheduled starting time. <i>Clubs are permitted to warm up on an agreed half of the field until the sounding of this warning.</i>	Twice
One minute prior to the scheduled starting time and as a signal for the toss of the coin. <i>It is the responsibility of each club to ensure that their captain is at the centre circle prior to this warning. Following the toss players must move to their positions immediately.</i>	Once
Scheduled starting time (start of Match) Once. <i>Clubs not ready to start at the official starting time will be reported to the OMFNL by the field umpires, who will complete an official report following the completion of the match. A breach of this Bylaw will result in a fine as set out in the Schedule.</i>	Once
End of first quarter Once.	Once
<i>Interval time six (6) minutes for all grades</i>	
Start of Second Quarter	
Two minutes prior to the scheduled starting time Twice.	Twice
One minute prior to the scheduled starting time Once. <i>Clubs not having dispersed and moved to their field positions at the one-minute warning will be reported to the OMFNL by the field umpires.</i>	Once
Scheduled starting time (start of quarter) Once	Once
End of second quarter Once	Once
<i>Interval time twenty (20) minutes for Seniors, ten (10) minutes for Reserves & Thirds</i>	
Start of Third Quarter	
Five minutes prior to the scheduled starting time of the quarter and as Umpires enter the Arena. <i>All half-time entertainment (if any) must cease at this warning, any instances of exceeding this time will be reported to the OMFNL.</i>	Once
Two minutes prior to the scheduled starting time Twice. <i>Clubs must move to their field positions at this warning. Clubs not ready to start will be reported to the OMFNL by the field umpires.</i>	Twice
One minute prior to the scheduled starting time Once.	Once
Scheduled starting time (start of quarter) Once.	Once
End of third quarter Once.	Once
<i>Interval time six (6) minutes for all grades</i>	
Start of Final Quarter	
Two minutes prior to the scheduled starting time Twice.	Twice
One minute prior to the scheduled starting time Once. One minute prior to the scheduled starting time Once. <i>Clubs not having dispersed and moved to their field positions at the one-minute warning will be reported to the OMFNL by the field umpires.</i>	Once
Scheduled starting time (start of quarter) Once	Once
End of fourth quarter Once	Once

- f. If a team of a Club has not entered the field within fifteen (15) minutes after the scheduled time the Club will (in addition to any fine set out in the Schedule) forfeit the match and the premiership points for the match unless a satisfactory explanation for the delay is provided to the OMFNL. In the event of a match being forfeited on the scheduled day, if the Club who has forfeited the match provides an explanation to the OMFNL which the OMFNL considers satisfactory, then the OMFNL in its absolute discretion may determine that the match be played on a subsequent day or otherwise finally decide the matter.

13. FOOTBALL INTERCHANGE STEWARDS

- a. Each Club must provide one interchange steward for senior matches only. Their name must be recorded on the official team sheet.
- b. Each interchange steward must record their own Club's player interchange records. This includes the numbers of players who leave and enter the field and the time they entered and left the field
- c. Interchange stewards must monitor players eligible to interchange throughout the match and must ensure they cross the boundary line at the same place within the marked lines, player off first, player on second.
- d. Interchange stewards must sit together in a location designated by the OMFNL
- e. A player who does not leave the field as required by Bylaw 13(c) is unable to re-enter the field for the remainder of the match. Both interchange stewards must agree there has been a clear breach before this consequence is applied.
- f. Where a player does not enter the field as required by Bylaw 13(c), the interchange steward and/or a field umpire must report the circumstances to the OMFNL, including the scores at the time. The OMFNL may apply a sanction including the imposition of a fine or the reversal of the match result.
- g. At the completion of the match each steward must sign their own interchange steward control sheet and initial the opposition Club's sheet.
- h. Interchange stewards are encouraged to report to the OMFNL any infringement of this Bylaw.

14. SCORE BOARDS, SCORE KEEPING AND TIME CLOCKS (FOOTBALL)

- a. Score boards must be erected in a prominent position on each ground approved for use by the OMFNL and scores must be posted to the score boards by a competent person.
- b. The goal umpires are the official scorers. The goal umpires will confer and check their scores at the end of each quarter. In the event of any discrepancy between the scores kept by the goal umpires they will check the scores against the scores kept by the timekeepers.
- c. At the end of each quarter the goal umpires will communicate with the score board attendant to ensure that the scores displayed are correct.
- d. Time clocks must be erected in a prominent position on each ground approved for use the OMFNL and are to be of a design and size so that they may be easily read by all persons attending the match.

15. ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATION

No form of electronic communication (such as walkie-talkie or mobile telephone) will be used on the football field during the progress of a match, excepting in the area between the arena fence and the boundary line.

16. FOOTBALL UMPIRES

- a. Any umpire who is directed to attend an OMFNL Board meeting or the Tribunal and who fails to do so will be dealt with in the OMFNL's absolute discretion.
- b. An umpire (with the exception of "club umpires") is not eligible to officiate in a match involving the Club of which he was a player until a period of three (3) years has elapsed since he last played for that Club.
- c. Facilities:

- i. Umpires' dressing rooms must be kept clear of all persons except the umpires and no visit is permitted before, during or after the match by any persons except the Secretary or Team Manager of the competing Clubs or approved OMFNL personnel.
- ii. Separate shower facilities must be provided for the umpires and Clubs must work towards having separate shower facilities for female umpires.

A breach of this Bylaw will result in a fine as set out in the Schedule.

- d. Club officials, coaches and players must not engage in public comment on umpires. A breach of this Bylaw will result in a fine as set out in the Schedule.
- e. Umpires' escort:
 - i. It is the responsibility of each Club to supply an umpires' escort who must be listed on the official team sheet.
 - ii. The escort must wear the escort identification supplied by the OMFNL.
 - iii. The escort must be a mature person, capable of assisting the umpire in a crisis.
 - iv. The escorts are to be at the umpires' room five (5) minutes prior to the umpires going on to the field.
 - v. The escorts must accompany the umpires on to the field prior to the match and prior to the start of the second half and off the ground at the completion of the second and final quarters.
 - vi. The escorts must go to the centre of the field and stand with the umpires during quarter time and three quarter time breaks.
 - vii. The escort must move quickly to the umpires as soon as the end of each quarter is signalled.
 - viii. In the event of an incident involving the umpires the escorts must remain with the umpires and ensure their safe departure from the field.
 - ix. The Umpires must be escorted to the door of the Umpires' Room before the escorts are considered to have completed their duties
 - x. The Umpires will record any breach of this Bylaw in the match day report.
 - xi. Any breach of this Bylaw will result in the OMFNL imposing a fine as set out in the Schedule.
- f. No Club coach or Club official is permitted to speak to umpires during the progress of a match or at intervals. The club captain only is permitted to enter into the centre square during the intervals. All team addresses must be given outside the centre square. A breach of this Bylaw will result in a fine as set out in the Schedule.
- g. The home Club is responsible for the security of the Umpires' Rooms and any possessions of the umpires left in the Umpires' Rooms e.g., tracksuit tops.

17. REPRESENTATIVE TEAMS

- i. If a representative match is to be played in the same round as Home and Away matches have been scheduled then the OMFNL has first call on the services of players. If a selected player is not able to play he will not be permitted to play

with his Club during that round unless the General Manager is satisfied that the reason for the player not representing the OMFNL is legitimate e.g. that the player cannot obtain leave of absence from his employment so as to travel to the venue of the match.

- ii. The OMFNL will appoint the coaching staff of all representative teams.
- iii. The OMFNL will appoint a chairman of selectors of each representative team and up to four selectors, one of whom will be the coach.
- iv. The selectors will appoint captains and vice-captains of all representative teams.

18. TRAINERS/MEDICAL STAFF/WATER CARRIERS/RUNNERS

- a. Prior to the commencement of each season each Club must submit to the General Manager a written list of their official trainers and medical staff.
- b. Each trainer/medical staffer must be registered by the OMFNL. As a condition of registration the OMFNL may require:
 - i. That the trainer/medical staffer hold qualifications as determined by OMFNL.
 - ii. The payment of a fee as determined by the OMFNL any match.
- c. A Club may use a maximum of six (6) trainers/medical staff and/or water carriers during any match.
- d. Trainers/Medical staff/water carriers:
 - i. Trainers/ medical staff will wear an OMFNL vest over the top of their Club uniform with the Club name and an allocated number for each trainer/medical staff member.
 - ii. All Water Carriers staff will wear an OMFNL vest over the top of their Club uniform with the Club name and an allocated number for each water carrier member.
 - iii. When not carrying water to players, all water carriers must stay within one (1) of four (4) marked squares (of 2m × 2m dimensions) on each boundary adjacent to the point where the 50m arc intersects with the boundary.
- e. Water carriers and trainers must be listed on the team sheet in the appropriate section showing their name and number.
- f. Both participating clubs in each match must have a stretcher and Jordan frame placed at their interchange bench. A breach of this Bylaw will result in a fine as set out in the Schedule.
- g. No Coach or assistant Coach may act as a runner, trainer or water carrier in any OMFNL match.
- h. Team Runner(s)
 - i. The team runner(s) shall dress in the uniform determined by the OMFNL.
 - ii. Not have affixed to his or her person any communication device which includes but is not limited to portable radios, headsets, microphones or earpieces.
 - iii. Enter and exit the playing arena via the interchange where (2) club runners are used with only (1) runner allowed on the field at any one time. Should a club use (1) runner only, the runner may enter and exit the playing arena from any point of the ground.

19. BREACH - LAWS OF THE GAME

- a. The AFL VC Rules will be applied for all reportable offences under the AFL Laws of the Game for field offences.
- b. The provisions of this Bylaw will apply to all matches including practice matches at which there are officiating umpires.
- c. Charges to be determined by the Tribunal will be heard at a time and place determined by the General Manager of the OMFNL.
- d. Provided that the Tribunal is satisfied that no substantial miscarriage of justice will result, the Tribunal may proceed to hear and determine any charge even if there has not been compliance with one or more of these Bylaws.
- e. Public comment:
 - i. Club officials and player must not publicly comment on the contents of a written report or a charge prior to the determination by the Tribunal. A breach of this Bylaw will result in a fine as set out in the Schedule.
 - ii. Club officials and player must not publicly comment on the OMFNL Tribunal or the OMFNL Board or staff and must not otherwise make public comments bringing the OMFNL into disrepute.

A breach of Bylaw 29(e) or 29(f) will result in a fine as set out in the Schedule.

- f. If a Club makes an allegations or complaint against an umpire the OMFNL may take such action in its absolute discretion as it may consider appropriate.
- g. An official of a Club who uses abusive, threatening or insulting language to an umpire on the day of a match or otherwise misconducts himself will be liable to a fine as set out in the Schedule.
- h. **AFL VC Investigation:**
In the event any party is determined by the OMFNL Tribunal to be guilty of a charge resulting from an AFL VC Investigation all expenses associated with that investigation as determined by the OMFNL will be payable by their club.
- i. **Tribunal Fees**
 - i. Players found guilty at Tribunal will incur a fine to their club of \$150.
 - ii. Players who successfully challenge a Set Penalty after pleading guilty and using their good record to receive a reprimand are exempt to any Tribunal Fees.

20. SET PENALTIES

- a. The Club of a reported player must notify the reporting umpire within twenty (20) minutes of the end of the match or of being advised of the report whichever last occurs, whether the reported player accepts a set penalty or wishes the matter determined by the Tribunal.
- b. If after accepting a set penalty a player wishes to have the report determined by the Tribunal, his Club must notify the General Manager by 10.00 am on the Monday after the report.

21. EXPULSION, SUSPENSION AND DISQUALIFICATION OF PLAYERS

- a. A Club expelling or suspending a player will within seven (7) days of the expulsion or suspension provide in writing to the General Manager particulars of the name and address of the suspended or expelled player and of the offence. The General Manager will then give the player written notice of his rights pursuant to the AFL VC Rules. No suspended player will be allowed to play until either his suspension has expired or otherwise been removed.

- b. No disqualified player will be allowed to play with or coach any Club or hold any office or act in any capacity for a Club until the disqualification has expired or been removed. A player may play in Club practice matches or pre-season matches and any playing coach may act as a non- playing coach of his Club during the period of his disqualification. A disqualified coach may not enter the field or act in any official capacity for their Club and may not address the players (or speak to any individual player) of the Club whether on or off the field. These restrictions apply prior to, during and after the match (up to 6.00 pm on the day of the match).
- c. Any breach of this Bylaw will be dealt with by the OMFNL in its absolute discretion.

22. FOOTBALL MATCH REVIEW

- a. The OMFNL will before the commencement of each season and otherwise as necessary from time to time appoint persons for the purpose of forming a Match Review Panel when requested.
- b. The members of the Match Review Panel must not hold any other office with the OMFNL or any Club, nor have done so for a period of 12 months prior to their appointment. A person may not be both a member of the Tribunal and Match Review Panel. The identity of Match Review Panel Members will not be disclosed or publicised. A Match Review Panel Member must not be involved in a review if they have been involved in any way with one of the Clubs who participated in the match under review. "Involved in any way" includes as a player, office bearer or holder of any other official capacity with one of the Clubs who participated in the match under review during the preceding 3 years.
- c. Any participating Club or the umpiring body to whom the officiating match day umpires are Affiliated (**the umpiring body**) may request that any on-field incident with respect to which no AFL VC Notice of Report has been issued by the match day umpires (**the incident**) be reviewed by a Match Review Panel (**a review request**).
- d. The Match Review Form which identifies the incident must be completed and signed by:
 - i. the requesting Club's president and senior coach; or
 - ii. the Umpire Development Manager of the umpiring body and one of the officiating match day umpires.
- e. If the party submitting a review request has footage of the incident which they want considered or upon which they may later seek to rely then this must be submitted with the review request together with a statutory declaration to the effect that the footage has not been altered or edited. Failure to produce relevant footage at this stage may result in the Tribunal refusing to allow its admission as evidence at Tribunal proceedings arising out of the review request.
- f. The Match Review Form must be received by the OMFNL by 12.00noon on the Monday after the match with respect to which the review request is received unless otherwise determined in writing by the General Manager. If the Match Review Form is lodged by a club, a deposit of \$250 shall accompany the Match Review Form which shall be forfeited in whole or part in the event the Match Review Panel considers it frivolous.
- g. Upon receiving the review request the OMFNL will as soon as possible appoint a 3 member Match Review Panel who must complete the review by 12.00noon the third day after the match with respect to which the review request has been received unless otherwise determined in writing by the General Manager.

- h. Upon a review request being received the OMFNL will inform the two Clubs and the umpiring body that a review is being conducted. If any of the parties who did not submit the review request has footage of the incident which they want considered or upon which they may later seek to rely then this must be submitted to the OMFNL as soon as possible together with a statutory declaration to the effect that the footage has not been altered or edited. Failure to produce relevant footage at this stage may result in the Tribunal refusing to allow its admission as evidence at Tribunal proceedings arising out of the review request.
- i. If there is no footage of the incident the subject of the review request then the OMFNL will inform each Club and the umpiring body and advise them of the reason for there being no footage of the incident.
- j. If there is footage of the incident then the OMFNL will then provide the footage (consisting of both OMFNL official footage and any footage submitted by any party) to the Match Review Panel members as soon as possible. The Match Review Panel Members will then review the footage and determine if any AFL VC Rules have been breached. They may consider all possible breaches which are apparent from a consideration of the footage, not just those which may have been nominated by the review request.
- k. The Match Review Panel Members may meet to review the footage together or may do so independently. The Match Review Panel may regulate their proceedings as they see fit. Decisions will be made by majority vote.
- l. Upon the Match Review Panel making its decision the 2 Clubs and the Umpiring Body will be informed of the decision as soon as possible.
- m. If the Match Review Panel determines that there is no case to answer this does not affect rights to request an AFL VC Investigation.
- n. If the Match Review Panel determines that there is a case to answer then:
 - i. The General Manager may offer a set penalty under the guidelines of the AFL VC Report Form; or
 - ii. A report may be referred to the Tribunal for determination, in which case all parties will be provided with a completed report sheet.
- o. The Umpiring Body will provide an advocate to prosecute all reports referred to the OMFNL Tribunal for determination resulting from Match Review Panel reviews. Match Review Panels members will not attend and cannot be called as witnesses at Tribunal proceedings.

23. PROTESTS - DISPUTED MATCHES

- i. Protests involving disputed matches must be lodged in writing with the General Manager not later than seventy two (72) hours after the completion of the match to be disputed and must be forwarded to the opposing Club at the same time. The onus of proving lodgement within the time limit is on the disputing Club.
- ii. The disputing Club must deposit \$2,000.00 with the OMFNL at the time of lodging the protest.
- iii. The General Manager will review the grounds of protest:
 - A. If the protest is frivolous - it may be dismissed:
 - B. If the protest is irregular or involves the jurisdiction of the OMFNL Board - a meeting of the OMFNL Board will be called as soon as possible to consider the protest. The OMFNL Board may hear evidence. The OMFNL Board may in appropriate cases decline to make a determination and remit the protest to the Tribunal for determination.
 - C. Otherwise, the protest will be referred to the Tribunal for determination.

- iv. No protest may be withdrawn without the consent of the OMFNL.
- v. If the disputing Club does not have a determination made in its favour then the OMFNL Board may in its absolute discretion forfeit all or part of the moneys deposited by the disputing Club.
- vi. Either Club affected by the determination may appeal to the AFL VC.
- vii. In the event of evidence given in the appeal to the AFL VC being other than as given before the Tribunal or OMFNL Board then this evidence must be forwarded to the Secretary of the opposing Club and also to the OMFNL.

APPENDIX FOOTBALL SCHEDULE OF FINES

BYLAW	COMMENT	AMOUNT
3	Each incorrect item of playing uniform	\$50, maximum \$500
7	Failure to use OMFNL/AFL VC endorsed ball	\$100, maximum \$1000
7	Failure to meet OMFNL publication requirements	\$100
8 (c)	Failure to announce teams as required	\$100
8 (e)	Late changes to selected team	\$100
8 (f)	Selected players dropped from First Grade to lower grades	\$100
9(b)	Failure to complete team sheet correctly	\$100
10(d)8	Failure to correctly lodge match day documents	\$100
11	Failure to attend umpires rooms within designated time post match/ failure to receive "all clear"	\$100
12 (d)	Late start – start of match Late start – after half time	\$10 per minute \$5 per minute
16 (c) 19(g)	Approaches to umpires Use of abusive, threatening or insulting language	1 st offence - \$100 2 nd offence – 200 Subsequent offence - \$400
16 (d)	Public comment on umpires	\$250 - \$1000
16 (e)	Failure to escort umpires	Under 18's - \$20 Reserves - \$50 Seniors - \$100
16 (f)	Speaking to umpires during course of game	\$100
18 (d)	Failure of water carriers/runners and trainers to fulfill roles correctly	\$100
18 (f)	Failure to supply stretcher & Jordan frame	\$100
19 (e)	Public comment on Tribunal or OMFNL	\$250 – maximum \$1000
19 (i)	Guilty verdict at Tribunal	\$150

These fines are those which may be imposed by the General Manager or Operations Manager without seeking a determination from the OMFNL Board. In appropriate cases the General Manager or Operations Manager may refer the infringement to the OMFNL Board in circumstances where it is considered that the fine in the Schedule is not sufficient given the gravity of the infringement.



NETBALL COMPETITION BYLAWS

As voted at OMFNL SGM
8th December 2025

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1. DEFINITIONS

AFL means Australian Football League.

AFL Club means a body which participates in Australian Football.

AFL Laws of the Game means the laws of the game of Australian Football adopted by the Australian Football League as modified for the OMFNL.

AFL VC means Australian Football League Victoria Country.

AFL VC Code of Conduct means the code of conduct which sets the standard of behaviour of all participants and is implemented by OMFNL.

AFL VC Rules means the rules and regulations from time to time of the AFL Victoria Country.

NA means Netball Australia

Annual General Meeting means the Annual General Meeting held each year as required by the Corporations Act and the Articles

Articles means the OMFNL Articles of Association.

Away Game means a game which is played at a venue not designated as its home ground.

Away Team means a team which is playing on any ground not of its own.

Badged Umpires means an umpire who is accredited through the Netball Australia Umpire Accreditation System

Bylaws means these Bylaws of the OMFNL.

Chairperson means the person appointed pursuant to the Articles.

Club means the football and netball clubs of Albury, Corowa-Rutherglen, Lavington, Myrtleford, North Albury, Wangaratta, Wangaratta Rovers, Wodonga, Wodonga Raiders, Yarrawonga and if any of the Clubs do not presently manage and run both football and netball teams, then the football Clubs and netball Clubs of these localities, and such additional or other Clubs as may from time to time be granted the right to participate in the OMFNL.

Corporations Act means the Corporations Act 2001 as amended from time to time.

Delegates Meeting means the meetings held with the delegates who are the persons appointed by Clubs as their representatives pursuant to the Articles.

First Aid Statement of Attainment means a document which confirms the successful completion of a specific accredited training unit in first aid.

Foundation Accreditation means Netball Australia's introductory coaching level of accreditation.

General Manager means the General Manager of the OMFNL.

General Meeting means the general meeting or any special general meeting of the OMFNL.

Home and Away means the matches played between Clubs to determine those teams who are to play finals matches and decide the premier Team.

Home Game means a game played by a team at its designated home ground.

Home Team means a team which is playing on its own ground.

Match means a contest between two teams played according to the rules of the game.

NV means Netball Victoria

Netball Connect means the digital platform used by Netball Victoria and the OMFNL to manage registrations, competitions, and game day activities.

OMFNL means the Ovens and Murray Football Netball League.

OMFNL Board means the Board of Directors established pursuant to the Articles.

OMFNL Board Meeting means a meeting of the Board of Directors held

OMFNL Office means OMFNL House at 208 Fallon Street, North Albury

OMFNL Uniform Specifications Guidelines means the guidelines to determine consistency of uniforms

Operations Manager means the Operations Manager of the OMFNL.

Registered Training Organisation means an organisation that provides and assesses nationally recognised training in a particular sector.

Rules means the AFL VC Rules and World Netball Rules.

Schedule means the Schedule of Fines annexed to these Bylaws.

Team means the group of players competing against another group of players in a Match of Australian Football.

Team Manager/s means a person or persons appointed by a Club or Team to act as the primary point of contact and administrator for that team for the duration of the competition season.

Tribunal means the OMFNL Tribunal being a body established and constituted to hear and determine charges brought before it under these Rules.

Umpire means any of the court, field, boundary, goal and emergency Umpires officiating a Match.

Umpire match report means the umpire match report sheet as provided by the OMFNL

Umpire Panel means an independent group of netball umpires as administered by the OMFNL

World Netball Rules means the Rules of Netball as developed by World Netball

2. AFFILIATION

These Bylaws must be read in conjunction with:

- a. **Netball:** Netball Victoria Affiliation and Membership Policy and the World Netball Rules

In the event of any inconsistency between these Bylaws and the Rules, the provisions of the Rules will prevail. In this clause Rules also includes any frameworks or guidelines issued by NV from time to time which the OMFNL Board may adopt, discard or amend in part or in full, in its absolute discretion.

3. ADMISSION OF NETBALL TEAMS

- a. All clubs shall nominate at the Annual General Meeting teams in the following order: 1st - A Grade Female, 2nd - B Grade Female, 3rd - C Grade Female, 4th - 17 & Under Female, 5th - 15 & Under Female.
- b. Each club must field senior teams in the nominated order of grades for all home and away matches for the current season, and junior teams in the nominated order of grades for all home and away matches for the current season. 'Senior' teams include A Grade Female, B Grade Female, and C Grade Female; 'Junior' teams include 17 & Under Female, and 15 & Under Female.

4. REGISTRATION OF NETBALL PLAYERS AND COACHES

- a. The OMFNL shall keep record of all registered players and coaches.
- b. All players and coaches participating in OMFNL matches must be a registered member of Netball Victoria.
- c. All players and coaches participating in OMFNL matches must be a registered member of their club on Netball Connect.
- d. Each coach must have obtained at a minimum the Foundation Accreditation within two weeks prior to the commencement of the Home and Away season.
- e. Each club must pay the player registration fee prior to the commencement of the season.
- f. A player or coach registering after the commencement of the season must be registered through Netball Victoria and their affiliated club prior to participating.
- g. After the commencement of the season new players may be registered up until midnight on the 31 July in each year.
- h. Any player who has not registered by 31 July is ineligible to play finals.
- i. Should an unregistered player participate in any Home & Away or finals matches, the team for which they played shall lose four (4) premierships points. All players will be credited with having played the game except the unregistered player.

5. INTERNAL OMFNL CLEARANCES

- a. If a player should wish to apply for a clearance to another OMFNL club, that player shall submit a Clearance Application Form to the OMFNL.
- b. The player's existing club has seven (7) days from the date of lodgment to complete the clearance. Failure to complete the clearance within the required timeframe will result in automatic clearance to the new club.
- c. In the event that the existing club refuses to clear the player as indicated on the Clearance Application Form, the General Manager shall have the power to grant or refuse clearances according to the best interests of the OMFNL, the existing club and the new club. Other considerations will include outstanding fee, possession of uniform, equipment or club property.
- d. No clearances will be granted after midnight on the 30th of June.

6. SINGLE GAME VOUCHERS

- a. Single game vouchers may be used.
- b. Individuals must purchase a Single Game Voucher through Netball Connect
- c. A Single game voucher covers the player for insurance for one match per player for the date to which the single game voucher relates.
- d. A maximum of 4 four (4) vouchers can be issued per player in the current season. After the maximum number of Single Game Vouchers have been purchased a player will then be required to purchase full Netball Victoria membership if they participate in any further scheduled home and away or finals matches.
- e. Matches played using a Single Game Voucher do qualify towards a players finals eligibility.
- f. To be eligible for finals a player must adhere to bylaw 4(f) – 'After the commencement of the season new players may be registered up until midnight on the 31st of July in each year'.

7. NETBALL GAME ELIGIBILITY

- a. A player must play at least six (6) Home & Away rounds with a club to be eligible to play with that club in a finals match.
- b. A player who has played more than eight (8) matches throughout the season and finals in a higher grade shall not be permitted to play in a lower grade for the remainder of the season, including finals.
- c. A player shall not play more than six (6) quarters in the OMFNL competition in any one round. Six quarters may be played as follows:
 - i. A player may play **four quarters** across the grades as required. For example:
 1. One quarter in C Grade plus three quarters in B Grade; or
 2. One quarter in 17&U Grade plus one quarter in B Grade plus two quarters in A Grade.
 - ii. If a player is required to play **more than four** (4) quarters in one (1) round, that player **must play at least three (3) quarters in a lower grade** (in that round) before being eligible to play in a higher grade (in that round). For example:
 1. Three quarters in C Grade plus either two or three quarters in B Grade; or
 - 2.
 3. Four quarters in B Grade plus either one or two quarters in A Grade; **but not**
 4. Two quarters in 17&U Grade, two quarters in B Grade, two quarters in A Grade.

- iii. A detected breach of this rule will incur a fine of \$200.00 and a loss of four (4) premiership points to the grade where the infringement occurred.
- d. 15&U and 17&U players may play up 8 quarters per round but only within the 15&U and 17&U Grades. Should a player wish to play in a higher grade then the 6 quarter rule applies pursuant to clause 7(c).
- e. A player shall not be credited as having played a match unless they take the court.
- f. During finals, a 'round' is determined as being:
 - i. Qualifying final plus Elimination final; and
 - ii. Second Semi final plus First semi final.
- g. Qualifying conditions for playing in final series matches
 - i. For a player to be eligible to play in an A Grade Female Final, that player must be registered and have played at least six (6) rounds with that club.
 - ii. For a player to be eligible to play in B Grade Female Final, that player must be registered and have played at least six (6) rounds with that club and not more than eight (8) games in A Grade- Female competition.
 - iii. For a player to be eligible to play in C Grade Female Final, that player must be registered and have played at least six (6) rounds with that club and not more than eight (8) games in a higher grade.
 - iv. For a player to be eligible to play in 17 & Under Female Final, that player must be registered and have played at least six (6) rounds with that club and not more than eight (8) games in a higher grade.
 - v. For a player to be eligible to play in 15 & Under Female Final, that player must be registered and have played at least six (6) rounds with that club and not more than eight (8) games in a higher grade.

8. NETBALL RISK MANAGEMENT

- a. **Injury Reporting**
 - i. All clubs are responsible for recording all injuries on the OMFNL Umpire Match Report Sheet provided.
 - ii. The team manager of OMFNL representative teams is responsible for recording all injuries on the OMFNL Umpire Match Report Sheet provided.
- b. **Game Day Checklist**
 - i. A match day checklist will be completed prior to all OMFNL matches, programs and training.
 - ii. Any hazards identified will be:
 - 1. Documented.
 - 2. Rectified if possible.
 - 3. Reported to the appropriate agency (Local Council, Reserve Committee) if major repair is required.
- c. **Child Safety in Netball**
 - i. The OMFNL and clubs are responsible for the observance, promotion, enforcement and monitoring of the Child Safety in Netball Policy and Code of Conduct.
 - ii. The OMFNL and clubs are responsible for the management and administration of the

application of the Netball Victoria Working with Children Check Regulation.

- iii. The OMFNL and clubs are responsible for the management and administration of complying with the 11 Child Safe Standards.
- d. **First Aid**
 - i. All clubs will provide a First Aid Kit
 - ii. Each club will maintain the First Aid Kit and supplies.
 - iii. The Home Club will have a designated room or area for the treatment of injuries. The room or area should be always kept clean and accessible.
 - iv. The Home Club will ensure that a qualified First Aider is present at all competition / training. In this clause 'qualified' means a person who holds a nationally recognised First Aid Statement of Attainment issued by a Registered Training Organisation.
- e. **Emergency Procedures**
 - i. Emergency phone numbers – Ambulance, Police and Emergency Procedure Plan is to be displayed in the First Aid Kit.
- f. **Weather**
 - i. In the case of extreme weather conditions, the OMFNL shall refer to the Rules of Netball.
- g. **Smoke Free**
 - i. The OMFNL clubs will adopt a Smoke Free policy in conjunction with the relevant state recommendations.
- h. **Responsible Serving of Alcohol in Sporting Clubs**
 - i. The OMFNL clubs will adopt a Responsible Serving of Alcohol Policy
- j. **Concussion**
 - i. The OMFNL and clubs will follow the Netball Australia's Concussion protocol for best management, and follow medical advice as prescribed by a medical professional.

9. OMFNL AND CLUB LOGOS AND UNIFORM

- a. The OMFNL must approve all on court uniforms.
- b. Clubs must notify the OMFNL in writing of any proposed changes to their uniform. The OMFNL must approve all changes.
- c. Players will not be permitted to take to the court unless they are in full uniform.
- d. Players numbers must be positioned on the right-side panel at the bottom of a player's dress and must be a minimum eight (8) centimeters high.
- e. Clubs and suppliers to refer to OMFNL Uniform Specifications Guidelines for further clarity.

10. COMPETITION CONDITIONS

- a. In each grade, complete rounds of matches shall be played in accordance with the OMFNL fixture.
- b. Four (4) points shall be allocated to a winning team. Four (4) points shall be allocated to a team receiving a forfeit. Two (2) points shall be allocated for a draw. Two (2) points may be allocated for a match cancelled because of unusual or extreme circumstances. This decision shall be at the discretion of the OMFNL
- c. The OMFNL shall keep a weekly tally of all results for all grades.
- d. The OMFNL will determine the starting times, length of quarters and breaks, and order of matches prior to the commencement of the season. The duration of matches shall be:

- A. 15 & Under Female (4 x 15 minutes)
- B. 17 & Under Female (4x 15 minutes)
- C. C Grade Female (4 x 15 minutes)
- D. B Grade Female (4 x 15 minutes)
- E. A Grade Female (4 x 15 minutes)

The OMFNL will determine Grand Final starting times.

Requests for changes to match times and breaks must be submitted in writing to the OMFNL and approved by the OMFNL, with at least 30 days notice of the proposed date of the event.

- e. In the event of a team being more than 15 minutes late, the opposing team may claim the match. A score sheet must be completed and forwarded to the OMFNL. Only players of the non-offending team will be deemed to have participated in that match. The score sheet should include the non-offending team's players' names. These players will be acknowledged with a game for qualification purposes.
- f. Any Club being unable to field teams on any day shall notify the opposing club and the OMFNL by 8.00 a.m. on the day of the match. Only players of the non-forfeiting team will be deemed to have participated in that match. The score sheet should include the non-forfeiting team's players' names. These players will be acknowledged with a game for qualification purposes.
- g. Players may only participate in matches if they are wearing the correct uniform.
- h. In the event of two (2) or more forfeits in one grade, the Board has the right to re-grade teams from within that club.
- i. The playing rules shall be those of the World Netball Rules unless otherwise stated in these By-Laws.

11. INCOMPLETE MATCH

- a. If a Match is unable to commence or continue within the time scheduled for the Match for reasons beyond the control of either Team (including circumstances where it is unsafe for the Match to proceed) the following shall apply:
 - i. Match Not Commenced: The result of a Match which is unable to commence for reasons beyond the control of either Team shall be determined by the OMFNL.
 - ii. Prior to Half Time: If a Match has commenced but is not able to proceed at any time within the time scheduled for the Match, the Teams shall depart from the Court. If the Match is unable to recommence within a 30-minute period, the Match shall be deemed to be drawn and the scores of the Teams at the time the Match was interrupted shall be used in calculating the percentage of each team.
 - iii. Half Time & Beyond: If the Half Time interval has been reached and the Match is unable to proceed at any time within the time scheduled for the Match, the Teams shall leave the Court, or in the case of Half Time, not return to the Court. If the Match is unable to recommence within a 30-minute period, the scores of the Teams at the time the Match was interrupted shall be deemed to be the final scores of the Match. The Team with the highest score shall be deemed the winner of the Match and the scores shall be used in calculating the percentage of each Team.
 - iv. Match Not Able to Proceed: Unless otherwise determined by the OMFNL General

Manager, an Umpire shall, having regard to the health and safety of the players and any other relevant circumstances, determine whether a Match is unable to commence or proceed. An Umpire must determine that a Match is unable to commence or proceed for such time as lightning is present at or within the immediate proximity of the court where the Match is being conducted.

- v. Recommencing of Play: Where a Team is directed to recommence play by an Umpire and the Team fails, refuses or neglects to recommence play, the Team shall be deemed to have forfeited the Match.
- vi. The OMFNL may vary the length and scheduling of the intervals, to suit practical circumstances.

12. ROLLING SUBSTITUTIONS

- a. The rolling substitution stands at the designated area.
- b. Before leaving the designated area, the substitute tags (with hands) the player leaving the court.
- c. Only one (1) rolling substitution per team can be made at a time.
- d. Play is not to be held up for rolling substitutions. If play is delayed, the player will be penalized under Rule 19.2 Delaying play.
- e. Players must observe the offside rules as they enter/leave the court. Sanction: Free pass where the infringement occurred (offside area) unless this places the non-infringing team at a disadvantage, or advantage is applied.
- f. Players must not interfere with the umpire's movement during the substitution. Sanction: Free pass where the ball was when play was stopped (advantage may be applied).
- g. If a player leaves the court as a rolling substitution, and there is no player in the designated area, the replacement player is treated as a late player (as per Rule 3.8) and must wait until a break in play to enter the court.

3.8 Any late player may, after advising the umpire, take the court in the vacant position/s at the next break in play. Action: Any late player is sent from the court until the correct time for entry and possession is awarded to the opposing team where the ball was when play stopped. Terminology: Incorrect entry.

13. SCORING

- a. Each team must provide one (1) scorer.
- b. The home team must provide:
 - 1. a scoreboard and score board attendant for all matches.
 - 2. an OMFNL scorebook and required forms/paperwork as stipulated and provided by the OMFNL.
 - 3. a timekeeper, two (2) timeclocks, and one (1) siren/horn.
- c. The away team must provide a device with netball connect for live-scoring and position tracking.
- d. During the match the official scorers and timers must sit together and cross check scores. The home team scorer is to record on the scorebook and record injuries and conduct violations. The away team scorer is to record scores and position tracking on the provided device and position tracking sheet provided.

- e. The timekeeper will sound a siren/horn at the conclusion of each quarter. They are responsible for notifying the umpires when there are 30 seconds and 10 seconds remaining prior to the start of the game and each interval/stoppage.
- f. Club Official is to ensure all players are listed on the scoresheet and position tracking sheet prior to the start of the game, and that positions for each quarter have been accurately communicated to the scorers at each interval, not less than one minute prior to the commencement of the quarter
- g. The Home Club shall be the first named on the score sheet. The score sheet shall: list complete registered names (given and surname) of all players intending on taking the court, be signed by both captains, be signed by both umpires, be dated.
- h. Alterations can only be made to the score sheet immediately at the time the goal is scored, or if there is an error in the calculation of goals. No additional goals may be added or subtracted from the scoresheet.
- i. Names on the scoresheet must not be added after the commencement of play. Any players who take the court without having been named on the scoresheet and/or the position tracking sheet, must be removed immediately and cannot participate in the rest of the match.
- j. If there are differences in the final scores between the scorebook and live scoring device, the scorebook shall be regarded as the official result.
- k. All score sheets must be received by the OMFNL by 12.00noon on the Monday after the match unless otherwise determined in writing by the General Manager.
- l. The Home team shall have the responsibility for lodging score sheets and vote cards by the correct time. Late lodgment of a score sheet shall incur a fine of \$100 as per the 'Schedule of Fines'. A lost score sheet shall incur a fine of \$100 as per the 'Schedule of Fines' The OMFNL shall notify the pertinent club within one (1) week should an infringement relating to the lodgment of score sheets occur.

14. UMPIRES

- a. There shall be two (2) umpires who shall have control of the game and give decisions. They shall umpire according to the World Netball Rules.
- b. The OMFNL may elect to form an Umpires' Panel if it deems it necessary to administer umpiring within the OMFNL.
- c. Only registered umpires shall be allowed to umpire matches. New umpire registration is completed via Netball Connect. Umpires are required to be registered members of Netball Victoria.
- d. Umpires will be supplied by the OMFNL subject to availability. Clubs are required to supply an Umpire for 17 & Under Female matches and 15 & Under Female matches unless notified by the Umpires Coordinator.
- e. If the OMFNL can only appoint-one umpire, the home team shall supply the second umpire for that match. The cost of supplying an umpire for a match will be waived from the OMFNL match day fees to the agreed payment fee. The Home Club is required to pay any agreed umpiring fee on that day. If the OMFNL cannot appoint any umpires for a match, both clubs will supply one (1) umpire each for that match.
- f. No umpire shall umpire more than two (2) OMFNL matches on any given day, unless approved by the OMFNL.

15. COMPETITION COMPLAINTS / DISPUTES RESOLUTION

- a. All competition complaints must follow Netball Victoria's Competition Complaints Handling Regulations. The purpose of these regulations is to deal with offences which may arise in the conduct of netball tournaments, competitions, activities, and events through Netball Victoria.
- b. The OMFNL will adopt the process in dealing with a complaint or a report under the Regulations. Complaints should be submitted on the Netball Victoria prescribed forms and submitted to the OMFNL General Manager.

16. FINALS

a. Umpires

- i. The OMFNL shall appoint Badged Umpires for all finals and shall use best endeavours to ensure the Umpire is non-affiliated with either Club.
- ii. The OMFNL shall nominate official scorers, timekeepers and duty teams for the finals or may nominate clubs to undertake these activities.

b. Draws in final series matches

- i. At the end of play if both teams have the same score extra time of two five (5) minute halves will be played to determine the winner, the following applies.
- ii. Two-minute break will be held – teams may be coached, make changes and substitutions.
- iii. At 30 seconds to go teams will be called to the court – they will have changed ends. Centre pass is taken by the team entitled to the next centre pass. Play begins on the umpire's whistle.
- iv. After five (5) minutes, time will again be called.
- v. Teams will change ends, no time, no coaching, substitutions, or changes may be made, centre pass is taken by the team entitled to the next centre pass. Time restarts on the umpire's whistle when players are in position. A further five (5) minutes will be played.
- vi. If scores are equal at the end of the second five minutes, play continues until one team has a two-goal advantage.

NB Injury time will be umpired as usual as per the World Netball Rules

i.e., if the player for whom time has been called is involved in position changes or comes off the court, changes and substitutions may be made by that team. The other team may make any changes or substitutions when injury time is called.

17. REPRESENTATIVE TEAMS

- a. The OMFNL shall decide each year whether to select a representative side/s to play in any other pertinent matches.
- b. The OMFNL shall contact or appoint a Sub Committee to control:
 - A. Squad Selection
 - B. Player Selection
 - C. Coaching Appointments
 - D. Management Appointments
 - E. Representative team training
 - F. Any other officials as required
- c. Where a team or team's selection for a Home and Away competition match is affected by a player or players of official's requirement for OMFNL Representative duty, the OMFNL shall have the powers to redirect the date of play of the OMFNL match. The OMFNL will negotiate with the clubs involved to reach an agreement.

- d. Team Selection Panels:
 - i. A minimum of three (3) Selectors must be appointed for each team and shall be made up of the Team Coach and two (2) other selectors.
 - ii. Selectors may be appointed to more than one panel.

The Selectors decision shall be final.

- iii. If in any year a representative side is not selected, any member club of the OMFNL may apply to the OMFNL to represent the OMFNL. If the OMFNL deems that this club does not meet a required standard, then permission shall not be granted.
- iv. The OMFNL representative colours are black and gold

18. PROTESTS - DISPUTED MATCHES

- a. A team wishing to protest must:
 - A. Not sign the Official Scoresheet and notify the OMFNL of the intention to protest.
 - B. Lodge the protest in writing with the Operations Manager within 48 hours of the match being played.
- b. A club shall have a right of appeal to the OMFNL within 48 hours of notification of the penalty.
- c. The OMFNL will advise the result of the appeal and this decision shall be final.
- d. The OMFNL will impose the prescribed penalty or any other penalty to any member that fail to adhere to this By Law.
- e. Any member of a team or club who does not agree with a penalty or action of the OMFNL made under this By Law, may advise the OMFNL within 48 hours of the penalty or decision being made.
- f. The OMFNL may then:
 - A. Discuss the issue with the relevant team or club and decide regarding the matter. The OMFNL shall inform the party/ies involved of their decision either verbally or in writing; or
 - B. Have a formal meeting with the relevant party/ies to discuss and resolve the dispute.

The OMFNL's decision is final.

- g. Administrative disputes shall be lodged in writing in the first instance to the OMFNL within 48 hours of the matter arising.
- h. If the OMFNL is unable to resolve the matter it may elect to appoint a tribunal of three (3) independent persons for the purpose of resolution.
 - A. Tribunal members shall be notified within 24 hours of the General Manager receiving the dispute notice.
 - B. The tribunal meeting shall be held no later than four (4) days after the dispute notice.
 - C. Witnesses may be called to give supporting evidence.
 - D. All parties involved in the dispute shall be notified by the General Manager.
 - E. Disputing parties shall be heard separately.
 - F. Minutes of the tribunal meeting shall be kept by the General Manager.
 - G. Disputing parties shall be notified of the tribunal decision as soon as possible verbally and in writing.

APPENDIX: NETBALL SCHEDULE OF FINES

BYLAW	COMMENT	AMOUNT
7(c)	Playing an ineligible player	\$200 Loss of 4 premiership points
13(l)	Failure to correctly lodge match day documents	\$100

These fines are those which may be imposed by the General Manager or Operations Manager without seeking a determination from the OMFNL Board. In appropriate cases the General Manager or Operations Manager may refer the infringement to the OMFNL Board in circumstances where it is considered that the fine in the Schedule is not sufficient given the gravity of the infringement.



AREA AGREEMENT – Ovens & Murray FNL and District Leagues

This agreement is signed pursuant to the AFL Victoria Country Rules and Regulations pertaining to clearances and permits and in particular clause 2.10 whereby an interchange of players between Clubs of the above-mentioned Leagues may take place without clearance and is subject to any provisions contained within this agreement.

PROVIDED HOWEVER:

- (i) That this Agreement is in force for the current season only.
- (ii) That the player(s) concerned are acquainted with AFL VC regulations 2.1 and 2.5 regarding one day permits to Major Leagues and eight (8) matches.
- (iii) That prior to each match played, the player shall obtain permission to do so from his parent club. The permit shall be completed online via the “type 2” selection as required under Regulation 2.1 of the AFL VC Rules and Regulations.
- (iv) With the exception of players of junior age competitions, players of any club having a bye will not be allowed to play with another club on that day, unless he has previously played with that club in the current season under this agreement. The club playing the player from the other League shall show his registered club on the match team sheet. ***Players of third 18 teams of Senior Grade competitions are not to be classified as players of junior age competitions.***
- (v) That this agreement cannot be altered unless agreed to by the **AFLNEB Region Manager**.
- (vi) That in order for a player playing under such Area Permit to participate in a finals series in that season the player must have played a minimum of five (5) games in the team of the grade in which he has been selected to play in the finals and has met any additional league eligibility requirements.

LOCAL CONDITIONS:

Registered players must be given preference over any permit player.

Any player who has played District League Seniors shall not be eligible to play in any Junior League match on the same weekend.

No permits are issued for Junior Players to play Senior or Reserve grade.

Permit Purpose Statement

A permit request should only be approved providing that at least one of two purposes is achieved:

- a) A player is being permitted to a higher level of football being Junior or District player to a Major League in which case up to 22 players may appear on the team sheet or;
- b) To ensure a team achieves a maximum number of 20 players in which case, if using a permit player, no more than 20 players may appear on the team sheet.

1. Permit Conditions

The following Permit condition shall apply to all AFL North East Border League Agreements:

- 1.1 If a team has at least 1 permit player, they shall not be allowed to have more than 20 players on the team sheet
- 1.2 A maximum of 4 permit players shall be allowed on any one team sheet
- 1.3 A player may play a maximum of 10 permits in total, including finals, in any one season
- 1.4 Permits may be issued in more than 1 league but must not exceed 10 in total
- 1.5 Permits shall not be issued to any player after June 30th unless they have played on a eligible permit with that team prior to June 30th
- 1.6 Permit players shall only play in the one team on the one day
- 1.7 AFL Victoria Country and League finals eligibility criteria shall apply

2. INTERCHANGE OF PLAYERS

The following Permit condition shall specifically apply to Permits between the Ovens & Murray FNL and district leagues:

- 2.1 No permits issued for players who have played 3 or more Ovens & Murray FNL Senior matches in the previous or current season.
- 2.2 Albury Wodonga Junior Football League (AWJFL) and Wangaratta & District Junior Football League (WDJFL) - Any player who plays major league seniors or reserves shall be ineligible to play in any junior league match on the same weekend.

3. FINALS PERMITS & ELIGIBILITY

The following Permit condition shall specifically apply to Finals Permits between the Ovens & Murray FNL and district leagues.

- 3.1 Ovens & Murray FNL players are not permitted to play in Tallangatta & District FL finals.
- 3.2 Tallangatta & District FL, and Ovens & King players are permitted to play Ovens & Murray FNL finals provided the player must have played a minimum of 5 games in the team of the grade in which he has been selected to play and has met any additional league eligibility requirements.
- 3.3 Ovens & Murray FNL players are permitted to play in the Ovens & King finals provided that the players total number of permits for the current season does not exceed 10, including finals.
- 3.4 AWJFL and WDJFL players are permitted to play OMFNL U/18 Finals provided that the player must have played at least 5 H&A games in the team of the grade in which he has been selected to play finals and has met any additional league eligibility requirements.

4. REPORTED PLAYERS

A player playing on permit that is reported shall face the Tribunal of the League of which the offence was committed. Any penalty that is imposed shall apply in all competitions.

5. PERMIT BREACHES

Any breach of Permit arrangements and agreements will be referred to AFL Victoria Country Rule 1.3 – Penalty for playing ineligible or unregistered players.

6. SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES

Any clubs requesting special circumstance considerations must apply in writing to the AFLNEB Region Manager prior to June 30th annually.

This agreement has been agreed to by the relevant leagues and will remain valid unless revoked by the AFLNEB Region Manager.

No Area agreement is in place with the Hume Football League



SS&A OVENS & MURRAY FOOTBALL NETBALL LEAGUE **EQUALISATION GUIDELINES**

Aim:

- To provide football for grades other than the Senior grade, where insufficient numbers exist prior to a match commencing.

Spirit of the Policy:

- To have a game played.
- To maximise player involvement.

AFL Laws of the Game state:

- Minimum playing numbers on the field at any one time is 14 per team.
- Maximum playing numbers on the field at any one time is 18 per team.
- Clubs that agree to start a match with less than 18 on the field should have at least (1) player on the interchange.
- Maximum playing numbers per team is 22 for all grades.

Procedures:

NB: procedures are not in any specific order and are not required to be applied in total.

- Same playing numbers on the field at the beginning of the match per team.
- If one team has 18 players or fewer in total, then both teams must have the same number of players on the field, with a minimum of one interchange player.
- If playing numbers are reduced below 16 a side on the field, the match will be reduced in game time (4x15 min quarters – no time on).
- Field umpires in control of the match are to be made aware of the agreement between clubs on the day, and sign off acknowledging the agreement on the match report.
- Clubs are encouraged to liaise with each other with respect to team numbers should (1) or both teams have trouble fielding 18 players on the field.
- Excess players (above the agreed starting number) will form an extended interchange bench.
- Players may be loaned from the opposition team to even up numbers.
- On loan players must appear on the team sheet of the team they represent on the day and be indicated as “on loan players”/matchday permit players.
- Loaned players are unable to change team mid match.
- If a team is unable to field 14 players and is unable to borrow players from the opposition, the match is declared a forfeit, although a match is encouraged to take place with even numbers taking the field.
- Additional players above (22) can be provided for (extended interchange bench) only after agreement by both teams, Field Umpires and OMFNL Operations Manager.
- Once a game commences, if the number of either team is reduced below the minimum on-field number (14), due to injury or “order-off” rule, the game is to proceed.
- Equalisation Guidelines do not apply in finals.

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