

Competition Guidelines

Hervey Bay Netball Association Inc



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HBNA Policies and Guidelines – COMPETITION GUIDELINES

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Date Amended	Summary of Amendments
18 th November 2013	
28 th November 2016	
23 rd March 2017	Created 'Amendments' table and moved prior amendment information into table. Amended activity name for Net Set Go and minimum and maximum age ranges for Senior; Junior and Net Set Go (Set) participants – Sections 2(a); 2(f). Addition of sections 2(k) and 2(l).
23 rd April 2017	Amended activity name for Net Set Go and added requirement that player cannot have played in competitive divisions in section 2(l).
13 th June 2019	Amended age ranges for Net Set Go. Added detail regarding Grading to section 2(j) Added detail regarding 11 year olds playing in non-competitive in section 2(l) Amended specifications for deadline for setting season fees in section 3(a) Amended specifications for sign-on date in section 3(c) Amended specifications for late team nomination deadline in section 3(f) Amended specifications for team registration in sections 3(g) and 3(h) Moved refund information from Clause 3(i) to 3(l) Removed Clauses 3(k); 3(l); 3(m); 3(n); 3(p); 3(q); & 3(t) due to duplication Added new Clauses 3(k) and 3(l) Moved clauses in sections 3(o) up to replace removed clauses Removed clauses in sections 4(b); 4(f) & 4(h) due to duplication Moved clauses in sections 4(c) up to replace removed clauses Added detail regarding 'playing up' in Clause 2(b) Amended Clause 5(f) to remove reference to independent umpires being specified on the draw Amended Clause 5(r) to align with Complaint Management Policy Added detail regarding minimum on-court player requirements to Clause 6(c) Moved award information from Clause 6(p) to Clause 9(h)

	<p>Moved Clauses 6(q) up to replace removed clauses Added Clauses 6(r) & 6(s) related to rescheduling games due to Rep games Removed Clauses 7(g) & 7(h) Moved Clause 7(p) to 8(c) Amended title of Section 9 from 'Grand Finals' to 'Finals'</p>
24 th July 2019	<p>Added detail regarding grading of late player registrations in Clause 3(j) Added detail regarding Round Robin competition framework in Clause 6 Amended Clause 6(s) to remove reference of teams being re-graded beyond the conclusion of the grading period.</p>
22 nd October 2019	<p>Added detail regarding Wet Weather in Clause 6(v)</p>
9 th October 2021	<p>Replaced AANA with INF, added detail to the abbreviations in Clause 1. Added detail to the abbreviations in Clause 2(a) Removed Clause 2(b) Removed section relating to applications in Clause 2(f)</p>

1. The Rules of Play adopted by all members shall be those of International Netball Federation, here in after referred as INF. The Hervey Bay Netball Association Incorporated, here in after referred as HBNA, also provides the following rules for its competition.

2. **Grades, Divisions and Age Groups**

- (a) The competition is conducted as per the Guidelines set by HBNA Management, here in after referred as Management, at the first Management meeting following the Annual General Meeting with the following being provided as a guideline;
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| (i) | Net Set Go Net | 5yrs --6yrs skills program |
| (ii) | Net Set GO Set & GO | 7yrs - 10yrs (Non-competitive) |
| (iii) | Junior | 11yrs - 17yrs (Competition) |
| (iv) | Senior | 18yrs & over (Competition) |
- (b) A player's age on the 31st December in the current year will determine age group;
- (c) Juniors are players who must be seventeen (17) years or under on 31st December;
- (d) Seniors are players who are eighteen (18) years or over on 31st December;
- (e) Juniors turning 15 years and over in the current calendar year can be eligible to compete in a Senior Division. In each instance, a written application by the club must be submitted to HBNA;
- (f) All players up to the age of 18 must on request by the HBNA Records Officer produce a Birth Certificate, Extract or Passport as proof of date of birth;
- (h) When Clubs have more than one Team in the same Division they should grade their teams to an even and competitive standard;
- (i) On Grading day, players will be required to sign a Scoresheet and players will be allowed to move between teams and grades in a Club for the purposes of Grading. Such movements should only be made after approval from the Grading Committee;
- (j) The Grading and Fixtures Sub-Committee shall decide as to whether practical grading is necessary for all or any divisions. In the event that the first competition rounds are

utilised as grading rounds, all normal competition rules apply. The exception to this is that players who have been approved to by the Grading Sub-Committee to interchange between teams in the same division, these players shall be permitted to do so once approval from the Grading Sub-Committee has been granted.

- (k) For players aged 10 years as at 31st December of the playing year, and have been identified as having the ability to play in competitive netball, the ***Procedure for Grading Players Aged 10/11 Years*** should be followed. The grading committee must agree to each individual application of a 10 year old moving from non-competitive to competitive netball during grading rounds. If an application is made during the season, the grading committee must meet and observe the child prior to approval for permanent move to a competitive team.
- (l) For players aged 11 years as at 31st December of the playing year, and have been identified as not having the ability to play in competitive netball, the ***Procedure for Grading of Players Aged 10/11 Years*** should be followed.
 - (i) The player must be identified in the Team Nomination paperwork provided by the relevant club prior to the prescribed deadline
 - (ii) No application can be made after grading rounds, unless in the case of new registrations
 - (iii) The player cannot have played in competitive divisions in the current or previous seasons
 - (iv) The Grading Committee are not required to assess applications of 11 year old's to play in non-competitive divisions.

3. Rules Relating to Registrations & Fees

- (a) Fees shall be decided upon by Management as soon as possible, but no later than the 31st of December of the year before.
- (b) Fees for joining after halfway through any season shall be half the HBNA amount payable at the beginning of the season, plus the full applicable NQ capitation and insurance, which will not be discounted. A HBNA season is determined by the number of fixture rounds for each individual competition (not including Finals rounds);
- (c) All Registration fees will be due and payable by members by 5.00pm, one (1) month after HBNA sign on. HBNA sign on shall be set by Management with the date to be communicated to clubs no later than the 31st of December of the year before.
- (d) It is the responsibility of each Club to nominate with the Association by the designated date, the number of Teams participating in the competition together with the completed Team nomination form as per Clause 3 (g) of these Competition Guidelines;

Penalty for Non-Compliance - Inability for team to compete in that year of fixture Competition

- (e) The Association Records Officer shall advise the Association Secretary of the Club Name and the number of Teams Registered;
- (f) Late Team Registrations will not be accepted after the Team Nomination due date as designated from year to year, except for in the event of extenuating circumstances – requiring special approval from HBNA Management Committee;
- (g) All teams must have lodged with the Records Officer by the prescribed date, Team Registration paperwork, on which the following information must be provided:
 - (i) Grade in which team is to be nominated
 - (ii) Correct Team Name
 - (iii) Division/Grade of team from the previous year
 - (iv) Final position on the ladder of the team from the previous year
 - (v) A list of any players that are requesting to play outside of their age group (e.g. Junior Player wishing to play in Senior Competition)

- (h) All teams must have also been submitted and nominated via MyNetball by the prescribed date, in which the following must be adhered to:
 - (i) Team must be nominated in correct grade
 - (ii) Correct Team name must be entered
 - (iii) Team must consist of minimum 7 and maximum 12 registered players
 - (iv) All players must be registered in MyNetball with the appropriate club
- (i) Registration fees are not transferable
- (j) Late Registrations
 - (i) Late registrations relate to players registering to play after grading and shall be accepted by the Association from CLUB OFFICIALS ONLY.
 - (ii) Late registrations for competitive divisions must be submitted on the appropriate Late Registration Application form, and reviewed and approved by the Grading Committee before the player can join a team. Refer to the Grading Policy for guidelines on the review and approval process for late registrations.
 - (iii) A player registering to play after grading will not be permitted to play until their application has been reviewed to ensure they are being placed in the appropriate division. Clubs wishing to register a player after grading must provide a completed Late Registration Application form to the HBNA Secretary. This form will include:
 - (a) Personal details of the player
 - (b) Details of the team the player intends to join
 - (c) Details on what division and year the player last played
 - (iv) Applications for late registrations will be forwarded by the HBNA Secretary to the Grading Committee for review. The Grading Committee will notify the HBNA Secretary of the outcome of this review within 5 working days. Players cannot register or play until they have been notified by the HBNA Secretary that they have been approved.
 - (v) The Grading Committee may choose not to approve a late registration if they determine that the player is not being placed in the appropriate division for their skill and experience.
 - (vi) A player registering to play after grading may be required to trial before a selected panel of graders before clearance is approved by the Grading Sub-Committee.
 - (vii) The player must have registered with the respective club via MyNetball and paid the associated registration fee prior to taking the court
 - (viii) The respective club must ensure the player is registered in the appropriate team in MyNetball prior to taking the court
- (k) De-Registrations and Refunds
 - (i) Players who withdraw from the HBNA netball competition without participating in fixtures and/or training shall be actioned as a de-registration. Players who change clubs within the HBNA netball competition shall be actioned as a player transfer.
 - (ii) De-registrations shall be submitted by the club as per the process specified by Netball Queensland
 - (iii) Players who withdraw from HBNA netball competition after participating in fixtures and/or training are not eligible for de-registration or refund, and shall remain registered for the duration of the season
- (l) Player Transfers and Refunds
 - (i) Player transfers shall be processed as follows:
 - (a) Player shall notify in writing the original club of their intent to transfer to a different club (player must identify the new club)

- (b) Player must register with the new club prior to participating in fixtures for that club. As the player is already registered with HBNA, only the club portion will be charged for the new registration
- (c) The new club must notify in writing the Association Secretary to advise of the player transfer
- (ii) The original club shall be invoiced for the Netball Queensland and HBNA fees
- (iii) Players who transfer clubs will need to seek advice from the original club on whether they are eligible for refund of the club portion for their original registration. Refund will be determined by the refund policy of the club in question.
- (iv) One (1) transfer only per player shall be granted during any one season, unless in unforeseen circumstances, whence Management may be required to decide otherwise.
- (v) These processes shall apply irrespective of what point of the season the player transfer occurs
- (m) Divisions for all Players will be determined by the Grading Committee as per Clause 7.5 of the HBNA By-laws;
- (n) Affiliated members will have the right to play new members up to and including the last fixture match; such registrations to be finalized in accordance with Clause 3(j) of these Competition Guidelines;
Penalty for playing an unregistered player - Loss of two fixture points to the team that player played with;
- (o) With the exception of player transfers, players are not allowed to register in more than one (1) club in any one season without consent and approval of the Management Committee unless they are registered in a mixed team and they pay one NQ Insurance and Affiliation for that fixture season.
- (p) In the event of a Team or Club disbanding during the playing season, its members shall not be at liberty to play with any other Club without the consent of the Management, and any such transfer, if granted, must comply with the player transfer process.

4. Rules Relating to Players

- (a) No Player shall play in a lower grade than that in which the player is registered;
- (b) Players may play games in a higher grade than originally graded until they have played three (3) times above their grade. At such time, those players are automatically members of the team in the higher grade game they last played. No such player can then play below that grade during the remainder of that season. This applies to players who have played in competition rounds that also served as Grading Rounds.
Penalty for Non-Compliance - Loss of two points to the team the player INCORRECTLY played for;
- (c) In reference to 4(b) of these Competition Guidelines, games constitute fixtures and finals;
- (d) Junior Players are only permitted to play up one Junior Division higher than the Junior Division the player was originally graded to play;
- (e) In the instance of a Club not having consecutive Junior Divisions, a junior player of an appropriate development and playing ability is only permitted to play up a maximum of two Junior divisions;
Penalty for Non-Compliance - Loss of two points to the team the player INCORRECTLY played for;
- (f) Junior Players will be eligible to fill in for Senior Teams on the basis that the following conditions are adhered to:
 - (i) Only players in the top Junior Division will be eligible to fill in for Senior Divisions

- (ii) Junior Players can only fill in for Div 3 and Div 2 of the Senior Division – not Div 1
- (iii) The normal rules surround age etc apply
- (iv) Eligible players identified prior to season commencement must submit relevant paperwork (e.g. Application to Play Outside of Age Group) with the Team Nomination paperwork, meeting the same deadlines as the Team Nomination deadlines
- (v) Eligible players identified after season commencement must submit relevant paperwork at mid-way point of the season, when HBNA invites additional applications for Junior Players wishing to fill in for Senior Divisions
- (vi) New players (late registrations) can submit their paperwork to fill in for Senior Divisions at time of registration
- (vii) Requests for approval to fill in that do not meet the above conditions will not be approved

Penalty for Non-Compliance - Loss of two points to the team the player INCORRECTLY played for;

- (g) When a Club is fielding more than one team in any grade, players will only be permitted interchange in that same grade during Grading Games, if approval from the Grading Committee has been provided. Interchange is not permitted during any other fixture game;

Penalty for Non-Compliance - Loss of two points to the team player INCORRECTLY played for. Where both teams break the playing regulations, a loss of two points will be deducted from each team;

5. Rules Relating to Umpires/Officials

- (a) After commencement of game, umpires are not allowed to interchange, except in case of illness or injury;
- (b) The officials of the game shall be umpires, scorers and time-keepers. Both scorers and umpires shall sign the score sheet at the conclusion of the game;
- (c) Each team must supply at least two (2) umpires per team at time of registration who are appropriately qualified and prepared to umpire when called upon;
- (d) Each team will supply a responsible scorer for each fixture game. Scorers should stand together at the designated area of the court and can jointly carry out the responsibility of scoring;
- (e) The Team Scorer is to ensure all players have signed the score sheet prior to taking the court;
Penalty for Non-Compliance - Loss of two points to the team the player failed to sign
- (f) It will be the responsibility of the Umpiring Officer of each Club to make sure that a competent Umpire is available for all allocated matches;
- (g) The age limit to sit for an Umpire's Theory Examination will be that as stated by Netball Australia from time to time;
- (h) The training and helping of umpires is the obligation of each Club. Clubs conscientiously carrying out this duty will assist towards providing better games for all players;
- (i) If an Umpire cannot carry out the allocated match, it is the responsibility of the Club's Umpiring Officer to replace the Umpire with an Umpire of at least the same standard. Penalty will be in accordance with Clause 9.2 of the HBNA By-laws;
- (j) Umpires will be required to wear white clothing to distinguish themselves appropriately from players;
- (k) Umpires will be permitted to wear equivalent attire, as decided by Management from time to time;

- (l) All representative players MUST make themselves available for umpiring duties for their Club & the Association;
- (m) In order to qualify for a National Badge Test, candidates must obtain the required prerequisites required by Netball Australia from time to time.
- (n) HBNA Management can from time to time approve Grading of Umpires in accordance with Clause 6.6 and 7.3 of the HBNA By-laws;
- (o) Any umpire failing to acquire a pass in both written and practical test shall be required to submit to a further test. Should an umpire not obtain a pass in a reasonable time the Umpires' sub-Committee may request the club concerned to nominate other umpire;
- (p) In the event of other Associations calling upon the Association to supply graded umpires for their finals, premierships or carnivals, the policy of utilizing our own umpires in the first instance will prevail. Should Association umpires be available to other associations such umpires' expenses must be met by the association making the request;
- (q) Decisions made by the Umpires Committee testing candidates for Awards shall be final and no right of appeal shall apply.
- (r) Any person found guilty of disputing an umpire's decision shall be subject to the HBNA Complaint Management process should a complaint be lodged. Umpires or other persons may report in writing such persons to the Association Secretary

6. Rules Relating to Competition/Fixtures

- (a) The season fixtures for each competitive division shall be created as a round robin tournament, followed by 3 Finals rounds (refer to section 'Rules Relating to Finals' for more detail regarding Finals rounds).
- (b) The fixture draw for the round robin shall be created to ensure that each team is scheduled to play the other teams in their division equally.
- (c) In the event that the fixtures draw does not result in equal scheduling of games (such as in the case of excess rounds in the fixture, or teams moving between divisions as a result of the grading process), the fixture draw will be adjusted to ensure equal scheduling of games. In this event, the draw may be adjusted by either, or both, of the methods below:
 - (i) additional games shall be arranged to ensure each team is scheduled to play the other teams in their division equally
 - (ii) excess games that have been identified in the draw, beyond the required number of rounds needed to ensure each team is scheduled to play the other teams in their division equally, shall be played as 'not for points' games. Points will not be recorded against these games and they shall not count towards the final position of teams leading into the Finals rounds.
- (d) A team shall not commence a game, or continue play with fewer than five (5) players from the original, registered team;
- (e) A registered team may draw players from a lower grade as per Clause 4 of these Competition Guidelines: such players will be marked on the score sheet as per Clause 7 of these Competition Guidelines:
- (f) A team cannot take the court or continue to play unless five (5) of the registered players for that team are on the court at all times and Clause 4 of these Competition Guidelines are complied with. Players filling in from a lower division do not constitute a registered player for the team in question.
Penalty for Non-Compliance – Loss of two points OR instant forfeit to the team failing to keep 5 registered players on court;

- (g) Players referred to in 6(b) of these Competition Guidelines shall not take the court unless the registered team they are playing up for have at least five (5) players available to take the court and Clause 4(c, d & e) and Clause 6(c) of these Competition Guidelines are complied with;
Penalty for Non-Compliance - Competition points to date taken from the team OR Loss of two points OR instant forfeit to the team failing to keep five (5) registered players on the court
- (h) Injury time for the purposes of these Guidelines, will be played at the end of the final time period. No time break will be allowed for the taking of allotted injury time;
Blood policy will be in accordance with AANA rules;
- (i) There will be two (2) points awarded for a win, one (1) points for a draw, and zero (0) points for a forfeit;
- (j) Matches will be played on days or nights as set down by the Management Committee;
- (k) Positional patches must be worn by all players;
- (l) In the event of a team being late, five (5) minutes grace is allowed. The opposing captain with five (5) registered team members present may claim a forfeit five (5) minutes after the commencement signal;
- (m) If court and umpires are available and the opposing team has five (5) players then play must commence on time. A forfeit may be claimed if this team refuses to play.
(Exception being - if the late player is still umpiring another match);
- (n) In the event a Club Secretary advises the Records Officer in writing the intention of a team to forfeit a game within twenty four (24) hours prior to the commencement of fixtures for that day, then the Association will advise the opposing Club of the forfeit; The Association shall advise the team of the intended forfeit, and indicate on the score sheet a loss for the team advising the forfeit and a win for the opposing team. There shall not be a requirement for the teams claiming forfeits to sign the score sheet. If required, the opposing team may submit names of team members for purpose of registration; Once a forfeit has been advised in writing by a Club Secretary, a withdrawal of the forfeit cannot be overturned without the consent of the Association and the opposing team Coach.
- (o) A team receiving a win by forfeit claimed as per Clause 6 (i & j) of these Competition Guidelines shall be recorded as a game played providing teams receiving a win by forfeit on the day satisfy Clauses 7(c & d) of these Competition Guidelines. A team receiving a win by forfeit claimed as per Clause 6(k) must submit names of team members for purposes of registration if the players able to attend want/need to be recorded as a game played
- (p) In the event of a team forfeiting two matches, the Club will be required to show cause to the Association for such forfeitures;
Penalty for more than two forfeits by one team – loss of two points for each subsequent forfeit over two games.
- (q) In the event of team registering more than two forfeits, Management may allow special consideration to waive penalty as per Clause (6.j) of these Guidelines. Such consideration will only be accepted by Management in writing from the Club within forty-eight (48) hours of the applicable games;
- (r) Teams in each competitive division finishing on highest points at the end of the last fixture game shall be recognised as the Minor Premiers. In the event of a tie on points it will be decided on a percentage basis as per Clause 9.(b) of these Competition Guidelines.
- (s) The Grading Committee will grade teams at the commencement of the season over nominated grading rounds as set by the Management in accordance with Clause 7.5 of the By-Laws.

- (t) In the event that teams are impacted by HBNA Representative Players participating in HBNA sanctioned Representative netball games, HBNA Management will agree to rescheduling games on the following conditions:
 - (i) Club teams must have 3 or more players unable to play in the HBNA competition games due to Representative games
 - (ii) This clause relates only to players who are participating as HBNA Representative Players in HBNA sanctioned Representative games. Other representative or elite netball commitments (such as school-based or regional/state teams etc) do not meet the requirements for rescheduling games
 - (iii) The term Representative includes any variation of the competition, such as Queensland Premier League (QPL), as long as it meets the requirements specified in 6(s)(ii)
 - (iv) No finals rounds are eligible to be rescheduled under these conditions, only competition rounds are eligible to be rescheduled
 - (v) The HBNA Representative games must impact the normal competition rounds by any of the following circumstances:
 - (a) the Representative game and normal HBNA competition games occur on the same day
 - (b) the normal HBNA competition games occur on the day identified by the HBNA Rep Committee as a travel day related to the Representative games
- (u) Where a team requires a HBNA competition game to be rescheduled, as specified in clause 6(s), the following process shall apply:
 - (i) The club of the team who requires the game to be rescheduled shall contact HBNA Secretary as early in the season as possible and apply in writing to have the game rescheduled. The application must specify the following:
 - (a) The date of the impacted game
 - (b) The names of the HBNA Representative players that are unable to play in the HBNA competition games
 - (ii) Once HBNA Management have confirmed the request complies with the conditions specified in clause 6(s), they shall approve the request to reschedule the game, and notify both impacted clubs of the intent to reschedule the game
 - (iii) The impacted clubs shall attempt to negotiate a mutually suitable date and time to hold the rescheduled game
 - (iv) In the event that the impacted clubs cannot negotiate a mutually suitable date and time to hold the rescheduled game, HBNA Management will set the game as follows:
 - (a) Where HBNA Management have already set aside dates for rescheduled games in the season calendar, the first available date will be used
 - (b) Where no dates have been set aside in the season calendar for rescheduled games, or all dates referred to in clause 6(t)(iv)(a) have passed, the game shall be scheduled for the first available Sunday of the last 3 competition rounds of the season
- (v) In the event of Wet Weather, the following shall apply:
 - (i) Management will decide, where possible, one (1) hour before the first match of the day/night whether the courts are playable or not
 - (ii) Management personnel on duty shall notify all Management and Club Secretaries of discussions related to point (v)(i)
 - (iii) NO POINTS are given for matches cancelled due to rain prior to the commencement of fixtures

- (iv) Matches postponed because of wet weather will be played at the discretion of HBNA Management
- (v) Once play has commenced, HBNA Management will decide whether play will continue in the event of wet weather

7. Rules Relating to Score sheets

- (a) Score sheets must show all players intending to take the court for each fixture game. Such players' names must be completed in full on the score sheet PRIOR to commencement of the game;
- (b) When playing a player from a lower grade, the team name and grade must be noted on the Score sheet beside the player's name;
- (c) A team receiving a win by forfeit on the day shall complete, sign and return the Score sheet and Scoreboard to Control, except for forfeits claimed as per Clause 6(l, j, & k) of these Competition Guidelines;
- (d) Any team claiming a forfeit shall make certain the Score sheet is signed by both Umpires, except for forfeits claimed as per clauses Clause 6(l, j, & k) of these Competition Guidelines;
- (e) Score sheets shall be filled in with biro pen, not felt pen or pencil;
- (f) The Score sheet and Scoreboard shall remain at the court of play until after the game is completed and then returned to Control by the Captain of the winning team;
- (i) Where any doubt exists regarding the signatures, then the Records Officer shall refer the Score sheet concerned to the Management for decision.
Penalty for Non-Compliance - Failure of a Team member to sign the Score sheet correctly will result in the loss of two (2) points to the team the player played in;
- (j) The Score sheet shall readily indicate the correct scores and the only score recognised shall be that indicated in the Scores Total Section of the Score sheet;
- (k) Only scores recorded on the official Score sheet shall be accepted by the Records Officer;
- (l) The Score sheet shall be signed by Umpires, Scorers and Team Captains at the conclusion of the game;
- (m) The Captain of a team is responsible for signing the Score sheet as correct. If the Captain considers the Score sheet incorrect, the Captain shall sign it on the back and give reasons for not accepting the Score sheet as correct. The Captain should report to the Control so that they may investigate as they deem necessary;
- (n) Should the captain omit to sign the Score sheet, the team must accept without challenge the Score sheet as submitted;
- (o) An official of the winning team is responsible for returning the Score sheet to Control;

8. Rules Relating to Protests or Challenges

- (a) A team wishing to protest shall notify the opposing team captain of their intention to protest at the conclusion of the game;
- (b) All protests must be lodged in writing within twenty four (24) hours after the match to the Secretary for the Protest Committee's consideration. A fee as determined by the Management must be lodged with the protest;
- (c) When a Club considers it has been unjustly deprived of points from a match, a written request for the Management to review the decision must be made in writing to the Association Secretary within forty eight (48) hours of receipt of the notice advising the Club of the loss of competition points.

9. Rules Relating to Finals

- (a) At the conclusion of matches, semi-finals shall be played as follows:
- (i) Any team which finishes on top of the competition ladder at the conclusion of the minor rounds shall be the Minor Premiers in their respective grade;
 - (ii) The top four (4) teams on points shall play off in preliminary finals as follows:
 - No.1 team plays No.2 team
 - No.3 team plays No.4 teamThe loser of 1 and 2 plays the winner of 3 and 4. The winner of this game plays the winner of 1 and 2;
- (b) In the event of a tie of points, when any position has to be decided, the team with the highest percentage of goals shall be awarded the higher position by using the following formula:
- $$\frac{\text{Goals for} \times 100}{\text{Goals against} + 1 \text{ divided by number of games played}}$$
- A win by forfeit is not deemed as a game played. A loss by forfeit is deemed as a gamed played.
- (c) In semi-finals, preliminary finals and grand finals, if the score is even at full time the current AANA rules on tied games will apply;
- (d) A club who has a team in one grade and is short of a player, in a higher grade, may bring up a player from one of their lower teams provided she has played with her club three (3) times during the season.
- (e) There will be no right of challenge;
- (f) Timing and Scoring for Grand Finals:
- (i) Teams contesting finals are required to supply the following - Two (2) 'SCORERS', one (1) 'TIMEKEEPER' with one (1) 'HAND HELD STOPWATCH'.
 - (ii) Scorers & timekeepers must sit in the 'Designated Area' beside each other.
 - (iii) Stopwatches must be a 'Hand Held Stopwatch' not a 'Wristwatch or Mobile Phone'.
 - (iv) Each round will be started from Control by the Siren.
 - (v) The Game Timekeeper will be responsible for recording time for game stoppages as per current AANA rules. He/she will also be responsible for timekeeping of the remainder of that match and all intervals where appropriate;
 - (vi) Duration of games may vary as decided by Management and shall be consistent with game times played during over fixtures.
 - (vii) All rules relating to finals will be played under the current AANA rules;
- (g) To be eligible to play in a semi-final or a final match, a player must have played at least three (3) competition matches with that Club.
Penalty for Non-Compliance - Disqualification of team.
- (h) An award to be retained by each member of the winning team may be presented. A runners-up award may be presented to each member of the second team in each grade. A maximum of NINE (9) awards will be presented. HBNA will cover costs for up to twelve (12) players **IF** correctly registered with that particular team;