



Riverland Netball Association

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RIVERLAND NETBALL ASSOCIATION INC

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CONSTITUTION

1. NAME

The Association shall be called the “RIVERLAND NETBALL ASSOCIATION INCORPORATED” and shall not be dissolved or its name changed without the consent of not less than two thirds of the members present (who are entitled to vote) at a meeting specially called for that purpose.

2. OBJECTS

The objects of the Association are:

- 2.1 To promote and develop the game of netball.
- 2.2 To affiliate with Netball SA
- 2.3 To control, conduct, arrange and organize a netball competition in the Riverland area.
- 2.4 To govern, regulate, control, and promote the interests of women’s netball clubs and players in the Riverland area.
- 2.5 To invest and deal with the monies and/or property of the Association in such manner as from time to time may be determined by the Executive Committee for the time being.
- 2.6 To establish, maintain and control funds for the benefit of the sport of netball.
- 2.7 To do any other lawful things incidental or conducive to the foregoing objects.

3. MEMBERSHIP

The members of the Association shall be:

- 3.1 All officers of the Association.
- 3.2 The elected or appointed members of all committees of the Association.
- 3.3 Life Members.
- 3.4 All properly constituted Women’s Netball Clubs, whether senior or junior, in the Riverland area, shall be eligible for membership of the Association provided that :
 - 3.4.1 such application is approved by a vote of a majority of Association delegates.
 - 3.4.2 bound by the Constitution and By-laws.
 - 3.4.3 become liable for such subs, fees, levies as may be fixed by By-laws.

4. TERMINATION OF MEMBERSHIP

Membership of the Association may be terminated by either:

- 4.1 Resignation in writing or
- 4.2 Failure to nominate at least one team by the day prescribed in the By-laws of the Association.
- 4.3 Any club that desired to withdraw from the Association or whose membership shall be otherwise terminated shall be liable for all subs, levies and fees incurred up to the time of lodging its application in writing to withdraw.

5. OFFICE BEARERS

The office bearers shall be the Patron and the Executive Committee.

- 5.1 An executive committee shall be appointed at the Annual General Meeting and shall include President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Sponsorship Officer, Publicity Officer, Netball SA Council delegate, Registrar and Umpires Coordinator.
- 5.2 In the event of positions not being filled at AGM current office bearer will remain in the role. These positions will be filled after the AGM by Executive Committee and ratified at the next delegates meeting.
- 5.3 Under the banner of the Riverland Netball Association, a panel of three members be formed at the first delegates meeting of each season to govern issue's relating to umpires, rule clinics and finals. One member being the umpire co-ordinator, one member being part of the executive committee and one other affiliated person.

6. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The Executive Committee shall be formed from three clubs as prescribed in the rotation schedule (Rotation Schedule, see Bylaw 13), and each club will hold Executive Office for a term of two years on a rotational basis, so that a member or members of the immediate past Executive can support the incoming Executive members.

7. POWERS OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The Executive Committee shall have the following powers and authority:

- 7.1 The general management of the Association.
- 7.2 The control of the funds of the Association.
- 7.3 To call special and general meetings of the Association.
- 7.4 To appoint any sub-committee and chairman thereof for any purpose they may deem desirable; all such appointments to be revoked at the Executive Committee's discretion.
- 7.5 To fill any casual vacancy of any office bearers.
- 7.6 To set any penalty for any misdemeanours not covered by any other constitution rule or by-law.

8. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

The Executive Committee shall:

- 8.1 Meet at such times and at such places as shall be prescribed and may exercise all such powers that are not met by the regulations required to be exercised at General Meetings.
- 8.2 Quorum to consist of President or Vice President and 3 other executive members.

9. PRESIDENT

The President shall:

- 9.1 Preside at all committee and General Meetings when present and shall have a casting vote in all matters.
- 9.2 She/he may also attend all sub-committee meetings.
- 9.3 The President in conjunction with the Secretary shall be empowered to conduct necessary business of an urgent nature.
- 9.4 Annual honorarium to be paid to the President to be reviewed at the beginning of each season.

10. SECRETARY

The Secretary shall:

- 10.1 Keep minutes of all General Meetings in a bound book with numbered pages and indexed, conduct correspondence under the direction of the Executive Committee.
- 10.2 Shall receive the contributions of the clubs and other monies due to the Association in accordance with the manner provided by the Rules and By-laws.
- 10.3 The Secretary may act as delegate for her/his club.
- 10.4 Common Seal is to be held by Association Secretary.
- 10.5 Annual honorarium to be paid to the secretary to be reviewed at the beginning of each season.

11. TREASURER

The Treasurer shall:

- 11.1 Keep correct accounts of income and expenditure.
- 11.2 Pay all monies into a bank account in the Association name. Ensure that all monies for disbursements shall be paid by cheque bearing the signature of at least two of the President, Secretary or Treasurer of the Executive Committee, or by EFT processes.
- 11.3 Present current financial statements to each general delegates meeting.
- 11.4 Prepare and present a balance sheet and audited financial statement to the Annual General Meeting and in general perform functions usually pertaining to this office.
- 11.5 The treasurer may act as a delegate for her/his club.
- 11.6 Annual honorarium to be paid to the treasurer and reviewed at the beginning of each season.

12. VICE PRESIDENT

The Vice President shall:

- 12.1 Provide such assistance as may be required to the President.
- 12.2 In absence of the President at meetings, the Vice President shall carry out the duties of the President and assistance with the Committee.

13. REGISTRAR

The Registrar shall:

- 13.1 Receive and record names and addresses of all players registered with the association member clubs.
- 13.2 For Netball SA registration purposes record date of birth for all underage players regardless of grade played.
- 13.3 Receive game score sheets and maintain and updated competition premiership points tables and present to local print media monthly.
- 13.4 Notify clubs of any penalties incurred.
- 13.5 Supervise counting for Best and Fairest votes and perform similar functions as may be determined by the Executive Committee.
- 13.6 Registrar to supply a list and notify clubs of provisional players/new affiliated players (5 games played), two weeks before finals.
- 13.7 Annual honorarium to be paid to the Registrar and reviewed at the beginning of each season.
- 13.8 After each round the Registrar is to follow up missing information from clubs to ensure Best & Fairest votes are recorded.

14. ADDITIONAL EXECUTIVE POSITIONS

- 14.1 SPONSORSHIP OFFICER - See separate Role Statement
- 14.2 NETBALL SA COUNCIL DELEGATE - See separate Role Statement
- 14.3 PUBLICITY OFFICER - See separate Role Statement
- 14.4 UMPIRE'S COORDINATOR - See separate Role Statement

15. DELEGATES

- 15.1 Each club with more than 3 teams must have two delegates to represent and vote on its behalf at any general meeting.
- 15.2 Any club entering 3 or less teams in the competition must have 1 delegate at each general meeting.
- 15.3 A club shall be fined for non-attendance of each delegate.
- 15.4 No apology for non-attendance of Delegates shall be accepted.
- 15.5 A Delegate's club and name of Delegates shall be entered into an attendance book at each meeting.
- 15.6 A Sponsorship Officer, a Publicity Officer, a Netball SA Council delegate, and Umpire's Coordinator shall be classed as RNA delegates.
- 15.7 Sub Committees - each year sub committees are to be appointed for the following Country Championship comprising of a Country Championship Manager, Property Officer and 3 Committee members.

16. NOTICE OF MEETING

Notice of time and place of all Annual, General and Special Meetings shall be given in writing to:

- 16.1 All officers of the Association.
- 16.2 Each Club Secretary.
- 16.3 To all members not members of clubs
- 16.4 To the Secretary of any affiliated Association.

17. ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Annual General Meeting shall be held not later than the 30th of November and shall be called by Public Notice and by circular address to all members and other persons or bodies designated in clause 15 hereof. Such notice for Annual General Meetings, including any proposed constitution or by-law changes, shall be given not less than three weeks, and not more than 5 weeks prior to the date of the meeting. The Annual General Meeting shall be chaired by the retiring President or retiring Vice President and the order of business shall be:

- 17.1 Reading and submission of minutes of previous Annual General Meeting.
- 17.2 Consideration of President, Treasurer, Netball SA Council Delegate Sponsorship Officer, Publicity Officer, and Umpires Coordinator reports for the year of review.
- 17.3 Election of officers for the ensuing year.
- 17.4 Consideration of any matters of any broad policy which may be permitted by the President.

18. GENERAL MEETINGS

- 18.1 Notice of all General Meetings must be given in writing; letter dated not less than ten days prior to date of meeting.
- 18.2 The notice shall include minutes of previous meeting and agenda for meeting.
- 18.3 Meetings shall be held at a central location.

19. SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING

A special General Meeting shall be called:

- 19.1 At the discretion of the Executive Committee.
- 19.2 On receipt by the Secretary of requisition, stating the objects of the meeting and any other business, signed by two clubs. No other business shall be dealt with.
- 19.3 The Secretary shall advise members by written notice of the time and date of the meeting, which shall be called within seven days of receiving a requisition of such meeting and not less than eight days prior to meeting. To ensure notification of the meeting, Club Secretaries will be contacted as soon as possible.

20. VOTING AT MEETINGS

- 20.1 At all Annual, General and Special Meetings of the Association each delegate shall have one vote.
- 20.2 Voting at all meetings shall be by show of hands, unless at least two of the clubs entitled to vote demand a ballot, whereupon a ballot shall be taken.
- 20.3 For the purpose of voting, Netball SA Council delegate, Sponsorship Officer, Publicity Officer and Umpire's Coordinator shall be classed as delegates.

21. QUORUM

The Quorum for all meetings of the Association shall be not less than one over half of the total number of member clubs.

22. AUDITOR

At every Annual General Meeting the members shall elect one Auditor whose duties shall be to audit and determine the books and records of the association at least once a year and submit a report at the following Annual General Meeting.

23. FEES AND SUBSCRIPTIONS

Fees, levies, subscriptions, and other payments to be made by clubs and/or members shall be:

- 23.1 Players to register using Netball SA preferred platform and registration fees paid prior to the players first match.
- 23.2 Special levy for specific purpose to be fixed by Association delegates when necessary.
- 23.3 Any outstanding fees or fines owed by a club must be paid prior to the finals.
- 23.4 Any outstanding fees or fines by a player must be paid prior to the finals or they are ineligible to play.
- 23.5 All fees and subscriptions will be set at the first general meeting of the year.
- 23.6 Each player is only required to pay the Netball SA Levy and insurance component once a year, regardless of how many divisions they participate in.
- 23.7 Single game players must purchase a single game voucher before playing; this covers them for insurance purposes. A voucher is valid for one game only and more must be purchased for each game played. Voucher must be sent in with game score sheet.
- 23.8 A player who plays more than 4 games must pay full registration fee.

24. REPORTING A PLAYER

- 24.1 An umpire must report a player when the player's actions warrant the use of suspension or ordering off rule.
- 24.2 When a player is reported the umpire shall inform the captain and player(s) concerned and record the report on the score sheet. Also, lodge details of the report to the Association Secretary before Wednesday following the match.
- 24.3 The Association Secretary shall immediately call a meeting of the Executive to hear and determine the report.
- 24.4 The Executive shall meet no later than the Thursday following the match in which the report occurred.
- 24.5 If the Executive is unable to reach a decision regarding the report, the matter will be dealt with by the Disputes Committee.

25. DISPUTES COMMITTEE

- 25.1 All protests by a Club or person concerned must be lodged to the Association Secretary by phone within twenty-four hours of the incident. A written statement giving reasons for the protest must be forwarded to the Association Secretary in the first mail after the conclusion of play.
- 25.2 On receiving the protest, the Executive committee shall decide if the protest can be handled by the Executive. If a decision cannot be reached a Disputes Tribunal will be held. All appropriate information to be handed to the Tribunal.
- 25.3 The Disputes Committee shall consist of three members in no way affiliated with the Riverland Netball Association.
- 25.4 R.N.A. or the Disputes Tribunal has the right to request any person or club representative to attend a hearing.
- 25.5 Any protest must be accompanied by a fee, the amount of which is to be decided at the first meeting of the season. If the complaint is not upheld, the fee is forfeited.
- 25.6 The Tribunal has the power to reprimand or suspend a player (refer to Netball SA Constitution).
- 25.7 If a player is found guilty by the Tribunal they shall be deemed ineligible for any Association Best and Fairest Awards for that season. The Registrar shall be notified.
- 25.8 Any club, team or person not satisfied with such a decision has a right to appeal to the Executive Committee of the Netball SA through the Riverland Netball Association.
- 25.9 All findings of the Disputes Committee shall be recorded.

26. ACCIDENTS

The Association shall not be liable in any manner whatsoever for any injury or damage suffered by any player, umpire or member of the Association arising out of any activity conducted by the Association.

27. LIFE MEMBERSHIP

Nomination for life membership must be submitted to RNA for approval by July each year. This must be accompanied by detailed evidence of outstanding voluntary service supporting the nomination. Nominations for life membership shall be considered for recommendation or rejection by RNA executive. Life members shall be issued whenever practicable, a suitable badge or medallion and their names shall be printed in the Association programme of matches.

28. INTERPRETATION OF CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS

If any matter shall arise for which the Constitution and By-laws do not provide, or if there be doubt as to the interpretation thereof, the Executive shall have the final and conclusive right to determine the matter, and reaching such determination, shall have regard to the Constitution and Rules of the Netball SA as a guide and any such determination of the committee shall be conclusive and binding upon all members.

29. BY-LAWS

Delegates of the Association shall have the power to make such by-laws as it may deem desirable for carrying out the objectives of the Association. To vary or rescind such by-laws, the following procedure must be adhered to:

- 29.1 A by-law may only be altered once during the playing season at a Special General Meeting called for that purpose.
- 29.2 At the Annual General Meeting, provided that the notice of meeting gives notice of the proposed alterations, repeals or additions.

30. ALTERATION OF CONSTITUTION

No alteration, repeal or addition to this constitution shall be made except:

- 30.1 At a Special General Meeting called specially for that purpose. Notice of any proposal to alter or rescind any rule of the Association shall be given to the Secretary no later than fourteen days prior to the meeting and not less than seven days' notice of such a proposal shall be given to members.
- 30.2 At the Annual General Meeting, provided that the notice of meeting gives notice of the proposed alteration, repeal or addition.
- 30.3 No such alteration, repeal or addition shall be effective unless it is carried by a majority of two thirds of the members present and entitled to vote.

31. LIABILITY AND INDEMNITY

- 31.1 No member shall be personally liable to contribute to the discharge of any debts or liabilities of the Association upon dissolution.
- 31.2 Any person who with authority and in good faith enters into contract on behalf of the Association shall be indemnified by the Association against any liability thereunder save and except where such liability would otherwise by law attach to that member in respect of any negligence, default breach of duty or trust of which that member may be guilty in relation to the Association.
- 31.3 Any officer or auditor of the Association shall be indemnified against any liability incurred by her or him in defending any proceedings whether civil or criminal in which judgement is given in her or his favour or in which she or he is acquitted.

32. INCORPORATION

Powers of an incorporated Association. This association operates under the powers of an incorporated association, as stated in Section 25 of the Associations Incorporated Act of 1985.

33. PUBLIC OFFICER

Each year Riverland Netball Association must appoint a Public Officer at the Annual General Meeting and advise the Public Officer of their role.

BY-LAWS

1. BY-LAW - AFFILIATION

- 1.1 At the first meeting of the season clubs must be notified of the date by which the following information is required:
 - 1.1.1 The names, addresses and phone/fax/email numbers of Club secretaries and contact people for match times.
 - 1.1.2 The number of teams each club desired to enter in the Association. All clubs shall notify the Secretary of the Association of any change in the Club Secretary.
- 1.2 Association shall before the 30th of October each year, make application to affiliate with Netball SA. The Constitution and By-laws of Netball SA shall govern all matters not dealt with by Riverland Netball Association Constitution By-laws.
 - 1.2.1 Clubs seeking information from Netball SA must in the first instance, go through RNA and Netball SA council delegate.
 - 1.2.2 No correspondence will be addressed by RNA unless endorsed by their club management.

2. BY-LAW - REGISTRATION

- 2.1 The secretary of each affiliated club shall pay to the secretary all registration fees, preceding the third match of the season.
- 2.2 All players must be listed on the score sheet. A player taking the court is deemed to be registered unless they are using a Single Game Voucher (see 2.5). Junior players must give a date of birth at the time of their first game. If no date of birth for Junior players given they are deemed to be Senior.
- 2.3 RNA will use Netball SA rules regarding date of birth to qualify for underage competitions being 17 and Under, 15 and Under, 13 and Under and 11 and Under. This shall be taken as at 31st December in the year of competition.
- 2.4 Single game vouchers assist players who play only one or two games per netball season. This voucher must be purchased from her club before each game played. This voucher does not register the player but covers them for insurance purposes only and must be attached to the score sheet and sent to the Registrar. Senior and Junior players can play up to 4 matches then full fee applies. Cost of voucher is non-refundable

- 2.5 if player does not take the court in that game. Cost of voucher cannot be used as part payment for full membership.
- 2.6 Once a player plays her 5th game, she will be required to pay full registration fees.
- 2.7 Insurance - Write all injuries on score sheet and contact Secretary for claim form if needed. Any person claiming insurance must see a medical practitioner first for the injury, before required treatment or outcome of the injury.

3. BY-LAW - GRADING OF PLAYERS

- 3.1 No senior player shall play for two teams in the same round (including any postponed match). Penalty – Loss of points to second infringing team. In the event of a loss a fine will be incurred.
- 3.2 Any player, who has not played five matches for the one club in the year prior to the semi final, shall not be eligible to play in final games. Should an unqualified player play in any final, the match will automatically be awarded to the non-offending team.
- 3.3 Any junior player may play 2 games in one round, one in their aged division and the other in either A1 or A2 for their respective club.
- 3.4 All players must play three of their last five matches in the one grade to qualify to play finals in that grade, but a player may be replaced by a player from a lower grade at the discretion of her club.
- 3.5 A registered player, playing 5 games, but not 3 of her last five games in any one grade, is eligible to play in her highest grade played, or higher, in the finals.
- 3.6 After her fifth game of the season, a player may not play in a grade lower than her last registered game when her team has a bye unless she has stood down the match previous. This does not apply to players referred to in 3.3. Penalty: In the event of winning, premiership points shall be forfeited. In the event of a loss a fine will be incurred. Scores remain the same.
- 3.7 Teams not scheduled an extra round of games are classified as having a bye in that round.

4. BY-LAW - TEAMS IN THE SAME GRADE

- 4.1 A club, which has two teams in the one grade, must after five matches, declare five players for each team. Penalty: Fine and loss of points to winner, fine to loser.
 - 4.1.1 The original 5 named players remain the five named players for the season.
- 4.2 A club, which has two teams in the one grade, cannot exchange any of the five declared players between these teams.
 - 4.2.1 Penalty: In the event of winning, premiership points shall be forfeited. In the event of a loss a fine will be incurred. Scores remain the same.

5. BY-LAW - PREMIERSHIP COMPETITION

- 5.1 A programme of matches in each grade shall be drawn up by RNA Executive.
 - 5.1.1 All senior and age grades will endeavour to consist of a minimum of six (6) teams, preferably eight (8), with the top grades being filled first.
 - 5.1.2 A team shall receive two points for a win and one point for a draw.
 - 5.1.3 If any match is forfeited, the team receiving the forfeit must submit a score sheet with a list of players who would have played and the score sheet will be accepted for the purpose of registration of players and receive points.
 - 5.1.4 In the case of a game being forfeited, the team receiving the forfeit shall be credited with two premiership points and a score of 40-0 for percentage.
 - 5.1.5 If, at the conclusion of the minor round, any two clubs have obtained an even number of points, the position of such clubs shall be determined by a percentage of goals thrown for and against.
 - 5.1.6 Any team making their third forfeit shall be deemed as having retired from the competition. All premiership points and percentage scored for and against, that team shall be deleted and the premiership table adjusted accordingly. Any of the 5 original named players are then considered not named.
 - 5.1.7 If a 3rd forfeit occurs within the last 3 games of the season, teams will not be deleted and points will be accredited as above, to the opposing team. Players will remain named.

- 5.1.8 A team intending to forfeit a match must notify opposing team by 7:00pm on the night prior to the match. Failure to do so will result in a fine (set at the first meeting) to be paid before the next scheduled match.
- 5.1.9 Where grades are combined at the beginning of a season and subsequently split after a full round, a team's points and percentage will carry over once the re-configured draw commences.
- 5.2 A club entering two teams in the same grade shall distinguish each team by colours.
- 5.3 There shall be one official score sheet and two scorers at each match. The home team provides the official score sheet.
- 5.4 Drawn matches - the home team to send the score sheet and Best & Fairest envelope into the Registrar.

6. BY-LAW - MATCHES

- 6.1 Matches to be played on court of first named club. Matches programmed Saturday must be played when scheduled unless changes have been ratified by the RNA Executive. Fine for breach of this \$50.00 to Home Team.
- 6.2 At the discretion of the Executive, and with both clubs agreeable, matches other than programmed stadium fixtures, may be completed during the week of the scheduled round. Score sheets should include the scheduled date and that actual date played and be forwarded to the Registrar within the normal time frame (see 6.6)
- 6.3 All matches to commence at the time specified on programme unless an alternative time is negotiated. For Saturday matches this is to be finalised by 12:00 pm on Wednesday prior to the match.
- 6.4 In the event of a draw the home team is to send the score sheet and the best and fairest envelope to RNA by Friday afternoon following the match. Penalty for non-observance – loss of points.
- 6.5 Up to 20 minutes grace shall be allowed for players delayed due to umpiring commitments.
- 6.6 The winning team shall ensure that the score sheet and one Best and Fairest envelope are in RNA's possession by Friday afternoon following the match. Late score sheets will only be accepted if postmarked Wednesday following the match. Penalty for non-observance - loss of points.

- 6.7 If any team is prevented from playing or completing a match on the date set out in the programme, because of weather conditions, the match shall be played at first opportunity convenient to both teams. If teams cannot agree on a date, the Executive shall fix a date.
- 6.8 Clubs with 2 teams in the one grade may play each other prior to the scheduled match.
- 6.9 Once a team signs a score sheet no dispute can be lodged by that team on that match.
- 6.10 It is part of the Scorer's duty to print Umpire's names on the score sheet prior to commencement of the game.
- 6.11 A team official shall write all the players' names (up to 12) on to the score sheet prior to commencement of the game. Failure to do this results in loss of points to winning team, or fine of \$50.00 to losing team.
- 6.12 At the completion of the match a team official must delete names of players who do not take the court. Score sheets must be signed by captain. A fine of \$20.00 will be imposed to each team that do not comply with this By Law.
- 6.13 It is the responsibility of a Team Official to notify the Scorers if substitutions and/or team changes are made.
- 6.14 When a club chooses to schedule a match in a stadium, all responsibility relating to stadium bookings, including payment, lies with the club.

7. BY-LAW - FINALS

- 7.1 Finals shall be played at a venue to be decided annually. All clubs wishing to host finals must accommodate umpires to an inside area.
- 7.2 At the conclusion of minor round, the four top teams in each grade shall constitute the final four.
- 7.3 The finals will be played over three weeks.
- 7.4 A1 & A2 Semi-finals - shall be played on the first Friday following the minor round in accordance of the order with By-Laws 7.5 & 7.6
- 7.5 Second Semi-final 1st v 2nd - to be played on the first Saturday following the minor round.
- 7.6 First Semi-final 3rd v 4th - to be played on the first Sunday following the minor round.
- 7.7 Preliminary Final - the winner of the first semi-final vs loser of the second semi-final

- 7.8 Grand Final - the winner of the second semi-final vs winner of the preliminary final.
- 7.8.1 In the event of changed time for matches, club secretaries must be notified prior to the match.
 - 7.8.2 There shall be an adult scorer from each club involved in the match. There will be one official score sheet. The first named team will record on the official score sheet provided by the Executive. There shall be a timekeeper aged 16 and above from each club involved in the match.
 - 7.8.3 Scorers and timekeepers are to sit together at the official bench. Umpires must ensure timekeepers are aware of their responsibilities prior to the commencement of the game.
 - 7.8.4 Non-attendance at RNA finals duties will incur a fine, per offence, to be set at first meeting.
 - 7.8.5 A player having to go up for finals from a lower grade, is eligible to go down to her original grade after one final.
- 7.9 Where an aged player qualifies for both her aged division and A1 or A2 grade finals, she is deemed eligible to play where possible finals in both grades.
- 7.10 Each final constitutes a separate round.
- 7.11 An entry fee to all finals will apply for players, coaches and spectators.
- 7.12 Gatekeepers for all finals games must be aged 16 years and over. Fines will be imposed for non-compliance, at the discretion of the Executive Committee.

8. BY-LAW - DRAWN FINAL MATCHES

- 8.1 In case of a draw there shall be a two (2) minute interval at the end of full time.
- 8.2 Extra time shall consist of two (2) halves of seven minutes (7) each with an interval of one (1) minute at half time. Teams shall change ends at half time. The centre pass is taken by the team entitled to the next centre pass.
- 8.3 During both these intervals, substitutions and /or team changes may be made.
- 8.4 During extra time normal injury or illness procedures shall apply.
- 8.5 In the event of a draw remaining at the end of extra time, a visual signal shall be used to indicate that play shall continue until one team has a two (2) goal advantage.

9. BY-LAW - CLEARANCES

- 9.1 RNA may not prevent a player from playing for whatever club, in whatever competition she freely selects, except:
- 9.1.1 A player playing for any particular club, in any playing season, cannot be cleared to any other club within the Association, unless under extreme circumstances, when she may apply in writing for an Executive decision.
 - 9.1.2 An unfinancial player may be held by her club until all money owed by the player has been paid.

10. BY-LAW - UNIFORMS AND COLOURS

- 10.1 Association colours shall be Blue, White and Red.
- 10.2 Each club shall nominate their colours which shall be on the registration form at the beginning of each season.
- 10.3 No player shall play in any uniform colours not registered in the name of her club. Positional bibs are part of the uniform.
- 10.3.1 In any one team all players are to wear the same style of uniform. Clubs have 3 weeks to comply with their club's registered uniform.
 - 10.3.2 Matching sports brief or black sports brief shall be worn.
 - 10.3.3 When two teams in the same colours play each other, the home team is to wear a distinguishing-coloured bib.
 - 10.3.4 Unless a player can show an umpire a medical certificate for bike shorts/skins or the same they will not be permitted to take the court.

11. BY-LAW - BEST AND FAIREST

- 11.1 Best and Fairest Voting - Umpires shall cast a secret vote independently of each other with the format, 3,2,1, and once signed, both sheets are to be placed in one envelope and signed by both Umpires and forwarded with the score sheet.
- 11.2 The envelope shall remain sealed and be opened and votes recorded at a general meeting to be held after round 12.
- 11.3 The envelopes for the remaining rounds to be opened and votes recorded at an Executive Committee meeting to be held at the conclusion of the minor round.

12. BY-LAW - ASSOCIATION POLICY TO BE PRINTED ON PROGRAMME

- 12.1 Home Club to phone or fax or email score for publication to a predetermined person appointed by RNA, whose name, and contact details shall be printed on the programme each season.
- 12.2 11 & Under matches to commence at 9:00am, 13 & Under matches to commence at 10:30am, 15 & Under matches to commence at 12:00pm and all other matches at 1:30pm or 3:00pm unless negotiated by 12:00pm on the previous Wednesday.
- 12.3 An entry fee to all RNA scheduled stadium games and finals will apply for players, coaches and spectators.
- 12.4 Stadium games for A1 & A2. Home team to operate door roster, supply own float and forward door takings to RNA the following week. A fine will be imposed at the RNA's discretion if clubs fail to conduct door taking on scheduled games.

13. BY-LAW - ASSOCIATION AREAS

Executive Rotation Schedule Association Areas:

2017 - Waikerie, Barmera, Cobdogla

2018 - Barmera, Cobdogla, Loxton

2019 - Loxton, Loxton North, Monash

2020 - Loxton North, Monash, Renmark

2021 - Renmark, Berri, Waikerie

2022 - Berri, Waikerie, Barmera

2023 - Barmera, Cobdogla, Loxton

2024 - Cobdogla, Loxton, Loxton North

2025 - Loxton North, Monash, Renmark

2026 - Monash, Renmark, Berri

2027 - Berri, Waikerie, Barmera

2028 - Waikerie, Barmera, Cobdogla

2029 - Cobdogla, Loxton, Loxton North.

2030 - Loxton, Loxton North, Monash

2031 - Monash, Renmark, Berri

2032 - Renmark, Berri, Waikerie

2033 - Waikerie, Barmera, Cobdogla,

2034 - Same as 2018

2035 - Same as 2019, and so on

14.BY- LAW - CARNIVALS

Association/Club teams who wish to compete in interstate carnivals must notify Association Secretary who will inform Netball SA.

14.1 Country Championships and Representative Teams:

14.1.1 The executive are responsible for the formation of a committee to organise representative teams. All representative players and officials to complete a medical form, RNA Agreement form and underage players' parental permission form. Damage or misplacement of uniforms by players and officials careless behaviour will incur the cost of repair or replacement of that uniform.

14.1.2 A code of conduct form for players/parents/caregivers is to be issued to all players.

14.1.3 Players and officials must wear regulation uniforms supplied by Riverland Netball Association whilst at Championships.

14.1.4 Association and Surname will only be used on RNA authorised garments.

14.2 Trial Dates: Riverland Netball Association announce trial dates for Juniors and Seniors at first meeting of the season.

14.3 Junior Trials:

14.3.1 Attendance at training is compulsory except in extenuating circumstances, which the coach will determine.

14.3.2 To be eligible players must be playing in the "A" division of their age group, or "B" if their club has no "A". Junior players are expected to play in their age division.

14.3.3 Junior players are required to travel on bus provided by RNA.

14.4 Selectors for Junior Representative Teams:

14.4.1 Up to four independent selectors per team (where possible) representing each association area, who have been involved at junior level, one being the coach. Coach to liaise with selectors to make final team selection.

14.4.2 Selectors are appointed and must attend all trials. An Executive Representative to approach appointed selectors and explain their duties. If possible, no club shall be represented by two selectors for any one grade.

14.5 Coaches/Managers/Officials:

- 14.5.1 One official from each junior team must travel on the bus with the team.
- 14.5.2 All coaching positions are to be advertised once (In Riverland Press) and if no suitable applicants are forthcoming then the Association Executive must seek out the coaches required.
- 14.5.3 Foundation Coaching Accreditation is required for coaches.
- 14.5.4 A report from each coach on the team to the RNA is required at the first meeting after each carnival.
- 14.5.5 Replacement of Coach - Executive to call for renominations.
- 14.5.6 All coaches, managers and selectors to receive a copy of role statements on their appointment.
- 14.5.7 Coaches to nominate a Team Manager to RNA. RNA will ratify appointment and advise Manager of their appointment and of their responsibilities. Team Manager must be aged over 18 years.
- 14.5.8 Where possible, Coaches to liaise and arrange for 3 training sessions prior to Country Championships.

14.6 Accommodation:

- 14.6.1 Riverland Netball Association is responsible for booking accommodation and travel for ALL players and officials.
- 14.6.2 Underage players must stay as a team, at the accommodation, with coaches and managers appointed to each room where possible.
- 14.6.3 Each rep player must contribute to the cost of travel and accommodation.
- 14.6.4 Any other relevant matters whilst away are to be directed to the delegated Riverland official appointed by the Association to handle any situation which may arise.

14.7 Sports Trainer:

- 14.7.1 The only responsibility for Sports Trainer is to treat players with an injury or give such assistance as may be required relating to injury or prevention of injury whilst at the Championships.

14.8 Property Officer will be appointed and referred to Role Statement.

14.9 Player Incentive:

- 14.9.1 RNA may offer (depending on finance/sponsorship etc.) an incentive to players who will be representing RNA. This will vary at the discretion of the executive.

BY-LAWS UMPIRES

1. BY-LAWS - UMPIRES - MATCHES

- 1.1 There will be two umpires who shall be allocated by the home club to umpire each match. Exception A1 where an umpire from each club will be allocated.
- 1.2 If there are not two umpires at the scheduled starting time, the home club will endeavour to find the required umpires.
- 1.3 If umpires are not in place 10 minutes after the scheduled starting time, then the home team will forfeit, and the club will be fined the “forfeit fee”.
- 1.4 Up to 20 minutes grace shall be allowed for umpires delayed due to umpiring or playing commitments.
- 1.5 An umpire who commences to umpire a game, must complete the game unless unable to, through injury or illness.
- 1.6 In the event of injury or illness, that umpire may be replaced.
- 1.7 In the event of the match being postponed due to injury or illness to an umpire, the match must be replayed at a time convenient to both teams. If they are unable to agree on a time, the executive will set the time.
- 1.8 Recommended match payments for A1 games and the final series will be set at the first meeting of the year.

2. BY-LAWS - UMPIRES - UMPIRE DEVELOPMENT

- 2.1 Each club with more than 3 teams must appoint an umpire development officer whose responsibilities will include the fostering of umpire development within their club and the association.
- 2.2 The umpire development officer from clubs with more than 3 teams will be part of a sub-committee, who will meet and liaise with the Umpire’s Coordinator / Coach who will be a member of the Riverland Executive.
- 2.3 The Umpires Coordinator will submit an application yearly for ‘Rules in Action’ to be provided in the Riverland by Netball SA.
- 2.4 The sub- committee will discuss serious complaints/misconduct incurred by or against umpires and forward to Executive with recommendations to resolve.
- 2.5 The Umpires Coordinator will encourage development pathways for club umpires.

- 2.6 Developmental pathways are available on the Netball SA website.
- 2.7 Umpires applying for National C Badge who have completed the necessary pre-requisites are to submit an Expression of Interest for internal grading via their umpire development officer to the Umpires Coordinator prior to June 1st.
- 2.8 Internal grading will occur with the umpire being graded umpiring an A2 or 17A match as set by the Umpire Coordinator.
- 2.9 Grading panel to consist of two qualified umpires consisting of one 'B' AANA badge and one 'C' AANA badge.
- 2.10 Club umpire development officer in liaison with the clubs Games Contacts to distribute umpires finals nomination forms and recruit suitably qualified umpires for finals.

3. BY-LAWS - UMPIRES - UMPIRE UNIFORMS

- 3.1 That RNA Umpires must wear suitable footwear and:
Friday night A Grade & All Finals - White top or jacket/jumper and white shorts, tracksuit pants or skirt.
All Saturday Games - White top/jacket/jumper and white or black shorts, tracksuit pants or skirt
- 3.2 Umpires will be automatically fined via their club if reported out of uniform after the third programmed match. Fines shall be set at first meeting of the year.
- 3.3 Written notification on back of official scoresheet must be received by the Association Secretary by Friday following the Match.

4. BY-LAWS - UMPIRES - FINALS

- 4.1 Umpires coordinator and one other member of the sub-committee to set umpires for finals.
- 4.2 Where possible, neutral umpires will be provided for all finals. If not possible, one umpire from each club will be allocated.
- 4.3 The umpire roster is confidential, and clubs cannot request or attempt to alter the roster.
- 4.4 Umpires will be notified of their match times as soon as possible.

5. BY-LAWS - UMPIRES - COUNTRY CHAMPIONSHIPS

- 5.1 All umpires nominated for South Australian Country Championships must be AANA badged with the exception of the 11 & Under and 13 & Under competition.
- 5.2 Country Championship umpires are required to attend team trainings as able/required.
- 5.3 In the event of insufficient applications, the executive committee will endeavour to fill the vacancies.
- 5.4 All teams entered must have a National badged umpire.
- 5.5 Club games contacts/umpire development officer to organise umpires for trials.
- 5.6 The nominated teams coach and nominated umpire to liaise regarding training times leading up to the Country Championships.