

OLDS PARK NETBALL ASSOCIATION INC.

CONSTITUTION (November 2008 – Updated January 2010)

1. **NAME:** The name shall be the Olds Park Netball Association Inc.
2. **OBJECTS:** The objects of the Association shall be
- a) to provide opportunity for fellowship and unity among the girls on the field of sport.
 - b) to promote, regulate and control competition matches between affiliated clubs.
 - c) to co-operate with other affiliated organisations in New South Wales for the furtherance of netball.
 - d) to be a court of appeal in the case of dispute connected with Netball within the Association.
 - e) to ensure that no Olds Park Netball Association Inc. games shall be played on Sundays.
 - f) to ensure that all games shall be played in accordance with the all Australia Netball Association Official Rules in association with the Olds Park Netball Association Inc. Constitution. By-laws and district guidelines.
3. **MEMBERSHIP:** Membership of the Association shall be open to all who shall be entitled to seek membership by written application on Association Affiliation Form
4. **MEETINGS:** At least two Meetings of the Association shall be held each year, one meeting no later than March with a minimum Executive representation of two (2) and the other at the end of the season, this being the Annual General Meeting.
The Annual Meeting shall be attended by the Executive committee and a representative from each affiliated club, and entitled to one (1) voting delegate/one spokesman. At the Annual Meeting reports shall be received from the Secretary and Treasurer.
5. **GOVERNMENT:** The Association shall be governed by the Executive committee which shall consist of a chairperson, secretary, treasurer and any other personnel deemed necessary.
6. **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:** The duties of the members of the Executive committee shall be as follows:
- Chairperson**
shall call regular meetings of the Executive committee.
- Secretary**
- a) shall keep a list of names and addresses of affiliated clubs and members.
 - b) shall distribute agenda and notices of motion to club secretaries at least 14 days prior to General meeting and any Extra Ordinary meeting.
 - c) shall be responsible for writing and posting of all notices.
 - d) shall prepare a general report of the activities of the Association throughout the season for presentation at the Annual General Meeting.
- Minute Secretary**
Shall keep an accurate record of Executive, Annual General and Extra Ordinary Meetings.
- Treasurer**
- a) shall keep records showing the financial position of the Association.
 - b) shall keep and send accounts and receipts for all monies received.
 - c) shall submit a financial statement to be read and inspected at Executive Meetings.
 - d) shall prepare an Annual Financial Report for the Annual General Meeting, copies to be forwarded to the Chairperson.

e) shall present annually to a qualified independent accountant for auditing purposes and preparation of financial statement the Association's books of accounts.

7. DISTRICT REPRESENTATIVES: The Executive Committee shall appoint a District Representative. District Representative shall be responsible for the activities of the District and will be subject to the Executive Committee at all times. The District Representative shall be responsible for the distribution and collection of score sheets, for keeping a record of each team's points and for payment of Umpires' travelling expenses.

8. FINANCE: The account of the Association shall be kept at the bank approved by the Association and all cheques operating on the account shall be signed by any two officers of Olds Park Netball Association Inc.

9. SUBSCRIPTION: Each team shall pay the Association a registration fee and legal liability insurance prior to the commencement of the season, also a games fee shall be payable by end of May.

10. ENFORCEMENT OF CONSTITUTION: The authority of the Association shall extend to and be recognised by all affiliated clubs and individual members. The Executive shall have power to deal with and adjudicate upon all questions and disputes as to the interpretation of the Constitution, By-Laws and District Guidelines and Rules upon any complaint made to it of misconduct detrimental to the policy, interests or welfare of the Association by any club or person to whom the constitution applies.

11. ALTERATION OF CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS: Extra ordinary Meetings may be called by the Executive or as deemed necessary by a full Executive.

Amendments to the Constitution shall be by notice of motion, submitted in writing to the Association Secretary, thirty-five (35) days prior to the Annual General Meeting. Notices of motion will require 2/3 of voting delegates present agreement, to be carried. All proposed changes to be notified to club secretaries at least 14 days prior to the Annual General Meeting.

Amendments to Association By-Laws and district guidelines shall be the responsibility of the Executive.

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DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION & BY-LAWS

All games must be played in accordance with the all Australia Netball Association Official rules in association with the Olds Park Netball Association Inc. Constitution and district Guidelines.

1. Competition is divided into **age groups**, age applied as 1st January.

Open Division:	18 years and over
Senior Division:	17 & 16 years and under
Young Persons Division:	15 & 14 years and under
Intermediate Division:	13 & 12 years and under
Junior Division:	11 & 10 years & under
Sub-Junior Division:	9, 8 & 7 years

2. **District Representative** appointed by the Executive Committee, shall be responsible for the activities of the District and will be subject to the Executive Committee at all times. The District Representative shall follow the Association's District Guidelines. The District Representative is responsible for the distribution and collection of score sheets, for keeping a record of each team's points and payment of Umpires' travelling expenses.

3. **Team Registrations** shall close on a date to be fixed by the Executive Committee each year. Team members must be registered before playing in any registered team. No further individual registrations may be made after the 1st June, except with Executive approval. Late team entry will

be subject to a specified fine. If the draw for the season is completed a late team entry will only be accepted if a bye exists.

4. **A team of 7 members** will be registered. A number of reserves may then be registered in each team.
5. **A player** (or reserve) may play twice only in a higher Division than the one she is registered in but having played 3 times in a higher Division will not be allowed to play in her lower division during the remainder of the season.
6. **A player** may play in more than one game per day, but only in one team in a Play-Off game at district or Inter-District level.
7. **Players must sign** the score sheet **before** going onto the court. Failure to do this will result in loss of points, if won, points will go to the other team. No player can substitute in two (2) different games in the same time slot.
8. **If either team** does not have at least **5 players** ready to commence play 5 minutes after the commencement time listed in the Fixture Book, a forfeit will be awarded against the team not ready to play. If neither team is ready to commence play 5 minutes after the commencement time listed in the Fixture book, the match shall be abandoned and no competition points awarded. Decision to be made by the District Representative or her appointed representative.
9. **The Captain or Club Secretary** may make a complaint either verbally or on the back of the score sheet on the day of play, the Secretary only may register a complaint within 7 (seven) days. No communication of any description will be entered into with any other person. No match score will be discussed unless the complaint is made verbally to the District Representative or her appointed representative while the match is in progress, i.e. between quarters or within 10 minutes of the end of the game and registered in writing within 7 days.
10. **Each Club** shall provide **Umpires** as required by the District Representative. The Executive shall allocate Umpire requirements in each Age Division to clubs in proportion to the number of teams registered by that club.
11. **Umpires** are required to undertake the Umpires Theory Section Examination at least every 3 years. Umpires are required to attend Lectures/Seminars to regularly update their umpiring knowledge. A certificate will be awarded. An Umpire's Badge will be awarded on completing Practical field Tests. Umpires shall receive travelling expenses.
12. No official match shall be played without **Umpires**. The Umpires shall appoint two scorers, one from each team to sit side by side opposite the centre circle.
13. In the event of **courts** being **unplayable** due to rain or other unforeseen circumstances the District Representative will notify all club secretaries by 11.30 am on the Saturday.
14. **If play ceases** at or after half-time the result of the match shall be taken on the score at the time the match was abandoned. The time play ceases must be indicated on the score sheet. If play ceases before half-time, the match shall be considered an abandoned match.
15. **Points** shall be awarded in competition matches:

2 for a win	1 for a draw
2 against forfeiting team	0 for a bye
16. Should a team be **unable to compete** in a competition match they shall notify the opposing team, Umpire and District Representative.
17. **The Winner & Runner-Up** in each Age Division, except the Sub-junior Division shall be determined from the Competition Points Score at the completion of all competition matches.
18. **The winner & Runner-Up** in each Age Division, except Sub-Junior Division from each District (subject to Executive) shall contest the inter-district Play-Offs, if applicable, when 2 or more teams in an Age Division have equal points, otherwise the team with the highest ratio of goals scored by the team to goals scored against them shall be given the higher ranking.

19. No player shall be **eligible to play** in District Play-Offs unless she has played 3 times in her registered team during the season.
20. Reserves or players may only compete in **one team** in a Play-Off game at district level.
21. **In Play-Off matches** only an additional five minutes each way shall be played; if the score is still even, then additional play until there is a difference of two goals.
22. **Clubs** are responsible for the behaviour of their spectators.
23. It is the **Club Secretary's responsibility**:
 - a) To have all their **players registered prior** to commencement of competition or forfeit all competition points. Additional girls may be registered up to the 1st June.
 - b) **To inform** all their players on registering with the Association that:

The **Umpires have control** of them on and off the court during the duration of the game. They must be properly **attired in the registered uniform** of their club including initials of playing position.
Uniforms must be worn as designated by the club. Shorts, slacks or jeans must not be worn.
Jewellery or any article considered dangerous to play shall not be worn.
When **teams from the same Club**, wearing the same uniform are playing each other, the first team on the day's draw must supply alternate patches.
24. The Association shall not be held responsible for any injury or accident sustained by any one of its players.

DISQUALIFICATIONS & FINES

1. Should a Club fail to make themselves available for listed umpiring matches without coming to some alternative arrangement, the club shall pay the Association a specified fine and the team with the most points in that Club shall forfeit 1 point at the District Representative's discretion.
2. Any team forfeiting more than twice renders themselves liable to disqualification. Any team withdrawing from the competition will be required to forfeit the registration of that team.
3. Players swearing or blaspheming on the court may be sent off without warning, the period of time being at the Umpire's or District Representative's discretion.
4. If a girl is sent off for any reason during a game, she will not play for the next 3 weeks (of play) not including wet days, at the discretion of the District Representative.
5. Should two separate complaints be received about the behaviour of any player, team or spectator from a District Representative, 2 Umpires or a member of the Executive, the player or team may be disqualified either permanently or for a set period of time. The spectator places both the team and any particular girl with whom they are connected in the position of being removed.
6. Where there is continuous default, fines unpaid, or any misdemeanour, the Executive may disqualify any team or teams for any period. Before taking this action the Executive shall consider the advisability of conference with the club concerned. In all cases of disqualification the club concerned shall be notified in writing.
7. Any club or player shall have the right of appeal in writing within seven (7) days of the date of notification of the disciplinary action to be taken.