



## **SOUTH AFRICAN SCHOOLS NETBALL**

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# **BYELAWS OF SA SCHOOLS NETBALL**

## **1. EQUIPMENT**

### **1.1 BALL:**

- 1.1.1 The Gilbert Netball is the official SASN ball and it is recommended that all schools use these balls.
- 1.1.2 At all SASN events, Gilbert balls shall be used.
- 1.1.3 Preschonet (size 3), Mini Netball (Size 4), Rest (Size 5)

### **1.2 IDENTIFICATION**

The only form of identification of players for all SASN activities, including the leagues, will be the original Identity Document or Birth Certificate with a photograph duly certified (by police or commissioner of oaths) with the stamp over the photograph and a current date stamp. It must not be certified older than six months. All school team lists must be signed by the principal and shall carry the school stamp as well as a date stamp. All other team lists must be signed by the Provincial Chairperson. All documents must be available at all events.

## **2. PLAYERS**

- 2.1 Players must wear ankle socks with their shoes. No Rugby/Football socks may be worn.
- 2.2 Players may only wear skirts or dresses when playing matches. No shorts are allowed.
- 2.3 The wearing of cycling shorts and/or ski pants is prohibited if it is longer than the skirt/dress hem.
- 2.4 Players are not permitted to wear their playing skirts and tracksuit pants simultaneously.
- 2.5 The wearing of sandals with playing attire is prohibited.
- 2.6 Hair must be neat and tidy with no dangerous objects in the hair.
- 2.7 Playing positions should be in English. Should Afrikaans be used, one side has to be in English.
- 2.8 Each player shall have a position displayed.
- 2.9 No player may play in more than one (1) selected team per annum in competitions organised under the auspices of SASN. The participation in the "Bokkie" tournament is discouraged as this goes against the integration of the South African constitution. Players for AVS (Bokkie) may not receive a general invitation through the school and should not receive any accolades from the school as AVS is not a recognised structure through SASCOC, the

only body in South Africa that can sanction national colours. Further no player may play for more than one (1) school team in the same year. A player who plays in a school team shall not for the purposes of further competition change teams. In the event of this clause being contravened, provinces will face the penalty of being excluded from all provincial/national activities for a period of one (1) year. No player in the provincial teams may play for NSA provincial teams as well.

- 2.10 Players must be part of the school team to be nominated for trials and only the school must nominate players for trials. Only “A” team players can play trials and a maximum of 8 per age group.
- 2.11 Only bone fide learners registered at a school shall be permitted to play league/attend trials/play tournaments. This does not include Home School learners and learners following correspondence courses, such learners must seek affiliation with the Senior Federation.
- 2.12 Should a learner withhold any information regarding her physical condition, medical or otherwise, which could adversely affect her should an accident (incident) occur at a tournament, the Association, organisers, team management and participants at such a tournament, shall not be liable for any medical consequences and/or financial implications.
- 2.13 Should a learner be found not being truthful, such a learner will be excluded from the Association for a period of one (1) year. Should there be a token of remorse the said learner can reapply to be part of the Association.

### **3. OFFICIALS**

- 3.1 All officials attending SASN Tournaments in an umpiring capacity shall have at least a Provincial C grading.
- 3.2 A list of officials attending National tournaments to be submitted and signed off by Provincial Convenors and Chairpersons to validate the standard of umpires
- 3.3 Umpires shall be fully dressed in white!!!!
- 3.4 All schools shall have graded umpires.
- 3.5 Each team shall provide a competent scorer and both scorers shall sit next to one another.
- 3.6 All Nationally graded umpires shall be expected to assist within the Province and perform national duty when requested to do so. Failing to comply could result in disciplinary action. All umpires holding a national “B” grading or higher are eligible to umpire any match irrespective which teams are playing.
- 3.7 The umpires at the Tournaments shall be placed by the Umpires’ convenor of the Tournament.
- 3.8 Umpires shall report for duty at least 15 minutes prior to the match. All umpires must warm up.
- 3.9 Officials attending Tournaments shall not be permitted to have any accompaniment of family members. Should family members want to attend, they must do so separately from the official. Where possible Provinces should not utilize the same official for more than one (1) Tournament per annum. This does not include those officials requested by the Executive Committee for various duties. Should a province require the services of an official more than once, a written request shall be forwarded to SASN.

- 3.10 Umpires shall not be graded more than once per annum at SASN tournaments.
- 3.11 All umpires attending the National tournaments are expected to attend the official umpires meeting on the day of registration.
- 3.12 Coaches should attain at least a Level 1 coaching qualification to coach a provincial team.
- 3.13 Guidelines for the duties of each official accompanying teams:
- 3.13.1 Coach
    - 3.13.1.1 To coach the team to the best of his/her ability;
    - 3.13.1.2 To give each player equal opportunities;
    - 3.13.1.3 To select the players for each game;
    - 3.13.1.4 To remain seated or standing in one spot during the match.
  - 3.13.2 Manager
    - 3.13.2.1 To collect and ensure that all indemnity and other forms are handed in and filed;
    - 3.13.2.2 To ensure that each player has the correct Identification;
    - 3.13.2.3 To have a first aid kit available;
    - 3.13.2.4 To follow up with players who do not attend practices;
    - 3.13.2.5 To look after the players at Tournament;
    - 3.13.2.6 To resolve problems;
    - 3.13.2.7 Shall be an educator.
  - 3.13.3 Umpire
    - 3.13.3.1 To officiate when and where necessary;
    - 3.13.3.2 To assist the manager when there is a crisis;
    - 3.13.3.3 To act as the official scorer when the team is playing their matches.
- 3.10. No official may be a selector or a coach of a provincial team if he/she has a child, dependant or family member within that age group. A coach of a provincial team may not assume the duty of selecting or grading at that specific tournament.
- 3.11 All coaches attending SASN Tournaments with selected teams in a capacity as a provincial coach, shall have at least a level 1 coaching accreditation and the membership must be up to date.
- 3.12 Officials that make use of the Association to further the non-accepted structures shall be excluded from obtaining a grading in the future.

#### **4. AGE GROUPS**

4.1 The following age groups are catered for in SASN:

7 and under	born 2013 or later	Mini Netball
8 and under	born 2012	Mini Netball
9 and under	born 2011	Mini Netball
10 and under	born 2010	Mainstream
11 and under	born 2009	Mainstream

12 and under	born 2008	Mainstream
13 and under	born 2007	Mainstream
14 and under	born 2006	Mainstream & LSEN
15 and under	born 2005	Mainstream & LSEN
16 and under	born 2004	Mainstream & LSEN
17 and under	born 2003	Mainstream
19 and under	born 2001/2002	Mainstream & LSEN

4.2 The following age groups are catered for at National Tournaments:

12 and under	born in/before 2008	Selected/School
13 and under	born 2007	Selected/School

Players in the Primary School, older than 13, must be accommodated within the Secondary activities. Players at Secondary School that are 13 and under may trial with the u/13 age group.

14 and under	born in/before 2006	Selected/School
15 and under	born in 2005	Selected/School
16 and under	born in 2004	Selected/School
17 and under	born in 2003	Selected/School
18 and under	born in 2002	Selected
19 and under	born in 2001	School

The 19 and under may compromise the ten (10) best players irrespective of age.

LSEN u/19	born before 2001	Selected/School
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Players are to remain within their respective age group. Where a younger player is in a higher grade, permission may be sought to allow the player to play in that team, e.g. u/13 player in secondary school may apply to play u/14. Provinces must make a summary of such cases and forward them to the League Convener and the President.

## 5. LEAGUES

5.1 All Schools are honour bound to first meet their area, district and provincial Schools Netball commitments before engaging in any other “friendly” matches or Tournaments. This includes all events organised through government as well.

5.2.1 Players in teams which start the league should remain unchanged, unless there is a bone fide reason given, up to and including National level, i.e. A good player in another team that has fallen out of the league may not for the purposes of the next level of competition, replace a player in another age group who has played in the team all season. All requests for changes must be in writing to the President. Should schools be found wanting two (2) points will be deducted from the log. In severe cases schools will be disqualified.

5.1.1 Learners moving from one school to another may be included in school teams if the move was before 1 March of that particular year.

5.2 Recognised events for SASN are: Schools’ Championships for Primary and Secondary School including Motsepe; Fast 5; All Ages – selected teams.

- 5.3 A team consists of seven (7) players with two (2) reserves playing in the “B” or subsequent team. For the purposes of provincial or national championships, those two (2) reserves shall be permitted to form part of the “A” team. For u/19 teams there may be three (3) reserves. Should schools be found wanting, two (2) points will be deducted from the logs. In severe cases schools will be disqualified.
- 5.4 League is a system for schools within the District/Region to play on a Round Robin basis, culminating in a championship, it is not just a one or two-day Tournament. Schools cannot enter events on an ad hoc basis.
- 5.5 There is one league structure to qualify for National Tournaments. SASN is an entity. The only qualification for the National Schools’ Championships is through a formal league system culminating in the Provincial Championships. If Schools wish to participate in SASN activities at any level, they should offer all programmes related to SASN.
  - 5.5.1 If a Primary School wishes to participate in SASN they shall also offer Mini Netball/ Preschonet.
  - 5.5.2 Schools shall compete in the various Schools’ Challenge events or face disciplinary action.
- 5.6 The number of teams per province to progress to national competitions shall be determined at the General Council.
- 5.7 SASN Caters for single sex teams.
- 5.8 SASN offers Netball for girls.
- 5.9 The duration of the matches is two (2) halves of fifteen (15) minutes and u/19 shall be four (4) quarters of 10 min.
- 5.10 Should a school be found to be dishonest regarding the players in the team, the said team shall be disqualified and sent home at their own cost.

## **6 PROTOCOL**

- 6.1 The first point of departure when information is needed, or complaints lodged by individual schools or parents shall be to contact the area structure. Should there still be a need to take matters further; the next point of call is the Provincial structure and then the National Code. Correspondence should not go directly to the Provincial structure, National structure or National Federation. Any matter not concerning SASN which is submitted by parents, officials and/or anonymous persons and not through the structures, shall not be entertained.
- 6.2 Any school or parent writing directly without following protocol, to SASN shall not be entertained.
- 6.3 The SASN Executive Committee will act as mediator in disputes.
- 6.4 Play shall take place according to the official rules of IFNA as adapted by NSA and SASN Netball.

## **7 DEVELOPMENT**

- 7.1 Each Province to draw up a development programme for Coaching and Umpiring and submit it to the Coaches Convenor and Umpires' Convenor of SASN by the end of October each year.
- 7.2 Each Province to submit an annual report with regards Special projects – this is to include but not be limited to Mini-Netball, LSEN, Farm Schools and PRESCHONET.

## **8 AWARDS**

- 8.1 The Netball Executive Committee at their discretion shall award meritorious awards.

## **9 CODE OF CONDUCT**

This Code of Conduct has at its heart SASN commitment to:

- Integrity,
- Service to the youth of our country,
- The development of sport among our youth,
- Brotherhood among all South Africans, and
- Accountability to its constituents, the youth, their parents, sponsors and donors.

Within this spirit, the following rights are recognised. Persons who, by their conduct or attitudes, do not acknowledge that rights are to be accompanied by responsibilities cannot enjoy them.

- The right to enjoy competitive sport in a safe and orderly environment.
- The right to be treated courteously and respectfully.

### **9.1 Coaches' Code of Conduct**

- 9.1.1 Never ridicule or yell at a child for making a mistake or losing.
- 9.1.2 Be reasonable in your demands on young players' time, energy and enthusiasm.
- 9.1.3 Teach your players to follow the rules, not subtle inconsistencies.
- 9.1.4 Whenever possible, group players are to ensure everyone has a reasonable chance of success.
- 9.1.5 Avoid overplaying talented players. The average need and deserve equal time.
- 9.1.6 Develop team respect for the ability of opponents and for the judgement of officials and opposing coaches.
- 9.1.7 To encourage "Fair Play" not "Foul Play".

### **9.2 Umpires' Code of Conduct**

- 9.2.1 Compliment and encourage all participants
- 9.2.2 Be consistent, objective and courteous when making decisions.

- 9.2.3 Condemn unsporting behaviour and promote respect for all opponents.
- 9.2.4 Emphasise the spirit of the game rather than the errors.
- 9.2.5 Keep abreast of the latest trends in officiating and knowledge of growth and development of children. Broaden your horizons whenever possible.
- 9.2.6 Your behaviour and comments should be positive and supportive.
- 9.2.7 Be reliable and punctual at all times.

### 9.3 Players' Code of Conduct

- 9.3.1 Play by the rules.
- 9.3.2 Never argue with an official. If you disagree, have your captain, coach or manager approach the official during a break or after the competition.
- 9.3.3 Control your temper. Verbal abuse of officials or other players, deliberately distracting or provoking an opponent is not acceptable or permitted.
- 9.3.4 Work equally hard for yourself and/or your team. Your team's performance will benefit, therefore you will also.
- 9.3.5 Be a good sport. Applaud all good players whether they are in your team or not.
- 9.3.6 Treat all players, as you would like to be treated. Do not interfere with, bully or take unfair advantage of another player.
- 9.3.7 Co-operate with your coach, teammates and opponents. Without them there would be no competition.
- 9.3.8 The following core values are not negotiable as a Netball player: Integrity, Honesty, Tolerance and Respect.

### 9.4 Parents' Code of Conduct

- 9.4.1 Remember that children play sport for their enjoyment, not yours.
- 9.4.2 Encourage children to participate: do not force them to do so
- 9.4.3 Focus on the child's efforts and performance rather than the winning or losing
- 9.4.4 Encourage children to participate according to the rules
- 9.4.5 Never ridicule or yell at a child for making a mistake or losing a game
- 9.4.6 Remember children learn best by example. Applaud good play by all players
- 9.4.7 Respect officials' decisions and teach children to do likewise. Never interfere with the game or the officials
- 9.4.8 Show appreciation to volunteer coaches, officials and administrators. Without them your child could not participate.
- 9.4.9 Should there be any problems or concerns the issue must be addressed through the school (school- based competitions) or province (selected teams).

9.5 Any official found cheating or disobeying the rules of SASN shall face disciplinary action and the disqualification of the team.

## 10. TOURNAMENTS

### 10.1 Team Entries

Team entries must be submitted on the official form and countersigned by the Secretary or Chairperson of the Province. Any player arriving after the said team has played three matches (on the first day), shall not be eligible to participate in the same competition. All relevant documentation must be available at all events.

### 10.2 Representivity

For selected teams the self-set targets of SASN will be discussed and filtered through to the provinces at the AGM. These will be set in line with the requirements of the EPG across all sectors.

The penalty for not adhering to this rule will be 3 points off the log, per player. If Provinces, Regions or teams, if any, are exempt from this rule, this needs to be communicated at the AGM and a mutual decision needs to be agreed upon.

All players must play at least fifty percent (50%) of the games, this does not include the quarter-finals, semi-finals and finals. Should officials be found being dishonest they would appear before the Disciplinary Committee and face possible disqualification. The team found wanting will have 2 points deducted from the logs per player not compliant. Further teams that do not adhere to the accepted ratios on court shall have 1 point deducted per quarter that this is not adhered to.

### 10.3 Replay of Matches

No match that has been completed may be replayed. In the event of a dispute being upheld, extra time may be considered.

### 10.4 Competition

10.4.1 Matches shall be played on a round robin basis and in sections.

10.4.2 In the event of a tie:

10.4.2.1 During the round robin – the goal average will be taken into consideration. This will be calculated by the number of goals scored by the team divided by the number of goals against the team.

10.4.2.2 The final match – an extra three (3) minutes to a side shall be played. If



the tie remains the teams shall take a toss-up. The team winning this toss-up will take the next centre pass. The team then scoring the next goal will be deemed the winner.

10.4.2.3 During the Schools' Championships a winner must be determined during the match, as per 10.4.2.2.

10.5 The duration of the matches will be determined by the nature of the competition, the time allocation and the number of teams entered. This will vary from Tournament to Tournament. The umpire's whistle starts and stops the game.

10.6 Once a scorecard has been signed off by both officials, the scorecard will be final. Should umpires not be satisfied with the outcome the problem needs to be addressed before signing the cards.

10.7 Appeals

All appeals are to be handed in to the Executive Committee within 30 minutes of the game. Each appeal needs to be accompanied by R500.00 which is refundable should the appeal be upheld. Appeals may only be lodged by the General Manager of the province or in the case of School based competitions, by the coach of the specific team.

10.8 All umpires shall present their Grading Cards at all Tournaments if requested. New umpires must submit their provincial grading card as well as the official results of the written examination (Level 3).

10.8 A Yo-yo test will be completed at the relevant tournament.

10.9 At school-based events, should a team not have a qualified umpire, such team/s shall be expected to pay R1500.00 per team per day

10.10 Should a parent/official of a team be found to behave in a manner not becoming the organization, the said team will face points being deducted from the logs.

## **11. Tournament Rules**

### **MATCHES**

- 11.1 10 minutes a side with 1minute rest period**
- 11.2 u/19 shall play 4 quarters of 8 minutes to a quarter**
- 11.3 No injury time during pool games**
- 11.4 No extra time for a draw**

### **SEMI-FINALS**

- 11.5 In the event of a draw – a further 3 minutes per side will be allowed, immediately at the end of the game. If a draw still prevails, a toss-up will be awarded between any two (2) players. The team that wins the toss-up will then take the next centre pass. Sudden death will then be the order of the day.**
- 11.6 No official (including the coach) will be allowed on court during (half time of the extra time or before the sudden death). The match is still on and needs to be controlled by the umpires. If the above is not adhered to, the offending team will forfeit the match.**
- 11.7 During half time of the extra time the teams will just change sides and no time will be allowed for team talk.**

### **FINAL**

- 11.8 Injury time will be allowed**
- 11.9 In the event of a draw – a further 3 minutes per side will be allowed. If a draw persists the same procedure as in the semi-finals will be followed. (See 11.5 – 11.7)**

### **GOAL AVERAGE**

**If there is a draw in the pools, the winners and runners up will be decided on dividing goals for by goals against.**