

BYELAWS OF SA SCHOOL NETBALL

1. EQUIPMENT

1.1 BALL:

- 1.1.1 The Gilbert Netball is the official SASN 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 with the stamp over the photograph. 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.

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 skipants 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. 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 maximum penalty. No player in the provincial teams may play for NSA provincial teams as well.**
- 2.10 Players must be part of the school team in order to be nominated for trials and only the school must nominate players for trials. Only "A" team players are allowed to 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 Tournament, the Association, organisers, team management and participants at such a Tournament, shall not be liable for any medical consequences and/or financial implications.**

3. OFFICIALS

- 3.1 All officials attending SASN Tournaments in an umpiring capacity shall have at least a Provincial C grading.**
- 3.2 Umpires shall be fully dressed in white.**
- 3.3 Each team shall provide a competent scorer and both scorers shall sit next to one another.**
- 3.4 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.**
- 3.5 The umpires at the Tournaments shall be placed by the Umpires’ convenor of the Tournament.**
- 3.6 Umpires shall report for duty at least 15 minutes prior to the match. All umpires must warm up.**
- 3.7 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.**
- 3.8 Umpires shall not be graded more than once per annum at SASN tournaments**
- 3.9 Guidelines for the duties of each official accompanying teams:**
- 3.9.1 Coach**
 - 3.9.1.1 To coach the team to the best of his/her ability**
 - 3.9.1.2 To give each player equal opportunities**
 - 3.9.1.3 To select the players for each game**
 - 3.9.2 Manager**
 - 3.9.2.1 To collect and ensure that all indemnity and other forms are handed in and filed**
 - 3.9.2.2 To ensure that each player has the correct identification**
 - 3.9.2.3 To have a first aid kit available**
 - 3.9.2.4 To follow up with players who do not attend practices**
 - 3.9.2.5 To look after the players at Tournament**
 - 3.9.2.6 To resolve problems**
 - 3.9.2.7 Shall be an educator**

3.9.3 Umpire

3.9.3.1 To officiate when and where necessary

3.9.3.2 To assist the manager when there is a crisis

3.9.3.3 To act as the official scorer when the team is playing their match

3.10. No official may be a selector or a coach of a provincial team if he/she has a child or dependant within that particular 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.

4. AGE GROUPS

4.1 The following age groups are catered for in SASN:

7 and under	born 2010 or later	Mini Netball
8 and under	born 2009	Mini Netball
9 and under	born 2008	Mini Netball
10 and under	born 2007	Straight
11 and under	born 2006	Straight
12 and under	born 2005	Straight
13 and under	born 2004	Straight
14 and under	born 2003	Straight & LSEN
15 and under	born 2002	Straight & LSEN
16 and under	born 2001	Straight & LSEN
17 and under	born 2000	Straight
19 and under	born 1999/98	Straight & LSEN

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

12 and under	born in/before 2005	Selected/School
13 and under	born 2004	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 2003	Selected/School
15 and under	born in 2002	Selected/School
16 and under	born in 2001	Selected/School
17 and under	born in 2000	Selected/School
18 and under	born in 1999	Selected
19 and under	born in 1998	School

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

LSEN u/19	born before 1998	Selected/School
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SASN encourages players 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, eg. u/13 player in secondary school may apply to play u/14.

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.**
- 5.2 Players in teams which start the league should remain unchanged up to and including National level, ie. 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.**
- 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 team. For u/19 teams there may be three (3) reserves.**
- 5.4 There is one league structure to qualify for National Tournaments. SASN is an entity. If Schools wish to participate in SASN activities at any level, they should offer all programmes related to SASN.**
 - 5.4.1 If a Primary School wishes to participate in SASN they shall also offer Mini Netball/ Preschonet.**
 - 5.4.2 Schools shall compete in the various Schools’ Challenge events or face disciplinary action.**
- 5.5 The number of teams per province to progress to national competitions shall be determined at the General Council.**
- 5.6 SASN caters for single sex teams.**
- 5.7 SASN offers Netball for girls.**

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 The SASN Executive Committee will act as mediator in disputes.**
- 6.3 Play shall take place according to the official rules of IFNA as adopted 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 February each year.**
- 7.2 Each Province to submit an annual report with regards Special projects – this is to include briefly 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 Remember that children participate for pleasure and that winning is only part of the fun.**
- 9.1.2 Never ridicule or yell at a child for making a mistake or losing.**
- 9.1.3 Be reasonable in your demands on young players' time, energy and enthusiasm.**
- 9.1.4 Teach your players to follow the rules, not subtle inconsistencies.**
- 9.1.5 Whenever possible, group players are to ensure everyone has a reasonable chance of success.**
- 9.1.6 Avoid overplaying talented players. The average need and deserve equal time.**
- 9.1.7 Develop team respect for the ability of opponents and for the judgement of officials and opposing coaches.**
- 9.1.8 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 Play for the fun of it, and not just to please parents and coaches. Winning is a bonus, not the only goal.**
- 9.3.9 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.**

9.5 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.

10.2 Representivity

If a maximum number of players in a team is prescribed, including a specific representivity in the competition, the team may compromise of less than the maximum number of players, but the specific number of representative players (50%) must be adhered to.

The penalty for not adhering to this rule will be 3 points off the log points, 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.

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 umpires' whistle starts and stops the game.

10.6 Appeals

All appeals are to be handed in to the Executive Committee within 30 minutes after 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

10.7 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 Results of the Bleep Test must be submitted to SASN typed on an official letterhead prior to the commencement of the tournaments.

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

10.10 Should a parent/official of a team be found to behave in a manner not becoming the organization, such a person will have an official warning given by the Disciplinary Committee after which, if the person is still in contravention, the said team will face points being deducted from the logs.