

# **MANLY WARRINGAH NETBALL ASSOCIATION**



## **COMPETITION PLAN**

### **WINTER 2020**

16 June 2020

## 1. OVERVIEW

From July 1, 2020 Community Sports teams will be allowed to resume Competition for Under 18 and over 18 year olds. Public gathering restrictions will also be lifted further. NSW Premier has stated that the Public Health Orders for Public gatherings will be determined by the 1 person per 4 square metre rule and physical distancing rule of reducing the close physical contact we have with one another and staying 1.5 metres away from people we don't live with.

This allows us to move to Level C of the AIS Framework for Rebooting Sport in a COVID-19 Environment.

Each netball court is a designated area and can hold 116.28 people under these regulations. At John Fisher Park, we have 48 netball courts which means we can accommodate 5581.44 people at any one point in time and be compliant with these rules.

Based on this information, we have drafted a plan where we can hold all our Junior and Senior games at John Fisher Park on Saturday's and NetSetGo games on either a Friday night or Sunday afternoon scenario.

Spectators to be limited to 1 person per player and will need to adhere to Physical distancing requirements of 1.5 metres apart.

In November 2019, MWNA Council Adopted a draft plan C on how the grades and timeslots would be formed. This motion was Moved Allambie and Seconded by Peninsula. We have used this plan option to prepare our reboot Competition Plan.

We have allowed for a 30 minute time gap between games (20 minutes between afternoon timeslots) to allow for contra flow of participants based on Get in, Play, Get out technique. Players to arrive 15 minutes prior to their game start time and leave immediately afterwards.

Full length games to provide for better value for money for our participants and provide for umpire development and badging.

Usual interval breaks between quarters which will allow for sanitising of equipment and players along with the usual team rest and strategy talk break.

Consideration has also been given so that all Cadets and Senior grades will play on hard courts.

Consideration has been given to relaxing playing up guidelines so that players can fill in with other teams within the Club as many times over the season.

Consideration also given to "No player or team being left behind".

Consideration of the further relaxing of the Public Health Orders that will come in to play from 1 July.

## 2. COMPETITION OPTIONS

- **Draft Plan A – as per attached spreadsheet**

10 years through seniors on Saturdays from 8.30 am to 4.30 pm as per Plan C adopted by Council in November 2019 with more spacing on grass courts.

NSG teams – Friday afternoon/evenings – timeslots to be decided by Council if this option is agreed.

- **Draft Plan B – as per attached spreadsheet**

10 years through seniors on Saturdays from 8.30 am to 4.30 pm as per Plan C adopted by Council in November 2019 with more spacing on grass courts.

NSG teams – Sunday afternoons – timeslots to be decided by Council if this option is agreed.

Saturday timeslots – 8.30 am, 10.10 am, 11.50 am, 1.30 pm, 3.00 pm 4.30 pm.

- **Draft Plan C – as per attached spreadsheet**

10 years through Seniors on Saturdays from 8.30 am to 4.30 pm as per Plan C adopted by Council in November 2019.

Saturday timeslots – Juniors and Seniors - 8.30 am, 10.10 am, 11.50 am, 1.30 pm, 3.00 pm 4.30 pm.

NSG teams – Saturday afternoons 1.30 pm, 2.50 pm and 4.10 pm.

## 3. COMPETITION DESIGN

### A. Format

#### **8 and 7 team grades**

10 week competition based on 7 rounds with every team playing each other once then dividing the grade into top 4 and bottom 4 and then playing a 3 week Round robin series format. Gold medal playoff and Blue medal playoff.

#### **6 team grades** - 35's x 2, 15E, 15C, 14D 14E

10 week competition based on playing each other twice. First past the post.

#### **Netsetgo Grades**

10 week competition for all teams and players.

## **Proposed Dates**

Game 1 - 18<sup>th</sup> July

Game 2 - 25<sup>th</sup> July

Game 3 - 1 August

Game 8 - 9<sup>th</sup> August

Game 5 - 15 August

Game 6 - 22 August

Game 7 - 29<sup>th</sup> August

Game 8 - 5<sup>th</sup> September or if 29<sup>th</sup> August is wet then we will play Game 7

Game 9 - 12<sup>th</sup> September or if 29<sup>th</sup> August is wet then we will play Game 8

Game 10 - 19<sup>th</sup> September or if 29<sup>th</sup> August is wet then we will play Game 9

26<sup>th</sup> September – only required if Game 7 is wet and we will play Game 10

## **B. Grading**

Grading as per previously circulated in March by the grading committee.

No appeals process.

## **C. Wet Weather**

Games 1 through 6. 2 x ½ games will be played the following week. If Game 7 is wet it will be played in full the next weekend and ensuing weeks will be moved back by 1 week. If there is wet weekends in Games 8 – 10 then 2 x ½ games will be played the following week. If Game 10 is wet then we will play that game in full on 26<sup>th</sup> September or it will be cancelled if Game 7 on 29<sup>th</sup> August is a wet.

## **D. Photo Cards**

No photo cards to be used for the 2020 Winter Competition. Team Managers to be

## **E. Sign on Sheets**

To be collected at a designated table outside the administration hall by the Home team manager (first team named on the draw). No signatures on the sign on sheets. Each Team Manager must tick off each team player that participates in the game. Players playing up must also be recorded on the Score sheet in the appropriate box.

Scoresheets to be returned to a designated box outside the administration building.

Clipboards will be wiped down with Sanitiser at the beginning of the day, upon return to the collection box area and at the end of the day.

Pens will not be handed out. Teams to provide their own pen to score.

Same person to score the whole match. Scorers can stand together so long as they maintain the 1.5 metre social distancing guideline.

## **F. Late Registrations**

Late registration guidelines have already been circulated to Clubs in March 2020.

Applications for late registrations prior to the commencement of the season are to be sent to the Competition Secretary from 25<sup>th</sup> June 2020. The My Netball registration system will be opened for late registrations to be processed after approval by the Competition Secretary on this date.

Coaches to be registered as non-players.

Umpires to be registered as non-players

Late registrations during the season are to be sent to the Competition Secretary by Thursday 5.00 pm prior to game day.

## **G. Playing Up guidelines**

As per current By-laws.

Copy of 2020 Playing up guidelines attached.

Recommended that by law 3.(b)i and 3.(b)iii be modified for the duration of the 2020 Winter season and that we allow for the 2020 Winter Competition only:

### *3.(b)i*

*No player shall play in a lower grade to that in which player is-graded. A player from a lower grade may play in a higher grade an unlimited number of times in the 2020 Winter Competition.*

### *3.(b)iii*

*When a Club is fielding fore than one (1) team in a grade, players may interchange in that same grade so long as that player only plays 1 game at that timeslot.*

## **H. Forfeits and Game stoppages**

Games will be postponed and replayed at a later agreed time if a team needs to withdraw prior to game day due to a player in that team undergoing a COVID-19 test.

If a player becomes unwell with cold and flu type symptoms, then that player must leave the court and the game suspended. If this occurs before the half time break, then the game will be replayed later at a time agreed to by the 2 teams. If this occurs after half time, then the score at half time will stand.

Refer also to MWNNA Response protocols for confirmed cases of COVID-19.

Refer to COVID-19 Safety Plan.

## **I. Spectators**

1 spectator allowed 1 per player allowed. Spectators to maintain social distancing of 1.5 metres apart always.

Encourage a kiss n drop procedure.

No lingering at the courts.

## **J. Umpiring**

Club supplied umpiring as voted by Council in November 2019.

## **K. Trophies**

Medals to be provided to first placed team in the Gold Medal round robin and plate series round robin. It was felt that in this environment that teams need something to strive for a little light reward at the end.

We have 2000 medals bases already paid for which we can utilise. There may be a top up required.

## **L. Withdrawals**

The grading committee will consider team withdrawals/player movement in extreme cases where the COVID 19 has had a major impact. Submissions in writing to include supporting documentation and will be considered on their merit. Closing date for submission will be 5 July 2020 to the Competition Secretary

Clubs are reminded that 5 original team members still constitute same grading.

## **M. Training Courts**

Revert to Normal training court processes. 2 teams sharing of courts will be allowed.

Clubs to submit new allocation requests to the Competition Secretary by 30 June 2020.

## **N. Refunds**

TO BE ADVISED. No firm guidelines have been received from Netball NSW. Their advice is that we will be receiving something in the next week or 2.