



By-Laws

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1. Authority

- 1.1. These By-Laws apply to all age groups and divisions, male and female. These By-Laws are additional to the Netball Australia rules. In the event there is any inconsistency or conflict with Netball Australia rules and these By-Laws, these By-Laws shall take precedence.
- 1.2. The Devon Netball Association Constitution, By-Laws, Policies and Competition Guidelines will be available electronically and in hard copy upon application to the DNA office.
- 1.3. In pursuance of the powers conferred on it by the Constitution Rule [30](#) the Committee hereby makes the following By-Laws for the business and affairs of the Association.
- 1.4. In these By-Laws any reference to a definition as set out in the Constitution shall be a reference to how that term is defined.
- 1.5. These By-Laws are adopted by Devon Netball Association under the Constitution Rule [30](#) and accordingly bind all members of the Association.

2. Scope

- 2.1. These By-Laws are applicable to all management and staff of Devon Netball Association (whether in paid, voluntary, permanent or casual positions) and all registered members of the Association.

3. Exclusions

- 3.1. Nil unless specified.

4. Sub-Committees

- 4.1. The Committee has the power to establish sub-committees, which act in an advisory capacity to the Committee.
- 4.2. Each sub-committee may comprise not less than three members, plus any de-facto or ex-officio members as described within these By-Laws.
- 4.3. In addition to the appointed members, one of the Officers of the Association ([Constitution Rule 19.1](#)) shall be ex-officio members of sub-committees and may attend and speak at meetings, but may not vote.
- 4.4. Membership of sub-committees will be open to those who meet the requisite criteria as described in these By-Laws.
- 4.5. Calls for membership of sub-committees will be advertised. The Committee will appoint sub-committee members when required. Appointments will be for a period of not more than 12 months and retiring members are eligible to re-nominate. The Committee has the power to fill a casual vacancy at any time.
- 4.6. Each sub-committee will appoint its own Chair, who will be responsible for setting the agenda and ensuring that Minutes of all meetings are recorded in writing. Minutes are to be circulated to all members of the sub-committee within 10 days of the date of the meeting, with a copy to the Committee Secretary, who will ensure that the Minutes are held on file.

5. Patron/Patroness

- 5.1. The Patron/Patroness of the Association will be determined by the Committee at the Annual General Meeting.

6. Life Membership

- 6.1. The Association may appoint Life Members at its Annual General Meeting, providing the person or persons proposed for the appointment have rendered outstanding service for a minimum of five years. They shall have the same privileges as financial members but shall have no casting vote.

7. Rules and Policies

- 7.1. In conjunction with these By-Laws the Association will be governed by Policies approved by the Committee.
- 7.2. Rules, Policies and/or Procedures may be repealed amended, added to or altered by submission to the Committee.
- 7.3. Submissions should include:
 - 7.3.1. Identification of the Rule, Policy or Procedure to be altered.
 - 7.3.2. Proposed amendment, addition or alteration.
 - 7.3.3. Reason for amendment, addition or alteration.
 - 7.3.4. Benefit to the Association.
- 7.4. Submission must be in writing and detail all the above items listed at 7.3 for consideration by the Committee.
- 7.5. Valid submissions will be considered by the Committee and ratified if required.
- 7.6. All Policies will be available electronically to all members

8. Competition Guidelines

- 8.1. The Committee will set Competition Guidelines each year for the following year.
- 8.2. Competition Guidelines will be utilised in conjunction with the All Australia Netball Association Rule Book.
- 8.3. All members of the Association shall be bound by the Competition Guidelines of the Association.

9. Definitions and Abbreviations

- 9.1. Unless the context otherwise requires, the terms used in these By-laws shall have the same meaning as in the Constitution and this document is to be read in conjunction with (and subject to) the Constitution.
- 9.2. In these By-Laws, the following terms have the corresponding meanings:
 - 9.2.1. "Association" is the Devon Netball Association Inc.

- 9.2.2. "Member" means a member of Devon Netball Association.
- 9.2.3. "Registered Member" means a person registered as a financial member of the Devon Netball Association who is therefore eligible to participate in a netball tournament, competition, activity or event conducted by the Association. A Registered Member is subject to Devon Netball Association Competition Regulations.