

## **Liverpool Zone By-Laws for Netball**

Conveners have the option to modify rules prior to the season if circumstances be required and if all competing schools agree.

### **1 DRESS:**

1.1 School sports or netball uniforms should be worn.

Students are to be instructed to wear sports shoes or other appropriate footwear. Soles of shoes should have enough grip for the surfaces on which the game is played. Footwear with spikes/studs is not allowed.

### **2 SUPERVISION:**

2.1 See General Rule 7, Pupil Behaviour

2.2 It is recommended that neutral qualified officials be used for semi-finals and finals.

### **3 EQUIPMENT:**

3.1 Where possible, goal posts should be padded. No part of the goal posts should protrude onto the court.

### **4 VENUES:**

4.1 The court surface should be free of obstructions.

4.2 Courts should be correctly marked out for the game. Hydrated lime must not be used to mark courts.

4.3 The immediate surrounds of the court perimeter should have a space clear of any objects or obstacles, e.g. equipment.

See also General Rule 19, Venues.

### **5 SAFETY:**

5.1 Students should be encouraged to keep fingernails short.

5.2 No jewellery is to be worn.

5.3 Boundaries of the courts should be clear of spectators and belongings to avoid interfering with the safe movement of players and umpires.

5.4 A well equipped medical kit must be readily available. Each school should supply their own.

5.5 Where possible, ice should be available for the treatment of injuries.

## **6 TEAMS:**

6.1 Four competitions may be conducted.

6.2 Senior A, Years 5 and 6. A Senior A team must be the better team. If a school is only entering one senior team, it must be in the Senior A competition; except under the social team rule.

6.3 Senior B, Years 5 and 6

6.4 Junior A, Years 3 and 4. A Junior A must be the better team. If a school is entering only one team it must be in the Junior A competition; except under the social team rule.

6.5 Junior B, Years 3 and 4.

## **7 DURATION OF MATCHES:**

7.1 Senior teams will play 10 minute quarters; 2 minutes between quarters; 5 minutes at halftime.

7.2 Junior teams will play 8 minute quarters; 2 minutes between quarters; 5 minutes at halftime.

7.3 Each court will time their own game, as per General Rule 18, Timekeeping.

## **8 UMPIRING CONDITIONS:**

See General Rule 16, Refereeing Conditions.

8.1 Qualified neutral umpires are recommended for semis and finals.

8.2 All Junior games are to be completed by 1.30pm.

## **9 RULES:**

All Australian Netball Association standard rules apply, with the exception of the following Junior rules:

9.1 Juniors will play modified rules according to All Australian Netball Association:

- Juniors may hold the ball for 6 seconds
- Juniors are not placed "out of play"
- Juniors must defend at a distance of 1.3m
- It is classed as a replay if the ball does not touch the goal ring/post when attempting a goal and the same shooter regains possession of the ball.

9.2 Juniors cannot play in Senior games, except under the forfeit and social team rule.

9.3 Juniors use a size 4 ball.

9.4 Seniors use a size 5 ball.

9.5 Unlimited interchange in both senior and junior games shall apply at an interval. Replacement players may re-enter game. See also General Rule 10, Replacements.

9.6 There will be no injury time played.

9.7 Results: see General Rule 3, Results.

9.8 Forfeiture: see General Rule 2, Forfeiture.

9.9 It is recommended that the Senior B teams follow the standard stepping rule, but allow SLIGHT on the spot shuffling.