

TEAM WITHDRAWAL POLICY

1. PURPOSE

The purpose of this Policy is to set out the responsibilities and penalties that are applicable when managing Club teams that withdraw from a competition.

2. APPLICABILITY

- a. This Policy applies to all Clubs.
- b. This Policy applies at all times during competitions run by the Association where teams are entered by Clubs.

3. DEFINITIONS

In this Policy, unless otherwise stated:

Association means Mandurah Netball Association;

Club means any netball club or Entity Team affiliated and financial with the Association, and as otherwise defined in **Rule11(8)(a)** of the Constitution;

Committee means the management Committee of the Association as determined by the Constitution;

Entity Team means a single team entering a competition as the Association that is not affiliated with a Club;

Grading means the initial grading, according to the annual calendar of events provided by the Association;

Member means any affiliated members of the Association, including players, coaching and umpiring officials, volunteers, Clubs, and Club members;

Policy means this policy.

4. THE POLICY

- a. Team withdrawals are not permitted once the Grading process has been initiated for a competition.

5. PROCEDURES

- a. If a Club believes that one or more of their teams may be at risk of withdrawing from the competition at any point after it has been nominated, including during the pre-season or once the season has begun, they must notify the Association as soon as possible.

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- b. A Club may apply to the Competitions Committee for consideration of an exemption for an individual case where they believe that extenuating circumstances apply.

6. MANAGING BREACHES OF THE POLICY

- a. For a team that withdraws from the competition:
 - i. A \$200 exit fee applies after the commencement of Grading but prior to the commencement of competition matches;
 - ii. A \$450.00 exit fee applies after the commencement of competition matches.

7. RESPONSIBILITIES

- a. Clubs are responsible for ensuring all their registered teams complete the season in which they have been comminated.
- b. A Club will remain liable for any fees levied under this Policy and will not be deemed financial until there are paid.
- c. In the case of an Entity Team, each player in the withdrawn team shall be liable for an equal portion of the debt and will not be eligible to play for another Club or affiliated Association until the debt is paid to the Association.

8. CHANGES TO THE POLICY

This Policy may be cancelled, amended, or supplemented by the Association as and when it sees fit. Any variation will be given to Members in writing by the Association.

The Association will review this policy on a regular basis to ensure that it remains effective in supporting the objectives and strategic direction of the Association, and to ensure the ongoing best practice governance.