

UNIFORM POLICY

1. PURPOSE

The purpose of this Policy is to provide rules and guidance to Clubs in relation to the design, update, and development of the registered Club uniform, registered Club colours, and uniform requirements for participants in Mandurah Netball Association Inc's competitions.

2. APPLICABILITY

- a. This Policy applies to all Members taking part in the Association's competitions.
- b. This Policy applies at all times during Association competitions, unless otherwise specified by supplementary documentation provided by the Association.

3. DEFINITIONS

In this Policy, unless otherwise stated:

Association means Mandurah Netball Association Inc

Club means any netball club or Entity Team affiliated and financial with the Association, and as otherwise defined in **Rule 11(8)(a)** of the Constitution:

Constitution means the constitution of Mandurah Netball Association Inc.;

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

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

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

Policy means this policy;

School Club means a Club that is run by, or otherwise has a direct affiliation with, a school;

Uniform Coordinator means the Uniform Coordinator of the Association of, as defined in the Constitution.

4. THE POLICY

- a. Club uniform requirements:

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- i. Club must register their uniform and Club colours with the the Association annually on the prescribed form, and which must include:
 - (1) The primary uniform items (dress, top, skirt, shorts. etc);
 - (2) Playing bibs or patches;
 - (3) Any other playing uniform item that is optional or required by the Club.
- ii. Any changes to a Club's uniform or colour must be approved by the Committee before the Club may proceed with any changes.
- b. Player uniform requirements:
 - i. Players are required to wear the registered uniform of their Club.
 - ii. Full sports briefs, or equivalent, must be worn by any player wearing a dress or skirt as their selected Club uniform.
 - iii. Briefs or pants of any kind that are longer than the length of the Clubs uniform when standing upright, and undershirts with sleeves longer than those of the Club uniform, are only permitted where they are part of the Club's registered playing uniform.
 - iv. Players are expected to adhere to **Rules of Netball 5.1.1(iv)** relating to adornments. In addition to this
 - (1) Players are only permitted to wear prescription glasses. No sunglasses are permitted to be worn, with the exception of prescription transition lenses. All glasses must be secured by a soft band.
 - (2) Players may wear soft, close-fitting sports gloves, however fingernails must still be short and smooth beneath there, in adherence with the Rules of Netball.
 - v. When a medical condition exists or special circumstances require a variation to **clause 4(b)(i)-(iii)**, a written application for an exemption under the Exemption Policy shall be submitted to the Association annually, as long as applicable, for approval of a variation.
- c. Club umpiring uniform requirements:
 - i. Club umpires are expected to wear the designated MNA umpiring uniform or suitable attire, including a white shirt or other designated umpiring uniform. Suitable attire includes:
 - (1) Suitable footwear;
 - (2) Shorts, skort, track pants or leggings in a plain colour.
- d. Development Team participant requirements:
 - i. Players:
 - (1) The Association provides each athlete with a playing dress and jacket.
 - (2) The provided playing dress and jacket are only to be worn when representing the Association at carnivals, not to training or at any other time unless directed by the Association.
 - (3) Athletes are required to purchase an MNA athlete polo, training singlet, and training shorts. The athlete polo is only to be worn at carnivals or as directed by the Association. The training singlet and

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training shorts are to be worn for training. The training shorts are also to be worn under the provided playing dress.

- ii. Coaches, Team Managers, and Umpires:
 - (1) The Association provides an MNA coach polo and jacket to coaches, and an MNA polo and jacket to team managers.
 - (2) Coaches and Team Managers are required to wear this uniform to training and carnivals with plain black shorts or track pants (no leggings).
 - (3) Umpires are to wear their MNA umpire uniform, or any uniform items provided by Netball WA.

5. PROCEDURES

- a. An application to change a Club's uniform or colours must include a photo, detailed picture, or sample of proposed new uniform.
- b. Clubs are permitted to offer uniform options within their registered uniform to their players to be selected freely by players in the same team, including, but not limited to:
 - 1. A dress;
 - 2. Top, and skort or shorts.
- c. If a Club provides uniform options for their members, all uniform options should be of a very similar appearance, such that all players in the same team are easily recognized as being in the same team.
- d. A Club that has been approved to change to a new uniform is allowed one transitional season. During this period, the Club is permitted to have teams with players wearing either the old or new uniform, provided the uniforms are of similar appearance and the players are easily recognised as being in the same team.
- e. Any new Club to the Association must have their Club Uniform and colours approved by the Committee before proceeding to purchase uniforms, or, if the Club is an existing Club at another Association, with sufficient time to allow for the purchase of new uniforms should their existing uniform not be suitable for use at the Association.
- f. School Clubs may elect to register their school's uniform, regardless of whether another Club has the same colours. If another Club does have the same uniform colours, the School Club may be required to supply an alternative bib option that can be used in the case of a clash of uniform colours.

6. MANAGING BREACHES OF THE POLICY

- a. If a Club breaches **clause 4(a)** of this Policy:
 - i. The Club and the Members may be disallowed from wearing one or more uniform items that are not suitable for use at the Association;
 - ii. The Club may be asked to redesign their uniform to meet the requirements of the Association, or;

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- iii. The Association may apply any other penalty that is appropriate and proportionate for the nature of the breach.
- b. If a Player breaches **clause 4(b)** of this Policy, the matter will be dealt with via the procedures in the Exemptions Policy.
- c. If an umpire breaches **clause 4(c)** of this Policy, this will be managed via the procedures in the Winter Competition Handbook.
- d. If a Development Team participant breaches **clause 4(d)** of this Policy, this will be managed via the procedures in the Development Teams Policy.

7. RESPONSIBILITIES

- a. The Committee is responsible for the timely view of Club uniform requests.
- b. Clubs are responsible for making timely and appropriate requests for changes to their registered uniform, in adherence with this Policy.
- c. Clubs are responsible for ensuring that their Members are familiar with this Policy, and in adherence with it when applicable.
- d. The Association Development Officer is responsible for ensuring that Development Team participants are familiar with this Policy, and in adherence with it when applicable.
- e. The Umpire Coordinator is responsible for ensuring that umpires and Club Umpire Coordinators at the Association are familiar with this Policy, and in adherence with it when applicable.

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 on supporting the objectives and strategic direction of the Association to ensure ongoing best practice governance.