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**SUPERLEAGUE
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INFQ SUPERLEAGUE

SUPERLEAGUE - OVERVIEW

In which individual Centres compete against other Centre teams who then meet to play Super-League Finals, which will have a Grand Finalist in each of the Grades.

- (a) Member Centres of the Association are responsible for the behaviour of their players, officials and supporters at all times.
*Action may be taken against Members where no attempt is made to control those players, officials or supporters.
- (b) It is **Compulsory** that the Netball Coordinator or a Centre Management Member accompany their teams at Home and Away games.
- (a) Any breaches of these rules will incur the appropriate penalty by the Super-League Division Committee or a person appointed to adjudicate.

SUPERLEAGUE DIVISIONS – (As voted at the Superleague Planning Meeting)

Division 1, Division 2, Division 3 (if applicable) & North Queensland

SUPERLEAGUE DIVISIONS - COMMITTEES & DUTIES

1. PRESIDENT:

Duties shall be to:-

- (a) prepare Agenda and distribute to all Delegates in Division prior to Meeting
- (b) apologies
- (c) minutes of last meeting- business arising
- (d) correspondence - business arising
- (e) treasurers report - business arising
- (f) general business
- (g) To converse with division to organize trophies

CHAIRING A MEETING

- (a) declare the Meeting Open.
- (b) guide the discussion in order of the Agenda.
- (c) deal with each point on the Agenda separately, allow discussion on all points of view. Keep all discussion brief and to the point. Should a Motion be proposed and is then Seconded, the President will then ask for all Members to Vote.
- (d) once all points on the Agenda have been dealt with, schedule a suitable date and Venue for the next Meeting.
- (e) declare the Meeting closed.

2. SECRETARY

Duties shall be to:-

- (a) record who is present at Meeting.
- (b) record Apologies.
- (c) record an accurate account of relevant topics and discussions from the Meeting.
- (d) present any relevant correspondence to the Meeting.
- (e) distribute a typed copy of the Minutes to all Members of the division.
- (f) handle all Inwards and Outwards Correspondence on behalf of the division.
- (i) send a copy of Executive Names to Association at the start of each Super-League season.
- (h) send a copy of division Minutes to the Association after each meeting.

3. TREASURER

Duties shall be to:

- (a) open Bank Account on behalf of the division. Accounts will require two separate signatories.
- (b) prepare a Budget for the division. Allow for costs such as Trophies, division Team expenses, Sundry expenses, etc. (e.g. State Zone Titles/State Super-League Championships).
- (c) present a Financial Report at all Meetings.
- (d) co-ordinate all Incoming and Outgoing monies.

4. STATISTICIAN:

Duties shall be to:

- (a) Collect, check and collate on to a spread sheet supplied by INFQ the "Superleague Registration Forms" from each centre and submit to INFQ Operations Manager within 2 weeks of the end of Superleague season
 - Check Signatures / Check Date of Birth
 - Player Signature Sheets /Player Registration Sheet records to be kept
 - Proof of Age must be sighted and noted and then forwarded to the Association, which will be used to assist at the Zone and State Title Championships.
 - **To be supplied on request for INFQ Tournaments**
- (b) **Check Qualification of Players in Grades.**

A GRADE -	LADIES A	MIXED A	MEN'S A
B GRADE	LADIES B	MIXED B	
C GRADE	LADIES C	MIXED C	MENS B

AGE 16 & Under Ladies / 19 & Under Ladies & Mixed / 23 & Under Ladies & Mixed / Over 30 Ladies & Mixed / Over 40 Ladies
- (c) a player will be upgraded once they play **3 rounds up** in a **Higher Grade**
e.g.: A female Mixed B player plays 2 games up in Mixed A. When this player plays her 3rd round in either Mixed A or Ladies A, she will then be qualified as an A grade player. If she plays in any lower grade - Mixed B after 3 rounds in A grade then penalties will apply.

PENALTY - Forfeit Penalties will apply
- (d) a player must have played 1/3 of the scheduled fixtures games for any given grade to become qualified to play in that grade for a final (providing all other rules have been adhered to) **e.g.** A player in Ladies B has 10 rounds in the season, therefore she must play a minimum of 4 games in that grade to qualify for superleague finals.
*****Always round up not down *** REFER to S/L Match Rules Section 4 c**
- (e) advise Divisional Points Table.
- (f) advise Championship Points Table.
- (g) be in attendance at ALL Finals For Checking Of Eligible Players.
- (h) advise any discrepancies to Co-ordinators and or President of the Division
eg: Signatures not matching
- (i) advise Centres of Player Qualifications (also upon request from centres
- (j) To receive from their division centres the "Superleague Player Registration Form" and to collate this into a spread sheet approved by INFQ for the purpose of simplicity to utilize at any INFQ event.

5. CO-ORDINATORS:

Duties shall be to:-

FOR STATISTICIAN - DURING SEASON

Items are required by Statistician **NO LATER** than the Wednesday following the game.

- (a) Player Signature Sheets
- (b) Best & Fairest Points
- (c) Proof of Age (All Age Players – 19 & Under/**19 & Under Mixed**/ 21 & Under/ Over 30 Ladies & Mixed/ 23 & Under Mixed/40 Ladies)
Copies of Birth Certificates / Driver's License /Baptismal Certificates.
- (d) To compile the INFQ "Superleague Player Registration Form" for each team competing in the superleague season
- (e) The "Superleague Registration Forms" from each centre must then be sent to the statistician by no later than round 3 of their centre's draw.
- (f) Any new players who join/fill-in is required to fill-in the registration form, which is then to be sent to the statistician within 7 days of playing

DUTIES:

- (a) Read notices from Statistician.
- (b) Check Qualification of Players as per Qualification Sheets received from Statistician.

A GRADE	LADIES A	MIXED A	MEN'S A
B GRADE	LADIES B	MIXED B	
C GRADE	LADIES C	MIXED C	MENS B

AGE 16 & Under Ladies / 19 & Under Ladies & Mixed / 23 & Under Ladies & Mixed / Over 30 Ladies & Mixed / Over 40 Ladies

ANY DISCREPANCIES TO BE ADVISED TO STATISTICIAN ASAP AFTER RECEIPT OF NOTICES

GAME NIGHTS:

- (a) Ensure the Player Signature Sheet is completed prior to the game.
- (b) Ensure Umpire/s submit to the Host Coordinators the Best & Fairest points after each game and they are recorded accordingly.

NOTE: Loss of any Best & Fairest points will apply if Player Signatures do not appear on the Player Signature Sheet.

- (c) A Player will be upgraded if they play a third of the season's fixtures in a higher Grade.
- (d) **QUALIFICATION**
Any queries on qualification of a player on that night will be directed to the Host Coordinator.
Qualification of a Player can be verified by checking Player Qualification Sheets supplied by the Statistician.
- (e) **FORFEITS -**
The **Non-Offending** Team is awarded 4 Points and 30 Goals.
The **Offending** Team will lose 4 Points and 30 Goals.
***Qualifying of players for non-offending and offending teams
For games played and not played

6. SUPERLEAGUE DIVISION MATCH COMMITTEE:

Duties shall be to:

- (a) Receive Incident Reports.
- (b) Convene to consider as soon as practical.
- (c) Identify defendant/s and charges
- (d) Identify charges.
- (e) Centres involved to have available Umpire/Player/s/Officials for interview.
- (f) Identify defendant/s advocate, if present.
- (g) Identify witnesses.
- (h) Introduce Committee.
- (i) Advise defendant/s of charges.
- (j) Advise defendant/s of right to cross examine witnesses.
- (k) Examine all evidence submitted by witnesses.
- (l) Notify defendant/s and Centre of decision and penalty. (which shall be by a majority vote)
- (m) Ensure that the severity of the penalty imposed is in keeping with the offence.
- (n) Notify defendants their right of Appeal.

The presiding Superleague Division Match Committee shall consist of 3 representatives of that Superleague Division Committee.

7. SCORERS: (When applicable)

- (i) Record all Centre Passes - you are only to advise the umpire of the centre pass when requested.
Record all goals scored
Record all goals missed
- (ii) Note any Player being sent off, on the back of the Score Sheet
Details: Players home Centre
 Player position
 Number of goals
- (iii) Tally goals each quarter
- (iv) At the end of the game - Check all Goals, enter correct scores on Score Sheet and only then do you Sign the Score Sheet.
- (v) Completed sheets to be given to Host Centre Co-ordinator.
- (vi) Please note that Score Sheets are to be completed in Dark Biro, Red Pen or Pencil are not to be used. Please ensure that writing is Legible
- (vii) No Scorer shall eat, drink or smoke whilst scoring.

8. PLAYERS:

RESPONSIBILITIES:

- (i) Ensure **You** have completed the INFQ Superleague Team Registration Sheet.
- (ii) Ensure **You** have signed the Player Signature Sheet prior to game.
NOTE: Loss of Best & Fairest points will apply if your signature does not appear on the Player Signature Sheet.
- (iii) Prior to taking court - ensure your nails are cut / taped all jewellery is removed
- (iv) Ensure **your** behaviour on court is within the spirit of the game.
- (v) Ensure that they have appraised themselves of the policies and in particular the Code of Behaviour and conduct expected from players as players and also as supporters
- (vi) Any send-off requires an Incident Report Form to be completed by the Umpire and the player/s allegedly involved in the incident. This report is sent to the Zone Match Committee which will be tabled at their following Meeting (or at their earliest convenience) **Penalties May Apply.**
- (vii) **AFTER GAME**
The Umpire will allocate Best & Fairest Points.
NOTE: If a Player has been sent from the court Best & Fairest points will not be allocated (until case has been upheld).
- (viii) Player misconduct will not be tolerated.

9. UMPIRES

Only Accredited Super-League Level 4 Endorsed and State Badged Umpires shall be used in Super-League fixtures. (It is the Host Centres responsibility to provide the best possible Umpires at all times.) Centres should liaise with visiting Centres for assistance with current accredited umpires if required.

Failure to use qualified Umpires may incur a penalty, which shall be administered by the Division.

Accreditation of Umpires shall be held at Zone Titles, State Super-League Championships and selected Super-League games (if required.)

All Super-League Umpires may be registered for Insurance coverage by completing the Player Insurance Form with the relevant information and monies accompanying the form.

All Umpires must be suitably attired in the official Umpires uniform (i.e., White shirt -INFQ where possible, white skirt for Ladies, short or long white pants for Men.

(i) Appointment of Umpires: -

- (a) the Host Centre shall appoint for each match one umpire who shall have full control of play and shall award penalties (if required) in accordance with the I.N.F.A. Rule Book and by these By-Laws.

(ii) Replacement of Umpires: -

- (a) When any umpire, before or during the progress of the game becomes incapable through sickness, injury or accident in performing their duties, a substitute shall be chosen to complete said game.

(iii) Inspection of Equipment: -

- (a) prior to the commencement of play the umpire shall inspect the game ball, court and nets. The umpire may also need to inspect the game ball after a blood bin has occurred.

(iv) Reporting Players and Officials: -

- (a) umpires may report any player or official who during the progress of the match commits a reportable offence.
- (b) umpires may report an offending player without taking into consideration whether the offending player received provocation or not.
- (c) umpires may caution a player but must not at any time threaten a player or official.

(v) Send Off Offences: -

- (a) an umpire shall show judgement as to whether the send-off is enough or whether the offence is deserving of any further action.

(vi) Reportable Incidents: -

- (a) continually disputing the decision of an umpire
- (b) unduly interferes with, or assaults, or uses threatening or abusive language to an umpire or behaves in a threatening or abusive manner towards an umpire.
- (c) strikes or attempts to strike another player or official with their hand or arm.
- (d) Violently pushes an opponent after that player has taken or disposed of the ball.
- (e) Intentionally kicks or attempts to kick an opponent or official.
- (f) Intentionally trips or attempts to trip an opponent by foot or leg.
- (g) Engages in unduly rough play against an opponent in a deliberate and violent manner.

- (vii) **Reporting Procedures:-**
 (a) umpires shall be provided by the Host Centre with Incident Report Forms on which they shall enter particulars of any offence they make against player/s or official/s. This shall be completed as soon as possible after said game.
 If the situation arises where a Player is sent from the court for misconduct during any Association event (and the case upheld) **THAT PLAYER IS INELIGIBLE** for any player award for that competition. Do not write Report on the Score Sheet.
 (b) Once the Report is complete the Host Centre shall send it to the Division President/Secretary.
- (viii) **Late Start -**
 The Offending Team start at **ZERO**
 The Non Offending Team start at **ZERO** Plus One Goal per Minute or part thereof. As per the INA Rule Book.
- (ix) **Uniform Penalty -**
 The Offending Team start at **ZERO**.
 The Non Offending Team start at **ZERO** Plus Three Goals per Uniform Penalty.
- (x) **Blood Bin –**
 (a) Any Player, who is bleeding, must leave the court until wound is cleaned and covered.
 (b) Any Player whose uniform has blood on it must be sent from court to change into another identical uniform.
 (c) Player may return on court at any time **providing** the Umpire is satisfied with the coverage that has been applied to wound, and all other rules pertained in the Association & I.N.A. Blood Bin Rule has been adhered to.
- (xi) **Forfeits -**
 Umpire to notify Host Co-ordinator that a Forfeit has been declared.
- (xii) **Umpires -**
 Umpires to be on court ready for the start of play.
- (xiii) **Best & Fairest Points -**
 Umpires are to allocate the Best & Fairest points to the Host Co-ordinator which will then be noted on the appropriate sheet/s.
- (xiv) **Qualification -**
 Any queries on qualification of a player on that night to be directed to Host Coordinator. Qualification of a player can be verified by checking Player qualification Sheets supplied by the Statistician, to each Co-ordinator, at the completion of each round.

10. **FINAL VENUES AND DATES**

The decision shall be left to the discretion of the individual Divisions, as to which Venue/s will receive finals and the dates the games will be played, as long as they are within the dates specified for Super-League.

11. **MISCONDUCT**

- (a) If it is reported that a potential breach of the by-laws or polices by misconduct of a member, either as witnessed by the umpires or as directed to the umpire it must be reported to the HOST SUPERLEAGUE CO-ORDINATOR IMMEDIATELY and an incident report is to be completed in full by all parties and promptly handed to the Host Centre Netball Coordinator. The Host Superleague Co-Ordinator is then to inform the opposition Superleague Netball Co-Ordinator. This information is to be forward to the Superleague Division President within 48 ;

- (b) The Superleague Division Committee will investigate such matters and if deemed necessary conduct a hearing to determine the allegation unless it is otherwise determined by the Superleague Division Committee and the allegation is vexatious or frivolous;
- (c) If after its investigates the majority of the Superleague Division Committee is satisfied that the allegation is established the Superleague Division Committee may be motion do one or more of the following:
 - i. Suspend the member for a period as may determine;
 - ii. Impose such restriction on the rights that the member may endure while remaining a member as may be determined;
 - iii. Reprimand the member; or
 - iv. Take no further action
- (d) Where an allegation has been referred to the Superleague Division Committee under Rule 11, the member must be notified in writing by the Superleague Division Committee or the President of the Superleague Division Committee of:
 - i. That an allegation has been made against a member
 - ii. The substance of the allegation; and
 - iii. The date, time and place when the Superleague Division Committee will meet to investigate the allegation.
- (e) A member against whom an allegation has been made may:
 - i. Appear before the Superleague Division Committee at the date, time and place noticed to the member.
 - ii. Make a written representation to the Superleague Division Committee which must be delivered to the Centre Netball Coordinator no less than seven (7) days before the date notified to the member.
- (f) The Superleague Division Committee may inform the member of its decision at the end of the haring or otherwise by posting to the member written notification of the decision with 14 days of the Superleague Division Committee making the decision.
- (g) Notwithstanding an allegation being referred to the Superleague Division Committee, the Superleague Division Committee may upon receipt of a written complaint that an allegation has been made that a member has conducted themselves in contravention of the rules or by-laws and the Superleague Division Committee considers that the allegation is significant, then the Superleague Division Committee may immediately suspend the membership of the member without conducting the hearing until the matter is heard;
- (h) Should the Superleague Division Committee consider that a immediate suspension is warranted, the member shall be informed in writing of the decision of the Superleague Division Committee and further be informed of the substance of the allegation and also when the matter is to be further heard by the Superleague Division Committee;
- (i) The suspension will remain in force until the matter is heard by the Superleague Division Committee and such hearing shall be not unreasonably delayed.
- (j) If a member is immediately suspended that member is not allowed within the premises of any member centres.
- (k) The member concerned shall be given a full and fair opportunity of presenting their case and if the Superleague Division Committee resolves to terminate their membership or otherwise suspend or reprimand them shall advise the member in writing accordingly.
- (l) Notwithstanding that after the said the Superleague Division Committee may upon receiving a written complaint alleging that a member has conducted himself/herself in a manner considering to be injurious or prejudicial to the character or interest of the association impose a period of suspension to the members membership without conducting a hearing;
- (m) Should the Superleague Division Committee act in accordance herewith the secretary shall forthwith advise the member of the decision of the Superleague Division Committee;
- (n) Any member agreed by decision of the Superleague Division Committee may appeal in accordance with Clause 13.

12. APPEALS – as per Section 3 of the INFQ BY-LAWS – page 9

1. A person who chooses to appeal a decision by the Superleague Division Committee may within one (1) month of receiving written notification thereof lodge with their appeal with the INFQ Operations Manager via a written notice of their intention to appeal against the decision of the Superleague Division Committee;
2. Upon receipt of a notification of intention to appeal against any determination by the Superleague Division Committee the board shall convene within three (3) months of the date of receipt of the said notice a meeting to determine the appeal;
3. At any such meeting the Applicant shall be given the opportunity to fully present their case and the Superleague Division Committee or members thereof shall likewise have the opportunity of presenting it or their reasons;
4. The appeal shall be determined by the vote of the board at such meeting;
5. The decision of the board at that time will be final

SUPERLEAGUE MATCH RULES

1. COMPETITION FORMAT

The following grades **MAY** be played within Superleague: -

Ladies A	Ladies B	Ladies C
Mixed A	Mixed B	Mixed C
Men's A	Men's B	
16 & Under Ladies	19 & Under Ladies	19 & Under Mixed
23 & Under Ladies	23 & Under Mixed	
Over 30 Ladies	Over 30 Mixed	Over 40 Ladies

Keeping in mind that ALL CENTRES **MUST HAVE LADIES A AND MIXED A** to be able to compete.

Competition Fees:

The Game Fees for all Division 1, Division 2 & Division 3 (if Applicable) Super-League will be set at the INFQ Superleague Planning Meeting.

The Umpires Fee structure for Super-League ONLY will be based on the qualification levels as follows and capped at a maximum per game.

Maximum	-	\$25.00 for a state umpire
Maximum	-	\$20.00 for a Superleague Endorsed umpire

2. PLAYER/GAME REGISTRATION CARDS

A Player/Games Registration Card must be maintained for all fixture matches.

The card must show the Players Name (Printed) and Signature which is to be ticked when that Player has **actually taken** the court, unused spaces should be filled in and signed by the opposing Netball Coordinator or Centre Representative. If the card is not signed the Centre assumes full responsibility of any discrepancies.

WHEN A PLAYER PLAYS IN ANOTHER GRADE, THE PLAYERS NAME AND PRESENT GRADE MUST BE REGISTERED ON THE APPROPRIATE CARD.

These cards **MUST** be up to date and produced at all matches, finals and **any** official Association endorsed competition as proof of eligibility.

Failure to produce the card at any of the abovementioned events may result in Players being in-eligible in the event of a dispute.

It is the responsibility of each Centre to maintain and check these cards.

In the event that a Division uses a Statistician with a computer base to record qualifications, a copy of the relevant records from the Statistician will be accepted in lieu of registration cards at State Super-League Championships. (It is recommended that all Centres still maintain cards for their own records in the event of a dispute).

3. SUPERLEAGUE TEAM REGISTRATION FORMS

All Super-League Players **MUST** be registered on the INFQ Super-League Team Registration Form prior to their first game.

~~***As of 2010 onwards, it will be the member centres responsibility to ensure they have all of their players properly covered whilst participating at Super-League, Zone Titles, State Super-League Championships or for State Players during training and whilst at the INFA National event. INFQ now cover the insurance for all superleague players from superleague to Nationals.~~

4. PLAYER GRADES/ELIGIBILITY

Teams will be graded into three different categories. These are as follows:-

A – Grade		Ladies A	Mixed A	Men's A	
B – Grade		Ladies B	Mixed B	Men's B ***	
C – Grade		Ladies C	Mixed C		

*****Mens B Player may play in Mixed C without penalty provided all other representative player rules are followed – Updated 16/2/18**

Aged players: 16 & Under Ladies, 19 & Under Ladies/Mixed, 23 & Under Ladies & Mixed, Over 30 Ladies/Mixed and Over 40 Ladies Players may play in A, B, or C grade without penalty until qualified in a Grade.

Representative Players

- Current Open Touring Australian & Current Open Qld players will not be permitted to play in any grade other than A Grade or Aged Teams.
- Team Members of 2nd Qld sides are not classed as current Qld players – but must play in B Grade or higher with the exception of Aged Lightning players who may play C Grade or higher
- Only persons playing in B Grade or higher in Superleague can trial for Open State Teams
***this does not affect players playing in an aged grade (Inserted after SLPM for 2021)
- Training Partners are not classed as current state players

UPDATED AS PER THE MINUTES OF THE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING 14th November 2019 – As per below

- ~~a. — A player is not deemed to be graded as a current state player until they have played for the state at a national event. REMOVED~~
- b. They will not be graded as a state player until after the national tournament and this grading will not take effect until the commencement of the following super league season.
 - c. Once the following superleague season has commenced the player must complete the full season in that grade regardless of their reselection in the state team.

INSERTED AS PER THE MINUTES OF THE GM MEETING & Updated on 14th November 2019 – As per below

A State Player – First year selected or has not played state for 2 years or more:

- a. A player that has been selected for the first time to represent the state must remain with their centre that they are selected from for the following year
- b. A player that has not played state for 2 years or more and is selected in a state team must remain with their centre that they are selected from for the following year:

***This will include all senior teams i.e. Aged & Open Nationals and or Super National players - Heat & Lightning players **Amended & Updated 14/11/19 to:**

PLEASE NOTE: This will apply to any persons playing in senior superleague.

An **Over 30's** player may play in Over 30's, A, B and C without penalty, if an Over 30's player plays 3 fixture games in A Grade, they will no longer be eligible to play B or C Grade competition. Keeping in mind that all other criteria's are followed.

With the exception of a current State Player who may only play in A and/or B and Over 30's.

An **23 & Under** player may play in 23 & Under's and, A,B and C without penalty, but as soon as a player plays 3 fixture games in a higher grade they will no longer be eligible to play in a lower grade. Keeping in mind that all other criteria's are followed.

With the exception of a current State Player who may only play in A Grade and/or B Grade and 21 & Under.

An **19 & Under/Mixed** player may play 19 & Under, A,B and C without penalty, but as soon as a player plays 3 fixture games in a higher grade they will no longer be eligible to play in a lower grade. Keeping in mind that all other criteria's are followed.

With the exception of a current State Player who may only play in A Grade and/or B Grade and 19 & Under/Mixed.

Once a player has played one third (1/3) of the seasons rounds in one Grade, they are qualified in that Grade for the purpose of **finals**, however, they may still be eligible for an age competition. ***ADD e.g.

(a) **All Super-League Players MUST play regular domestic fixtures within the Centre they represent in Super-League.**

(i) **Regular:** means that a player must have participated in one third (1/3) or more of the completed matches in the centre season at any time after the third round of fixtures, or one third of the centre matches in the period of the players Super-League participation. The games may be in a variety of teams but must be at least one per week.

(ii) **Verification:** In the event that INFQ questions a centre in regard to this rule the centre must present an original team card or computer printout showing the date of participation of the player and the team name, if requested copies of score sheets for the relevant games must also be produced.

(iii) **Season:** means the primary centre season that coincides with the Super-League fixtures of that centre.

Penalty: In the event that a player is found to be in breach of this rule they will be:-

- i. Suspended for three Super-League fixture matches.
- ii. Any Super-League team in which they participate will lose all points for the matches they have participated in, accumulated to the date of the penalty.
- iii. The player will be ineligible for Zone or State Selection during that year.

*In the event that a player is found to be in breach of this rule the centre they represent will be:-

- iv. The centre that they represent will be fined an amount of \$200.00 for the first offence in a year and \$500.00 for any subsequent offences by any player in that year.

Extenuating circumstances: Injury or illness to the player will be accepted, this must be verifiable and recorded by the centre.

Process: *Any complaint must be made in writing to INFQ by the Operator or Manager of a Members Centre, setting out the full name and centre of the player (s) concerned.*

Upon the receipt of a complaint against any player under this rule the INFQ Executive Officer or in that official's absence an impartial suitable person appointed by the Executive Officer shall advise the player's centre of the allegation and arrange to sight the appropriate documentation within three (3) days.

Appeal: Where a player and centre are found guilty of an offence under this rule. The normal right of appeal under these rules shall apply.

NOTE: The finals qualification rule still applies.

- (b) No graded player may play in a lower Grade match or final.
- (c) finals you can play up in finals with no penalty
- (d) A player **MAY ONLY PLAY IN ONE GAME** at any one time.
Penalty: If a second game is played that will be considered a forfeit game.
- (d) A player may move from grade to age competition and reverse without restriction, as long as all other rules are followed.
- (e) Teams may only use a maximum of 10 players in any game with the exception of Mixed they may use 11 players.

5. ELIGIBILITY OF AGE EVENTS

16 & Under Ladies	May not turn 17 in the year of the National Tournament
19 & Under Ladies/Mixed -	May not turn 20 in the year of the National Tournament
23 & Under Ladies/Mixed -	May not turn 24 in the year of the National Tournament

Over 30/40's - **SUPERLEAGUE RULE ONLY**

A player may not play superleague for 30 & Over divisions for ladies or mixed until the day they turn 30/40

ELIGIBILITY FOR NATIONAL EVENT

To qualify to play in the Over 30 Zone Competition the player may be 29 years of age, but must have turned 30 years of Age on the day the National Championships commence to be eligible to play in that event.

PROOF OF AGE WILL BE REQUIRED FOR **ALL** AGED PLAYERS for any official Association endorsed event.

Acceptable Proof of Age is as per the Coordinators for Statisticians listed duties.

6. FINALS FORMAT

All finals games including Semi Finals, Prelim Finals and Grand Finals will have any injury time during the game added at the end of the last quarter.

If after all game time has been played and the game is a draw then you will immediately start the game again and an extra 5 mins only will be played. If after this time it is still a draw then you will continue to play until a team is 2 ahead on the score board.

FINALS:-

- (a) Player Qualification -
To become qualified to play any final, a player must have played at least three (3) Super-League rounds for the Club, keeping in mind that only ONE game per round shall be counted.

7. TRANSFERS

Once a player has represented a Centre in the current season he/she **cannot** play for another Centre/Super-League Division without a Super-League Transfer Form being signed by the Division President, Centre Management they are transferring from, the Centre Management transferring to, and final approval granted by the Association Management Committee, this will be done from the following guidelines:-

- (a) Where the Player has had a reasonable change of address.
- (b) Closure of the Players Centre.
- (c) Where a player transfers employment within the Industry provided the new employment is full time and can be verified.
- (d) Transfers within a Division may be granted by the Division President provided:-
 - (i) The transfer is not disputed.
 - (ii) No financial obligation to the original Centre by the player exists.
 - (iii) One of the conditions in (a) (b) or (c) is met.

- (e) Notice of application for Inter-Division transfers must be forwarded to INFQ for ratification by the Management Committee.

Transfer Forms MUST be received by the Operations Manager in which to allow sufficient time for their decision.

Games played in the original Centre are not transferable.

8. SUPERLEAGUE UNIFORMS

All uniforms worn must match in **COLOUR** and **DESIGN** (which includes trimmings and attachments.) e.g. where bodysuits and/or shirts, skirts and shorts bear any markings or logos they must match in all respects within a team.

The only exception to the above is:-

- (a) Skirts may be single or double pleated.
(b) Skirts and shorts may be different in fabric, but must be matching in colour and design.

The Association Logo is to be worn on the shirt, individual Centre logos may be placed on the shirt (if so desired.)

Female players playing in the mixed competition may wear bodysuits and/or shorts or skirts, but they must be the same (i.e. If one female wears shorts all female players must wear shorts) as long as all criteria's mentioned above are followed.

(If bodysuits are worn the Male shirt is to be matching in colour and design (sleeves may be added) with the top of the female bodysuit and the Male shorts are to be the base colour of the uniform or Black.

BIKE PANTS - May be worn in any Association endorsed event as an option, under skirts or shorts provided they match the base colour of skirts or shorts. Bike Pants are considered to be pants that are worn above the knee and below the skirt and short line.

GLOVES - May be worn, provided they are in good order and are of suitable design. (i.e. SAFE. It will be at the Umpires discretion as to whether the glove is considered safe.)

Advertising (Sponsorship as per the I.N.A. Rule Book.)

Uniform penalties will be imposed from **Round 2** of the Super-League competition. Penalties will be set by the Division Committee.

Should there be a legitimate problem with uniforms, it is the Netball Coordinators/Manager responsibility to inform the opposing Netball Coordinator of the problem straight away. A decision should be made by the Netball Coordinators of both Centres. If a decision cannot be reached, only then should the Super-League Division Committee become involved.

9. FORFEITS

Any Centre/Division found playing non-eligible players will forfeit all points from grade/s they have participated and all points will be awarded to the opposing team/s. This matter should be reported to the Super-League Division Committee.

In the event of a forfeit, the forfeiting Centre will bear the total cost of that game, and will be billed direct, with a copy of the account going to the Super-League Division Committee. Payment must be made prior to the next Super-League game, or all points will be deducted.

10. POINTS SYSTEM

The points system will be used for Super-League, State Zone Titles, and State Super-League Championships.

- (a) Four (4) points for a win.
- (b) In the event of a draw, both teams shall receive two (2) points.
- (c) A loss will receive zero (0) points.
- (d) In the event of a forfeit, the non-offending team will receive four (4) points and thirty (30) goals.
- (e) In the event of a forfeit the offending team will receive a loss of four (4) points and thirty (30) goals.

TIMES FOR FIXTURES:-

The playing time for all Super-League Fixture games shall be four (4) twelve (12) minute quarters with two (2) minutes between the first and second quarters and third and fourth quarters with three (3) minutes at half time.

LADDER POSITIONS:-

In the event that two or more teams finish on equal points after the round robin has been played the ladder will be determined by:-

- (a) Difference (Goals for, minus, goals against)

11. STATE TITLES

- It is compulsory for the top 4 teams on ladders in respective divisions as of a round determined by each division committee.
- Any Club which has a team qualified in the State Title Championships **MUST** fulfil their commitments.
- If a Club Team wishes to withdraw from the said tournament – they may approach a Club from their Division to take their place, in the event that another team substitutes for the original team the substitute team will be liable to the same rules and penalties - If they cannot find a team to take their place then the following options may apply:-
 - (a) The team must pay a forfeit fee which will be the equivalent of the nomination fee.
 - (b) Any player qualified in that team **MAY** be:-
 - (i) disqualified from the following years Super-League competition, And;
 - (ii) May be ineligible for Zone or State selection in that current year. Each Club will be asked to give good reason in writing as to why any of the above (b) (i) (ii) should not be implemented.

12. “WORKING WITH CHILDREN CHECK” FOR VOLUNTEERS.

“ALL VOLUNTEERS” who work with children under the age of 18 **MUST** have obtained a blue card.

This direction is to cover all sections of articles in this manual