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ZONE TITLES

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INFQ ZONE TITLES

1. ZONE TITLES COMMITTEES

- (a) **President of Zone**
- (i) oversee all aspects of the Zone
 - (ii) preside at all meetings
 - (iii) carry out such duties as:-
 - * call for player nominations.
 - * nominations for all Coaches/Managers.
 - * set venue for trials and times (if required) or have a meeting with other centres in the zone
 - * set criteria's for Zone selection (e.g. injured players must be present at trials.)
 - * nominations for Zone Selectors.
 - * finalise costing - make all players and officials aware of costs.
 - * organise travel and accommodation (if required)
 - * when teams have been finalised collect all details from players (E.g. uniform sizes/address and phone no's and any other (relevant information required by Zone.)
- (b) Ensure all team nominations and uniform orders (if required) are sent to INFQ by the nominated date.
- (c) **TREASURER – (if no treasurer then the President of the Zone takes this role)**
- (i) organise bank account on behalf of Zone.
 - (ii) oversee the receipt of all monies and report to Committee at the next meeting.
 - (ii) after approval from all members in Zone, make any payments on behalf of the Zone.
 - (iii) all invoices from INFQ must be paid 2 weeks prior to tournament

2. ZONE TITLES

Where the respective Zones select representative teams from the Clubs within the Zone to compete against the other Zones in the Compulsory Grades, from this competition, the State Queensland Teams are selected to compete at National Level.

- (a) The State Zone Titles shall be conducted for 19 & Under Ladies & Mixed, 23 & Under Ladies & Mixed, Over 30 Ladies & Mixed, Open Ladies, Open Mixed, Open Men's annually, where all Zones shall attend.

3. ZONES – to be determined at the Annual Superleague Planning Meeting (SEQ)

North Brisbane, Central Brisbane, Wide Bay, Gold Coast, West Brisbane, South Brisbane & North Queensland

4. COMPETITION FORMAT

The Compulsory Grades for State Zone Titles will be:-

Open Ladies	19 & Under Ladies
Open Mixed	19 & Under Mixed
Open Men	23 & Under Ladies
Over 30 Mixed	23 & Under Mixed
Over 30 Ladies	

5. NOMINATION FOR ZONE TITLES

- (a) Each Zone is to make all players aware before nominating that the State Zone Titles are the process of selecting the Queensland State Teams.
- (b) Any player wishing to stand for State Selection must thoroughly read and understand the selection criteria document "Standing for State" – on completion of this they are requested to sign said documentation – agreeing that they have understood all details of "State Selection" and said non-refundable deposit that is required or INFQ may use the electronic version on Google Docs
- (c) if any Zone wishes to make alterations to uniforms, they must stipulate the variances they wish to make in writing as soon as possible to the Association Office where the Management Committee will make a final decision.

6. TEAMS

- (a) A maximum of thirteen (13) players may be listed for each 19 & under Ladies, 23 & under Ladies, over 30 Ladies, Open Ladies & Open Men's teams. Only ten (10) players may be used in each game.
- (b) A maximum of fourteen (14) players may be listed for the 19 & under Mixed, 23 & under Mixed, over 30 Mixed & Open Mixed (8 females/6 males). Only 11 players may be used in each game (6 females/5 males).
- (c) All players must be in identical uniforms as per the Association Rules which will include the I.N.F.Q. logo.
If uniforms are to be supplied by INFQ, the following will apply
 - i. If dresses are worn the male singlet is to be of matching in colour and design (sleeves may be added)
 - ii. Male shorts are to be the base colour of the uniform or black
OR
 - iii. Singlets for both males and females
WITH
 - iv. Both males and females wearing black bottoms
 - a. Keeping in mind that if in a ladies team, it will be you can only choose one option – all players in skirts or all players in shorts
 - b. For mixed teams, ladies can wear the dress or singlet/skirt/short
- (d) all players participating will wear an identifying number on the left arm/sleeve at a height of 10cm **and/or** their last name which will be situated on the back of their dress/playing shirt/singlet which must be visible above the area of their playing bib.
- (e) All players must wear bibs identifying their court positions as per the I.N.A. Rule Book
- (f) A player **MAY ONLY PLAY IN ONE GRADE at any one Zone Titles.**
- (g) All players must abide by the Umpire/s decision. Abuse of any kind **WILL NOT BE TOLERATED.** Penalty as per the I.N.F.A. Rule Book
- (h) The captain is the only player permitted to approach the Umpire/s on court.

7. RULES OF PLAY

- (a) The rules adopted by all members shall be those of the Indoor Netball Federation of Australia (Inc) July 2013 and those rules stipulated in the Association By-Laws and the Tournament Rules supplied.
- (b) Managers of every Zone Team are to attend the managers meeting which will be held prior to the commencement of the event.
- (c) Final alterations to team members shall be noted on the official team sheet and lodged with the Tournament Director directly after the managers meeting.
Please Note: No alterations may be made after this form has been submitted – which will list up to thirteen (13) players for Ladies and Mens teams and with fourteen (14) players for all mixed teams. Failure to adhere to this rule will be penalised as per the Penalty Listed below
- (d) **Penalty:** The points for that game will **NOT** be credited to the offending team if that team has been the winning team.
- (e) all managers are asked to alert their players that they enter the court through the front net and may not leave the court during the 1st and 2nd quarter and 3rd and 4th quarter

breaks, and when their game has concluded they are to leave as quickly as possible through the back net (if available).

Relating to Play:-

- (a) The playing time during the State Zone Titles shall be as follows: - (If time allows)
4 x 10 minute quarters
2 minutes at quarter times.
Half time breaks - 3 minutes.

No extra time shall be taken except during the grand final. On instruction from the Umpire the Timekeeper will stop the clock for injury time of two (2) minutes (per injury) in which time the team officials will determine whether the player is fit to continue, and to deal with the injury, keeping in mind that **COACHING IS PERMITTED** during this time.

- (b) Points shall be allotted as follows:-

- (i) four (4) points for a win.
- (ii) two (2) points in the event of a draw.
- (iii) zero (0) points for a loss.

The top two (2) teams on points in each grade after the completion of the Round Robin will advance to the Grand Finals.

- (c) 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:-

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

- (d) During the **final** if a draw results then extra time shall be played. The teams will take a one minute break, change ends and the Centre Pass shall continue to alternate. One five (5) minutes shall be played. If the result at the end of this extra time the game is still a draw, play continues (no interruption) until one team has a two-goal clear advantage. No teams shall be permitted to make changes, before and during the extra time periods.

- (e) Coaching will be permitted only in the designated area allocated.

Derogatory comments or directions to officials, players or spectators will not be permitted. The umpire has the authority to warn and further award a penalty against that team, if these actions continue.

Alcohol / Drugs.

- (a) All relevant Officials should ensure that no player who is obviously under the influence of alcohol or a drug should be allowed to participate in any fixture, they may be removed.
INFQ reserves the right to refuse permission for such a player to participate in any fixture.

8. PLAYER ELIGIBILITY

- (a) Players must have played in 3 fixture rounds of superleague to be eligible to play in a zones tournament
- (b) What grade you play in is what grade you will be selected in if you are trailing for a state team.
- (c) If you do not play at the INFQ Zone Titles and If you make yourself ineligible for QLD selections during the Zone Titles then you will not be eligible to represent another state

9. UMPIRES

- (a) All umpires shall meet prior to the Zones Titles for a compulsory meeting where interpretations shall be defined.
- (b) (If Applicable) The umpire shall award 3, 2 and 1 votes for the "Player of the Series" in each grade and voting shall only be taken during the Round Robin games.
- (c) During finals only, a second umpire will assist the scorer from ground level - to alleviate problems for the umpires on court.
- (d) If there are any queries or questions regarding interpretations of rules, an approach may be made to the Umpires Convenor or said delegate at tournament.
- (e) Payment for umpires is \$18 per game, paid at the end of the tournament

10. ASSOCIATION OFFICIALS

- (a) A Manager/ess, Coach and Umpire may be appointed for all State representative teams. Nomination forms for Team Officials which will also include Sports Trainer/s shall be forwarded to all Member Centres and Life Members, it will also be available on the INFQ Web Site - The Association Management Committee shall nominate a closing date for the return of such Nomination Forms. The Management Committee shall make a final decision at their next meeting after the closing date.
- (b) If a State Delegate is required, it shall be appointed by the Association Management Committee.
- (c) A meeting will be arranged with all appointed State Officials to discuss requirements of the Association, with the States Operation Manager.

11. STATE /REPRESENTATIVE TEAMS

- (a) The Association shall compete in the Indoor Netball Australia Inc National Championships and other events as determined by the Association Management Committee.
- (b) Qualification for selection in a team to represent Queensland shall be:-
 - (i) Membership of a player registered in Super-League team with a fully financial member of the Association.
 - (ii) **Regular** participation at an In-House level and in Super-League fixtures prior to, and up until the National Championships has been completed.
 - (iii) Participated at the Zone Titles.
 - (iv) If unable to trial/participate at the zone titles, the following **criteria will apply**:
 - a) Player to submit letter/s to **their ZONE PRESIDENT** as per below & a payment of \$50 - \$25 to Team Fees & \$25 PAID to INFQ – a minimum of 7 days out from the zone titles.
 - i. Player to submit a written letter stating why they are not trialling with a detailed reason of explanation.
 - ii. If it is for a medical reason e.g. injury, then, they **MUST** provide a medical statement, from a qualified person, stating the exact injury, and a date that they will be fully recovered and ready to start training at 100% capacity.
 - iii. This documentation must then be submitted to the INFQ Operations Manager for INFQ management committees approval.
 - iv. If approved by INFQ management committee, then, and only then, will their name and documentation be given to the selectors for consideration in a state team at the zone titles.
 - v. No one will be permitted to "trial" without playing, unless the above criteria has been followed.
- (c) Selection procedure for State/Representative Teams shall be as follows:-

- (i) all players representing their Zone at Zone Titles will be considered for selection when they have completed and signed the “Standing for State Selection Form”.
 - (ii) if Trials are required, players eligible for consideration are those mentioned in 10 (b) (i) & (ii)
 - (iii) at the conclusion of the Zone Titles and/or Trials the teams will be announced or may be posted on the INFQ website on a date determined by the INFQ Management Committee.
- (d) The selected player shall:-
- (i) On a date determined by the Operations Manager, meet with the Manager/ess, Coach, Umpires Director and Sports Trainer/s at the nominated venue to complete all relevant paper work (**which includes the INFQ “Code of Conduct”**) that is required by the Association and the expectations of all representative players as set out by the INFQ Operations Manager and to try on sample uniforms when applicable.
 - (ii) As per the “Playing Standing for Selection” Form – your State Team non-refundable deposit is paid on the required date, or you will be removed from the said state team.
 - (iii) Continue to participate regularly in fixture & superleague competition.
 - (iv) After being selected in a State Team and a player withdraws, penalties may be applied – please see “Player Standing for State Selection Form”.
 - (iv) Members of any travelling representative team shall be required to be responsible for their own day to day expenses.
The Association shall assist where possible towards these expenses; the amount of assistance shall be decided upon by the Association Management Committee.
 - (v) Attend all Compulsory State Trainings called by INFQ (any player from a Member Centre outside the South East Queensland Zone - arrangements will be made by the Coach with said player regarding training) if three (3) training sessions are missed, the player concerned will be approached by the Coach and Manager of said team asking why they should not be asked to leave the team. This information will be past to the Executive Officer as soon as possible.
 - (vi) The Association shall assist such player/s where possible, the amount of assistance shall be decided upon by the Association Management Committee.
- (e) At the direction of the Association Management Committee the Selection Sub-Committee may replace, at any time, any selected players who fail to fulfil their obligations, or who sustained an injury and/or cannot continue.
- (f) The Association Management Committee shall have the right to direct the Manager/ess to return any player because of misconduct whilst on tour.
When a Manager/ess and Coach have been appointed by the Association Management Committee, all players in the representative team/s concerned shall be under the sole jurisdiction of their Coach and Manager/ess.
- (g) No player or official shall book any expenses to the Association whilst on tour, unless previous written permission has been given by the Association Management Committee.
- (h) If an injury is sustained by any player – please refer to page 8 INJURY TO PLAYER

12. STATE TEAMS

A maximum of thirteen (13) players and a minimum of ten (10) may be announced for the Open Ladies, Open Men's, 23 & Under, 19 & Under and Over 30 Ladies teams and

A maximum of fourteen (14) and a minimum of eleven (11) for each Mixed team selected. The ratio of players in the Mixed shall consist of:-

Maximum - 6 males and 8 females.

Minimum - 5 males and 6 females.

- (b) A player may **ONLY PLAY IN ONE GRADE** per State competition. **i.e.** a lady may play in the Ladies Open Division but shall not be able to play Mixed Open.
- (c) Any player participating at a National event **must** be a registered Super-League player.
- (d) All other rules followed shall be as per the Indoor Netball Federation of Australia Inc. By-Laws.

State Representative Uniforms-

- (e) The uniform to be worn by teams selected shall be approved by the Association Management Committee.

(ii) The colours of the Association shall be Maroon, White and Gold Trim.

(iii) This uniform shall be registered with Indoor Netball Australia Inc. and shall not be worn by any other financial member of the Association.

- (f) **Injury to Player-**

If a player sustains an injury, minor or major, it is then the players and/or parents/guardians' responsibility to contact the state team manager, who will then ask for the following,

IN WRITING FROM THE TREATING PHYSICIAN ON THE INFQ MEDICAL ASSESSMENT/CLEARANCE FORM: -

- i. A medical certificate, stating the exact injury
- ii. When can the player return to training at 100% capacity
- iii. What "rehab-extra work" will be required
- iv. Is the player able to play at the 9-day National Tournament – stating the dates YES/NO

The manager will then contact the Operations Manager who will then advise of the procedures to follow.

***Please note that an injured player may not return to training/playing/tournament until the INFQ Medical Assessment / Clearance Form has been received by the Operations Manager stating a clearance has been granted to return.

Replacement of State Representative Player-

- (g) When a replacement player is required for a state team due to injury, illness or any reason, the following will occur:

- i. The player will formally, in writing/email, notify the INFQ Operations Manager
- ii. The operations manager will advise the coaching director to communicate with the original selection panel to seek a replacement player
- iii. The original selection panel shall agree on said replacement and then, in writing/email, inform the operations manager and coaching director of their decision. This information is to include players name, zone and positions played
- iv. It is then the operations managers' responsibility to contact the selected person, asking them to join the team and explain all required information.
- v. Upon confirmation of acceptance to state team from the selected player the operations manager will then send an email to them and cc in the players superleague centre, to which will include all required paperwork for completion and any other relevant information.

13. PRESENTATIONS.

- (a) at each Zone Titles, trophies will be presented in each grade participating.
They are as follows:
 - * ten Winners trophies and ten Runner Up trophies will be awarded to the Ladies and Men's grades.
 - * eleven Winners and Runner Up trophies will be awarded to the Mixed grades.
- (b) at each Zone Titles a "Player of the Final" shall be selected by the umpire/s officiating that said game.
- (c) any player sent from the court may be considered INELIGIBLE for the "Player of the Final" and may not be considered for any of the "Queensland State Teams".

14. MISCONDUCT - MATCH COMMITTEE

Refers to all INFQ Tournaments (Zones & State Titles)

Any player sent from the court during a game or any behaviour from officials or spectators to be deemed "un-sportsman like" may receive a suspension or other penalty at the discretion of the match committee.

A dispute may be lodged by a team official with the Tournament Director and any such dispute shall be directed to the Match Committee for consideration and decision.

The following procedure will apply –

1. Notification of any protest with respect to a game shall be made verbally or in writing to the Tournament Director within 15 minute of completion of the said game;
2. Within 45 minutes that a protest must be reduced to writing and also be given to the Tournament Director;
3. The Match committee shall convene a meeting to consider the protest as soon as reasonably practical;
4. The Match Committee can inform themselves in any way they feel appropriate with respect to consideration of the protest at hand;
5. The Match Committee in their discretion may call the relevant team officials players and umpires to given evidence to the Match Committee about the relevant protest and inform themselves in any matter that they deem fit from such persons;
6. Upon consideration of information of which the Match Committee have informed themselves, the Match Committee shall decide the protest by way of majority vote

If a player is found to be striking they will automatically be expelled from the event.

The decision of the Match Committee is final and there will not be any appeal provision with respect to that decision.

Any offence that occurred at any INFQ Tournament may be reported to the INFQ Management Committee by the Tournament Director for further action.

15. ASSOCIATION TRIBUNAL COMMITTEE & PROCEDURES – [APPEALS]

Refers to all INFQ Events (Superleague, Zones & State Titles)

- (a) A player/official may appeal any penalty imposed by a Match Committee to the INFQ Management Committee.
 - (i) Such an appeal ***MUST*** be submitted in writing within 72 hours of the Match Committee Hearing, setting out clearly any ***FRESH*** evidence which it considers would have sufficient relevance as to effect the decision previously reached by the Match Committee and be accompanied by a fee of **\$200.00** to the Association Office.
 - (ii) This fee will only be refunded if the decision by the Association Tribunal Committee to reconsider the decision in the light of ***NEW*** evidence and as a

result of that reconsideration the player/official is cleared or the original penalty is reduced in any way.

- (iii) The Association Tribunal Committee will consist of a **minimum** of 2 independent persons and preferably at least one of the original Match Committee Members who have heard the case from which the appeal resulted.

Should such a submission be made, the Tribunal shall be the final arbitrator of its relevance and the following procedures will take place.

- (b) Prior to the establishment of a Tribunal a copy of the **NEW** evidence is provided to the Association Tribunal Committee.
- (b) Providing the evidence submitted is **NEW** to the appeal – ensure that the player/official receives a copy of the date and place of the tribunal.
- (c) This notice should allow reasonable time for the defendant to prepare for the hearing as a general rule a minimum of one clear day would be sufficient.
- (d) The defendant should also be advised that they may bring relevant witnesses and have the right to be represented by an advocate who may not be a practising solicitor or barrister to verify their **NEW** evidence
- (e) The defendant should also be advised of the charges and other relevant information.
- (f) The defendants Member Centre should also be advised of the charges and other relevant information.
- (h) The Tribunal should elect a chairperson and follow the steps outlined below:-
- introduce tribunal members
 - identify defendant/s and advocate/s (if present)
 - identify umpire (if required and if present)
 - advise defendant of charges.
 - advise Tribunal Members of **NEW** evidence
 - advise defendant/s of possible penalty/ies
 - advise defendant/s advocate of right to cross examine witnesses. (if required in new evidence).
 - examine all witnessed and evidence.
 - ask if they have anything to add in relation to the penalty.
 - advise the defendant of the decision and the penalty.
 - ensure the severity of the penalty imposed is clear and in keeping with the offence (which may include an increase or decrease on any penalty already set down by the Match Committee).

During an appeal all penalties will be suspended until the appeal has concluded.

16. APPEALS

- a. Upon receipt of a notification of intention to appeal against any determination by the Match Committee the board shall convene within three (3) months of the date of receipt of the said notice a meeting to determine the appeal;
- b. At any such meeting the Applicant shall be given the opportunity to fully present their case and the Match Committee or members thereof shall likewise have the opportunity of presenting it or their reasons;
- c. The appeal shall be determined by the vote of the board at such meeting;
- d. The decision of the board at that time will be final