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INFQ SUPERLEAGUE

SUPERLEAGUE - OVERVIEW

In which individual Centres compete against other Centre teams who then meet to play Superleague. Each superleague division will play on a home and away bases, which will include playing each centre in your division twice (round robin). Each division will then have a finals series with a semi, prelim, and grand finals for each grade in that division.

- i. Member Centres of INFQ are responsible for the behaviour of their own 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 away games and must also be at home games.
- (c) Any breaches of these rules will incur the appropriate penalty by the Super-League Division Committee, or a person appointed to adjudicate.

SUPERLEAGUE DIVISIONS –

- a) Will be voted at the Yearly Superleague Planning Meeting – Approx. Oct
 - Division 1, Division 2, Division 3 (if applicable), Central & North Queensland
- b) If a division wishes to deviate from the Superleague rules as outlined, a written application must be made to the INFQ management committee no later than 14 days prior to the commencement of the competition for approval. All requests will be assessed on a case by case by basis including the consideration of supplementary supporting documentation.

SUPERLEAGUE DIVISIONS - COMMITTEES & DUTIES

1. PRESIDENT:

Duties shall be to: -

- (a) prepare Agenda and distribute to all members in Division prior to meeting
- (b) apologies
- (c) minutes of last meeting- business arising
- (d) correspondence - business arising
- (e) general business
- (f) 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. VICE PRESIDENT – (If no 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 President and Vice presidents of the division to the Operations Manager at the start of each Super-League season.
- (h) send a copy of division Minutes to INFQ after each meeting.

3. STATISTICIAN:

Duties shall be to:

- (a) Prepare a "Master File" for each centre in the superleague division
 - Send to each centre asking them to take out players not returning and to add in any new players (including dates of birth) and then send back to statistician prior to the commencement of superleague season.

- From Player Signature Sheets – Statistician to keep meticulous records of players qualifications.
- Check Signatures / Check & enter Date of Birth/s from Signature Sheet
- Proof of Age must be sighted and noted on the Player Signature Sheet,
- **The Statistician shall forward all Master Files to the Operations Manager in readiness of INFQ Tournaments / INA 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

AGED:

16 & Under Ladies, 18/19 & Under Ladies, 18/19 & Under Mixed
21/23 & Under Ladies, 21/23 & Under Mixed
Over 40 Ladies, Over 30/35 Ladies, Over 30/35 Mixed

- (c) advise Divisional Points Table.
- (f) advise Club Championship Points Table, to also include "Bye" points separately
- (h) advise any discrepancies to Co-ordinators and or President of the Division
***Please note that signatures will only be checked if a dispute arises
- (i) Send out Centres Player Qualifications after each round or ASAP

3.1 Player Qualifications for Finals

- (a) A player will be elevated up a grade once they played **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.
- (b) A player must have played 1/3 of the scheduled fixture games for any given team to become qualified to play in finals (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 3 rounds in that team to qualify for superleague finals.

- (c) **Filling in for another team during finals:**
A player may qualify through another team for finals (providing all other rules have been adhered to) as long as they meet the qualifications of the that team they are filling in for.

e.g. In a competition of 4 teams, a player only meets the minimum qualification of 2 games. This player cannot fill in for teams with higher qualification requirements.

*****PLEASE NOTE:** you will **NOT** qualify for finals if you have played a total of 3 games in 3 separate teams over 3 separate rounds.

e.g. If you have played one game in Ladies B in round 2, then one game for 35 Mixed in round 6 & one game for Mixed B in round 12.

As per the above rules:

Teams in a Superleague Grade	Games to Qualify in Finals
4 Teams or Less in a Grade	Must play 2 games to qualify
5 Teams in a Grade	Must play 3 games to qualify
6 Teams in a Grade	Must play 3 games to qualify
7 Teams in a Grade	Must play 4 games to qualify
8 Teams in a Grade	Must play 4 games to qualify

PENALTY -

- **Finals game will be awarded to non-offending team**
- **If the game has already been played, then normal games fess will apply**

4. CO-ORDINATORS:

Duties shall be to: -

INFQ Superleague Player Registrations:-

- It is the responsibility of the Superleague co-ordinator to ensure that all players have registered and paid the INFQ Superleague Registration fee by 9am Monday after their 3 round of Superleague has been played.

Penalty if player has not registered:

Failure for player to register as per above - (non-offending centre) being awarded wins in the grades played by un-registered player: 30-0 and 8 points.

Required for STATISTICIAN - DURING SEASON

- The Host Co-Ordinator will send the results sheet to the statistician on night of the host.
- All other Superleague paperwork is to be received by the statistician no later than 11am the Tuesday following their host round.

Penalty if not received:

Failure to provide the documents by the nominated time will result in the visiting (non-offending centre) being awarded wins in all grades of 30-0 and 8 points.

- Player Signature Sheets, Score Sheets & Results Sheet
- Proof of Age is required for all Aged Players:
 - 16 & Under Ladies, 18/19 & Under Ladies, 18/19 & Under Mixed
 - 21/23 & Under Ladies, 21/23 & Under Mixed
 - Over 40 Ladies, Over 30 Ladies, Over 30 Mixed
- Read emails from Statistician.
- Check Qualification of Players as per Qualification Workbook 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

AGED GRADES:

16 & Under Ladies, 18/19 & Under Ladies, 18/19 & Under Mixed
21/23 & Under Ladies, 21/23 & Under Mixed
Over 40 Ladies, Over 30/35 Ladies, Over 30/35 Mixed

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

GAME NIGHTS:

- (a) Ensure the Player Signature Sheet is completed prior to the game.
- (b) **QUALIFICATION**
Any queries on qualification of a player on that night will be directed to the Host Co-ordinator.
Qualification of a Player can be verified by checking Player Qualification Sheets supplied by the Statistician.
- (c) **FORFEITS -**
This is for game that have been forfeited prior to commencement of game
The **Non-Offending** Team is awarded the "win" 4 Points, 30 Goals and 4 Skins
The **Offending** Team will lose 4 Points and 0 Goals and 0 Skins

INFQ Suspension and Superleague Unfinancial Lists

- (a) The Operations Manager will send out the INFQ Suspension and Superleague Unfinancial List to all INFQ member centres within one month of Superleague ending for the year, reminding them to check their records and submit to the Operations Manager the people they would like to go on this list.
- (b) A reminder email will also go out 7 days prior to the Superleague Planning Meeting asking co-ordinators if they have anyone to be added or removed from this list.
- (c) No names will be added after the superleague planning meeting.
- (d) **INFQ Requires Proof** – Proof must also be sent to the Operations Manager of when the player was sent an invoice to pay and to also forward all correspondence of the centre requesting payment from the player.

Playing an un-financial Superleague Player or INFQ Suspended Player will result in a forfeit:-

Penalty – as per above "Forfeits"

5. 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.

*Please note that the representatives from the centre or centres involved in an incident will not be on the Superleague Division Match Committee.

6. 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 **X**
- (ii) Note any Player being sent off, on the back of the Score Sheet
Details: Players home Centre
 Player position
 Number of goals/time sent off court for
- (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) Dark Biro, Only are to be used. Please ensure that writing is Legible
- (vii) No Scorer shall eat, drink or smoke whilst scoring.
- (viii) Centre's may use the INFQ Official Score Sheet (Appendix) or the "Superleague Score Sheet (Appendix)
- (ix) Should the two co-ordinators agreed to put scorers on some games, then there must be two scorers – one from each centre

7. PLAYERS:

RESPONSIBILITIES:

- (i) Ensure **You** have signed the Player Signature Sheet prior to your game/s.
- (ii) Prior to taking court - ensure your nails are cut / taped all jewellery is removed
- (iii) Ensure **your** behaviour on court is within the spirit of the game.
- (iv) 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
- (v) 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 Division Match Committee which will be tabled at their following Meeting (or at their earliest convenience) Penalties **May Apply**.
- (vi) Player misconduct will not be tolerated.

8. 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/Trials/Superleague Finals, State Super-League Championships–

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

- (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.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 must also inspect the game ball after a blood bin has occurred.
- (iv) Reporting Players and Officials: -**
- (a) umpires must 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 INFQ 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 INFQ & I.N.A. Blood Bin Rule has been adhered to.

- (xi) **Forfeits -**
 Umpire to notify Host Co-ordinator that a Forfeit has been declared.
- (a) A forfeit shall be declared if a team is not on court by the end of the first quarter
 - (b) Should a game be called off after ½ time due to injury / equipment failure etc. then the scores shall stand
 - (c) Should a game be called off prior to ½ time then it will be referred to the Superleague Co-ordinators on the night. If a decision cannot be agreed upon, then the Superleague Divisional Match Committee will adjudicate the outcome
- (xii) **Umpires -**
 Umpires to be on court ready for the start of play.
- (xiii) **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.

9. **FINAL VENUES AND DATES** – updated AGM 2023

The Superleague divisions will be responsible for the venue appointments for ALL Superleague finals providing allocations are shared equally among the venues on a rotational basis year to year, is agreed to by the centre co-ordinator to host and allows equal opportunity for all represented centres to participate in hosting the finals series.

Below is the best practice guide for allocation of Superleague Divisional Finals:

- Semi Finals – It is recommended that Superleague Divisions should have 2 separate rounds of Semi-Finals:
 - E.g., First Semi-Final round 3 v 4 & Second Semi-Final 1 v 2
 - Minimum 4 court centre (if only one round of Semi-Finals)
 - Minimum of 3 courts (if 2 rounds of Semi-Finals)
- Preliminary Finals – Minimum 3 court centre
- Grand Finals – Minimum 3 court centre and adequate space for presentations

10. **RELEGATION and PROMOTION for SUPERLEAGUE DIVISIONS**

As voted in at the 2023 AGM for the commencement of the 2024 Superleague season
 Final wording agreed and approved at the INFQ Superleague Planning Meeting in 2023 for 2024 Superleague Season

For 2024 Superleague season only, the recommendation below was agreed upon and approved:

1. Should the division remain as voted on at the superleague planning meeting for 2024, eight (8) centres in Division 1 and six (6) centres in Division 2 then the following will happen:
 - (a) The bottom two (2) member centres will be relegated down from Division 1 and (1) member centre will be promoted up from Division 2
2. From 2025 will it be standard Relegation & Promotion:
 - (a) The centre that came last in Division 1 will be relegated to Division 2
 - (b) The centre that came 1st in Division 2 will be promoted to Division 1

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 IMMEDIATLEY 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 determined;
 - 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 there (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 Super-League: -

Mixed A	Mixed B	Mixed C
Ladies A	Ladies B	Ladies C
Men's A	Men's B	
Over 40 Ladies	Over 30 Ladies	Over 30 Mixed
21/23 & Under Ladies	23 & Under Mixed	
16 & Under Ladies	18/19 & Under Ladies	18/19 & Under Mixed

Mens Grade:

In order to submit a Mens B team, you must have a Mens A team or a division may elect to only have a "MENS" grade.

Must Have Grades: updated from the 2023 AGM to commence 2024

ALL CENTRES **MUST FIELD LADIES A AND MIXED A** to be able to compete at Superleague

- i.e., Must field Mixed A, then B, then C
- It is not permitted to field C Grade without fielding A & B Grades etc.

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 QUALIFICATIONS

The appointed Statistician shall record and keep all player qualifications.

It is still recommended that superleague netball co-ordinators keep their own records as well.

*****PLAYER QUALIFICATIONS rules can be found in the "Statistician" section of the INFQ Superleague By-laws:**

3. Statistician

3.1 Player Qualifications – Page 4 and 5

3. PLAYER GRADES/ELIGIBILITY – updated from the 2023 AGM to commence 2024

Teams and representative players will be graded into three different categories.

They are as follows:-

	Representative Players			
A – Grade	Ladies A	Mixed A	Men's A	Qld Open Heat Players
B – Grade	Ladies B	Mixed B		Qld Heat Aged Players + Qld Open Lightning Players
C – Grade	Ladies C	Mixed C	Men's B ***	Aged Lightning Players

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

a) Representative Players – updated from the 2024 GM to commence 2025

- (i) INFQ Representative players 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 Superleague season.
- (ii) Team Members of Open Heat Teams will be graded as A grade players
- (iii) Team Members of 2nd Qld Open Teams (Lightning Teams) are not classed as current Qld players – but must play in B Grade or higher
- (iv) Team Members of Qld Aged Heat Teams must play in B Grade or higher with the exception of Aged Lightning players who may play C Grade or higher
- (v) Training Partners are not classed as current state players

b) Eligibility of a State Player – Updated 14/11/19 – for Senior Superleague ONLY

- (i) A State Player – First year selected or has not played in an INFQ State team for 2 years or more:
 - o A player that has been selected for the first time to represent the state must remain with their INFQ member centre that they have been selected from for the following year
 - o A player that has not played in a state team for 2 years of more and is then selected in a state team must remain with their centre that they have been 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

PENALTY: Forfeit for the team that the player played in at Superleague

c) Eligibility of Superleague Players to Trial for QLD State Teams – (inserted after SLPM for 2021)

- (i) 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

d) Aged Players – for INFQ Superleague as at 2024 Season

16 & Under Ladies	Over 40 Ladies
18 & Under Ladies	18 & Under Mixed
21 & Under Ladies	23 & Under Mixed
Over 35 Ladies	Over 35 Mixed

- (i) The above Aged players may play in A, B, or C grade without penalty until qualified in a grade, provided all representative rules have been followed

4. ELIGIBILITY OF AGE EVENTS - updated from the 2024 GM to commence 2025

16 & Under Ladies/Mixed - **Can not turn 17 until after the National Tournament**

18 & Under Ladies/Mixed - **Can not turn 19 until after the National Tournament**

21/23 & Under Ladies/Mixed - **Can not turn 22/24 until after the National Tournament**

SUPERLEAGUE RULE ONLY – 30/35's & 40's

A player may not play superleague for Over 30/35 Ladies, Over 30/35 Mixed and Over 40 Ladies divisions until the day they turn 30/35/40

ELIGIBILITY FOR NATIONAL EVENT

To qualify to play in the Over 30 Zone/Trials 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

Should the Statistician not have proof of age (Driver's License/Student ID) then the said player must provide the proof of age for any INFQ endorsed event.

5. Superleague Players & INFQ Member Centres

(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:-

- Suspended for three Super-League fixture matches.
- 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.
- 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:-

- 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) A player may 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.

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 ***:

- (i) You will have a one-minute break
- (ii) Change ends
- (iii) An extra 5 mins only will be played
- (iv) If the result at the end of this extra time of the game is still a draw, play will continue uninterrupted until one team has a two (2) goal clear advantage

***Keeping in mind that NO team changes are permitted during this extra time except for injuries and illness

FINALS:-

- (a) Player Qualification – All players must have met the player qualification as set down in Section 3 – Statistician (3.1)

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, Netball Co-ordinator they are transferring from, the Centre Netball Co-ordinator transferring to, and final approval granted by the INFQ 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 INFQ Management Committee 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) Transfers can also be approved by both centres involved by the 3rd round of Superleague, but must ensure that there are no outstanding monies
 - (i) INFQ is still to be advised of transfer
 - (ii) Games played in the original Centre are not transferable
 - (iii) After round 3 of superleague the transfer will **revert to superleague by-laws:** i.e., both centres to sign off, check if any outstanding monies and to be ratified by INFQ management committee.
- (f) Superleague Transfer forms for all Inter-Division transfers must be forwarded to INFQ for ratification by the Management Committee. Please ensure that you allow sufficient time for this process to take place

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- (iv) Can be approved by both centres involved by the 3rd round, but must ensure that there are no outstanding monies
- (v) INFQ is still to be advised of transfer
- (vi) Games played in the original Centre are not transferable
- (vii) After round 3 of superleague the transfer will **revert to superleague by-laws:**
 - i.e., both centres to sign off, check if any outstanding monies and to be ratified by INFQ management committee.

8. SUPERLEAGUE UNIFORMS

All players must be in their club's uniform.

All centres who order new uniforms for commencing 2023, Then the INFQ Logo must be on the shirt/dress/singlet, individual Centre logos may be placed on the shirt/dress/singlet (if so desired).

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

COMPRESSION GARMENTS – May be worn under their club's uniform

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Uniform penalties will be imposed from **Round 3** 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 in, 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/goals will be deducted.

10. POINTS SYSTEM

The points system will be used for all Superleague round robin games

- (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 and (4) skins
- (e) In the event of a forfeit the offending team will lose four (4) points and zero (0) goals and (0) skins
- (f) **Scoring of Skins:** 1 skin is awarded for the winner of each quarter – In the event of a draw in a quarter, the skin for that quarter will be given to the winner of the next quarter. If there is a draw in the first one, two or even three quarters, then the first winner of a quarter will receive all previous skins. If all quarters are drawn then 2 skins per centre will be awarded.
If a draw occurs in the last quarter, the skin point will be awarded to the winner of the previous quarter.

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) The highest Difference (Goals for, minus, goals against)

11. STATE TITLES – (if applicable)

- Is for the top 3 teams on ladders in respective divisions as of a round determined by each division committee. CQ & NQ???
- 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,

12. “WORKING WITH CHILDREN CHECK” FOR VOLUNTEERS. **(form/s) – now section 9.2**

“ALL VOLUNTEERS” who work with children under the age of 18 **MUST** complete the documentation entered at the back of this Manual.

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