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INFQ STATE TITLES

1. STATE TITLES

INFQ Management Committee may select to host INFQ State Titles from time to time.

This may be for Superleague Teams or any divisional/grade that the management committee see fit to decide upon.

- (a) Nominations must be lodged by the date advertised. INFQ reserves the right to accept or reject nominations after the advertised date at their discretion.
- (b) Teams wishing to nominate for the Invitational Championships must do so on the form provided and attach the match fees set down. Nominations will not be accepted without payment.

2. COMPETITION FORMAT

The Grades for State Super-League Invitational Championships will be, but not limited to:-

Ladies B	Ladies C
Mixed B	Mixed C
Mens B	Over 40 Ladies

3. NOMINATION FOR STATE SUPERLEAGUE INVITATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

- (i) Each Centre shall submit on the appropriate form to the Association on or before the stipulated closing date, the team that they are submitting in which must be accompanied by the Game Fees for each team.
- (ii) Each centre will make available the **ORIGINAL** Game Registration Cards for all players participating at the event; they **MUST** be presented to the Tournament Director either at the managers meeting or prior to the commencement of the Championships.
(Or where available if the Statistician uses a computer base programme, the relevant records will be accepted by the Tournament Director in lieu of the registration cards).
- (iii) Proof of Age for all aged divisions **MUST** have been sighted by the Super-League divisional Statistician prior to the Association State Super-League Championships. Failure of this may result in players being ineligible in the event of a dispute.

4. TEAMS

- (i) A maximum of ten (10) players may be listed for each Ladies B, Ladies C, Men's B team and a maximum of eleven (11) players for all Mixed Teams who may only use a maximum of 10 players in any game.
- (ii) All players must be in identical uniforms as per the Association Super-League Rules which will include the Association logo.
- (iii) All players must wear bibs identifying their court positions as per I.N.F.A. Rule Book
- (iv) A player **MAY ONLY PLAY IN ONE GRADE** at any one tournament.
- (v) All players must abide by the Umpire/s decision.
Abuse of any kind **WILL NOT BE TOLERATED**. Penalty as per the Indoor Netball Federation of Australia (Inc) Revised Edition
- (v) The captain is the only player permitted to approach the Umpire/s on court.

5. RULES OF PLAY

- (a) The rules adopted by all members shall be those of the Indoor Netball Federation of Australia (Inc) Revised Edition and those rules stipulated in the Association By-Laws and State Super-League Tournament Rules.
- (b) Managers must attend the managers meeting which will be held prior to the commencement of the event, as stated on the draw.
- (c) Alterations to the final team members shall be noted on the official form and lodged with the Tournament Director **directly after the managers meeting** and shall not be changed in any way thereafter.
- (d) 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 possible)

Relating to Play:-

- (a) The playing time during the Championships shall be as follows:-
 - 4 x 12 minute quarters
 - (if time allows)
 - 2 minutes at quarter times.
 - half time break - 3 minutes.

No extra time shall be taken except during finals. 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. Two (2) x five (5) minute halves shall be played, teams to change ends after first 5 mins no break, game to continue. 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.

- (f) 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.

6. UMPIRES

- (a) All umpires shall meet prior to the Championships for a compulsory meeting where interpretations shall be defined.
- (b) 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 Director.
- (e) Payment for umpires is \$18 per game, paid at the end of the tournament

7 PRESENTATIONS

- (a) At each State Super-League Championships, trophies will be presented in each grade participating. They are as follows:
 - * A State Club Championship trophy in each grade.
 - * Ten Winner's trophies and ten Runner Up trophies for Ladies and Mens
 - * Eleven Winners and Runner Up trophies will be awarded to the Mixed grades.
- (b) At each State Championships a "Player of the Series" shall be selected from those participating in each grade.
- (c) Umpires votes for the "Player of the Series" in each grade shall only be selected during the Round Robin.
- (d) The voting system that will be applied is 3, 2 and 1. In the case of a tie, a count back will be taken on the player who receives the most three votes, if after this a tie still exists two votes will be counted. etc., etc..
- (e) Any player sent from the court may be considered **INELIGIBLE** for the "Player of the Series".

8. 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.

9. ASSOCIATION TRIBUNAL COMMITTEE & PROCEDURES.

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.

- (a) 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.

10. APPEALS

- (a) A person whose membership has been terminated or otherwise effected by the Zone Committee may within one (1) month of receiving written notification thereof lodge with the Centre Netball Coordinator written notice of their intention to appeal against the decision of the Zone Committee;
- (b) Upon receipt of a notification of intention to appeal against any determination by the Zone Committee the board shall convene within there (3) months of the date of receipt of the said notice a meeting to determine the appeal;
- (c) At any such meeting the Applicant shall be given the opportunity to fully present their case and the Zone Committee or members thereof shall likewise have the opportunity of presenting it or their reasons;
- (d) The appeal shall be determined by the vote of the board at such meeting;
- (e) The decision of the board at that time will be final