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1. ADMINISTRATION

1.1 General Information

- 1.1.1 The Origin Energy Metro League is conducted under the authority of Netball Western Australia Ltd. (Netball WA).
- 1.1.2 Netball WA vests responsibility for the day to day operation and management of the competition under the Netball WA Competitions Coordinator.
- 1.1.3 Subject to these competition rules, the Netball WA Constitution and any other document, the Competition Coordinator shall have the authority to enquire and adjudicate all questions and disputes arising out of the competition. If a matter is not provided for in the Competition Rules, the Netball WA Constitution or any other document, the Competition Coordinator may make any determination after consultation with the Netball WA Netball Operations Manager, where appropriate, and the decision shall be final.
- 1.1.4 Any participating team refusing or neglecting to abide by a decision of the Competition Coordinator may be excluded from the competition for such a time as the Competition Coordinator, in consultation with the Netball WA Netball Operations Manager and/or with the Netball WA Board, shall determine.
- 1.1.5 All relevant correspondence shall be addressed to and received at the Netball WA office by either post, hand delivery, email or facsimile marked attention to the Competition Coordinator.
- 1.1.6 All outward correspondence shall be dispatched from the Netball WA office and directed to the Association Secretary by either mail or such other means unless the association nominates another person to also receive the correspondence.

1.2 Summary

- 1.2.1 The Origin Energy Metro League Competition is an Association representative Competition, underpinning to the WA Netball League. It exists to provide a metropolitan-based competition within Perth to bridge the gap between Association Club netball and the WA Netball League. The competition caters for netballers turning 14 or older in the year of the competition and includes Open, 18U, 16U and 14U age

groups. Origin Energy Metro League provides opportunities for players, coaches, umpires and officials to participate and prepare for WA Netball League and Netball WA Underage State Teams.

1.2.2 Netball WA shall operate Origin Energy Metro League comprising of the following age groups :

Women's Opens

18U

16U

14U

1.2.3 Each age group will consist of a minimum of two divisions. There is a growth possibility for three divisions depending on team nominations.

1.3 Vision

1.3.1 The Origin Energy Metro League aims to:

- Create a high level of competition for players, coaches, umpires and officials to further develop their skills.
- Provide opportunities for players, coaches, umpires and officials to prepare for, be identified and/or given further opportunities for the WA Netball League and Netball WA State Teams.
- Assist in the growing of the game of netball within the Perth metropolitan area and drive retention.

1.4 Objective

1.4.1 The objective of Origin Energy Metro League is to:

- To maximise the number of teams, association-based, that participate;
- To provide opportunities for netballers in the metropolitan area to compete against athletes from other associations;
- To develop and produce WA Netball League players, coaches and umpires;
- To ensure the continued development of all participants by providing the highest standard of playing, coaching, umpiring and officiating;
- Profile netball in Western Australia;

2. COMPETITION INFORMATION

2.1 Venues & Game Times

2.1.1 All matches will be played at the following venues:

- Gold Netball Centre, 200 Selby St, Jolimont WA 6014 and
- Perth Netball Association

2.1.2 The allocated umpires for each match shall have the power to decide as to the standard of the court, in conjunction with the Competition Coordinator/Supervisor.

2.1.3 Matches will be fixtured on Friday nights, with some fixtures being played on Saturday afternoons/Sunday mornings for regional teams.

2.1.4 Friday night games will be played at the following times:

- 6:30pm
- 8:00pm

2.1.5 Weekend games will be played at the following times:

- Saturday 4:00pm or 5:30pm (depending on Venue availability)
- Sunday 9:00am

2.1.6 The 14U age group will incur 6:30pm timeslots only, while Opens, 18U and 16U will share fixturing across these two timeslots.

2.2 Travel, Accommodation & Ground Transport

2.2.1 Travel to and from competition venues is the responsibility of the competing association teams.

2.3 Uniforms

2.3.1 Teams in all divisions shall wear the same association uniform with colours being that of the association or as determined otherwise.

2.3.2 A team is not permitted to alter its colours or uniform design without first obtaining approval from Netball WA.

- 2.3.3 Playing uniforms shall consist of a shirt and skirt or bodysuit/dress, socks, undergarments and bibs/positional patches along with appropriate sporting footwear for netball.
- 2.3.4 In the event of a clash of colours, the second-mentioned team shall change their positional patches/bibs to an alternative colour. Each team **must** have a secondary colour bib and must nominate this colour of bib at the beginning of each season.

2.4 Sports Medicine Personnel

- 2.4.1 First aid services will be provided at all Origin Energy Metro League rounds, supplied by Netball WA.
- 2.4.2 For Saturday/Sunday fixtures the Match Delegate will be the appointed first aid officer.
- 2.4.3 The responsibility of the first aid sports personnel is to assist with on court injuries or injuries after the player has been removed from the court.
- 2.4.4 It is the association teams' responsibility to ensure athletes have gained clearance to play from the appropriate medical practitioner whose primary employment role is to diagnose the relevant injury/illness sustained by the athlete. Netball WA will from time to time request a copy of a player's clearance from major injury, but not limited to, for its records.

2.5 Insurance

- 2.5.1 All athlete and officials who participate in the 2020 Origin Energy Metro League must be affiliated with Netball WA and be a 2020 Association Member to therefore be covered under the National Risk Protection Program by V-Insurance Group. All Netball WA affiliation fees are inclusive of the insurance premium. For more information on the National Risk Protection Program, click on the link <https://wa.netball.com.au/insurance/>

2.6 Sponsorship

- 2.6.1 For all regulations concerning sponsorship, please contact Nathan Drudi, Partnerships Manager nathan.drudi@netballwa.com.au

3. COMPETITION RULES & REGULATIONS

3.1 Competition Rules

- 3.1.1 Netball WA reserves the right at any time to change or update the competition rules in order to manage specific unplanned situations not otherwise captured in the competition rules, or other documents as required.
- 3.1.2 Rules for Origin Energy Metro League shall be dictated by the International Netball Federation Rules, unless otherwise stated in this document.
- 3.1.3 International Rules of Netball 2020.
<https://drive.google.com/file/d/14E9H2xr69LZA7W0pmYPq48sb5qzhTHqk/view>

3.2 Competition Grading

- 3.2.1 The grading of teams into divisional age groups will be determined by the Competitions Coordinator.
- 3.2.2 Netball WA will share a draft divisional allocation with all nominated teams and there will be an opportunity for teams to request a re-grade within a specified time frame.
- 3.2.3 Due to the nature of the competition, teams will not be guaranteed their preferred divisional allocation.

3.3 Competition Draw & Timeline

- 3.3.1 Refer to *Appendix 1* for the all competition key dates and commencement dates.
- 3.3.2 The Competition Coordinator is responsible for developing the competition draws.
- 3.3.3 The Competition Coordinator will make the final decision as to the day and times of matches and the scheduling of the fixtures. This shall be played as advised.
- 3.3.4 The full season dates and times for the all divisions in the competition shall be advised to associations by Netball WA via email and the Netball WA website, at least two weeks prior to the commencement of the competition, where possible.

3.4 Competition Structure & Fees

- 3.4.1 There will be a maximum of eight (8) teams per division.
- 3.4.2 There will be a minimum of two divisions per age group, with the possibility of a third division depending on number of team nominations.
- 3.4.3 The competition will consist of seven (7) Minor Round matches played from:
- Friday 7th February 2020 – 20th March 2020.
- 3.4.4 This will then be followed by a two-week final's series for each division from:
- 27th March – 3rd April 2020
- 3.4.5 Teams will nominate their team on MyNetball as per the Key Dates (*Appendix 1*).
- 3.4.6 Team Fees (*See Appendix 2*) will be invoiced out to teams after team nomination. All competition fees must be paid by the due date stipulated in *Appendix 1*.
- 3.4.7 Any team who withdraws after this team fee due date are liable to pay the full balance of their remaining competition fees or if already done so they will not receive any refund for competition fees.
- 3.4.8 Draws and ladders will be appropriately adjusted by the discretion of Netball WA for any team who is withdrawn from the competition by choice or by expulsion.

3.5 Match Duration & Match Format

- 3.5.1 A match shall be played for a period of sixty (60) minutes divided into four (4) quarters, each of fifteen (15) minutes duration. The fifteen (15) minute duration for each quarter will be actual playing time and will not include stoppages in play.
- 3.5.2 An interval shall be taken between each quarter as follows:
- a) A maximum period of three (3) minutes between the end of the first quarter and the beginning of the second quarter.
 - b) A maximum period of five (5) minutes between the end of the second quarter and the beginning of the third quarter; and

- c) A maximum period of three (3) minutes between the end of the third quarter and the beginning of the fourth.

3.6 Competition Points

3.6.1 The official score sheet is the only true record of a match.

3.6.2 In the Minor Round matches for all divisions, points will be allocated accordingly:

Win	2
Loss	0
Draw	1
Won on Forfeit	2
Loss on Forfeit	0
Bye	0
Abandoned	1

3.6.3 In the event that due to unforeseen and exceptional circumstances a match cannot be rescheduled for completion the following shall apply:

- a) A drawn result will be declared if the game was stopped prior to or during half time and each team awarded one match point.
- b) If the game has entered the third quarter a win and two (2) points will be awarded to the team with the highest score at the time in which the match was stopped.
- c) If the score is tied, and the match has entered the third quarter, a drawn result will be declared, and each team awarded one (1) match point, with score at that time recorded.

3.7 Competitions Results & Ladder

3.7.1 The Competition Coordinator will be responsible for ensuring the competition results and ladders are uploaded on to the Netball WA website and MyNetball.

3.7.2 The competition premiership ladder can be accessed through <http://my.netball.com.au/default.aspx?save=0&entityid=38925>

3.8 Finals Series

3.8.1 At the conclusion of the Minor Round matches, association teams will be ranked according to:

- a) Points awarded for a win, loss or draw etc. as outlined in 3.5.2.

- b) In the event of association teams having the same level of points at the end of the Minor Round matches, the respective placing shall be determined by ranking the association teams according to the percentage achieved by each association team during the Minor Round matches.
- c) The percentage for each team shall be decided as follows:
- a. Total number of goals scored by the team divided by the total number of goals scored against the Team, multiplied by 100.
- d) If, after applying 3.8.1 (a) and (b), two or more teams remain tied, the team having scored the greatest total number of goals across all matches in the preliminary rounds shall be awarded the higher placing.
- 3.8.2 The finals series will be played after the conclusion of the regular season fixtures.
- 3.8.3 All teams within each division will compete in the finals series, where fixturing is made available.
- 3.8.4 Semi Final games will consist of the following competition format:
- Semi Final 1 – 1st place on the ladder V 4th place on the ladder
 - Semi Final 2 – 2nd place on the ladder V 3rd place on the ladder
 - Semi Final 3 – 5th place on ladder V 8th place on the ladder
 - Semi Final 4 – 6th place on ladder V 7th place on the ladder
- 3.8.5 Grand Final games will consist of the following competition format:
- Grand Final – Winner of SF1 V Winner of SF2
 - Ranking Final 1 (3rd/4th placing) – Loser of SF1 V Loser of SF2
 - Ranking Final 2 (5th/6th placing) – Winner of SF3 V Winner of SF4
 - Ranking Final 3 (7th/8th placing) – Loser of SF3 V Loser of SF4
- 3.8.6 In instances where divisions have less than eight teams then Finals Series matches may include byes or less games played, as per the Competition Coordinator's discretion.
- 3.8.7 To be eligible to take part in the finals, players must have played in at least four (4) Minor Round matches in the 2020 Season, in the team they are registered with. For divisions in which byes or other exceptional circumstances may impact the number of games each team plays in the season then player eligibility will be at least three (3) Minor Round matches in the 2020 Season.
- 3.8.8 For the 16U and 14U divisions, all players must take to the court for a minimum of a full quarter each game.
- 3.8.9 If there is a draw in any Finals Series match, a four-minute interval shall be taken.

- a) During the interval, the score will be verified, and the teams change ends. During the interval, there may be substitutions and/or team changes.
- b) The umpire will indicate which team has the next centre pass and play will commence.
- c) Two seven-minute halves will be played to determine a winner. After the first seven minutes, there will be a one-minute interval and the teams will change ends. Substitutions and positional changes are allowed during the changeover.
- d) If still a draw at the end of the second seven minutes, a visual signal will indicate that play continues and the first team to score a two-goal advantage shall be declared the winner.
- e) During extra time, normal injury or illness procedures shall apply, in accordance with INF rules.

4. ELIGIBILITY & SELECTION

4.1 Application

- 4.1.1 Only affiliated Member Associations are eligible to enter Origin Energy Metro League.
- 4.1.2 Any Netball WA Member Association can be permitted to enter the competition subject to the approval of Netball WA.
- 4.1.3 Team Nomination fees for the competition for the ensuing year will be notified to Member Associations by Netball WA before 2nd December 2019.
- 4.1.4 All entries for the competition for the ensuing year must be lodged in accordance with procedures as determined by NWA and must be accompanied with supporting documentation where required and as requested by Netball WA from time to time. All team nomination entries must be received by Netball WA by the published time and date for close of entries (See Appendix 1).
- 4.1.5 Where a team nomination entry is not received by Netball WA by the published closing time for entries, a late entry may be accepted. A late entry will only be considered if the prescribed fee has been paid and the late entry is received by Netball WA before final draw has been released.
- 4.1.6 If a team withdraws from the competition prior to the draw being finalised at the commencement of the Minor Round matches, the draw will be reconstructed. If a team withdraws from the competition after the draw has been finalised and released to all participating associations, the withdrawing association team will be replaced with a bye in the draw.

4.2 Player Registration & Squad List

- 4.2.1 All Players entering the competition must show as a financial registered member of Netball WA for the 2020 calendar year. Players must be registered to their association prior to the commencement of the competition, or their participation within the competition.
- 4.2.2 Associations shall register player squads through their MyNetball online team entry, as determined by Netball WA, in order to be deemed a listed player for this competition. This must be completed by the specified date (*See Appendix 1*).
- 4.2.3 Squad lists must show a minimum of ten (10) players' names (unlimited maximum number of players registered on squad).

4.3 Player Movement

- 4.3.1 If for any reason, one of more registered players are not available for a match and added players are required, such players may only be drawn from the registered squad (listed on MyNetball) in order to produce the team list.
- 4.3.2 If the team needs to source a player from outside their registered squad (MyNetball) then a Replacement Player Form (*See Appendix 4*) will be required to be completed and approved by Netball WA.
- 4.3.3 Once approved the team may then add the player to their squad list via MyNetball and select that player on to their team list for the competition game.
- 4.3.4 The replacement player must be a registered member of the same association and must meet the requirements of player eligibility in 4.4 and approval by Netball WA must be made before the replacement player is able to take the court.
- 4.3.5 Teams with replacement players who take the court unregistered to their team list will incur the following penalty:
 [Penalty: Teams will be deducted two (2) competition points].

4.4 Player Eligibility

- 4.4.1 Players may only participate for the Member Association that they are registered to for the 2019 Winter season and/or 2019 Spring Season and must be expected to sign on to play for the 2020 Winter season with that association. Single game vouchers do not qualify for Origin Energy Metro League. Should a player have not played with the association in 2019, then the association may apply for an exemption. Players cannot participate for the association until the exemption has been granted (*See Appendix 3*).
- 4.4.2 Players born in the years listed below must play in the following age groups.

AGE GROUP	PLAYER BORN IN YEAR
14 & Under	2006 & 2007
16 & Under	2004 & 2005
18 & Under	2002 & 2003
Open	2001 or years prior

4.5 Ineligible Players

- 4.5.1 A player will be deemed ineligible if:
 - a) Not recorded on the team list prior to the commencement of the match.

[Penalty: Loss of two competition points to the offending team – goals for and against shall remain as scored for both teams].

- b) A player may not participate in two games occurring at the same time. If a player is named on two team sheets for matches being played at the same time, both offending teams shall be penalised.

[Penalty: Loss of two competition points to both offending teams – goals for and against shall remain as scored for both matches]

- c) The player has not been listed on the team list for any division and not participated in the minimum number of games as listed in 2.8.7 during the minor matches to qualify for finals.

[Penalty: Forfeiture of game. The forfeiting team may also be subject to a financial penalty, at the discretion of Netball WA]

- d) The player is not affiliated or registered with the Member Association prior to being listed on the team list.

[Penalty: Loss of two competition points to the offending team – the goals for and against shall remain as scored for both teams]

4.6 Playing Restrictions

4.6.1 For the purposes of determining if a player has played in a quarter, this occurs once a player has taken the court, irrespective of the amount of time the player remains on the court during that quarter. If the player comes off injured at any time during that quarter, it is still counted for both that player.

4.6.2 A player may not play for another team other than the team they are listed for.

4.6.3 For the 16U and 14U divisions, all players must take to the court for a minimum of a full quarter each game.

4.6.4 If required, associations may play a player up during the Origin Energy Metro League.

4.6.5 Players are only eligible to play up for a team in the same age group, or for a higher division team one age group higher.

4.6.6 Players are permitted to play up three times, on the fourth occasion, they are deemed a member of the highest team they played for and can no longer play in the team they were initially nominated in.

4.6.7 Associations are not permitted to play a player down during Origin Energy Metro League.

- 4.6.8 Associations who need to nominate a player in a higher team will be required to apply for a Player Exemption (*See Appendix 3*) outlining the reasons why this needs to occur. Associations cannot nominate a player until the exemption has been granted.

4.7 West Coast Fever, Western Sting & GIGWANL Players

- 4.7.1 West Coast Fever players will not be eligible to participate in Origin Energy Metro League.
- 4.7.2 Western Sting players will not be eligible to participate in Origin Energy Metro League.
- 4.7.3 Any player who has signed on to a GIGWANL club for the 2020 GIGWANL season prior to the commencement of the 2020 Origin Energy Metro League season will not be eligible to participate in Origin Energy Metro League. Should a player participating in Origin Energy Metro League, be then selected into a GIGWANL squad **after** the Origin Energy Metro League player registration closing date or anytime during the Origin Energy Metro League season, the player will be permitted to continue playing for the association at Origin Energy Metro League.

[Penalty: Loss of two competition points to the offending team – goals for and against shall remain as scored for both teams].

- 4.7.4 Players in whom are listed as a ‘Train on’ Player for the 2020 GIG WANL Season are eligible to play within the 2020 Origin Energy Metro League season.

5. MATCH OFFICIALS

5.1 Competition Match Delegate

- 5.1.1 The Competition Match Delegate will be appointed by Netball WA prior to the commencement of the competition. Contact details will be published on the Netball WA website.
- 5.1.2 The Competition Match Delegate will be the reference point for any issues or disputes that arise in respect of the Operations Manual or during an event, outside of the official rules, and in respect of which a prompt decision must be made.
- 5.1.3 The Operations Manual will be the first reference point where any dispute occurs.
- 5.1.4 The Competition Match Delegate has the power to appoint or remove officials. (In the case of umpires, they will consult with the Umpiring Convenor before formalising a decision).
- 5.1.5 The Competition Match Delegate has the power to assign courts, start matches and excuse a team from playing for a definite period.
- 5.1.6 The Competition Match Delegate can default a team that has not been excused from playing and is not ready to play when called upon to do so.
- 5.1.7 The Competition Match Delegate may prevent a team playing a match where an ineligible player is listed on the team list.
- 5.1.8 The Competition Match Delegate may, at any time, postpone play on account of the condition of the court or surrounds, or if a team, player or other person does not abide by the rules outlined in this document.
- 5.1.9 The Competition Match Delegate may declare a forfeit by a team should it breach the rules outlined in this document and award competition points to the other team whatever the result of the match.
- 5.1.10 The Competition Match Delegate may hear protests by either of the participating teams in a match and award competition points to one of the teams, irrespective of the result of the match. However, there will be no protest or dispute over scoresheets.
- 5.1.11 The Competition Match Delegate will not make decisions on the playing rules applied by the umpires.
- 5.1.12 There is no appeal against the Competition Match Delegate's decision.

5.2 Umpires

- 5.2.1 Each association must nominate at least one (1) qualified umpire per team nominated.
- 5.2.2 Umpire registration is completed through MyNetball.
- 5.2.3 Umpires will be approved by Netball WA.
- 5.2.4 For the 18U and Open Divisions, associations must register umpires for allocation. Netball WA will be responsible for allocating these umpires and providing payment directly to them.
- 5.2.5 18U and Open umpires must hold a minimum National B Badge for Open and 18U Divisions. They must also be registered to their Member Association via the online MyNetball form by the specified date.
- 5.2.6 For the 14U and 16U Divisions, associations must register umpires. However, these umpires will be required to umpire their own association games. It is the responsibility of each association to ensure this umpire is provided and for providing payment to them.
- 5.2.7 14U and 16U umpires must hold a minimum National C Badge and working towards a National B. They must also be registered to their Member Association via the online MyNetball form by the specified date.
- 5.2.8 Should an association not be able to provide an umpire for submission, it will be that association's responsibility to organise a replacement umpire with another association, or contact Netball WA to discuss further replacement options.
- 5.2.9 It is the responsibility of each umpire to upskill in the Official Rules of Netball 2020.
- 5.2.10 The decisions of umpires shall be final and shall be given without appeal.
- 5.2.11 Team Captains have the right to approach an umpire during an interval or after the game for clarification of any rule. Coaches may approach the Match Delegate at the end of the game to organise a meeting between the coach and the umpires at the best available time.
- 5.2.12 Teams concerned with umpire allocations may approach Netball WA for clarification.
- 5.2.13 Should one or both umpires allocated to a match not be in attendance at the commencement time for a match, a maximum period of five minutes shall be allowed for the umpire or umpires to arrive.

- 5.2.14 If, at the end of this time, two allocated or alternative umpires are not present, the match shall be rescheduled.
- 5.2.15 Should both umpires arrive within the allowance of five minutes; a ten-minute warm-up period shall be granted to both teams.
- 5.2.16 The match shall then commence fifteen minutes later than the scheduled commencement time.
- 5.2.17 Should notification of a delay be advised, the match may continue on arrival of two allocated or alternative umpires, provided that a ten-minute warm-up can still be undertaken without delaying the commencement of the match more than thirty minutes beyond the originally scheduled commencement time.
- 5.2.18 Should this not be possible; the match shall be rescheduled.
- 5.2.19 Failure for an Association Umpire to attend their allocated game will result in the association being penalised.
[Penalty: The Association will be required to pay a \$100 fine to Netball WA. Payment must be received before the association is eligible to take the court for their next scheduled game].

5.3 Coaches

- 5.3.1 Head coaches for all teams are required to have Intermediate Coaching Accreditation. Assistant coaches are required to have Development Coaching Accreditation.
- 5.3.2 WANL Head Coaches (only) are not permitted to coach at the Origin Energy Metro League; they can however be involved as coach mentors. Assistant Coaches and Apprentice Coaches of WANL are permitted to coach within the Origin Energy Metro League.
- 5.3.3 Failure for an association to provide an appropriately accredited coach for each of the teams that they nominate will incur the following penalty:
[Penalty: Team expulsion from the competition]
- 5.3.4 Failure for an association to have an appropriately accredited coach in attendance at matches within the 2020 Season for each of the teams that they nominate will incur the following penalty:
[Penalty: Loss of two competition points to the offending team – goals for and against shall remain as scored for both teams].
- 5.3.5 If association team coaches wish to receive coach mentoring during the 2020 Origin Energy Metro League Season, they must complete the Coach Mentoring Application

Form (See Appendix 5). However, restrictions on numbers are limited therefore coaches are not guaranteed mentoring.

5.4 Scoring & Timing

- 5.4.1 Each team shall provide a scorer and timer.
- 5.4.2 The first mentioned team shall collect the scorecard and provide a scorer for each game. Scorecards are to be collected from the Competitions Office located in the Gold Netball Centre no later than 15 minutes prior to the commencement of the match.
- 5.4.3 The second-mentioned team shall provide the timekeeper and timer (suitable timers must be used - not watches, stopwatches or phones).
- 5.4.4 These two officials must stand together (opposite the centre circle on the sideline) throughout the match and compare scores and time to avoid any discrepancies. Second mentioned team is required to provide a backup when the timekeeper has to follow the umpire to avoid any discrepancies during this time frame. Should there be any issues, please advise the umpire immediately.
- 5.4.5 For records and insurance purposes, the names of participating players must be recorded on each scorecard prior to the commencement of the corresponding game.
- 5.4.6 Team lists on the scorecard shall list up to ten players and up to three officials participating in the match.
- 5.4.7 If for unforeseen reasons a player change is required from the initial team selected on MyNetball (submitted by 12pm on the Friday) then the scorer may correct this change on the Scoresheet **prior** to the game, only.
- 5.4.8 Player additions after the commencement of the match are not permitted. If a name is added after the commencement of the game the following penalty applies:
[Penalty: forfeiture of the game]
- 5.4.9 Scorecards must be filled out correctly and included the player's positions during each quarter of the match. Team Managers are to inform the scorer of any substitutions/positional changes made prior or during the match so the changes can be recorded on the scorecard.
- 5.4.10 The home association team is to return the completed scorecard (**and the Umpires 3-2-1 Fairest and Best form**) to the Competitions Office located in the Gold Netball Centre immediately after the game. Scores will be entered in to MyNetball.

6. POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

6.1 Policies

6.1.1 All participants will be bound by all relevant Netball WA Policies and Guidelines, including but not limited to:

- Member Protection
- Health and Pregnancy
- Netball Australia Integrity Framework
- Netball WA Health Guidelines

For a full list and copy of all policies please visit the Netball WA website

<https://wa.netball.com.au/policies/>

6.1.2 Participating Associations, and their volunteers and staff, are required to abide by the Working with Children (Criminal Record Checking) Act 2004 (WA), including:

- Associations keeping and up-to-date Working with Children register of their volunteers and staff, and
- Coaches, umpires, team officials and other participating volunteers and staff providing valid Working with Children cards, or demonstrating a valid exemption, to their Association.

6.2 Code of Behaviour

6.2.1 All participants in Origin Energy Metro League will abide by the Netball Australia Codes of Behaviour.

These may be located at https://s3-ap-southeast-2.amazonaws.com/netball-wp-assets/wp-content/uploads/2015/04/06132615/National-Codes-of-Behaviour_May-2015.pdf

6.2.2 Each club is responsible for the conduct and actions of its members including, but not limited to, players, coaches, managers and officials.

6.2.3 The team coach shall be responsible for the actions of their players and other team personnel on the court and team bench, and the implementation of appropriate strategies to promote a professional approach.

- 6.2.4 The actions and behaviour of participants on the court and team bench shall reflect an appropriate professional attitude toward umpires, score bench officials, opposition officials and players and Netball WA staff and representatives.

6.3 Failure to take the court

- 6.3.1 To take the court a minimum of five (5) players are required.
- 6.3.2 In the event that, at the time scheduled for the commencement of a match, fewer than five players are present for either or both of the competing teams, a maximum period of five minutes shall be allowed for at least five players of a team to arrive.
- 6.3.3 If, at the end of this time, there are fewer than five players present for one team, the offending team shall forfeit the match.
- 6.3.4 Should five players arrive within the allowance of five minutes; a ten-minute warm-up period shall be granted to both teams.
- 6.3.5 The match shall then commence fifteen minutes later than the scheduled commencement time.
- 6.3.6 Should notification of a delay be advised, the match may continue once arrival of the delayed players, provided that a ten-minute warm-up can still be undertaken without delaying the commencement of the match more than thirty minutes beyond the originally scheduled commencement time.

6.4 Match Forfeiture

- 6.4.1 In the event of a forfeited match, for any reason, that team must provide notice to the Competition Coordinator no later than 24 hours before the scheduled commencement time for the match concerned.
- 6.4.2 A team shall forfeit a match in the following circumstances:
- If the team advises of its intention to forfeit, as outlined in 6.3.1 above
 - If fewer than five players in either competing team are ready to commence play five minutes after the scheduled match commencement time, as outlined in 6.5.3

- If a player participating in the finals series has not played minimum of requirement (refer to 2.6.5) of games during the preliminary matches and this impacts the number of players available to play for that team.

- 6.4.3 Any team forfeiting a match for any reason shall have the following penalty:
[Penalty: two Competition points and fifteen goals deducted from the totals listed for that team in official records. Two points and fifteen goals shall be awarded to the opposing team. The forfeiting team may also be subject to a financial penalty, at the discretion of Netball WA].

6.5 Match Delays & Venue Disruption

- 6.5.1 Only the officiating umpires may stop a match (temporarily or indefinitely) due to an extraordinary circumstance that may be deemed an emergency. This may include but is not limited to equipment damage or failure, a seriously injured player or any other reason deemed necessary by the officiating Umpires.
- 6.5.2 Should, for any reason, a venue disruption or breakdown occur resulting in a scheduled match not commencing on time or being stopped, and where the match is unable to commence or continue within thirty minutes of the scheduled commencement time or stoppage, the match shall be rescheduled.
- 6.5.3 Should, for any reason, an evacuation of a venue be required, venue staff in consultation with the Netball WA Competition Match Delegate - or representative will give direction. Evacuated teams shall be kept informed of any situation via the Team Manager and/or public-address announcements.
- 6.5.4 Management of any venue disruption, breakdown or evacuation shall be under the direction of the Competition Coordinator or appointed representative, in consultation with venue management.
- 6.5.5 The officiating umpires will determine if a match may continue to proceed or if that match must be delayed, postponed or abandoned.
- 6.5.6 In the event that a match is delayed, postponed or abandoned, that match must be resumed as soon as is conveniently possible as directed by the officiating umpires or if prolonged delaying occurs, the Competition Coordinator shall direct accordingly.

6.6 Protests & Complaints

- 6.6.1 Any protest or complaint must be lodged in writing addressed to the Netball WA Competitions Coordinator.
- 6.6.2 Should a protest or complaint relate to a particular match, it must be lodged by before Monday 12pm the following week after the conclusion of the match.
- 6.6.3 A protest or complaint must include the team name, opposition team name, division, time, nature and details of protest or complaint, and the names of people involved.
- 6.6.4 The complaint will be reviewed initially and if Netball WA deems there is a need to investigate further, the complainant will be required to pay a fee of \$100. If the complaint is successfully appealed, the fee will be refunded.

7. MATCH DAY PROCEDURES

7.1 Match Balls

7.1.1 Teams are to provide their own netballs for match use.

7.2 Warm Up Area

7.2.1 Due to limited space, teams participating in matches will have 15 minutes warm up time on the court to which their match is allocated.

7.3 Court Entry

7.3.1 Teams will be permitted entry to the playing court area when the previous match has concluded or as otherwise advised by the match delegate.

7.3.2 All courtesies will be afforded to any match still in progress when a team enters the playing area.

7.3.3 Teams who are playing at the GNC will have access to change rooms for a maximum of 1 hour prior to their match only; access will not be permitted after their match.

7.3 Players' Bench

7.4.1 Team benches will be placed at either end of the sideline nearest to the score bench. Seating will be provided for ten participating and three officials, who are the coach, assistant coach and manager. Spectators are not to be near the team benches or the field of play.

7.4.2 The first-mentioned team in the fixtures shall be seated to the right of the centre circle (from score bench), the second-mentioned team to the left of the centre circle.

7.4.3 All players and officials must be dressed in the club uniform. Failure to do so may result in being asked to leave the bench. Players must be dressed ready to take to the court.

7.5 Team Lists

7.5.1 Associations are to select their team (of maximum 10 players) on MyNetball by no later than 12pm on the Friday before their game.

7.5.2 Associations playing weekend games must also have selected their team on MyNetball by no later than 12pm on the Friday before their game.

8. AWARDS

8.1 Origin Energy Metro League Awards

- 8.1.1 All Metro League awards will be presented at the Origin Energy Metro League Grand Finals.
- 8.1.2 A trophy shall be presented to the winning team in each division. Winning players and team officials shall be presented with medallions.
- 8.1.3 A participant will be ineligible for any award if they are found guilty of breaching Code of Behaviour/Conduct or involved in a disciplinary matter during the competition season.
- 8.1.4 **Grand Final Winning Teams** – Awarded to each team member (including one for Association) for the team that wins in each division of the Origin Energy Metro League Grand Finals (determined as per the Origin Energy Metro League Division Grand Final Winners.)
- 8.1.5 **Fairest & Best** - Awarded to the Fairest & Best Player from each age group/division in Origin Energy Metro League. This player performs at a high standard, displays good sportsmanship qualities and respects team members, opposing players and officials at all times.

The umpires allocated to each Origin Energy Metro League match, shall register votes on a 3-2-1 basis. The scorers shall provide voting slips when collected with the scorecards. Completed voting slips are to be returned to the Competitions Office by the First mentioned home Association (Scorer) with the scoresheet. The player with the most votes at the conclusion of the rounds will be deemed the award recipient.

- 8.1.6 **Grand Final Most Valuable Player** - Awarded to the Most Valuable Player from each age group/division in the Origin Energy Metro League Competition Grand Finals. This player performs at a high standard, displays good sportsmanship qualities and respects team members, opposing players and officials at all times.

The umpires allocated to each Origin Energy Metro League grand final match, shall decide through a shared consensus on the Individual Most Valuable Player. The scorers shall provide voting slips when collected with the scorecards. Completed voting slips

are to be returned to the Competitions Office. The player with the most votes at the conclusion of the grand final match will be deemed the award recipient.

8.2 Recording

8.2.1 The Competition Coordinator shall maintain all records relating to the above awards.

9. APPENDICES

Appendix 1: 2020 Origin Energy Metro League Key Dates

Expression of Interest Opens	Wednesday 13 th November 2019
Expression of Interest Closes	COB Wednesday 20 th November 2019
Distribution of Draft 2020 Metro League Operations Manual	Monday 2 nd December 2019
Notice of Team Fees	Monday 2 nd December 2019
Team Nominations Opens	Monday 2 nd December 2019
Application for Player Exemption Opens	Monday 2 nd December 2019
Team Nominations Closes	COB Friday 13 th December 2019
Application for Player Exemption Closes	COB Friday 13 th December 2019
Player Registration Opens	Monday 16 th December 2019
Umpire Registration Opens	Monday 16 th December 2019
Team Fees Due	COB Friday 17 th January 2020
Player Registration Closes	COB Friday 17 th January 2020
Umpire Registration Closes	COB Friday 17 th January 2020
Pre-Season Briefing Meeting	6:30pm, Tuesday 21 st January 2020
Final Distribution of Fixtures	Friday 24 th January 2020
Coach Mentoring Application Due to Netball WA	Friday 31 st January 2020
Metro League Round 1 Fixture	Friday 7 th February 2020
Metro League Semi Finals	Friday 27 th March 2020
Metro League Grand Finals	Friday 3 rd April 2020

Appendix 2: 2020 Origin Energy Season Team Fees

NWA will invoice each team with required Team Fees. To be paid by before COB Friday 17th January 2020.

Please see below table for the 2020 Metro League Team Fees.

14U	\$865 GST inc.
16U	\$865 GST inc.
18U	\$1135 GST inc. (includes umpire payments of \$30/game x 9 games = \$270)
OPEN	\$1135 GST inc. (includes umpire payments of \$30/game x 9 games = \$270)

- Please Note 14U and 16U Teams will be required to supply and pay their own umpires for Competitions. This explains the smaller cost in Team Teams.
- 18U and OPEN teams will be allocated umpires by NWA. NWA will pay umpires accordingly. This cost is inclusive in the Season Team Fees.



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Appendix 3: Player Exemption Application and Notification of Approval

This application must be received by Netball WA by before Friday 13th December.

The Team of Association requests approval to:

Add:

(Players name)

Reason for request:

Association/Team Contact Details:

Contact Name:

Position at Association:

Mobile:

Email:

Netball WA to complete and return by email:

Approved

Not Approved

Reason for Non approval:

Signed:

Name:

Position:

Appendix 4: Replacement Player Application

This application must be received by NWA 48 hours prior to the match.

The _____ Team requests approval to:

Add: _____
(Player name)

Round:

Reason(s):

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(signed)

(name, please print)

(position with Team)

Team Contact Details:

Contact Person: _____ Mobile: _____

Email: _____

NWA to complete:

- Approved
- Not Approved

Signed:



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Appendix 5: Coach Mentoring Application

This application must be received by NWA by Friday 31st January 2020.

Association:

Team:

Coach Name:

Coach MyNetball Number:

Reason(s) for Coach Mentor during Metro League Season:

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Association Contact Details:

Contact Person:

Mobile:

Email:

(Communication will be sent to this email address)

Netball WA will be in contact with the Association regarding successful application.

For further information please Contact Netball WA Sport Development – Coaching via email coaching@netballwa.com.au



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