

UNIFORM POSITION STATEMENT

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This Position Statement is to provide clarity for Member Associations on Netball WA's recommendations on providing inclusiveness within uniform policies. Netball WA acknowledge that this is not an exhaustive position statement and that Associations will have further additions to their policies.

Netball WA holds the following positions:

1. Playing uniforms may consist of:
 - a) Playing dress, skirt or shorts (preferably pocket free) & club polo/t-shirt/playing singlet
 - b) Head coverings such as a Hijab with reference to the *Netball WA Multicultural Uniform Guide*
 - c) Long sleeve top and/ or long sleeve leggings with reference to the *Netball WA Multicultural Uniform Guide*
2. Clubs should be permitted to offer uniform options within their registered uniform to their players. If a club provides uniform options for their members, all uniform options should result in players in the same team being easily recognised as being in the same team/club, i.e. if some players choose to wear shorts/top combination and others a dress they should still be easily recognisable as the same team/club with the colours and design.
3. If a club has any player/s requesting to wear shorts or other items of clothing that do not form part of their club's approved registered uniform options, the club will need to submit a design and colour to the Association, for approval. (The apparel will need to match the approved club design and colours to the approved registered uniform).
4. Players may wear sports briefs, boy legs, bike shorts or leggings under playing dress/skirt in black or the approved Club uniform colour. Where possible the dress/skirt should cover the hemline of the bike shorts.
5. Players should not wear anything that could endanger themselves or other players such as pockets, zippers, hoods or large hair clips. Players should ensure that when



fastening items of clothing that the fasteners are not a danger to themselves or others.

6. Soft brimmed sun protection visors may be worn. Hard brimmed sun visors are not permitted on court. The Association has the discretion to decide when a visor brim is too hard to be allowed on court.
7. No adornment or jewellery may be worn other than a wedding ring, medical alert bracelet/necklace, which shall be covered with tape in accordance with the *official Rules of Netball 2020 Edition, rules 5.1.1 (iv) a & b.*
8. Fingernails must be short and smooth in accordance with the *official Rules of Netball 2020 Edition Rule 5.1.1 (iv) c.*
9. Players may wear close fitting sports gloves but must still have short and smooth fingernails as per point 8.
10. Before the start of a game, umpires must approve any nail tape or sporting gloves being worn (if allowed within the Associations competition rules).
11. Officials have the right to stand off a player out of uniform, if addressed in their Association competition rules or uniform policy.
12. Clubs that register as a “school” Club and play at an Association competition may wear their school PE uniform (regardless of whether another Club that plays at the same Association has the same colours). In this event both clubs will require a set of clash bibs.
13. Clubs changing to a new approved uniform are allowed one season to do so. During this period, a club making a change over to a new approved uniform is permitted to have teams with players wearing either the old or new uniform provided the uniforms are of similar appearance and the players are easily recognised as being in the same team/club.
14. During finals, each team must take the court in their registered approved club uniform unless the team/club applied for an exemption which was approved by the Association.
15. Associations should wherever possible make exceptions for other items of clothing that are worn for religious, cultural, medical or other inclusive reasons. Notification should be made in writing before the player takes the court stating the reason for the non-standard uniform.





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16. Where circumstances exist, such as religious, cultural, medical or other inclusive reasons, an annual written application should be submitted for approval by the uniform coordinator/committee of the Club for Association approval.

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