



POLICY



MEMBERSHIP POLICY

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Netball WA recognises that as the governing body for Netball in Western Australia, it is the custodian of the sport. The members are the greatest asset to our organisation and make a significant contribution towards its governance and delivery of our sport. It is important that a strong membership base is encouraged and maintained in accordance with the Objects outlined in the Constitution of Netball WA (Inc.).

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1. Purpose

The purpose of this Policy is to define the Membership criteria of each category of Membership as set out in the Constitution of Netball WA (Inc.) and to describe the criteria that must be met to be eligible for each of the Member Association and Affiliated Club membership types, including Entity Teams. It also outlines an Associate Membership category and addresses the approving delegations of this membership type.

2. Responsibilities

The CEO is responsible for ensuring the implementation of this Policy.

The General Manager – Community Netball is responsible for overseeing all aspects of the operations of Membership on behalf of Netball WA (Inc.).

3. Review Process

This Policy will be reviewed annually to ensure governance best practice, and that the criteria and procedures are effective in supporting the objectives and strategic direction of the organisation. Any proposed changes or alterations to this Policy will require Netball WA (Inc.) to undertake a consultation process with all Member Associations for a minimum period of 6 months prior to this Policy being formally reviewed and approved by the Netball WA (Inc.) Board.

As an example of this review process: Netball WA could seek to consult between January and June to ensure Members' feedback is considered at the Netball WA (Inc.) July Board meeting, prior to this Policy and Schedule being formally reviewed and approved at the Netball WA (Inc.) September Board meeting. Circulation of the reviewed Policy and Schedule would then occur in September each year (as per Clause 44.4 of the Netball WA (Inc.) Constitution), to ensure that any changes may be factored into the Memberships' planning for the following year.

4. Applicability of this document

This document applies to Netball WA Member Associations, Affiliated Clubs, Associate Members, and Entity Teams.

This document should be read in conjunction with the Affiliation and Membership Procedures.

5. Definitions

Affiliated Club means a registered financial club of a Member Association.

Affiliation & Membership Procedures means the Netball WA Affiliation & Membership Procedures document.

Associate Member means a playing and/or governing body that does not meet the criteria of a Member Association or Affiliated Club and is granted membership at the Netball WA Board's discretion.



Entity Team means a single team of Individual Members that does not form part of an Affiliated Club and does not by itself have membership rights.

Gold Industry Group West Australian Netball League Club means a netball club that Netball WA grants a licence to participate in the Gold Industry Group West Australian Netball League.

Individual Member means an affiliated financial individual playing member or non-playing member of a Member Association and/or Affiliated Club, which is recognised as a member under **Rule 5.3(f)** of the Netball WA Constitution.

Individual Participant means a Carnival Participant, Come & Try Participant or other participants as determined by Netball WA from time to time.

Life Member means an individual upon whom life membership of Netball WA has been conferred under Rule 5.3(g) of the Netball WA Constitution.

Member Association means the Tier 1 Associations, Tier 2 Associations and the Tier 3 Associations, which are recognised members of Netball WA as prescribed under **Rule 5.3** of the Netball WA Constitution.

Member Entity means all Associations, Clubs, Associates and other approved Members of Netball WA excluding Individual and Life Members.

Netball WA means the Association referred to in Rule 1 of the Netball WA Constitution.

Netball WA Association Annual Affiliation Agreement means the annual affiliation agreement between Netball WA and a Member Association.

Netball WA Constitution means the [Rules of Association of Netball WA \(Incorporated\) 2018](#).

Non-Playing Member means registered individual members of a Member Association and/or Affiliated Club that do not play in any competition.

Playing Member means an Individual Member who is registered to play in a competition of a Member Association.

Program delivered by a Member Entity means NetSetGO, Fast5, and any other program determined by Netball WA from time to time.

Unique Product Participant means an individual who is participating in programs delivered by a Member Entity.

6. Membership Types

6.1 The following registration types confer membership of Netball WA:

- a) Member Association
- b) Affiliated Club
- c) Associate Membership
- d) Individual Membership
- e) Life Membership



6.2 The following registration types are participant registrations and do not confer membership of Netball WA:

- a) Unique Product Participant
- b) Individual Participant

6.3 The procedures for becoming a member or participant of Netball WA are defined in the Affiliation & Membership Procedures.

7. Membership Criteria

7.1 This document describes the membership criteria for the following groups:

- a) Member Associations
- b) Affiliated Clubs
- c) Entity Teams
- d) Associate Members

7.2 The membership criteria for these and any other membership or participation types may be added to or amended by Netball WA from time to time in accordance with this Policy.

8. Member Association Criteria

8.1 Member Associations must meet the following criteria to be eligible for their membership status:

Criteria	Tier 1	Tier 2	Tier 3
<i>Incorporation</i> Requirement to be Incorporated under the <i>Associations Incorporation Act 2015 (WA)</i>	Yes	Yes	Yes
<i>Management</i> Managed by a Board or Committee	Yes	Yes	Yes
<i>Agreement</i> Agree to and comply with Netball WA's Association Annual Affiliation Agreement (4A)	Yes	Yes	Yes

Criteria	Tier 1	Tier 2	Tier 3
Size			
Member Association size currently based on previous year's membership (including all member types) <i>i.e. playing and non-playing members, but NOT volunteers</i>) and Unique Product Participants (<i>i.e. Fast5</i>)	450+	250-449	50-249
	Playing & Non-Playing Members & Unique Product Participants	Playing & Non-Playing Members & Unique Product Participants	Playing & Non-Playing Members & Unique Product Participants
Minimum Member Competition Requirements	1 x Senior 1 x Junior NetSetGO – inclusive of all Program & Competition Tiers – Net, Set & GO 1 x other Participant Program/Competition	1 x Senior 1 x Junior NetSetGO – inclusive of all Program & Competition Tiers – Net, Set & GO	1 x Senior and/or 1 x Junior and 1 x Participant Program/Competition (<i>i.e. NetSetGO</i>)
Member Competitions			
Abide by Netball Australia & Netball WA competition frameworks and rules <i>e.g. International Rules, NetSetGO – Net Programs, Set & GO Competition, and Fast5</i>	Yes	Yes	Yes
Affiliated Club Numbers			
Minimum number of Affiliated Clubs or Entity Teams competing in the Association approved competition/s	Minimum of 5 separate Affiliated Clubs &/or Entity teams	Minimum of 5 separate Affiliated Clubs &/or Entity teams	Minimum of 4 separate Affiliated Clubs &/or Entity teams
Mandatory use of PlayHQ Platform			
Individual Online Registration (<i>i.e. Senior, Junior, Non-Playing and Volunteers & Participation Registration using required Netball Australia technology platforms including NetSetGO & Fast5</i>)	Yes	Yes	Yes
Competition Management	Yes	Yes	Yes
Website	Optional	Optional	Optional

Criteria	Tier 1	Tier 2	Tier 3
Compliance Compliant with Netball Australia & Netball WA Policies including the Netball Australia Junior Netball Policy & Member Protection Policy.	Yes	Yes	Yes
Affiliated Club Affiliation All Affiliated Clubs & Entity teams competing in Member Association competitions to be affiliated with Member Association and Netball WA	Yes	Yes	Yes
Member Association Development Member Association has Association Development Officer (ADO) & Association Umpire Development Officer (AUDO) personnel in place in any capacity	Yes	Yes	Optional but Recommended
Pathway Development Pathway development in place for Players, Coaches, Umpires and Officials	Yes	Yes	Optional but Recommended
Eligible for Association Championship participation	Yes	Yes	Yes



9. Affiliated Club and Entity Team Criteria

9.1 Affiliated Clubs and Entity Teams must meet the following criteria to be eligible for their affiliation:

Criteria	Club Size 5+ Teams	Club Size 1-4 Teams	Entity Teams	School Clubs
<i>Incorporation</i> Requirement to be Incorporated	Yes	Highly Recommended	No	Highly recommended. If there are 5+ teams, required to provide proof of exemption
<i>Registration with Member Association</i> Registered with their Affiliated Member Association and complies with all registration requirements	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
<i>Club Primary Contacts</i> Number of primary contacts to be provided to the Association and NWA	Minimum of 2	Minimum of 2	Minimum of 1	Minimum of 2
<i>Competition Participation</i> Participation in Member Association competition	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
<i>PlayHQ – Online Registrations</i> Mandatory use of PlayHQ platform for online Individual Member registrations (i.e. Junior & Senior Playing and Non-Playing Members including Volunteers)	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
<i>Play HQ - Participant Online Registrations</i> Mandatory use of NA technology platforms for online Participant registrations	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

Criteria	Club Size 5+ Teams	Club Size 1-4 Teams	Entity Teams	School Clubs
Compliance Compliant with Netball Australia & Netball WA Policies including the Netball Australia Junior Netball Policy & Member Protection Policy	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Other Permitted to conduct a Community Competition	Yes – upon approval by the relevant Member Association & completion of Netball WA Carnival Sanctioning Form online.	Yes – upon approval by the relevant Member Association & completion of Netball WA Carnival Sanctioning Form online	Yes – upon approval by the relevant Member Association & completion of Netball WA Carnival Sanctioning Form online	Yes – upon approval by the relevant Member Association & completion of Netball WA Carnival Sanctioning Form online

10. Associate Membership Criteria

- 10.1 An Associate Member is a playing and/or governing body which does not meet the Member Association, Affiliated Club or Entity Team criteria and has been granted an Associate Membership.
- 10.2 Criteria for Associate Membership is approval at the level of delegation described in clause 10.3, at the discretion of the approving group(s) and based on any additional criteria determined by the Netball WA Board from time to time.
- 10.3 Associate Members include, but are not limited to:



Member Type	Description	Delegation
<i>Gold Industry Group West Australian Netball League Clubs</i>	A Club that Netball WA grants a licence to participate in the Gold Industry Group West Australian Netball League.	Netball WA Board
<i>Independent NetSetGO Centres</i>	NetSetGO Centres that are not run through an Affiliated Club or Member Association	Community Netball Participation Manager
<i>Small Associations</i>	Associations that run competitions or engage in participant products but have fewer than 50 members or participants of any type	Netball WA Board
<i>Governing Bodies</i>	A governing body is a body that engages with and delivers netball programs outside of Netball WA's programs	Netball WA Board

11. Criteria Disputes

11.1 To resolve any dispute regarding a Member's compliance with the above criteria, refer to:

- The Netball WA Constitution
- The Netball Australia Member Protection Policy

12. Requisition of a Special General Meeting (Direct Voice to Netball WA)

12.1 To requisition a Special General Meeting, Tier 1 Associations are required to follow the process outlined in Rule 30.2 of the Netball WA Constitution.

12.2 Tier 2 and Tier 3 Associations may petition Tier 1 Associations to call a Special General Meeting by the following means:

- Where 20% or three (3) Tier 2 Associations, whichever is greater, request a forum with Voting Members (Tier 1 Associations), the Netball WA Board will facilitate such a forum in such a manner as described in the Netball WA Constitution, specifically Rule 36(a) of that document, thus allowing Tier 2 Associations to put forward their reasons for requesting a Special General Meeting.
- Tier 3 Associations must canvass the support of either Tier 1 or Tier 2 Associations when seeking a Special General Meeting in line with the minimum requirements set out in subsection (a).

13. Related Documents

- [Netball WA Policies and Procedures](#)
- [Netball Australia Policies](#)



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