



| Policy | | Membership | | NWA-POL-07 |
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Policy Statement

Netball WA is the governing body for netball in Western Australia. Members are the greatest asset and make a significant contribution towards delivery of our sport. It is important that a strong membership base is encouraged and maintained in accordance with the objects outlined in the Rules of Association (Constitution).

Scope

This Policy applies to all members of Netball WA. This includes Member Associations, Member Entities, Affiliated Clubs, Individual Members, and Life Members.

Purpose

The purpose of this Policy is to:

- Define the Registration Types that confer Membership to Netball WA as per the Netball WA Rules of Association [March 2025].
- Define the Membership categories and the eligibility criteria for each Membership category.
- Confirm who is not a member.

Implementation

1. Membership

1.1 The following registration types confer membership of Netball WA:

- a. Member Associations;
- b. Affiliated Clubs;
- c. Member Entity;

- d. Individual Members; and
- e. Life Members.

1.2 Program Participant registrations do not confer membership of Netball WA.

1.3 The procedures for becoming a member or participant of Netball WA are defined in the NWA-PRO-05 Affiliation & Membership Procedures.

2. Membership Categories

2.1 The Netball WA Membership categories are:

- a. Tier 1 Member Association
- b. Tier 2 Member Association
- c. Tier 3 Member Association
- d. Tier 4 Member Entity

2.2 Membership category criteria may be added to or amended by Netball WA from time to time in accordance with this Policy.

3. Membership Schedule – Member Associations and Member Entities

3.1 Member Associations and Member Entities must meet the relevant criteria to be eligible for membership status:

| Criteria | Tier 1 | Tier 2 | Tier 3 | Tier 4 |
|---|--------|--------|--------|---|
| <i>Incorporation</i> Requirement to be Incorporated under the <i>Associations Incorporation Act 2015</i> (WA) | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes (except for Independent NSG Centres) |
| <i>Management</i> Managed by a Board or Committee | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes (except for Independent NSG Centres) |
| <i>Agreement</i> Agree to and comply with Netball WA's Annual Affiliation Membership Agreement | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes |
| <i>Compliance</i> Compliant with relevant Netball Australia & Netball WA Policies | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes |

| Criteria | Tier 1 | Tier 2 | Tier 3 | Tier 4 |
|--|---|--|--|------------------------------|
| Size Based on previous year's membership of primary and secondary registrations (of players, coaches and officials only) | 450+ | 250-449 | 1-249 | Not applicable |
| Minimum Competition Requirements | 1 x Senior 1 x Junior 1 x NetSetGO (inclusive of all Program & Competition Tiers – Net, Set & Go) Plus 1 x other Competition or Program | 1 x Senior 1 x Junior 1 x NetSetGO (inclusive of all Competition Tiers – Net, Set & Go) | Minimum - 2 from the below: 1 x Senior 1 x Junior 1 x NetSetGO 1 x Program | Not applicable |
| Competitions Abide by Netball Australia & Netball WA Competition frameworks and rules | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes |
| Affiliated Club Minimum number of Affiliated Clubs competing in NWA sanctioned Competition/s | Minimum 5 separate Affiliated Clubs &/or Entity Teams | Minimum 4 separate Affiliated Clubs &/ or Entity Teams | Minimum 3 separate Affiliated Clubs &/ or Entity Teams | Not applicable |
| Mandatory use of PlayHQ Platform: Individual Online Registration Competition Management Competitions | Yes Yes Yes | Yes Yes Yes | Yes Yes Yes | Yes Yes Not applicable |
| Affiliated Clubs Affiliation All Affiliated Clubs competing in Member Association Competitions to be affiliated with Member Association and Netball WA | Yes | Yes | Yes | Not applicable |
| Development Officers: Association Development Officer | Yes (Intermediate accreditation minimum) | Yes (Development accreditation minimum) | Recommended (no accreditation required) | Not applicable |

| Criteria | Tier 1 | Tier 2 | Tier 3 | Tier 4 |
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| <i>Association Umpire Development Officer</i> | Yes (B Badge preferred - minimum C Badge) | Yes (minimum C Badge) | Recommended (no accreditation required) | Not applicable |
| Pathway Development Pathway development in place for players, coaches and umpires . | Yes | Yes | Recommended | Not applicable |

4. Club Affiliation Criteria

4.1 Clubs must meet the following criteria to be eligible for their affiliation:

| Criteria | Club Size 5+ Teams | Club Size 1-4 Teams | School Clubs |
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| Incorporation Requirement to be incorporated | Yes | Highly Recommended | Highly Recommended* |
| Registration with Member Association Registered with their Affiliated Member Association and complies with all registration requirements | Yes | Yes | Yes |
| Compliance Compliant with all Netball Australia & Netball WA Policies | Yes | Yes | Yes |
| Club Primary Contacts Number of primary contacts to be provided to the Association and Netball WA | Minimum of 2 | Minimum of 2 | Minimum of 2 |
| Competition Participation Participation in Member Association Competition . | Yes | Yes | Yes |
| PlayHQ – Individual Member Online Registrations Mandatory use of PlayHQ platform for online Individual Member registrations | Yes | Yes | Yes |

* If there are 5+ teams, required to provide proof of exemption.

5. Individual Members

5.1 Individual Members must meet the following criteria to be eligible for their membership:

- Compliant with all Netball Australia Policies, Statements and guidelines
- Abide by the official rules of World Netball and the interpretation as determined by Netball Australia and /or Netball WA
- Agree to and comply with Netball Australia's codes of conduct.

6. Netball WA Life Members

6.1 The **Life Membership Policy (NWA -POL-28)** sets out:

- a. Criteria and procedure for appointing a Life Member; and
- b. Conditions, obligations and privileges of Life membership to Netball WA.

7. Membership Renewal

7.1 Member Associations shall:

- a. renew their membership with Netball WA in accordance with the procedures applicable from time to time;
- b. otherwise remain affiliated financial members of Netball WA in accordance with the procedures applicable from time to time; and
- c. pay the annual fees prescribed by Netball WA from time to time.

7.2 Individual Members shall:

- a. renew their membership with Netball WA and the Member Association in accordance with the procedures applicable from time to time;
- b. otherwise remain affiliated financial members of their Member Association in accordance with the procedures applicable from time to time; and
- c. pay the annual fees prescribed by Netball WA from time to time.

8. Criteria Disputes

8.1 To resolve any dispute regarding a member's compliance with the criteria or this Policy, refer to the Netball WA Rules of Association.

Definitions

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| Affiliated Club | A registered financial club of a Member Association. |
| Affiliation & Membership Procedures | NWA-PRO-05 Netball WA Affiliation & Membership Procedures document. |
| Competitions | Netball WA sanctioned competitive netball games. |
| Gold Industry Group West Australian Netball League Club (or GIG WANL Club) | A netball club that Netball WA grants a licence to participate in the Gold Industry Group West Australian Netball League (GIG WANL). |
| Independent NetSetGo Centre | A Member Entity that delivers the Woolworths NetSetGo program only |

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| Individual Member | An affiliated financial individual Playing Member of a Member Association or Member Entity or a Non-Playing Member recognised as a member under the Netball WA Rules. |
| Life Member | A person upon whom life membership of Netball WA has been conferred by the Board under the Life Membership Policy and Netball WA Rules. |
| Member Association | An Association which is recognised as an affiliated member of Netball WA as prescribed in the Netball WA Rules. |
| Member Entity | An Association with only Non-Playing Members and/or volunteers, GIG WANL Club, Independent NetSetGo Centre or any other approved affiliate of Netball WA who has been approved under the Tier 4 Membership category as prescribed in the Netball WA Constitution. |
| Netball WA | The association referred to in the Netball WA Rules. |
| Netball WA Annual Affiliation Membership Agreement | The annual affiliation agreement between Netball WA and a Member Association or Member Entity. |
| Netball WA Rules | The constitution of Netball WA, as amended from time to time. |
| Non-Playing Member | A person who is registered to an Affiliated Club, or Member Association or Member Entity but does not play in any competition. |
| Playing Member | A person who is registered to play in a Netball WA sanctioned competition of a Member Association or Member Entity. |

Support Documents

| Document Number | Document Description |
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| NWA-POL-28 | Life Membership Policy |
| NWA-PRO-05 | Affiliation and Membership Procedures |
| Internal Document | Netball WA Rules of Association [March 2025] |