



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

Criteria	Tier 1	Tier 2	Tier 3	Tier 4
<b>Child Safeguarding Sport Integrity- Safeguarding Children and Young People in Sport Induction (Evidence of completion required)</b>	President ADO AUDO + 1 other Committee member	President ADO AUDO	President + 1 other committee member	1 Representative
<b>Netball WA Community Raffle</b> Participate in and promote the raffle to your clubs/teams	Required	Required	Recommended	Recommended
<b>Size</b> Based on previous year's membership of primary and secondary registrations (of players, coaches and officials only)	450+	250-449	1-249	Not applicable
<b>Minimum Competition Requirements</b>	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
<b>Competitions</b> Abide by Netball Australia & Netball WA Competition frameworks and rules	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
<b>Facilities Sinking Fund</b> Evidence of a sinking fund specifically for facilities	Required	Required	Required	NA
<b>Affiliated Club</b> 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

Criteria	Tier 1	Tier 2	Tier 3	Tier 4
<b>Mandatory use of PlayHQ Platform:</b>				
Individual Online Registration	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Competition Management	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Competitions	Yes	Yes	Yes	Not applicable
<b>Affiliated Clubs Affiliation</b>				
All Affiliated Clubs competing in Member Association Competitions to be affiliated with Member Association and Netball WA	Yes	Yes	Yes	Not applicable
<b>Development Officers:</b>				
Association Development Officer	Yes (Intermediate accreditation minimum)	Yes (Development accreditation minimum)	Recommended (no accreditation required)	Not applicable
Association Umpire Development Officer	Yes (B Badge preferred - minimum C Badge)	Yes (minimum C Badge)	Recommended (no accreditation required)	Not applicable
<b>Pathway Development</b>				
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
<b>Incorporation</b>			
Requirement to be incorporated	Yes	Highly Recommended	Highly Recommended*
<b>Registration with Member Association</b>			
Registered with their Affiliated Member Association and complies with all registration requirements	Yes	Yes	Yes
<b>Compliance</b>			
Compliant with all Netball Australia & Netball WA Policies	Yes	Yes	Yes

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Criteria	Club Size 5+ Teams	Club Size 1-4 Teams	School Clubs
<b>Club Primary Contacts</b> Number of primary contacts to be provided to the Association and Netball WA	Minimum of 2	Minimum of 2	Minimum of 2
<b>Competition Participation</b> Participation in Member Association Competition	Yes	Yes	Yes
<b>PlayHQ – Individual Member Online Registrations</b> 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:

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

## 7. Membership Renewal

7.1 Member Associations shall:

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

7.2 Individual Members shall:

- renew their membership with Netball WA and the Member Association in accordance with the procedures applicable from time to time;
- 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

<b>Affiliated Club</b>	A registered financial club of a Member Association.
<b>Affiliation &amp; Membership Procedures</b>	Netball WA Affiliation & Membership Procedures document (NWA-PRO-05)
<b>Competitions</b>	Netball WA sanctioned competitive netball games.
<b>Gold Industry Group West Australian Netball League Club (or GIG WANL Club)</b>	A netball club that Netball WA grants a licence to participate in the Gold Industry Group West Australian Netball League (GIG WANL).
<b>Independent NetSetGo Centre</b>	A Member Entity that delivers the Woolworths NetSetGo program only
<b>Individual Member</b>	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.
<b>Life Member</b>	A person upon whom life membership of Netball WA has been conferred by the Board under the Life Membership Policy and Netball WA Rules.
<b>Member Association</b>	An Association which is recognised as an affiliated member of Netball WA as prescribed in the Netball WA Rules.
<b>Member Entity</b>	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.
<b>Netball WA</b>	The association referred to in the Netball WA Rules.
<b>Netball WA Annual Affiliation Membership Agreement</b>	The annual affiliation agreement between Netball WA and a Member Association or Member Entity.

<b>Netball WA Rules</b>	The constitution of Netball WA, as amended from time to time.
<b>Non-Playing Member</b>	A person who is registered to an Affiliated Club, or Member Association or Member Entity but does not play in any competition.
<b>Playing Member</b>	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
<a href="#">_NWA-POL-28</a>	_Life Membership Policy
<a href="#">_NWA-PRO-05</a>	_Affiliation and Membership Procedures
<a href="#">_Internal Document</a>	_Netball WA Rules of Association [March 2025]