Policy	Membership		NWA-POL-07
Department	Community	Creation Date	
Custodian	General Manager Community Netball	Reviewed	October 2026
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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 [May 2026].
- 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 Membership & Affiliation 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.

3.2 Netball WA reserves the right to determine a Tier status if all current criteria are not strictly met. Netball WA can request evidence from an Association to support the variation to the criteria.

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

Criteria	Tier 1	Tier 2	Tier 3	Tier 4
Child Safeguarding Sport Integrity- Safeguarding Children and Young People in Sport Induction (Evidence of completion required)	President ADO AUDO + 1 other Committee member	President ADO AUDO	President + 1 other committee member	1 Representative
Netball WA Community Raffle Participate in and promote the raffle to your clubs/teams	Required	Required	Recommended	Recommended
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
Facilities Sinking Fund Evidence of a sinking fund specifically for facilities	Required	Required	Required	NA
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

Criteria	Tier 1	Tier 2	Tier 3	Tier 4
Mandatory use of PlayHQ Platform:				
Individual Online Registration	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Competition Management	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Competitions	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
Association Umpire Development Officer	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
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

Criteria	Club Size 5+ Teams	Club Size 1-4 Teams	School Clubs
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:

a. Compliant with all Netball Australia Policies, Statements and guidelines

b. Abide by the official rules of World Netball and the interpretation as determined by Netball Australia and /or Netball WA

c. 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. (May 2026)

Definitions

Affiliated Club	A registered financial club of a Member Association.
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
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.
Membership & Affiliation Procedures	Netball WA Membership & Affiliation Procedures document (NWA-PRO-05)
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
NWA-POL-28	Life Membership Policy
NWA-PRO-05	Membership and Affiliation Procedures
Internal Document	Netball WA Rules of Association [May 2026]