Netball Australia

By-Law Document

National Netball Championships By-Law

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In accordance with Rule 35.1 of the All Australia Netball Association Limited ("Netball Australia") Constitution, the following By-Law is adopted by the Netball Australia Board.

1. National Netball Championships

1.1 The annual tournament between Member Organisations shall be called the National Netball Championships (National Championships).

1.2 The National Championships shall consist of three divisions; 21 & Under, 19 & Under and 17 & Under.

1.3 Divisions may be changed as agreed by the Board.

1.4 Each Member Organisation may only enter one team in each division unless otherwise agreed by the Board.

1.5 The National Championships will be conducted in accordance with the Netball Australia Event Operations Manual.

2. Dates and Location

2.1 The National Championships shall be held in each State or Territory in set rotation. (Appendix 1).

2.2 This rotation may be altered in exceptional circumstances.

2.3 The date of the National Championships shall be recommended by the Host Association and agreed by Netball Australia.

3. Player Eligibility

3.1 A player must be a current member of a Member Organisation and therefore a member of Netball Australia to be eligible to participate in National Championships. This is considered her home Member Organisation for eligibility purposes.

3.2 The National Championships is a female only competition unless otherwise specified by Netball Australia.

3.3 Definitions of player eligibility for the National Championships shall be:

(a) **Birthright:** State/Territory in which the player was born.

(b) **Age Eligibility:** For events with age restrictions all players must remain the nominated age or under for the entire calendar year in which the National Championships are played except where approved from time to time. Verification of age eligibility is the responsibility of the Member Organisation.

(c) **Current Membership:** Member Organisation in which the player is a member for a period of not less than three months prior to the Netball Australia closing date and continuing up to the National Championships.

(d) **State/Territory of Origin:** The State/Territory a player represented in their first National Championships.

(e) **Import:** A player who is not a current member of a Member Organisation (as defined in 3.3c) but is given a clearance to play for a Member Organisation other than her own.

(f) **Clearance:** A player's home Member Organisation gives permission for a player to play for a Member Organisation other than her own. Such clearance may only relate to an import player.

(g) **AIS:** Australian Institute of Sport athletes are considered members of their home Member Organisation. Import rules apply.

4. Imports

4.1 Northern Territory and Tasmania are provided with the following import concessions:

(a) 17 & under – No imports

(b) 19 & under - Maximum of 2 imported players

(c) 21 & under - Maximum of 4 imported players or 4 current members up to age 25 years or a combination of both (maximum of 4 players)

4.2 Australian Capital Territory are provided with the following import concessions:

(a) 17 & under – No imports

(b) 19 & under – No imports

(c) 21 & under - Maximum of 2 imported players

4.3 New South Wales, Queensland, South Australia, Victoria and Western Australia have no import concessions for any age group.

5. Appeals

5.1 Member Organisations may apply for an exemption to the Player Eligibility Rules. The Player Eligibility Appeal Committee will be established by the Netball Australia Chief Executive or their nominee from time to time and will comprise such members as Netball the Chief Executive deem appropriate.

APPENDIX 1 – NETBALL AUSTRALIA NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS HOST ROTATION

The host rotation for the National Championships shall be in the following order:

2008	Western Australia
2009	Australian Capital Territory
2010	South Australia
2011	Queensland
2012	Tasmania
2013	Northern Territory
2014	New South Wales
2015	Victoria