



New Zealand Men's and Mixed Netball Association Tournament Policy and Rules

Purpose

This document outlines how NZMMNA will conduct National tournaments. National tournaments run by NZMMNA will be conducted in accordance with this tournament policy and rules document alone. Where anything stated herein is breached, the NZMMNA Board will act swiftly and fairly to rectify any such breach.

Tournament eligibility and general rules

Member Association

Only NZMMNA member associations, as defined by the NZMMNA Constitution, may enter teams to play at NZMMNA National Tournaments. All applicable association and tournament fees are due no later than four weeks prior to the start of the tournament. Failure to pay these fees will result in deregistration from the tournament. No exceptions will be given.

Player eligibility

To be eligible to participate in any NZMMNA Tournament a player must:

- a. Be living in New Zealand OR a New Zealand citizen OR a permanent resident and must not be available to play international netball for any country other than New Zealand. a) "Living" in these rules means resident in New Zealand for a period longer than 3 months at time of participation in the tournament.
- b. Dispensations to play outside of these rules **will not be normally be given**. However, where **exceptional circumstances** arise, Associations may apply for an exception. An application for exception must outline fully the grounds for the dispensation and must be submitted to the Secretary of NZMMNA in writing. Such application will then be considered by the NZMMNA Board. No application will be accepted within four weeks of the start date of the tournament the dispensation is being applied for.
 - i. Where any board member is involved in an Association that is applying for dispensation, that member will be excluded from voting on the dispensation. The Board will notify the Association the reasoning of approved dispensations within 1 week of application or no later than 3 weeks prior to the start of the tournament that dispensation is applied for.



Entry and registration

All teams who wish to participate in a NZMMNA tournament must submit an entry form to the Secretary of NZMMNA at least four weeks prior to the start of the tournament.

Teams may register a maximum of 12 players for any tournament; however, teams who participate in the 23 and Under, 20 and Under Grades may register up to two additional players if they so wish.

Player registration lists will be supplied to the Secretary of NZMMNA at least four weeks prior to the tournament start date. Amendments to the player registration will be accepted at the Manager's meeting prior to the start of the tournament and only players who are registered may take the court.

If a registered player is injured and can no longer take further part in the tournament and a medical certificate is provided to the tournament convenor, a replacement player may be added to the registration list. Once the tournament has begun no players who have taken the court or been registered for a team may be added or play for any other team.

Code of Conducts

All players, umpires and support staff shall be required to submit a signed code of conduct at the Manager's meeting prior to the tournament.

Support staff

Each team shall register a Coach and Team Manager. A primary care person/bench official is desired but not required.

Umpires

Every team that participates at NZMMNA tournaments must provide an umpire on the Team Registration Form due 4 weeks prior to the tournament. Failure to provide an umpire may result in a fee of \$300 prior to the tournament starting. Failure to pay the umpire's levy may result in the team being deregistered from the tournament.

The umpires for all games at NZMMNA tournaments shall be appointed by the NZMMNA Umpires panel and Umpire Co-ordinator.

Umpires will not be able to be registered as a player, manager or support person for any team.

Points

During the tournament 2 points will be awarded for a win, 1 point for a draw and 0 points for a loss. Any defaulted games will result in a deduction of 2 points. Where any two teams are tied at the end of round robin play, goals for and against will be used to determine the team that will advance.



Quarter, Semis & Finals Games

During these games at a tournament, no draw will be permitted. Where scores are level at the end of normal time, the following shall apply:

- i. An interval/break of two minutes. Substitutions can only be made during this period, except during the case of injury or illness when the INF rules apply.
- ii. Extra time of two x seven minute halves.
- iii. Teams change ends at the beginning of this extra time and the game is restarted with a centre pass.
- iv. There shall be no break between each half, and no substitutions are permitted.
- v. The centre pass is taken by the team entitled to the next centre pass at the restart of the second half.
- vi. In the event of a remaining tie at the end of extra time, play will continue until one team has a two goal advantage.

Uniforms

Teams must play in their approved regional colours. Compression sportswear are permitted. Please ensure these are or as close to the regional colour of the team. No visible clothing may be worn underneath playing strips. In general, uniforms must be a similar style and length as per normal netball rules.

Gender recognition

NZMMNA operates our tournaments in an open and inclusive manner. We recognise that our players come from a variety of backgrounds and have a range of identities and beliefs. We are currently reviewing our transgender player policy; however in general, we believe that players should be able to play as the gender they identify with, where such action will not cause a team to be advantaged over another. A medical certificate and birth certificate will be requested from any player who wishes to play as their chosen gender, where such gender is different to that assigned to the player at birth. (Also refer to NZMMNA Transgender Policy).

Tournament grades, grading, draws and player positioning

Grades

Entries for NZMMNA National tournaments will be accepted for the following grades:

Open A, Open B, 23 and Under, 20 and Under, Masters.

- i. A minimum of four teams will be required in each grade.
- ii. All games in all grades will be played in accordance with the most up to date International Netball Federation rulebook



- iii. A Grade games shall be 1 hour long with four x 15 minute quarters and breaks between quarters of 3/5/3 minutes duration.
- iv. All other Grades shall be 40 minutes long with four x 10minutes quarters and breaks between quarters of 2/3/2 minutes duration.
 - a. The organisers reserve the right to adjust the game times as needed to ensure effectiveness of the tournament.
- v. Additional criteria will apply to those playing in the following grades:
 - a. Entrants to 23 and Under grades must be 23 years of age or younger during the tournament.
 - b. Entrants to 20 grades and Under Grades must be 20 years of age or younger during the tournament.
 - c. Entrants to the Masters grades must be 35 years of age or older at the start of the tournament.

Positioning – relevant to Mixed Nationals only

The following positioning shall apply to all grades at Mixed Nationals:

1. Only three males are allowed on court at all times, the positioning must be 1 male in each third of the court.

Grading

The winner of the Open B Grade shall be promoted to the Open A Grade the following year.

Tournament Draw

NZMMNA will have the draw available two weeks or as soon as possible after Associations have advised of their teams prior to the start date of the tournament.

Other

Tournament Gear

All games shall be played with netballs provided by NZMMNA or, if required, the competing teams may be asked by the umpires to supply a netball.



Team Bench Placement

To avoid any confusion team placements for all games will be allocated on the following basis:

- a. Team 1 on the draw will take the area to the RIGHT of the score bench as it faces out on to the playing court.
- b. Team 2 on the draw will take the area to the LEFT of the score bench as it faces out on to the playing court.

Spectators

All spectators will be expected to act appropriately and harassment, discrimination or ill treatment of any kind will not be tolerated and the spectator in question will be removed at NZMMNA's sole discretion.

Protests and disputes processes

Where any protest or dispute arises, the following process shall apply:

1. The protest or dispute must be lodged in writing on the prescribed form with the tournament convenor and be accompanied by a fee of \$50, refundable if the protest is upheld, within 4 hours of the incident happening or on the completion of the game. Details to include are:
 - a. The nature and details of the protest or dispute.
 - b. The parties alleged to be involved.
 - c. The action you wish to be taken to resolve the protest or dispute.
2. The Tournament convenor will then submit the documentation to the tournament committee for consideration.
3. The Tournament committee may:
 - a. Uphold the protest or dispute and take appropriate action.
 - b. Dismiss the protest or dispute.
 - c. The \$50 fee shall be forfeited if the protest is considered to have been made without reasonable cause.
4. Where any member of the tournament committee is related in any way to the complaint, they may not take part in the decision on the protest or dispute.
5. The tournament committee decision is final.



New Zealand Representative Teams

Where NZ team squad selections are to be undertaken at a national tournament, players that wish to be considered must have “Available for NZ Selection” box ticked on the team registration form finalised by the Manager’s meeting prior to the start of the tournament. Proof of eligibility may be required for certain teams. Players should have numbers visible on the outside of both legs and/or arms in a permanent marker for the NZ selectors to sight. NZ Squads will be announced at the tournament Prize Giving.

Tournament Officials

Tournament Convenor: As per NZMMNA Website.

Umpire Co-ordinator: As per NZMMNA Website.

Mixed Nationals Committee: Any three or up to five Board members present and appointed prior to the start of the tournament.