



VIC MLEAGUE

COMPETITION RULES AND REGULATIONS

2017



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ADMINISTRATION

1. Teams are to have completed an official entry form and paid \$200 team registration by close of entries as notified via e-mail, website or other correspondence in order to be considered for entry
2. Uniforms must be submitted for approval alongside team entry
3. Teams once submitted will be subject to committee approval

This includes:

- i. Team Name
 - ii. Players entered in team
 - iii. Uniform design
4. Team game fees (\$80) are to be paid to the Competition Supervisor **15 minutes prior** to play beginning each week.
 - a. Discounted team game fees apply for paying
 - i. entire season one week or more prior to commencement of season (\$75 per game)
 - ii. half season paid one week prior to commencement of season or one week prior to halfway point of season (\$77 per game)
 5. All players must hold a current Netball Victoria membership and supply their number with team submission
 6. All players must hold a current Victorian Men's Netball League membership
 - a. Current Victorian State representatives hold membership
 - b. Players not currently representing Victoria must pay \$20 membership fee payable with team registration
 - i. this is required for finals eligibility

PERSONNEL

1. The VIC MLeague Co-ordinator will oversee the competition on behalf of the Victorian Men's Netball League
2. An appointed Court Supervisor will oversee the functioning of matches, collection of game fees on match day, NV membership and collection of results. They will be located at the competition office on match day
3. An appointed Umpire Supervisor will oversee the pool of umpires provided for each match as well as providing an umpire coaching role to said umpires. The Umpiring Supervisor will be available to assist in any resolution regarding umpiring matters on match day
4. Each team must provide a **scorer / timekeeper**. One will act as timekeeper and operate (where applicable) scoreboard, the other will be in charge of correctly filling out the scoresheet, liaising with opposition where necessary. The supervisor will provide a suitable timer if scoreboard unable to work.

COMPETITION

1. Match rules shall be those of Netball Australia, excepting where specific competition rules have been opted within these regulations.
2. Timing of matches shall be 15 minute quarters with breaks of 3 minutes each
3. All MLEAGUE matches will commence at the fixture time.

Teams must take the court when requested by the Umpire.

If there are at least five players present, a team shall be required to take the court to start play.

If 5 or more players are not in position to play when match commencement is signalled, the non-offending team will be awarded 1 goal for each minute that elapses prior to play beginning.

Should ¼ time elapse without play commencing the match will be declared a forfeit. The non-offending team – in the case of any forfeit – will be awarded 4 tournament points, a 20-0 score and their match fee will be refunded.

The offending team will lose 4 tournament points.

Forfeiting teams will be required to pay double their match fee.

4. Any player who takes the court must be an MLEAGUE registered player. Players must also be financial with VMNL.
5. **Men's Divisions:** Women not permitted to play.
Mixed Divisions: Maximum of 3 or minimum of 2 male players permitted on court.
Male Court Positioning:

ONE of		ONE of			ONE of	
GS	GA	WA	C	WD	GD	GK

6. Players are **NOT** permitted to play in TWO separate divisions in the one night (i.e. Premier Mixed & Div 1 Mixed). If a player has qualified for finals (6 matches) in Premier Division, they are **NOT** permitted to play Division ONE.

7. One **Scorecard** will be used for each game to record names of players participating and the match score.
Player names must be written on the scoresheet prior to commencement of play, and cannot be added once play has commenced.
Names **MUST** be completed in **FULL** – nicknames will not be accepted
Names must be placed in the correct court positions, with any mid-match changes & substitutions recorded at each interval

It is the captains' responsibility to ensure accurate recording of changes. Failure to do so will result in only the first 7 players listed in positions being deemed to have taken the court and awarded a game towards their finals qualification at the exclusion of all others.

At the match conclusion, the scoresheet **MUST** be signed by: Captains, umpires & scorer/timekeeper to confirm that the scoresheet is correct. Once signed, the scoresheet is final. This includes acknowledging court positions as being correct.

FINALS

1. Teams qualifying for finals shall be determined by the number of points gained during the season, (Win = 4 points, Draw = 2 points, Loss = nil).
2. Finals will consist of top four teams. Finals format will be determined upon receipt of team entries and communicated via the official competition fixture.
3. Ladder position will be determined by percentage where applicable, calculated by for and against
4. Players must play in at least SIX competition matches to be eligible to participate in that Division's Finals. The player must have been recorded as taking the court to be considered as played in a particular match
 - a. Teams found playing an ineligible player will be considered to have lost that match.

UNIFORM

1. Team uniform must be submitted for approval via the VIC MLeague Co-ordinator with team entry
2. All teams are expected to use and supply their own stick-on patches
3. MENS – All players must play in team uniform – this includes matching shorts
4. MIXED - Teams should have matching shirts, skirts/shorts, or dresses should be a close match to the male uniform.
 - i. All male players in the team should be in the same team uniform (same playing top and shorts)
 - ii. All female players should be in the same team uniform (a-line, bodysuit, same uniform top and matching bottoms) if the female players are wearing tights for bottoms, they must match.
5. Teams will be penalised 2 goals for each offending player, at the discretion of the umpire. Teams will be further penalised via fine or otherwise as deemed appropriate by VIC MLeague Co-ordinator for continued breaking of this rule
 - i. Uniform penalties are to be recorded on the timesheet separate to goals scored during the match

DISCIPLINE & TRIBUNAL

1. It is the expectation that all players respect our umpires and other players.
2. Any discipline shall be enforced as per rulebook at umpires' discretion.
3. Any player sent-off during a game will have it recorded on the scoresheet which will be monitored across the season
4. Should any incident be deemed of a level where further discipline is to occur a Tribunal may be put in place.
 - a. This shall be at the discretion of the Umpires Co-ordinator, VIC MLeague Co-ordinator and members of the VMNL Executive. A panel of 3 people shall be appointed with the consensus decision of this panel final.

PLAYER POINTS SYSTEM

VIC MLeague operates on a handicap system whereby players are allocated points based on teams represented and skill level. This is designed to ensure VIC MLeague remains competitive. These are referenced in the Player Points spreadsheet.

VIC MLeague reserves the right to allocate any players NOT included in the Players Points spreadsheet points as deemed appropriate

The following rules apply regarding the points:

Premier Men's

Maximum of 20 points on court in any quarter per team and no more than two 5 point players on court per team

Premier Mixed

Maximum of two 5 point players on court per team

Division One Men's

Maximum of 20 points on court per team and no 5 point player permitted

Division One Mixed

No 5 point player permitted

If a team is found to have had breached the points they will lose their competition points for that match

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Account Number:270068806
(ANZ)

After any bank transfer please email Grant Crocker
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with receipt and team details:

Please include team name in description
If Men's and Mixed have same name – please specify