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## **DIVISION I – GENERAL**

## 1. DEFINITIONS

For the purposes of this Constitution:

1.1 'Affiliated Member Club' means any Member Club (comprising one or more teams) which has paid the prescribed annual affiliation fee to the Association.

'1.2 Association' means the Port Stephens Netball Association Inc. (PSNA).

1.3 'Member Club Delegate' means a duly appointed financial representative of an Affiliated Member Club.

1.4 'Council' means elected Office Bearers, active Life Members, Honorary Members and two(2) delegates from each Member Club.

1.5 'Instrument' means any document pertaining to the governance of the Association, and includes, but is not limited to, this Constitution, and the Policies of the Association.

1.6 'Netball NSW means the New South Wales Netball Association Ltd.

1.7 'Registered Member' means any financial member, life member or honorary member of the Association.

1.8 'The Office Bearers of the Association' mean the members of the Executive Committee plus the Sub-Committee Convenors.

1.9 'Publicised' refers to any matter made public through any medium including, but not limited to, email, text (SMS), and social media and website avenues.

## 2. INTERPRETATION

2.1 Where this Constitution conflicts or contains ambiguities with any other instrument of the Association, this Constitution will prevail.

2.2 The Council will hold the power to deal with and adjudicate upon all questions and disputes as to the interpretation of the Constitution, Rules and Policies and Standing Orders.

## 3. <u>TITLE</u>

3.1 The name of the Association will be the Port Stephens Netball Association Inc.

## 4. <u>TYPE OF ORGANISATION</u>

4.1 The Association is a 'not-for profit' organisation whose income and property is applied solely towards the promotion of the objects of the Association. No funds or property will be paid or transferred directly or indirectly by way of dividend or bonus by way of profit to or amongst the members.

## 5. <u>COLOURS</u>

5.1 The Association's colours will be royal blue, grey and white.

## 6. OBJECTS

6.1 To support and promote the objectives of Netball Australia, Netball NSW and PSNA.

6.2 To create an entity through and by which Netball in Port Stephens can be encouraged, conducted, promoted and administered and to be the governing body of netball in the Port Stephens area except for the area known as 'Tomaree Peninsula' this location will be governed by Nelson Bay Netball Association.

6.3 To act for its members in all matters pertaining to Netball.

6.4 To promote the economic and sporting success, strength and stability of PSNA and each Member Club.

6.5 To use and protect its Intellectual Property.

6.6 To have regard to the public interest in its operation.

6.7 To encourage and promote performance-enhancing drug free competition.

6.8 To act for its members on all matters pertaining to the conduct of Netball in PSNA including all disciplinary, tribunal, appeal and grading matters, in accordance with the Member Protection Policy.

6.9 To pursue through itself or others, such commercial arrangements, including sponsorship and marketing opportunities, as are appropriate to further the objectives of the Port Stephens Netball Association.

6.10 To foster, regulate, organise, conduct and manage Netball competitions, events, displays and other activities within Port Stephens in conjunction with its members.

6.11 To select and manage netball teams to represent Port Stephens Netball Association in matches against teams representing other Associations within New South Wales.

6.12 To conduct education and training to support members to enhance their knowledge and understanding of Netball.

6.13 To implement appropriate policies, including policies in relation to member protection, social justice, drugs in sport, health, safety, junior and senior programs, infectious diseases, integrity in sport including match fixing and such other matters as arise from time to time as issues to be addressed in Netball.

6.14 To give, and where appropriate, seek recognition for athletes, officials and other individuals participating in Netball in any capacity to obtain awards or public recognition.

## 7. ASSOCIATION HEADQUARTERS

7.1 The Association's location will be at Fitzgerald Park, 2 William Bailey Street, Raymond Terrace, NSW, 2324.

## 8. PATRON

8.1 The Association may from time to time appoint one or more Patrons. Any nomination received for the office of Patron will be advanced for ratification by the Council at an Annual General Meeting.

8.2 The Council may also cancel any such appointment at an Annual General Meeting or Special Council Meeting.

### **DIVISION II- AFFILIATION WITH NETBALL NSW**

### 9. <u>STATEMENT</u>

9.1 The Association will affiliate with Netball NSW annually as required under the Netball NSW Constitution and any relevant Netball NSW policies.

## **DIVISION III – MEMBERSHIP**

## 10. MEMBER PROTECTION POLICY

10.1 The Association adopts and will abide by the Netball NSW Member Protection Policy (<u>Policies - Netball NSW</u>).

## 11. ORDINARY MEMBERSHIP

11.1 The Association is the controlling body for amateur Netball within its boundaries and its authority will be recognised by all Registered Members who will adopt and obey this Constitution and the Rules and Policies and Standing Orders of the Association.

11.2 All Registered Members will be amateurs as defined by the Constitution of the International Federation of Netball Associations.

11.3 Individual members of an Affiliated Member Club wishing to join the Association will:

11.4 Complete the approved Registration process of the Association.

11.5 Pay the prescribed annual membership fees to the Association.

11.6 The Association will defer to the *'Definition of Members of Affiliation and Membership Policy'* of Netball NSW in determining membership.

11.7 A person ceases to be a Registered Member of the Association if the person:

- 11.7.1 Ceases to be financial.
- 11.7.2 Is expelled from the Association.
- 11.7.3 Is deceased.

## 12. LIFE MEMBERSHIP

12.1 Any person may be elected a Life Member of the Association in recognition of at least ten (10) years **outstanding** service to the Association.

12.2 Candidates for election as Life Members will be nominated by two (2) financial members with such nominations being received by 31 January each year to enable the voting process to be completed by the AGM.

12.3 The Executive will review all nominations received to ensure nominations meet criteria as defined below and if appropriate, put forward such nominations for voting.

12.4 Undertake role/s within PSNA that show an outstanding level of support and engagement of PSNA and go beyond the role/s undertaken within their Member Club.

12.5 Demonstrate a consistent, sustained application of commitment to the support and promotion of netball within PSNA over a minimum period of 10 years.

12.6 Once approval for voting to proceed is given, votes will be collected via postal or digital means as appropriate. A closing date for voting will be advised upon distribution of documentation. If an affirmative vote is returned, Life Membership will be announced, and a badge presentation will occur at the Annual General Meeting.

12.7 The nominations must be approved by a majority of at least three- quarters (3/4) of the members eligible to vote at an Annual General Meeting, provided that the Council may, from time to time, fix the maximum number of persons who may at any time hold life membership.

12.8 All active PSNA Life Members will be registered with Netball NSW at the commencement of each season.

12.9 An active Life Member will be entitled to attend all Association meetings and will have full voting rights and be eligible to nominate for all positions within the Association where they are suitably qualified.

12.10 The Council will determine from time to time, which Life Members are to be regarded as active and the criteria to be applied in making that determination.

12.11 An active Life Member may be elected to the Executive Committee and will not be deemed to be affiliated with a Member Club due to their Life Membership.

12.12 They are expelled from the Association.

12.13 They are deceased.

#### 13. HONORARY MEMBERSHIP

13.1 An Honorary Member is any person who is invited by Council to join the Association for a specific time or purpose as determined by the Council, provided such person is nominated by two (2) financial members of the Council.

13.2 An Honorary Member may be admitted to Council without voting power.

13.3 A person ceases to be an Honorary Member of the Association if the person:

13.3.1 Is discharged because the 'specific time or purpose' for which the person was admitted as an Honorary Member has been fulfilled to the satisfaction of Council.

13.3.2 Is expelled from the Association.

13.3.3 Is deceased.

## 14. MEMBERSHIP FEES AND MISCELLANEOUS FEES

14.1 All fees to be paid by Registered Members, including (but not limited to) membership, court hire and lighting fees, will be determined by resolution of Council at the last Council Meeting before the Annual General Meeting.

14.2 All Registered Members of the Association must be financial members of the Association prior to the Annual General Meeting each year, and / or the first playing competition that the member participates in that calendar year.

14.3 A Registered Member ceases to be financial if they:

14.3.1 Fail to renew their membership.

14.3.2 Fail to pay to the Association money they owe to the Association.

## 15. REGISTER OF MEMBERS

15.1 A Register of Members of PSNA will be determined using the prescribed database through Netball NSW systems and the governance of financial members will be directed by the *'Affiliation and Membership Policy'* of Netball NSW.

### 16. MEMBERS' LIABILITY

16.1 The liability of a Registered Member of the Association to contribute towards the payment of the debts and liabilities of the Association or the costs, charges and expenses of the winding up of the Association is limited to the amount, if any, unpaid by the member in respect of membership of the Association.

### 17. AFFILIATION OF MEMBER CLUBS AND DELEGATES

17.1 To become affiliated with the Association, Member Clubs must:

17.1.1 Consist of one or more teams comprising Registered Members of Netball NSW.

17.1.2. Pay an annual affiliation fee as determined by the Council at the last Council Meeting before the Annual General Meeting.

17.2 Member Clubs must advise in writing of teams registering to play in another Association under that Member Clubs name.

17.3 Affiliated Member Clubs will each have the right to nominate two financial Member Club Delegates of a minimum age of 18 to attend Council meetings.

17.4 Where an Affiliated Members Club does not have the required number of Member Club Delegates (2 per Member Club) in attendance at any meeting of Council, that member Club will be liable to a penalty which will be set by Council from time to time.

17.5 At each meeting all Member Club Delegates in attendance will be recorded and state the Member Club they represent at that meeting.

17.6 A Member Club Delegate may represent one (1) Member Club only at any meeting.

## **DIVISION IV – MEETINGS**

### 18. GENERAL PROCEDURE

18.1 The President will take the chair at all meetings of the Council or Executive Committee and in the President's absence the chair will be taken by a nominated Executive member.

18.2 A member may attend a meeting remotely (via technology) and the member will be deemed as present, consistent with the relevant meeting policy requirements.

18.3 A quorum for ordinary Council meetings will consist of five (5) members of the Association's Executive Committee, and Member Club Delegates representing at least onequarter (1/4) of the Affiliated Member Clubs. A quorum for Executive Committee meetings will consist of five (5) members of the Committee.

18.4 If no quorum is present thirty (30) minutes after the time fixed for the commencement of a meeting it will be adjourned to a time and place as the Chair decides. The Secretary will advise Members and Member Clubs of the revised meeting details.

18.5 The accidental omission to give any member the required notice will not invalidate a meeting nor any of the business of the meeting.

18.6 Decisions arising at an ordinary meeting of the Council, Executive Committee or any Sub-Committee are to be determined by a simple majority of votes cast by eligible members.

Each eligible member will have one (1) vote to be taken in such a manner as the Chairperson will direct, except a secret ballot which will be taken if any member requests it. In the event of a tied vote, further discussion to be had by Council until a resolution for or against can be achieved. Where a resolution cannot be found, the item is passed in for discussion at the following meeting where additional information will be provided on this topic.

18.7 There will be no voting by proxy except where a Convenor authorises a Subcommittee member to attend a meeting at which she or he is eligible to vote in their place.

18.8 Meeting procedure will be further guided by Policy Procedure.

#### 19. ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (AGM)

19.1 An Annual General Meeting of the Association will be held in March of each year.

19.2 All Registered Members may attend but voting will be restricted to Office Bearers, active life members and two (2) nominated Member Club Delegates from each Affiliated Member Club.

19.3 Not less than twenty-one (21) days' written notice of the Annual General Meeting of the Association will be given to each Office Bearer, Life Member, Member Club Delegate, and through the Secretary of each Affiliated Member Club.

19.4 A copy of the Association's Annual Report and the audited balance sheet will be available where possible on the Association's website prior to the Annual General Meeting and be presented at the AGM.

19.5 A quorum for an Annual General Meeting will consist of five (5) members of the Association's Executive Committee, and at least one-quarter (1/4) of the Member Club Delegates.

19.6 The business of the Annual General Meeting will be:

- 19.6.1 Confirmation of the minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting.
- 19.6.2 Consideration and adoption of the Annual Report and audited balance sheet.

19.6.3 Appointment of an auditor.

19.6.4 Notices of Motion.

19.6.5 Appointment of Patron.

19.6.6 Appointment of Solicitor.

19.6.7 Such other business as the meeting deems fit.

- 19.6.8 Election of Executive Committee.
- 19.6.9 Election of Committee Convenors.
- 19.7 The following Office Bearers will be elected and will form the Executive Committee:
  - 19.7.1 President
  - 19.7.2 Vice President
  - 19.7.3 Treasurer
  - 19.7.4 Secretary
  - 19.7.5 Representative Convenor
  - 19.7.6 Technical Services Convenor
  - 19.7.7 Games Services Convenor

19.8 The following Office Bearers will be elected as Sub Committee Convenors:

- 19.8.1 Assistant Treasurer
- 19.8.2 Canteen Convenor
- 19.8.3 Competitions Convenor
- 19.8.4 Carnival Convenor
- 19.8.5 Twilight Convenor
- 19.8.6 All Abilities Convenor
- 19.8.7 NetSetGo Convenor
- 19.8.8 Boys and Mens Convenor
- 19.8.9 Grounds Convenor
- 19.8.10 Coaching Convenor (must hold appropriate accreditation)
- 19.8.11 Selection Convenor (must hold the appropriate accreditation)
- 19.8.12 Umpires Convenor (must hold the appropriate accreditation)

19.8.13 Member Protection Information Officer (must complete training)

19.9 To be eligible for nomination as an Office Bearer a nominee must be a Registered Member of both Netball NSW and the Association.

19.10 Current Office Bearers will be eligible for re-election.

19.11 The President, Secretary or Treasurer of the Association will not hold the position of President, Secretary or Treasurer of an Affiliated Member Club.

19.12 No person will be elected to more than one (1) position as an Office Bearer.

19.13 Not more than 3 members of the Executive Committee will be members of any one Member Club.

19.14 Office Bearers elected at the Annual General Meeting will assume office at the conclusion of the Annual General Meeting and will hold office for the ensuing year, unless they are removed or resign in the interim.

19.15 Nominations for election supported by two (2) Registered Members.

19.16 Qualifications (where required) will accompany each nomination.

19.17 The Association may, at a Special Council meeting, by resolution remove any Office Bearer before the expiration of their term of office and may by resolution appoint another person to hold office until the expiration of the term of office of the Office Bearer so removed.

19.18 An Office Bearer may resign their position by providing written notice of their intention to do so to the Association Secretary. The Council will, at its next meeting, will appoint a replacement to hold the position for the remainder of the resigned person's term of office.

#### 20. SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETINGS

20.1 Special Council Meetings will be called by the Secretary:

20.1.1 At the direction of the President or

20.1.2 Upon receipt of a requisition signed by not less than one-third (1/3) of the members of Council.

20.2 All Registered Members may attend but voting will be restricted to Office Bearers active life members and two (2) nominated Member Club Delegates from each Affiliated Member Club.

20.3 Not less than twenty-one (21) days' written notice will be given to members of Council and to each Affiliated Member Club, specifying the time and location of a Special Council Meeting, and the nature of the business to be considered.

20.4 A quorum for a Special Council Meeting will consist of five (5) members of the Association's Executive Committee, and Member Club Delegates representing at least one quarter (1/4) of the Affiliated Member Clubs.

## **DIVISION V – ORGANISATIONAL STRUCTURE**

## 21. COUNCIL

21.1 The Council will consist of:

21.1.1 The Office Bearers of the Association (as elected refer Policy - Sub Committees and Duties).

21.1.2 Active Life Members.

21.1.3 Two (2) Member Club Delegates from each Member Club.

21.2 The Council will meet at least three (3) times each year on dates to be fixed by the Council. At least three of these meetings will be held no less than bi- monthly intervals between February and August inclusive. With the first and final meetings of each year being held primarily as in person events, remaining meetings of Council can be conducted as online meetings.

21.3 Not less than seven (7) days written notice will be given specifying the time and place of the meeting of Council, and any special business to be dealt with.

21.4 Order of business at Council meetings will be:

21.4.1. Apologies

- 21.4.2 Confirmation of Minutes
- 21.4.3 Business Arising from Minutes
- 21.4.4 Notices of Motion
- 21.4.5 Elections
- 21.4.6 Health and Safety Report

21.4 7 Executive Committee Member Reports

21.4 8 General business.

### 22. POWERS OF COUNCIL

22.1 The Council will be responsible for the execution of the objects of the Association and without in any way limiting this responsibility will have power to:

22.1.1 Control and manage the business operations of the Association.

22.1.2 Fix fees payable by members and to collect payments.

22.2 Control the funds of the Association and to open and operate banking accounts; to invest funds in any manner authorised by law for the investment of trust funds; to acquire real and personal property of all descriptions and to sell or otherwise dispose of it; to borrow money on behalf of the Association and to give security e; to enter into guarantees of indebtedness on behalf of any Affiliated Member Club; and, generally, to carry out and attend to matters that will be necessary for the proper management and control of the property of the Association.

22.3 To appoint two (2) delegates and two (2) proxy delegates to represent the Association on the Council of Netball NSW.

22.4 To appoint any delegate or delegates to represent the Association for any purpose with such powers as may be thought fit.

22.5 The Executive Committee will consist of the following voting members:

22.5.1 President
22.5.2 Vice President
22.5.3 Treasurer
22.5.4 Secretary
22.5.5 Representative Convenor
22.5.6 Technical Services Convenor
22.5.7 Games Services Convenor

#### 23. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

23.1 Regular Executive Committee Meetings will be determined by the Executive Committee with 48 hours' notice, Meetings may be held in person or online.

23.2 Should a quorum of the Executive Committee be present; an emergency meeting may be convened at any time.

23.3 Any member of the Executive Committee who, without leave of the Executive Committee, has failed to attend three (3) consecutive meetings will be deemed to have resigned.

23.4 The first duty of a member of the Executive Committee will be at an Association function as opposed to a Member Club function.

23.5 The Executive Committee will exercise the functions and powers of the Council between meetings of the Council.

23. 6 The Executive Committee will take up their positions at the conclusion of the Annual General Meeting and will carry out the business of the Association through to the election of the Executive Committee at the subsequent AGM and / Special Council Meeting.

23.7 Consider nominations for Life Membership and make recommendations to Council prior to the Annual General Meeting.

23.8 Make recommendations to Council on matters of finance and policy.

23.9 Executive committee members are required to behave consistent with the Administrators Code of Behaviours upon uptake of their position. Breaches of this agreement may be dealt with under the *Member Protection Policy* of Netball NSW.

#### 24. DUTIES OF EXECUTIVE -COMMITTEE MEMBERS

24.1 The PRESIDENT will:

24.1.1 Preside at meetings of the Association and direct where necessary.

24.1.2 Be the primary representative within the Association in dealing with any media contact and maintain the Association media channels.

24.1.3 Be responsible for the presentation of the Executive Report at Council and Annual General Meetings.

24.2 The VICE PRESIDENT will:

24.2.1 Act as President in the event of the President being unavailable

24.1.2 In conjunction with the President, maintain media channels and publicity of major events

24.1.3 Be the contact person for events outside the main competitions of the association such as School Cup, Koori Cup, Nations of Origin or other nominated Netball NSW events

24.1.4 Seek grant opportunities and / or sponsorships to support and maintain activities, services or facilities that the Association is responsible for

24.1.5 Work with the MPIO to manage and support any disputes or issues as they arise

24.1 6 Assist the President and perform such other duties as directed by Council.

### 24.3 The REPRESENTATIVE CONVENOR will:

24.3.1 Assist the President and perform such other duties as directed by Council.

24.3.2 Be Convenor of the Representative Program and as such be responsible for all aspects of the organisation of the Representative program.

24.3.3 Advise the Executive Committee of all such arrangements.

#### 24.4 The SECRETARY will:

24.4.1 Assist the President and perform such other duties as directed by Council

24.4.2 Maintain a register of Life Members and Affiliated Member Clubs.

24.4.3 Confirm Member Clubs maintain their online documentation.

24.4.4 Be responsible for correspondence and issue notices as required.

24.4.5 Circulate all nominations for Life Membership and accompanying qualifications to Affiliated Member Clubs.

24.4.6 Conduct such other business as directed by Executive or Council.

24.5 The TREASURER will:

24.5.1 Be responsible for all funds that may be established by the Association.

24.5.2 Keep a record of all assets, liabilities, and properties of the Association.

24.5.3 Keep necessary records of account and produce them on the instruction of Council.

24.5.4 Receive, reconcile and bank all monies of the Association and issue invoices and / or receipts as required.

24.5.5 Arrange insurance against loss, damage to or liability of the Association by reason of fire, accident, flood or otherwise.

24.5.6 Be responsible for paying all general accounts of the Association .:

24.5.7 Be responsible for paying the following representative program expenses including, all Netball NSW event entry costs, all embroidered patches issued to the Association members of Netball NSW events for players and associated personnel, agreed travel costs for representative officials across the representative season and fifty percent of the final levy costs for Representative officials for Netball NSW events.

24.5.8 Provide quarterly financial reports to all Executive Members, Member Clubs and active Life Members and present account balances at Council Meetings.

24.5.9 Present an audited Balance Sheet at the Annual General Meeting.

24.5.10 Allocate one third (1/3) of Canteen profits directly to the Representative account at the end of the winter season.

24.6 The TECHNICAL SERVICES CONVENOR will:

24.6.1 Have a casting vote, if required, as a member of the Coaching and Umpiring Sub-Committees.

24.6.2 Be responsible for overseeing the duties of the Coaching and Umpire Convenors.

24.6.3 Present reports relating to coaching and umpiring at each Executive and/or Council meeting.

### 24.7 The GAMES SERVICES CONVENOR will:

24.7.1 Have a casting vote, if required, as a member of the Fixtures, Grading subcommittees.

24.7.2 Be responsible for overseeing the duties of the Fixtures, Grading, Grounds, Recorder and Registrar.

24.7.3 Present reports relating to all their sub-committees at each Executive and/or Council meetings.

#### 25. DUTIES OF CONVENORS

#### 25.1 The ALL-ABILITIES CONVENOR will:

25.1.1 Coordinate all abilities programs and competitions and event for people with disability and of all abilities to participate in Netball.

25.1.2 Teach fundamental motor skills though activities and games using modified equipment.

25.1.3 Select and all abilities team to represent the Association at Netball NSW events.

25.1.4 Be available to support and host Netball NSW Schools Cup All Abilities Division.

25.1.5 Work with NDIS Providers and People with Disability Organisations to promote the benefits of active and social lifestyle for people with disability through netball

#### 25.2 The NETSETGO CONVENOR will:

25.2.1 Coordinate over the course of the programs and competitions across all three tiers of the program.

25.2.2 Net: up to 6 years, teach fundamental motor skills through activities and games using modified equipment.

25.2.3 Set: U8s promote this competition with member clubs through a modified playing game with a smaller ball.

25.2.3 Go: U10s promote this competition with member clubs with a focus on developing netball skills through the modified version of the game.

25.2.4 Act as the Associations official NetSetGo Convenor working with all member clubs to promote the entry pathway to children.

25.2.5 Be the NetSetGo point of contact for Netball Australia / Netball NSW.

25.3 The BOYS AND MENS CONVENOR will:

25.3.1 Promote boys and mens participation in netball competitions either through standalone boys divisions or through inclusive mixed netball divisions in consultation with the Competitions Convenor.

25.3.2 Deliver fun and safe spaces for male specific competitions and events that nurture netball skill development.

25.3.3 Select and coordinate in collaboration with the Selections and Representative Convenor Boys and Mens Representative Teams to represent the Association at Netball NSW events,

#### 25.4 The CANTEEN CONVENOR will:

25.4.1 Ensure that adequate stock is purchased for the running of the Canteen and any special functions.

25.4.2 Be available to supervise canteen volunteers during competition rounds.

#### 25.5 The CARNIVAL CONVENOR will:

25.5.1 Organise and conduct any carnivals the Association may hold.

25.5.2 Liaise with Competition and Canteen Convenors in the running of the Association carnival.

25.5.3 Perform such other duties as directed by Council from time to time.

#### 25.6 The COACHING CONVENOR will:

25.6.1 Be the holder of the minimum Netball Australia Accreditation for the position.

25.6.2 Be the convenor of the Coaching Subcommittee.

25.6.3 Be responsible for the distribution of relevant information regarding coaching and support Member Club coaches as requested.

25.6.4 Organise the Associations NetSetGo program.

25.6.5 Be responsible for the coordination of athlete participation clinics on behalf of Member Clubs hosted at the Association.

### 25.7 The COMPETITIONS CONVENOR will:

25.7.1 Be responsible for chairing Competitions meetings at the start of each new competition to determine the grading and fixtures for these events.

25.7.2 Will have access to PlayHQ to enable them to perform their role.

25.7.4 Ensure all Competition outcomes are shared with and communicated to Member Clubs as soon as practicable after each meeting.

#### 25.8 The GROUNDS CONVENOR will:

25.8.1 Be responsible managing the Grounds, reporting any incidents to Port Stephens Council or other approved repairer as required.

25.8.2 Report to the President any concerns about the grounds at the Association.

#### 25.9 The SELECTION CONVENER will:

25.9.1 Hold appropriate current minimum Netball Australia qualifications for the position.

25.9.2 Work with appointed Representative Coaches and appointed independent selector to assist in the Selections procedures as required.

25.9.3 Communicate the nominations for players for selection on the set form, as soon as practicable after the closing date and prior to the first selection in consultation with the Representative Convenor.

25.9.4 Abide by the Selections Policy.

#### 25.10 The UMPIRES CONVENOR will:

25.10.1 Be the holder of a National Umpires Badge.

25.10.2 Be the Convenor of the Umpires Sub-Committee.

25.10.3 Organise and arrange the coaching and badging of umpires where necessary.

25.10.4 Obtain a record of National badged umpires within the Association from Netball NSW annually.

25.10.5 Be responsible for the allocation of umpires for competitions organised by the Association, whether Association or representative.

25.10.6 Be responsible for the distribution of relevant information regarding umpiring and support Member Clubs as required.

25.10.7 Be responsible for Learn to Umpire Program and other umpire coaching as appropriate to support Member Clubs.

25.10.8 Work in collaboration with the Technical Services Convenor and Representative Convenor as requested in the allocation of Umpires for Representative Team commitments.

25.11 The ASSISTANT TREASURER will:

25.11.1 Be a signatory on the Representative Team accounts.

25.11.2 Be responsible for paying all general accounts for the Representative program.

25.11.3 Be responsible to receive, reconcile all monies of the Representative Program, including issuing invoices and receipts as appropriate.

25.11.4 Be responsible for paying fifty percent of the final levy costs of Representative Officials.

25.11.5 Carry out duties as directed by the Treasurer

25.11.6 In the absence of the Treasurer, act as the Treasurer.

25.11.7 Support the Representative Convenor, in other administrative tasks from time to time.

25.12 The MEMBER PROTECTION INFORMATION OFFICER will:

25.12.1 Be familiar with and follow the appropriate Netball NSW policies inherent in the Netball NSW Member Protection Policy document

### **DIVISION VI – ADMINISTRATION**

#### 26. FINANCE

26.1 The funds of the Association will be derived from annual Membership fees, other fees and donations, and subject to any resolution passed by the Association in a Council, Special Council or Annual General Meeting, such other sources as the Executive Committee determines.

26.2 The main banking accounts of the Association will be kept at a bank or building society approved by the Council and all online payments operating on the accounts will

be authorised by any two (2) of the following- President, Treasurer and up to two (2) nominated Executive members.

26.3 The banking accounts of the Representative Teams will be kept at a bank or building society approved by the Council and all online payments operating on the accounts will be authorised by any two (2) of the following- President, Treasurer, Assistant Treasurer and Representative Convenor.

26.4 Any cash withdrawals made must be made with the knowledge of Executive Committee as part of an agreed process.

26.5 The Financial Year of the Association will commence on January 1 and end on December 31 of each year.

26.6 No Office Bearer of the Association will be entitled to receive remuneration for any services as such.

#### 27. CUSTODY OF BOOKS

27.1 Except as otherwise provided by this constitution all records, and other documents relating to the Association will be kept under the custody or control of the Public Officer.

#### 28. INSPECTION OF RECORDS

28.1 Any Registered Member may inspect the records of account and minute records of the Association at any reasonable time.

#### 29. ALTERATIONS TO CONSTITUTION, POLICIES

29.1 This Constitution of the Association may be altered by special resolution passed by at least three-quarters (3/4) of the members present and voting at an Annual General Meeting or Special Council Meeting of the Association of which not less than twenty-one (21) days' written notice specifying the resolution/s to be proposed has been given.

29.2 The Policies of the Association may be altered by Council by at least three-quarters (3/4) of the members present at the final council meeting of which not less than twentyone (21) days' written notice specifying the resolution/s to be proposed has been given

29.3 Any alteration made to the Constitution; Policies of the Association will be forwarded to Netball NSW within twenty-eight (28) days of the meeting at which such alteration was made.

### 30.. DISSOLUTION OF THE ASSOCIATION

30.1 The Association will not be dissolved except by special resolution passed by a majority of at least three-quarters (3/4) of the members present and voting at a Special Council Meeting of the Association of which not less than twenty-one (21) days' written notice specifying the resolution to be proposed had been given.

30.2 On dissolution of the Association, any property whatsoever remaining after the determination and settlement of all debts and liabilities will be paid or transferred to Netball NSW to be used for the promotion of Netball within the area of PSNA as defined in Clause 6- Objects.

#### **DIVISION VII- POLICIES**

### 31.. POLICIES OF THE ASSOCIATION

31.1 The Association may implement appropriate Policies in relation to such matters as arise for the administration of Netball in the Association, that may be trailed throughout the season and formally adopting at the final council meeting for full implementation the year following.