
Woods Panthers – Playing Operations Policy

1 Reporting for Games and Practice

- (a) Players must be at their court, or other assembly point nominated by their coach, at least 30 minutes prior to the schedule start of their match, or other time as specified by their coach.
- (b) Players must be at their practices at the time nominated by their coach.

2 Non- Attendance at Practice or Games

- (a) All players must advise their coach at the earliest date if they are unable to attend any practice or matches.
- (b) Where a “player” makes themselves unavailable for a game and the Club is subject to a fine or penalty from the Association to provide a replacement player, the “player” shall be subject to a fine equivalent to the penalty applied by the Association.
- (c) This fine will apply automatically unless the player has an acceptable reason:
 - (i) The player is ill;
 - (ii) The player is injured;
 - (iii) The player is at an authorised school excursion;
 - (iv) The player has representative duties for the Association or State;
 - (v) The player is absent on holidays advised to the Club prior to the start of the season; or
 - (vi) Other reason accepted by the Committee.
- (d) The fine will be activated by the Coach or Manager advising the Treasurer immediately after the game the player did not attend without an acceptable reason.
- (e) A player who has incurred a fine may not take the court ahead of any other available player, until that fine is paid.

3 Player Behaviour

Players representing the Club must:

- (a) Act respectfully to our coaches at training and in matches.
- (b) Act respectfully to umpires at training and in matches.
- (c) Act respectfully to their teammates.
- (d) Act respectfully to Club officials.
- (e) Not act in a manner that will bring the Club into disrepute.
- (f) Not chew gum while on court at training and in matches.
- (g) Wear appropriate sports clothing at practice.

- (h) Wear the registered uniform, including socks at all matches.
- (i) Ensure hair is short or tied back so that it does not fall across their eyes at training or in matches.
- (j) Ensure any medical alert bracelets are taped and covered at training and in matches.
- (k) Remove all jewellery, earrings or body piercings to protect the player from accidental injury at training and in matches.
- (l) Trim finger nails to the appropriate short length at training and in matches. Players with false or long nails will not be allowed to train or play.
- (m) Not wear any clothing or adornment that may pose a risk to themselves or other players at training and in matches.
- (n) Take appropriate action to protect themselves from sunburn, hydrate and care for their own well-being at training and in matches.
- (o) Take all other reasonable and appropriate actions to present themselves to play to the best of their ability for the Club.

4 Selection in Teams

All players will be given an equal number of games where practicable, except in the following circumstances:

- (a) Non attendance at practice, except for extenuating reasons e.g. school excursion, injury or illness; this will result in the player being a reserve for the following game, if other players who have attended practice are available.
- (b) Injury or illness and unable to play.
- (c) Disciplinary measure.
- (d) Absence through holidays or school excursions.
- (e) Absence through representative sporting duties
- (f) For Premier Competition, Premier Reserves, AMND, U19, A1, Inters 1, Junior 1, Sub-Junior 1, Primary 1, (and any other Netball SA designated Pathway grades) where the best team will be placed on the court at the discretion of the coach. When necessary, coaches may release players to the team immediately below, or other appropriate team, to gain court time. Coaches and coordinators are to give consideration to finals eligibility when applying this policy.

5 Playing For Higher Or Lower Teams

- (a) Any player requested to play in a higher team within their grade will agree to the selection procedure and participate in the game. This policy applies to all grades.
- (b) Players declining to play in a higher grade will be ineligible to play for any other grade.
- (c) No coach may refuse to release a player from their team to play in a higher grade.
- (d) Coaches of a Pathway team i.e. Premier Competition, Reserves, AMND, U19, A1, Inters 1, Junior 1, Sub-Junior 1, Primary 1, may temporarily choose to have a player play in the grade below their team to gain court time.

- (e) Players requested by their coach and declining to play in a lower grade will be ineligible to play for any other grade.
- (f) No coach may refuse to accept and provide the required court time (in their normal position) to a player from a higher grade.

6 Selection in Finals

The best team may be selected in finals matches.

7 Promotion & Demotion

- (a) The Club fielding teams in a higher grade shall always take precedence over lower graded teams in the same age group.
- (b) Lower grade teams will always be utilised to feed higher teams, when required.
- (c) A player may be promoted more than one grade in any week.
- (d) No player may be demoted more than one grade in any week.
- (e) No player may refuse to play in a higher or lower grade of the same age group when requested except due to injury, illness or absence.
- (f) No coach may refuse to release a player from their team to play in a higher grade.

8 Umpire Coordinator

- (a) The role of Umpire Coordinator must be filled for Club teams to play matches.
- (b) Where two or more persons wish to share the work load this will be acceptable providing one person is the elected Coordinator who assumes responsibility and attends Committee of Management meetings.

9 Team Coordinators

- (a) The following Team Coordinator Roles must be filled for Club teams to play matches:
 - (i) Premier Competition Coordinator;
 - (ii) Senior Coordinator;
 - (iii) Intermediate Coordinator;
 - (iv) Junior Coordinator;
 - (v) Sub-Junior Coordinator
 - (vi) Primary Coordinator;
 - (vii) Summer Netball Coordinator
- (b) The Coordinators have responsibility on behalf of the Committee of Management to coordinate all aspects of teams within their division, including co-opting of Team Managers to assist in the operation of the Club.

10 Other Coordinators

- (a) Where the following Coordinator Roles are not filled by election at the AGM or by subsequent appointment, the roles will be allocated or rostered to team divisions, by the Committee of Management, for Team Coordinators to organise with Team Managers:
 - (i) Events Coordinator;
 - (ii) Marketing/Sponsorship Coordinator;
 - (iii) Clubhouse Coordinator;
 - (iv) Uniform Coordinator.

11 Team Manager and Primary Care Person

- (a) All teams shall have an appointed Team Manager and Primary Care Person, who can be the same individual.
- (b) The Coach may appoint the Team Manager and or Primary Care Person, with preference to individuals with First Aid Training as Primary Care Person, any disputes to be resolved by the team coordinator.
- (c) Teams without a Team Manager and Primary Care Person may not take the court to play in matches.
- (d) The Team Manager is required to attend specific committee meetings, or sub-committee meetings and to assist in coordinating fund raising and other events of the club within their team, or take on other activities as per By Law 11.

11.1 Team Manager Duties

Team Manager Duties include:

- (a) Advise players of programming of timers and scorers.
- (b) Ensure minimum of First Aid Kits are maintained.
- (c) Provide back-up support for their coaches.
- (d) Team Managers are the only 'bench' personnel that can approach players from the sideline for the purpose of providing re-hydration, during stoppages.
- (e) Ensure all score cards are filled out correctly and signed by both captains and submit them to the appropriate AMND office after each game.

Team Managers should liaise with their coaches to determine their full scope of duties.

11.2 Primary Care Person Duties

Primary Care Person Duties include:

- (a) The Primary Care person is the only person that may take the court, during stoppages (injury time) to treat injured or ill players.
- (b) The Primary Care person is to decide whether an injured or ill player is fit to continue.

12 Injuries and stoppages

12.1 Standard AMND Injury Stoppage

- (a) The standard AMND injury stoppage is “One stoppage of up to 2 minutes duration per quarter per team”.
- (b) For each subsequent stoppage, within a quarter, called by the team, the injured or ill player **MUST leave the court and has thirty (30) seconds to do so. The injury or illness will be treated courtside and not on the court. The player may be substituted or the position left vacant.**

12.2 Blood stoppages

Stoppages for blood will be at the discretion of the Umpire and may require the player to wash off blood from their body and uniform before re-joining the game.

12.3 Player unable to be moved

Regardless of the AMND stoppage rules, any player unable to be safely removed from the court shall be left in position until appropriate medical assistance arrives. Umpires have been briefed by this duty of care to injured players and the Club expects Primary Carers to protect the welfare of our players.

12.4 Player unable to be moved - Carnivals

Most carnivals do not have injury stoppage times, it is therefore critical that Primary Carers are vigilant in ensuring that any player unable to be safely removed from the court shall be left in position until appropriate medical assistance arrives. Umpires have been briefed by this duty of care to injured players and the Club expects Primary Carers to protect the welfare of our players.

12.5 Parents of injured players

It is the responsibility of Primary Carers to ensure parents of injured players do not enter the court, without the express permission of the umpire. Over anxious parents who enter the court without permission open up the team to be advised by the Umpires that they have forfeited the game.

13 Injury / Medical Insurance

- (a) All injured players must be referred to the relevant playing park's First Aid Room.
- (b) All Woods Panthers Netball Club players are insured at the beginning of the netball season as part of their registration fees. All claims to be made must follow the following procedure:
 - (i) Go immediately to the relevant First Aid room where details are recorded.
 - (ii) Contact Netball SA on 8238 0500 to arrange a claim form.
 - (iii) Fill in the relevant details with the Club Secretary needing to sign as well.
 - (iv) Any follow up treatment needs to have a doctor's referral.
- (c) The Club reserves the right to request a written medical clearance before the player resumes playing.

14 Scorers and Timekeeper

- (a) It is the responsibility of senior players and adult Non-Playing Members for junior players, to provide a scorer or time keeper as rostered.

- (b) The Coach or Team Manager shall draft a roster for the provision of a scorer and timer for each match and provide the roster to each player. The roster shall not include persons who are a Team Manager, Primary Care Person, or members of the committee of management.
- (c) Only persons over 16 years of age or older may act as scorer or timekeeper.

15 Parents, Spectators, Officials

- (a) Coaches Box

The only individuals allowed in the coaches box are the coach, assistant coach, team manager, primary carer and team members not on court. No parents, spectators, or officials shall approach players and or intrude in the coach's box during a game.

- (b) Court Intrusion

No parents, spectators, or officials shall enter the court at anytime during a game or breaks between quarters.

The coach or team manager may take immediate action to request the parents, spectators, or officials to cease or remove themselves from either the coaches box or court. Failure to do so will immediately be considered grounds for a formal complaint.