



FREMANTLE NETBALL ASSOCIATION (Inc)

COMPETITION RELATED OFFENCES and DISPUTES

Adopted 2/12/2008

A) INTENT OF POLICY

1. to deal with domestic Fremantle Netball Association (Inc) [hereafter referred to as FNA] competition related offences and disputes which may arise in the conduct of netball competitions, programs and events under the jurisdiction of the FNA.
2. the policy sets out the procedures to be followed in dealing with competition related offences and disputes in an effective, appropriate and timely manner.

B) HOW POLICY WORKS

The policy applies to the following members and individuals:

1. Players, Coaches (including assistant coaches), Umpires and other officials, Clubs or organising bodies who enter any FNA competition, program or event.
2. Spectators who are not members of FNA, do not fall within FNA jurisdiction, however any incident relating to them will be referred to the relevant club.

C) REPORTS

How a report is made

1. A report shall be lodged in the FNA office with the Secretary on the "report form" as soon as possible on the day, or within 48 hours following the alleged offence.
2. The offence may have occurred before, during or after the competition, program or event.

How the report is dealt with

1. A Hearing Panel shall be appointed comprising of three people, the President, the Umpiring Co-ordinator and either the 1st or 2nd Vice Presidents.
2. The Convenor of the Hearing Panel shall be the President.
3. Should any member of the Hearing Panel have a 'conflict of interest' in the dispute, a member/s of FNA Executive will be co-opted as a replacement panel member.
4. The Secretary of FNA shall be responsible to:
 - i. Advise parties involved, in writing, via Club Secretaries the hearing date, time and place.
 - a. the person alleging the offence
 - b. the person charged with the alleged offence
 - c. umpires involved if applicable
 - d. other parties if applicable
 - ii. Request confirmation from Club Secretaries that arrangements are suitable.
 - iii. Provide all parties with a copy of the "incident report".
4. At the hearing, parties involved (ie. a, b, c and d) shall be interviewed separately.
5. At the hearing, all players shall be accompanied by an official of their Club and players under the age of 18 may also be accompanied by a parent.
6. The purpose of the hearing shall be to determine whether the alleged offence has been established on the balance of probabilities (ie more probable than not). If the Hearing Panel is of the view that the offence has been proven a penalty may be imposed otherwise the offence shall be dismissed.
7. The Hearing Panel is not obliged to provide written reasons for any decision made by it.

D) PENALITIES

Penalties may be imposed in accordance with the degree of the offence and may arise as a result of:

- Abuse of an umpire
- Unsportsmanlike behaviour
- Gross breach of code of behaviour
- Dangerous physical contact

E) APPEAL

There is no right of appeal from a decision of the Hearing Panel. All decisions of the Hearing Panel are final and binding.

F) REGULATION DEFINITION

“Competition Related Offence or Dispute” means an action or actions that are not permitted within the rules and causes intentional harm (physical or verbal).

G) RECORD OR REPORT

A record of the hearing shall be recorded “In-Committee” in the following month’s Executive Meeting minutes.

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INCIDENT REPORT FORM

This report sheet is to be completed on incidents occurring within a Fremantle Netball Association competition, program or event and must be lodged with the Secretary as soon as possible on the day, or within 48 hours following the alleged incident.

Date: _____ Grade: _____ Time: _____

Teams: _____ v/s _____

If the incident is regarding the conduct of a player, please complete the following:

Offending players team: _____

Offending players position: _____

Offending players name: _____

If the incident is regarding the conduct of any other person please complete the following:

Persons name and Club: _____

ALLEGED OFFENCE:

Please tick appropriate offence, if more than one offence, tick appropriate boxes.

<input type="checkbox"/>	Fighting / striking with a clenched fist.	<input type="checkbox"/>	Using abusive, obscene and / or threatening language.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Striking with an open hand.	<input type="checkbox"/>	Striking with ball or other object.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Kicking / attempting to kick.	<input type="checkbox"/>	Deliberately tripping an opponent.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Attempting to strike with a clenched fist.	<input type="checkbox"/>	Deliberately elbowing.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Racial / discriminatory abuse.	<input type="checkbox"/>	Undue rough play.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Unsporting conduct, including disputing decisions.	<input type="checkbox"/>	Repeated deliberate infringements.

Please answer the following:

1. Was a warning given to the player during the game? Yes No

2. Was the player suspended for a specified period during the game? Yes No

If yes, for how long? (e.g. 3 centres, 3 mins) _____

3. Was the player ordered off for the whole game? Yes No

4. Was the player abusive towards the Officials after the game? Yes No

5. If the matter is referred to the "Offences and Disputes Hearing Panel" you may be required to appear and give evidence. Will this cause difficulty for you?

Yes No

