



RSMU NETBALL CLUB

Member Information, Expectations & Code of Conduct

The success and smooth running of our volunteer run club is the result of all players, parents and supporters understanding their role in contributing to a positive and supportive environment for all.

Below outlines information and expectations for all Members and Supporters, which aligns with our existing Constitution, Bylaws, and Policies.

Member Details

Outline who you are, and if you are a parent, who you are reading and signing this form on behalf of. Please ensure that if you are signing this on behalf of your child, that you ensure they are reading this through with you 😊

Full Name of Member completing this form _____

I am a:

- Senior Player
- Parent / Guardian of a Junior Player
- Committee Member
- Supporter / Club Member

As a parent/guardian of a Junior Player, I am completing this form on behalf of myself and the following Junior Players:

Full Name of Junior Player 1 _____

Full Name of Junior Player 2 _____

Full Name of Junior Player 3 _____

General Information

Uniforms

- Netball Uniforms can be ordered through the RSMU NC Uniform Coordinator, you will have the opportunity to try on a uniform during preseason at a time announced.
- Socks can be purchased through the RSMU NC Uniform Coordinator at trainings or Game Day.
- Socks cannot be borrowed from the Club.
- Please wash your uniform carefully (i.e. in a garment bag or by hand) to maintain its shape and take of bibs carefully to preserve the velcro's effectiveness.

Merchandise

- All RSMU club merchandise is available to purchase at www.rsmu.com.au.
- Orders are submitted with suppliers fortnightly, and will be delivered to the Netball Clubrooms when ready.

Injury Prevention

- Players are required to have any pre-existing condition(s) strapped ready for warm up on training night and game day.
- Tape is to be self-supplied, and is available for purchase through the club on both training nights and game days through the Netball canteen.
- You can buy your tape in bulk at the start of the season.
- On game day the RSM NC Trainer will be available for strapping – please ensure you contact the Trainer prior to Game Day to arrange a time to be strapped.
- The RSMU Football Club trainers are not your first point of call for your strapping.

Agreement

I have read the above *General Information* and understand where to buy Merchandise and Uniforms, and how to prepare myself/my child with strapping requirements

- I Agree
- I Disagree
- N/A – I am not a Senior Player/Parent/Guardian
- Other: Please provide details below

Senior Player Information & Expectations

Senior Grading & Player Selection

- Please read the *RSMU NC Senior Selection Policy* regarding grading and player selections (available at www.rsmu.com.au/netball)
- Whilst initial grading will occur at the beginning of the Season, players may be promoted to a higher grade at any time throughout the season. This could be due to performance, illness, injury, or unavailability and may be on a permanent or temporary basis.
- If a player in a lower grade is performing better than a player above, the coaches may confer and have the right to switch the players.

Game Day

- Players who wish to gain clarification or wish to raise an umpiring decision must be done after the game, by speaking with the RSMU NC Umpire Coordinator.
- Players with any queries during a game must speak to their coach who, if they deem it appropriate, will advise the captain to discuss with the Umpire during the match.

Rosters

- To ensure the club responsibilities are shared equally among members, rosters are drawn up for:
 - Canteen
 - Umpiring
 - Scoring
 - Gate
 - Clubroom clean up
 - Court clean up after last match each week
 - Saturday Night Dinners at the Clubrooms
- It is an expectation those rostered on to do these tasks or find their own replacement and, also to jump in and help if the chance arises.

Fuel Allowance

- Each year the Club determines a travel criteria and rebate for playing Senior members, which will be communicated by the Club in pre-season.
- Players are responsible for completing the required documentation to receive the rebate
- Payments will be at intervals as determined by the Committee at the start of the year.

Agreement

I am a Senior Player and have read the *Senior Selection Policy* and understand the expectations outlined for Senior Players.

- I Agree
- I Disagree
- N/A – I am not a Senior Player/Parent/Guardian
- Other: Please provide details below

Junior Player, Parent/Guardian Information & Expectations

Junior Grading & Player Selection

- Please read the *Junior Grading & Player Selection Policy* regarding grading and player selections (available at www.rsmu.com.au/netball)

Child Protection Policy

- All Junior Coaches have an active Working with Children Check via Screening SA
- This is a requirement to be a volunteer in our Club, and is a directive in *Netball Australia's Member Protection Policy* which our Club endorses > <https://netball.com.au/integrity-policies>

Supervision of Children

- All children under the age of 16 participating in training or game days must have active supervision by a parent/guardian.
- If a parent/guardian cannot supervise their Child at trainings or Game Day, it is essential that they speak directly with your Child's Coach to ensure they have contact details of someone who can come to their aid if there is an emergency involving the Child.

Trainings & Game Day

- Whilst we love enthusiasm from families on Game Day, it's important that parents and supporters avoid approaching the team huddle at quarter breaks. This is a time for the coach to speak directly to the players without distraction.
- Be mindful of providing coaching support from the sideline at trainings and game day, as this can cause confusion for players, and may distract them whilst they are in learning mode.
- If you have a suggestion to share, please speak to the Coach after training or game day.

Agreement

I am a parent of a Junior Player, and I have read the *Junior Grading & Player Selection Policy* and along with my Child, we understand the expectations outlined for Junior Players and Parents/Guardians/Supporters.

- I Agree
- I Disagree
- N/A – I am not a Junior Player/Parent/Guardian
- Other: Please provide details below

Member Injury Reporting, Insurance Information & Consent to Act

The NENA competition will be conducted under the rules as set by Netball Australia guidelines and its Constitution and By-Laws. Netball is a limited contact sport, however there is a risk of injury involved in participating in netball related activities.

Reporting & Recording Injury

- In the event of an injury sustained through the act of Netball, or through the administration of Netball related activities (volunteers/officials etc) it remains the responsibility of the member/parent/guardian to complete a 'Injury Report' form, which is available to download from www.rsmu.com.au/netball.
- Upon completion of the *Injury Report* Form, please submit this to the *RSMU NC Secretary* for filing. Players/parents/guardians will need to retain a copy, to use for insurance purposes.

Personal Accident Insurance

- *Howden Group* is Netball Australia's appointed insurance broker and risk advisor and has arranged a national risk insurance program for activities sanctioned by Netball Australia and State/Territory Associations, including affiliated Associations and Clubs. Financial members of the RSMU Netball Club are covered by this insurance program.
- The policy is owned by Netball Australia, and provides cover for all registered members (including, for example, netball players), as well as all non-participating officials (including, for example, coaches, managers, umpires, committee members).
- Cover under the policy is available if an insured person suffers an injury whilst participating in an official netball game or other activity sanctioned by Netball Australia during the applicable policy period.
 - Examples of such activities include official training sessions or camps, netball trials or practice games, administrative or organised social activities (such as volunteering in the canteen or fundraising), as well as travel to and from these activities.
- It remains the responsibility of the member/parent/guardian to process an insurance claim directly with Howden Group.
- Further information about the Insurance Policy is available on Howden's Website > <https://www.howdengroup.com/au-en/netball-australia/playing-members>

As a Senior Player, or Junior Parent/Guardian I understand the risk associated with playing Netball, and understand the process of reporting an injury, and the insurance options available to myself/my child via financial membership with the RSMU Netball Club.

The below outlines the consent required for RSMU Netball Club to act in the best interest of its Members in the event of accident or injury.

Immediate Medical Treatment Consent

I authorise any official from RSMU Netball Club, in the event of any acute netball related injury or illness, to obtain on my/my child's behalf and at my expense any medical assistance, treatment and transportation as deemed necessary.

Indemnity

Except where provided or required by law and such cannot be excluded, I agree that RSMU Netball Club and its respective officers, members, servants or agents are absolved from all liability however arising from injury or damage to myself/my child, however caused, arising whilst participating in the NENA competition.

General Member Code of Conduct (for all Members, Supporters, Parents/Guardians)

RSMU NC Code of Conduct

- The RSMU Netball Club endorse and apply Netball Australia's Code of Conduct and Member Protection Policies > <https://netball.com.au/integrity-policies>
- This code is applicable for all Club members, including Players, Supporters, Parents/Guardians, Umpires, Coaches, and Committee Members.

Further to Netball Australia's Code of Conduct, the Club provides the below additional conduct expectations.

Anti-Social Behaviour

- Anti-social behaviour - physical or emotional threatening / belittling / derogatory behaviour in person or online via social media - that involves netball related sentiment about the RSMU Netball Club, or individual players, coaches or other volunteers causing harm or distress to others, will not be tolerated, and will be considered a Breach of the Code.
- This extends to parents, siblings and partners of players – as a Club we promote acceptance and tolerance from all Members

Illicit Drugs

- The RSMU Football & Netball Clubs takes a zero-tolerance approach to the use, possession, sale and distribution of illicit drugs by any person within the RSMU Football/Netball Clubrooms, change rooms, licensed areas, car park and surrounds.
- The RSMU Netball Club, in collaboration with the RSMU Football Club, have developed an Illicit Drugs Policy which outlines the penalties for behaviours that are in breach of the Policy (view the policy on www.rsmu.com.au/netball)

Alcohol

- Alcohol is not to be consumed inside the Netball Courts at anytime at which netball related activities are being undertaken (Game Day and Trainings).

Image & Video Consent

- Consent for use of Images and Video of Players, Volunteers and Officials outside of the consent given in the Player registration process (via PlayHQ) are to be sought prior to the publishing of any materials from consenting individuals (or parents/guardians for those under the age of 18).

Breaches to the Code

- Any Breaches of the Code of Conduct (outlined in both the Netball Australia's Code of Conduct and Member Protection Policies, and the additional codes mentioned above) will likely result in penalties as determined by the RSMU Netball Club Committee, ranging from:
 - Players sitting on the bench for a quarter
 - Player/Supporter Suspension from Training and Game Day
 - Player/Supporter Expulsion (exclusion) from the club, as determined by the committee based on the severity of the offence.
 - Member/official suspension/expulsion

Grievance Procedure

- All grievances shall be managed through the Dispute Resolution Process outlined in the RSMU NC By Laws (available for download on our website www.rsmu.com.au/netball).

I understand, and/or the Children in my care (for Junior parents/guardians) understand, how to behave in a manner that is consistent with what is outlined and expected in *Netball Australia's Code of Conduct* and *Member Protection Policies*, and understand the additional conduct expectations as expressly outlined by the RSMU Netball Club as above.

I understand that any behaviour that I, or my child (in the case of Parents/Guardians) display that is incompatible with the policies will be determined as a Breach of the Code and will be dealt with in line with the Club's Bylaws.

Version Control

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