



Venetians Netball Club Inc.

## BY-LAWS

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## 1. BY-LAWS

These by-laws are made and apply pursuant to Rule 19 of the Constitution of the Venetians Netball Club Inc. Terms defined in the Constitution of Venetians Netball Club Inc are used in these by-laws and have the same meanings as ascribed to them in that Constitution.

## 2. PROCEDURES FOR CONSIDERATION OF LIFE MEMBERS

2.1. Members may submit a written nomination to the Committee for consideration of a person for Life Membership of Venetians.

### 2.2. Life Membership award process

- (a) The Committee will only consider nominations for Life Membership once each year, leading up to an Annual General Meeting.
- (b) All nominations for Life Membership will be submitted to the Committee via the Secretary at least 14 days prior to an Annual General Meeting. The person being nominated must not be informed of the submission being made.
- (c) The submission will be considered confidentially by the Committee. The Committee will vote on a motion to accept the nomination for Life Membership and any vote must be passed by a unanimous resolution (excluding the nominees, if applicable).
- (d) Each nominee accepted by the Committee will become a Life Member of Venetians.
- (e) The Committee will announce any Life Membership recipients at the next Annual General Meeting, and the Life Member will be formally recognised at the next Annual Trophy Event presentations.

### 2.3. Criteria for Life Membership

- (a) The election of a Member as a Life Member is recognition by Venetians for an outstanding contribution to Venetians by that Member.
- (b) Life Membership may be bestowed on a Member at any appropriate time and is not linked necessarily with that person's retirement from a position in Venetians.
- (c) An outstanding contribution to Venetians is one which:
  - (i) results in Venetians being substantially, demonstrably and positively changed by that contribution; and
  - (ii) occurs over a significant period (at least 10 years - not necessarily consecutive years); and
  - (iii) required substantial and commendable personal input; and
  - (iv) can be clearly documented and corroborated.
- (d) Nominations will not be considered if more than five years have passed since the primary component(s) of the outstanding contribution was completed or made.
- (e) The Committee reserves the right to determine if Life Membership can be awarded to a nominee who has provided less than the minimum number years of service.

### 3. PATRONS AND VICE PATRONS

- 3.1. A Patron and Vice Patron are appointed by Venetians for the purposes of recognising the substantial contributions and/or achievements by an individual.
- 3.2. The appointments of Patron and Vice Patron are made by the Committee and are approved at the Annual General Meeting.

### 4. CLUB AWARDS

#### 4.1. The Marg Witney Best Club Member Award

- (a) Recognises a Member of Venetians who has exceeded in serving Venetians, who volunteers their time regularly and promotes the values of Venetians.
- (b) Nominations will be reviewed and voted upon by the Committee.

#### 4.2. The Umpires Award

- (a) Are given to up to four Venetians' umpires each year when applicable.
- (b) Are divided into Junior and Senior awards.
- (c) Nominations may be considered for an umpire who is the most consistent, most improved, or most valuable.
- (d) Nominations will be reviewed by the Umpires Coordinator who will put forward the award recipients for approval by the Committee.

#### 4.3. The Coach of the Year Award

- (a) Is awarded to a coach who has displayed more than one of the following: has gone above and beyond with their coaching responsibilities during the season, is passionate, enthusiastic and eager to be upskilled, has faced difficult situations with ease and control and/or has celebrated victories with pride and decorum.
- (b) Nominations will be reviewed by the Coach Development Coordinator who will put forward the award recipient(s) for Committee approval.

#### 4.4. Venetians Milestone Games Awards

- (a) Will be awarded via certificate to players whose number of games played have reached the milestones of 25, 50, 75, 100, 150, 200, 250, 300 and above.
- (b) Will be celebrated at the discretion of the Committee at the court before milestone games of 100, 150, 200, 250, 300 and above and a small gift may be received.
- (c) Recipients of milestone games of 100 games and above will be officially contacted one week prior, to invite family/friends to celebrate the milestone.

#### 4.5. Venetians Most Valuable Player Award

- (a) Is tracked via Most Valuable Player (MVP) votes for each game with a 3,2,1 vote.
- (b) Is awarded to the Player(s) with the largest tally of MVP votes at the end of the season.
- (c) Can only be awarded to a Player competing in 12 & under-age groups and older.

#### 4.6. Venetians Spirit of Play Award

- (a) Recognises a Player that fosters strong club culture through sportsmanship and promotes the club values (inclusion, development, integrity, respect, family, friendship and fun). Nominations may be considered for any Player (training or non-training) that demonstrates sportsmanship and club values on and/or off the court.
- (b) Nominations will be reviewed and voted upon by the Committee.

#### 4.7. Team Awards

##### Coaches' Award

This award is chosen by the coach/coaches to recognise a player who demonstrates one or more of the following criteria:

- demonstrates the Venetians' values and wears the uniform with pride;
- demonstrates good sportsmanship and is respectful to officials and teammates;
- participates to the best of their ability by giving 100% at training and games;
- is willing to listen and learn by accepting feedback and putting it into action;
- regularly attending training and games;
- shows exceptional improvement in playing performance over the season; and
- a good team person who regularly demonstrates encouragement and support.

For non-training teams without a coach, a "Players' Player" award may work in place of the coaches' award. All Players vote for who they wish to award the "Players' Player' Award".

##### MVP

This team award is based on the Most Valuable Player votes from each playing game in the season. The Player with the highest number of votes receives the award.

## 5. PROCEDURE FOR REGISTRATIONS OF MEMBERS AND PLAYERS

### 5.1. Registration approval

- (a) Registrations will be accepted prior to the Annual General Meeting at full cost (determined by the Committee and is subject to change annually with prior notice given to all, immediately preceding financial year Members).
- (b) Venetians are an equal opportunity club, following the [Netball Australia Inclusion Policy](#), and will only enter teams into a competition if Wanneroo Districts Netball Association (herein named WDNA) provides the competition and if Venetians receive enough registrations for a viable and a full team.
- (c) All Players will need to be approved by the appropriate Committee after Venetians' registration is complete.
- (d) Open registrations for training Members are taken based on the availability of coaches.
- (e) Returning Members will be given preference for registration and team allocation.
- (f) Preference will be given to Players who have attended more than 80% of training sessions in previous year.
- (g) Non-training teams are not capped providing there are at least 9 Players to viably fill a team.
- (h) Non-training teams are required to supply their own non-playing manager to assist on game days.

## 5.2. Accepting late registrations

- (a) After the nominated registration date, Venetians may register new Players if they have completed all relevant registration forms and paid all WDNA, Netball WA (herein named NWA) and City of Wanneroo fees prior to the new Player taking the court.
- (b) Failure to follow this procedure may see that Player declared non-financial and that Player may not play in any team until such time as the Player becomes financial.

## 5.3. Team withdrawals

- (a) After registering teams with WDNA, Venetians are not permitted by WDNA to remove an entire team as stated in their [Policies and Procedures](#) and therefore all monies paid are non-refundable.
- (b) Should a team withdraw prior to WDNA registration, Venetians will strive to include committed Players of the withdrawing team into other teams. If this is not possible, Venetians will reimburse all monies paid.
- (c) Venetians reserve the right to pass on any fines incurred from WDNA to individual Players or whole teams.

## 5.4. Player withdrawals

- (a) Players who withdraw after registering with Venetians need to do so in writing.
- (b) Withdrawals due to injury or illness require a Doctor's certificate for a registration fee refund (in whole or part) to be considered.
- (c) Venetians may keep the Club fee portion to cover administrative costs incurred.

# 6. FEES AND PAYMENT

## 6.1. Fee payments

- (a) Registrations and payment of fees are accepted as per dates outlined in the annual registration pack.
- (b) Payment must be made at the time of registration and incurs a surcharge fee as charged by PlayHQ.

## 6.2. Payment Arrangements

- (a) Requests for payment arrangements must be made in writing to the President.
- (b) The Treasurer and/or President will be responsible for consideration and approval (as appropriate) of this request.
- (c) If the arrangement is not met, then the Member will be non-financial and be excluded from grading, training and playing until all fees are paid in full.

## 6.3. Kidsport

- (a) Kidsport financial assistance can be applied for through your Local Government. Venetians do not manage Kidsport applications, eligible Players must apply via the local council.
- (b) If applying for Kidsport then this must be completed prior to registering.

- (c) Once approved, the approval code needs to be entered at the time of registration for the discount to be applied. The discount cannot be refunded at a later date.
- (d) Kidsport applicants are not eligible for payment plans.

#### 6.4. Fundraising Levy

- (a) Members can choose to pay either the fundraising levy or participate in fundraising events.
- (b) If a Member chooses to pay the fundraising levy, this must be done at registration or it will be assumed that they are participating in the fundraising events.
- (c) The amount of this levy is decided by the Committee and outlined in the annual registration information pack.

#### 6.5. Refund application process

- (a) All refund applications must be in writing and with appropriate supporting documentation.
- (b) All refund applications will need to be considered and passed by the Committee at the next available Committee Meeting to be eligible for a refund.