



UNIFORM POLICY (COMPETITIONS)

Introduction

Frankston & District Netball Association Inc (FDNA) requires the wearing of appropriate uniform which promotes a sense of belonging for players and creates a positive identity for the netball community. Participants shall have the opportunity to wear an approved netball uniform which is appropriate to their identified gender. Uniform requirements should take into account the diverse nature of the netball population.

PURPOSE

The purpose of this document is to establish specify acceptable uniform items and standards. It will provide established procedures to communicate expectations and manage compliance practices in all competitions within the Association.

POLICY

Approved uniform standards will be the result of consultation with participants, administrators and Board of Management. The Association's response to a participant not wearing uniform should be appropriate, fair and consistent.

Decisions about uniform requirements must comply with anti-discrimination legislation and should promote the health and safety of participants (for example, jewellery, nails, pockets in shorts).

Uniform requirements should include items that are affordable, appropriate for netball and suitable for all body shapes. The Association's uniform requirements should be reviewed when the need arises.

The Association will educate participants and administrators in Uniform standards and monitor member compliance.

POLICY VERSION: 2

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UNIFORM PROCEDURES

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RESPONSIBILITIES

It is the responsibility of participants to ensure that the following regulations and processes are adhered to:

- Uniforms must be registered with the Association at the time of team entry. No team or club shall make changes without written consent from the Association.
- Any Club who has not been affiliated for a period of more than 12 months shall relinquish their right to “Club colors”
- Positional bibs are compulsory at all times and initials should not be less than 10cm high.
- All players must wear identical items of uniform: ALL Polo shirts or ALL singlets, or ALL shorts. UNIFORM definition: *“remaining the same in all cases and at all times; unchanging”*
- A Club/Team logo may only appear once on any article of playing uniform. Logo’s should not exceed 6.4cm square without prior approval from the Association.
- Sponsor name/logo must be approved by the Association prior to inclusion on items of playing uniform.

ACCEPTABLE OPTIONS FOR OFFICIAL TEAM UNIFORM:

- A line dress, bodysuit, Skirt/skort and top. The entire team must be identical: a team registers their uniform as skirts then ALL should wear skirts. Or ALL wearing skorts, not a combination of the two.
- Mixed teams may wear any combination of dress/skirt/skort/shorts and/or T-shirt provided the design on all dresses and tops are identical and shorts are either matching design or black.
- Teams may choose to register their uniform as Singlets (including ‘racer back’ style) provided there is no visible underwear/bra
- Teams may choose to register their uniform as compression pants/leggings (full length or $\frac{3}{4}$). If a team registers their uniform as leggings they must be identical: same brand, same markings, same length. For example; can not have a player wearing a Nike tick, another wearing Addidas stripes and another wearing pants with mesh panels.

ADDITIONAL ALLOWED ITEMS:

- Sports briefs must be black or matching to skirt/skort.
- Bike shorts should not be visible beneath the skirt/skort/shorts.

- Players may choose to wear full length leggings or tracksuit pants beneath skirt/skort/shorts in color matching to uniform or black.
- Players choosing to wear shorts must wear colors matching the Club/Team's registered colors or black.
- Umpires must wear white or cream: dress, top and skirt/skort/shorts. Full length white or cream pants are acceptable. Full length black pants may be worn beneath a white skirt.

SAFETY:

- Shorts must be of sporting style with no zips, pockets or loops
- Gloves are only permitted with the provision of a current & detailed medical certificate
- Long nails shall be padded and taped. Tape shall be of appropriate sporting material and applied in both directions, to the first knuckle.
- All jewelry shall be removed or padded and taped with tape of appropriate sporting material.
- All Uniform items shall be sporting attire of an acceptable standard, ensuring appropriate coverage of the body during active play.
- Hair ties and clips should be of soft material. No hard plastic or metal is allowed.
- Shoes should be of a sporting standard. Slip ons, ballet flats or shoes not designed for sport pose a hazard.

COMPLIANCE:

- Participants in incorrect uniform for the first time will be educated on what should be corrected and allowed to play (unless the incorrect item presents a safety risk).
- Umpires and/or Supervisors will take note of players out of uniform.
- Participants arriving out of uniform for a second time will be asked to pay a nominal fine or to change the incorrect item before taking the court (some items are available to borrow from the canteen).
- Participants who continue to arrive in incorrect uniform may be refused access to the court. This will be at the discretion of the Supervisors.

It is the responsibility of **Participants** to ensure that:

- This policy is read and understood;
- Staff and/or Umpires are approached well in advance of the game to address any known 'out of uniform' matters.

It is the responsibility of the **FDNA Staff and Supervisors** to ensure that:

- Participants are treated with dignity, fairness and empathy in respect to individual differences and circumstances.
- Policies and procedures are applied fairly and consistently across all competitions

PROCEDURES

If any participant is out of uniform they can be asked by Staff, Supervisors or Umpires to correct the issue.

Some uniform items are available for loan from the Canteen.

Education should be provided in a private and respectful manner.

Participants will be advised of the procedure for repeat offences: Fine and/or refusal to take the court.

RELATED DOCUMENTS

- FDNA By-Laws 2016