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Attachments: 2024 Netball Team Entry Template.docx; 2024 Netball Player Points System Policy.pdf

(BCC: All Southern FNL Netball Contacts & Key Southern FNL Staff)

Afternoon all,

Hope you all were able to enjoy a well deserved break from netball, but I can see some Clubs are already back in the swing of planning for 2024. A few updates for you below:

Player Points Policy

As a result of survey results post season, we will be introducing a Player Points Policy for the 2024 season. It was clear that Clubs were welcoming to increased rules and regulations around the team make up of our players in the A1& A2 divisions. Based on teams during 2023, we do not believe there will be much immediate change but will give confidence to teams in planning for future years. If there are any Clubs concerned with their Team Player Points for 2024 due to players already signed on, please get in contact by next Friday (10th Nov). All Clubs will be expected to play their teams under this new policy for the 2024 season, with penalties being strictly enforced in 2025. The league understands and is honest in that this is a starting point given its introduction into the competition, and will be reviewed each year for changes, in which the Clubs will be welcome to provide feedback.

Grand Final competing teams can expect to be promoted for the next year, with more transparent promotion clauses to be added to the bylaws in the new year. We recommend that all Clubs become familiar with this policy as we have added restrictions players who can take part in divisions A3 & A4 as well.

Team Entry

Team entries for next season have been brought forward quite a bit compared to previous seasons, please note the timeline below. I am also asking for additional details upon entry which includes listing the details of at least 6 players per team. Listing players per team will hopefully assist with more accurate initial playing divisions, resulting in less re-grading, and hopefully less fixture changes.

Team entries must be submitted online via this [form](#), which also includes confirmation of playing uniform and fixture requests. I have attached a word document of a similar format for Clubs to draft their teams into prior to online entry.

Team entry due - January 28th
Divisions confirmed - January 31st
Draft fixture released to Clubs - February 7th
Feedback due - February 11th
Final fixture published - February 14th
Umpires submitted - March 4th

Please note that any delays from Clubs regarding team entry may result in the entire process being delayed. If you are having any issues meeting the timeline, please reach out as early as possible.

Fixture Requests

The league will be looking to make any changes outside our regular Saturday fixture at Dingley, prior to the season beginning. Feedback from Clubs showed that the administration of weekly game changes was overwhelming for our volunteers and matches will not be moved after the final fixture has been published. Given the increasing number of teams entered and restrictions on court availability, we will be fixturing Home Games for Clubs upon request. All Clubs wishing to make requests will be required to have a suitable Court Supervisor present at their Home Game or weeknight re-fixtured matches (exact requirements will be distributed prior to team entries due).

Requests will need to be ranked in order of priority, and there are no guarantees of match fixturing but we will look to accommodate where we can. All requests can be made in the team entry form, and must involve Club events, no games will be re-fixtured based on player availability. Senior football fixtures are due to be released at our AGM (Dec 4th) from which Clubs can discuss requests internally.

Netball Media Assistant

The league will be investing in a paid casual media assistant to help compose round reviews/reports during the 2024 season for our netball competition. Ideally this person would be familiar with our league and Clubs and would be available either side of the weekend to help promote our competition. If you think you know of somebody within your Club that might be suitable and interested, please reach out.

Hopefully I haven't overloaded you with too much information, I hope you all have a great long weekend,

Kind Regards,
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