



SAMMNA

**SUPER LEAGUE
COMPETITION RULES
& REGULATIONS**

RUNS IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE **SOUTH AUSTRALIAN
MEN'S AND MIXED NETBALL ASSOCIATION** CONSTITUTION
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1. COMPETITION DETAILS

- 1.1. The competition has 1 season per year running August/September to February/March of the following year, with a break over the Christmas period.
- 1.2. Each season consists of minor rounds and a Finals series.
- 1.3. Games are not conducted on Public Holidays.
- 1.4. Super League Timings:
 - Mens League games are 4 x 15-minute quarters with a 3-minute break at $\frac{1}{4}$ and $\frac{3}{4}$ time, and a 5-minute break at $\frac{1}{2}$ time.
- 1.5. SAMMNA will provide the umpires for each game.
- 1.6. SAMMNA will provide bench officials for each game. Bench officials will be responsible for scoring (both paper and electronic), timing and management of substitutions.

2. SAMMNA COMPETITION PANEL

- 2.1. SAMMNA Competitions Manager - **Alexa-Rae Oschmanns** (competitions@sammna.com.au)
- 2.2. SAMMNA Member Protection Officer - **Desmond Ford** (mpio@sammna.com.au)

3. TEAM NOMINATION AND PLAYER REGISTRATION

- 3.1. Team Nominations are called for prior to the start of the season, SAMMNA utilises social media and the SAMMNA website for these requests. Nominations are completed via [PlayHQ](#).
- 3.2. All players must be registered with Netball South Australia (NSA) before they play any games in the competition. This fee is set annually by NSA and applied to SAMMNA Competitions as follows:
 - Registration paid annually – not payable if the player is registered in any other NSA Competition where this fee has already been paid.

4. GAME CONDITIONS

- 4.1. Teams must have a minimum of 5 players ready to take the court at the designated start time.
 - If a team is waiting for players, the clock will be started at the designated start time and 2 goal per minute will be awarded to the team who is ready to take the court.
 - If a team does not have enough players by the end of the first quarter, the game will be declared a forfeit and the opposing team will register a win with a 30-0 score line.
- 4.2. If a match is interrupted or unable to be continued at any point prior to the commencement of the 3rd of Quarter, the Competitions Manager in conjunction with the teams Coaches/Captains will determine a suitable time to reschedule the match to another court if available, or another date and time.
 - The Competitions Panel will have the final say in when the game is to be rescheduled
 - The game will recommence with the same time remaining and from the position where time was held, or from the next centre pass, as set by the competition manager with the original games umpires.

- 4.3. If a match is interrupted or unable to be continued at any point after the commencement of the 3rd quarter, the score at the time will be considered the final results from the match.

5. MENS DIVISION

5.1. Structure

- The Men's competition will consist of participating clubs. These clubs will be invited to participate in the competition via PlayHQ invitation. Additional clubs may seek admission via communication with the SAMMNA Competitions Manager.
- Games are conducted, according to the most recent Rules of Netball from the International Netball Federation, with the following modifications:
- Rolling Subs are to be run in alignment with the current Netball SA Premier League Rulings

5.2. Player Eligibility

- If a player takes to the court in any more than 2 quarters of a match it will be counted as a game played
- With rolling subs, if a player takes court at any point during the court regardless of duration, it will count as a quarter played.
- The only players eligible to play in this competition are the 10 players who have signed a SAMMNA player agreement prior to the commencement of the season.

6. FINALS

- 6.1. A player must play a minimum of one third of minor round games in order to qualify for finals. Rounded up to the nearest whole number.
- 6.2. Any wins on forfeit will automatically qualify all registered players for 1 game on the team list.
- 6.3. Scheduled times and court allocations may change last minute due to any draws that occur in finals.
- 6.4. In the case of a draw in finals:
- There will be a 1-minute break where team changes are permitted.
 - There will be 2 x 5-minute halves. Teams will change ends according to the direction they attacked in the previous quarter. Centre passes will continue as per usual.
 - At the end of the first 5-minute period, teams will change ends immediately and no positional changes are allowed.
 - If scores are tied at the end of extra time, the siren will not sound, and the game will continue until a team has an advantage of 2 goals.

7. UNIFORMS

- 7.1. All players taking to the court must be in a club uniform approved by SAMMNA
- 7.2. No jewellery can be worn on court.
- 7.3. Fingernails must be short and safe (not sharp)
- 7.4. The Umpires or SAMMNA will NOT be held responsible for any injury caused due to players not removing

jewellery. It is the umpire's and player's responsibility to ensure all jewellery is removed prior to the player taking the court.

8. PLAYER BEHAVIOUR

- 8.1. All teams must ensure that all players behave in an appropriate manner when on and off the court. If a team contains players who are not playing in the right spirit, the competition panel, in consultation with the relevant clubs and SAMMNA, will take the appropriate action according to the SAMMNA Behaviour Policy.
- 8.2. Please remember to:
- Play by the rules.
 - Respect the decisions of officials.
 - Never argue with the umpires.
 - Co-operate with teammates and umpires.
 - Respect the rights, dignity, and worth of all others.
 - Support all efforts to remove verbal and physical abuse from sporting activities.

9. DEALING WITH OFFICIALS AND SPECTATOR BEHAVIOUR

- 9.1. If players have any questions regarding rules and calls, please approach the umpires during the quarter breaks with your captain.
- 9.2. Any player who is ordered off must leave the court immediately. If that player continues in their dissent, further consequences will be implemented in accordance with the SAMMNA Behaviour Policy.
- 9.3. If a team as a whole is continually violating the rules and standards, their place in the competition will be reviewed, and may result in expulsion with no refund of nomination or registration fees.

10. INSURANCE AND INJURIES

- 10.1. Players that are registered correctly and financial members of Netball South Australia are covered by the Netball Australia Personal Accident Insurance Scheme. Information about how to claim can be obtained via the Netball SA website or from the Competitions Manager.
- 10.2. SAMMNA and/or the Umpires are not responsible for any injury occurred during the game.

11. DAMAGE

- 11.1. Any damage caused to Stadium facilities or equipment will be charged to the individual or team responsible.

12. TEAM FORFEITS/RESCHEDULES

- 12.1. Should your team forfeit any games, you will be required to pay a \$250.00 forfeit fee.
- 12.2. The Competitions Manager reserves the right to reschedule any games of the season at any point if in the best interest of the competition. This may or may not be done in conjunction with the teams coaches/captains but they will ensure both teams are given adequate notice

13. POLICIES

13.1. SAMMNA Hot Weather Policy

13.2. Policy brief & purpose

- Our association is committed to the safety and wellbeing of our members. As such the following hot weather policy has been developed after research and consultation with the appropriate bodies in relation to the conduct of the game of Netball in extreme weather conditions.

13.3. Scope

- This policy applies to all association competitions, clinics, academies and state training sessions.
- All temperature measurements will be taken from the Bureau of Meteorology (BOM) App at the specified times.
- Notification will be made at the advised time on the day of competition using the relevant Competition Social Media Page as well as email communication to participating clubs.

13.4. Competitions

- Where possible, particularly for competitions conducted in air-conditioned venues, cancellation will be avoided.
- The following guidelines will be applied:

Grade	BOM App Time and Temp	Action
Mens Division	4pm - 36°C or higher	Games to be Rescheduled to a time specified by the competition panel

14. SAMMNA BEHAVIOUR POLICY

14.1. OUR COMMITMENT

- South Australian Men's and Mixed Netball Association (SAMMNA) has overall responsibility to support and assist grievance processes for the association and all participants. This will assist in the associations efforts to seek to provide a safe, fair and inclusive environment for everyone involved in netball. This policy applies to all members, administrators, officials, coaches, players, visitors and other staff of SAMMNA.

14.2. PURPOSE

- The purpose of this Policy is to ensure the association is consistent with their penalties to matters brought forth. This policy provides guidelines to link all grievance processes to an equal consequence.
- The Behaviour Policy is underpinned by the following core values:
 - To act within the rules and spirit of netball.
 - To display respect and courtesy towards everyone involved in netball and prevent discrimination, bullying and sexual harassment.
 - To prioritise the safety and well-being of children and young people involved in netball.
 - To encourage and support opportunities for participation in all aspects of netball.

14.3. THE POLICY

- Refer to the end of this policy for the Behaviour Matrix and Reporting Form.
- The Behaviour Matrix shall be the first process used for any complaint(s) lodged.
- All complaints lodged must be submitted by no later than 3 days following the incident/issues.
- Any complaint is required to be electronically submitted to the Association Umpire Coordinator or Competitions Manager.
- Either office bearer will then appropriately and according to the Matrix, forward to the relevant avenue and/or investigate the alleged breach.
- The association will provide a response to the alleged breach within 14 days of the office bearer receipting the complaint lodged.
- All complaints must be lodged using the Behaviour Matrix Reporting Template provided to all teams in PDF format and shall be electronically provided to all teams at the beginning of the season by the Competitions Manager.
- The Behaviour Matrix shall be provided to all teams upon the commencement of the season.

14.4. BREACH

- Any alleged breach of the Behaviour Matrix shall be managed using the process outlined in the Matrix. Fines and Penalties may apply at the discretion of any SAMMNA committee.

14.5. POLICY REVIEW

- The policy on the Behaviour Matrix will be reviewed on an annual basis or as required. This will ensure that the policy remains current and practical.

TABLE 1: PLAYER BEHAVIOUR

Breach of Conduct	Who deals with it	How it's dealt with	Level of Disciplinary Action
Disagreeing with umpire calls	Umpire	Caution followed by official warning	0
Continual behaviour of above throughout the game	Umpire	Suspension/ordered off. Club notified. Note on the score sheet.	1A, 1B, 3A
Continual behaviour of above throughout the season	SAMMNA Board	SAMMNA Competitions Manager reports to SAMMNA board	3B, 4A
Verbally abusive to umpire or another player	Umpire	Caution followed by official warning	0
Continual behaviour of above throughout the game	Umpire	Suspension/ordered off. Club notified. Note on the score sheet.	1A, 1B, 3A
Continual behaviour of above throughout the season	SAMMNA Board	SAMMNA Competitions Manager reports to SAMMNA board	3B & 4A
Rough or dangerous play	Umpire	Caution followed by official warning	0
Continual behaviour of above throughout the game	Umpire	Suspension/ordered off. Club notified. Note on the score sheet.	1A, 1B, 3A, 3B
Continual behaviour of above throughout the season	SAMMNA Board	SAMMNA Competitions Manager reports to SAMMNA board	4B
Physically abusive	Umpire	Suspension/ordered off. Note on score sheet of player involved	1A, 1B, 3A, 3B, 4B, 6 (Possibly 5A)
Continual behaviour of above throughout the season	SAMMNA Board	SAMMNA Competitions Manager reports to SAMMNA board. SAMMNA notify Team Captain. Team Captain notify player.	5B, 5C, 6

TABLE 2: UMPIRE BEHAVIOUR

Breach of Conduct	Who deals with it	How it's dealt with	Level of Disciplinary Action
Verbally abusive to player/official or spectator	Umpire Coordinator	During the next game break. Verbal warning. Noted on scorecard	1A, 1B, 3B
Continual behaviour of above throughout the game	Umpire Coordinator and Competitions Manager	Ordered off. Note on score sheet. SAMMNA Competitions Manager reports to SAMMNA Umpire Coordinator	2B, 2C, 4A
Continual behaviour of above throughout the season	SAMMNA Board	SAMMNA Competitions Manager reports to SAMMNA Board	5A, 5C
Physically abusive	Umpire Coordinator	Formal letter to SAMMNA and Team. Notify SAMMNA Umpire Coordinator	2B, 2C, 3B, 4B, 6 (Possibly 5A)
Continual behaviour of above throughout the season	SAMMNA Board	SAMMNA Competitions Manager reports to SAMMNA Board. SAMMNA notify Umpire.	5A, 5C, 6
Biased Umpiring	Umpire Coordinator	Informal letter/phone call club to club. Reported to SAMMNA Umpire Coordinator	2C
Continual behaviour of above throughout the season	SAMMNA Board	SAMMNA Competitions Manager reports to SAMMNA Board. SAMMNA notify Umpire.	2D, 4B
Incompetent umpiring	Umpire Coordinator	Informal letter/phone call. Reported to SAMMNA Umpire Coordinator	2C
Continual behaviour of above throughout the season	Umpire Coordinator	SAMMNA Umpire Coordinator notify umpire. Ongoing mentor determined by SAMMNA Umpire Coordinator	2D

TABLE 3: TEAM OFFICIAL BEHAVIOUR

Breach of Conduct	Who deals with it	How it's dealt with	Level of Disciplinary Action
Disagreeing with umpires' calls	Umpire	Caution followed by official warning	0
Continual behaviour of above throughout the game	Umpire	Ordered out of playing area/Club to Club letter	1A, 1B
Verbally abusive to player / umpire / spectator or official	Umpire and Competitions Manager	Caution followed by official warning	0
Continual behaviour of above throughout the game	Umpire and Competitions Manager	Ordered out of playing area. Letter to team captain. Recorded on the score sheet.	1A, 1B, 4A
Continual behaviour of above throughout the season	SAMMNA Board	SAMMNA Competitions Manager reports to SAMMNA Board. SAMMNA notify Team Captain. Team Captain Notify Team official.	3B, 4B
Physically abusive to player / umpire / spectator / official or object	Competitions Manager	Ordered out of playing area/Formal letter to SAMMNA & Team. Recorded on score sheet.	1A, 1B, 3B, 4B, 6 (Possibly 5A)
Continual behaviour of above throughout the season	SAMMNA Board	SAMMNA Competitions Manager reports to SAMMNA Board. SAMMNA notify Team Captain. Team Captain Notify Team official.	5B, 6

TABLE 4: SPECTATOR BEHAVIOUR

Breach of Conduct	Who deals with it	How it's dealt with	Level of Disciplinary Action
Disagreeing with umpires' calls	Umpire	Caution followed by official warning	0
Continual behaviour of above throughout the game	Umpire	Ordered out of playing area/Club to Club letter	1A, 1B, 4A
Verbally abusive to player / umpire / spectator or official	Umpire and Competitions Manager	Caution followed by official warning	0
Continual behaviour of above throughout the game	Umpire and Competitions Manager	Ordered out of playing area. Letter to team captain. Recorded on the score sheet.	1A, 1B, 4A
Continual behaviour of above throughout the season	SAMMNA Board	SAMMNA Competitions Manager reports to SAMMNA Board. SAMMNA notify Team Captain. Team Captain Notify Team official.	3B, 4B
Physically abusive to player / umpire / spectator / official or object	Competitions Manager	Ordered out of playing area/Formal letter to SAMMNA & Team. Recorded on score sheet.	1A, 1B, 3B, 4B, 6 (Possibly 5A)
Continual behaviour of above throughout the season	SAMMNA Board	SAMMNA Competitions Manager reports to SAMMNA Board. SAMMNA notify Team officially	5A, 6
Continued behaviour following SAMMNA official suspension	SAMMNA Board	SAMMNA Board – formal letter to spectator and team captain.	5B

TABLE 5: BREACHES AND CONSEQUENCES

0	Coach/Team official provide education to person – no other follow-on action required
1A	Person involved educated on expected behaviour and code of conduct
1B	Letter with signed COC sent to opposing team/SAMMNA secretary
2A	Umpire suspended from umpiring that division for rest of season
2B	Instant removal of umpire from all games throughout the day of competition
2C	SAMMNA Umpire Coordinator request umpire to complete online training and the next game to be supervised
2D	SAMMNA Umpire Coordinator determine adequate mentor followed by further education
3A	Player Not eligible for B&F
3B	Formal written apology to those involved
4A	1 x Match Suspension
4B	3 x Match Suspension
5A	Person - Banned for the rest of the season
5B	Repetitions of same breach following a SAMMNA match suspension. Suspended for remainder of season
5C	Next season application is required to play/umpire/spectate or officiate approved by SAMMNA appointed committee
6	Report to Member Protection Officer/SAPOL (depending on severity)

SAMMNA BEHAVIOUR MATRIX REPORTING FORM

Date:	Time:	Venue:	Court:
Complainant:			
Who breached? (please select one)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Player <input type="checkbox"/> Umpire <input type="checkbox"/> Team Official <input type="checkbox"/> Spectator			
What team are they from?			
Name and/or position of person who breached/sanctioned?			
Was the Breach a player continually breaking a rule? (If so, please indicate what rule)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Contact <input type="checkbox"/> Obstruction <input type="checkbox"/> Off-side <input type="checkbox"/> Other:			
What was the Matrix Breach?			
<input type="checkbox"/> Physically Abusive, Rough or Dangerous Play <input type="checkbox"/> Verbally Abusive <input type="checkbox"/> Disagreement with umpire call <input type="checkbox"/> Incompetent or Bias umpiring			
Did the umpire/club official follow correct procedure when dealing with this issue? (Please indicate and comment what quarter this occurred in, in the provided space)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Caution <input type="checkbox"/> Official Warning <input type="checkbox"/> 2-minute suspension <input type="checkbox"/> Ordered off			
Briefly describe the series of events that occurred:			
Reported by:		Signature:	
Position: <input type="checkbox"/> Umpire <input type="checkbox"/> Club Official <input type="checkbox"/> Other:			

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SAMMNA Recorded Date:	Recorded by:
Notified who?	

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