



Ku-Ring-Gai Netball Association Inc. ABN: 22 897 530 107
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COMPETITION FORUM – Tuesday 19th July 2022

Held 7.20pm pm on Tuesday 19th July 2022 via Zoom and in person at Corpus Christi Church Hall, 263 Mona Vale Road, St Ives,

ATTENDEES:

Executive:	Office Bearers:
President: Jo-Anne Perry (chair)	Grading: Kissane Gray
Vice President: Gillian Boyd	Jnr. Registrar: Jo-Anne Keevers
Treasurer: Ian Eldershaw	Grounds: David Funk
Secretary: Helen Pratt	SRSC: Louise Woods
Exec member: Ruth Havrlant, Mick Flarey	JRSC: Stuart Moore
	Snr. Registrar: Tanya Sinclair
	Umpires: Alan Prentice
Life Members:	Officials: (non voting)
	Grading Comm: Jen Maneschi, Belinda Kelly
	Jill Martin, Fiona Rondeau

Delegates:	
Berowra: Dana Summer Hayes	North Turramurra: Cheryl Nolan
Corpus Christi: Edwina Stuart	Sacred Heart: Jocelyn Barber
Hornsby Heights: Tom McKenzie	St Ives: Melissa Costa, Kylie Middleton
Killara: Carolyn Sinclair	Wahroonga: Andrew Larratt
Kissing Point: Beth Stewart	Warrawee: Amber Escott
Lindfield: Benn Murphy	West Pymble: Gizelle Stollznaw, Sarah Noble

In Attendance: Lisa Ashton (STI)



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This is a Forum in which there are no formal policies decided, only proposals and ideas are presented.

AGENDA:

1. Apologies

Ros Roots (Executive)

2. Items for Discussion – Comp Forum

- (i) West Pymble Netball Club wish to raise for discussion at the forthcoming KNA Club Forum, how to manage appropriately the grading of senior teams.

WPNC would like a discussion with other clubs which covers the needs of players nearing or over 50:

- The grading committee has limited tools when it comes to assessing an older team. The Goal Average is the most common way of assessing whether a team stays in a grade or can be dropped down. WPNC would like a discussion around whether this tool is the most suitable one for this age group
- WPNC thinks there should be some other metrics that could also be introduced so the grading committee has some other tools to assess, such as
 - Average age of players in teams
 - First half compared to second half scores
 - Player input; are they comfortable in the grade

As players age and particularly as they hover around 50, their bodies are changing. Menopause makes bones and soft tissue more vulnerable and these combined with the inability to be as fit means older players bodies are under considerable pressure.

WPNC has lost many senior teams which strongly suggests the competition for older players could be reviewed to ensure KNA is offering the best opportunities for all.

WPNC has some ideas about this issue but would like to have a broader discussion with other KNA clubs.

WPNC feels if there are additional considerations for older teams it might encourage those who love their netball but do not want to play the younger girls to re-engage with netball.

After a general discussion Office B

- (ii) Umpires are not in favour of Masters due to young umpires and adults of that age not being available. If our umpires are in the senior's division, we can have a



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broader range of umpires to assist earers will discuss opportunity for Masters competition inclusion The Executive and Office Bearers will review the alternate options

(iii) NetSetGo is going well, and further Communications from Ruth Havrlant and Lindfield will be coming at the end of the season.

(iv) Twilight / Sprint Competition

Kissane Gray informed the meeting that registrations for Spring Comp open on 29th July and grading will be done on 28th August 2022. Jo-Anne reiterated that all necessary paperwork for extending the Spring Comp into the Twilight Competition will go out by Monday next week (26th July 2022).

Beth Stewart asked whether registrations for this competition would be done at Club or Association level? Player HQ will be used. General view from Clubs was that it would be better if it was done via Clubs.

Stuart Moore suggested that two comps would be better than one, as some people would be only able to one part and not necessarily both – could lose people as a result. Pros and cons for both ideas were discussed.

Amber Escott to Treasurer wanted to know whether the Player HQ refund issues had been resolved. Answer yes, mostly.

(v) Mick Flarey informed the meeting of his recent experience at Blacktown City Carnival where they have a straight 13's competition, a combined 14/15 competition and a combined 16/17 competition. General discussion took place and after much discussion, it was decided to look at the statistics involved to see whether it could work at KNA. Could help with the issues with Cadets and Opens discussed at the SGM. Exec will liaise with Registrar and Grading on this matter before submitting recommendations.

(vi) Boys/Men's/Mixed

The idea of incorporating in a boy/men's or mixed competition within our winter comp was discussed. It was decided that it could only work on a Thursday night and only after a submission to change our Plan of Management was successful in changing the wording from 9's to whatever. Jo-Anne informed the meeting that our submission for the required change will be submitted shortly.

(vii) Mick Flarey wanted to know how those on the cusp of making a reps squad get the extra training necessary for a shot at the following years trials. This requires extra coaching or programs that should be run by KNA Coaching Convenor, which has been vacant for the last two years. KNA plan to do more Clinics and develop more



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coaches, but we need more volunteers to help. Our development program for coaches, umpires, players were established in 2021. We anticipate this will again be implemented 2022/23 pre-season.

- (viii) The results from KNA's recent social media blitz were discussed. The results were many and varied but it should be reinvested in again to help Clubs with 2023 intake.

There was no more business. The meeting closed at 9:20pm.