



Ku-Ring-Gai Netball Association Inc. ABN: 22 897 530 107  
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Turramurra NSW 2074

### SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING – Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> September 2023

A Special General Meeting of Ku-ring-gai Netball Association will be held at 7.00 pm on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> September 2023 at Kissing Point Sports Club, Auluba Road, South Turramurra and via Zoom.

A quorum was established.

RJ had photos of the Grand Final day as a background for members to look at during the meeting. Everyone congratulated RJ for the GF Day success.

NNSW is in mourning with the deaths of two Association members – one from Hills and one from Manly. Hills President died suddenly in her sleep on previous Monday night. Kate was a stalwart not only for her Association but also more widely within the NNSW community. KNA extends their sympathies to their friends and families.

#### **ATTENDEES:**

<b>Executive:</b>	<b>Office Bearers:</b>
President: Rod Jackson (Chair)	Club Coaching: Tanya Baker
Vice President: Ruth Havrlant	Fixtures: Katie Bonjer
Treasurer: Ian Eldershaw	Grading: Kissane Gray
Secretary: Helen Pratt	Grounds: David Funk
Exec Member: Gillian Boyd	Snr Registrar: Tanya Sinclair (via Zoom)
	SRSC: Louise Woods
	Umpires: Ally Gill
<b>Life Members:</b>	<b>In Attendance:</b>
Jo-Anne Perry (via Zoom)	Jen Jacobsen and Lisa Ashton

<b>Delegates:</b>	
Berowra: Belinda Snook, Marilyn McTaggart	North Turramurra: Kate Walther, Caroline Macdonald (Zoom)
Corpus Christi: Edwina Stuart, Therese Cameron	Sacred Heart: Jacqueline Williams, Karie Bradford
Hornsby Heights: Peta Stewart	St Ives: Melissa Costa, Kylie Middleton
Killara: Carolyn Sinclair, Michael Hooton	Wahroonga: Daniel Radford, Stephanie Sheppard
Kissing Point: Beth Stewart	West Pymble: Larissa Daniel, Rhonda Dekker
Lindfield: Benn Murphy, Louise Woods	

#### **1. Apologies**

Brenda Williams, Mick Flarey, Andrew Younan, Cathy Dell, Robyn Rowland, Lee Field, Kelly Norris, Kathy Staggs, Keri Sheraton, Miriam Kluger, Genelle May, Giselle Stollznaw, Sarah Draper, Vanessa Forte and Peter Havrlant.



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**2. Minutes requiring ratification – confirmation of previous Minutes.**

Previous SGM was SGM 18<sup>th</sup> July 2023. Minutes were confirmed as correct.

Proposed by Kate Walther and seconded by Kissane Gray. No objections. Carried.

**3. Business arising**

No arising.

**4. Notices of Motion**

- a. Amendment to By-Laws by adding the following item into 16(f)

Smaller clubs shall be given more flexibility with transferring of players especially in the lead up to finals weeks. Clubs less than 10 teams to be allowed to transfer players that may not have had the opportunity to play the required minimum 3 games (especially if they are the same age and had to play their own games at the same time slot).

Moved by Edwina Stuart (CCNC)

Seconded by Jacqueline Williams (SHNC)

Final series Borrowing

Corpus Christi provided background to their issue this year. They had 6 teams with borrowing between these teams during the year. Killara and Sacred Heart did the same with the same issues. Corpus Christi's borrowing throughout the year worked well until the first week of the Final series, with the lowest team only having seven (7) available players for that week, so any borrowing would have left them short. KNA Grading, with Executive backing, denied CC's request for borrowing that week, which then impacted all the games following in the Final series.

Much discussion ensued with many different ideas put forward, none of which were ideal. KNA Grading with backing from the executive would like to have rules that apply to all and would not want rules for smaller Clubs and different rules for larger Clubs – Everything needs to be equal.

In Summary: Grading will put together some Options for changing our By-Laws, with the wording above tightened and which maintains the integrity of our Competition.

- b. Amendment to By-Laws (either Opt 1, Opt 2 or Opt 3) as per red below:

**Option 1:**

- i. U12 to remain unchanged. As defined in 10(f)(ii)(g).
- ii. Inters (U13 / U14) to remain unchanged. As defined in 10(f)(iii).



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- iii. Cadets to change to U15 / U16. Changes as per below.
- iv. New U17 / U18 competition. **Amendments to 10(f)(iv) as per below.**
  - 1. 10(f)(iv) CADET DIVISIONS – **Split into two competitions:**
    - a. **Competition 1:** players who are 15 or 16 ~~or 17~~ years of age by 31 December in the year of play, and
    - b. **Competition 2:** Players who are 17 and 18 years of age by 31 December in the year of play.
  - General Rules to apply:
    - c. Players who are 14 years of age by 31 December in the year of play are eligible to play subject to recommendation by the relevant Club and approval by the Grading Committee.
    - d. All players 16 and under, must play in their age group within their own Club, but can play in Seniors as an additional game with another Club (if required).
    - e. Minimum age for seniors is 16.
    - f. Allowing players to play in juniors and seniors - rules and eligibility to be considered.
    - g. Transferring of clubs by rep players only by KNA approval.

**Option 2:**

- v. U12 to remain unchanged. As defined 10(f)(ii)(g).
- vi. U13 competition - standalone age group. **Add new clause 10(f)(ii)(h)**
  - 1. **Year Division:** players who are 13 years of age by 31 December in the year of play. Players who are 12 years of age by 31 December in the year of play are eligible to play subject to recommendation by the relevant Club.
- vii. Inters (U14 / U15). **Amend ages as per below in red.**
  - 1. 10(f)(iii) INTERMEDIATE DIVISIONS – players who are 14 and 15 of age by 31 December in the year of play. Players who are 13 years of age by 31 December in the year of play are eligible to play subject to recommendation by the relevant Club.
- viii. Cadets to change to U16 / U17 / U18. **Amend ages as per below in red.**
  - 1. 10(f)(iv) CADET DIVISIONS – players who are 16, 17 or 18 years of age by 31 December in the year of play. Players who are 15 years of age by 31 December in the year of play are eligible to play subject to recommendation by the relevant Club and approval by the Grading Committee.
  - General rules to apply:
    - a. All players 16 and under, must play in their age group within their own Club, but can play in Seniors as an additional game with another Club (if required).
    - b. Minimum age for seniors is 16.
    - c. Allowing players to play in juniors and seniors - rules and eligibility to be considered.



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**d. Transferring of clubs by rep players only by KNA approval.**

Options above moved by Rod Jackson  
Options above seconded by Helen Pratt

**Option 3** – Status Quo – rules stay the same.

In Summary

Both Options 1 and 2 were the results of the Cadets Workshops held at the end of July. The Minutes found on our website under Library / Minutes / 2023 will give more of a background for those interested. These issues are hardly new, with the same issues being raised almost every year. Tweaks are made occasionally, with the latest changes made to the By-Laws at the 2023 July SGM.

RJ suggested that we chose between the two options tonight, and trial that option for next year, and review this again in the 2024 July SGM.

The meeting discussed these options at length, with no ideal solution being found. Numbers in each age group seemed to be the limiting factor.

Grading suggested:

- i. Inters to stay as is (limited by numbers)
- ii. 15 – 18 play cadets, with 18-year-olds allowed to choose either cadets or seniors to play in.
- iii. 15–16-year-olds must play cadets.
- iv. Use secondary registrations to help with players wanting to play in one Club in cadets and another for Seniors.
- v. Social 17–18-year-old age group for those not ready to go into seniors just yet.

**AFTER much discussion it was decided to trial Option 1 for 2024 and review this again in the 2024 July SGM.**

**5. Reports**

No Reports were received.

**6. Resolutions Required**

No resolutions were required.

**7. General Business**

a. Player Movements between Clubs

It has been suggested that Clubs use PlayHQ to help stop the movement of lots of players from Smaller Clubs to bigger Clubs.

b. North Turramurra Update



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NT has had a wonderful year and has turned around it's fortunes from being close to merging with another Club this time last year, to this year having 10 Spring Competition teams. This has been achieved through:

- i. Surveys – feedback which has created a more community feel.
- ii. Fun – music is now at training sessions.
- iii. Squad trainings were introduced.
- iv. Teen coaching of NSG teams
- v. Pre-registrations of NSG teams has led to 4 teams for 2024.

HP to send out Caroline's email outlining changes implemented, and strategies involved. KNA is willing to help any Club who finds themselves in the same situation as NT last year. Please reach out if required as KNA wants to keep it's community spirit alive with all its Clubs.

c. Complaints Process

This year has seen the most horrible sideline behaviour ever seen at KNA. HP would like to institute the same process the HDNA has, whereby:

- i. Complaint can only come from Coach and/or Manager of the team, not just a parent.
- ii. The complaint is first sent to their own President/Executive committee member and if the President/executive member feels that the complaint is sufficient to require the KNA process get involved, only then should it be forwarded to [knasec@kna.com.au](mailto:knasec@kna.com.au) for processing and attention.

d. Spring comp building levy fee.

If the Senior spring comp is being played at Lofberg courts, why is there a KNA building levy fee charged on top of KNA fee? I assumed the building levy fee was for funds to be spent on KNA complex. I know the NSG comp (6-8yrs) at Lofberg is exempt from building levy and I thought it was because they play at Lofberg.

Submitted by Carolyn Sinclair, Delegate Killara.

Ian Eldershaw, our KNA Treasurer answered this for Carolyn:

The Building Levy was determined many years ago to be paid by all players, except for our 7- and 8-year-old players and our All-Abilities players, the All-Stars.

e. Barker College

Some time ago there was talk regarding looking into whether Barker College could join our association. Has there been any further discussion and would this still be a possibility. Lots of Barker parents would like to see this happen and it would also bulk up our numbers for our Winter comp.

Submitted by Carolyn Sinclair, Delegate Killara.



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RJ presented to the meeting a Calendar of dates he was able to book for 5 indoor Courts at Barker College on Sunday afternoons 2-5pm.

At the beginning of the year, there are gaps within the dates booked, making it very difficult to hold any stand-alone competitions. Instead, these dates could be used for Reps round robin competition, Clinics, and skills sessions for our members.

From June 2024 however, there was a bank of 12 weeks (9 after the school holidays) for a stand-alone competition – the composition of which was up to members. It could be a mixed competition or a super league a grade competition, all up to us. These courts have been booked.

Barker is also running NNSW run Clinics within their Sport classes in term 1 for Year 1 and 2 children – both boys and girls. It is hoped that KNA will pick up some new players from this initiative.

f. New Executive Member

We are on the lookout for any new people who would like to join. If so please email [knasec@kna.com.au](mailto:knasec@kna.com.au) for a nomination form.

g. Super Shot 2024

Clubs would like more notice in 2024. Clubs will send through their feedback from members for KNA attention and action.

h. Registrations

2024 is a tricky year because of Easter being where it sits. Draft Calendar options will be distributed with the 2023 AGM Report for members to peruse. Our Registrar, Tanya Sinclair will open registrations when Clubs want her to.

i. Spring Comp

Lofberg has been resurfaced and hopefully will be finished for Spring Comp starting on 9<sup>th</sup> October 2023. A big thank you to all who helped get this resurfacing progressed through Ku-Ring-Gai Council. We could not have done it without you. The Executive would especially like to thank David Funk and our past President Jo-Anne Perry.

j. AGM additions

- i. Rep Coaches need including in the AGM Report, and
- ii. Rep Points system needs looking at again, so that KNA maintains a balanced and fair competition.

There being no further business the meeting was closed at 9:15pm.