



Ku-Ring-Gai Netball Association Inc. ABN: 22 897 530 107
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EXECUTIVE MEETING – Monday 11th December 2023 at 7pm via Zoom.

MINUTES OF MEETING

Present: Rod Jackson (chair), Ruth Havrlant, Ian Eldershaw, Helen Pratt, and Mick Flarey.

Apologies: Gillian Boyd

In Attendance: Kissane Gray, Katie Bonjer and Tanya Sinclair.

1. Boys in Inters

RJ tabled the feedback regarding adding 13-year-old and 14-year-old boys to our Intermediates Winter Competition in 2024. The feedback was 50/50 for and against. Much of the against feedback was passionately against it.

After much discussion **it was decided** that the Intermediate competition 2024 would remain unchanged from 2023. Instead, we would introduce a mixed competition in Term 3 2024 to introduce boys into our Saturday competitions. The rules for this mixed competition would be the same as Spring Competition with a limit of 2 to 3 boys.

2. Cadets

The meeting was asked for the original thought process behind these changes. RJ informed the meeting that the idea behind this was to promote a smoother transition from Cadets into Seniors and possibly retain a lot more player of this age groups.

RJ tabled the feedback regarding splitting cadets and seniors to create a new 17/18/19/20 and possibly 21-year-old competition. The majority feedback was negative. At the SGM in September it was decided, if player numbers allowed it, to split cadets into 2 – 15/16- and 17/18-year-old competitions. When advised by KNA Grading that there were not enough numbers for this to occur, and the Executive asked to expand the ages to see whether this would allow for this to work.

The advice from KNA Grading was that this could destroy both Cadets and seniors' competitions and their advice was not to proceed. The grading would be too broad and a nightmare for Clubs.



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After much discussion, **it was decided** to leave the competitions as per 2023, with these changes:

- a. 15's cannot play seniors.
- b. 16's can play seniors, but only as a second game. 16's must play in cadets. 16's may play for a different club in seniors.
- c. 17's have the choice of playing Cadets or Seniors
- d. 18's can play Cadets, subject to approval from grading. The intent is if an 18 has played in a team of younger players in previous years, this will not exclude them from playing cadets, however this will be limited to a maximum 3 players per team.

The SGM voted for a 15 / 16 and a 17 / 18 competition. Due to the likely numbers, we have reverted to the Cadet competition that was in place for 2023 with the above guidelines.

3. Transition Juniors to Seniors

A key focus for 2024 is to retain as many players as possible from Juniors to Seniors as this has been a weakness in previous seasons.

KNA and clubs to work together to ensure players are transitioned into appropriate teams and not lost to the game.

The next meeting will be held 13th February 2024 instead of the Gazetted 20th February to give extra time for staging and implementing early events planned for 2024 Season.

There being no further business, the meeting concluded at 8pm.