



Ku-Ring-Gai Netball Association Inc. ABN: 22 897 530 107
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SGM on 6th May 2020 at 7pm via Zoom

PRESENT

Executive:-

President (Chair)	Jo-Anne Perry
Vice President	Loraine Unicomb (apology)
Treasurer (meeting facilitator)	Ian Eldershaw
Secretary	Helen Pratt
Executive member	Don Tritton
	Ros Roots
	Nicole Sykes (apology)
Minutes – Administration	Lee Fields
Life member/Patron	Brenda Williams

Clubs:-

<u>BEROWRA</u>	<u>Mick Flarey</u>		
<u>CORPUS CHRISTI</u>	<u>Sam Bowie</u>	<u>Edwina Stuart</u>	
<u>HORNSBY HEIGHTS</u>	<u>Nic Carr</u>		
<u>LINFIELD</u>	<u>Rod Jackson</u>		
<u>KILLARA</u>	<u>Carolyn Sinclair</u>	<u>Cindy Shaw</u>	<u>Annalees Jeffriess</u>
<u>KISSING POINT</u>	<u>Stuart Moore</u>		
<u>NTH TURRAMURRA</u>	<u>Cheryl Nolan</u>		
<u>SACRED HEART</u>	<u>Jocelyn Barber</u>		
<u>STI IVES</u>	<u>Matt Hillier</u>		
<u>WAHROONGA</u>	<u>Steph Sheppard</u>		
<u>WARRAWEE</u>	<u>Maree Shelley</u>	<u>Kylie Pike</u>	
<u>WEST PYMBLE</u>	<u>Giselle Stollznow</u>		

KNA Snr. Registrar	Tanya Sinclair
KNA Jnr. Registrar	Jo Keevers
KNA Umpires	Alan Prentice
KNA Fixtures	Katie Bonjor
KNA Spring comp	Tatjana Domazet
KNA NSG	Michelle Rae
KNA Grounds	David Funk
KNA Court Bookings	Marinda Taha

APOLOGIES

Loraine Unicomb and Nicole Sykes.



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COVID-19 RESTART SEASON MEETING

Ian Eldershaw welcomed everyone to the meeting and advised proceedings for Zoom meeting and passed over to Jo-Anne Perry (chair), Jo-Anne Perry thanked everyone for their surveys and feedback etc, which was very helpful for Executive to consolidate views for this meeting. NNSW will come back to all Associations towards end of May with further updates after discussions with State and Federal bodies

- a. At this stage the season is proposed to commence on Saturday 18th July for 11 weeks, with a structured final series. It was agreed that all registrations will get maximum play over this period
- b. Spring comp will continue and run alongside Winter Comp. Based on final registrations there could be many changes with grading at both Association and club level with volume of patrons being our biggest problem will be 3200 registered players at the moment – from 9's to seniors.
- c. The Executive have determined that our 9's cannot continue to play on Saturdays and will move to Thursday nights. Registrations will determine format and locations as directed by the Federal and State bodies.

Jo-Anne Perry then answered these pre-meeting questions sent into from various people.

Question from Lindfield Club

Can you also table on our behalf that we want the season to be first past the post, rather than finals as this provides more netball days for more girls.

Answer: After much discussion, **IT WAS DECIDED** that the season will be decided by many factors, but every player will get the full 11 weeks of play.

Question from David Funk – KNA Grounds Convenor

Just one logistical issue that has occurred to me: Will we have rep teams, and will those rep teams provide volunteers for the BBQ as normal? If not, we will need to look at an alternative way to staff the BBQ.

Answer: After Much discussion, **IT WAS DECIDED** that yes, Reps will cover BBQ's if the BBQ is possible under distancing procedures. It was noted that we may need to hire extra people as well to cover extra cleaning practices etc.

Questions from Wahroonga Club

1. With majority of clubs opposing the U9 to move to Thursday twilight games in the feedback provided can KNA please provide the rationale behind this decision to move to a Thursday night?
2. What time would be games be from on Thursday for U9s? Families will need to be given a lot of notice to adjust other sporting commitments in the week
3. Umpires for Thursday evening - how does the KNA umpire convenor wish to proceed in getting umpires for Thursday evening games so we can update our umpire convenor - or will they email?



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4. Will Saturday games have a 15 minute window between each game to provide more crowd control?

Answer: This topic is covered below.

Question from Michelle Rae -NSG Skills Convenor

My questions at this stage are for NSG at Lofberg.

1. Is the plan to keep the times slots as they are or to change times to allow for less congestion at change over times? Eg 8, 9.15, 10.30, 11.45. The possibility for this would potentially be impacted by numbers of players/teams.
2. Will there be any restrictions on sidelines, eg one adult per player?

Answer: As an Association we have not been able to make a decision regarding this as we are not sure what the NSW Health Orders will look like come July. Volume of patrons is the major issue.

Question from Warrawee Club

Why is it the under 9 that have to move mid week competition?

Reason being we may lose a number of these U9 players if we move mid week. And since they have just started netball may not return.

Answer: This topic is covered below.

Question from Ian Eldershaw – KNA Treasurer

Will there be the opportunity to opt in?

There may be people who didn't sign up originally but would like to sign up now. Can we get the MyNetball site opened for new registrations?

Answer: Absolutely, yes, late registrations will be accepted when/if the season restarts. Registrations will not be open until the season restarts – registrations are locked at the moment.

GENERAL OVERVIEW:

1. The majority are happy to return for our proposed season starting 18th July 2020 and finishing 26th September 2020 once Covid-19 clearance is given by our governing body, NNSW, and directives from Federal and State Governments and Health Departments allow us to do so.
2. Our 9 year old competition will be transferred to Thursday night. This will enable more time between Saturday games to assist with people movement and volumes. It will also allow for the ability to use Canoon for training, thus spreading out of team trainings at Lofberg.



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JP – we have a huge volume of people at the courts on a Saturday we will need to consider movement of ages to comply with regulations as required.

MH – will the 9's be playing at the same time?

JP – everything is based on numbers. Proposed each week time will be set and not rotating timeslot

Our lights are approved for training and one evening of competition play until 8pm. The Executive believe it is pertinent to move our 9s in line with 2021 season to shore up space and have training courts available.

We know we may lose players but we have to have to ensure there is a lot more space between matches. Our time lines may also change; At maximum level of 500 will be acceptable 20 to 21 courts running and a minimum of 30 per court that's 600 – 20 people 400 – so we have to consider these numbers We may have to move another age group but we won't know until the end of the month. Format and timeline to be determined based on Dept Health directives.

UMPIRES ALAN PRENTICE

Umpiring for the 9's and Umpiring in general

Haven't put a lot of thought into the 9's umpires, but I did speak to Alison – a lot of work has been put into draw, allocations etc and the program is excellent. Perhaps umpire your own for 9's and each club will be accountable? They could negotiate between themselves if they have shortfalls in age groups and divisions. Umpire your own works very well across the state.

- Preliminary discussions only have taken place and a lot of work will need to take place to determine season directives for Umpiring. Working club convenors will provide rosters to me by 5.00pm, then that would be available at the complex We don't know who is coming back so very much up in the air. Umpire your own situation is not scary, it happens everywhere.
- Helen Pratt – not sure about umpire your own. Could we have one umpire per game instead of two?
- AP – no, rules state we have to have two and too difficult to umpire a game with one umpire, especially A grade. More pressure would be put on the one umpire
- Tanya Sinclair – what grade does the umpire have to be to do the 9's
- AP – Umpires will determine and distribute asap to KNA Secretary to distribute.
- Caroline Sinclair – are the 9's on a Thursday ---night and no other time?

JP - it is the only way we can get the lights and free up Saturdays. Biggest volume of people is 9's 10's and 11's. Nine courts under lights.

- CS – I'm concerned members will not like the fact about the 9's on a Thursday night.
- IE - Council resolution is that if we cannot use the 9's on a Thursday we cannot use the lights on any night.



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- JP – we know we are going to lose people, but we have to be extremely flexible with whatever we do this season.
- Annalees Jeffriess – can the 9's wear long-sleeved tops under their uniform?
- JP – they are permitted to wear leg-ins and long-sleeved tops as approved by KNA Registrar.

Please note:- KNA is bound by a KMC Resolution which states:-

Operating under lights:

- *For training on Mondays Tuesdays and Wednesdays on up to 9 courts (courts 1 – 4, 20, 22 – 25) between 4.30pm – 8.00pm for the winter season*
- *For competition games or training on Thursday on up to 9 courts (courts 1 – 4, 20, 22 – 25) between 4.30pm – 8.00pm for the winter season*

(This is a key action and high priority in the PoM to reduce usage on Saturdays - the Under 9 age group will be moved from Saturdays to Thursdays)

No fixtures or training under lights on Fridays.

3. Patrons/Spectators may be limited based on Government legislated protocols in place. We will consider all options when advice is received.
4. Spring Comp is to continue as per the calendar. The calendar will be discussed at the June SGM with any date changes agreed to by the Executive.
5. Maximum Play of 11 weeks will take place for all participants with a Structured final series needing to be established.
6. A financial Opt-out clause will need to be established, but the Executive Committee would like to put in place the following:

Fees: Although this competition will be a little shorter than usual (11 rounds rather than the usual 15 plus finals), it's proposed that there will be no discount or reduction in comp fees.

After much discussion **IT WAS DECIDED** that there would be no discount for a shortened season because (1) Clubs will need to cater for the financial effect of a drop off in player numbers, (2) to save Clubs from the administrative nightmare of giving everyone partial refunds, (3) as a result of the administration required for Clubs to restart, (4) 11 week competition is still a solid number of weeks competition.

Refunds: KNA supports the idea of a full refund for players who can't play or choose not to play, though this is dependent on decisions by the government (re AKV vouchers) and the governing body Netball NSW.



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After much discussion **IT WAS DECIDED** that

- (1) There will be dropouts, perhaps 10 to 20 percent. Some for the virus some for other reasons. Club gets a 3rd, KNA get a 3rd and NNSW get a third. In principal we like the idea of a full refund, but we will just have to wait for the time being.
- (2) we are very aware that some Clubs will have a drop in numbers and KNA will support if there is a short fall they cannot cope with. All still very much up in the air at the moment and again there will be support for refunds for our members.
- (3) if people are having hardship, we need to work through. We are also conscious that to refund would be a difficult administrative task for everyone. NNSW will advise by end of May, and we might have a better idea of what is going on. Please take back to your Clubs and discuss. KNA will then attempt to determine the ability to commence a season with the paramount importance of adhering to the Health regulations and wellbeing of our members.
- (4) where a refund is payable, KNA would favour a system where fees can be carried over to next year rather than refunded.

7. **GRADING**

- Regrade May Be required at KNA and club level based on Drop out clause being available. Borrowing flexibility may be required based on KNA Grading recommendations per grade. This will be controlled by KNA grading during the season
- Jocelynn Barber – we might have ½ teams. Can the registrar work out some way that they can play?
JP – yes and grading will be able to work through as you are a small club

KISSANE GRAY – BORROWING GUIDELINES

We need to have flexibility. Teams could possibly borrow from other clubs and uniform not compulsory. Borrowing team may have to wear bibs and another possibility is perhaps borrow across the grades. Regrading – we cannot do this until we hear and then liaise with Tanya and fixtures etc – bye grades borrowing –Just suggestions so far but full flexibility will be under consideration based on number of registrations

All grading considerations will be monitored and approved by the Grading committee

8. **REPS:**

NNSW competition all teams have been submitted from Premium league to Jnrs. NNSW will advise calendar changes in due course. Reps dates have been pencilled and we will keep you informed including metro, premier league etc. together with State champs which are now rescheduled to October long weekend.



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9. **GROUNDS:**

Consideration of site issues will be discussed in due course. It's intended to have facilities open but we ***may be governed by Health Authorities in regard to limitations. NNSW will*** also guide is with regards to people movement and onsite facilities This will also be undertaken in close consultation with KMC for all sites including training facilities.

CONCLUSION:

We will chat again end of May when further advice will be available. Clubs are requested to please send any questions to KNA Sec, Helen Pratt for Exec to consider.

SGM (Tuesday 16th June) will proceed via zoom meeting as chart of accounts will have to approved. KNA Sec will send out processes. It will be a short meeting and agenda will be limited. We need to put through a resolution that this season will be different from any other season and clubs approve

JP– if you need any further information please email us and we will continue to send Covid reports as they come to hand, but please wait until 28th May for any further announcement. Another 3 weeks we should have a better idea and we cannot publish anything to members until that time.

The meeting then closed at 7.57pm