



# Gladstone Netball Association

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## Gladstone Netball Association (GNA) Affiliation & Membership – Policy

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### 1. Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to outline the requirements, responsibilities, and procedures for affiliation with GNA and membership of the association. It aims to ensure:

- A consistent and fair approach to membership and affiliation.
- Compliance with Netball Queensland and Netball Australia regulations.
- That all participants have access to safe, inclusive, and structured netball opportunities.

### 2. Scope

This policy applies to:

- All netball clubs seeking affiliation with GNA.
- All individuals seeking membership to participate in competitions, events, or programs sanctioned by GNA.
- Officials, coaches, volunteers, and spectators associated with affiliated clubs.

### 3. Definitions

- *Affiliation*: The formal registration of a netball club with GNA, allowing the club and its members to participate in GNA competitions and events.
- *Membership*: The formal registration of an individual with GNA, either as a player, coach, official, volunteer, or supporter, in accordance with Netball Queensland and Netball Australia requirements.
- *Member in Good Standing*: A member who has fulfilled all membership obligations, including payment of fees, adherence to codes of conduct, and compliance with policies.

### 4. Affiliation Requirements

Clubs seeking affiliation with GNA must:

- Submit a completed Club Affiliation Form by the specified deadline each season.
- Provide a current Club Constitution and evidence of legal incorporation (if applicable).
- Maintain insurance coverage as required by Netball Queensland.
- Comply with all GNA policies, procedures, and Codes of Conduct.
- Appoint at least one Club Representative responsible for communication with GNA.

#### **Affiliation Fees:**

- Clubs must pay the prescribed affiliation fee each season.
- Fees are non-refundable once affiliation is approved.



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## 5. Membership Requirements

### ***Individuals seeking membership with GNA must:***

- Complete the GNA Membership Registration Form accurately.
- Pay the applicable membership fees within the specified registration period.
- Adhere to the GNA Codes of Conduct, Behaviour Management Policy, and all other relevant policies.
- Provide accurate personal information, including emergency contact details.

### ***Membership Categories:***

- *Player Membership:* For individuals participating in competitions or representative programs.
- *Coach / Official Membership:* For accredited coaches, umpires, and officials.
- *Volunteer Membership:* For parents, guardians, and volunteers assisting with GNA activities.

## 6. Rights and Responsibilities

### ***Affiliated Clubs:***

- Right to participate in GNA competitions and programs.
- Right to vote at GNA general meetings (if applicable).
- Responsibility to ensure members comply with GNA policies.

### ***Members:***

- Right to access GNA-sanctioned competitions and programs.
- Right to raise concerns or complaints through GNA procedures.
- Responsibility to maintain appropriate conduct on and off the court.

## 7. Membership Termination and Suspension

GNA may suspend or terminate membership or affiliation if:

- Fees remain unpaid beyond the due date.
- Members or clubs breach this policy or other GNA Codes of Conduct.
- Members engage in conduct deemed harmful to the association, its participants, or reputation.

### ***Procedure:***

- Written notice of the breach or issue will be provided.
- The individual or club may provide a response within 7 days.
- A final decision will be made by the GNA Management Committee.



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## **8. Record Keeping**

- GNA will maintain accurate records of affiliated clubs and registered members.
- Membership information will be stored in compliance with the GNA Privacy Policy and relevant legislation.
- Membership records will include:
  - Contact information
  - Membership type and category
  - Registration and payment details
  - Compliance with Codes of Conduct

## **9. Review**

- This policy will be reviewed annually by the GNA Management Committee or as required to ensure compliance with Netball Queensland and Netball Australia standards.