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1. Background:

- 1.1. The Adelaide Cougars Netball Club (ACNC), with Netball Australia (NA) reject all forms of doping in sport.
- 1.2. Under a referral dated 24 May 2006 NA referred the following anti-doping functions, powers and responsibilities ("anti-doping functions") to the Australian Sports Anti-Doping Authority (ASADA):
 - Investigating possible anti-doping rule violations within the sport of Netball;
 - Issuing infraction notices or other matters under the determined results management process;
 - Convening hearings before the Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS). There is no other hearing body for anti-doping matters in Netball;
 - Presenting allegations of anti-doping rule violations and all relevant, incidental matters in hearings before CAS; and
 - Notifying the results of investigations and hearings and all relevant, incidental matters to relevant bodies including NA and the International Federation of Netball Associations (IFNA). Any notification will be subject to the Australian Sports Anti-Doping Authority Act 2006 (ASADA Act) and privacy legislation.
- 1.2. ACNC and NA will assist ASADA with such matters and will provide education and information regarding anti-doping rules and matters to persons within the sport of Netball within the framework established by ASADA.
- 1.3. ACNC and NA will recognise and enforce any sanction determined by CAS in respect of an anti-doping rule violation in the sport of Netball and in any other sport.
- 1.4. The full NA Anti-doping policy can be found at [Netball Australia Anti-Doping Policy](#).

2. What is ACNC & NA's Position on Doping?

ACNC and NA condemn doping as fundamentally contrary to the spirit of sport. The purpose of this Policy is to protect Players' fundamental right to participate in doping-free sport and to ensure harmonised, coordinated and effective anti-doping programs at the international and national level with regard to detection, deterrence and prevention of doping.



3. Who does this Policy apply to?

This Policy applies to Players and Athlete Support Personnel as defined under the Code. It also applies to Members, employees and contractors of ACNC and any other Person who has agreed to be bound by it.

4. Obligation

4.1 Players must:

- 4.1.1 Know and comply with all anti-doping policies and rules applicable to them;
- 4.1.2 Comply with the requirements of any such anti-doping policies and rules applicable to them;
- 4.1.3 Read and understand the **Prohibited List** as it relates to them;
- 4.1.4 Be available for Sample collection and provide accurate and up-to-date whereabouts information for this purpose when identified for inclusion in a **Registered Testing Pool**;
- 4.1.5 Take full responsibility, in the context of anti-doping, for what they ingest, use and possess;
- 4.1.6 Inform medical personnel of their obligations not to use or possess Prohibited Substances and Prohibited Methods and to take responsibility to make sure that any medical treatment received does not violate anti-doping policies and rules applicable to them;
- 4.1.7 Immediately refer information about possible anti-doping rule violations to ASADA;
- 4.1.8 Assist, cooperate and liaise with ASADA and other Anti-Doping Organisations in relation to the conduct of any investigation or hearing into an alleged anti-doping rule violation;
- 4.1.9 Act in a discreet and confidential manner in discharging their obligations under this Policy;
- 4.1.10 Be available for sample collection and provide accurate and up-to-date whereabouts information on a regular basis;
- 4.1.11 Complete ASADA's on-line E-learning program as directed by NA and/or as appropriate.
- 4.1.12 Accept that ignorance of this Policy, the Code or the Prohibited List is not an excuse from an alleged anti-doping rule violation, and shall not mitigate culpability in sanction.



- 4.2 Athlete Support Personnel must:
- 4.2.1 Complete ASADA's on-line E-learning program and any other anti-doping training as directed by NA and comply with all anti-doping policies and rules applicable to them or the Players whom they support.
 - 4.2.2 Support and assist Anti-Doping Organisations, including ASADA to conduct Doping Control;
 - 4.2.3 Use their influence on Players' values and behaviour to foster anti-doping attitudes;
 - 4.2.4 Immediately refer information about possible anti-doping rule violations to ASADA;
 - 4.2.5 Assist, cooperate and liaise with ASADA and other Anti-Doping Organisations in relation to the conduct of any investigation or hearing into an alleged anti-doping rule violation; and
 - 4.2.6 Act in a discreet and confidential manner in discharging their obligations under this Policy.

5. Definition of Doping

Doping is defined as the occurrence of one or more of the anti-doping rule violations set out in Article 2 of the Code (see [World Anti-Doping Code](#)).

6. Proof of Doping

Article 3 of the Code applies (see [World Anti-Doping Code](#)).

7. Anti-Doping Rule Violations

Article 2 of the Code applies (see [World Anti-Doping Code](#)).

8. The Prohibited List

This Policy incorporates the Prohibited List and otherwise applies Article 4 of the Code (see [World Anti-Doping Code](#)).

9. Therapeutic Use

- 9.1 Players with a documented medical condition requiring the Use of a Prohibited Substance or a Prohibited Method must first obtain a Therapeutic Use Exemption(TUE) in accordance with the Code, the International Standard for TUE sand this Policy.
- 9.2 Players who have been identified as included in IFNA's Registered Testing Pool may only obtain TUEs in accordance with the rules of IFNA.



9.3 An application for a TUE will not be considered for retroactive approval except in cases where:

- a) Emergency treatment or treatment of an acute medical condition was necessary; or
- b) Due to exceptional circumstances, there was insufficient time or opportunity for an Athlete to submit, or a TUE committee to consider, an application prior to Doping Control; or
- c) ASDMAC procedures, in accordance with the Code and the International Standard for TUEs, provide for retroactive approval.

10. Testing

10.1 All Players subject to Doping Control agree to submit to In-Competition Testing and Out of-Competition Testing (at any time or place, with or without advance notice) by an Anti-Doping Organisation. ASADA may test any Athlete, anytime, anywhere.

10.2 All Testing shall be conducted in conformity with the International Standard for Testing in force at the time of Testing.

10.3 Players must comply with their obligations under the ASADA Act (including but not only the NAD Scheme), the IFNA anti-doping rules, this Policy and under the Code and any International Standards in respect to providing accurate whereabouts information to ASADA and/or IFNA. Whereabouts information may be released in accordance with the NAD Scheme.

11. Interpretation of the Code

Article 24 of the Code applies (see [World Anti-Doping Code](#)).

12. Definitions

In this Policy unless the context requires otherwise these words mean:

Athlete	(a) Any Person who participates in sport at the international level (as defined by each International Federation), the national level (as defined by each National Anti-Doping Organisation, including but not limited to those Person sin its Registered Testing Pool), and any other competitor in sport who is otherwise subject to the jurisdiction of any Signatory or other sports organisation accepting the Code. All provisions of the Code, including, for example, Testing and TUEs, must be applied to international and national-level competitors. For the purposes of this ADP, 'Athlete' includes any participant in sporting activity who is a Member of NA, or a Member organisation of NA, and meets the definition of Athlete under the Code and/or the NAD Scheme as in force from time to time; and
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Athlete cont.	(b) Any Person who: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Is registered with NA or one of its Members; or • Participates, or has in the previous eight years participated, in any sporting activity conducted, authorised, recognised or controlled, either directly or indirectly, by NA or a body affiliated with NA; or • Has otherwise agreed to be bound by this Policy.
Code	The World Anti-Doping Code .
International Federation (IF)	An international federation recognised by the International Olympic Committee or the General Assembly of International Sports Federations as the entity responsible for governing that sport internationally.
International Federation of Netball Associations(IFNA)	The international federation recognised by the International Olympic Committee or the General Assembly of International Sports Federations as the entity responsible for governing Netball internationally.
Member	A Person who, or a body which, is a member of NA; a Person who, or a body which, is affiliated with NA; or a Person who is a member of a body which is a member of or affiliated with NA.
National Anti-Doping (NAD) Scheme	The NAD Scheme as defined under the ASADA Act 2006 as amended from time to time.
Prohibited List	The List identifying the Prohibited Substances and Prohibited Methods which is published and revised by WADA as described in Article 4.1 of the Code as updated from time to time.
Specified Substance	Has the meaning assigned to it in Article 4.2.2 of the Code.
Sporting Administration Body	Has the same meaning as in the ASADA Act 2006.