



# Netball Australia

## A: Anti-Illicit Drugs in Netball Rule

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### A. Overview

- A.1. Netball Australia, its Member Organisations and Suncorp Super Netball Clubs are acutely aware of the challenges faced by society in terms of illicit and illegal substances and wish to take a stand against their use in netball and by netballers.
- A.2. In accepting that such substances represent a widespread community problem and a serious health issue for individuals, Netball Australia seeks to inform Athletes of the risks associated with drug use so as to prevent the use of illicit drugs in netball. Further, to inform Persons as to the potential ramifications of illicit drugs use by Athletes which can bring netball into disrepute and set a poor example for other members of the community who view Athletes as role models.
- A.3. Netball Australia wishes to prevent the use of illicit drugs in netball through increased information in relation to the potential harms of the use of illicit drugs.
- A.4. This Rule is designed to help prevent the uptake of illicit drug use and reduce the drug-related harm to individuals, families and stakeholders of Netball Australia and the broader netball community.
- A.5. Netball Australia will adopt a rehabilitative model of management, including education, counselling, monitoring, treatment and appropriate penalties in addressing the use of illicit drugs in the out-of-competition context. However, for cases where counselling and education have not been effective, escalating penalties will be applied.
- A.6. Some illicit drugs may be legitimately used under the supervision of a physician for a clinically justified purpose. The possession and use of illicit drugs is subject to Commonwealth, State and Territory laws. In a netball context, such use must be

consistent with Netball Australia's Anti-Doping Policy, the Australian Sports Anti-Doping Agency Regulations and the World Anti-Doping Agency Program.

## **B. Context**

- B.1. Netball Australia has adopted and implemented an anti-doping policy and rules which conform to the World Anti-Doping Code. The World Anti-Doping Code Prohibited List includes illicit drugs which are prohibited in-competition. This Rule differs from the Netball Australia Anti-Doping Policy in that it addresses the out-of-competition use of illicit drugs, concentrating primarily on education, awareness and prevention initiatives
- B.2. Nothing in this Anti-Illicit Drugs in Netball Rule limits the rights and obligations under Netball Australia's Anti-Doping Policy or applicable Codes of Conduct or other relevant agreements and policies.

## **C. Related Policies**

- C.1. Self-injection of substances is strictly prohibited under Netball Australia's No Self-Injection Rule.

## **D. Who Does this Rule Apply to?**

- D.1. This Rule applies to:
  - D.1.1. Athletes.
  - D.1.2. Coaches.
  - D.1.3. Athlete and Team Support Personnel<sup>1</sup>.
  - D.1.4. Personnel: the workforce of Netball Australia, Member Organisations and Suncorp Super Netball Clubs.
  - D.1.5. Persons who hold governance positions with Netball Australia, Member Organisations or Suncorp Super Netball Clubs.
  - D.1.6. Umpires: International Umpire Award, All Australia Badge, and A Grade Badge.
  - D.1.7. Persons who are bound by Netball Australia's Anti-Doping Policy.
  - D.1.8. Any other Person who has agreed to be bound by this Rule.

## **E. Education Programs**

- E.1. Netball Australia will implement appropriate information, education and prevention programs and initiatives for the sport consistent with the Australian Government's Illicit Drugs in Sport - Education and Action Plan.
- E.2. The education and prevention programs will promote the key messages of the Action Plan to identified target groups and will be delivered through a medium(s)

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<sup>1</sup> Note: It is recognised that *Athlete and Team Support Personnel* in certain professions may be subject to legal obligations with respect to confidentiality and disclosure.

suitable to the target audience(s). These programs and initiatives will reflect key messages such as:

- E.2.1. Illicit drug use is harmful.
- E.2.2. Illicit drug use can affect your sporting performance - in or out of competition, during the off-season, or on the weekend.
- E.2.3. Illicit drug use can affect your reputation and sporting career.
- E.2.4. Illicit drug use can affect your sports team.
- E.2.5. Illicit drug use can impact on the community who support you.
- E.2.6. Participating in sport supports a healthy lifestyle.
- E.3. Netball Australia will incorporate information relating to this Anti-Illicit Drugs in Sport Rule, including the List of Prohibited Illicit Drugs, into the education programs.
- E.4. Netball Australia will provide information about, and referrals to, counselling and support programs in relation to Illicit Drugs in the education programs. These programs may be face to face or an on-line service or general electronic communication as appropriate.

## **F. List of Prohibited Illicit Drugs**

- F.1. The drugs prohibited under this Rule are at **Attachment A1**.
- F.2. Any modifications to the List of Prohibited Illicit Drugs will be approved by the Netball Australia Board. The modified list will come into effect 3 months after its adoption by the Netball Australia Board.
- F.3. Netball Australia will make reasonable efforts to inform Athletes, Coaches, Athlete and Team Support Personnel, Member Organisations, Suncorp Super Netball Clubs and any other Person who has agreed to be bound by this Rule of any changes to the List of Prohibited Illicit Drugs.

## **G. Rule Offences**

- G.1. This Rule is contravened where:
  - G.1.1. A Person possesses, uses or administers any of the substances or class of substances set out in **Appendix A1** out-of-competition. In-competition will be considered under Netball Australia's Anti-Doping Policy in the first instance.
  - G.1.2. A Person engages in trafficking of any of the substances or class of substances set out in **Appendix A1**. Such an offence will be considered under Netball Australia's Anti-Doping Policy in the first instance.
  - G.1.3. A Person is Complicit.
  - G.1.4. A Person fails to promptly disclose to the Chief Executive Officer of Netball Australia, or Nominated Delegate, that a Person has received an approach to breach this Rule.
  - G.1.5. A Person fails to promptly disclose to the Chief Executive Officer of Netball Australia, or Nominated Delegate, that the Person knows or reasonably

suspects that any current or former Person has engaged in conduct, or been approached to engage in conduct that may be a breach of this Rule.

### Appendix A1: List of Prohibited Illicit Drugs

1. The list has been amended based on the list sourced from the Australia Government's Illicit Drugs in Sport Program managed by the Office for Sport at the Department of Health.

1	Amphetamine
2	Cannabis (in any form, including flowering or fruiting tops, leaves, seeds or stalks, but not including Cannabis resin or Cannabis fibre)
3	Cannabis resin
4	Cocaine
5	Gammabutyrolactone (GBL)
6	Gamma-Hydroxybutanoic acid (GHB)
7	Heroin (diacetylmorphine)
8	Lysergide (LSD)
9	Methamphetamine
10	3,4 Methylenedioxyamphetamine (MDA)
11	3,4 Methylenedioxymethamphetamine (MDMA)
12	Opium
13	Psilocine
14	Psilocybine
15	Tetrahydrocannabinol (THC)
16	Methadone
17	Morphine
18	Oxycodone
19	Fentanyl
20	Pethidine
21	Dimethylamphetamine
22	Benzphetamine
23	Ephedrine
24	Methylephedrine
25	Cathine (D-norpseudoephedrine)
26	Synthetic Drugs
27	Designer Drugs

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