



VIC MLEAGUE COMPETITION

RULES & REGULATIONS 2021



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Administration

1. Senior teams are to have completed an official entry form and the paid \$200 team registration by close of entries as notified via email, website or other correspondence in order to be considered for entry
 - i. Junior MLeague teams are to pay \$100 team registration
2. Uniforms must be submitted for approval alongside team entry
3. Teams, once submitted, will be subject to committee approval. This includes:
 - i. Team Name
 - ii. Players entered into team
 - iii. Uniform design
4. Team game fees (\$80) are to be paid to the Competition Supervisor 15 minutes prior to play beginning each week
 - i. Games will not begin until team sheets have been paid
 - o Teams will lose 1 goal per minute until sheet is paid
 - ii. Discounted team game fees apply for paying
 - o **Entire season:** paid at least one week prior to commencement of season (\$75 per game)
 - o **Half season:** paid at least one week prior to commencement of season OR one week prior to halfway point of season (\$77 per game)
5. All players must hold a current Netball Victoria membership and supply their number with team submission. **Teams will not be selected without this.**
6. All players must hold a current Victorian Men's and Mixed Netball Association membership
 - i. Current Victorian State representatives hold memberships as part of their selection
 - ii. Players not currently representing Victoria in a State team must pay a \$20 VMMNA membership fee payable with team registration
 - o This is required for finals eligibility

Personnel

1. The VIC MLEAGUE Coordinator and VIC MLEAGUE Committee will oversee the competition on behalf of the Victorian Men's and Mixed Netball Association.
2. An appointment Court Supervisor will oversee the functioning of matches, collection of game fees on match day, Netball Victoria membership and collection of results. They will be located at the competition office on match day.
3. An appointed Umpire Supervisor will oversee the pool of umpires provided for each match as well as providing an umpire coaching role to said umpires. The Umpire Supervisor will be available to assist in any resolution regarding umpiring matters on match day
 - i. Teams must nominate at least one player (per team) who may assist when the umpire pool is short. Any umpire that is being nominated must be badged. This will be required on the team entry form.
4. Each team must provide a scorer/timekeeper. One will act as timekeeper and operate (where applicable) the scoreboard, while the other will be in charge of correctly filling out the scoresheet, liaising with opposition where necessary. The supervisor will provide a suitable timer if the scoreboard is unable to work.

Competition

1. Match rules shall be those of Netball Australia, except where specific competition rules have been opted within these regulations.
2. Timing of matches shall be 15 minute quarters with breaks of 3 minutes each
 - i. Junior MLeague matches will be 12 minute quarters, with breaks of 2 minutes each
3. All VIC MLEAGUE matches will commence at the fixture time.
 - i. Teams must take court when requested by the Umpire
 - ii. If there are at least five players present, a team shall be required to take the court to start play
 - iii. If 5 or more players are not in position to play when match commencement is signalled, the non-offending team will be awarded 1 goal for each minute that elapses prior to play beginning. Should ¼ time elapse without play commencing, the match will be declared a forfeit. The non offending team – in the case of any forfeit – will be awarded 4 tournament points, a score of 20-0 and their match fee will be refunded

- iv. The offending team will lose 4 tournament points. Forfeiting teams will be required to pay double their full match fee
- 4. Any player who takes the court must be a VIC MLEAGUE registered player. Players must also be financial with VMMNA.
- 5. Men’s Division: Women not permitted to play
Mixed Division: Maximum of 3 or minimum of 2 male players permitted on court
 - i. Male court positioning

ONE of		ONE of			ONE of	
GS	GA	WA	C	WD	GD	GK

- 6. Junior MLEAGUE divisions are as below
 - i. 15 & Under Boys
 - ii. 15 & Under Mixed
 - iii. 18 & Under Boys
 - iv. 18 & Under Mixed
- 7. Players are NOT permitted to play in two separate divisions in the one night (i.e. Premier Mixed and Div 1 Mixed). If a player has qualified for finals (6 matches) in Premier Division, they are NOT permitted to play Division 1.
- 8. One Scorecard will be used for each game to record names of players participating and the match score.
 - i. Players names must be written on the scoresheet prior to commencement of play, and cannot be added once play has commenced
 - ii. Names must be completed in FULL – nicknames will not be accepted
 - iii. Names must be placed in the correct court positions, with any mid-match changes and substitutions recorded at each interval
 - iv. It is the captains’ responsibility to ensure accurate recording of changes. Failure to do so will result in only the first 7 players listed in positions being deemed to have taken the court and awarded a game towards their finals qualifications
 - v. At match conclusion, the scoresheet MUST be signed by: Captains, umpires and scorer/timekeeper to confirm that the scoresheet is correct. Once signed, the scoresheet is final. This includes acknowledging court positions as being correct.
- 9. Should a game be abandoned due to extreme circumstances, the result will be as follows
 - i. BEFORE half-time of the match: no score is recorded and the match is considered a draw

- ii. AFTER half-time of the match: the score will stand and win/loss applied accordingly

Finals

1. Teams qualifying for finals shall be determined by the number of points gained during the season
 - i. Win = 4 points; Draw = 2 points; Loss = nil; Bye = 4 points
2. Finals will consist of the top four teams. Finals format will be determined upon receipt of team entries and communicated via the official competition fixture
3. Ladder positions will be determined by percentage where applicable, calculated by for and against
4. Players must play in at least SIX (6) competition matches to be eligible to participate in that Divisions Finals. The player must have been recorded as taking the court to be considered as having played in a particular match
 - i. Teams found playing an ineligible player will be considered to have lost that match

Uniform

1. Team uniform must be submitted for approval to VIC MLEAGUE Committee with team entry
2. All teams are expected to use and supply their own stick-on or pull over bibs
3. Mens: All players must play in team uniform – this includes matching shorts
4. Mixed: Teams should have matching shirts, skirts/shorts, or dresses and should be a close match to the male uniform
 - i. All male players in the team should be in the same team uniform (same playing top and shorts)
 - ii. All female players should be in the same team uniform (a-line, bodysuit, same uniform top and matching bottoms). If the female players are wearing tights/leggings for bottoms, these must match
5. Teams will be penalised 2 goals for each offending player, at the discretion of the umpire and/or VIC MLEAGUE Coordinator. Teams will be further penalised via fine or otherwise as deemed appropriate by VIC MLEAGUE Coordinator for continued breaking of this rule
 - i. Uniform penalties are to be recorded on the timesheet separate to the goals scored during the match

Discipline & Tribunal

1. It is the expectation that all players respect the umpires, officials and other players
2. Any discipline shall be enforced as per rulebook at umpires' discretion
3. Any player sent-off during a game will have it recorded on the scoresheet which will be monitored across the season.
4. Should any incident be deemed of a level where further discipline is to occur, a Tribunal may be put in place.
 - a. This shall be at the discretion of the Umpires Coordinator, VIC MLEAGUE Committee and members of the VMMNA Executive. A panel of three people shall be appointed with the consensus decision of this panel final.

Player Points System

VIC MLEAGUE operates on a handicap system whereby players are allocated points based on teams represented and skill level. This is designed to ensure VIC MLEAGUE remains competitive. These are references in the Player Points matrix (see Appendix 2 below). This is also located on the VMMNA website (<http://vmmna.org/>).

VIC MLEAGUE reserves the right to allocate any players not covered in the Player Points matrix as deemed appropriate.

The following rules apply regarding points:

Men's Premier

Maximum of 20 points on court in any quarter per team. No more than three 5 point players on court per team

Mixed Premier

Maximum of two 5 point players on court per team

Men's Division One

Maximum of 20 points on court per team and no 5 point player permitted

Mixed Division One

No 5 point player permitted

If a team is found to have breached the points they will lose their competition points for that match.

VIC MLEAGUE Contacts

Coordinator	Craig Moore All enquiries: mleague@vmmna.org Urgent matters: 0402 017 383
Competition Supervisors	Craig Moore / Sonya Febbo
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Umpire Supervisor	Juleen Maxfield
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Marketing & Comms	Simon Cartwright

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VMMNA Committee	Sonya Febbo, Michael Davis, Simon Cartwright and Michael Hutchinson

Appendix

Appendix 1 – Bank Transfer Details

Account name: Victorian Men’s Netball League

BSB: 013 395

Account Number: 270 068 806

Bank: ANZ

After any bank transfer, please email Grant Crocker at treasurer@vmmna.org and CC mleague@vmmna.org with the bank transfer receipt and team details.

Please include team name in description and if Men’s and Mixed teams have the same name – please specify.

Appendix 2 – Player Points Matrix



Player Points Matrix

Men's Open - 2021	5
Men's Open - 2020	5
Men's Open - 2019	4
Men's Open - 2018	4
Men's Open - 2017	3
Men's Open - 2016	3
Men's Open - 2015	2
Men's Open - 2014	2
Men's Open - Anytime prior	2

Mixed Open - 2021	5
Mixed Open - 2020	4
Mixed Open - 2019	4
Mixed Open - 2018	3
Mixed Open - 2017	3
Mixed Open - 2016	2
Mixed Open - 2015	2
Mixed Open - Anytime prior	2

Boys 20 & Under - 2021	-3
Boys 20 & Under - 2020	-2
Boys 20 & Under - 2019	-1
Boys 20 & Under - 2018	0

Boys 20 Reserves - 2021	-4
Boys 20 Reserves - 2020	-3
Boys 20 Reserves - 2019	-2
Boys 20 Reserves - 2018	-1
Boys 20 Reserves - 2017	0

Men's Open Res 1 - 2021	3
Men's Open Res 1 - 2020	2
Men's Open Res 1 - 2019	2
Men's Open Res 1 - 2018	1
Men's Open Res 1 - 2017	1
Men's Open Res 1 - 2016	0
Men's Open Res 1 - Anytime prior	0

Mixed Reserves	0
Men's Open Res 2	0
Men's 23 Reserves	0

Men's 23 & Under - 2021	3
Men's 23 & Under - 2020	2
Men's 23 & Under - 2019	2
Men's 23 & Under - 2018	1
Men's 23 & Under - 2017	1
Men's 23 & Under - 2016	0
Men's 23 & Under - Anytime prior	0

Boys 17 & Under - 2021	-5
Boys 17 & Under - 2020	-4
Boys 17 & Under - 2019	-3
Boys 17 & Under - 2018	-2
Boys 17 & Under - 2017	-1
Boys 17 & Under - 2016	0

Boys 17 Reserves - 2021	-6
Boys 17 Reserves - 2020	-5
Boys 17 Reserves - 2019	-4
Boys 17 Reserves - 2018	-3
Boys 17 Reserves - 2017	-2
Boys 17 Reserves - 2016	-1
Boys 17 Reserves - 2015	0

Please note:

If Men's Open or Mixed Open was the highest level played, player can never drop below 2 points*
 *Even if said player has since played for another team, the lowest they can ever drop is to 2 points

All points are based on the last team selected – with the above exception

Player points also applies to players that have played for other states