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## 1.0 INTRODUCTION

Registration and affiliation are essential to all sporting associations. The Netball Ireland (NI) registration/affiliation process is in place to capture the level of netball participation and manage netball activity within the Republic of Ireland (ROI), as well as to define the geographical spread of the NI association.


## 2.0 APPLICABLE

This policy applies to all persons wishing to participate in any netball activities under the auspices of NI – except teachers and school-based participants (policy document/s pending). The following potential participants must affiliate and become a member of NI to ensure they are covered under the association's terms and conditions:

- All players.
- Umpires and other officials.
- Coaches and assistant coaches.
- NI partners:
  - Persons appointed or elected to boards, committees and sub-committees
  - Support personnel, including managers, physiotherapists, psychologists, sport trainers, masseurs and others.
- Volunteers.
- Executive Committee members and designated working groups.
- Honorary Members.

## 3.0 MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS

- 3.1** Insurance – NI provides Public Liability Insurance cover for members. This insurance covers you at training sessions and games organised by NI and affiliated clubs.
- 3.2** Eligibility – only NI members are permitted to participate in all NI leagues and competitions.
- 3.3** Development Incentives – members can avail of coaching and umpiring courses run by NI at a discounted rate.
- 3.4** New Clubs – NI supports the establishment of new netball clubs.
- 3.5** Athlete Development – NI provides support for developing netball players by running an active national squads programme.
- 3.6** Competition – NI provides a programme of competition for all age and ability levels, from league to international games.

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#### **4.0 REPORTING A BREACH, INVESTIGATION, SANCTIONS & APPEALS**

Any activities not in line with NI's Constitution, Bye Laws, and policies, procedures and rules should be reported to NI via the complaints process – see NI's Complaint, Dispute and Disciplinary Policy (NI-1015) for further reference.

Alleged breaches of membership terms and conditions will be investigated in line with NI's Complaint, Dispute and Disciplinary Policy and, where it is deemed necessary, may be reported to An Garda Síochána. Any person who is sanctioned for breach of membership have a right of appeal.

#### **5.0 REVOKING OF MEMBERSHIP**

NI membership can be revoked or suspended where a member does not act in accordance with the NI Constitution, Bye Laws and all policies, procedures and rules. No refund will be issued for any membership sanction imposed. Individuals with revoked or suspended membership cannot engage in any NI related activity. See NI's Complaint, Dispute and Disciplinary Policy for further reference.

#### **6.0 DOCUMENT HISTORY**

Version 01: This is a new Policy

#### **7.0 ABBREVIATIONS & DEFINITIONS**

NI Netball Ireland  
ROI Republic of Ireland

An Garda Síochána: the national police service of the ROI, headed by the Garda Commissioner who is appointed by the Irish Government.

#### **8.0 REFERENCE**

NI-1015 Complaint, Dispute and Disciplinary Policy

**Pending:** policy document/s for registration/affiliation for teachers and school-based players.