

BLACK DIAMOND NETBALL – FINANCIAL OBLIGATIONS & CLUB RULES

(Updated with Monthly Membership Fee)

SECTION A: FINANCIAL OBLIGATIONS

1. Joining Fee

A once-off, non-refundable joining fee of R700 is payable upon registration. This covers basic administration, a training kit, and league affiliation for the season.

2. Monthly Membership Fee

- R500 per month, payable on or before the 1st of each month.
- An annual payment option is available: R5,000 (a saving of R1,000 compared to 12 monthly payments).
- Membership fees cover coaching, facility hire, and regular league matches.
- Players whose fees are more than 30 days in arrears may be suspended from training and matches until the account is brought up to date.

3. Additional Costs

- Match Fees: May be charged for specific tournaments or external competitions as communicated by the team manager.
- Kit & Equipment: Players must purchase the official match uniform (cost to be advised).
- Travel & Accommodation: For away tournaments, parents/guardians are responsible for all travel and accommodation costs unless otherwise stated.

4. Payment Terms

- All fees must be paid by the due date on the invoice.
- The Club may charge a reasonable administration fee for late payments.
- Payments can be made via EFT (banking details provided upon registration) or other methods approved by the Club.

5. Refund Policy

- The joining fee is non-refundable.
- Monthly membership fees are non-refundable once a new month has begun.
- Annual memberships are refundable only in the case of a season-ending injury (medical certificate required), pro-rated for the remaining full months.
- No refunds for voluntary withdrawal or disciplinary expulsion.

6. Financial Hardship

The Club may, at its discretion, offer a payment plan or reduced fees in genuine hardship cases. Requests must be made in writing to the Club Secretary.

SECTION B: CLUB RULES

1. Attendance

- Players are expected to attend a minimum of 80% of all training sessions and matches.
- Missing practice without a valid reason may result in that player not being selected for the next game.
- If a player cannot attend a session or match, the parent/guardian must notify the team manager at least 2 hours before the start.

2. Selection & Playing Time

- Team lists are announced every Friday at Action Netball.
- Playing time is based on improvement, effort, attitude, and attendance – not simply ability.
- Even if not selected for the match, players are still expected to attend and support the team.
- Final team selection is at the sole discretion of the coach, whose decision is final.

3. Code of Conduct – Players

- Respect teammates, opponents, coaches, and officials at all times.
- Bullying, foul language, or unsportsmanlike conduct will not be tolerated.
- Players must wear the correct uniform and appropriate footwear for all sessions.
- No jewellery or long nails during play (safety requirement).

- Any breach of the code may result in a warning, suspension, or expulsion.

4. Code of Conduct – Parents/Spectators

- Encourage all players, not just your own child.
- Do not coach from the sidelines; leave instruction to the coaches.
- Respect the umpire's decisions; verbal abuse will result in removal from the venue.
- Any concerns about coaching or selection must be raised privately with the Club Secretary, not during a game.

5. Disciplinary Procedure

- Minor infringements: verbal warning by coach.
- Repeated or serious misconduct: written notice to parent and a meeting.
- The Club reserves the right to suspend or expel a player without refund for gross misconduct or persistent breaches of these rules.

6. Safety & Liability

- Players participate at their own risk (see Indemnity Agreement).
- The Club is not responsible for lost or stolen personal belongings.

7. Rule Changes

The Club may amend these rules from time to time. Parents will be notified of any material changes in writing.