

TAB B - SCHEDULE OF OFFENCES

There are five levels of offences that will carry appropriate penalties as per the Netball NSW MPP - Part C - Complaint Handling Regulation version 4. 10 December 2013.

The schedule of offences should not be read as an exhaustive list of offences or prohibited conduct.

Level 1 Offences

The range of penalties which shall be imposed for a Level 1 Offence can be as shown below. Financial members must not:

No	Rule	Guidelines
1.1	Abuse netball equipment, ground equipment or fixtures and fittings.	Includes actions which intentionally or negligently result in damage to the advertising boards, boundary fences, dressing room doors, mirrors, windows and other fixtures and fittings.
1.2	Show dissent at an umpire's decision by action or verbal abuse.	Includes excessive, obvious disappointment with an umpire's decision or with an umpire making the decision and/or obvious delay in resuming play. This rule does not prohibit the team captain or coach from asking an umpire to provide an explanation for a decision, or a Team official from making a formal complaint to the affiliated Association official, against the performance of an umpire.
1.3	Use language that is obscene, offensive or insulting and/or the making of an obscene gesture.	This includes swearing and offensive gestures which are not directed at another person such as swearing in frustration at one's own poor play or fortune. This offence is not intended to penalise trivial behaviour. The extent to which such behaviour is likely to give offence shall be taken into account when assessing the seriousness of the breach.

Level 2 Offences

The offences set out at 4.2.1 to 4.2.6 below are Level 2 offences. The range of penalties which shall be imposed for a Level 2 Offence is set out in section 5 of this policy. Financial members must not:

No	Rule	Guidelines
2.1	Show serious dissent at an umpire's decision by action or verbal abuse.	Dissent should be classified as serious where the dissent is expressed by a specific action such as displays of anger or abusive language directed at the umpire and/or excessive delay in resuming play or leaving the court. This rule does not prohibit the team captain or coach from asking an umpire to provide an explanation for a decision, or a Team official from making a formal complaint to the UOP / affiliated Association official, against the performance of an umpire.
2.2	Engage in inappropriate and deliberate physical contact with other players or umpires during the course of play.	Without limitation, players will breach this regulation if they deliberately walk or run into or shoulder another player, umpire or match official.
2.3	Charge or advance towards an umpire in an aggressive manner.	
2.4	Deliberately and maliciously distract or interfere with another player or umpire during the course of play.	Without limitation, players will breach this rule if they deliberately attempt to distract an opponent or umpire by words or gestures.
2.5	Throw the ball at or near a player or official in an inappropriate and/or dangerous manner.	This rule will not prohibit a player from returning the ball in the normal fashion.
2.6	Use language that is obscene, offensive or of a seriously insulting nature to another player, official or spectator.	This is language or gestures which are directed at another person. Refer to the comments under rule 4.1.3 above in relation to the seriousness of the breach.

Level 3 Offences

The offences set out at 4.3.1 to 4.3.3 below are Level 3 offences. The range of penalties which shall be imposed for a Level 3 Offence is set out in Section 5 of this policy. Financial members must not:

No	Rule	Guidelines
3.1	Intimidate an umpire or official whether by language or conduct.	Includes appealing in an aggressive or threatening manner.
3.2	Threaten to assault another player, Team official or spectator.	Self-explanatory.
3.3	Use language or gestures that offend, insult, humiliate, intimidate, threaten, disparage or vilify another person on the basis of that person's race, religion, colour, descent or national or ethnic origin.	Self-explanatory.

Level 4 Offences

The offences set out at 4.4.1 to 4.4.2 below are Level 4 offences. The range of penalties which shall be imposed for a Level 4 Offence is set out in Section 5 of this policy. Financial members must not:

No	Rule	Guidelines
4.1	Threaten to assault an umpire or official.	Self-explanatory.
4.2	Use language or gestures that seriously offends, insults, humiliates, intimidates, threatens, disparages or vilifies another person on the basis of that person's race, religion, colour, descent or national or ethnic origin.	Self-explanatory.

Level 5 Offences

The offences set out at 4.5.1 to 4.5.2 below are Level 5 offences. The range of penalties which shall be imposed for a Level 5 Offence is set out in Section 5 of this policy. Financial members must not:

No	Rule	Guidelines
5.1	Physically assault another player, umpire, coach, official or spectator.	This includes fighting and/or striking with a clenched/open fist and striking using a ball or another object.
5.2	Engage in rough play in the field of play.	This includes undue rough play and an attempt to strike with a clenched or open fist. This also includes kicking or attempting to kick, deliberately tripping an opponent and/or deliberately elbowing an opponent.

SCHEDULE OF DISCIPLINARY PENALTIES

In addition to the imposition of disciplinary measures outlined in the Netball NSW Member Protection Policy, the following penalties for offences of charged persons towards registered members of any affiliated Association (including players, coaches, umpires, officials and spectators) may be applied.

Penalties imposed will be served at the current event or should the event conclude before the full penalty has been served such penalty will continue at the next event that the offender becomes eligible to participate in.

Level of Offence	Minimum penalties for Netball NSW and affiliated Association Competitions	
Level 1	1st offence:	Official warning or 1 week suspension.
	Subsequent offence:	Elevation to Level 2 offence.
Level 2	1st offence:	2 week suspension.
	Subsequent offence:	12 week suspension.
Level 3	1st offence:	3 weeks suspension. Subsequent
	offence:	26 weeks suspension.
Level 4	1st offence:	26 weeks suspension.
	Subsequent offence:	26 weeks suspension.
Level 5	1st offence:	52 weeks suspension.
	Subsequent offence:	52 weeks suspension.

All Level 4 and Level 5 offences implemented by affiliated Associations must be notified formally, in writing, to Netball NSW.

Penalties imposed will be served across all Netball NSW Championships and Competitions and, where applicable, will include all affiliated Association Competitions.