



# Netball Australia

## D: No Self-Injection in Netball Rule

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### A. Overview

- A.1. Netball Australia condemns doping and the use of illegal, experimental and non-approved substances and methods as fundamentally contrary to the spirit of sport.
- A.2. Netball Australia has an Anti-Doping Policy to protect athletes' fundamental rights to participate in doping-free sport and to ensure harmonised, coordinated and effective anti-doping programs at the international and national level with regard to detection, deterrence and prevention of doping.
- A.3. Netball Australia has an Anti-Doping Declaration Rule as an additional measure to emphasise Netball Australia's commitment to an anti-doping environment.
- A.4. Netball Australia adheres to the World Anti-Doping Program and supports the anti-doping functions, powers and responsibilities of the Australian Sports Anti-Doping Authority.

### B. Context

- B.1. This Rule is intended to capture all injections that are NOT medically justified and necessary.
- B.2. This Rule shall not prevent the Athlete from receiving injections for necessary medical treatment.
- B.3. This Rule is not intended to capture injections where an Athlete has an approved Therapeutic Use Exemption under applicable anti-doping policies.

### C. Who Does this Rule Apply to?

- C.1. This Rule applies to:
  - C.1.1. Athletes.
  - C.1.2. Coaches.

- C.1.3. Athlete and Team Support Personnel<sup>1</sup>.
- C.1.4. Any other Person who has agreed to be bound by this Rule.

## **D. Rule Offences**

- D.1. This Rule is contravened where:
  - D.1.1. An Athlete Injects herself with-out prior approval from Netball Australia's Chief Medical Officer or an Authorised Netball Provider's Medical Officer.
  - D.1.2. An Athlete has in her possession injecting equipment with-out prior approval from Netball Australia's Chief Medical Officer or an Authorised Netball Provider's Medical Officer.
  - D.1.3. An Athlete does not adhere to procedures and practices communicated by Netball Australia or an Authorised Netball Provider.
  - D.1.4. A Person is Complicit.
  - D.1.5. 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.
  - D.1.6. 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.

**Please direct any enquiries to Netball Australia's Integrity Unit, email: [integrity@netball.asn.au](mailto:integrity@netball.asn.au)**

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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.