

New Zealand Men's and Mixed Netball Association Association Policy

Purpose and scope

1. The New Zealand Men's and Mixed Netball (NZMMNA) Association Policy (the policy) outlines the requirements that will be considered by the NZMMNA Board (the Board) to consider and approve the affiliation of new member associations.
2. Decision making in relation to the policy shall rest in the first instance with the NZMMNA Board. Any decision of the NZMMNA Board may be overturned by a general meeting. The NZMMNA Board shall act in accordance with this policy.

Member association requirements

3. To become an affiliated member association of NZMMNA the following requirements must be met:
 - a. An association application form, available on the NZMMNA website, must be submitted to the NZMMNA Secretary which includes:
 - i. The proposed member association name which must be either a region (e.g. Northland/Te Tai Tokerau) or a town/city (e.g. Papaiouea/Palmerston North)
 - ii. Proposed colours that will stand the test of time
 - iii. A rationale as to why there is need for an affiliated member association in your proposed region or town/city. An example could be that there are no existing member associations in the area, or that there is significant growth and demand for additional associations
 - b. If an application is being submitted to enable a new member association to attend an NZMMNA sanctioned tournament, event, or fixture the application must be considered ahead of the closing dates as laid out in the NZMMNA Tournament Policy and Rules. For Men's and Mixed Nationals, any applications must be submitted at least eight (8) weeks prior to the tournament.
4. The NZMMNA Board will approve or decline the application considering the following:
 - a. Whether there are existing affiliated member associations currently active in the proposed region, town, or city and whether an additional member association is warranted
 - b. Whether the colours proposed in the application are in use by another member association
 - c. Any views expressed by existing member associations in a region on the application
 - i. The member associations in the same or proximate regions will be notified of the application by the NZMMNA Board to seek their views.

Associate membership

5. If the application is approved by a vote of the NZMMNA Board, the new affiliated member association shall be subject to a three (3) year associate membership period. During this period, the new member association will:
 - a. be required to attend a majority of Mixed and Men's Nationals tournaments held

- during the associate membership period or four out of six tournaments
- b. Pay tournament entry fees at 1.5 times the full member entry fee
 - c. Will not have voting rights at NZMMNA general meetings during this period
6. Associate members must attend the annual general meeting each of the three years of their associate membership to understand
 7. Once the three (3) year period is completed, and the associate member has met the requirements laid out in this policy, the associate member will receive full membership of NZMMNA including voting rights.
 8. No application will be considered where there is any person associated with the application who owes monies to an existing member association.
 9. All persons who are involved in the application, where players under the age of 16 may be involved in teams under that association, will be required to undergo a police vetting check.
 10. Should an affiliated member association not participate in any NZMMNA event and/or pay affiliation fees for three (3) consecutive years, they shall be deemed to have ceased to exist under this policy and new applications may be made for an association with that name and colours.
 11. To ensure the successful operation of this policy, the NZMMNA Board shall maintain a register of current affiliated member associations (financial and non-financial) and their colours, which shall be available on the NZMMNA website. The register shall be updated every six (6) months in April and October.