

1. Changes between this Centre template (dated Jan 2025) and the previous one that was circulated (dated July 2024), are marked in blue. This is to more easily identify changes for those who have already started drafting. Of note:

Section	Clause	Explanation/Further information
3 Objects	3.1 Objects of the Centre	<p>3.1(j) is the first example where the term “and others involved in Netball” has been added. This future proofs for the proposed changes to remove individual members from the NNZ constitution (but is fine to remain even if those proposed changes are not accepted at the NNZ AGM).</p> <p>It also future proofs for the possibility that if the NNZ amendments are accepted, some Centres may make Schools and Clubs their core members.</p>
5 Categories of Membership	5.3 Term/Duration	<p>This clause has been added to explicitly state that the Centre Board may set a fixed term of membership for certain categories of membership to ensure they automatically expire (the details of this will sit in the Centre regulations).</p>
6 Individual Members	6.1 Individual Membership and Eligible Individuals	<p>Rule 6 (Individual Members) has been adjusted to provide an option for Centres. it is also to ensure Rule 6 aligns with the proposed amendments to the NNZ constitution if accepted. <b>Particular care needs to be taken with this.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. If your Centre is planning to use Option 1, you will need to wait until the NNZ AGM to ensure the vote to remove individual members from the NNZ constitution is passed. If passed, you can then proceed with finalising your constitution, voting on it and re-registering. If the changes to the individual membership provisions are not passed at the NNZ AGM, you will need to use option 2.</li> <li>ii. If your Centre is planning to use Option 2 (what looks most like the current membership provisions) you can proceed with completing your constitution, voting on it at AGM/SGM and re-registering as it suits your Centre. You do not need to wait for the Zone and NNZ constitutions to be fully finalised. This change of process is because we expect the NNZ and Zone templates to now be in their final form, and any consequential adjustments have now been made to the Jan 2025 version of the Centre template.</li> </ul>

		iii. Please note, once you select an option, the numbering in the document will likely change and you will need to carefully check any references to other clauses throughout the constitution before finalising. These have been highlighted for ease.
	6.4 Becoming an Individual Member	6.4(b) adjusted for individual members potentially not being individual members of NNZ.
7 Member Clubs and Member Schools	7.1 Eligible Clubs & 7.2 Eligible Schools	Wording added to provide flexibility for a club or school in one Zone who may be a member of a Centre in an adjacent Zone due to being located near the Zone border.
8 Life Members	8.2 Becoming a Life Member	8.2(b) updated to ensure Life Members understand the requirement to provide information as required for the Centre register.
9 Membership and Other Fees	9.1 Board Determination of Centre Fees	Additional wording added to ensure the Centre board can set other fees than pure “Membership fees” as defined in the constitution – flexibility in case of a decision to remove individual members. This can stay in regardless of the decision in Rule 6.
10 Members Rights and Obligations	10.7 Provision of Information  10.8 Club/School Members and Others	Rule 10.7 and 10.8 have had additions made to ensure that players, officials and others involved in Netball (as specified in NNZ’s Regulations) provide their details and are bound by the relevant constitutional and regulatory requirements, whether or not they are Members of the Centre or its Member Clubs and Member Schools. Clubs, Schools or other member organisations must procure the agreement of their Members to provide their details and be bound to all applicable requirements of the constitutions and regulations of the Centre, the Zone Entity (if any) and NNZ.
11 Register of Members	11.4 Changes to Register Information	Can remove the section in blue – a requirement to notify is covered under the Zone and NNZ constitutions.
12 Termination of Membership	12.1 Cessation of Eligibility or Resignation	Rule 12.1(a) adds an explicit reference to membership being terminated if their membership term expires and they have not renewed their membership. (any fixed term membership options can be set in the Regulations).
14 Board	14.6 Term of Office of Board Members	Rule 14.6(c) adds further drafting option for Centres. This is to allow for people to stay on the board/executive in certain circumstances (i.e. if there are no other nominees).

	14.9 Function and Powers of the Board	Rule 14.9(r) allows the board to discipline Members <i>and others</i> . This widens the scope from Members to others, in situations where the Centre may elect to remove individuals as Members. Can remain regardless of the choice in Rule 6.
16 General Meetings	16.6 Notice of AGMs	Rule 16.6 added “other member organisations” to accommodate Centres who may have umpire associations, or Member organisations other than clubs or schools that need to be considered.
Definitions	Zone Entity	Definition simplified. This change fit the Mainland Centres better. Originally the Zone Entity detail were included for to ensure clarity for the reader, but it’s been determined it is not required.
29 Transitional Matters	29.2 Transition of Membership, Board and Other Matters	Rule 29.2 Transition of membership has had an addition made to it to cover off the possibility that a Centre may change from having broad individual membership to narrow individual membership – this can stay in as is, regardless of the decision made at Rule 6.