

## WANANGKURA STADIUM BY-LAWS 2018

### 1. INTERPRETATION

The Australian Basketball Federation Official rules, Australian Volleyball Rules, FIFA Futsal rules as adopted by the Australian Indoor Soccer Federation and the Australian Netball Rules shall apply unless otherwise provided for in these By-Laws.

Day to day interpretation of these By-Laws shall be at the responsibility of the most senior official present on the court (i.e. Program and Sports Club Manager, Umpire/Referee).

All players are responsible for their own insurance for personal injury or property damage.

All injuries however, must be reported to the Duty Manager on the night.

### 2. NOMINATION

Teams must be nominated and have paid the nomination fees by the date indicated by the Program and Sports Club Manager.

Failure to pay registration fee may result in team withdrawal or withholding of premiership points towards the ladder. Points are not redeemable. Any team that has not paid registration by the cut-off date set by the Program and Sport Club Manager will not proceed until the fee is paid.

Registration forms must be fully completed. It is the team captain's responsibility to take ownership of the teams financial responsibilities as well.

Teams that choose to discontinue after nominating must put it into writing to the Program and Sports Club Manager that they would like to withdraw from the competition.

The registration fee is 1 x game payment.

### 3. RENOMINATION

Vacancies in the competitions will be filled by the first priority.

Teams with outstanding fees cannot re-nominate until it is paid in full. A position will not be held for those teams that have outstanding money past the due date to re-nominate.

### 4. REGISTRATION

Each team must register all their players, names are to be written in full on the nomination form (no nick names). It is the captain's responsibility to keep their players list up to date.

A player is not permitted to register in more than one team per competition. Players are permitted to 'fill in' for other teams but only when it's necessary. However A Grade players cannot 'fill in' for B Grade teams. This is subject to the approval of the opposing team and/or the Program and Sports Club Manager. Any breach to this rule will result in an automatic forfeit to the offending team.

New players can be registered at anytime during the season provided they comply with By-Law requirements.



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## 5. FIXTURES

The Program and Sports Club Manager reserves the right to alter fixtures at any time. Teams affected will be notified.

## 6. TRANSFERS

A player may transfer from one team to another team only once during the season provided that:

- The player does not have any existing payments owing to the teams transferring from
- Transfers are presented to the Program and Sports Club Manager in writing before the night of the player playing for the new team.

## 7. ELIGIBILITY OF PLAYERS

A substitute player who is present and ready to play but does not actually participate in the match shall be considered a legal player.

Players who arrive late to the game can be added to the score sheet so that they can participate in the game.

The minimum age for players to play in our senior competitions is 16 years of age. Players that are younger than this may take the court on the condition that their parent/guardian is also playing in the same team and is physically on the court during this time. However, if a sports official deems it too unsafe for the under aged player to continue playing, the official has the right to ask the under aged player to leave the court.

All teams and players must conform to the restrictions outlined in the title of a competition based on gender.

Eligibility for finals is recorded from the score sheets throughout the season. Ensure all participating players are written on each score sheet for the entry to count as a game played.

## 8. TO PLAY

A team must have a minimum of 5 players for netball or 4 players for futsal, basketball and volleyball entered on the score sheet that are ready to take the court at the commencement of the game.

For mixed netball a maximum of 3 males can take to the court at anyone time. Teams must not play more than one male in their shooting circle (GA & GS) or their defending circle (GD & GK).

For mixed volleyball teams must comply with these gender rules; maximum of 4 males and a minimum of 1 female to take to the court.

If a prepared team has less than enough players then:

- **Basketball:**  
For every minute or part thereof that play is late commencing, the opposing team will be awarded one point until the 10 mins has expired.
- **Netball:**  
For every minute or part thereof that play is late commencing, the opposing team will be awarded 1 goal until the 10 mins has expired.
- **Futsal:**  
1 goal will be awarded to the opposing team for the first minute, then 1 goal every 3 mins that goes by.
- **Volleyball:**  
For every minute or part thereof that play is late commencing, the opposing team will be awarded 1



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point until the 10 mins has expired.

- If a team does not have enough players on the court and are not ready to play within 10 minutes of the scheduled starting time, they must forfeit the game and be required to pay a forfeit fine as detailed in the By Laws Section 19. See section 19.7 for the final score.
- A scratch match may be played if the teams involved so desire but no umpires/referees will be provided.

Participants must behave respectfully and courteously to the umpires, other officials, opponents, team mates and spectators. No foul language under any circumstance shall be displayed on the court. Players may be asked to leave the court if foul language continues. Players may be suspended due to this misconduct.

## 9. TEAM RESPONSIBILITIES

It is each team's responsibility to provide a scorer/check to ensure the accuracy of the score sheet. The electronic scoreboard is to be used as a guide only and the score sheet will be used as the official result. Team captains are to check the score sheet at the end of the game and sign that the result is accurate and check that all of their participating players are written on the score sheet.

The team will be held responsible for the conduct of its members and spectators. Further, teams are expected to conduct themselves in keeping with the ethos of participation, enjoyment and healthy competition. Spectators can be sent from the Centre. Due to this, the game can be called off and considered a forfeit.

No participants can wear jewelry, pins, hats or other dangerous items. Fingernails must be short and will be inspected by the umpire/referee. Jewelry and long finger nails cannot be taped. Sweatbands may be worn to cover religious armbands. Any player that refuses to comply will not be allowed to take the court.

Any player deemed under the influence of alcohol may be removed from the game if their behavior/actions are considered unsafe or unsportsmanlike.

Referee's/umpires will be organised by the Stadium for Mixed Volleyball and Mixed Netball. If you are nominating into the Futsal and Basketball competition your team will be required to supply a referee. A referee roster will be created at the start of each season and it will be your team's responsibility to ensure that no duties are missed. Failure to comply with this rule will result in a loss of 3 premiership points. Teams who fail to supply a referee 3 times will be removed from the Futsal or Basketball competition.

## 10. SPORTS OFFICIAL'S (UMPIRES/REFEREES)

Responsibility of the sport official prior to the match:

- Inspect the condition of playing area, ball and equipment.
- Collect payment receipts before the game.
- Ensure all players are wearing correct uniform, and shin pads if participating in Futsal.
- Check all players' nails and jewelry.
- If a player has any blood noticeable on themselves or their clothing, the game will be halted and the player replaced. If a team doesn't have a replacement, the game will halt for a maximum of 3 minutes while the blood is cleaned. The player may return once the injury has been cleaned and no blood is visible on the player or their clothing.
- Ensure score sheets are filled out in full.
- Apply and inform both teams about late points/goals and uniform penalties



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During the match:

- Sanction misconduct and delays.
- All faults and play.

The Sports official's decision is final. He/she shall not permit any discussion about his/her decision. However, at the request of the team captain, he/she will give an explanation on the application of interpretation of the rules he/she has based his/her decision on. The explanation can only occur at half time or full time.

Sport officials will:

- place the safety and welfare of players above all else
- show concern and caution towards sick and injured players
- give all players a 'fair go' regardless of their gender, ability, cultural background or religion
- be impartial, consistent, objective and courteous when making decisions
- accept responsibility for my actions and decisions.
- condemn unsporting behaviour and promote respect for the individuality of players
- be a positive role model in behaviour and personal appearance and ensure my comments are positive and supportive
- avoid any situations which may lead to or be constructed as a conflict of interest
- be a good sport as I understand the actions speak louder than words
- always respect, remain loyal to and support other officials
- keep up to date with the latest 'laws of the game' trends and principals of their application
- refrain from any form of personal abuse towards players or other officials
- refrain from any form of sexual harassment towards players or other officials
- not arrive at the venue intoxicated or drink alcohol at junior matches
- respect the rights, dignity and worth of all people involved in the game, regardless of their gender, ability or culture background

## 11. TEAM CAPTAIN

Game fees must be paid in full prior to the commencement of the match or the match will not proceed. By-Law 8 will then apply for any lost time.

Responsibilities of the team captain prior to the match are to:

- Complete the scoresheet with full names, and numbers if applicable.
- Hand receipt to sport official.
- Represent team in coin toss.

During the match:

- To ask for an explanation of rule of interpretation (at half time or after match)
- To ask authorisation to change uniforms and/or equipment.

After the match:

- Thank sports officials.
- To check the final score of the game, as reflected on the score sheet.

## 12. TEAM UNIFORMS

All players in each team are required to present themselves in conforming uniforms. If a team doesn't have a uniform they can choose a team colour and all wear the same colour t-shirt. Bottoms may include shorts, skirts or track pants these don't need to be the same colour as the team shirt. In addition, no low-cut or revealing tops are permitted.

Shin pads are a compulsory safety requirement whilst participating in Futsal. No shin pads = no game.



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All players shall be required to be identified by a number on their uniform for basketball and soccer. Numbers must be neat and tidy.

Any new teams will be given two (2) weeks to comply with conforming uniforms. Discretion of the Program and Sports Club Manager will apply.

If two teams play each other that have chosen the same team colour then the 'home' team will stay wearing the selected colour and the 'away' team will be required to wear bibs.

### 13. ILLEGAL PLAYERS

The penalty for playing illegal players is automatic forfeiture of the match.

Illegal players will be defined as follows:

- Players under suspension
- Players participating under an assumed name
- Non observance of transfer regulations
- Non observance of qualification criteria
- A Grade players filling in for B Grade teams.

### 14. TIMING

Games will be played on a time limit of:

- Basketball: 2 x 20 minute halves with a 2 minute half time
- Netball: 4 x 10 minute quarters with a 2 minute half time and a 1 minute break at quarter time and three quarter time)
- Futsal: 2 x 20 minute halves with a 2 minute half time
- Volleyball: 45 minutes of game time (3 sets, first team to 25 points)

The clock will start at the stated time (in accordance to center clocks) whether teams are ready or not.

### 15. PREMIERSHIP POINTS

Premiership points are as such:

WIN	DRAW	LOSS	FORFEIT	BYE
3 points	2 points	1 point	-1 points	1 point

Position on the ladder is determined by, premiership points and then percentage.

Any teams that enter late into the competition will get points equal to the team that's on the bottom of the ladder at the time of entry.

### 16. SUBSTITUTES

Each team shall be permitted a maximum of five (5) substitute players. Subject to opposing team.

In Futsal, a substitute can only enter the field of play once the player being replaced has left the field. Non-compliance will result in an indirect free kick to the non offending team from the sideline.

### 17. ABANDONED GAMES

The final outcome of abandoned games will be decided upon by, the umpire/referee or the Program and Sports Club Manager.

If a game is abandoned due to lack of team cooperation, misconduct, or any other incidents at the sports officials' discretion, the game will be ended and called as a forfeit by the offending team. A win will be awarded to the opposition team.

The team captain will be given one minute to sort out any team/ spectator/ player issues. After the one minute has lapsed, the game will be ended and called as a forfeit by the offending team. A win will be awarded to the opposition team.

If a team 'chooses' to discontinue play although the game can continue after injury, then the game will be called as a forfeit by this team. A win will be awarded to the opposition team.

If the match is abandoned due to circumstances outside of the Program and Sports Club Manager's control (roof leaks, blackouts, etc.) the following results will take place:

- match will result in a draw
- **OR** match will be re-scheduled if possible

## 18. FINALS

To participate in finals a player must be registered and have participated in 3 of the regular season games throughout that season.

Major finals will be played as a knockout between 1st through to 4th.

In the event of a draw in any final match there will be a one minute break and then the match will go into overtime:

- Basketball: 5 minutes each way, with no rest in between. No timeouts can be taken in over time.
- Netball: 5 minutes each way with no rest in between
- Futsal: 5 minutes each way with no rest in between

The foul count for each team going into extra time will depend on how many fouls they have against them in each half. The fouls from the first half and second half are combined, then subtracted 10. The score will be how many fouls (maximum of 5) that they have for the extra time period. For example: A team has 2 fouls in 1<sup>st</sup> half, 5 fouls in the second half.  $5+2=7$ ,  $10-7=3$ . They are allowed 3 fouls in the extra time period before a penalty shot is awarded to the opposition.

If a draw still occurs after this extra time:

- Basketball: will play an extra 5 mins or until a team leads by 4 points - which ever happens first
- Netball: an extra 5 mins or if a team leads by 2, which ever happens first.
- Futsal: teams will go to a penalty shoot out.

In Basketball and Futsal a 1 minute time out per half per team is permitted. Teams must wait until they have possession of the ball to call a time out, and no time outs are permitted in the last three minutes of either half.

In occurrence of an injury during Grand Final games the clock will stop to the sports officials' discretion.



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## 19. FORFEITS

Forfeits must be phoned in to front reception (9140 0400).

Forfeit fines will be applied according to the following schedule:

- 24 hours or more notice will incur a fine of 1 x game fee.
- Less than 24 hours and/or a no show will be charged as 2 x game fee.
- Fines must be paid within 10 days of the forfeit date.

Failure to pay the forfeit could result in the offending team removed from the fixtures until such time as the forfeit is paid or at the discretion of the Program and Sports Club Manager.

Should the fine be unpaid within the 10 day period, the team can be withdrawn from the competition.

In the event of a forfeit the non offending team shall receive a credit if the game fee has been paid.

Any team forfeiting three times in any one season may be withdrawn without notice at the discretion of the Program and Sports Club Manager. Fines will still be billed to the Team Captain.

The score for a forfeited game will be:

- Basketball: 20 to nil.
- Netball: 20 to nil.
- Futsal: 5 to nil.
- Volleyball: 3 sets to nil.

## 20. PLAYER/TEAM REPORTS

Any player/team can be removed from the center at the discretion of senior staff.

Players and spectators shall be subject to report by the umpires/referee or by any Senior Staff Member for any form of misconduct relating to the Program and Sports Club Manager's tribunal guidelines.

Reported players and spectators will be advised of the date of the incident report arose from.

The Program and Sports Club Manager reserves the right to suspend or expel players or teams from the competition.

If a player is put on report, the Program and Sports Club Manager will notify the team captain in due course. The player then has 24 hours to lodge a written response. After the 24 hour period, no further correspondence will be entered into, until a decision has been made. Once the Program and Sports Club Manager has made a decision, the team captain will be notified.

Any player put on suspension is on automatic probation for an indefinite period of time.

Any player/team that has 3 'strikes' against their name due to player reports will see themselves banned from Wanangkura Sports Competitions indefinitely.

## 21. PLAYER RESPONSIBILITIES

A player will:

- always play by the rules
- never argue with an official. If I disagree with a decision I will inform the captain, coach or manager



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during a break or after the competition

- control my temper. I understand that verbal abuse of officials and sledging other players deliberately distracting or provoking an opponent are not acceptable or permitted behaviours in any sport
- work equally hard for myself and/or my team
- be a good sport and applaud all good players whether they are made by my team or the opposition
- treat all players in my sport as I like to be treated. I will not bully or take unfair advantage of another competitor
- cooperate with my coach, team mates and opponents
- display modesty in victory and graciousness in defeat
- participate for my own enjoyment and benefit, not just to please parents and coaches
- not arrive at the venue intoxicated or drink alcohol at junior matches
- respect the rights, dignity and worth all participants regardless of their gender, ability, culture background or religion
- thank the opposition and officials at the end of the match
- comply with anti-doping policies

## 22. PLAYER SUSPENSION

If necessary, a player may be disqualified by a sports official without warning, at any time during the course of a game. See section 20 for more details.

If a player is disqualified from a scheduled game more than three (3) times throughout the season, they will be suspended as per Section 20.

For a player to see out a suspension, the team/s that they are registered to play for must be an 'active' team in our competition(s). A team is deemed to be active if they are a scheduled and registered team in the competition.

## 23. TECHNICAL FOULS/ RED CARDS/ YELLOW CARDS

In Futsal if a player is awarded a yellow card for any offensive play the sports official may decide to send the offending player off the field for a 3 minute cooling off period. This player may be replaced for this time. The player may not return to the field until the sports official signals the player to do so. The sports official may decide not to send the offending player off the court but can still issue them with a yellow card as a warning for their offensive play.

In Futsal a player awarded a red card must exit the game immediately and for the entirety of the game (point 20.1 may apply). This person may only be replaced after 5 minutes. This person will automatically receive a minimum one-week suspension.

## 24. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Sport information specific to the Wanangkura Stadium:

### Futsal:

- Will be played on the white lines (netball lines).
- During kick off the opposing team waits behind the white line.
- Teams are only allowed to slide whilst attempting to keep the ball in play or to intercept the ball.
- Under no circumstances can players slide tackle. If a player slides and makes any contact with an opposing player penalties will apply.



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Kick in (to be taken in place of a throw in)

- The ball is placed on the line when kicked.
- If the ball rolls after it has been placed stationary and in position, the kick may be taken.
- The kicker's foot not kicking the ball must be outside or at least on the touchline, if it crosses the touchline, into the pitch, the kick-in is given to the opposing team.
- The kick-in must be taken within 4 seconds; if it is not, the kick-in is given to the opposing team.
- Players on opposing team must be at least 5 m away from point of kick-in.
- You cannot score directly from a kick-in.
- Teams must notify the referee when they are changing their goalkeeper.
- Teams are only allowed to slide whilst attempting to keep the ball in play or intercepting the ball. Under no circumstances can players slide tackle. If a player slides and makes any contact with an opposing player penalties will apply.

To view a complete list of the rules for any of our Sports Competitions please refer back to the interpretation at the beginning of the By-Laws and then view them online. We have a set of rules for each of our competitions on file at the Stadium so please see reception staff if you would like to view these.

Registration of a team indicates that all registered players have read and understand the Wanangkura Stadium Sports Competitions By-Laws. Repeated failure to comply with these By-Laws may result in future exclusion from sports competitions.



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