



**TERMS & CONDITIONS OF PLAY AT
MILDURA SPORTING PRECINCT**

1. Purpose of this Document

- a. The aim of this Terms and Conditions document, is to provide players with a clear and concise framework under which Rec Netball is conducted at Mildura Sporting Precinct.
- b. Further information can be obtained from the Programs Officer, Jess Hawthorne, Ph. 03 5055 5122, Email: programs@mildurasportingprecinct.com.au, Mildura Sporting Precinct, 684 Deakin Ave, Mildura, VIC 3500

2. About Rec Netball

- a. Rec Netball games will be played at Mildura Sporting Precinct in short series of six or eight weeks. The aim of Rec Netball is to provide participants of all abilities, the opportunity to play socially amongst friends, under no gender rule restrictions.
- b. Games will be played weekly on a regular day as detailed in the registration process for each advertised series.
- c. Each series will begin with a Basic Skills and Practice week, where participants get to re-visit the rules, practice skills as well as get to know their team members.
- d. There are no finals or prizes at the end of a series.
- e. Umpire/s for each game will be supplied by Mildura Sporting Precinct.
- f. All players, including Team Contacts, must conduct a Player Registration Form each series to be registered to a team.
- g. Any players who are not registered will not be permitted to play.

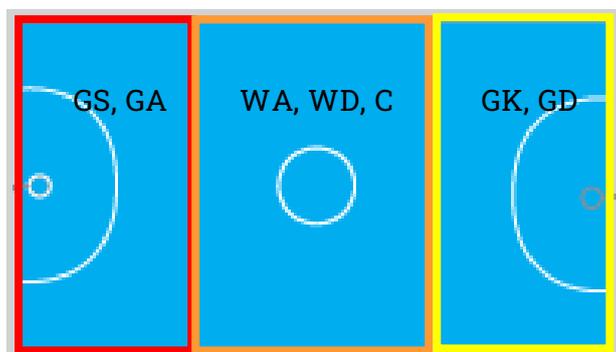
3. Venue Information

- a. Rec Netball is played at the Mildura Sporting Precinct. Entry to car park is located via Deakin Ave.
- b. Parking is available at the venue for players and spectators.
- c. You may be photographed or filmed by Mildura Rural City Council's official cameraman for publications and publicity while playing in our social sporting competitions. Your Privacy is important to us, so please see a staff member if you do not wish to be filmed or photographed.

4. Game Conditions

- a. Games will be played and umpired under the official International Netball Federation (INF) "Rules of Netball" 2020 Edition and alterations set by Mildura Sporting Precinct.
- b. Any alterations to the official Rules of Netball and applied to Rec Netball are specified in this document.
- c. Games will run as follows: 4 Quarters of 8 Minutes – Quarter Time (QT) Breaks of 2 minutes - Interval between games 5 minutes.
- d. Substitutions are permitted at each quarter time break.
- e. There are no restrictions on number of female or male players registered per team.

- f. During play, the number of players identifying as male on the court in one team, should not exceed three. No more than one player identifying as male is permitted to play in each third for each team. Applies as below.



- g. There are no restrictions on positions permitted by either male or female players.
- h. Mildura Sporting Precinct have the right to change and update any ruling within this document to ensure the best possible experience for its patrons.
- i. Any changes to these conditions will be communicated to umpires and players in a timely manner prior to implementation.
- j. The minimum playing age is 14 years with players turning 14 years of age in the calendar year of the Series being eligible to play.
- k. Players can play on multiple days (where applicable) so long as they are registered separately for each team and meet age requirements.
- l. Players can fill in for other Rec Netball teams for games held on the same day
- m. Mildura Sporting Precinct will make efforts to assist individual players to be placed together to create a team.
- n. Game times will be released in accordance with the series fixture. This fixture will be emailed to the Team Contact, but otherwise posted on the Mildura Sporting Precinct website.
- o. For outdoor games, rest times will be increased between quarters when the temperature is forecast at the 4pm forecast, by Bureau of Meteorology, to be between 34-36 degrees.
- p. For outdoor games, games will be cancelled, at no cost to teams, when the temperature is forecast at the 4pm forecast, by Bureau of Meteorology, to be 36 degrees or above.

5. Teams

- a. Teams must submit a "Team Name". Those proposing a name that has already been taken, or that is deemed offensive will be asked to select an alternative.
- b. Teams must have one designated Team Contact for the season.
- c. Team Contact must be 18yrs or over.
- d. The Team Captain is the Primary Contact for all on and off-court matters for their team.
- e. Teams can register as many players as they wish, provided all players pay their individual fees.
- f. The Programs Officer will direct all important communication to the Team Contact and/or players via email and/or phone.
- g. The Team Contact responsibilities also include: ensuring all players are informed of game times and/or game changes, to ensure that team members are fully aware of the Rules of

Netball being used, as well as the information written in this document and ensuring that only players who have paid their series fee are permitted to play.

- h. Late team registrations will only be accepted at the discretion of Mildura Sporting Precinct.

6. What to wear

- a. Sports shirts/tops in the selected team colour and sports shorts/skirts/tights.
- b. Suitable indoor sports footwear is required.
- c. No items of jewellery, except a medical alert bracelet or wedding band, may be worn and must be taped to prevent the risk of injury to the wearer or any other person on the court.
- d. Fingernails will be short and smooth to the umpires' satisfaction.

7. Fees

- a. Fees for Rec Sports are informed by the Mildura Rural City Council's Fees and Charges Policy – CP046.
- b. Participation fees in Mildura Sporting Precinct Rec Sports are scheduled at \$10.00 per player, inclusive of GST. The total amount payable to submit a team each week is the total number of players, multiplied by ten. It is recommended that Team Contact obtains game fees from individual players prior to paying this amount at reception by EFTPOS.
- c. Any additional players above the minimum number (substitutions) will be required to pay \$10 on game day.
- d. Teams must pay their team deposit (\$70) before the specified due date to be included in the game draw.
- e. There will be no refunded fees for team's that forfeit. The team deposit will be used as payment to cover payment of booked umpires/staff. The deposit must be reinstated for the team to play in the next week of games.
- f. A team that is scheduled to play an opposing team, who then forfeits, will be refunded any game fees that have been paid for that week.

8. Late Starts/Forfeits

- a. To accommodate all the fixtures, umpires are instructed to start games on time. If a team is any more than ten minutes late to start, the umpire at his/her absolute discretion may award the team ready to play a win and determine the team unable to start on time has forfeited. No refunds will be provided to the team unable to start on time.
- b. Under some circumstances a game that has started late may be able to finish later at the discretion of umpires, ensuring that the fixture schedule can be adhered to.
- c. For a game to commence, a minimum of five (5) players are required. If a team needs to forfeit their game, they must contact Mildura Sporting Precinct prior to game day.

9. Withdrawals

- a. Any team who withdraws from the Series after taking the court in the first week, are liable to pay the full balance of their remaining competition fees, or if they have already paid in full, they will not receive any refund for series fees.

- b. No refunds to players can be made if a player decides to leave the series or to miss games in a series. It is up to the Team Contact as to how payments are transferred amongst regular players and fill in players.

10. Umpires

- a. Mildura Sporting Precinct umpires and staff do the utmost to provide a friendly and social sporting environment. Many of our umpires are young members of the public who are umpiring as a casual job.
- b. The umpires have a zero tolerance approach to any abusive, demeaning or demonstrative behaviour that is exhibited towards an umpire.
- c. Behaviour that, in the reasonable mind of Mildura Sporting Precinct staff, is any of the above, will result in a forfeit and possible suspension of a team and/or individual players with no refund to be provided.

11. Behaviour Policy

- a. Inappropriate behaviour, disrespect and foul language will not be tolerated.
- b. This behaviour and any other behaviour deemed to not be in the good spirit of the game will result in players being sent from the court at the discretion of the Umpire. Spectators may also be removed.
- c. Players who are sent off from the game will receive an automatic one-week suspension.
- d. Further disciplinary action may be applied at the discretion of the Mildura Sporting Precinct Management.
- e. Players or spectators who are repeatedly reported for foul language or aggressive behaviour will be removed from the competition at the Mildura Sporting Precinct's discretion.

12. Submitting Constructive Feedback

- a. A player or umpire may submit feedback about a game, player or incident by collecting a Mildura Sporting Precinct Feedback Form from Reception.
- b. Mildura Sporting Precinct aim to provide a simple, confidential, and trustworthy procedure for resolving conflict, based on the principles of procedural fairness. It is helpful if feedback includes a team name, opposition team name, time, nature and details of any incident, and the names of people involved.

13. Medical Emergencies

- a. Certain Mildura Sporting Precinct staff may able to provide basic first aid in the case of an injury, should I ask for assistance. The Council, Mildura Sporting Precinct, their officers and game officials will not be liable in relation to any first aid assistance provided by them, except to the extent they have been grossly negligent or not acted in good faith.
- b. Where first aid assistance is administered, the person receiving the assistance agrees to release the Council, Mildura Sporting Precinct, its officers, and program officials from all liability, except to the extent that they have been grossly negligent or not acted in good faith.

- c. Players will not take the court with bleeding wounds or wounds that are not adequately covered.
- d. If I am unable to give consent in a medical emergency, I consent to Mildura Sporting Precinct staff releasing me into the care of a medical practitioner, ambulance service representative, hospital or other medical personnel as deemed necessary.
- e. I understand that injuries which have occurred during a program, should be reported to Mildura Sporting Precinct Staff for the filing of an incident report. The subsequent filing of an incident report becomes the Mildura Sporting Precinct record of the injury, which forms part of any injury claim should the need arise.

14. Liability and Indemnity

- a. I understand that the nature of structured physical activity means that there are inherent risks of injury.
- b. I acknowledge that participants choose to engage in programming at Mildura Sporting Precinct at their own risk. Participants need to make their own separate insurance arrangements against the event that they injure themselves during a program and should consider taking out personal cover both medical and paramedical (AMBULANCE), as well as cover for their own financial position if injury would render them unable to work for an extended period.
- c. I indemnify Mildura Rural City Council, Mildura Sporting Precinct, its officers and program officials, against any costs, expenses or liability incurred as a result of any damage or injury caused by myself to:
 - i. property at the Venues
 - ii. any other participant and staff at the Program.
- d. Mildura Rural City Council, Mildura Sporting Precinct, its officers, and program officials do not accept any liability for any personal injury, property damage or loss sustained by a participant or spectator during the Program.

By selecting “Yes” I acknowledge that I agree to the Terms and Conditions of Play at Mildura Sporting Precinct as well as the information provided in 13. Medical Emergencies and 14. Liability and Indemnity.