

Centre Policy

People play at our centre to get together with their friends, family and workmates, to burn off some stress from the working week, to help maintain a healthy and active lifestyle, and above all else, to enjoy playing their chosen sport in a well-run graded competition.

We understand this only too well, and have structured our administration and operational systems around these simple reasons. These systems have been developed and proven and are in place to ensure that all teams are treated fairly and equally.

We realise that one of the keys to making sure that you enjoy your time with us is to make sure that you know how our competitions are run, what you can expect from the Centre, and also what the Centre expects from you.

For this purpose we have detailed the major features of our seasonal competitions below and we can't stress strongly enough just how important it is for all teams to read through this information to ensure that they gain the greatest possible enjoyment from playing at our Centre and you'll be able to hit the ground running from game one.

We hope you enjoy your time with us.

After we have received your team registration form, and if timing permits, we will arrange grading games for your team so we can get a better idea of your team's ability.

We will then place your team into the grade we feel will be best suited to these abilities and then create a competition draw for the games to be played by your team. Due to the competition format of the initial grade that we place you in this may sometimes only be a partial schedule.

Your team's draw will also be available for you to check online from our website if you wish. To check your draw on-line, simply go to our website, click the "Fixtures/Standings" button find your league from the list and click 'Fixtures'.

If your team organiser has given us their email address, they will also receive an automatically generated email reminder before each of your scheduled games. The organiser can also elect to have the members of their teams emailed about their upcoming fixtures and these members can even confirm their availability for each game.

During the season, the results from each of your games and the championship ladder for your grade can also be viewed on our website by following the same instructions detailed above except click 'Standings' instead of Fixtures.

All teams that change grades during a season will be allocated points in their new grade. These points will be calculated by management at their discretion.

At the conclusion of all competition round games a Finals Series will be played. Many different formats can be applied to this series of games to ensure a closely fought end of season. The winners, runners up and MVP for the final in each grade will be presented with prizes.

Team Match Fees

All of our competitions are run on a pay as you play basis, with all teams simply having to pay a team match fee prior to the start of each game. This system makes it easier for teams to play our sports as there are no big up-front fees needing to be paid. This fee is a team fee and must be paid in full regardless of the number of players a team may have playing in any particular match.

TIP—Collect a bit extra from your players each week to build a kitty for any future unexpected shortages. Team organisers can either hang on to this surplus or we can load a credit for this amount against your team each week. The team organiser can view the financial status of the team at any time. Please note that we are more than happy for players to withdraw cash through EFTPOS each week so that they can give it to their team organiser.

Team Captain/Organiser Responsibilities

Collect and pay the game fee 10 minutes prior to your scheduled start time.

Ensure all players for the scheduled game are loaded into the sign-in computer and ticked as playing.

Take responsibility for all outstanding game fees.

Ensure all bibs are returned to the counter.

Team Administration

On the sign-in computer the team organiser will tick the names of their players for the scheduled fixture. Any player not currently registered will need to do this by adding their name to the team they are going to play in and also providing a phone number and email address. While we realise that some people do object to giving out this information we do ask that it is provided.

We need as many contact points for your team as possible so that we can get a hold of your team when the need arises. We also need to be able to verify the identity of each of your players for finals qualification and for ACC purposes in case you sustain an injury while playing at our centre. By providing both your name and email/mobile numbers we can definitively confirm that it was you that played as there are instances where 2 people have the same name but not where two people have the same contact details.

We also wish to maintain an accurate player database so we can keep everyone informed of upcoming events, competitions, future fixtures etc.

The personal information we collect will only be used by IndoorSports.co.nz and will not be provided to any other entity for any other purpose unless we are required to do so by law.

Defaulted or Cancellation of Games

To maintain the integrity of our competitions, all teams are expected to play all of the games scheduled for their team, irrespective of the playing time. We do however understand that this may not sometimes be possible, and any team finding themselves in this situation must give the Centre as much notice as possible. We can often assist with providing teams 'ring-ins' to cater for missing players. It is unacceptable to default games at will as this is unfair on both your opposition and the grade.

Default and Cancellation Fees

If a team cancels or defaults any scheduled game the following will apply:

- 1) Default of any game where more than 48 hours notice is given may result in the game being rescheduled but not necessarily against the same opposition.
- 2) Default of any game within 48 hours of it being due to be played will incur a default fee equivalent to the match fee the team would have paid for the game and points will be deducted.
- 3) Any team whose opposition defaults must still play in their scheduled time slot against a team organised by management. Normal game fees apply and they will be awarded 4 points for a win regardless of the result. Bonus points are calculated as normal.

Withdrawal of Teams

The integrity of any competition is affected when scheduled matches are not played as the championship ladder does not provide a true reflection of the teams playing within that grade. For this reason, Centre Management reserves the absolute right to remove any team from the competition who defaults any scheduled match or brings the competition into disrepute. Any team wishing to withdraw from a league during the season must provide a minimum of 2 week's notice and acknowledge that all outstanding match fees must be paid in full before ANY withdrawal.

Team Uniforms/Apparel

All players must wear clothing and footwear that is suitable for playing sport in. Players must wear footwear and the soles must be of an appropriate and non-marking type.

No jewellery is allowed to be worn on the court as this could cause injury to yourself or another player.

All caps worn during games are to be on backwards so the peak of the cap can't come into contact with any other players.

Hooded tops are permitted but the hood must not be worn while you are playing.

For further rules on clothing please see the below section on 'Match Rules'.

POINTS SCORING SYSTEM

The following points scoring system is used for all of our seasonal league sports;

Win 4 Points

Draw 2 Points

Loss 0 Points

Default Win 4 Points

Default Loss -8 Points

In addition to the above match points, the following bonus points are also available;

Cricket

The team that scores the most runs in each partnership is awarded one (1) bonus point

Where the runs scored by each team in any given partnership is drawn, the bonus point for that partnership will be awarded to the team scoring the most runs in the next partnership.

Where the runs scored in the last partnership are drawn, the bonus point for that partnership will be awarded to the team that was awarded the previous bonus point.

Netball

Teams are awarded 1 bonus point for every 10 goals scored. These bonus points are awarded to both teams regardless of which team wins or loses.

All Sports

Uniform 1 point bonus. Teams are encouraged to wear matching uniforms. If all players taking the court in a game have matching tops the team will receive one bonus point.

Ladder Position

When determining the finishing order of teams at the end of all round games, the positions will firstly be determined by points, secondly by the number of wins and thirdly by goal/run difference. For these purposes, a draw is considered half a win.

Finals Qualification

To keep our competitions fair and to ensure that the finals for all grades are a true reflection of the season, we have player qualification rules.

To be eligible to play for a team in any game during the finals series, a player must have been registered as a member of that team and taken the court in at least one third of all competition round games played by that team leading up to the finals .

To enable the correct qualification of players the sign-in system will permanently record who has been noted down as playing in each game of the league and we can use this in the event of any dispute regarding player qualification for a final.

If teams follow this procedure for each game, there are no nasty surprises when it comes to semi-finals and finals and we strongly advise all teams to make sure that they qualify enough players to make allowances for unforeseen situations.

In the event that a team is short of a player during the final series management may at its sole discretion approve a player to play for a team.

Match Rules

As with all sports, there are a whole stack of rules relating to how the each game is played, and without these rules there would be chaos on our courts.

A copy of the detailed rules for each of our sports are available to all teams and while it isn't essential that you swot up and know the rules inside and out (that's what your Umpire is for), it is helpful to have a quick read through them to get a better understanding of how to play the game. To download the rules for any specific sport please go to our website and click on the button 'Sports/Leagues', select your sport from the dropdown. You will find a link to the rules at the bottom of the page.

Spirit of the game/respect

We ask that all teams respect patrons, staff, players and our facilities at all times. All games are to be played in good spirit and with a measure of self-control.

For this reason the "SPIRIT OF THE GAME" is our guiding policy and will be taken into account by all Centre personnel when a decision needs to be made.

Offensive behaviour, dangerous play, damaging equipment or the facility, a lack of respect for the safety of others or the failure to adhere to competition rules or guidelines are just some of the examples of what we consider detrimental to the "SPIRIT OF THE GAME". Centre Management reserves the right to remove from its premises, for any duration as it sees fit, any player or team that does not keep within the "SPIRIT OF THE GAME".

Treatment of Match Officials

Match officials are needed to officiate each sport which in turn allows players at our centre the opportunity to play their sport or sports of choice. It is important that if you are unhappy about the level of officiating, you follow a manner of feedback that is respectful and courteous. Such feedback includes the team captain discussing certain decisions during an appropriate break in play. You can feel free to approach management if you would like to discuss the issues in more depth and we will endeavour to ensure such issues are dealt with. At no point can any personal attacks on officials be justified and such attacks may lead to immediate expulsion or other discretionary penalties which are provided for in the rules of your sport.

Any disputes should be handled between the captain and the official, and officials will do their best to ensure any issues are dealt with in a non-confrontational manner. Officials will look to diffuse any situation with as little impact on the game as possible, but if the behaviour persists, they have the discretionary right to penalise players according the penalty system which is detailed in the rules for the sport. E.g. deduct runs or goals, temporary or permanent removal of offending players.

If you have any concerns please do not hesitate to contact us.

Our commitment to you

All of the staff and umpires are committed to maintaining and improving both the sport and service to our customers.

If there is anything we can do to make your sporting experience in our centre more enjoyable or you require any help or assistance please feel free to let us know. You can contact us by phone, text or email and all of these details can be found on our website by clicking on the 'About/Contact' button.

Thanks for taking the time to read and understand our centre policy document.