

Stadium Competitions

TERMS & CONDITIONS

This document is to be read in conjunction with the Seasonal Competition Information & Code of Conduct PDF. Anything contained within this document is current and must be adhered to at all times whilst competing, participation or spectating any of the Competitions that are governed by Cook + Phillip Aquatic & Fitness Centre.

1. Governance

- 1.1 The seasonal competitions are run and organised by Cook + Phillip Park Aquatic & Fitness Centre.
- 1.2 Cook + Phillip Park Aquatic & Fitness Centre reserves the right to:
 - (a) refuse the admission of a team and/or a player into the Competition.
 - (b) to cancel the registration of a player and/or a team in the Competition.
 - (c) suspend or disqualify a team from the Competition.
 - (d) suspend or disqualify a player from the Competition.

Rules

- 1.3 Rules are in accordance with the Official Rule Book of each Sport and Cook + Phillip Park Aquatic & Fitness Centre Social Sport Rules & Terms & Conditions (Specific competition rules are circulated to the Team Manager upon request as well as available court side on Match day).

Officiators (Referees/Umpires)

- 1.4 All officiator's decisions are final and cannot be changed. Protesting an officiator's decision will not be tolerated.
- 1.5 If there is no official referee at a game then:
 - (a) both teams must agree on a substitute referee for the entire match; or each team must provide a substitute referee for half the game.
 - (b) A substitute referee has the same status as an official referee.

2. Registration, Fees & Signing-On

- 2.1 Each team wanting to play in the competition must fill in a team registration form or request to register via <https://sportfix.net/cookandphillipark>.
- 2.2 Forms/online fields must be completely filled out – any fields left blank, filled incorrectly or containing misleading information will result in a void registration.
- 2.3 Each player wanting to register must print & sign their name on their team's Sign-On Sheet prior to their first game. By signing a player agrees to abide by the laws and the guidelines of the competition and accepts the inherent risks of injury and/or death that come with participation in the competition.
- 2.4 Season Fee Invoices will be sent to team captains, or a nominated preferred account holder, via email after a completed registration form has been received – failure to pay the season's fees within seven (7) days may result in a void registration.
- 2.5 Season Fees will be the sole responsibility of the team captain and unpaid fees will result in the commencement of legal proceedings to recover the money owed to Belgravia Leisure upon registering for the competition and receiving formally mentioned invoice.
- 2.6 At the discretion of the Stadium Coordinator, and only after this has been communicated and approved by the Stadium Coordinator, a team may deregister from the competition.
- 2.7 Player Age Restrictions:
 - (a) No player will be accepted into the competition that is under 16 years of age at the start of round 1 for the respective competition.
 - (b) For players under the age of 18; a liability and indemnity waiver needs to be signed by a parent/guardian (provided by the Stadium Coordinator).
 - (c) For players under the age of 18; a parent/guardian needs to be present at every match for them to be eligible to play.

3. Competition Structure

3.1 Safety

- (a) Dangerous and reckless play will not be tolerated.
- (b) Any action that is deemed dangerous, aggressive and/or intimidating will not be tolerated and may result in players/teams being withdrawn from the current competition and banned from future competitions.
- (c) If officiators believe you are impaired by drugs or alcohol you will be asked to leave the centre immediately.
- (d) Players must adhere to the uniform, jewellery & finger nail policies specified in the Season's Information Pack.

3.2 Team Make Up

(a) Basketball

- i. Maximum 5 players on court | Minimum 3 players on court.
- ii. Mixed Teams have a maximum of 3 males | Minimum 1 female | Minimum 1 male.
- iii. Teams that cannot field a correct team will be deemed to have forfeited the match.
- iv. Men cannot block females. They can only defend with their arms up and without jumping.

(b) Futsal

- i. Maximum 5 players on court | Minimum 3 players on court.
- ii. Mixed Teams have a maximum of 3 males | Minimum 1 male | Minimum 1 female.
- iii. One player must be nominated as the Goal Keeper & be easily distinguishable.
- iv. Teams that cannot field a correct team will be deemed to have forfeited the match.

(c) Netball

- i. Maximum 7 players on court | Minimum 5 players on court.
- ii. Maximum 3 males (maximum 1 male in each goal circle ie 1 offence, 1 defence) | No maximum no. of females/minimum no. of males
- iii. Teams must have someone playing in the Centre position.
- iv. Teams that cannot field a correct team will be deemed to have forfeited the match.

(d) Volleyball

- i. Maximum 6 players on court | Minimum 4 players on court.
- ii. Maximum 4 males | Minimum 1 female | Minimum 1 male.
- iii. Teams that cannot field a correct team will be deemed to have forfeited the match.

3.3 Season Structure/Time frame

- (a) Competitions are typically between 8 & 10 rounds + 2 rounds of finals for the top 4 teams. Where possibly, friendly games will be fixtured for teams outside of the top 4 in the 2 weeks of finals.
- (b) No discount will apply to seasons that are less than 10 rounds in length as the fee is set.
- (c) When all registrations have been received, a competition that has 12 or more teams will be divided into two divisions. The Stadium Coordinator will allocate teams based on the team's preference and previous performances.
- (d) There is no strict relegation and promotion procedure between divisions but it may be used as to benefit the competition.
- (e) Competitions that have less than 12 teams will have divisions if appropriate.
- (f) Length of season are subject to vary to accommodate events/other bookings/public holidays/maintenance. As such, there is no set length of season.

3.4 Game Times/Fixtures

- (a) Fixtures will be published on the website and on SportFix.net. Please note that game times may change throughout the season due to special events.
 - i. Lunch time competitions earliest timeslot starts 11.00am | latest timeslot ends 3.00pm.
 - ii. Evening competitions earliest timeslot starts 6.00pm | latest timeslot ends 10.30pm.

3.5 Timing of Matches

(a) Lunch Time Competitions

- i. Futsal: 2 x 13 minute halves.
- ii. Basketball: 2 x 13 minute halves.
- iii. Netball: 2 x 13 minute halves.
- iv. Volleyball: Best of 3 sets | First 2 sets to 21 | Second set to 21 or 15 depending on time available | Third set dependant on time available, winning team must score at least 5 points | All sets need to be won by a minimum of 2 points.

(3.5 Timing of Matches continued)

- (b) Evening Competitions
 - i. Futsal: 2 x 13 minute halves.
 - ii. Basketball: 2 x 18 minute halves.
- (c) Games may start up to 10 minutes late.
- (d) Games must finish on time.
- (e) There is a 1 minute break for half time (Basketball, Futsal, Netball)
- (f) No time will be added on for injuries etc.

3.6 Clock Stoppages

- (a) Basketball
 - i. There is no shot clock applied – However, an excessive delay of game will not be tolerated.
 - ii. There are not clock stoppages or time-outs in lunchtime competitions.
 - iii. The clock stops if the points differential is 7 points or less within the last minute for evening competitions (8+ points the clock will not be stopped).
 - iv. 1 time-out per half, per team, is allowable in evening competitions.
- (b) Futsal & Netball
 - i. No stoppages during regular play.
- (c) Volleyball
 - i. Time-outs are allowed however the clock will not be stopped.

3.7 Substitutions

- (a) Basketball: On any whistle.
- (b) Futsal: At any time within 3 metres of the yellow line closest to the team's home goal.
- (c) Netball: At half time or during time called for injury/illness/blood.
- (d) Volleyball: During rotations.

3.8 Commencement of games

- (a) Play can commence when all players on the court have signed-on and nominated their playing number (where applicable).
- (b) Play can commence when each team has the minimum required players outlined in section 3.2 of this document.
- (c) Penalties apply for teams that are not ready at their designated start time, and are incurred as follows:
 - i. Basketball: A late team will grant 2 points to the opposition for every minute they are late.
 - ii. Futsal: A late team will grant 1 point to the opposition for every 2 minutes they are late.
 - iii. Netball: A late team will grant 1 point to the opposition for every minute they are late.
 - iv. Volleyball: A late team will grant 1 point to the opposition for every minute they are late.

3.9 Forfeiture

- (a) Teams are encouraged to take the field with a full complement of players, however a team will forfeit the match if they have less than the minimum required for each sport by 10 minutes past their scheduled start time.
- (b) Teams must notify reception before 10:30am, for lunchtime competitions, and 4.30pm for evening competitions, the day of the match if they are to forfeit the match. Not doing so will result in minus 3 competition points. It is preferred that any available players turn up and play a friendly match with the opposition.
- (c) Teams who forfeit more than twice during the season will be penalised 3 points for their 3rd forfeit and every forfeited week thereafter.
- (d) Teams who forfeit more than twice during the season risk eligibility to register for subsequent seasons.
- (e) Should a team have less than the minimum players present, they may still borrow players from another team, however, this match will be deemed a forfeit and the appropriate result awarded.
- (f) Any team playing an unregistered or disqualified player will be deemed to have forfeited the match and the appropriate result awarded.

3.10 Borrowing Players/Using Fill-Ins

- (a) Teams are allowed to borrow players as long as:
 - i. The team has the minimum number of players required outlined in section 3.2 of this document.
 - ii. The borrowed player/s is/are from the same or a lower division and not from a higher division (where applicable).
 - iii. Additional players are not borrowed to act as substitute players, meaning only enough players can be borrowed to make up an "on court" team.

(3.10 Borrowing Players/Using Fill-Ins continued)

- (b) External players can fill-in/register late in the season provided they sign-on before commencement to acknowledge their understanding & acceptance of the competition terms & conditions.

3.11 Team Captains/Managers

- (a) All teams must have a designated Team Captain/Manager & Vice-Captain before the team is permitted to play.
- (b) It is up to the team to inform the Stadium Coordinator if a new team manager is chosen.
- (c) All communication from teams to the Stadium Coordinator & vice versa is to be through the Team Captain/Manager, or the Vice-Captain in the absence of the Captain/Manager.
- (d) Team Captains/Managers (or Vice-Captain in their absence) will be responsible for the following:
 - i. The behaviour of the team's players & supporters.
 - ii. Ensuring all players have signed-on before the game commences.
 - iii. Collecting information from the centre/Stadium Coordinator, and relaying it to the players.
 - iv. Seeking rule/call clarifications from officiators at half or full time.

3.12 Draws & Results

- (a) The weekly draws, results & team standings will be available on <https://sportfix.net/CookandPhillipPark>
- (b) It is the Team Captain/Manager's responsibility to continually check the website above for match schedules & results.
- (c) Any results believed to be incorrect should be brought to the Stadium Coordinators attention by the Team Captain/Manager via email.
- (d) Schedules/draws can change without notice.
- (e) Where possible, Team Captains/Managers will be notified of any changes. However, failure to appear to at the correct match time due to a change in schedule is the sole responsibility of the Team.
- (f) No compensation will be offered for changes of schedule affecting teams and/or their results.

3.13 Disqualified Teams or Teams Leaving the Competition

All games involving this team/s will have 0 points and 0 goals recorded. This applies to both played and unplayed games.

3.14 Competition Adjustment

- (a) At a time, no later than the completion of Round 3, there may be scope for a change of divisions for teams unsuitable for their original placing.
- (b) In this event, consultation between Team Captains/Managers and the Stadium Coordinator will determine the most suitable division for the team/s in question.
- (c) Should there be a need to change division, which can only occur up until Round 3, the points and goal difference to be carried over will be determined on a case by case scenario, for the best of the competition.
- (d) Any results for the teams that are to remain in their respective division will stand.

4. Disciplinary Procedures

- 4.1 Disciplinary procedures vary from sport to sport and are implemented at the discretion of the officiators. See Appendix 4B for Disciplinary procedures specific to Netball & Futsal.
- 4.2 Disciplinary procedures include (but are not limited to):
 - (a) Verbal cautions/warnings/yellow cards.
 - (b) Suspension periods eg 2 minutes/remainder of game suspensions/red cards.
 - (c) 1-3 week bans/season bans/future (and all) season bans.
- 4.3 Disciplinary procedures 4.2(a),(b)&(c) can be issued to individual players and entire teams.
- 4.4 Acts of physical violence may be reported to the police.
- 4.5 Cook + Phillip Park Aquatic & Fitness Centre reserves the right to remove a player (or team) from the competition, without refund, should their behaviour be in continuous or extreme breach of competition rules, terms & conditions, and/or code of conduct.

5. Round Cancellation

- 5.1 In the event a round is required to be cancelled, the Stadium Coordinator will contact the Team Captains/Managers as early as possible to inform them of the cancellation.
- 5.2 A replacement round will be organised if possible. If this cannot be accommodated, the round will be lost without compensation.
- 5.3 Should a replacement round be organised; teams will be informed and schedules circulated as soon as possible.

6. Refunds/Withdrawals from the Competition

- 6.1 Cook + Phillip Park MAY issue a refund of a team's registration fee only if written confirmation requesting your team's withdrawal is submitted and accepted by the Stadium Coordinator, with 7 or more days prior to competition commencement.
- 6.2 Team Registrations Fees will not be refunded if a team wishes to withdraw within 7 days or after the commencement of the competition.

7. Use of Cook + Phillip Park Aquatic & Fitness Centre Facilities

- 7.1 Participants are permitted to use the appropriately labelled change rooms within the centre.
- 7.2 Participants are not permitted to use the centre's aquatic or fitness facilities, or partake in group fitness classes, unless the participant has paid casually or holds a valid membership.
- 7.3 Unauthorised use of the facilities may result in the offenders' team being disqualified from current and future competitions.

8. Finals

- 8.1 To be eligible for finals, players must have played a minimum of 3 games in the current season. Team sign-on sheets will be utilised to determine player finals eligibility.
- 8.2 Games won by forfeit will be considered 'played' by all previously 'signed-on' players on the winning teams' sign-on sheet at the time of said forfeited game.
- 8.3 Finals Selection: At the completion of all the rounds prior to the semi-finals the results are considered by Sportfix in the following order:
 - 1) Competition points.
 - 2) Goal/Points difference.
 - 3) Goal/Points scored.
 - 4) Count back of the results until one team has a point's lead.
 - 5) Count back of the results until one team has a goal difference lead.
 - 6) Count back of the results until one team has a goals score lead.
- 8.4 Finals Structure: The finals structure will be confirmed and circulated amongst the teams at the completion all rounds and dependant on the amount of teams in each division and game time required for finals.
- 8.5 Drawn Scores during finals
 - (a) Basketball:
 - i. Extra time of five (5) minutes total will be played.
 - ii. Fouls will carry over into extra time.
 - iii. The last 3 mins is fully timed.
 - (b) Futsal:
 - i. Extra time will include three (3) minutes with golden goal rule applying.
 - ii. If scores are still tied after extra time a penalty shootout will occur.
 - iii. Penalties will be taken from the centre of the basketball free throw line as marked on the courts.
 - (c) Netball:
 - i. Play will continue until one team is 2 goals in front.

9. Insurance

- 9.1 Personal health/injury insurance is the responsibility of the individual player.
- 9.2 It is highly advised that each participant/player consult a doctor and/or health professional prior to participation.
- 9.3 Cook + Phillip Park Aquatic & Fitness Centre does not provide individual player insurance for issues relating to injury or death whilst competing in any competition.
- 9.4 Registered players acknowledge the inherent risks associated with playing sport and should find an appropriate insurance policy to provide cover in case of sustained injury or death.

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Appendix 4B | Sport Specific Disciplinary Procedures

4B.1 Netball

The below is an excerpt from The International Netball Federation Rules of Netball 2018 Edition; available here: <http://netball.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/12/INF-Rules-of-Netball-2018-Edition-text.pdf>

“13 Game Management

13.1 Actions That May Be Taken By Umpires

- (i) To manage a match the umpires may, in addition to the normal sanction, use any of the following:
 - (a) Caution a player: a player is advised that the behaviour specified must change
 - (b) Issue a warning to a player: a player is warned that suspension will follow if the behaviour specified continues
 - (c) Suspend a player: a player who is suspended takes no part in play for 2 minutes.
 - (d) Order a player off: a player who is ordered off takes no further part in the match.
- (ii) A decision to give a warning, to suspend a player, or to order a player off, will be considered to have been made jointly by the two umpires and is thus binding on the co-umpire:
 - (a) The umpires may confer before deciding on the action to be taken.
 - (b) The controlling umpire should ensure the co-umpire is aware of the action taken and, if appropriate, the reasons for it.”

4B.2 Futsal

The below is an excerpt from The FIFA Futsal Laws of The Game 2014/2015 Edition; available here: https://football-technology.fifa.com/media/1022/footballs_futsal_laws_of_the_game.pdf

“Law 12 – Fouls and Misconduct

Misconduct

Misconduct is penalised with a caution or a sending-off.

Disciplinary sanctions

The yellow card is used to communicate that a player or substitute has been cautioned.

The red card is used to communicate that a player or substitute has been sent off.

A player who commits a cautionable or sending-off offence, either on or off the pitch, whether directed towards an opponent, a team-mate, the referees or any other person, is disciplined according to the nature of the offence committed.

Cautionable offences

A player is cautioned if they commit any of the following seven offences;

- Unsporting behaviour
- Dissent by word or action
- Persistent infringement of the Futsal Laws of the Game
- Delaying the restart of play
- Failure to respect the required distance when play is restarted with a corner kick, free kick, or kick-in (defending player)
- Entering or re-entering the pitch without the referees’ permission or in contravention of the substitution procedure
- Deliberately leaving the pitch without the referees’ permission

Sending-off offences

A player or substitute is sent off if they commits any of the following seven offences:

- Serious foul play
- Violent conduct
- Spitting at an opponent or any other person
- Denying the opposing team a goal or an obvious goalscoring opportunity by deliberately handling the ball (this does not apply to a goalkeeper within his own penalty area)
- Denying an obvious goalscoring opportunity to an opponent moving towards the player’s goal by an offence punishable by a free kick or a penalty kick
- Using offensive, insulting or abusive language and/or gestures
- Receiving a second caution in the same match

A player or substitute who has been sent off must leave the vicinity of the pitch and the technical area.”

4B.2 (continued) Cook + Phillip Futsal Rules for Yellow & Red Card Accumulation

As of 9th July 2018 (Round 1 of Autumn 2018 Competitions) the following yellow & red card accumulation rules will apply:

- Receiving a second yellow card in the same match will result in a send-off for the remainder of the game, and potentially a one match suspension at the referee's discretion.
- An accumulation of 3 yellow cards will result in a one match suspension.
- An accumulation of 5 yellow cards will result in and an additional/second match suspension.
- An accumulation of 7 yellow cards will result in the offending player being suspended from the competition for the remainder of the season.
- Receiving a straight* red card will result in a send-off for the remainder of the game, and a minimum suspension of one match.
- The accumulation of 2 straight red cards will result in an additional minimum suspension of two matches, regardless of length of suspension received after the offending player's first red card.
- The accumulation of 3 straight red cards will result in the offending player being suspended from the competition for the remainder of the season.
- Red and yellow cards received in rounds 9 & 10, and both rounds of finals, will be considered in the offending player's accumulation tally for the first 4 rounds of the following season.
- Teams will be fined 1 competition point for every match in which more than 2 players receive a yellow or red card.

*Straight red cards refer to red cards received for the 'sending off offences' listed above, except for those received as a result of a second yellow card in the same match.

For further information regarding sport specific disciplinary procedures relevant to Cook + Phillip Park's competitions, please email info.cpp@belgravialeisure.com.au