

The Town of Port Hedland is committed to offering a safe and inclusive environment for its social sports competition.

The below by-laws outline the rights and responsibilities of staff and players to ensure an enjoyable competition for participants, officials, and spectators.

Wanangkura Stadium By-Laws

1. Interpretation

- 1.1 Interpretation of these by-laws shall be the responsibility of the most senior official present at the time, including but not limited to:
 - i) Manage Recreation & Leisure
 - ii) Coordinator Sport & Recreation
 - iii) Social Sports Officer
 - iv) Leisure Duty Manager
 - v) Umpire/Referee/Official
- 1.2 Players participate in sports competitions at their own risk.
- 1.3 Appeals must be lodged in writing to Town of Port Hedland Coordinator Sport & Recreation
- 1.4 The Town reserves the right to alter or amend By-laws at any time without notice.
- 1.5 Please refer to the Sport Specific rules relating to each sport.

2. Registration

- 2.1 Teams must be registered by completing and submitting the Team Registration form.
- 2.2 Registration fees are to be paid in full prior to participating in first game.
- 2.3 Any team that has not paid registration fee in full by the cut-off date set by the Social Sports Officer will not proceed until the fee is paid.
- 2.4 All registration forms must be complete in full names, email addresses, contact numbers & DOB of all players. It is the nominated team captain's responsibility to ensure registration process is followed including financial responsibility.
- 2.5 If you are individually registering or are registering within a team, you need to be at least 16 years old with a DOB of 2009 or older.
- 2.6 The registration fees are as follows:
 - i) Team Registrations - \$85 per team
 - ii) Individual Registrations - \$12 per person

3. Withdrawal/Cancellation/New Teams

- 3.1 Withdrawal of a team at any time throughout the season is to be advised in writing to the Social Sports Officer.
- 3.2 Withdrawing from the competition will result in forfeiture of all fees.
- 3.3 Registration of teams will cease once game timetable is at its maximum capacity for court availability.
- 3.4 Any late registration of teams wishing to nominate will be placed on a 'Cancellation List' in registration date order and selected should any team withdraw from the competition.
- 3.5 Any teams with outstanding fees cannot re-nominate until all debts are paid in full.
- 3.6 New teams joining the competition after the start of a season can be introduced into a competition but will only be eligible to play in the finals at the discretion of the Social Sports Officer. Fairness to all participating teams will be considered when making this decision.

4. Game Fees

- 4.1 Games are not to commence until match fees are paid in total.
- 4.2 Team captains are responsible to ensure match fees are paid.
- 4.3 If a team's payments are outstanding after three (3) weeks, their team will be suspended from the competition. Suspensions will remain until all monies are paid in full.
- 4.4 The weekly game fees are as follows:
 - i) Basketball - \$65 per team
 - ii) Volleyball - \$65 per team
 - iii) Futsal - \$65 per team
 - iv) Pickleball - \$7 per person
 - v) Badminton - \$7 per person

5. Participation

- 5.1 A player is permitted to register in at least 2 teams per competition; however, they are not allowed to play in more than one team in each sport's final series.
- 5.2 New players can register at any time throughout the season provided they are aware and comply with by-law requirements and details added to the Team Nomination form.
- 5.3 Players are permitted to fill in for another side to meet the minimum number of players required to start a game. This is only permissible when a team is short of regular players, at the discretion of the opposing Team Captain.

- 5.4 Management reserves the right to deny a player from filling in for a side if it is deemed unsportsmanlike.

6. Fixtures

- 6.1 Fixtures will be created and distributed to all teams at the commencement of the season.
- 6.2 The Social Sports Officer reserves the right to alter, update and amend fixtures at any time throughout the season. Any affected teams will be notified as soon as possible.

7. Individuals/Teams/Spectator Responsibilities

- 7.1 Prior to the game commencing, all teams are required to have paid their game fee in advance.
- 7.2 All teams must provide their own scorer for the duration of the match. Teams are therefore responsible for monitoring the scores during the game, not the Social Sport Officer.
- 7.3 All participants and spectators will be held responsible for their own conduct.
- 7.4 Adhere to game rules.
- 7.5 Adhere to Centre regulations.
- 7.6 Respect and accept an umpire/referee's call –not dispute, argue or question.
- 7.7 Always maintain temper.
- 7.8 Not display any form of verbal abuse, racial taunts, swearing or sledging, to other players, spectators, or officials.
- 7.9 Not resort to violence or display acts of violence.
- 7.10 Ensure appropriate uniform, protection and footwear are worn throughout the game.
- 7.11 Any player or spectator suspected to be under the influence of drugs/alcohol will be denied entry to the facility and/or asked to leave the premises immediately.
- 7.12 If this request is disregarded the matter will be reported to the Duty Manager, Security and/or Police in accordance with the Town of Port Hedland's Conditions of Entry and operating standards.
- 7.13 Any disputes to decisions made on-court can be made to the umpire/referee or Social Sports Officer at half time, or upon conclusion of the match. All disputes must be communicated in line with the Town of Port Hedland's code of conduct.

8. Team Captains Responsibilities

- 8.1 The team captain is responsible for the conduct and behaviour of their team members.
- 8.2 Prior to the match commencing, each team captain must ensure:
 - i) Sufficient player numbers to begin the game
 - ii) All payments have been made
 - iii) Any new players have been added to the team's registration form
- 8.3 During the match, the team captain must ensure all team members and supporters conduct themselves in a sportsmanlike manner.

9. Uniform Requirements

- 9.1 All teams are required to wear conforming uniforms which includes at a minimum the same-coloured shirt.
- 9.2 Participants may not wear jewellery, watches, pins, or other dangerous items. Fingernails may be tapped, cut or gloved at the discretion of the umpires/referees. In some cases, T-shirts and shorts with pockets may not be worn.
- 9.3 All participants are to wear appropriate, rubber souled footwear.
- 9.4 Futsal players are to wear appropriate shin pads.
- 9.5 It is requested effort made for participants to wear conforming pants however failure to do so will not attract penalties.
- 9.6 The Town reserves the right to ban participants wearing incorrect uniform or protective equipment.
- 9.7 There is a two (2) week grace period to abide by the uniform by-laws.

10. Illegal Players

- 10.1 The penalty for playing illegal players is automatic forfeiture of the match in which the offence occurred.
- 10.2 Illegal players will be defined as:
 - i) Players under suspension
 - ii) Players participating under an assumed name
 - iii) Players who have not observed correct transfer process
 - iv) Players who have not observed qualification criteria
 - v) Players playing in a division/grade below their registered division/grade

11. Umpires

- 11.1 The Town of Port Hedland will endeavour to provide experienced and/or qualified umpires/referees for each match played. Teams are expected to show patience and understanding for referees that are still developing their experience.
- 11.2 The Town of Port Hedland is committed to providing a safe working environment for all its employees and will take a zero tolerance on abusive or intimidating behaviour towards umpires or staff.
- 11.3 During play the umpire/referee's decision is final and they shall not permit any discussion about their decision. However, at the request of the Team Captain, umpires may provide an explanation on the interpretation of the rules at half or full time only.

12. Umpires Responsibilities

- 12.1 It is the responsibility of the umpire to:
 - i) Inspect the condition of the playing surface, ball, and equipment
 - ii) To ensure all players are wearing the correct uniform
 - iii) To check the players nails and jewellery
 - iv) To demonstrate and apply a comprehensive knowledge of the Town of Port Hedland Social Sports By-laws and sport specific rules to all matches
 - v) To demonstrate a high level of integrity, enthusiasm and customer service to participants, spectators, and officials

13. Commencement of Matches

- 13.1 Teams must field a minimum number of players to start the match as follows:
 - i) Basketball: 4 players
 - ii) Volleyball: 4 players - at least 1 female
 - iii) Futsal: 3 players
 - iv) Netball: 5 players
- 13.2 If a team has less than the minimum required players to start the match, for every one minute that play is considered late the opposing team will be awarded points/goals as follows:
 - i) Basketball: 2 points per minute
 - ii) Volleyball: 1 point per minute
 - iii) Futsal: 1 point per minute
 - iv) Netball: 1 point per minute

- 13.3 If a team does not have the minimum required players on court and ready to play within 10 minutes of the scheduled starting time, it shall be deemed a 'no-show' and it shall lose the match on a forfeit and be required to pay their usual game forfeit fee (\$85).
- 13.4 To commence volleyball matches, at least 2 of the 6 players need to be female. If 2 females are not present for the game start, the team may play with 4/5 players – 1 being a female.

14. Competition Points

- 14.1 Competition points will be awarded as follows:

- i) Win: 3 points
- ii) Draw: 1 point
- iii) Loss: 0 points
- iv) Forfeit: 0 point
- v) Bye: 1 point

- 14.2 Forfeit score:

- i) Basketball: 20-0
- ii) Volleyball: 2-0
- iii) Futsal: 3-0
- iv) Netball: 20-0

15. Game Durations

- 15.1 Game durations are as follows:

- i) Basketball: 2x 20-minute halves / 2-minute half time break
- ii) Volleyball: 45 minutes of game time / 2 sets with first team to 25 points
- iii) Futsal: 2x 20-minute halves / 2-minute half time break
- iv) Netball: 4x 10-minute quarters / 2-minute half time break / 1-minute quarter time break

16. Substitutes

- 16.1 Each team shall be permitted to have an unlimited number of substitute players during a regular season fixture, so long as it doesn't exceed the maximum 15 players per team.

17. Abandoned Games

- 17.1 Management reserves the right to postpone or cancel any fixture without notice. A fixture may be abandoned in the following situations, including but not limited to:
- i) Major injury causing immobilization
 - ii) Inappropriate behaviour or conduct
 - iii) Inclement weather or cyclone
 - iv) Stadium operating standard being compromised i.e., power failure or storm damage
 - v) Lockdown or restriction imposed due to covid or other public health issue
- 17.2 An abandoned game due to misconduct will be considered forfeited and the win/points awarded to the non-offending team.
- 17.3 A game whereby a team either will not or cannot with a commenced game will be deemed a forfeit and points awarded to the opposing team.
- 17.4 All effort will be made to reschedule a cancelled or abandoned game outside the control. If a game reschedule is not an option, the match will be deemed a draw, and each team will receive 2 points.

18. Finals

- 18.1 The top four (4) teams on the score ladder will play off in finals games.
- 18.2 Finals will be in the following format for all sports unless management decides otherwise:
- Semi-Finals:
1st vs 4th
2nd vs 3rd
- Grand Final:
Game 1 winner vs Game 2 winner
- 18.3 To participate in semi-finals and finals, all players must be registered and have participated in a minimum of three (3) games throughout the season.
- 18.4 Teams are still required to pay game fees prior to playing their games.
- 18.5 Game fees are still required for semi-final and grand final matches and must be paid by each team prior to the start of the match.
- 18.6 Any team with money outstanding at the end of a regular season will be ineligible to play finals.

- 18.7 If a team which finishes in the top four at the end of a regular season informs the Social Sports Officer that they are unable to play in the finals prior to finals fixtures being produced, the team which finishes fifth will be brought into fourth position.

19. Forfeits

- 19.1 Teams forfeiting twelve (12) hours prior to their scheduled fixture are required to pay their normal game fee.
- 19.2 Teams forfeiting within twelve (12) hours of their scheduled fixture are required to pay the team forfeit fee.
- 19.3 Fines are required to be paid prior to the next scheduled fixture.
- 19.4 The Town of Port Hedland reserves the right to suspend a team from competition if three (3) forfeits occur within the same season. Suspensions may remain until all monies are paid in full.

20. Stadium Misconduct

- 20.1 Participants are to conduct themselves in line with the Wanangkura Stadium Conditions of Entry.
- 20.2 Players and spectators shall be subject to an incident report by the umpires/referees or Management for any form of misconduct. Misconduct shall include, but is not limited to:
- i) Abusive language
 - ii) Unsporting conduct
 - iii) Undue rough play
 - iv) Resisting, striking, and attempted striking
 - v) Making inappropriate comments/advances to staff
 - vi) Violating the conditions of entry for Wanangkura Stadium
- 20.3 Management reserves the right to suspend, remove or ban participants, teams, or spectators from the competition and/or stadium (see 21. Player Suspensions).
- 20.4 Failure to comply with directions of staff may result in Police being contacted.
- 20.5 The Social Sports Officer has the right to suspend or expel players or teams from the competition and/or facility, should they deem necessary.
- 20.6 In the event of a reportable incident taking place relevant parties have twenty-four (24) hours to lodge a written response from time of being placed on report. The relevant facility official will provide an acknowledgement of the response and advice of decision moving forward to both player and team captain. The facility will provide both the team captain and the player a response/decision with 5 days.

21. Player Suspension

- 21.1 Reported players or spectators who are suspended will be advised by the Town of Port Hedland (where possible) or by the Team Captain on Town's behalf. Please refer to Appendix 1 for more information on suspension guidelines.
- 21.2 Should a player be requested to go through the tribunal process, non-attendance to meeting shall be interpreted as an admission of guilt.
- 21.3 If a player is expelled from a scheduled game more than twice throughout a regular season, they may be prevented from playing in any future competitions.

22. Insurance

- 22.1 All participants play at and accept their own risk.
- 22.2 All participants are responsible for their own insurance
- 22.3 All participants authorize the Town of Port Hedland to obtain medical assistance for them in the event of an accident or emergency at the discretion of the Town and understand they are liable for the reimbursement of all associated costs incurred by the Town in obtaining such assistance.

23. Medical Conditions

- 23.1 The Town of Port Hedland recommends that all participants check with their doctor before participating or partaking in any physical activity.

24. Outstanding Debts

- 24.1 Forfeiting teams must pay any due fines within 14 days of the forfeit date.
- 24.2 Any teams with outstanding debt will be contacted directly by a Social Sports Officer. If a payment dispute cannot be resolved by the next payment cycle, a team's participation in a competition may be suspended until the account can be settled.