

Junior Sports Information Sheet



Courtside

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Welcome to Courtside

Courtside is a modern, purpose built indoor multi-sports centre that is considered one of the best in Western Australia. Impressive facilities, professional, friendly staff and well organised competitions ensure an ideal sporting and learning environment.

Our spacious facilities include 2 indoor cricket pitches, 2 basketball / 3 netball courts, a multipurpose soccer / softball arena, fully managed creche, shop / cafeteria, bar, showers and change rooms plus parking for 120 cars.

Our Junior Sports Program

Courtside's Junior Sports Program offers a range of sports. These include: Indoor Cricket, Soccer, Netball. Our programs offer teams the opportunity to participate in well managed weekly competitions that are graded by age. Our experienced staff are also very happy to form a team from individual nominations or smaller groups who seek to join up with others. Younger children and those new to a sport can learn the game, develop their skills and perhaps join a team at a later stage through participation in our regular skills clinics. Once skills and confidence are sufficiently developed Courtside endeavours to place individuals into teams as soon as practically possible.

All teams require a parent to act as the manager / coach to coordinate the team from week to week.

At the end of each season a finals series is played with trophies awarded to the winners and runners up in each grade. For the younger age groups (10s & Under) finals are not played but participation awards are presented to all players. Our Junior Sports Program has a very strong focus on participation, skills development and fun.

Age Groups

Teams play in divisions determined strictly by age. However occasionally there may be times when two age groups may have to be combined due to the limited numbers in a division. If this is necessary parents will be advised before the commencement of the season. To be eligible to play in a division, players need to be at or under the respective age group for that division as at December 31st of the year that season finishes. For example, to be eligible for 12s and under in a competition that is played and completed in the year 2000, a player must be 12 or under as at December 31st 2000. Birth certificates must be sighted by week 5 of competition.

Seasons

Our seasons are broadly aligned to school terms or link in with the end of seasons for outdoor sports so providing a smooth transition for players moving between outdoor and indoor. Our seasons are as follows:

Netball	Terms 1 & 2 (summer season) and Terms 3 & 4 (winter season)
Soccer	Terms 4 & 1 (summer season) and Terms 3 & 4 (winter season)**
Indoor Cricket	Terms 4 & 1 (summer season) and Terms 2 & 3 (winter season)**

** Soccer summer and Cricket winter are only run if sufficient number are nominated.

Public and School Holidays

Juniors play up to and including the first Saturday of school holidays but not during the school holidays.

Competition recommences when the new school term starts. Training can continue during the holiday break but it is the responsibility of the Team Manager to book this with Courtside.

Registration Fee

Registration for juniors is \$10 per player per season. This should be paid at the time of nominating.

How do I start?

Nominations should be received prior to the season commencing although new teams and players are welcome to join the competition at any time during the season. We would urge you to nominate as early as possible to avoid disappointment as places are limited. If you already have a team you simply need to complete a nomination form for that team. If you are an individual looking to join a team simply register your interest with our Sports Coordinator and we will endeavour to find a team for you. Once you have received your nomination we will call advising of when your first game will be.

Duties of the Team Manager

It is important that every junior team has a Team Manager (a parent or carer) to roster the players from week to week, collect the game fees and generally organise the running of the team. The Team Manager is also responsible for ensuring the team game fee is paid at least 5 minutes prior to the start of play. Failure to do so will result in a late start and teams will be penalised with points, runs or goals deducted as appropriate (refer to the game regulations displayed within the Centre).

Dress Standards

Appropriate sporting attire must be worn during play. All players are required to be in a common team shirt (the same colour and shade) by the sixth week of competition (refer to the game regulations). The Co-ordinator reserves the right to determine whether team strips are suitable.

Courtside provides Netball bibs. Soccer bibs will be provided where team colours coincide.

Non marking sports shoes in good condition must be worn. Players not in correct shoes will not be allowed to participate.

Player Qualification for Finals

Players must have played a minimum of 5 regular season games for the team they represent to qualify for finals.

Team Composition

Junior teams can be mixed with any combination of boys or girls. Exceptions are:

14s & Under Netball - limited to girls only

16s & Under mixed Netball - maximum of 3 boys on court

Remember that when nominating a team, you should have sufficient players in the squad to cover for sickness, injury or unavailability.

Players per Team

Our experience shows that the squad size should generally be 2-3 in excess of the basic team number to ensure sufficient players are available through the season.

Indoor Cricket 8 on court (except for 10s & Under which is 6 per team). Ideal squad size is an extra 1-2.

Soccer 5 on the pitch plus 2-3 subs. Ideal squad size is 7-8.

Netball 7 on court. Ideal squad size is 8-10.

Player Shortages

We often have inquiries during the season from individuals who are keen to join teams. Should your team require additional players during the season please contact your Sports Co-ordinator.

Season Fixturing

Teams will be given game times on a weekly basis for the first 5 to 6 weeks of the season. This allows for grading changes and for any new teams to be added to the competition. Thereafter fixture lists are prepared advising of games for the next 5 to 8 weeks at a time. It is the team's responsibility to collect copies of these fixture lists for each player. Copies can be obtained from the respective Sports Co-ordinator.

All teams should expect an even spread of time slots over the season. Should you have difficulty with a particular game time contact your Sports Co-ordinator who will endeavour to help wherever possible.

Format for Finals

The finals format splits teams into groups of 4 (where possible) according to their position on the premiership ladder. If a grade has 7 teams or less the teams ranked 1 to 4 on the ladder at season end will play finals. If a grade has 8 to 11 teams competing 2 groups will play in the finals - teams ranked 1 to 4 will play in one finals group and teams ranked 5 to 8 will play in another finals group.

The semi-final format is 1 versus 4 and 2 versus 3 with the winners playing in the grand final.

Normal game fees apply for all finals.

Trophies

Trophies are presented to all Grand Finalists except for 10s & Under competitions where all players receive a participation award. The maximum number of trophies presented in each sport is: Netball - 8; Soccer - 7; Cricket - 9. Should a team require additional they must be ordered through your Sports Coordinator.

Umpires

Umpires are provided by Courtside for all games. We welcome inquiries from anyone who may be interested in umpiring or undertaking an umpiring course at Courtside.

Injuries

There is no First Aid Officer in attendance at Courtside. However most of the staff at Courtside have undertaken basic training in how to deal with sports injuries. We have also prepared a list of local medical centres and practitioners for referral purposes. A basic range of medical supplies is stocked for emergencies.

Forfeits

A game will be declared a forfeit when:

A team is not ready to play within (10) ten minutes of the scheduled start time; or

A team fails to honour their fixtured game (this includes finals).

Any team forfeiting will incur the following fine:

- normal game fee

Fines must be paid before a team can compete in the next fixtured game.

Team Withdrawals

A team withdrawing from the competition will be subject to a **withdrawal fine of \$100** plus any outstanding fees incurred prior to withdrawal.

Conduct and Behaviour

All teams, players and spectators at Courtside must abide by the Centre's rules and regulations. These are in place so that everyone can enjoy their sport. Our referees, umpires and staff do their utmost to provide a friendly and professional sporting environment. We expect the same from our players, parents and spectators. Abusive language or behaviour will not be tolerated for whatever reason.

Courtside reserves the right to evict any individual or team from the competition during the season due to misconduct.

Game Times and Costs

SOCCKER

Age Groups:

10s & Under; 12s & Under; 14s & Under; 16s & Under and 18s & Under

Training:

For team training, court bookings can be made at a nominal cost at times to suit by contacting Courtside.

Competition Times:

Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays 3:45, 4:15, 4:45, 5:15, 6:00pm

Team Number:

5 on court plus 1-3 subs.

Cost:

Competition - Player registration is \$10 per season to a maximum of \$70 per team. Team game fees are \$35 per game.

NETBALL

Age Groups:

10s & Under; 12s & Under; 14s & Under; 16s & Under

Training:

For team training, half-court or full-court bookings can be made at a nominal cost at times to suit by contacting Courtside.

Competition Times:

Fridays with games commencing at 4:00, 4:40, 5:20, 6:00, 6:40, 7:20 and 8:00pm

Team Number:

7 on court.

Cost: Competition - Player registration is \$10 per season to a maximum of \$70 per team. Team game fees are \$40 per game. Free Bibs are provided.

INDOOR CRICKET

Age Groups: 10s & Under; 12s & Under; 14s & Under; 16s & Under; 18s & Under

Training: For team training, court bookings can be made at a nominal cost at times to suit by contacting Courtside.

Competition Times: Fridays with games commencing at 4:30 and 5:15

Team Number: 6 on court for 10s, 8 for all other grades.

Cost: Competition - Player registration is \$10 per season to a maximum of \$80 per team (\$70 for 10s). Team game fees are \$35 per game for 10s & Under.