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EASTWOOD RYDE NETBALL ASSOCIATION (ERNA) RETURN TO PLAY PROCEDURE COVID-19 PLAN

EASTWOOD RYDE NETBALL ASSOCIATION (ERNA)
Meadowbank Park, Adelaide Street, NSW



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Introduction

On 30th June 2020, the NSW Government enacted Public Health (COVID-19 Restrictions on Gathering and Movement) Order (No 4) 2020 (The PHO) to come into effect from 1st July 2020. The relevant portion of The PHO is as follows:

Division 3 Community sporting activities

15 Definitions

In this Division—

community sporting activity includes a training session for a community sporting activity.

organiser means—

- (a) for an activity conducted by or on behalf of an entity that is registered under the Associations Incorporation Act 2009, the public officer of the entity, or*
- (b) for an activity conducted by or on behalf of an entity other than an entity referred to in paragraph (a), the chief executive officer of the entity, however described, or*
- (c) in all other cases, the person who made the arrangements for the activity.*

participant includes—

- (a) a person engaged in the sporting activity, and*
- (b) an official involved in the conduct or organisation of the sporting activity, and*
- (c) a spectator of the sporting activity.*

16 Direction of Minister requiring COVID-19 Safety Plans

The Minister directs that the organiser of a community sporting activity that involves a gathering of more than 20 participants must—

- (a) develop and comply with a COVID-19 Safety Plan that addresses the matters required by the COVID-19 safety checklist approved by the Chief Health Officer for community sporting competitions and published on the New South Wales Government website (www.nsw.gov.au), and*
- (b) keep a copy of the COVID-19 Safety Plan and make it available for inspection by an authorised officer as requested.*

17 Direction of Minister concerning maximum number of participants

The Minister directs that the organiser of a community sporting activity must ensure that a gathering for the activity involves no more than 500 participants.

On 3rd July 2020, NNSW issued a memo recommending that larger netball venues, such as Meadowbank Park, be split into discrete areas, to enable multiple groups of 500 participants on the site at any one time.

Intent of Procedure and Rules / Level C Guidelines

The intent of this procedure is to demonstrate how ERNA will comply with The PHO and align with the NNSW recommendation.

The intent of the Rules and Level C Guidelines is to protect the safety of all participants. If any participant does not align with this intent; they will be removed from further participation.



ERNA COVID-19 Safety Plan

ERNA has developed and will comply with a COVID-19 Safety Plan, a copy of which will be provided to an authorised officer as requested.

ERNA Venues

Attachment 1 of this procedure provides detailed maps of each of the ERNA venues.

Brush Farm

Located on Lawson Street, Eastwood the venue already has two discrete venues being:

- 4 x Hard Courts, being courts 1 to 4
- 12 x Grass Courts, being courts 5 to 16

The car park and canteen located between the two venues will be shared. Participants are advised not to congregate in these spaces but should rather treat them for the purposes of transiting through the place.

Meadowbank

Located on Adelaide Street, Meadowbank the venue will be split into two venues as follows.

- 11 x courts in Venue A, being courts 1, 2, 7, 8, 9, 14, 15, 16, 21, 22 and 23
- 13 x courts in Venue B, being courts 4, 5, 6, 11, 12, 13, 14, 18, 19, 20, 25, 26, 27 and 28

A fence will be constructed along the middle of courts 3, 10, 17 and 24 to create a physical barrier between the two venues.

The car park, BBQ, physio, canteen and toilets located to the north east of the two venues will be shared. Participants are advised not to congregate in these spaces but should rather treat them for the purposes of transiting through the place.



Venue Allocation

ERNA completed the venue allocation such that all grades will play all their matches at just one venue, except the B1 grade.

The venue allocation also minimised the number of grades needing to move to a new timeslot or venue and avoided the need for an extra timeslot, which would have started at 5.00 p.m..

The following tables show where each grade will now play and highlights which grades were moved to a new timeslot or venue:

Brush Farm

<u>Timeslot</u>	<u>Hard Courts</u>	<u>Grass Courts</u>	<u>Adjustments</u>
08:00	10/1	-	None
09:15	10/2	7s, 8 White	None
10:30	10/3	8 Yellow	None
11:45	10/4	9 Koalas, 9 Wallabies	None
14:00	Cdt 4	-	Moved from M'bank
15:30	C7	-	Moved from M'bank

Meadowbank

<u>Timeslot</u>	<u>Venue A</u>	<u>Venue B</u>	<u>Adjustments</u>
08:00	12/3, 12/4, 11/5	12/5, 11/2, 11/3, 11/4	11/1 to 09:30
09:30	13/3, 13/4, 12/2	13/1, 13/2, 12/1, 11/1	14/3 to 11:00
11:00	15/3, 14/2, 14/3	15/1, 15/2, 15/4, 14/1	14/4 to 12:30
12:30	B1, Cdt 1, Cdt 2	B1, C1, C5, 14/4	Cdt 5 & C8 to 14:00
14:00	A2, C4, C9	B2, C8, C10, Cdt 5	Cdt 3 & Cdt 6 to 15:30 Cdt 4 to B Farm
15:30	A1, B3, C6	C2, C3, Walk, Cdt 3, Cdt 6	C7 to B Farm

Participant Modelling

ERNA has modelled the number of participants for each venue, using actual number of registered players and prior experience regarding spectator numbers.

For 2020, it is expected that participants will not treat netball as a whole family outing, rather that they will be sensible in terms of the number of non-players and officials that come along so that each venue operates with less than 500 participants in attendance for each allocated time.

Commencement

This procedure is enforced as of Saturday 18th July 2020, being the first date on which the ERNA Winter Competition recommences.

Communication

This procedure will be distributed to participating Clubs for onward distribution to participants.

Clubs should circulate this procedure to all participants emphasising that attendance at any venue assumes acceptance of the Rules (page 8) and the associated Level C – Guidelines (page 9).



Venue Timings

The following tables show the, arrival, match, departure and cleaning times for each timeslot:

Brush Farm

<u>Timeslot</u>	<u>Timings</u>	<u>Hard Courts</u>	<u>Grass Courts</u>
Venues closed until 07:40			
08:00	07:40 – 08:00	Arrival permitted	
	08:00 – 08:46	10/1	-
	08:46 – 08:56	Departure and cleaning	
09:15	08:56 – 09:15	Arrival permitted	
	09:15 – 10:01	10/2	7s, 8 White
	10:01 – 10:11	Departure and cleaning	
10:30	10:11 – 10:30	Arrival permitted	
	10:30 – 11:16	10/3	8 Yellow
	11:16 – 11:26	Departure and cleaning	
11:45	11:26 – 11:45	Arrival permitted	
	11:45 – 12:31	10/4	9 Koalas, 9 Wallabies
	12:31 – 12:41	Departure and cleaning	
Venues empty 12:41 to 13:40			
14:00	13:40 – 14:00	Arrival permitted	
	14:00 – 14:58	Cdt 4	-
	14:58 – 15:08	Departure and cleaning	
Venues empty 15:08 to 15:10			
15:30	15:10 – 15:30	Arrival permitted	
	15:30 – 16:28	C7	-
	16:28 – 16:38	Departure and cleaning	
Venues closed from 16:38			



Venue Timings (cont.)

Meadowbank

<u>Timeslot</u>	<u>Timings</u>	<u>Venue A</u>	<u>Venue B</u>
Venues closed until 07:40			
08:00	07:40 – 08:00	Arrival permitted	
	08:00 – 08:58	12/3, 12/4, 11/5	12/5, 11/2, 11/3, 11/4
	08:58 – 09:08	Departure and cleaning	
Venues empty 09:08 to 09:10			
09:30	09:10 – 09:30	Arrival permitted	
	09:30 – 10:28	13/3, 13/4, 12/2	13/1, 13/2, 12/1, 11/1
	10:28 – 10:38	Departure and cleaning	
Venues empty 10:38 to 10:40			
11:00	10:40 – 11:00	Arrival permitted	
	11:00 – 11:58	15/3, 14/2, 14/3	15/1, 15/2, 15/4, 14/1
	11:58 – 12:08	Departure and cleaning	
Venues empty 12:28 to 12:30			
12:30	12:10 – 12:30	Arrival permitted	
	12:30 – 13:28	B1, Cdt 1, Cdt 2	B1, C1, C5, 14/4
	13:28 – 13:38	Departure and cleaning	
Venues empty 13:38 to 13:40			
14:00	13:40 – 14:00	Arrival permitted	
	14:00 – 14:58	A2, C4, C9	B2, C8, C10, Cdt 5
	14:58 – 15:08	Departure and cleaning	
Venues empty 15:08 to 15:10			
15:30	15:10 – 15:30	Arrival permitted	
	15:30 – 16:28	A1, B3, C6	C2, C3, Walk, Cdt 3, Cdt 6
	16:28 – 16:38	Departure and cleaning	
Venues closed from 16:38			



Competition Guidelines

- Maximum 4 matches up per player (throughout the 10 week season).
- Maximum 2 matches per day per player.
- Players who are substituting during a competition match must be from a lower grade and/or age group.
- Clubs with teams in the same grade can interchange players. The player cannot play in both teams on the same day.
- The names of borrowed players must be written on the score sheets by the Scorer (see below). (Aligns to Government Policy for record keeping).
- Forfeit Policy and Fee Charges still apply but will be at the discretion of the ERNA Executive.
- Only three representative players from the previous season can be registered to play in a Junior Grade team.
- A Junior team with three registered representative players participating in a match cannot borrow another representative player to participate in that match.
- Players must be 14yrs and older to play in the Senior Comp.
- Only 4 original players are required in a team (i.e. teams can borrow 3 players)
- At Meadowbank all timeslots and at Brush Farm for the 14:00 and 15:30 timeslots, play will be for 13 minute quarters with 2 minutes between each quarter. This leaves 32 minutes between matches instead of 21 minutes. The starting times of all matches will remain the same. At Brush Farm, other than for the 14:00 and 15:30 timeslots, play will be for 10 minute quarters with 2 minutes between each quarter.
- Only one person to do the scoring this year to be from the first Team in the draw and who must bring their own pen. The Scorer must collect the scoresheet and return it, even if on the losing team. The scorer must print the names of the umpires and the names of any substitute players (including their team no and grade) on the sheet. The opposing team can have a person checking the score but they should ensure they keep their 1.5m distance.
- When clubs roster people on for duty in Canteen, Table and Umpires Table, make sure that the people who do duty are there for a minimum of one hour. Clubs to ensure that teams don't sub-divide the minimum one hour between different people.
- Competition Format
 - Eight team grades will play 7 rounds (i.e. each other team once) and will then be split into Top 4 and Bottom 4 for the last 3 rounds.
 - Seven team grades will play 7 rounds (i.e. each other team once plus a Bye) and will then be split into Top 4 / Bottom 3 or Top 3 / Bottom 4 for the last 3 rounds, dependent upon the scores after 7 rounds, and at the discretion of the Grading Committee.
 - Six team grades will play 10 rounds (i.e. each other team twice).



ERNA COVID-19 Rules

Any participant that does not abide by these rules and their intent may be removed from future participation at the discretion of the ERNA Executive Committee.

1. Your attendance at any venue assumes your acceptance of these rules
2. Participants must NOT attend, if:
 - unwell or have any flu-like symptoms, or
 - you have been in contact with a known case of COVID-19 in the past 14 days, or
 - you have been overseas in the last 14 days, or
 - you have had any sudden loss of smell or loss of taste, or
 - you are at a high risk from a health perspective, including the elderly and those with pre-existing medical health conditions, or
 - they who have been in Victoria in the past 14 days according to the Victorian border restriction order, further information can be found here <https://www.nsw.gov.au/covid-19/what-you-can-and-cant-do-under-rules/border-restrictions/guide>, or
 - they have been in attendance of the latest COVID-19 case locations in NSW, further information can be found here: <https://www.nsw.gov.au/covid-19/latest-news-and-updates>
3. Participants must:
 - take reasonable care to ensure they follow the “Level C – Guidelines”
 - follow the direction of any official
 - use the correct exit and entry points as indicated
 - i. For Brush Farm, Lawson Street, Eastwood:
 1. Grass Courts – entry from the northern side of the courts and exit to the western or eastern side of the courts
 2. Hard Courts – entry from the northern side of the courts and exit to the eastern side of the courts
 - ii. For Meadowbank, Adelaide Street, Meadowbank:
 1. Venue A – entry from the eastern side of the courts (to be accessed by going round the eastern side of the buildings and playground) and exit to the northern side of the courts and to the east of the football field
 2. Venue B – entry from the western side of the courts (to be accessed by going round the north and west of the football field) and exit to the northern side of the courts and along the south and east of the football field
 - wash their hands with the hand sanitiser provided, when arriving and departing
 - wait in the designated venue entry area for the participants from the previous time to depart before proceeding directly to their designated court
 - aim to remain 1.5m from other participants when not playing
 - when leaving, collect their personal items (drink bottle, jacket, etc) and leave the court via the designated exit area immediately
 - leave the site immediately and not congregate for social events before, during, or after matches.
4. Participants are encouraged to:
 - download the COVIDSafe app, and
 - adopt a “Play & Go” approach.
5. Players will have their own drink bottle.
6. Public toilets may be used, but consideration should be made to use your toilet at home. Participants waiting for the use of the toilets should do so at a safe distance (1.5m) from other participants
7. The ERNA change rooms / toilets will be open but usage of these should be minimised
8. The office buildings are only to be used by ERNA officials



Level C – Guidelines

The following guidelines are the basis for the procedures and rules set within this procedure:

Permitted

- No more than 500 participants per venue. Netball in 2020 should not be considered a whole family outing and spectator numbers should be kept to a minimum.
- Full contact sport.
- Sharing of equipment – although this should be minimised. Shared equipment should be cleaned between uses.
- Spectators – should, as noted above, be kept to a minimum and physically distance themselves from others that are not from their own household.
- Use of change rooms – although this should be kept to an absolute minimum.
- Other contact such as handshakes, huddles or high fives should be kept to a minimal level.

Not Permitted

- Sharing of whistles.
- Sharing of bibs between teams. If a team is playing a team from the same club, the club is to provide a set of different colour bibs. ERNA will no longer be able to lend bibs to teams.
- Social events at the venue.

Conditions

- Participants should:
 - adopt a “Get In, Play, Get Out” approach for the use of each venue.
 - practice physical distancing of 1.5m when off the court.
 - adhere to assigned times (arrive no more than 20 minutes ahead of matches and depart within 10 minutes of the end of the matches).
 - use individual water bottles and not share food or drinks.
- Teams should ensure all balls are sanitised both prior to and after each match.
- Scorers must bring their own pen.
- The venue shall:
 - make hand sanitiser and first aid kits available.
 - display COVID-19 signage advising “DO NOT ENTER if you have any symptoms”.
 - clean goal posts between matches.



Attachment 1 – ERNA Venue Maps

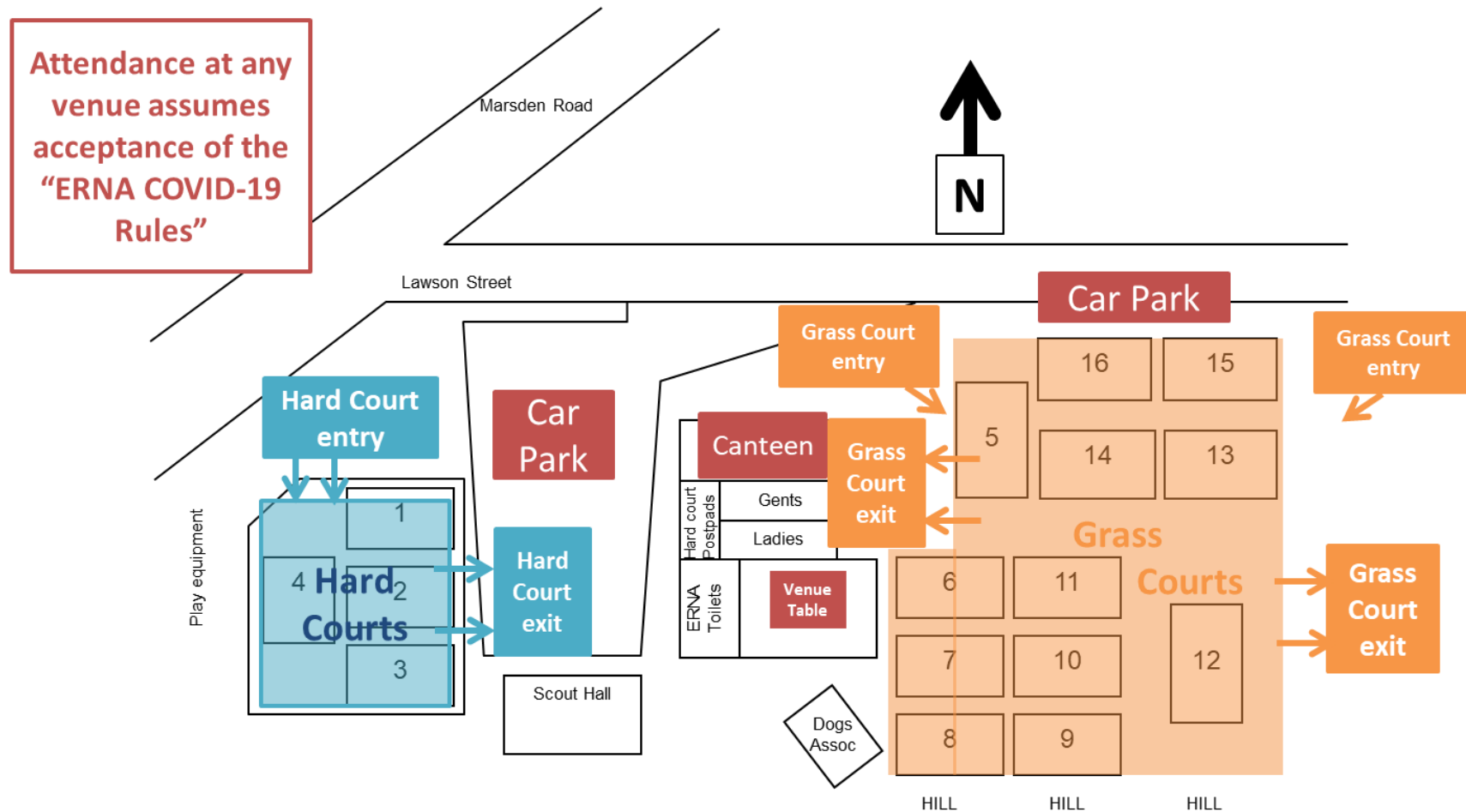
Brush Farm – Satellite





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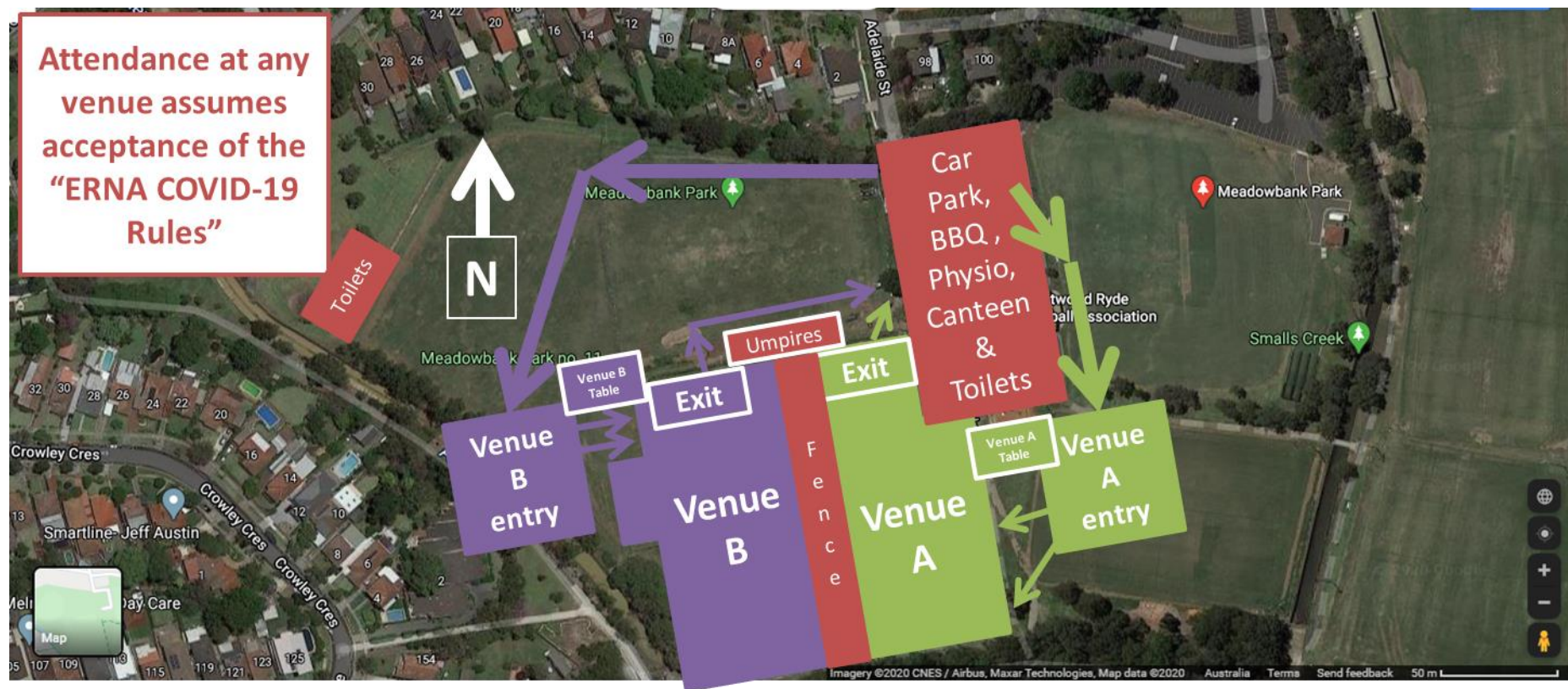
Brush Farm – Schematic





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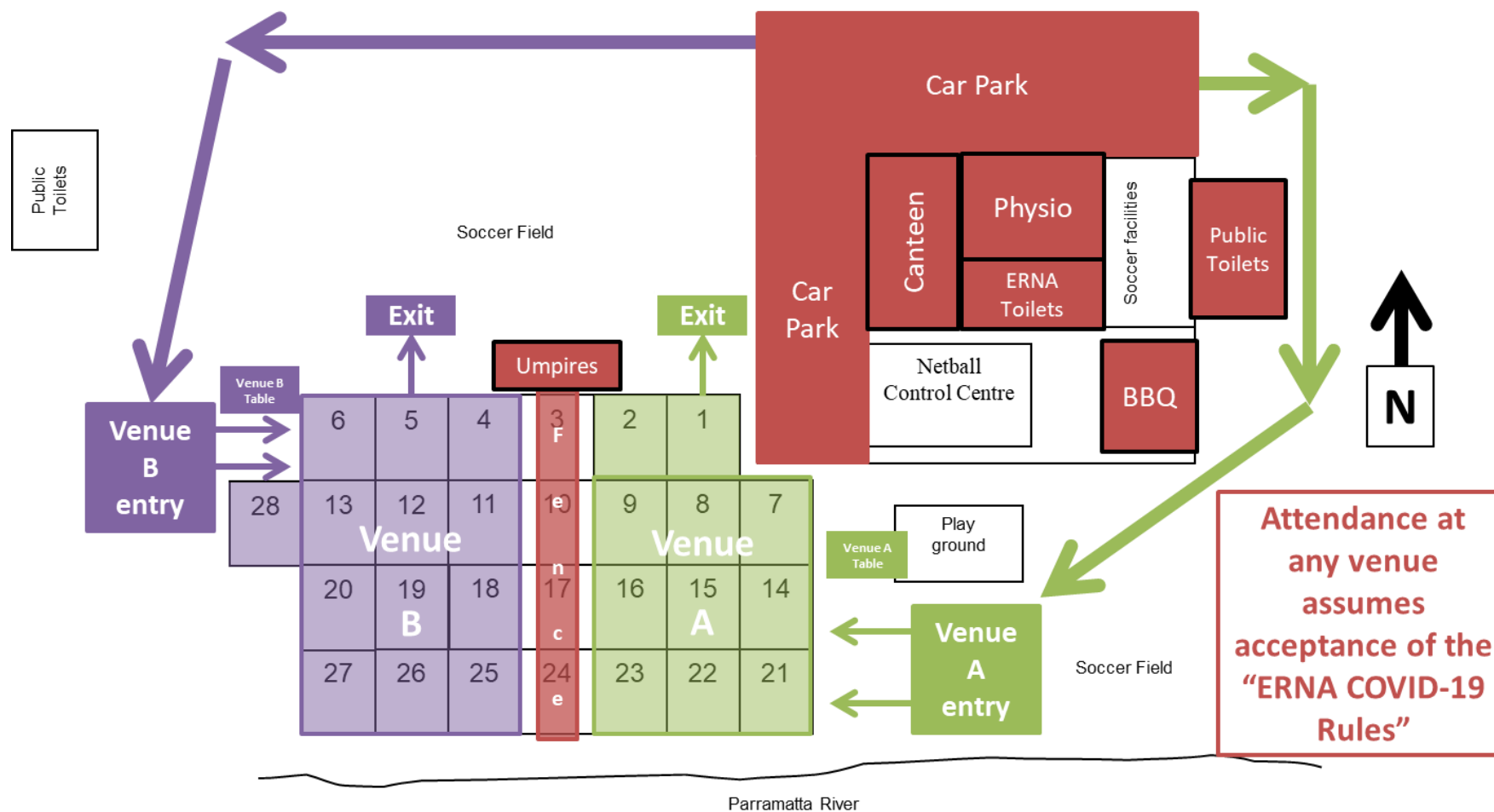
Meadowbank – Satellite





Attachment 1 – ERNA Venue Maps (cont.)

Meadowbank – Schematic





Attachment 2 – ERNA Case Management Plan

Content

Planning is about anticipating the problem and identifying how they will be reported to ensure compliance with Local, State and National and sports governing bodies requirements in a COVID-19 Environment.

Background

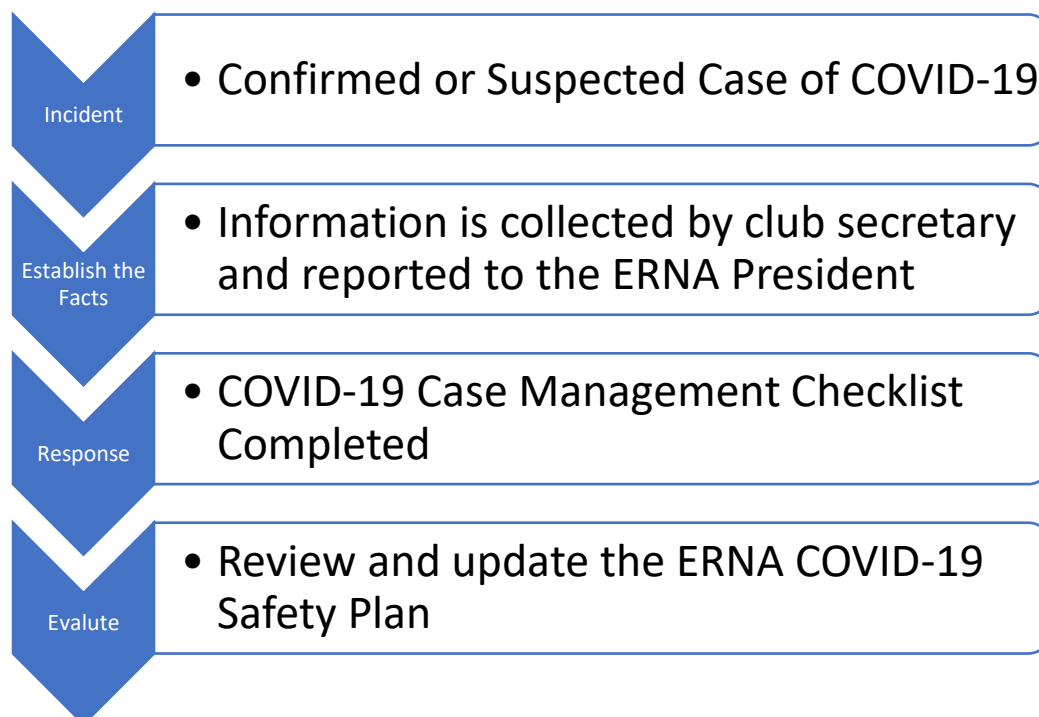
In February 2020 Australia reported its first case of COVID-19. The World Health Authority declared COVID-19 a Pandemic, and as such, Australia implemented lockdown of the Country. As a result of the lock down all sport was placed on hold. Restrictions meant sports at all levels ceased.

On 30th June 2020 in line with Federal, State and Local governments, sports have been given approval to re-commence, with strict guidance.

Objectives

This plan's purpose is to guide the ERNA Executive Committee in the management of a suspected or confirmed COVID-19 case amongst participants.

Basic Rules



ERNA Case Management Contact List

ERNA President	Karen Waud	0403 198 858	president@ernanetball.com.au
ERNA Secretary	Judy Watt	0431 975 565	secretary@ernanetball.com.au



Attachment 2 – ERNA Case Management Plan (cont.)

COVID-19 Case Management Checklist

Date	
Time	
Advising Club	
Team Name / Number	
Completed by	

Participant's Name	
Date of Last Attendance	
Venue	

	Action Required	Owner	Time	Further Action/Comments
	Immediate Response			
1	Notify ERNA Contact List (see page 14) via email and text	Club Secretary		
2	Cease all activity at location where participant attended	ERNA President		
3	Notify Governing Association	ERNA President		
	Local Health Notification			
4	Contact Local Health Authority (LHA) Number – 1800 020 080	ERNA President		
5	Assist LHA with tracing	ERNA President		
6	Advise of Cease of Activity	ERNA President		
7	Confirm protocol for return to activity	ERNA President		
8	Advise ERNA Contact List of outcome of LHA	ERNA President		
	Follow on Communication			
10	Notify Club Secretary of outcome of LHA discussion	ERNA President		
11	Inform participant of LHA decision	Club Secretary		
12	Participant with COVID-19 to have medical clearance before returning to sport	ERNA President		
	Other			
13	Organise deep clean (if required)	ERNA President		



Attachment 3 – COVID-19 Safety Coordinator

Purpose

The COVID-19 Safety Coordinator will act as the point of contact within ERNA with regard to the operation of this document.

Responsibilities

Should any participant have a question relating to the processes outlined in this document they can be addressed to the COVID Safety Coordinator.

The COVID-19 Safety Coordinator will:

- be responsible for liaising with Clubs, Netball NSW and other relevant stakeholders in relation to ERNA's response to COVID-19.
- periodically review the effectiveness of the ERNA COVID-19 Safety Plan and amend, update or improve as necessary
- advise the ERNA Executive Committee on the effectiveness of ERNA COVID-19 Safety Plan arrangements and seek assistance where required.

ERNA Safety Coordinator

The role of COVID-19 Safety Coordinator will be performed by:

- Trevor Carlyle-Hoggan
- Mobile: 0411 140 608
- Email: ERNACOVIDSC@gmail.com



Attachment 4 – Physical Distancing Rules

On 14th July 2020, NSW Health issued an “Exemption under the Public Health (COVID-19 Restrictions on Gatherings and Movement) Order (No 4) 2020” to listed Netball Associations under the Public Health Act 2010 (NSW).

Part of the exemption states that ERNA must ensure that participants (as defined by The PHO) stay 1.5m apart when not playing.

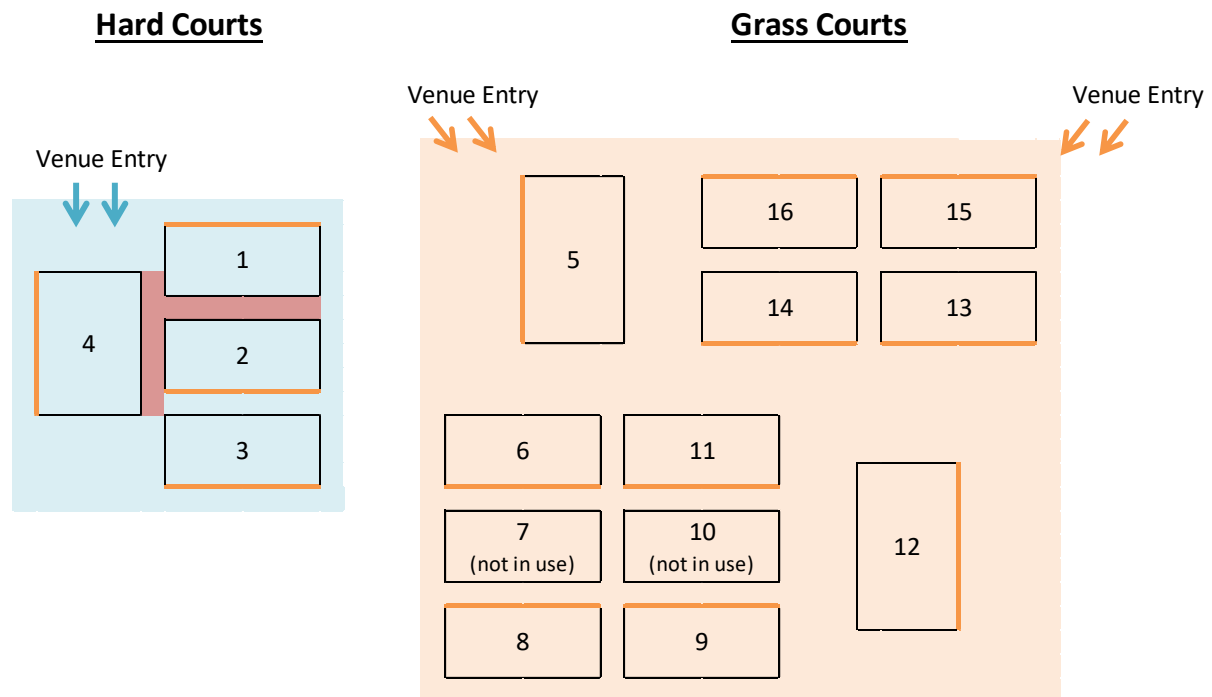
These rules have been created to comply with the conditions of the exemption.

1. Participant caps:
 - a. For the Grass Courts at Brush Farm each team must only have a maximum of 9 non-playing participants. The total of 9 includes coaches, umpires, manager and spectators e.g. if a team has 2 coaches, 1 umpire and 1 manager then they can have 5 other spectators at the venue.
 - b. For the Hard Courts at Brush Farm and both Venues at Meadowbank each team must only have a maximum of 5 non-playing participants. The total of 5 includes coaches, manager and spectators e.g. if a team has 3 coaches and 1 manager then they can only have 1 other spectator at the venue.
2. Participants must not stand or sit back-to-back with participants from another court.
3. The orange lines on the maps on the next page show the side of the court allocated for each court's participants.
4. Only Umpires, Umpiring Officials (including mentors) and ERNA Officials are allowed on the other (non-orange) side of the courts or the ends of the court.
5. Players should stay on the court during each break in play, with substitutes, coaches and managers allowed to join them, provided they remain 1.5m apart.
6. Participants are not allowed to cross between venues during a single timeslot.
7. Your attendance at any venue assumes your acceptance of these rules.



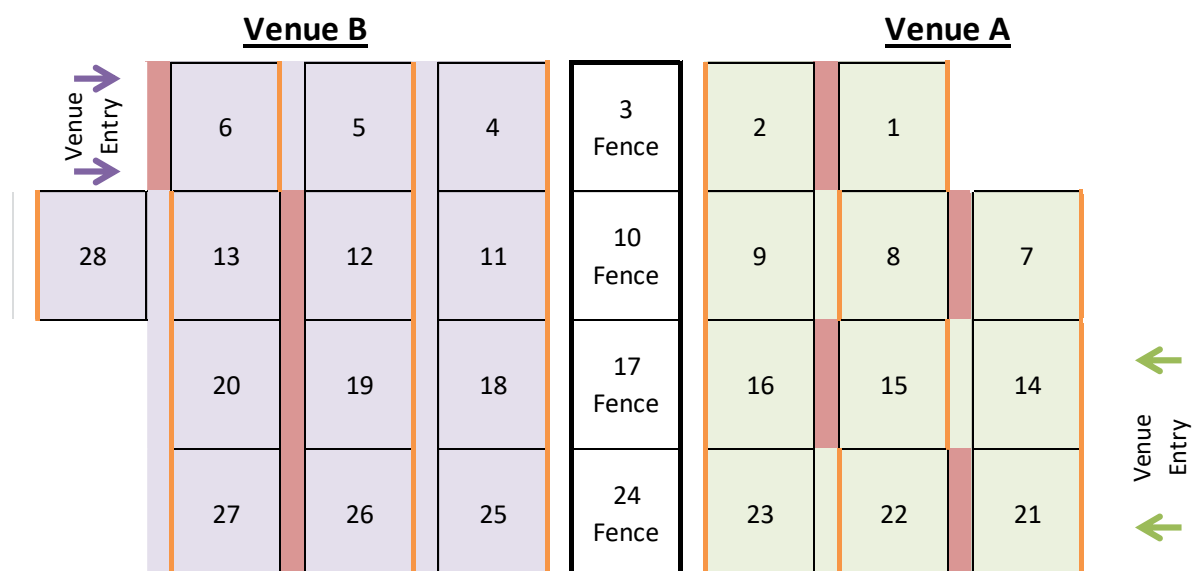
Attachment 4 – Physical Distancing Rules (cont.)

Brush Farm



Orange lines on the maps show the side of the court allocated for each court's participants.
Umpires, Umpiring Officials (including mentors) and ERNA Officials only in the red shaded zones

Meadowbank



Orange lines on the maps show the side of the court allocated for each court's participants.
Umpires, Umpiring Officials (including mentors) and ERNA Officials only in the red shaded zones



References

To follow hyperlinks in Word hold <Ctrl> and click the link below:

[Netball Australia Return to Netball Guidelines](#)

[Netball NSW COVID-19 Toolkit](#)

[Netball NSW Codes of Behaviour Policy](#)

[Health NSW Netball Associations Exemption](#)

Revision History

<u>Version</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Updates</u>
DRAFT V0.1	5-Jul-20	Initial Version
DRAFT V0.2	6-Jul-20	Added Venue Allocation and aligned to Secretary's PREPARATION FOR COMMENCEMENT OF COMPETITION email
DRAFT V0.3	7-Jul-20	Added Competition Guidelines, updated both maps and adjusted some rules based on Competition Guidelines
V0.1	8-Jul-20	Adjusted per ERNA Executive meeting, to reflect input from Ryde Council and added Schematic Maps. Issued to Netball NSW.
V2.0	11-Jul-20	Adjusted for feedback from ERNA Council meeting (small tweaks and map realignments) and ERNA Executive walkthrough. Added COVID-19 Safety Coordinator.
V2.1	12-Jul-20	Adjusted Venue Allocation tables and created Venue Timings tables. Issued to Clubs.
V3.0	16-Jul-20	Added exclusions relating to Victoria and NSW Hot Spots to ERNA COVID-19 Rules. Added Attachment 4 – Physical Distancing Rules. Added Reference to Health NSW Netball Association Exemption. Issued to Clubs and to Netball NSW.