

# Pre-season training – winter 2020

## 2020 winter pre-season training code of conduct

Council is committed to providing a balanced response to the management, maintenance and sustainability of community sportsgrounds to ensure incumbent tenants are provided with fit for purpose sports facilities.

In recent years, Bayside has witnessed a significant growth in the levels of registered players across all sports codes. This is a fantastic outcome and reflects the value our community places on health and wellbeing. This success has also highlighted challenges, with the high volume of use impacting sportsgrounds surfaces and Council's ability to maintain playing surfaces at the standard required for community sport.

Audits of all sportsgrounds were undertaken in early December and while we are witnessing improvements, the delayed start to warm weather has seen slower than normal recovery of summer grasses. This will improve over the upcoming months through careful management of these assets.

Damage to surfaces is solely attributed to winter sports use and it is imperative that out of season use is managed to allow sportsgrounds to fully recover before the winter tenancy period commences. The management of out of season load and sportsground maintenance is critical for surface recovery, ensuring Council meets its commitment to maintaining sportsgrounds for community sport throughout their designated home and away season.

Once summer grasses become dormant (May), there is little that can be done to repair damage caused to surfaces and with the high level of participation, Council lacks alternate venues for clubs to utilise if sportsgrounds are closed. Council will continue to work with all sports clubs and sporting associations/leagues to provide safe and appropriate playing venues for our community.

Our commitment to ensuring home and away season sportsground suitability is extensive off-season maintenance. This year clubs will be asked to match our commitment through responsible, prioritised scheduling of pre-season training.

Your club's support for this pre-season code of conduct is essential to ensure you have the best possible surface for the winter season. This support will be illustrated by your club through:

- Only conducting team training activities on Council sportsgrounds during allocated times;
- Ensure public open space is not utilised for the purpose of pre-season training;
- Educating players/coaches/staff/volunteers of the club's responsibilities in relation to sportsground management;
- Exploring alternative training activities to meet your club's needs in preparation for the 2020 season; and
- Set the example for the community by adhering to this Code of Conduct.

Days available for use at sportsgrounds are subject to incumbent summer club use and will be negotiated by the club's designated Recreation Development Officer.

### **Sportsgrounds available for pre-season training use.**

Clubs will be allocated use of their home sportsground for the purpose of pre-season training. This training will be scheduled outside of the incumbent's training and competition allocations.

Clubs will not be allocated use of any additional sportsgrounds including Oval 3 and 4 at Elsternwick Park or use of school sportsgrounds for pre-season purposes. Clubs will be required to responsibly allocate use within the designated allocation and provide a copy of the proposed allocation as part of the application for pre-season use. Penalties will apply if clubs or individuals are found using sportsgrounds/open space for this purpose.

## **Process**

Pre-season training on Council sportsgrounds will be permitted (subject to suitable sportsground conditions) upon application from 27 January 2020 (seniors) and 24 February 2020 (juniors) to 31 March 2020 on Sunday and Monday afternoons. The regular winter season use of sportsgrounds will commence on 1 April 2020.

- All clubs must submit an application stating their preferred pre-season training days using the pre-season application form available on Council's website;
- Council will assess applications for pre-season training and confirm the allocated training schedule for each club;
- A maximum of two sessions per week (maximum of 2 hours per session) for seniors and two sessions per week for juniors for any club will be permitted subject to the condition of the sportsground and summer season allocated use;
- Penalties will apply for all unauthorised use of sportsgrounds;
- Practice matches are not available on Council allocated sportsgrounds; and
- Clubs are not permitted to cross municipal boundaries to make unauthorised use of open space or sportsgrounds at any time.

## **Pre-season on sportsgrounds**

- Training is only permitted on the allocated training days.
- All players are to wear rubber soled shoes (runners/sneakers) - spikes, cleats or stops are not to be worn until the winter season commences.
- Use will only be permitted for team based training activities and does not include the conduct of clinics or development programs.
- Rotate your training drills to maintain an even spread of use across the entire sportsground (i.e. not just in front of the pavilion).
- All training equipment and litter is to be removed at the completion of each training session.
- Pre-season allocation does not include access to pavilions.

## **Pre-season in open space areas**

- No training is to be undertaken in open space areas. Clubs and individuals found using open space for this purpose will be issued with penalty notices. No warnings will be issued, penalties will be immediately enforced.



### List of approved sportsgrounds

Club	Home Ground
Bayside Argonauts Football Club	Shipston Reserve
Bayside United Football Club	Dendy Park Lower
Beaumaris Football Club	Banksia Reserve
Beaumaris Soccer Club	Beaumaris Reserve
Black Rock Football Club	William Street Reserve
Brighton Beach Junior Football Club	Brighton Beach Oval
Brighton Old Boys Soccer Club	Dendy Park Upper
Brighton Soccer Club	Dendy Park Lower
Cheltenham Football Club	Cheltenham Recreation Reserve
East Brighton Football Netball Club Inc.	Hurlingham Park
East Brighton United Football Club	Dendy Park Upper
East Brighton Vampires Junior Football Club	Hurlingham Park
East Sandringham Junior Football Club	R G Chisholm Reserve
Elsternwick Amateur Football Club	Holmes-Todd Oval
Hampton Dolphins Inc.	Simpson Reserve
Hampton Football Netball Club	Peterson Reserve
Hampton Junior Soccer Club	Simpson Reserve
Hampton Rovers Amateur Football Club	Boss James Reserve
Moorabbin Kangaroos Football Club	Moorabbin West Reserve
Old Brighton Grammarians Football Club	Brighton Beach Oval
Old Melburnians Football Club	Elsternwick Park Oval 1
Sandringham Soccer Club	Spring Street Reserve

