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Fawkner Netball Club Game Management Procedure

In December 2023 World Netball (WN) launched updated the Game Management and Foul Play rules. The rules changes focus specifically on player safety and game management, cautions have been removed and umpires will now advance or escalate a sanction. **Unfair play, unsporting behaviour** and **dangerous play** will result in more serious game management actions including:

- **Proactive advice**, an advancement down the court or an escalation from a free pass to a penalty
- **An official warning**
- **Suspended** for two minutes of match-play
- **Ordered off** for remainder of game

In conjunction with Umpire Game Management decisions, and to encourage good sporting behaviour, the Fawkner Netball Club Executive Committee further advise that –

- If Fawkner Netball Club player receives an official warning from an Umpire during play, the Coach is encouraged to substitute the player off the court for a minimum of 2 mins, in an attempt to avoid further behaviour escalation.
- If a Fawkner Netball Club player receives a Suspension (2 mins off the court) by the Umpire, the Coach is encouraged to prolong the player time off the court for the remainder of the quarter to avoid further behaviour escalation
- If a Fawkner Netball Club player is ordered off the court (no further participation in the game), the Coach is encouraged to take further disciplinary action with this player in conjunction with the player's family and Executive Committee.
- If the committee deem an action of a player unnecessary, intentional and against FNC player conduct, FNC Executive may step-in and issue relevant consequences, assessed on a case-by-case scenario.

Please see the below policies from World Netball for more details.



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GAME MANAGEMENT

Game management is crucial to keeping our game safe and fair.

Cautions have been removed and umpires can now advance or escalate a sanction. Normally an umpire will work through these game management actions in order unless an offence is serious enough to require a higher level of game management to be applied immediately.

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GAME MANAGEMENT ACTIONS



PROACTIVE ADVICE

For low-level incidents that do not compromise player safety, an umpire can provide specific feedback to a player to change their behaviour.



ADVANCE / ESCALATE

A sanction may be advanced up to 5m. If an infringement is in the goal third, it can be advanced into the circle. A free pass may be escalated to a penalty pass, as a stand-alone action or in combination with the sanction being advanced.



WARNING

This lets a player know that if they continue to infringe the foul play rules they will be suspended.



SUSPENSION

The player will be sent from the court for 2 minutes of playing time. After 2 minutes, the suspended player may return to the court or they may be replaced with a different bench player.

*This is an important change as it means coaches have more choice, especially if they think the suspended player isn't going to be able to adjust and may end up being ordered off.



ORDERING OFF

The player must leave the court and takes no further part in the match. The suspended player may be replaced by another player after 4 minutes of playing time.

REMEMBER

It's important to remember that umpires work as a team to control the game. Warnings, suspensions and ordering off are all immediately binding on the co-umpire.

As an example: if one umpire gives a player a warning and that player continues to infringe the foul play rules at the other umpire's end of the court, they would then suspend that player.



THE PROCESS

1. Hold time using hand signal.
2. Use the specific term & hand signal for the game management action.
3. Advise the player of the behaviour the game management action is being applied to.



WARNING
HAND SIGNAL

SUSPENSION
HAND SIGNAL

ORDERING OFF
HAND SIGNAL



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FOUL PLAY

Foul play - not cool in our books!

Foul play has been spilt into three categories which attract increasingly serious game management action.

1 UNFAIR PLAY
Delaying play.
Intentional infringing.
Repeated infringing.
Intimidation.
Disputed ruling by a player.



PENALTY PASS WHICH IS ADVANCED

A penalty pass is awarded, which is advanced up to half a third (5m).



2 UNSPORTING BEHAVIOUR
Retaliation.
Abusive behaviour.
Any actions contrary to good sporting behaviour.



PENALTY PASS + WARNING OR SUSPENSION

A penalty pass is awarded where the infringement occurred and the player is either given a warning or suspended. In a serious case the player will be ordered off.



3 DANGEROUS PLAY
Players must not take action that could affect the safety of another player.



PENALTY PASS + SUSPENSION OR ORDERING OFF

A penalty pass is awarded where the infringement occurred & the player is either suspended or ordered off. Players must always be ordered off for intentional or highly reckless dangerous play.



PLAYER RESPONSIBILITY

There is a strong emphasis on the seriousness of dangerous play, which is why it goes straight to a suspension or ordering off. This puts increased responsibility on players to use good judgment in making decisions on court and understanding that they will be held accountable for actions that might result in the injury of an opponent.

By the time the umpire takes the action, the incident has already happened, and it is too late – but having a more serious consequence hopefully has a deterrent effect and makes that player, and others, reconsider their behaviour for next time.

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