



RAVENTHORPE & DISTRICTS

Sports Association

24 Governing Points

as at March 2022

RULES

1. Name: Ravensthorpe and Districts Sports Association, herein after referred to as the Association.
2. Objects of Association:
 - To promote and develop sports within the districts of Lake King, Ravensthorpe and Hopetoun
 - To govern and administer a regional winter sporting competition within the Lake King, Ravensthorpe and Hopetoun district
 - To provide opportunities to socialise and come together

In the case that RDFA, RWHA & RNA cease to exist, these objects will be extended to include:

- *To administer regional teams for junior and senior development events and competitions.*
 - *To affiliate with other Associations having similar objects as determined by the Association from time to time.*
3. Composition
Association membership consists of the following member clubs:
 - Lakes Winter Sports Club Inc.
 - Ravensthorpe Tigers Football and Sporting Club
 - Southerners Sporting Club Inc

Sports associations are represented through delegates as nominated by member clubs. Sports associations include:

- Ravensthorpe and Districts Football Association Incorporated
- Ravensthorpe Women's Hockey Association Incorporated
- Ravensthorpe Netball Association (Inc.)

The Association committee includes:

- President (non-voting)
- Secretary (non-voting)
- Treasurer (non-voting)
- One delegate for each sport from each club (9 in total) - delegates may also hold office bearing positions.

A person may not hold 2 or more of the office bearing positions.

Membership ceases when the member club resigns from the Association in writing or is not financial or is expelled.

Names, mobile numbers and email addresses for the roles must be submitted to the RDSA secretary after the first meeting of each club and sports association in

the new season.

- Club presidents, vice presidents, treasurers, secretaries, sports delegates, junior coordinators
- Senior and junior umpires
- Senior and junior coaches

4. General Meetings:

- An Annual General Meeting (AGM) is to be held on the second Monday in February at 7pm in Ravensthorpe
- Two (2) weeks' notice of AGM to go to member club secretaries
- A quorum of 6 (minimum 2 delegates per club) is required for general meetings
- All matters are to be decided on by 9 votes. Member clubs are entitled to 1 vote per sport per club giving 9 votes in total on all matters, regardless of numbers in attendance
- The ordinary business of the annual general meeting is as follows —
 - to confirm the minutes of the previous annual general meeting
 - to receive and consider the President's report
 - to receive and consider the Treasurer's report
 - to elect the office holders of the Association
 - to consider the appointment of an auditor or an independent book review (optional) of the Association
 - to confirm or vary the entrance fees, subscriptions and other amounts (if any) to be paid by Member Clubs
 - any other business of which notice has been given in accordance with these rules may be conducted at the annual general meeting.

5. Committee Meetings

- The committee shall meet a minimum of two times in a financial year
- Meetings can be face to face or by any other means accepted by the majority
- A quorum of 6 (minimum 2 delegates per club) is required for committee meetings
- Notice of each committee meeting must be given to each committee member at least 48 hours before the time of the meeting
- The president, or in the president's absence, the secretary, must preside as the president of each committee meeting. If the president and secretary are absent or are unwilling to act as president of a meeting, the committee members at the meeting must choose one of them to act as president of the meeting.
- One member club can call a committee meeting by giving notice to the secretary or president, who then must give notice to member clubs within 48 hours of receiving it and holding a meeting within 7 days of the committee meeting being called

6. Membership Fee

- The committee must determine the annual membership fee (if any) to be paid for membership of the Association at each annual general meeting.
- Member clubs must pay the annual membership fee to the treasurer by the date determined by the committee. If a member club has not paid the annual membership fee within the period of 3 months after the due date, the member club ceases to be a member on the expiry of that period.

7. Game day: Saturday

8. Junior grades & ages (as a guide)

Nipper: Kindy/Pre-primary/Year 1

Sub Junior: Year 2 & 3

Junior: Year 4 & up (upper limits/senior sport eligibility to be decided by the sports associations)

(Sports associations to oversee age groupings depending on numbers and skill level. Clubs to request adjustment from relevant sports association)

9. Gate entry fees:

- Regular season entry fee per game: \$5 per adult, children free - retained by host club
- Grand final entry fee: \$10 per adult, children free - collected by RDSA treasurer to cover grand final umpire fees, any surplus is distributed back to sports associations.

10. Game day schedule - home and away season

10:00 - 11:00	Sub Junior Hockey Nipper Hockey
10:00 - 12:00	Senior Netball** Junior Hockey
11:30 - 12:30	Sub Junior Football Nipper Football
12:30 - 2:30	Senior Hockey Junior Football (no round robin)
12:30 - 1:30	Sub Junior Netball Court 1 Nipper Netball Court 2
2:30 - 4:30	Senior Football Junior A Netball Court 1 Junior B Netball Court 2
5.00 – 7.00	Night netball (when applicable)^

Football	Hockey	Netball
Nipper 11.30 - 12.30	Nipper 10.00	Nipper 12.30
Sub Junior 11.30 - 12.30	Sub Junior 10.00	Sub Junior 12.30
Junior 12.30	Junior 10.00	Junior A & B 2.30
Senior 2.30	Senior 12.30	Senior 10.00*

^ On night netball fixtures in Ravensthorpe, all other games remain as per game day schedule.

**In case of normal game instead of Round Robin, senior netball will start at 11am, must be confirmed by 5pm Thursday prior to match.

- Junior presentations will be conducted straight after their games.
- Senior presentations will be conducted at the conclusion of the day. Evening presentations will include the reading out of junior award recipients.
- The fixture date or time of a game can be amended by the mutual agreement of participating clubs AND approval by the Association.

11. Round Robin Format

- When all three participating clubs can provide a team, a round robin game format will apply, whereby each team plays 2 half-length games against the opposing member clubs.
- The fixtures will ensure there is a fair rotation in order of play across the season.
- Junior teams for all sports can be composed of players from more than one club – decisions to be made on game day.
- In the case of merging teams, all players must be given fair game time and positioning.

12. Senior Fairest & Best Vote Count

- To be held on the evening of the last regular fixture
- Responsibility of the sports associations to manage the collection, counting and reading of votes and ordering of trophies
- Voting conducted by umpires
- Host club to provide data projector, screen and microphone
- Vote count to be conducted by each sports association in the order they are played on the day of the count.
- Fairest and Best trophies to be presented by sports associations at Senior Grand Final presentations

	Football (on one card)		Hockey		Netball	
	Round Robin	Normal Game	Round Robin	Normal Game	Round Robin	Normal Game
1st		5	1.5	3	3	6
2nd		4	1	2	2	4
3rd		3	0.5	1	1	2
4th		2				
5th		1				

13. Senior Premiership Points

	Football	Hockey	Netball
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	Round Robin	Normal Game	Round Robin	Normal Game	Round Robin	Normal Game
Win	n/a		1.5	3	2	4
Lose	n/a		0	0	0	0
Draw	n/a		0.5	1	1	2

14. Junior Round Robin (final)

- Held one week prior to senior grand final - no senior games to be fixtured
- Venue allocated on rotation between member clubs
- End of season presentations to be conducted by each sporting association straight after their games
- Junior finals structure at the discretion of the sports associations *ie. cumulative premiership points across the season or grand final sudden death*
- Sports association to coordinate the votes and presentation of awards.
- Each sport to provide a prize *ie. chips/juicebox* for all participants post match

Football	Hockey	Netball
Nipper 11.30 - 12.30	Nipper 10.00	Nipper 12.30
Sub Junior 11.30 - 12.30	Sub Junior 10.00	Sub Junior 12.30
Junior 12.30	Junior 10.00	Junior A & B 2.30

15. Senior Grand Final:

- Venue allocated on rotation between member clubs
- Top two senior teams for each sport at the end of the regular season, decided by premiership points, play in the Grand Final.
- Where two teams have an equal number of premiership points, the relative positions on the premiership tables shall be decided on goal balance. The format of the premiership points table is as follows for each sport.
- Sports associations to advertise senior presentation arrangements.
- Host club to provide microphone for presentations

Football	Hockey	Netball
Senior 2.30	Senior 12.30	Senior 10.00

16. Payment of umpires

- Rates of payment to be decided by the sporting associations
- Payment of umpires is the responsibility of the host club (except for senior grand final where RDSA Treasurer arranges payment from gate takings)
- In the case of round robin game format, the umpires will receive 1.5 x rate, due to 1.5 x length of playing time.

17. Fixturing

- First game of the season to be fixtured no earlier than Term 2, Week 2 - preferably later due to seeding
- Minimum nine rounds (3 per club)
- All rounds to allow for round robin (except senior and junior football)
- Consideration given to Great Southern netball championships, Narrogin junior hockey carnival and Countryweek football
- Long weekends and school holidays avoided if possible
- Venues to be rotated between member clubs
- At least one night netball fixture to be held in Ravensthorpe

18. Fixture Cards & Booklets

- One sponsor logo per sports association printed on fixture card
- Each club to receive 100 fixture cards for distribution to members
- Fixture booklets to include club and association contact details, season fixtures, life members and sports rules
- Sports rules to cover: umpire payments, age groups, insurance details, premiership points for win/loss/draw

19. Player transfer/clearance: A matter for the individual sports associations

20. Grand Final Qualifying Games: A matter for the individual sports associations

21. Officials (scorers/timekeepers/umpires): Coordinated at sports association level

22. Game day forfeit: A team intending to forfeit must notify the opposing coach or one of the club officers listed on the fixtures by 12noon the day prior to the fixture.

23. Scorecards & voting slips: Coordinated at sports association level

24. Change to By-Laws: The Association may, by simple majority vote, resolve at a general meeting to make, amend or revoke by-laws

The Governing Points above cover both the By-laws and Association Rules. Should RDSA wish to become an incorporated association, the following rules must be adopted.

DISSOLUTION

1. If upon the cancellation or the winding up of the Association there remains after satisfaction of all its debts and liabilities any property whatsoever, the same must not be paid to or distributed amongst the members, or former members.
2. The surplus property must be distributed as determined by special resolution to another incorporated body with similar objectives, as per as the Act

ALTERATION OF RULES

1. If the Association wants to alter or rescind any of these rules, or to make additional rules, the Association may do so only by special resolution at a meeting called for that purpose and by 75% majority vote of those present.

COMMON SEAL

1. The Association does not have a common seal

FINANCIAL YEAR

1. The Association's financial year will be from 1 January to 31 December of each year.

NOT-FOR-PROFIT BODY AND MEMBER PAYMENTS

1. The income and property of the Association, wheresoever derived, shall be applied solely towards the objectives of the Association.
2. No portion thereof shall be paid or transferred directly or indirectly, by any method whatsoever, by way of profit to the members of the Association. Payment in good faith of remuneration of officers, or servants of the Association, or to any members in return for services actually rendered to the Association, or for goods supplied in the ordinary and usual course of business can be provided.

REGISTER OF MEMBERS

1. The secretary is responsible for the register of club members (club name, address, phone, email, club representatives names and contact details) and must record in that register any change in the membership of the Association.
2. The register of members must be kept at the secretary's place of residence or at another place determined by the committee.
3. Upon written request of a member, the secretary shall make the register and any other Association records available for the inspection of that member at no cost to the member. The committee may require the written request for the register to outline the purpose of the request and its connection to the Association

MEMBER SUSPENSION OR EXPULSION

1. Any member club acting in any way detrimental to the objectives of the Association or prejudicial to the interests of the Association, whether pecuniary, ethically or otherwise, may be expelled from the Association
2. Notice of such action shall be in writing by the Committee.
3. Any member club that is expelled or suspended may have the right to appeal by way of a meeting, 21 days after the notice.

DISPUTE RESOLUTION

1. If a dispute arises between member clubs they are to try and resolve it themselves in the first instance. If they can't, they can request a Committee meeting for the dispute to be heard at. Each member will have adequate time to explain the issue and can bring a support person (although they cannot provide any input at the meeting). The Committee will make a decision regarding the dispute at the meeting or within 7 days and advise the members in writing. If a member decides to appeal the decision, they must request the Committee to meet again in writing within 7 days, after which the Committee must meet within 14 days to hear the members again.
2. At this second meeting the Committee decision is final.