

# ResChallenge

## Sports Program

### 2023

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## INTRODUCTION

Instilling a proud tradition of competition and friendly rivalry, the ResChallenge Sports Program exists to encourage positive interaction between residential colleges of the University of Newcastle. The ResChallenge Sports Program will commence in early March and formally conclude with the Student Living Awards dinner in November. Newcastle University Sport (NUsport) will coordinate the overall logistics of the ResChallenge Sports Program with the assistance of Student Living and the Associations for each residence.

Each residence will be provided with the opportunity to participate in a variety of sporting championships. At the conclusion of the year, the residence gaining the highest aggregate of points in the Championship events will be the ResChallenge Sports Champion and will have their name inscribed on the ResChallenge Sports Shield. If two residences gain the same highest aggregate points, the residence with the greatest number of championships won during the ResChallenge Sports Program will be determined the overall winner. If residences are still equal, the winner will be determined by the number of second places and so-on until a winner can be named.

### Roles within the ResChallenge Sports Program

#### NUsport

Coordinate overall logistics of the Program. This will entail the following:

- Conduct any required meetings for the ResChallenge Sports Program.
- Formulating rules and guidelines.
- Booking all venues, coordinate equipment, officials and first aid attendants.
- Provide online registration for ResChallenge participants
- Coordinating all ResChallenge Sports events.
- Setting up each event.
- Facilitating entries for each sport.
- Tabulating point scores.
- Dealing with appeals and disputes.
- Evaluation of program.

#### Associations

The appointed members of each association will represent their respective residence. These representatives will be responsible for the following:

- Coordinating teams to represent their residence at weekly fixtures and standalone sporting events.
- Organising training sessions (must be booked and paid for through Venue Hire team at The Forum).
- Encouraging players to participate in all events on the program.
- Entering teams into the sports that are provided.
- Ensuring participants have registered for each competition
- Communicating any forfeits to The Forum 48 hours before games.
- Conduct of players and spectators of their residence.
- Working with the NUsport to organise and facilitate tasks relating to the ResChallenge Sports Program.
- Evaluation of program.

#### Student Living

- Promotion of the ResChallenge Sports Program to residents
- Liaison with NUsport regarding scheduling
- Assistance in disciplinary matters
- Coordination of annual dinner
- Evaluation of program.

## COURT AND OVAL BOOKINGS

Any usage of Courts and Ovals at the Forum and on University grounds MUST be booked through The Forum. Usage costs for these sessions are NOT covered in the ResChallenge program and must be paid by the associations. To make a booking, contact The Forum on 4921 7003. If you are unable to contact us by phone, please send an email to [liam.halin@theforum.org.au](mailto:liam.halin@theforum.org.au) to request your booking.

Please note that alcohol consumption is strictly prohibited at ALL NUsport facilities and events.

**IMPORTANT – You MUST have a booking to use University Spaces for training, and selections.** Fields and Courts are NOT open for use without a booking. Associations found using the fields without a booking may be invoiced a usage or damage fee, and be unable to make future bookings on sporting spaces.

## REGISTRATIONS

NUsport will capture registrations at each event by way of QR codes. Participants will be required to complete an online form prior to participation. Data collected will be utilised for program evaluation and feedback purposes.

## AWARDS

At the conclusion of the year, the residence gaining the highest aggregate of points in the Championship events will be the ResChallenge Sports Champion for that year, and will have its name inscribed on the *ResChallenge Sports Shield*. This award will be presented at the Student Living Awards Dinner in October.

Also presented at this dinner will be the *Spirit of Sports Award*, which is given to the residence who is judged to have shown the most positive and supportive behaviour throughout the ResChallenge Sports Program.

## KEY DATES 2023

Semester 1			
Sundays 5 Mar – 21 May	Ladies Basketball 7:00pm – 8:20pm	Weekly Competition	The Forum
Mondays 6 Mar – 15 May	Men's Touch Football 6:00pm – 9:00pm	Weekly Competition	Oval 1
Saturday 18 Mar	Swimming Carnival 12:00pm – 4:00pm	Carnival	The Forum
Saturday 29 Apr	Mixed Ultimate Frisbee 9:00am – 3:00pm	Gala Day	Oval 3
Saturday 6 May	Men's, Ladies & Mixed Badminton 9.00 – 3.00pm	Knockout	The Forum
Semester 2			
Sundays 30 July – 15 Oct	Men's Basketball 7:00pm – 8:20pm	Weekly Competition	The Forum
Mondays 31 July – 9 Oct	Ladies Touch Football 6:00pm – 9:00pm	Weekly Competition	Oval 1
Saturday 19 Aug	Mixed Volleyball 9:00am – 3:00pm	Gala Day	The Forum
Saturday 9 Sept	Mixed Soccer 9:00am – 3:00pm	Gala Day	Oval 2
Saturday 16 Sept	Mixed Netball 9:00am – 3:00pm	Gala Day	The Forum
TBC	Student Living Awards Dinner	Awards Night	TBC

## FIXTURES, RESULTS & LADDERS

Competition fixtures, results and ladders can be found [here](#).

Scroll to the bottom of the page to find the **Draws and Results** section. Competition fixtures will be available within a week of competitions starting.

# Calendar of Events 2023



**NUSPORT**

Semester 1 - 2023												
	Week 3	Week 4	Week 5	Week 6	Week 7	Mid-Semester Break Apr 7 - Apr 23	Week 8	Week 9	Week 10	Week 11	Week 12	Week 13
	5 Mar - 11 Mar	12 Mar - 18 Mar	19 Mar - 56 Mar	26 Mar - 1 Apr	2 Apr - 8 Apr		23 Apr - 29 Apr	30 Apr - 6 May	7 May - 13 May	14th May - 20 May	21 May - 27 May	30 May - 5 June
Gala Days and Events			Sat 18th Mar Swimming Carnival 12:00am - 4:00pm				29th Apr Mixed Ultimate Frisbee 9:00am - 3:00pm	6th May Men's, Ladies & Mixed Badminton 9:00am - 3:00pm				
Sunday Nights Ladies Basketball	5th March Round 1	12th March Round 2	19th March Round 3	26th March Round 4	2nd April Round 5		30th Apr Round 6	7th May Round 7	14th May Semi-Finals	21st May Finals		
Monday Nights Mens Touch	6th March Round 1	13th March Round 2	20th March Round 3	27th March Round 4	3rd April Round 5		24th April Round 6	1st May Round 7	8th May Semi-Finals	15th May Finals		

Semester 2 - 2023												
	Week 3	Week 4	Week 5	Week 6	Week 7	Week 8	Week 9	Week 10	23 Sep - 8 Oct  Mid-Semester Break	Week 11	Week 12	Week 13
	30 Jul - 5 Aug	6 Aug - 12 Aug	13 Aug - 19 Aug	20 Aug - 26 Aug	27 Aug - 2 Sep	3 Sep - 9 Sep	10 Sep - 16 Sep	17 Sep - 23 Sep		8 Oct - 14 Oct	15 Oct - 21 Oct	22 Oct - 28 Oct
Gala Days and Events			Sat 19 August Mixed Volleyball 9:00am - 3:00pm			Sat 9th September Mixed Soccer gala 9:00am - 3:00pm	Sat 16th September Mixed Netball 9:00am - 3:00pm					
Sunday Nights Men's Basketball	30 July Round 1	6th August Round 2	13th August Round 3	20th August Round 4	27th August Round 5	3rd September Round 6	10th September Round 7	17th September Semi-Finals		15th October Finals		
Monday Nights Ladies Touch	31 July Round 1	7th August Round 2	14th August Round 3	21st August Round 4	28th August Round 5	4th September Round 6	11th September Round 7	18th September Semi-Finals	9th October Finals			

## SPORTS SHIELD EVENTS

Each residence will be provided with the opportunity to participate in a variety of sporting championships. At the conclusion of the year, the residence gaining the highest aggregate of points in the Championship events will be the ResChallenge Sports Champion, and will have their name inscribed on the ResChallenge Sports Shield. If two residences gain the same highest aggregate points, the residence with the greatest number of championships won during the ResChallenge Sports Program will be determined the overall winner. If residences are still equal, the winner will be determined by the number of second places and so-on until a winner can be named. Each competition will have its own format for determining positions and point scores. This is outlined in the following pages.

## Sport Specific Rules

Note each sport in the ResChallenge Program will follow the rules of the governing body of that sport in Australia, except where NUsport is required to adapt or include local rules to better suit the program or competition. In such cases, any local rule changes will be communicated to the associations (via their representative) and Student Living prior to the commencement of that competition.

Links to Sport Specific Rules
<p><b>Basketball</b> <i>International Basketball Association (FIBA)</i> <a href="#">FIBA Basketball Rules 2022</a></p>
<p><b>Touch Football</b> <i>Touch Football Australia (TFA)</i> <a href="#">Touch Football Australia Playing Rules 8th Edition</a></p>
<p><b>Ultimate Frisbee</b> <i>World Flying Disc Federation (WFDF)</i> <a href="#">Ultimate Flying Disc Federation Rules</a></p>
<p><b>Badminton</b> <i>Badminton World Federation (BWF)</i> <a href="#">Badminton World Federation Regulations</a></p>
<p><b>Volleyball</b> <i>Federation for International Volleyball (FIVB)</i> <a href="#">Official Volleyball Rules 2017-2020</a></p>
<p><b>Netball</b> <i>International Netball Federation (INF)</i> <a href="#">International Netball Federation</a></p>
<p><b>Soccer</b> <i>Federation for International Football Association (FIFA)</i> <a href="#">Laws of The Game</a></p>

## INCLEMENT WEATHER

In cases where competitions cannot commence due to inclement weather, including rain, hail, storms, or extreme heat, etc., NUsport will endeavour to move the event to an alternate date where possible. This may include rearranging the competition structure to suit timeframes, venue availability, etc. The postponement or cancellation of a competition will be determined by NUsport at the soonest possible time and communicated to Student Living and the resident association representatives. In the event of a single match or game being impacted by inclement weather, if rescheduling is not possible, the game will be considered a 0-0 draw.

## Weekly Fixtures

Semester 1	
Sunday Nights 5th Mar – 21 May	Ladies Basketball 7:00pm – 8:20pm
Monday Nights 6th Mar – 15th May	Men's Touch Football 6:00pm – 9:00pm

Semester 2	
Sunday Nights 30th Jul – 15th Oct	Men's Basketball 7:00pm – 8:20pm
Monday Nights 31 <sup>st</sup> Jul – 9 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Ladies Touch Football 6:00pm – 9:00pm

Weekly fixtures will take on the same structure in 2023. Residences shall play for points which will contribute to their weekly ladder ranking for each sport. The fixtures and results will be visible on the Forum website and via the SportsTG mobile app under our Social Sport header found [here](#).

Points shall be awarded as follows for each weekly round.

Win	Draw	Loss	Forfeit
3	2	1	0

## Team Sizes

Teams will be asked to register online and to confirm their players each week on a registration form provided by NUsport

Sport	# Registered Players	# Players/game	Max # on field	Min # on field
Touch	Unlimited	14	6	4
Basketball	Unlimited	12	5	4
Soccer	Unlimited	12	7	5

## Team Configuration

Mixed Soccer – Team must have a minimum of three (3) females on the field at any time.

### 4 team knockout format

Semi Final – 1<sup>st</sup> v 4<sup>th</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> v 3<sup>rd</sup>

Grand Final – Winner of each Semi-Final  
3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> - determined by ladder position

Positions 1 – 2 will be determined by the finals series.

Position 3 -4 will be determined by ladder position after semi final

Positions 5 – 8 will be determined by finishing position on the ladder at the end of the regular season.

### Points Structure:

Grand Final Winner	80 Points
Grand Final R-Up	70 Points
3 <sup>rd</sup> /4 <sup>th</sup> Winner	60 Points
3 <sup>rd</sup> /4 <sup>th</sup> R-Up	50 Points

Ladder Position 5 <sup>th</sup>	40 Points
Ladder Position 6 <sup>th</sup>	30 Points
Ladder Position 7 <sup>th</sup>	20 Points
Ladder Position 8 <sup>th</sup>	10 Points



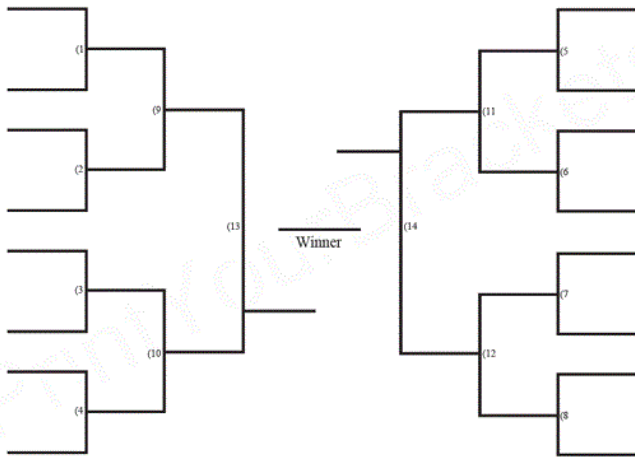
## Knockouts

### Semester 1

Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> May    Mens, Ladies & Mixed  
8:00pm – 3:00pm    Badminton

### Badminton

Each residence will select two males, two females, and two mixed doubles pairs to compete in a knockout competition. Each player/pair will be seeded for the purpose of the draws. There will be Men's and ladies singles, and Mixed doubles tournaments, each with a separate draw using the format seen below. Points will be awarded according to the round in which each player/pair finish (see below).



Points Allocation	
Forfeit:	0 points
Round 1:	1 point
Round 2:	2 points
Semi-Final:	3 points
Runner-Up:	5 points
Winner:	7 points

Points are accumulated across the Men's, Women's and Mixed tournaments to determine the overall residence placing's, for example:

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If there are residences tied on points at the conclusion of all three tournaments, the following tie-breakers will be used (in order shown):

POINTS – HIGHEST ROUND REACHED – SCORE DIFFERENCE – SCORE FOR

#### Points Structure:

1 <sup>st</sup> on Overall Points	80 Points
2 <sup>nd</sup> on Overall Points	70 Points
3 <sup>rd</sup> on Overall Points	60 Points
4 <sup>th</sup> on Overall Points	50 Points

5 <sup>th</sup> on Overall Points	40 Points
6 <sup>th</sup> on Overall Points	30 Points
7 <sup>th</sup> on Overall Points	20 Points
8 <sup>th</sup> on Overall Points	10 Points

## Gala Tournaments

Semester 1
Saturday 29th April 9:00am – 3:00pm
Mixed Ultimate Frisbee

Semester 2	
Saturday 19 <sup>th</sup> August 9:00am – 3:00pm	Mixed Volleyball
Saturday 9 <sup>th</sup> Sept 9:00am – 3:00pm	Mixed Soccer
Saturday 16 <sup>th</sup> Sept 9:00am – 3:00pm	Mixed Netball

All gala tournaments will be contested in the following format:

POOL A
1 <sup>st</sup> Seed
4 <sup>th</sup> Seed
5 <sup>th</sup> Seed
8 <sup>th</sup> Seed

POOL B
2 <sup>nd</sup> Seed
3 <sup>rd</sup> Seed
6 <sup>th</sup> Seed
7 <sup>th</sup> Seed

### Pool Games:

All teams from Pool A play each other once. All teams from Pool B play each other once. Once pool games are completed, teams are organised into a ladder to determine Pool standings.

### Points shall be awarded as follows for each round

Win	Draw	Loss	Forfeit
3	2	1	0

### Team Sizes

Teams will be asked to confirm their players each week on a registration form provided by NUsport

Sport	# Registered Players	# Players/game	Max # on field	Min # on field
Soccer sml sided	Unlimited	12	7	5
Netball	Unlimited	12	7	5
Volleyball	Unlimited	12	6	4
Frisbee	Unlimited	12	7	5

### Finals Series

Grand Final: 1<sup>st</sup> Pool A v 1<sup>st</sup> Pool B

3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> Playoff: 2<sup>nd</sup> Pool A v 2<sup>nd</sup> Pool B

Positions 5-8 will not participate in the finals series and will be determined by the below tie-breakers (in order shown):  
POINTS – GAMES WON – SCORE DIFFERENCE – SCORE FOR

### Points Structure:

Grand Final Winner	80 Points
Grand Final R-Up	70 Points
3 <sup>rd</sup> /4 <sup>th</sup> Winner	60 Points
3 <sup>rd</sup> /4 <sup>th</sup> R-Up	50 Points

5 <sup>th</sup> as per tie-breakers	40 Points
6 <sup>th</sup> as per tie-breakers	30 Points
7 <sup>th</sup> as per tie-breakers	20 Points
8 <sup>th</sup> as per tie-breakers	10 Points

## Carnivals

### Semester 1

Saturday 18th Mar  
12:00pm – 5:00pm

**Swimming Carnival**

### Semester 2

## Swimming Carnival

Each residence may enter up to eight (8) swimmers in each event. Swimmers names and Residence for each event must be submitted to NUsport by **Friday 10<sup>th</sup> March** in order for timetables and heats to be finalised. The **top two swimmers** from each residence in an event will progress to the Finals (16 swimmers total). The fastest eight times will make up the **A final**, while the next eight will make up the **B final**.

The schedule of the Swimming Carnival Events will be as follows;

- 50m Freestyle Heats (Men then Women)
- 50m Breaststroke Heats (Men then Women)
- 50m Butterfly Heats (Men then Women)
- 50m Backstroke Heats (Men then Women)
  
- 50m Freestyle **Finals** (Men then Women)
- 50m Breaststroke **Finals** (Men then Women)
- 50m Butterfly **Finals** (Men then Women)
- 50m Backstroke **Finals** (Men then Women)
  
- 4 x 50m Freestyle (Men & Women) (1 team per Residence)
- Medley Relay (Mixed) (1 team per Residence) - Time Permitting

In swimming points will be awarded for the final/s of each event as follows:

Place	A Final		B Final
	Individual Event	Relay	Individual Event
1 <sup>st</sup>	20	30	10
2 <sup>nd</sup>	18	26	8
3 <sup>rd</sup>	17	24	7
4 <sup>th</sup>	16	22	6
5 <sup>th</sup>	15	20	5
6 <sup>th</sup>	14	18	4
7 <sup>th</sup>	13	16	3
8 <sup>th</sup>	12	14	2

Points will be accumulated throughout the Carnival for each residence to determine the overall winner.

### Points Structure:

1 <sup>st</sup> on Overall Points	80 Points
2 <sup>nd</sup> on Overall Points	70 Points
3 <sup>rd</sup> on Overall Points	60 Points
4 <sup>th</sup> on Overall Points	50 Points

5 <sup>th</sup> on Overall Points	40 Points
6 <sup>th</sup> on Overall Points	30 Points
7 <sup>th</sup> on Overall Points	20 Points
8 <sup>th</sup> on Overall Points	10 Points

## SPIRIT OF SPORTS AWARD

The residence judged to have most consistently displayed positive and supportive behaviour will be awarded the ***Spirit of Sports*** award. NUsport will be responsible for scoring each Residence after each event. To decide the winner, residences will be graded on the below criteria:

<b>ATHLETES</b>		
<b>Attendance</b>	Attended all games on time	5
	Late to one or more games	4
	Forfeit one game	3
	Forfeit more than one game	2
	Forfeit all games	0
<b>Conduct</b>	Exemplary conduct and respect of officials	5
	Good conduct and respect of officials	4
	Fair conduct and respect of officials	3
	Dissent shown to officials / staff	2
	Reported for Code of Conduct breach	0
<b>Team Spirit</b>	Excellent team spirit and interaction with opposition	5
	Good team spirit and interaction with opposition	4
	Fair team spirit and interaction with opposition	3
	Little team spirit and interaction with opposition	2
	Unsportsmanlike behaviour	0
<b>Support to Convenors</b>	Excellent level of support without being asked	5
	Supported convenors when asked	3
	Did not assist	1
	Failed to assist when asked	0
<b>SUPPORTERS</b>		
<b>Sportsmanship</b>	Exemplary team support and sportsmanship displayed	5
	Good team support and sportsmanship displayed	4
	Fair team support and sportsmanship displayed	3
	Little team support and sportsmanship displayed	2
	Unruly behaviour or warnings given	0
<b>Cleanliness</b>	Left areas free of litter, assisted in other areas	5
	Left own area free of litter	4
	Majority of litter removed	3
	Some litter removed	2
	Little or no regard for clean up	0
<b>Alcohol</b>	Zero alcohol or influence of alcohol	5
	Evidence of alcohol or obvious influence of alcohol	0
	Failure to comply with staff instruction regarding alcohol	Ineligible for Spirit Points

## **RULES AND REGULATIONS**

### **Eligibility**

All members of residences who are students at tertiary institutions are eligible to compete provided they:

- are in residence.
- intend at the start of their residence during the semester of the competition in question, to remain in residence for the duration of that semester.

If an ineligible player(s) represents a residence in the ResChallenge Sports Program, that residence shall automatically be disqualified from each match, game and contest etc, in which the ineligible player(s) participated. Therefore, that residence shall not receive any points for that event, match, game or contest. A forfeit win will be awarded to the opposing team.

## **PROTESTS AND FORFEITS**

Forfeits **MUST** be communicated with The Forum **48 hours before** the commencement of the game. Forfeits can be phoned in on 4921 7003 or by emailing [competitions@theforum.org.au](mailto:competitions@theforum.org.au).

Any team that is unable to participate more than 10 minutes after the time appointed for any match shall be deemed to have forfeited that match.

If a match is abandoned, it shall be deemed a draw, unless the two association coordinators involved, in consultation with NUsport and Student Living, meet within one week of the abandonment of the match and agree to complete or replay the match on a date agreeable to both. A match may only be abandoned due to bad weather or by the referee's decision.

Decisions relating to a match shall be in the hands of the umpire(s), referee(s), or adjudicator(s).

Protests, except those concerning eligibility of players, shall be entertained only if they are lodged in writing to NUsport:

- Within 48 hours of the conclusion of the match.
- Within 48 hours of the conclusion of the Swimming Carnival and Campus Scamper.
- In other extenuating circumstances at the discretion of NUsport.

Protests concerning eligibility of players can be entertained up until the final of that competition. Protests regarding decisions by a referee or umpire during a game or match will not be considered.

### **Code of Conduct**

NUsport is dedicated to ensuring the ResChallenge Sports Program is conducted, played and administered in a professional and equitable manner. To ensure this is recognised and acknowledged by players, supporters, officials, the University community and the public, NUsport has adopted a Code of Behaviour and Athletes Agreement for the ResChallenge Sports Program.

#### **Aim**

It is the aim of NUsport to conduct a safe and spirited sporting competition involving various Resident teams. In pursuit of this aim NUsport requires that players and supporters uphold the traditions of fair play and good sportsmanship.

#### **Coverage**

This Code of Behaviour has been written to cover any player, official, referee, administrator or spectator involved in any ResChallenge Sports event.

### **Codes of behaviour**

#### **Spectator's Code of Behaviour**

- Respect the officials' decision. Do not abuse, threaten or intimidate a referee or match official and do not show dissension, displeasure or disapproval towards a referee or match official's decision in an abusive or unreasonable fashion.

- Condemn the use of violence in any form, whether it occurs between spectators, coaches, officials or players.
  - Support skilled performances.
  - Show respect for opponents.
  - Display appropriate social behaviour by not using profane, demeaning or derogatory language, or harassing players, coaches, officials or other spectators.
  - Do not consume alcohol at or around sporting venues, or arrive to the venue intoxicated.
  - Do not throw any object.
  - Barrack in a positive way.
  - Leave the area tidy and free from any litter or other mess.
  - Do not behave in any manner, or engage in any activity, whether on or off the field, that is likely to impair positive public perception as to the orderly and professional conduct of ResChallenge Sports Program.
  - Promote The ResChallenge Sports Program as a spirited, safe and enjoyable competition to be enjoyed by players, spectators, officials and administrators.
- The referee may issue a warning to the captain of the team of which the spectators are breaking the code of behaviour. The captain must let the spectators know they will be asked to leave if they continue to break the code of behaviour, and their team will be penalised. If the spectators are asked to leave and they refuse, the offending residence will incur a forfeit for that game.

#### **Player's Code of Behaviour**

- Abide by the rules of the match or competition.
- Always behave in a positive manner and do not direct physical or verbal abuse towards officials or other participants at any time.
- Encourage and support honest effort, skilled performance and improvement.
- Show respect for opponents and their skills.
- Show respect for game officials, team officials and teammates.
- Do not mix alcohol with sport. (No player will be permitted to take part in any competition when there is any indication of intoxication.)
- Comply with the safety guidelines as outlined.
- Do not behave in any manner, or engage in any activity, whether on or off the field, that is likely to impair positive public perception as to the orderly and professional conduct of The ResChallenge Sports Program.
- Promote The ResChallenge Sports Program as a spirited, safe and enjoyable competition to be enjoyed by players, spectators, officials and administrators.

#### **Referee's and Official's Code of Behaviour**

- Be consistent, objective and courteous in controlling the game.
  - Promote respect for all opponents by disciplining unsportsmanlike behaviour.
  - Ensure, as a referee or official, behaviour both on and off the field is consistent with the principles of good sportsmanship.
  - Make a personal commitment to keep informed of sound officiating principles and developments within the relevant sport or game.
- Do not behave in any manner, or engage in any activity, whether on or off the field, that is likely to impair positive public perception as to the orderly and professional conduct of The ResChallenge Sports Program.
  - Promote The ResChallenge Sports Program as a spirited, safe and enjoyable competition to be enjoyed by players, spectators, officials and administrators.

#### **Administrator's Code of Behaviour**

- Ensure equal opportunities for participation in sports are made available to all participants.
- Encourage a positive attitude towards The ResChallenge Sports Program.
- Provide the administrative, managerial and structural support necessary to ensure the best possible performance of teams, athletes and members.
- Ensure rules, equipment, training schedules and games meet safety standards, and are appropriate to the age, ability and maturity level of the participants.
- Ensure qualified and competent coaches and officials provide adequate supervision and support.
- Do not behave in any manner, or engage in any activity, whether on or off the field, that is likely to impair positive public perception as to the orderly and professional conduct of The ResChallenge Sports Program.

- Promote The ResChallenge Sports Program as a spirited, safe and enjoyable competition to be enjoyed by players, spectators, officials and administrators.

### **Alcohol regulation**

- All sports facilities where The ResChallenge Sports Program is conducted are Alcohol Free Zones. No alcohol is to be consumed whilst using these facilities unless authorised by the CEO, NUsport with express permission.
- All sports facilities are Glass Free Zones. No glass items are to be taken onto or into any part of the sports facilities.
- If alcohol is found at sports facilities:
  - Students will be asked to remove the alcohol.
  - if the student refuses to do so, the teams playing from the student's Residence, will receive the following point deductions from their current total:
- The Residence of the student found with alcohol will receive, in the first instance, an automatic 50 point deduction from their overall point score. Subsequent infringements from the same Residence will receive automatic deductions of 100 points, then 150 points and so on (in increasing increments of 50 points per infringement).
- If the student still refuses to remove alcohol, all their residence teams for that sport will be disqualified, and both University Security and the Police will be contacted.

### **Disputes and Complaints**

All disputes and complaints regarding codes of behaviour should be made according to the policy document supplied by NUsport.

### **Process to address breach of the Code of Conduct or Rules of Competition**

If athletes or supporters breach the ResChallenge Sports Program Code of Conduct (e.g. consuming alcohol at intercollegiate sports competitions etc):

- Complainants to immediately report the incident to NUsport Staff
- NUsport Staff member immediately gets in touch with the Sports Representative from the offending residence
- NUsport Staff and Sports Representatives meet with offending athletes or supporters to identify them
- NUsport Staff and complainants complete incident reports within 2 working days and lodge reports to NUsport and Student Living.
- NUsport meets with Student Living to discuss the incident report
- NUsport decides on appropriate sanction within 2 working days
- NUsport immediately notifies all association representatives of the determination
- NUsport and Student Living immediately notify residents of the determination
- Possible sanctions (but not limited to) as a guide for breach of the code of conduct.
- **First offence** at the intercollegiate sporting event:
  - deduction of 50 points
- **Second offence** of similar incident:
  - double the deduction of points from the first penalty and Sports Representatives of the offending residence to meet with Student Living and NUsport
- **Third offence or a severe breach** (e.g. aggressive / abusive behaviours)
  - Disqualification for the team and appropriate disciplinary action using the Halls of Residence process
- **Refusal to cooperate** with NUsport staff, Student Living staff and/or officials:
  - Disqualification of teams

If athletes breach rules of the competition

- Complainants immediately advise the referee at the game
- If requiring further action, complainants must lodge incident report within 48 hours of the competition to the NUsport and Student Living
- NUsport meets with Student Living to discuss the incident report
- NUsport decides on appropriate outcome/sanction within 2 working days
- NUsport and Student Living immediately notifies Sports Representatives of competing residences of the outcome



Possible sanctions (but not limited to) as a guide for breach of the competition rules:

- Disqualification of one team
- Disqualification of both teams
- Equal split of points to both teams
- Warning to one or both teams, with more severe sanction if it reoccurs

Note:

- If results of the sporting competition have been announced before the incident or complaint could be investigated and determined, the results will be changed based on the outcome of the investigation
- No verbal complaints will be considered for investigation

Appeals Process

- All appeals must be lodged in writing to NUsport within 2 working days of the determination made by the NUsport and Student Living
- The outcome of the appeal will be final

### **Athlete's and Spectator's Agreement**

By participating in the ResChallenge Sports Program, all athletes and spectators are bound by the following regulations. In consideration of NUsport and Student Living approving me to participate in the 2023 ResChallenge Sports Program, I agree to abide by the following Terms and Conditions and those contained within the ResChallenge Sports Program Code of Conduct. I declare I am eligible to compete in the University of Newcastle ResChallenge Sports Program in accordance with the Eligibility Guidelines as stated in the program.

### **Obligations**

I agree:

- to observe and comply with each term and condition of this Agreement, the Constitution and Regulations of the University of Newcastle and of NUsport.
- to observe and comply with the regulations governing the event in which I will be participating.
- to conduct myself in a manner to not bring myself, the team, NUsport or the University of Newcastle into public disrepute or censure and to the absolute satisfaction of the University of Newcastle.
- not to make comment, issue, or endorse any public criticism or statement having or designed to have a prejudicial effect on the interests of NUsport, the team or any member of the team.
- to conduct myself in such a manner as to obtain and maintain my best possible physical fitness and health to carry out my duties to the team to the best of my ability.
- to comply with the University of Newcastle's Alcohol and Other Drugs Policy.

### **Breach**

Should I breach any part of this agreement, NUsport and Student Living, may at their discretion:

- terminate my membership of the team; and/or
- exclude me from the competition.

I also understand that any actions by me deemed to constitute misbehaviour during the contest may result in an indefinite suspension from participating in future university championships or ResChallenge Sports Events.

### **Discipline**

Should a complaint be received about my behaviour during the period I am a member of the team, I agree that in addition to any disciplinary action taken by NUsport:

- the matter will be heard by all Student Living.
- I will make myself available to provide such knowledge as I have about the event.

Should a complaint be received about the behaviour of a group of which I was a party, I further agree:

- to cooperate with NUsport to help determine the true facts of the matter.
- that if NUsport and Student Living determine that in their opinion the actions of the group are deemed to constitute misbehaviour, or have been prejudicial to the competition, that it is incumbent upon me to demonstrate that not only did I not participate in the deemed misbehaviour but also that I did not in any way incite, encourage, condone or knowingly profit from the actions which gave rise to the complaint.

- that if I am unable to demonstrate to the satisfaction of NUsport and Student Living that I was not involved in the deemed misbehaviour of the group of which I was a party, I will accept the penalty that is imposed upon the group.
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## Release and indemnity

I expressly agree that NUsport, shall not in any circumstances be under any liability whatsoever to me for any loss, damage or injury of whatsoever kind arising directly or indirectly for any act, neglect or fault on the part of NUsport and connected with my participation in the ResChallenge Sports Program. I hereby indemnify and will always hereafter indemnify and keep indemnified NUsport against all actions, suits, proceedings, claims, demands, cost and expenses whatsoever which may be taken against NUsport in conjunction with or arising out of such loss, damage or injury. I understand that NUsport retains the right for publicity and advertising purposes, photographs of participants.

## SEEDINGS

Many of the sports contested in the ResChallenge Sports Program require residences to be seeded for the fixtures to be produced. 2022 results will be utilised to seed residences for each even that is required. Below are the seedings for each sport based on 2022 results:

Seed	Touch Football		Basketball	
	Men's	Ladies	Men's	Ladies
1	Evatt House	Edwards Hall	Evatt House	Evatt House
2	South	East	Edwards Hall	Edwards Hall
3	East	Evatt House	South	International House
4	West	International House	North	North
5	International House	South	West	East
6	Edwards Hall	West	Brahineban	West
7	North	Barahineban	International House	South
8	Barahineban	North	East	Barahineban

Seed	Soccer	Netball	Volleyball	Ultimate Frisbee
	Mixed	Mixed	Mixed	Mixed
1	Edwards Hall	Evatt House	Edwards Hall	Evatt House
2	East	Edwards Hall	West	International House
3	Evatt House	Barahineban	Evatt House	Edwards Hall
4	International House	East	South	East
5	West	International House	East	South
6	Barahineban	South	International House	West
7	North	West	North	Barahineban
8	South	North	Barahineban	North

Seed	Badminton
	Mixed Overall
1	North
2	Barahineban
3	Evatt House
4	International House
5	Edwards Hall
6	South
7	West
8	East

## DEFENDING CHAMPIONS

<p><b>Swimming – Overall</b> (2022)</p> <p>Evatt House</p> 	<p><b>Badminton – Overall</b> (2022)</p> <p>North</p> 	<p><b>Soccer – Ladies</b> (2017)</p> <p>Edwards Hall</p> 	<p><b>Soccer – Men</b> (2019)</p> <p>International House</p> 
<p><b>Touch – Men</b> (2022)</p> <p>Evatt House</p> 	<p><b>Touch – Ladies</b> (2022)</p> <p>Edwards Hall</p> 	<p><b>Basketball – Men</b> (2022)</p> <p>Evatt House</p> 	<p><b>Basketball – Ladies</b> (2022)</p> <p>Evatt House</p> 
<p><b>Campus Scamper – Overall</b> (2019)</p> <p>International House</p> 	<p><b>Soccer Mixed – Participation</b> (2022)</p> <p>Edwards Hall</p> 	<p><b>Netball – Ladies</b> (2019)</p> <p>Barahineban</p> 	<p><b>Netball – Mixed</b> (2022)</p> <p>Edwards Hall</p> 
<p><b>Volleyball – Mixed</b> (2022)</p> <p>Edwards Hall</p> 	<p><b>Ultimate – Mixed</b> (2022)</p> <p>Evatt House</p> 	<p><b>Spirit of Sports</b> (2022)</p> <p>Edwards Hall</p> 	<p><b>ResChallenge Sports Champion</b> (2022)</p> <p>Evatt House</p> 

### Spirit of Sports – 2022

<b>1<sup>st</sup> Place</b>	<b>Edwards Hall</b>	<b>341</b>
2 <sup>nd</sup> Place	Evatt House	321
2 <sup>nd</sup> Place	East	321
3 <sup>rd</sup> Place	International House	317
4 <sup>th</sup> Place	Barahineban	299
5 <sup>th</sup> Place	South	291
6 <sup>th</sup> Place	West	272
7 <sup>th</sup> Place	North	271

### ResChallenge Sports Champion – 2022

<b>1<sup>st</sup> Place</b>	<b>Evatt House</b>	<b>720</b>
2 <sup>nd</sup> Place	Edwards Hall	650
3 <sup>rd</sup> Place	East	460
4 <sup>th</sup> Place	International House	410
5 <sup>th</sup> Place	West	330
6 <sup>th</sup> Place	South	290
7 <sup>th</sup> Place	Barahineban	270
8 <sup>th</sup> Place	North	220

\*All information in this booklet is accurate at the time of printing. NUsport reserve the right to make changes at any time should they see it necessary and will advise Student Living and the associations of any such adjustments.

### NOTES: