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Information and Rules 2025

INTRODUCTION

Croydon and Districts Volleyball Association Inc. trading as Maroondah Volleyball (ARBN B1706816U) runs the Maroondah Volleyball Tournaments; Open and Junior, Maroondah Volleyball Local League; Maroondah Cobras Volleyball (VVL program); Maroondah Eastern Institute of Volleyball (MEIV), Sporting Schools, Spikezone, VolleyAll and Little Spikers programs. The Maroondah Volleyball League is run on a Tuesday, and Thursday nights, with an Open competition and a Women's competition on Tuesday nights and an Open competition on Thursday nights. Sunday Local League competitions offer Youth League, Women's League, Men's League and a Mixed League. Following the Sunday League, Maroondah Volleyball offers a Social Sundays session. Maroondah Cobras training is on Tuesday and Thursday evenings. MEIV on Monday and Tuesday evenings. VolleyAll, Spikezone and Little Spikers programs run on Thursday afternoons.

In 2021 we started a Social Sundays program to cater for newcomers and others interested in social volleyball activities as well as an opportunity for training.

The Association commenced with the opening of the Croydon Leisure Centre (now Aquahub) in July 1977. In that time, it has hosted an international match, a National Indoor Grand Prix event and a number of tournaments. The Maroondah Volleyball Tournament was established in 2016 as an annual event in the September school holidays.

In May 2019 Maroondah Volleyball moved to its new home, **Maroondah Nets**, at the HE Parker Reserve in Heathmont. The stadium, currently shared with netball, boasts six national standard volleyball courts. State League matches have been played at the stadium during school holidays since 2019.

This year we will use three venues: our home **Maroondah Nets**, in Heathmont, **The Rings** in Ringwood, and **Aquinas College** in Ringwood.



TWO-DAY TOURNAMENT – Maroondah Volleyball Tournament

Saturday 20th and Sunday 21st September 2025 – Seniors

Venues:

Maroondah Nets -

HE Parker Reserve
154 Heathmont Road,
Heathmont

The Rings –

362-378 Canterbury Road,
Ringwood
(Between Wantirna Rd and
Eastlink)

Aquinas College

46 Great Ryrie Street,
Ringwood

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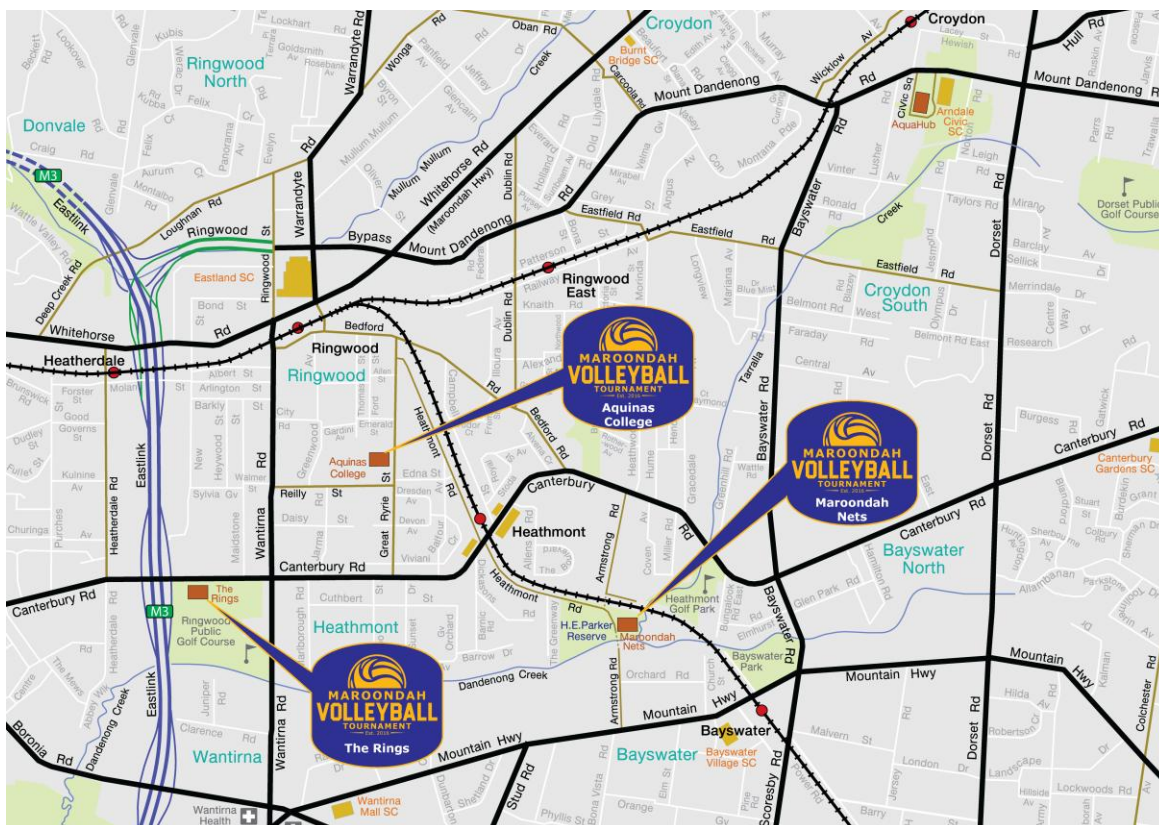
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When entering the school grounds, please follow the parking arrangements as shown on the map. Players and spectators are required to use the pathways marked with red dots when moving through the premises.

Teams may utilise the oval and outdoor basketball courts for warm-up before and after games; however, all other areas are strictly out of bounds. We kindly ask that everyone leave the grounds promptly and quietly at the conclusion of the day.



1. GENERAL TOURNAMENT INFORMATION

1.1. DIVISIONS

MENS	WOMENS	MIXED
Honours	Honours	Division A
Division 1	Division 1	Division B
Division 2	Division 2	

NOTES

1. All divisions shall play each other once, and then a top four system for finals (except pools).
2. Larger divisions shall be split into two pools, with the top 2 in each pool playing crossover finals.
3. Only women / girls may play in Women's divisions.
4. Women players may play in Division 2 Men's.
5. Mixed teams must comprise of **at least two** (2) men and **at least two** (2) women on the court

1.2. UNIFORMS AND DRESS REGULATIONS

1. **All teams are expected to play in team uniform.** This uniform must include individually numbered tops and similar coloured shorts. Team members who are not in uniform will incur a penalty of 1 ladder point.
2. No jewellery may be worn during a match. This includes watches, rings, chains, and earrings. The wearing of hats or bandannas is not permitted both during a match or while performing duty for a match.
3. Clothing required for religious purposes is acceptable, but the Tournament Director must be notified prior to the commencement of your game.

1.3. PLAYER ELIGIBILITY

1. Each player must have the appropriate level of personal registration with Volleyball Victoria or an equivalent State body. Player registrations will be checked on the weekend. If a player is found to be unregistered during the tournament, this will result in any match they participated in to be a forfeit.
2. Each player must abide by the age and gender requirements of the team for which they are nominated.
3. Players can register to their teams online prior to the tournament, and these names will be included on the score sheets.

1.4. PLAYING FOR TWO TEAMS

During the Tournament, a player may only play for one team in the Men's or Women's division but may also play in the Mixed division. The Fixtures have taken into account where teams/players have pre-nominated they are playing on two teams. If special circumstances warrant it (injuries/illness) a team may, on application to the Tournament Director, request a player(s) move to another division. Normal eligibility rules apply.

1.5. WITHDRAWAL OF TEAMS

Any team withdrawing after the team entry closing date will be liable for the full registration fee.

2. INFORMATION & RESULTS DURING THE TOURNAMENT

2.1. RevSport

Games and Results will be recorded on RevSport (as per VVL and Maroondah Volleyball League).
<https://www.revolutionise.com.au/maroondahvolleyball>

2.2. AT THE STADIUM

Information, Results, and Ladders will be available at the Competition Office at The Rings, Maroondah Nets and Aquinas College.

3. MATCH CONDUCT

3.1. MATCH TIMES / HOURS OF COMMITMENT

1. Matches may be scheduled between 8am to 9pm (start times) on Saturday and between 8am and 6pm (start times) on Sunday.
2. The Tournament Director or Chief Referee reserves the right to extend or amend playing hours as necessary in the overall interest of the tournament.
3. Matches are to start at the scheduled time (on the hour) allowing for 50 minutes of match time and 10 minutes between matches.
4. If a team is late for the start of the match it will forfeit the first set 0-25. If it is another five minutes late it will forfeit the second set 0-25. If it is a further five minutes late it will forfeit the third set and the match. The forfeiting team's score shall be 0-3 sets and 0-75 points.
5. Teams may warmup on the match court in the 10 minutes interval between matches.
6. Entry to the stadium will be available 15 minutes prior to the first game of each day.

3.2. DUTY

1. All participating teams will be rostered for duty at times close to their scheduled playing times as the fixture permits.
2. Teams on duty must provide a first referee, second referee, a scorer and two lines people.
3. If the duty team is not complete as stated in 2. above it will incur a penalty of 2 ladder points.
4. The duty team must be ready to perform its duty at the start of the scheduled match.
5. If the duty team is late for its scheduled match above, it will incur a penalty of 2 ladder points. The late start should be recorded on the scoresheet and signed by both playing team captains. The complaint should be brought to the attention of the Tournament Director or Chief Referee as soon as possible.
6. The duty team must return the ball and completed scoresheet to the Chief Referee or Tournament Office at the completion of the match.
7. The Tournament Director and other event officials will monitor duty violations.
8. The Tournament Director has the authority to issue an infringement at their discretion.
9. All referees are required to provide their own whistle. Under health regulations whistles may NOT be borrowed.
10. Whilst acting as a referee, these persons fall under the control of the Chief Referee and his/her assistants.
11. Maroondah Volleyball will roster the first Referee for all Grand Finals, with the Duty Team still required to provide the second referee, scorer and lines people.

4. PLAYING CONDITIONS

4.1. RULES OF THE GAME

Except where explicitly stated, or limited by the venue playing conditions, the Rules of the Game, **Official Volleyball Rules, 20251-2028** (FIVB) shall apply. **Note:** New Rules to apply from 1 January 2025.

https://www.fivb.com/en/volleyball/thegame_glossary/officialrulesofthegames

4.2. MATCH DURATION

1. Matches will be time limited to 50 minutes with a planned 10-minute interval between matches.
2. All matches will start on the hour, or as deemed by the Chief referee.
3. Games will start and end on the sound of the siren. A rally will stop immediately on the siren.
4. In time limit matches, a late start to a game will amount to a loss of playing time. The game cannot proceed beyond the scheduled finishing time.
5. No substitutions or time-outs are permitted in the last two (2) minutes of playing time.
6. The interval between sets shall be no more than one (1) minute.
7. International Scoring System with best of 5 sets (except finals). Sets 1-4 are played to 25 points, with a 2 point advantage to win the set; set 5 is to 15, with a 2 point advantage to win the set.
8. In sets 1 to 4, a team must have at least 13 points with a 2-point advantage to win a set.
9. In the fifth set, a team must have at least 8 points with a 2-point advantage to win the set
10. Finals will be played to a best of 3 sets, with the 3rd set if required to 15 points.

4.3. GAME INTERRUPTIONS

1. If a ball enters a court from adjacent courts to interfere with play the referee will stop play and order a replay of the point.
2. Each team is entitled to two (2) time-outs per set. Time-outs shall not exceed 30 seconds
3. Substitutions should be completed to not unduly interrupt the game.
4. Libero replacement should not interrupt the flow of a game.
5. No time-outs or substitutions may be made in the last two (2) minutes of a time limit match.

4.4. NET HEIGHTS

Men's	2.43 metres
Women's	2.24 metres
Mixed	2.32 metres

4.5. 12 SUBSTITUTION RULE

The 12 Substitution rule will apply in every set.

4.6. LIBERO

1. The Libero per Set rule will apply in every set.
2. The Libero player must be indicated on the rotation slip at the beginning of a set.
3. The Libero player in each set will be designated by the wearing of a bib or contrasting shirt, which does not need to have the player's playing number.

4.7. TEAM SIZE

1. Teams will commence each match with six (6) players.
2. Only players recorded on the scoresheet may enter the court and play in the match. Recorded players can be added up to the conclusion of the first set, at which point the scorer should strike-out the names of any players listed who are not participating in the match.
3. Teams failing to meet the minimum team size requirements in a set will incur a forfeit of that set.
4. Teams will not be penalised should players be injured during the course of the match causing the team to be reduced to five (5) players.
5. Teams may not be penalised should players be injured during the course of the tournament causing the team to be reduced to five (5) players. The decision will be at the discretion of the Chief Referee or Tournament Director.
6. When the team is reduced to 5 players, the player in position No. 5 may be used as a front or backline player when the blank is rotated to the front line.
7. When the team is reduced to 5 players the blank shall forfeit the serve on its rotation.
8. If a team is reduced to less than five (5) players, it shall forfeit the remainder of the match. Any sets or points gained to that point shall count and the team recorded with a loss. Their opponent will be recorded with a 3 set, 75-point win.
9. In the mixed division, if one of the women players is injured and the team is reduced to one woman player the team will be able to continue but only with five players. Items 6 and 7 will apply.

4.8. FORFEIT SCORE

1. A set forfeit will be recorded as twenty-five (25) points to nil (0) in favour of the opponent.
2. A match forfeit will be recorded as three (3) sets to nil (0), seventy-five (75) points to nil (0)

4.9. PLAYER ELIGIBILITY

1. Teams which field an ineligible player(s) during a match will forfeit that match
2. Players will be deemed to be ineligible if they are not current, financial registered members of Volleyball Victoria or they do not meet the player eligibility requirements outlined earlier in this document.

4.10. TOURNAMENT LADDER FORMAT

1. Match Points will be recorded as:

WIN	3 points	LOSS	1 point
DRAW	2 points	FORFEIT	0 points

2. In the event that two or more teams in a division are equal on points at the end of the preliminary rounds, then the higher placed team will be decided when the first of the following criteria, applied in order, favours one team:
 - a. TOTAL MATCH POINTS ACCRUED (i.e., matches won).
 - b. PERCENTAGE OF SETS WON.
 - c. PERCENTAGE OF POINTS WON.
 - d. If all of the above are equal, the result(s) between the teams in question shall be considered.

4.11. FINALS

1. All finals matches will be played as the best of three (3) sets with **no** time limit. The first 2 sets will be played to 25, with an advantage of 2 points; while the deciding third set will be played to 15, with an advantage of 2 points.
2. Where there are more than 4 teams in the division, the top team will play the fourth for a position the Grand Final and teams that are placed second and third will play-off for a position in the Grand Final. Both winners will play the Grand Final.
3. Where there are pools, there will be crossover finals with the top 2 teams in each pool playing each other (Pool A 1 v Pool B 2, and Pool B 1 v Pool A 2) with the winners playing in the Grand Final.
4. To be eligible for finals, players must have played at least two (2) matches in the round robin competition of that division.

4.12. PROTEST RESOLUTION

1. Any disputes or protests that arise during a match shall be referred to the Chief Referee or Tournament Director for immediate resolution.
2. Protests will be resolved by the Chief Referee and/or Tournament Director. Their resolution will be immediate, and the match will resume as directed by the Chief Referee. The match will not be replayed. If a protest is upheld the match will resume immediately. If the protest is rejected the team captain will be sanctioned with a Red card and the game will resume immediately.
3. If a second protest occurs by the same team during the same game and it is dismissed, the captain will be sanctioned with a Red/Yellow card thus removing them from the court for the rest of the current set. The game will resume immediately.

5. GENERAL POLICIES AND INFORMATION

5.1. FOOD and DRINK

It is a venue requirement that consumption of food and drink (with the exception of liquid in sealed sports drink bottles) is not permitted in the sports halls. Water must be contained in sealed sports drink bottles to limit the amount of water/liquid on the floor resulting from accidental spillage.

Water fountains are available at **Maroondah Nets**, **The Rings** and **Aquinas College** for refilling water bottles. For health reasons the water fountains will not be available for direct drinking.

Maroondah Nets and **The Rings** have a Cafe on site which has a selection of food and drinks for purchasing. **Maroondah Nets** will also have a players lounge upstairs, with bean bags, screens and games. After 2pm The Bar will open with a small selection of beverages at bar prices. All alcoholic drinks must be consumed upstairs.

Aquinas College had a Canteen with a small selection of food and drinks for purchasing

Please place any rubbish and empty bottles/containers in the available rubbish or recycling bins.

5.2. NEARBY FACILITIES – Maroondah NETS; H.E. Parker Reserve, Heathmont

To get to the following nearby facilities it is necessary to return to Canterbury Road via Heathmont Road.

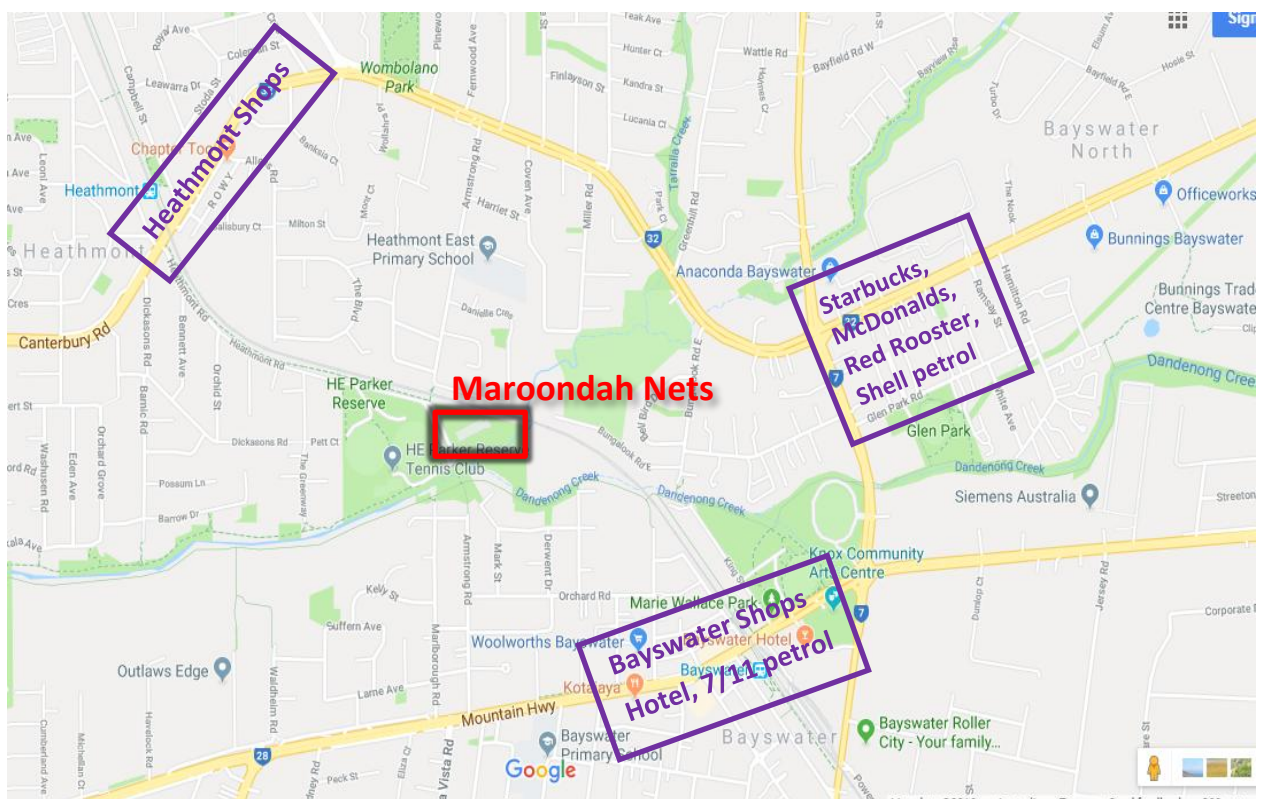
A short distance from **Maroondah Nets**, is the Heathmont Shopping Centre.

A short drive is the town centre of Ringwood with many shops and the Eastland Shopping Centre.

Alternatively, there are shops at nearby Bayswater, North Bayswater, and Wantirna, and further to the Knox Shopping Centre.

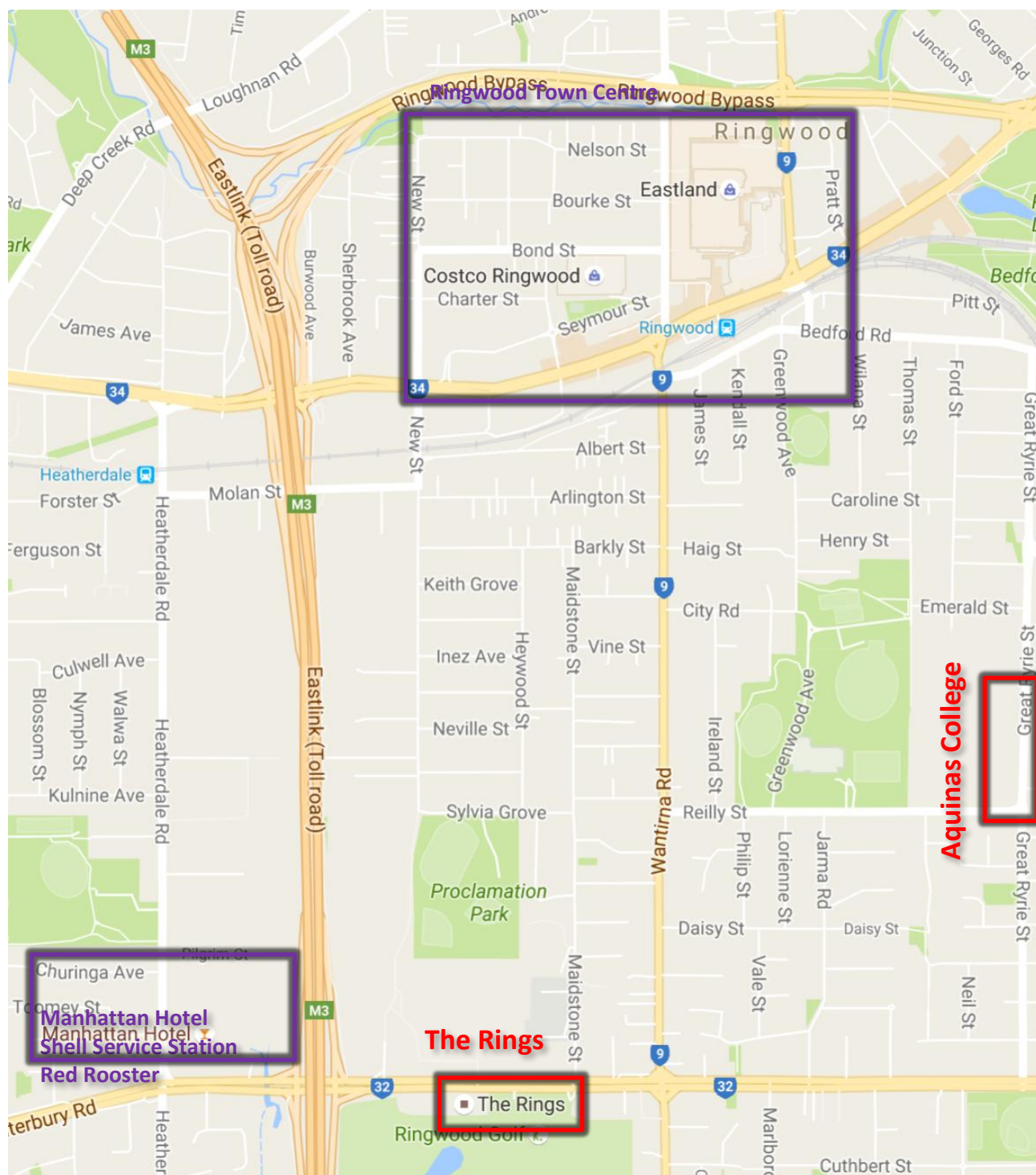
Petrol stations in North Bayswater, Bayswater. and Wantirna

Red Rooster and McDonalds are located in North Bayswater and the Bayswater Hotel is in Bayswater. McDonalds, KFC and other fast foods are located in Wantirna.



5.3. NEARBY FACILITIES – THE RINGS and AQUINAS COLLEGE

A short distance from **The Rings and Aquinas College**, is a Shell Service station, Red Rooster and The Manhattan Hotel. A short drive is the town centre of Ringwood with many shops and the Eastland Shopping Centre.



5.4. FIRST AID

A First Aid Practitioner will be present throughout the duration of the tournament

5.5. BLOOD

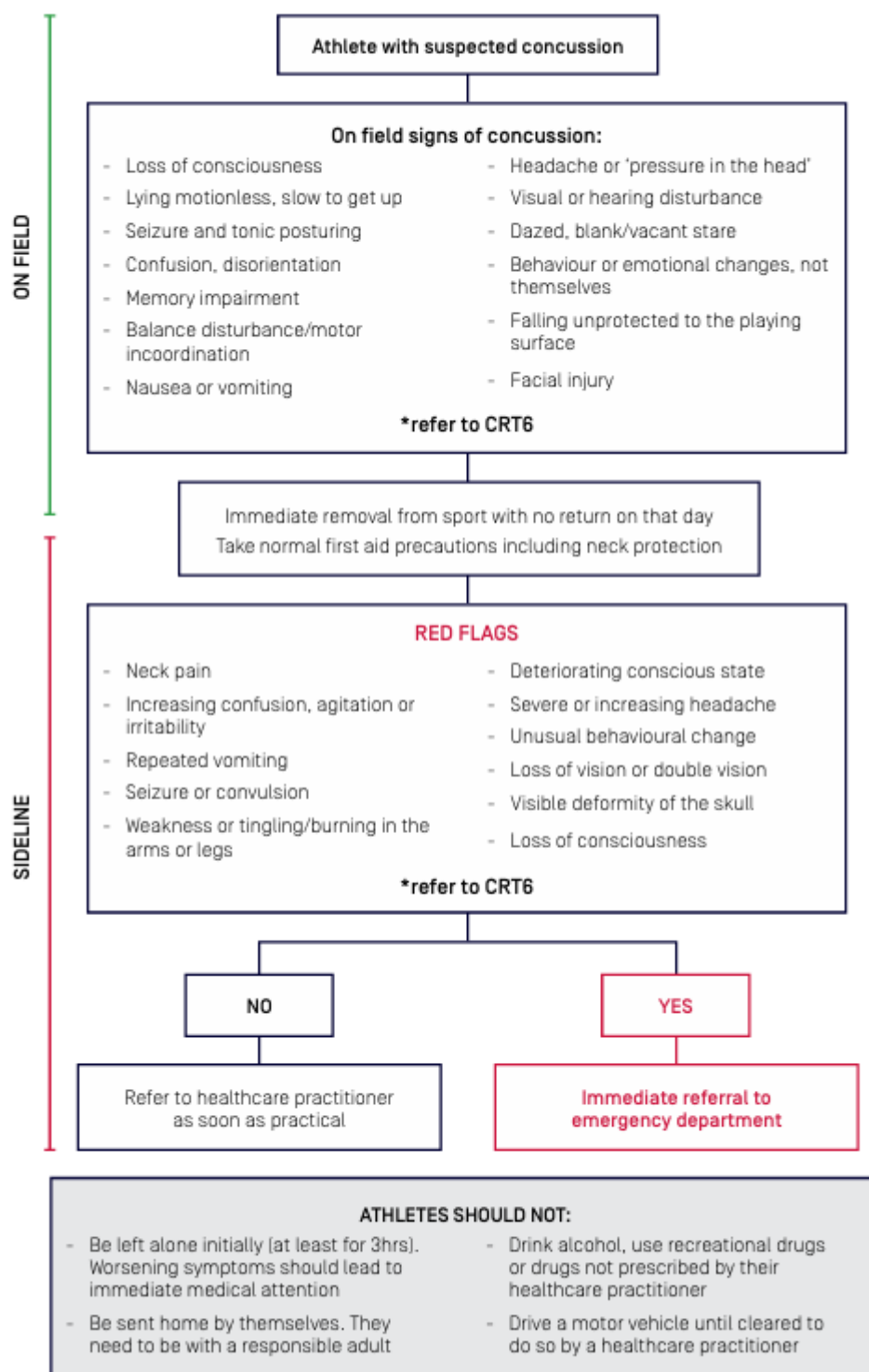
In keeping with current sports practice, matches cannot proceed if there is a bleeding player, or blood on balls or equipment. Should bleeding occur, the player will be removed from the game, as per the rules concerning an injured player, and cannot take their place on the court until there is no more

evidence of blood or bleeding. Matches will be halted until such time as all blood has been removed from the court/playing equipment. Any delay shall not cause the game to proceed beyond the scheduled finishing time.

5.6. CONCUSSION GUIDELINES

For suspected concussions the following will apply:

Figure 1: Non-healthcare practitioner at sporting event where there is a suspicion of concussion (for parents, coaches, teachers, team-mates, support staff)



5.7. PLAYER CONDUCT

The current rules of the game provide for the match officials to contain incidents of unsportsmanlike behaviour before any penalties are given. When conduct is considered to be significantly bad – a penalty is given in line with the FIVB rules.

5.8. TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR AND VOLUNTEERS

The Maroondah Volleyball volunteers are identifiable by their grey and green Maroondah Volleyball shirts and will be found throughout the stadium and in the tournament office. The Maroondah Volleyball Officials will be identifiable by their hi-visibility orange vests.

6. CEREMONIES / MOST VALUABLE PLAYER (MVP)

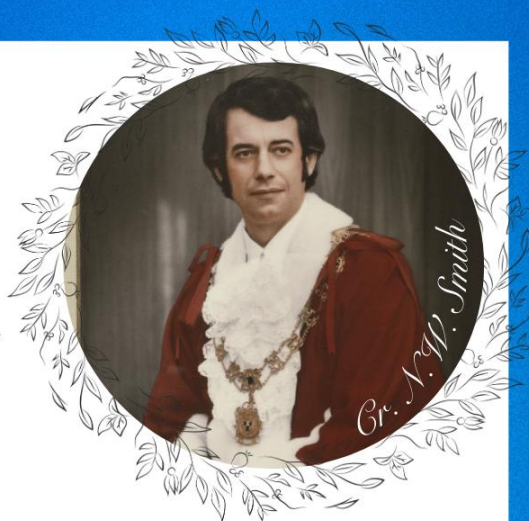
Presentations will be scheduled at the conclusion of the grand final or play of each division. A 'Most Valuable Player Award' will be awarded to the most outstanding player in the finals in each division. The MVP is named after Noel Smith, a former mayor of The City of Croydon who the stadium at the Croydon Leisure Centre (now AquaHub) where CDVA/Maroondah Volleyball established play in 1977. The generosity of committee member and Life Member, David Fuller is acknowledged for his donation to make these awards possible.



Noel Smith

AWARD

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Noel William Smith was a distinguished figure in the local government for The City of Croydon, recognised for his service as both Councillor and Mayor. His political career was marked by a strong commitment to community service and the development of the municipality.

As a councillor, Smith played an active role in numerous local initiatives, with a particular focus on enhancing infrastructure, improving community facilities, and ensuring quality services for residents. His term as mayor provided an even greater platform to influence local policies and strengthen engagement with the community on key issues.

Smith's leadership is often remembered for his dedication to fostering a strong sense of community and addressing the needs of Croydon's diverse population. He was instrumental in promoting local events, supporting small businesses, and improving recreational amenities—efforts that left a lasting and positive impact on the region.

One of his most significant contributions was his advocacy for the establishment of the Croydon Leisure Centre, which went on to serve as the home of the Croydon and Districts Volleyball Association (CDVA) for more than 40 years. In recognition of his efforts, the stadium was named in his honour. When CDVA, now known as Maroondah Volleyball, reinstated its annual tournament, the organisation introduced the Noel Smith Award, presented to the Most Valuable Player in each division, further commemorating his dedication to sport and recreation.

On 22 May 1971, the City of Croydon was formally proclaimed, and later that year, in August 1971, Noel William Smith was elected as the municipality's inaugural mayor, succeeding Cr F. Kennedy, who had served as interim Mayor from May to August.

Smith's enduring legacy is reflected in both the civic and sporting life of Croydon, remembered with respect and gratitude by the community he served.



7. CONTACT DETAILS: MAROONDAH VOLLEYBALL

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We would like to extend our sincere thanks to all the partners and sponsors who have supported the 2025 Maroondah Volleyball Tournament.

Your generosity and commitment have played a vital role in bringing this event to life. From providing essential resources to helping create a welcoming and competitive environment for all, your support is deeply appreciated by players, coaches, volunteers, and spectators alike.

This tournament would not be possible without your contribution, and we are proud to have your partnership in promoting community sport and the growth of volleyball at all levels.

Thank you for being part of this journey with us.

The Maroondah Volleyball Committee