

Your Club's Environment – Female Friendly Checklist

This checklist is designed to get you thinking and talking about female participation at your club. With your committee, identify and discuss female participation using the following as a guide.

Club audit

How many female members do you have (players, coaches, committee members, etc?)						
Junior F	Senior Players	Committee members	Coaches	Other		
Q	Has the number of female members changed since the inception of Council's Allocation and use of sporting facilities, grounds and pavilions policy? (2009)				Yes	No
Q	Does your club have a Welcoming Officer/Club Buddy who is there to create a welcoming and inclusive club environment for everyone?				Yes	No
Q	Does your committee/board have an inclusion clause in its constitution that recognises diversity?			Yes	No	

Recruitment and retention

Q	Do you have one or two people at your club dedicated to an all-female recruitment program?	Yes	No
Q	Do you have active and written recruitment, retention or re-engagement strategies for females within your club?	Yes	No
Q	Does your club write down goals with respect to recruitment of girl's teams? (e.g. two girls teams for U12, one for U15)	Yes	No
Q	Do you actively encourage or reward your male members for introducing new females to the club?	Yes	No
Q	Do you regularly host 'bring a friend' training sessions for females and males (encouraging the males to bring a female friend, sibling, schoolmate)?	Yes	No
Q	Do your social activities positively include females and/or do you run social events just for female members? (consider a Father/Daughter T20 or small sided game)	Yes	No
Q	Do your members go back to the schools they attended to promote your club, for example assist to run clinics at the school, contributing to school newsletters or attend information nights? (both primary and secondary levels)	Yes	No
Q	Is the physical environment at your club welcoming of females, i.e. is facility well signed, is your car park well lit, are your rooms clean and tidy, are there female friendly private change facilities?	Yes	No
Q	Do you see female players stop participating at your club as juniors/adolescents and ask them why they are leaving the sport?	Yes	No



Activities/programs/competitions

Q	Do your playing activities/programs cater specifically for females in a competitive environment as part of a pathway or a less structured, friendly social league?	Yes	No
Q	Does your club provide girls only 'come and try' sessions?	Yes	No
Q	Does your club encourage parents to play an active role at the club via participating with their child, coaching, volunteering, watching and carpooling rosters?	Yes	No
Q	Do you offer start up or introductory membership options (rather than seasonal), including a casual membership, i.e. pay as you play?	Yes	No
Q	Do you have a rotation system where players are not required to commit to every session/game each week?	Yes	No
Q	Do you provide the opportunity for players to car pool to training and games?	Yes	No

Marketing and communication

Q	Does your social media clearly outline what you are offering? (date, time, location, what they are playing, uniforms, expectations, pictures of the activity etc)	Yes	No
Q	Can the public clearly see females playing your sport/activity as they walk/drive/cycle past your facility?	Yes	No
Q	Does your club create opportunities to engage with local newspapers, or Council to publicise and promote your club activities/programs?	Yes	No
Q	Have you added your club's teams/activities to the Active Moreland website?	Yes	No
Q	Does your club provide each new player with an introductory letter and information pack welcoming them to the club? i.e. contact numbers/email of committee, coaches, policies, sponsors, how else to get involved, etc.	Yes	No □

Leadership and recognition

Q	Does your club actively promote and encourage female leadership?	Yes	No
Q	Can your members identify and see females in leadership positions? i.e. on the committee, coaching, senior playing positions etc.	Yes	No
Q	Does your club actively encourage females to follow coaching and/or umpiring pathways and provide accredited training free of charge?	Yes	No
Q	Does your club have an active mentor program established to mentor younger players and help players transition from junior to senior playing level?	Yes	No
Q	Does your club provide youth friendly spaces at the club by asking players what they would like their clubrooms to look and feel like?	Yes	No

Encouraging female participation checklist