## MACGREGOR Netball Association



## **SUN SAFE POLICY**

April-2025

## WHY?

For the prevention of: Skin Cancer | Sunburn | Heat | Sun Stroke | Dehydration



Slip on clothing that covers as much skin as possible when training and when off the court.

Players are allowed to wear suitable clothing underneath their uniforms such as long sleeve t-shirts (in black or white). More information is available from Clubs.

MacG encourages Clubs to provide light weight long sleeved playing shirts as an option for uniforms.

MacG encourages Coaches and Umpires to wear long sleeved shirts for sun protection.

## **SLOP**

Use a Broad-Spectrum sunscreen with an SPF of 30 or higher (non-greasy for ball handling).

Apply at least 20 minutes before the game and reapply every 2 hours, particularly if sweaty.

Sunscreen (50+) is available from control for use by all players, supporters, and visitors.



Soft brimmed hats should be worn by all participants on and off the courts.

**Note**: hard brimmed caps are not allowed on court during play due to the risk of eye damage. Caps and visors may not provide adequate protection for the head/neck.



Wherever possible seek SHADE especially between 10am and 4pm. MacG will provide areas for Clubs to place portable shade when requested.



Outdoor courts can reflect high levels of UV light. All umpires/coaches should wear protective UV blocking sunglasses.



All participants are encouraged to bring a water bottle to their game.

MacG provides bubblers for drinking water.

Note: Drink 200ml of water with every 15 minutes of activity.



Where there is extreme hot weather MacG will alter game durations, or if in the best interest of players – cancel the round. This will be based on discussions with the MacG committee and advice from official government weather associations.

In heat affected weather:

- Firebirds and Lightning will play 4 x 8-mins
- All other divisions will play 4 x 12-mins

