

ASSET MANAGEMENT PLAN

The courts that we play our netball on are a very important part of the game. For the benefit of our players and sport it is essential that we supply safe and attractive installations that conform to modern standards.

Netball NSW think it most important that all our member associations who, haven't already done so, develop in conjunction with court owners (usually local government) an Asset Management Plan to allow for proper financial planning, development of our sport and to satisfy the duty of care to all Players who use courts under our control. It's vital that the OH&S hazards and risks are controlled.

Quality control of facility development and maintenance will ensure the ongoing strength of Netball within New South Wales. A good management plan will also help address the following problems:

- * New committees often find that they need to reinvent the wheel. Asset Management Plans help with continuity between committees.
- * Associations are often victim of local government funding priorities which do not always coincide with association needs. Asset management planning can help councils know facility requirements and plan for them and let associations understand the attitudes and planning of local government.
- * Sport development affected by facilities condition. If facilities are in poor and unsafe condition players may not want to play on the courts. Additional if associations often find they do not have enough courts to satisfy changing demographics or to hold tournaments.
- * Risk of Injury to players and spectators.
- * Satisfying Duty of care
- * Planning yearly and longer budgets



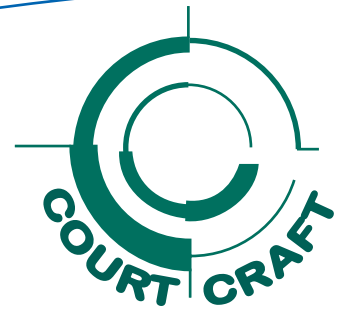
Photo 1 - Example of trip hazards on Netball Courts



Photo 2 - Repairing depressions in court surface



Photo 3 - Trip hazards on Netball court



To aid Netball associations with developing facility management plans Netball NSW has enlisted the help of long term sponsor Court Craft. Court Craft will provide to each association in NSW free of charge a court condition report for each major centre.

The report will include a maintenance and renewal plan to cover the following:

- * Maintenance and preventive maintenance items
- * Playing Surface condition
- * Base condition
- * Drainage system
- * Fencing
- * Other court structural items such as walls and lighting
- * Accessories
- * Budget costing of above
- * General costing of Development Plans



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