



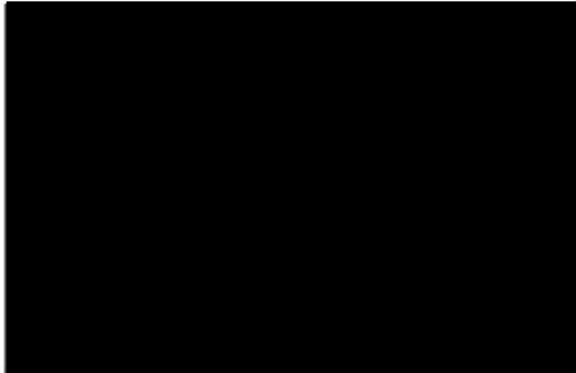
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OFFICIAL INFORMATION REQUEST – DISCOUNTED FEES AT SAXTON STADIUM FOR NETBALL NELSON, NELSON BASKETBALL AND NELSON VOLLEYBALL.

I refer to your official information request dated 14 October 2024 for:

'I thought I would see what the court charges for competition basketball were now. What is the discount rate for each of the 3 sports (Netball Nelson, Nelson Basketball, Nelson Volleyball) – and their offshoots such as the Fulton Hogan league – responsible for the building of Saxton?'

The information requested is below:

- In 2016 a Memorandum of Understanding was set up confirming preferential access to the named sports groups from 2015 to 2025. It states that the complex was gifted by the Saxton Field Sports Stadium Society but had no reference to fees
- Since 2009 there have been requests from the codes for reduced fees which Council reviewed and approved or declined on a case-by-case basis
- Since 2023 all codes have been charged the publicly advertised community rates for use at Saxton.

In order to provide you with further context in terms of the information you have requested, please find enclosed the Saxton Stadium Memorandum of Understanding Mar2016.

You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of this response. Information about how to make a complaint is available at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or Freephone 0800 802 602.

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If you wish to discuss this decision, please feel free to contact me.

Yours sincerely

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Hannah Curwood

Manager Parks and Facilities

Kaiwhakahaere papa rehia me whakaurunga

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Encl: [REDACTED] – Saxton Stadium Memorandum of Understanding Mar2016

Delivered by Roger Ledingham
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SAXTON STADIUM

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

Parties

Between: *Saxton Field Sports Stadium Society on behalf of the 'Users':-
Nelson Basketball Association, Nelson Bays Volleyball Association, Nelson Netball
Centre and Nelson Table Tennis Association*

And: *Nelson City Council the 'Owner'*

Background:

- A. **Saxton Field Sports Stadium Society** is the entity that initiated the planning, promotion, support and funding for Saxton Stadium that was completed in 2009 and represents the four users; *Nelson Basketball Association, Nelson Bays Volleyball Association, Nelson Netball Centre and Nelson Table Tennis Association – the 'Users'.*
The primary purpose of Saxton (Indoor Sports) Stadium was to provide a sports-specific facility for weekly competitions of the 'Users' and provide a venue to increase active participation in physical activities of the residents of Nelson City and Tasman District.
- B. **Nelson City Council (NCC)** is the owner of Saxton Stadium. The complex was gifted to NCC by the Saxton Field Sports Stadium Society following its completion in 2009.
- C. The above parties enter into this memorandum of understanding (MoU) to record the ongoing considerations for use of Saxton Stadium by the 'Users'. The MoU reflects the original agreement between the four founding sports and NCC and incorporated in the original Saxton Stadium Management contract of 2009. (See further details below).
- D. This MoU follows the closure of the Trafalgar Centre due to earthquake assessments and the interim necessity to use Saxton Stadium for major events and is ahead of the anticipated re-opening of the Trafalgar Centre in early 2016.

MOU Background and Details

Term of Agreement	From __ / __ / 2015 - __ / __ / 2025
Saxton Stadium Usage	<i>Management of Saxton Stadium Usage NCC currently sub-contracts the management of the stadium to a 'Contractor' NCC will ensure the appointed Contractor shall comply with the following at all times during the Term:</i>

	(a) Manage the Stadium so that it is used primarily as a venue for basketball, netball, table tennis and volleyball (the 'Users'); (b) Manage seasonal bookings for the Stadium so that preference is given to the 'Users'; (c) Consult with the 'Users' prior to finalising bookings for each winter and summer season; (d) The intention for priority of the Stadium is for Volleyball to have priority in Terms 4 and Term 1 through to the end of the March/April school holidays and Netball and Basketball to have priority in Terms 2 and 3 through to the end of the September/October school holidays; (e) Manage bookings for the Stadium in accordance with the following hierarchy: (i) First priority: Games as part of regular indoor sport club competition leagues or social leagues; (ii) Second priority: Major sport tournaments or competition outside the regular sport leagues; (iii) Third priority: Regular sports training or practice; (iv) Each code ('Users') has the right to one week's exclusive use of the stadium for National or South Island tournaments per year. (f) Manage bookings to ensure optimal use of the courts within the Stadium (g) Promote the use of the Stadium by the public, and schools, and liaise regularly with schools within the Nelson City and Tasman District with a view to encouraging their use of the Stadium and maximising the utilisation of the Stadium; (h) Allow only reputable and respectable persons to hire the Stadium in total or in part use, any or all of its facilities:
Other bookings and clashes	All parties to this agreement recognise that there may be occasions where requests arise for the use of Saxton Stadium that clash with the normal use by the 'Users'. These requests will be given priority if there are no other suitable venues and the event may be lost to the Region. Factors that will be taken into account are: • The number of visitors, and thus economic benefit, to the region • The number of participants or spectators an event is likely to attract • Events that have reasonable alternative options for relocation will be expected to use those in the event of a clash • Damage that might be caused to the Stadium by events will be taken into account and a suitable mitigation must be agreed in advance or bookings refused All other factors being equal, groups that are normally based at Saxton

	<i>Stadium will have preference over others.</i> <i>In the event that a clash of dates between competing events cannot be resolved a decision on priority will be made by the appropriate representative of Nelson City Council in consultation with the Chair and Deputy Chair of Community Services along with the Chair and Deputy Chair of the Saxton Field Sports Stadium Society.</i>
Communication between the parties	Under this MoU the 'Users' and NCC agree to maintain an open and agreed communication pathway (personnel) for consultation of regulation, policy, issues and concerns in respect of the use and management of Saxton Stadium.
Stadium Maintenance and Asset Replacement	Nelson City Council, as the owner of Saxton Stadium, is responsible for the ongoing maintenance of the complex (including exterior gardens/storage and facility entrance) and the maintenance and/or replacement of any assets, fixtures and fittings (as per the asset register).
Signage	Signage within the facility will be agreed to between the parties. All 'permanent' signage on the interior walls of the playing area will be consistent in size and professionally produced by an agreed signwriter. Non-permanent mobile signage may be erected in the Foyer Entrance and must be removed by the 'User' after the completion of the activity taking place. Five 'permanent' noticeboards in the Foyer will be independent and for use of the 'User' group and Sport Tasman. Non-permanent Major Event signage may be permitted for the duration of the event – both inside and outside the venue with the authorisation of the 'Contractor'.

This MoU is signed in good faith by all parties with a vested interest in maintaining Saxton Stadium as an iconic Nelson sports facility – a facility, of which we are proud, is the envy of many regions in New Zealand, and supports our vision for a healthy, active community.

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Signed by **NELSON BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION**

Signature

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Position

Date

Signed by **NELSON CITY COUNCIL (Owner)**

Signature

Name

Position

Date

Signed by **NELSON BAYS VOLLEYBALL ASSOCIATION**

Signature

Name

Position

Date

Signed by **NELSON NETBALL CENTRE**

Signature

Name

Position

Date

Signed by **NELSON TABLE TENNIS ASSOCIATION**

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