

DAMP – Shane Warne Oval (Chisholm Reserve)

EAST SANDRINGHAM CRICKET CLUB & JUNIOR FOOTBALL CLUB

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Current rules

- Currently, Shane Warne Oval is a designated “off-leash” dog zone.
- There are rules for dog owners to follow. An extract of which is located to the right (on this page). These rules are also sign posted at the Oval, near entry an entry gate, by the pavilion, and near the cricket nets (although this sign has been removed at some point)
- The most relevant rules applying to cricket is that dogs are still allowed on the oval, when an organised sporting event is occurring, with a requirement to be on a leash if within 20 metres.

Your responsibilities in off-leash areas

- Dogs must be on a chain, cord or leash if the dog is within 20 metres of:
 - a children's play equipment area
 - an area where a public meeting is being held
 - a permanently designated barbeque and picnic area
 - an on-leash signed lake or pond
 - an area where an organised sporting event is taking place.
- Dogs must be on-leash in all car parks.
- It is still your responsibility to take bags and pick up after your dog.
- Owners must have effective control of their dog at all times. You must be able to recall your dog promptly and place it back on a leash if the need arises.



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Ground Safety Issues

Ground condition

- Following the winter sporting season, where the grass on the oval goes dormant, it takes a longer time for the oval to recover.
- From the pictures attached, you can see that during this Unfortunately, the ground is more susceptible to holes that have been dug by dogs, as well as urine patches.
- Unfortunately, these "habits" with dogs do continue throughout the year, with the later picture showing a hole that was left in February, when the ground was in better condition. We do acknowledge that Citiwide send a team to fill holes on the ground every Friday, but this is far from a sustainable solution.



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Owner behaviour

- Owners have been taking liberties throughout the season, particularly during training times.
- From the photos to the right, you can see some of male and female players in the midst of training (Blue squares), having to deal with off-leash dogs. Their owners (red squares) not giving any regard to "organized sport" happening at the oval.
- We are constantly asking owners to pick up after their dogs as well as asking them to pay attention when their dogs are digging holes.
- This season we have been having to pick up dog droppings from our cricket net areas also, as some owners use the nets as an enclosed area to "play ball" with their dogs. This is frustrating as we are responsible for maintenance of those nets!
- Dogs urinating on cricket bags and temporary netting (used for training, as owners are not able to "call them back to heel".



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Requested changes to rules

We request that Council **consider** the following amendments to the current DAMP in relation to the off-leash dog park rules:

- Restoring the initial intent and purpose of Shane Warne Oval of being a sporting field first and foremost and banning off-leash dog use. **See Council rating A →**

If that can not be achieved, then the following should be considered:

- Banning off-leash dog use until the oval has had time to recuperate after the winter sport season (December at the earliest)
- Banning dogs from the cricket net enclosure
- Rotating off-leash dog use around other local ovals. Sharing the “pain” among other local clubs that do not have this issue to deal with.
- Banning dogs from the oval all together, when “organised sport” is occurring. For our Clubs, this includes training, which is every night between 4:30pm and 8pm during the summer and winter seasons.
 - A cricket ball, hit at velocity, is still not safe whether dog owners are outside 20m away or not. As can be seen from the previous pages, dog owners are not maintaining that distance anyway.
 - Leading drills / running into space for the Football where the eyes are on the ball and not on the dog can cause significant injury to both player and dog

CLASSIFICATION	DEFINITIONS
CLASS A	• Grounds capable/suitable of housing highest levels of competition sport • Fully reconstructed playing surface including both irrigation and drainage • Intensively maintained with quality grass surface • Sportground lighting

CLASSIFICATION	A	B	C	D
Chisholm Reserve	✓			

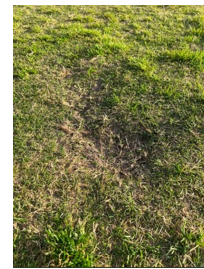
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Thank you

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Additional Photos



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