

GENDER NEUTRAL DESIGN PRINCIPLES (guide only)

Reflecting the following principles through design and development will be key to achieving welcoming, successful and functional facilities that support use and participation by all users and specifically for females. These principles should be considered and used when designing and specifying project scope and developed design solutions for new developments, or when upgrading existing facilities.

1. Fit for purpose

Whilst promoting a flexible and multi-use approach, ensure female friendly design elements and specific requirements meet the level and type of activities being delivered, as well as occupant, club, or tenant needs.

2. Multi and shared use

Infrastructure should be efficiently designed to promote equitable and flexible use by a mixture of users, capable of sharing facilities and usage times. In particular, the facility space planning and design of public spaces should adopt a multi-purpose approach.

3. Compatibility

Identification of compatible sports, teams, activities, clubs or organisations, with similar objectives and requirements for facility design, use and management, should be promoted.

4. Inclusive Design

The principles of inclusive design should be applied to community sport and recreation facilities so that they accommodate users of all ages, gender, ability and cultural backgrounds.

5. Public Safety

Crime Prevention through Environmental Design (CPTED) takes into consideration the relationship between users and the physical environment in the design of public spaces in crime prevention and assists with public safety.

6. Health and Safety

Security and safety of users should be paramount. Community sport and active recreation facilities and their surrounds should be designed, built and maintained in accordance with relevant occupational health and safety standards. They should also incorporate child safe and safer design principles into facility design.

7. Functionality

Facility design and layout should promote safe and optimal functionality to accommodate formal, competitive, social, and recreational forms of usage and participation.

GENDER NEUTRAL DESIRED LEGACY OUTCOMES

1. Individual, lockable shower cubicles, with change seats and hooks.
2. Individual toilet cubicles, rather than urinals, for unisex use, complete with sanitary dispensers.
3. Partitioning that eliminates direct line of sight between changing room and corridors, foyers and spaces, external to changing rooms and amenities.
4. Adequate levels of lighting internally and externally.
5. Accessible toilet, handbasin and shower (in some cases this could double up with a referee room).
6. Family friendly attributes (breastfeeding areas + baby change tables).
7. Personal space with cubicles and storage for players (with access to power point if possible).
8. Direct access between wet and dry areas.
9. Facilities for umpires with gender neutral change, toilet and shower facilities.
10. Shelving above basin, with access to power points, for personal items, along with a mirror.
11. Ice bath space (at match venues).