



Clash Top Policy

Emerald Lakers Basketball Club

Clash tops are provided by the club to ensure games can proceed when two teams have similar coloured uniforms. These tops are temporary playing garments and remain the property of Emerald Lakers Basketball Club at all times.

This policy outlines how clash tops are issued, used and returned.

Purpose

Clash tops allow players to quickly change playing colour when directed by referees, venue supervisors or competition officials due to a uniform colour clash.

The club maintains a set of clash tops so teams can resolve colour clashes without delaying the start of games.

Ownership

All clash tops are owned by Emerald Lakers Basketball Club.

Clash tops are not issued permanently to players or teams and must be returned immediately after use.

When Clash Tops Are Used

Clash tops may be used when:

- The referee determines that the uniform colours of the two teams are too similar.
- The competition requires one team to change playing colour.
- A venue supervisor instructs a team to wear clash tops.

Teams must comply with any direction from referees or competition officials regarding uniform clashes.

Issuing Clash Tops

Clash tops are stored in the club's equipment area and may be issued by:

- A team manager
- A coach
- A committee member or venue supervisor

When issuing clash tops:

- The player name and clash top number must be recorded on the Clash Top Sign-Out Sheet.
- The team manager or responsible adult must oversee distribution to players.

Responsibility

The team manager or coach of the team using the clash tops is responsible for ensuring that:

- All tops issued to their players are returned.
- Tops are WASHED/DRIED as soon as possible after the game - by Monday of the following week.
- Tops are placed back in the club's clash top tub.

Return of Clash Tops

Clash tops must be returned:

- By Monday after the game in which they were used, in a clean and dry condition.
- To the designated clash top bag or storage location.

Once returned, the Return column on the sign-out sheet should be marked to confirm the item has been received back.

Loss or Damage

Players and teams are expected to treat club equipment with care.

If a clash top is lost or damaged:

- The club should be notified as soon as possible.
- The committee may require replacement of the item if loss or damage occurs through negligence.

Club Equipment

Clash tops are part of the club's shared equipment and are maintained for the benefit of all teams.

Players and families are asked to assist the club by ensuring these items are returned promptly so they remain available for other teams.