



SIX A SIDE SUMMER FOOTBALL

COMPETITION RULES 2022 – 2023

This competition is intended to be about fun, fitness, relaxation and enjoyment. All players are expected to participate in the spirit of good sporting conduct and safety. Most players are working people with jobs to go to and avoiding serious injury and maintaining a safe playing environment is a priority and everyone's responsibility. Reckless and/or dangerous play will not be accepted.

Referees have the job of ensuring that competition is fair and equitable please always treat them with respect.

General

1. Each team must register a minimum of SIX and up to a maximum of TEN players.
2. A team registered until both payment and a completed team sheet is received and accepted by the committee.
3. A player is only permitted to register in one grade and cannot play in a lower grade.
4. Over 30 Women, Over 40 Men and Mixed competition players are the only exemptions to rule 3.
5. Over 40 Men are permitted to have ONE registered player under 40 but Over 35 at time of registration.
6. Players must be 15 or older to play in a senior division.
7. A maximum of six players per team are allowed on the field at any one time.
8. A minimum of four players are required for a team to start a game, otherwise the game and points are forfeited. Mini World cup teams are permitted to borrow players as required to ensure four players.
9. A team having at least four but fewer than six of its registered players present at the scheduled start time for a game may borrow one registered player from the same grade or lower. The borrowed player must play goalkeeper (except in Over 30's) and is ineligible to score. A borrowed player must immediately leave the game once a registered player turns up to play.
10. Players must wear soft-shoe footwear (this includes moulded sole football boots).
11. Shin pads are compulsory for Mini World Cup and recommended in all other grades.
12. Jewellery or glasses that constitute a hazard to player safety must not be worn.
13. Caps and hats are not to be worn by any on field players. Goalkeepers are the only exemption.

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14. FIFA laws apply with the following exceptions:

- a) There is no **offside**.
- b) All **free kicks** are direct.
- c) **Throw-ins** are to be taken at the point where the ball left the playing area.
- d) Free **interchange** of players is allowed without advising the referee. Players being substituted must leave the field from the designated sideline at the halfway line. The departing player must leave the field before the replacement comes on. The substitute player must come on from the halfway line.
- e) Goalkeepers may be interchanged only after notifying the referee. **Failure to notify the referee will be penalised by the awarding of a penalty kick.** Interchange of the goalkeeper cannot take place whilst a free kick or penalty kick is to be taken.
- f) Goalkeepers may only handle the ball within the goal area semi-circle.
- g) Goalkeepers cannot kick the ball once they have picked it up. It may be thrown in any manner (over-arm; under-arm).
- h) **Goal kicks** are taken from any point on the goal-line within the goal area semi-circle.
- i) **Penalty kicks** are taken from the centre point on the goal area semi-circle. All other players must be behind the kicker.
- j) All on-field players must stay on both feet when contesting the ball – no sliding.
- k) The goalkeeper is permitted to dive for the ball in a safe manner.
- l) Any player can be sent from the field by the referee for a 5-minute cooling off period if deemed necessary (Yellow Card). This player **cannot** be substituted for the 5 minutes.
- m) **Any player sent off** by a referee (**Red card**) will incur an automatic one-week suspension with a committee review of the incident which may result in further penalty. A second red card in the competition may result in deregistration from the competition. Similar penalties apply to unsporting conduct off the field of play, including abuse of officials, other players or organisers.
- n) **Players must not be intoxicated.** The committee following notification by the referee has the discretion to Red Card a player they believe to be intoxicated.
- o) **Acceptable language should be always used.** Foul language will not be tolerated and can incur a penalty or suspension as per Player Conduct Policy.

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p) **Points** will be awarded for results as follows:

Win (including win by forfeit)	3
Draw	1
Lose or forfeit	0

15. Team Shirts must be:
 - a. identical and distinctive;
 - b. numbered and correspond with the team registration form;
 - c. worn by all players. Any teams and players not wearing the team's strip will be warned on the first week and deducted 3 competition points on all subsequent occasions.
16. Games consist of two equal 15-minute halves with no half-time break. A hooter will signify the start, half-time and conclusion.
17. Children are the responsibility of their parent or guardian and must be properly supervised.
18. Climbing on, swinging on, or damaging property belonging to the club or the Sports Council is prohibited.
19. Fixtures postponed due to situations beyond the control of the committee (eg. wet weather) will be replayed at a date to be decided and announced by the committee if possible.
20. Rounds may be abandoned without points being allocated at the discretion of the committee.
21. The committee reserves the right to amend the rules and/or program during the competition (ie. prior to the commencement of quarter finals)
22. Any complaints or requests are to be submitted in writing to the Secretary of Woolgoolga Social Sports Club Inc. as the organisers of Summer Six A Side.

Rule Breaches

1. Teams found fielding ineligible players will forfeit the game and incur an additional three-point penalty.
2. Team coordinators will be held responsible for their players if found in breach of any rules. Ignorance will not be accepted as an excuse.
3. Penalties for rule breaches will be applied at the discretion the committee.
4. The committee will be the final arbiter on any disciplinary action arising from a breach of the rules, and on any interpretation of these rules.
5. The committee reserves the right to impose additional sanctions and disciplinary action following a review of each incident as deemed appropriate.



Finals Fixtures

1. A registered player must have played at least 3 regular competition games to qualify for finals series fixtures.
2. A player cannot be borrowed during finals series.
3. Semi-finalists will be the four highest placed teams in each division. First will play fourth; second will play third. In the event of points being tied, first goal difference; then goals scored; then results between the tied teams on count-back; then a coin toss as last resort shall decide position on the ladder.
4. Alternatively, the committee may decide that semi-finalists be determined by quarter-final matches with higher ranked team requiring a win or draw in normal time to progress to the Semi Finals.
5. Quarter Finals, Semi Finals & Finals shall be decided by the golden goal system, with “drop-off”.

Extra Time / Drop off – Quarter Finals, Semi Finals & Finals Only

1. Each side nominates six players to commence extra time. There will be no interchange.
2. Every two minutes a player from each team shall leave the field, until only two remain. The goalkeeper may be “dropped-off” but may not be replaced by another player acting as goalkeeper. The goalkeeper must be the same player during the drop-off segment. Each two-minute period restarts with the team in possession playing the ball from where play stopped. Opposing players must be at least 5 metres from the ball at the re-start of play.
3. The first team to score wins the game.

Non-Competitive - Mini World Cup

1. We encourage teams to have an even number of boys and girls in each team.
2. A minimum of two male and two female students are required in each team.
3. Games will be two 14-minute halves with a brief halftime break. A hooter will signal start, half-time and full time.
4. Year 1&2 Division will not have referees. An adult from either team can be on field to supervise and support players during the game. Players are encouraged to have fun and learn the rules without penalty.

Mixed Competition

1. A minimum of THREE female players needs to be registered per mixed team.
2. TWO players of each gender must be always on the field of play
3. If a mixed team only has ONE female player attend, then the team must play with FIVE players only.

Ignorance of these rules or of the laws of football will not be accepted as a defence.