

Competition Rules



Nepean Summer Football Competition Rules and Guidelines 2018

The following rules and guidelines are for the 2018 Summer Football Season run by Nepean Football Association which will run from Monday 17th September 2018 and conclude on Friday 14th of December 2018.

MANAGEMENT ABBREVIATIONS:

- Nepean Football Association is known as NFA
- Nepean Referees Group is known as NRG
- Football New South Wales is known as FNSW

COMPETITION DATES:

- The NFA Summer Football Season will commence on Monday 17th September 2018 and conclude on Friday 14th of December.
- In 2019 there will be 2 locations being Jamison Park Penrith operating Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday nights and Summerhayes Park Winmalee operating Tuesday and Wednesday nights.
- It will be made up of the following rounds being;
- Round 1 week commencing Monday 17th September
- Round 2 week commencing 24th September
- Round 3 week commencing 1st October
- Round 4 week commencing 8th October
- Round 5 week commencing the 15th October
- Round 6 week commencing the 22nd October
- Round 7 week commencing the 29th October
- Round 8 week commencing the 5th November
- Round 9 week commencing the 12th November
- Round 10 week commencing the 19th November
- Round 11 week commencing the 26th November
- Round 12 week commencing the 3rd December
- Finals will be played the week commencing 10th of December. Please note that all other teams will play during this week even if they don't make the Final.

FINALS:

If at the conclusion of a Final a clear winner is not decided on goals 5-minutes each way will be played. No golden goal rule will apply. If the match is still drawn after extra time a penalty shoot-out will apply. A penalty shoot-out will be conducted as per the normal FIFA laws of the game. The kick will be taken from the edge of the penalty area. The person kicking the ball can only have a two-step approach.

PARTICIPATING AGE GROUPS FOR COMPETITION:

- The age groups will be as follows: Under 6 mixed, Under 7 mixed, Under 8 mixed, Under 9 mixed, Under 10 mixed, Under 11 mixed, Under 12 boys and Under 12 girls, Under 13 boys and Under 13 girls, Under 14 boys and Under 14 girls, Under 16 boys and Under 16 girls, intermediate men for players aged 16 – 21 and intermediate women for players aged 16 – 21, all age men, all age women, all age mixed and over 35 men. Walking football for those aged between 50 and 85 will be conducted at Jamison Park only and will run on Monday evenings.
- NFA management has the right to reduce or increase teams subject to those registered to play. NFA management has the right to delete an age group if not enough players register. A competition or non-competition match will be deemed viable if a minimum amount of 4 teams in an age group register. Maximum teams in any division will be 12.

THE COMPETITION:

1. Team eligibility: Under 11 teams and below will be non-competition as per the FFA guidelines. This is a non-competition format, no finals will be played Under 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11.
2. Under 6 and Under 7 will be 4 v 4 with **no** goal keeper.
3. Under 8 – Under 11 inclusive will be 6 v 6 with a goal keeper
4. Under 12 and above will play 6 v 6 players one of which will be the goal keeper. Finals apply. Mixed teams must have equal amount of male and female players on at all times.
5. Player age eligibility: A player is eligible to play in the competition based on the following age groups:
 - A. Under 6: must be minimum 5 years of age and no older than 6 as of 31st of December 2019
 - B. Under 7: must be minimum 6 years of age and no older than 7 as of 31st of December 2019
 - C. Under 8: must be minimum 7 years of age and no older than 8 as of 31st of December 2019
 - D. Under 9: must be minimum 8 years of age and no older than 9 as of 31st of December 2019
 - E. Under 10: must be minimum 9 years of age and no older than 10 as of 31st December 2019
 - F. Under 11: must be minimum 10 years of age and no older than 11 as of 31st December 2019
 - G. Under 12: must be minimum 11 years of age and no older than 12 as of 31st December 2019
 - H. Under 13: must be minimum 12 years of age and no older than 13 as of 31st December 2019
 - I. Under 14: must be minimum 13 years of age and no older than 14 as of 31st December 2019
 - J. Under 16 must be minimum 14 years of age and no older than 16 as of 31st December 2019
 - K. Intermediate Men: must be minimum 16 years of age and no older than 21 as of 31st December 2019
 - L. Intermediate Women: must be minimum 16 years of age and no older than 21 as of the 31st of December 2019
 - M. All Age men: Must be minimum 16 years of age
 - N. All Age women: Must be minimum 16 years of age
 - O. All Age Mixed: Must be minimum 16 years of age
 - P. Over 35 Men: Must be minimum 35 years of age

6. Mixed teams must consist of an *equal amount of male and female players always on the field* unless permission is requested of the Management and approval given, prior to the commencement of a match
7. The Competition will be conducted at Jamison Park Penrith and Summerhayes Park Springwood
8. **The Competition at Summerhayes Oval will be as follows:**
 It will commence Tuesday 18th September concluding on Wednesday 12th of December 2018.
 Tuesday night will be non-competition Teams: Under 6, Under 7, Under 8, Under 9, Under 10 and Under 11. (All Age groups are mixed).
 Wednesday night competition will be Under 12 male and female, Under 13 male and female, Under 14 male and female, Under 16 male and female and Intermediate male and female.
 As the Blue Mountains is a new location if there is not enough registered for a specific age group they will be invited to play in the Penrith Competition. If this is rejected a full refund will be given. This is subject to change depending on the age groups that register.
9. **The Competition at Jamison Park will run on the following nights:**
 Monday night – non-competition Teams: Under 6, Under 7, Under 8, Under 9, Under 10, Under 11 (all age groups are mixed) and Walking Football.
 Tuesday night Under 12 male and female, Under 13 male and female, Under 14 male and female.
 Wednesday night Under 16 male and female, Intermediate male, Intermediate female (to be eligible to play in Intermediate male or female you must be aged between 16 and 21), All Age mixed, Over 35 male.
 Thursday night, all Age men and All Age Women. Nights could be subject to change prior to the commencement of the Summer Football Season depending on the number of registrations. This is subject to change depending on the age groups that register.
10. The top two (2) Teams at the conclusion of the normal rounds will be declared the finalists. The top two (2) teams are determined using the following priorities 1. Team with the greater number of points 2. Goal difference 3: Goals scored 4. Goals conceded 5. Forfeits
11. All Finals players will be awarded a medallion for winning or being runners up in the Nepean Football Summer Competition.
 All players in Under 6, Under 7, Under 8, Under 9, Under 10 and Under 11 will receive a participation medal on the final day.
12. All players must be registered through www.myfootballclub.com.au using their current FFA number. On registration they must select either Nepean Summer Football Penrith or Nepean Summer Football Blue Mountains competition. Once registered through My Football Club players then need to go to www.nepeansummerfootball.com.au and fill in their details on the nominated form. If a player is new to playing football, they must first register on my football club to obtain their FFA number, then they can proceed to registration then nomination of player and/or team. Once the competition has started we cannot ensure individually registered players will be allocated a team. It is advised to make contact through a private message at our Facebook site to see if we can accommodate single players once the Season has started.
13. Each player's registration fee is a one-off registration fee which includes all administration charges, limited Football NSW insurance, ground hire, lighting, line marking and Referee's fees.
14. If a player chooses to play in more than one team that player must create an additional registration choosing the lesser fee for the subsequent registrations.
15. The purchase of same colour shirts is the responsibility of the individual players and/or sponsors.
All player shirts for adult Teams must be individually numbered.
16. Sponsors are allowed on your shirts to assist teams in meeting the cost of shirts. All sponsorship must be tasteful.
17. If an unregistered player is played by any team that team will lose 3 competition points regardless of whether they won that match or not.
18. A Coach/Manager should be appointed and registered (no fee applies) for any team U/10 – U/16 and they must complete a "Working with Children" (Prohibited Employment Declaration) form or provide a current Coaches/Managers NFA registration card. The nominated coach must also register in My Football Club.
19. Prior to starting each match, the Referee will be located on the field 10-minutes prior to match. All team sheets will be electronic and the Referee / Admin will enter the final score for competition matches only at the conclusion of the night.
20. Ages Under 6 and Under 7 will have a maximum of 4 players and a minimum of 3 players on the field at any one time. Sharing of players if teams are short is encouraged as this is non-competition

21. Ages Under 8, Under 9, Under 10 and Under 11 will have a maximum of 6 players on the field at any one time including the goal keeper. You will need a minimum of 3 players to play the match and the sharing of players if teams are short is encouraged as this is non-competition
22. If a team aged Under 6 to Under 11 inclusive has less than 3 players at the commencement of the match the Referee shall not continue with the match and allowing 10 minutes from the scheduled kick off time the Referee should then abandon the match. As this is non-competition a friendly match will be encouraged by the parents attending. In all other age groups from Under 12 and above if a team cannot field the minimum number of players, the Referees shall wait 10 minutes from the scheduled kick off and if they have still not been able to field their minimum players, the Referee shall abandon the match and the team that failed to field the correct number of players shall forfeit the match.
23. In competition matches a team may borrow only 2 players from another team. If they borrow more than 2 players, they can still play the match, but the match will be forfeited to the other team.
24. A player can register as a regular player for more than one (1) team however that player must pay an additional registration fee.
25. Interchange can occur at any time in the match with the Referees' permission.
26. A player may be awarded a yellow card for dissent against a match official or if in the Referee's opinion the player is being unsportsmanlike: That player will be removed from the field for a mandatory 3-minutes in the sin bin. This will be applied when a player is showing dissent towards a Referee, another player, or spectator, showing signs of potential anger or violent conduct towards a Referee or another player or spectator. The player who is asked to leave the field, should leave the field immediately and he or she is not to be replaced in that three minutes. The Referee is the sole time keeper and will advise when that player can return to the field of play.
27. If a player receives two (2) yellow cards in any one match they must leave the field immediately and take no further part in the match. That player will automatically receive a one (1) match suspension. They must also present themselves at the check in location and speak with one of the Administrative Team.
28. If a player receives a red card in any one (1) match they must leave the field immediately and take no further part in the match. That player must then report to the Administrative Team. At this point they will be advised of their minimum suspension. If the NFA believes that the minimum suspension is insufficient that player will be notified in writing thereafter within 5-days.
29. If a player receives a second (2nd) red card within the Summer Competition after having been suspended before, the suspension for the second (2nd) red card will be two (2) matches
30. If a player receives a third (3rd) red card within the Summer Competition the player shall be suspended from the remainder of the Competition
31. There is no off-side in our NFA summer football competition
32. The ball shall be kicked into the field from the sideline for all matches known as kick-ins. There are NO throw ins.
33. A goal cannot be scored from a kick-in from the sideline. It must be touched by a player prior to entering the goal.
34. All free kicks – all players must be at least 10 yards from the ball.
35. All free kicks are deemed indirect free kicks. This means the ball must be touched by another player before it enters the goal. This rule is in place to protect goal keepers from injury.
36. No goal can be scored from inside the penalty area. This rule is in place to protect goal keepers from injury.
37. All match balls will be supplied by NFA. All match balls to be returned to the Referee at the conclusion of the match.
38. All junior matches from Under 6 up to Under 11 will play 2 x 12 minute halves.
39. Under 12 to Under 16 will play 2 x 15 minute halves.
40. All senior matches from shall be 2 x 20 minute periods.
41. In all age groups there will be between a 3 and 5-minute break for half time. The Referee will control the start and end of each half of football with his or her whistle.
42. The points per match are: Win = 3 points, Loss = 0 points, Draw = 1 point.
43. If a match is washed out, we will attempt to have the match replayed. If that cannot occur each team will receive 1 point and no goals awarded.
44. If a match is abandoned the team that has not breached the laws will be awarded 3 points for the win and 3 goals
45. If a match is abandoned due to a venue malfunction or player injury that requires an ambulance to attend, the matter will be referred to the Administrative Team for adjudication.

46. If a match is forfeited the team that they were playing will be awarded 3 points for the win and 3 goals
47. If for whatever reason, there is a bye due to insufficient teams the non-offending team is awarded 3 points and 3 goals
48. If a team plays an unregistered player, it will be deemed they have forfeited the game and 3 points will be awarded to the opposition
49. All players must play in their nominated team unless the Administration Team has been notified
50. A Team must give a minimum of 24-hour's notice of a forfeit. A forfeit does not mean that that portion of their registration fee will be reimbursed.

FNSW CHAMPION OF CHAMPIONS

FNSW have recently introduced the Summer Football Champion of Champions. This has been for the All Age Men, All Age Mixed and All Age Women and is played at Valentine Park, Glenwood. The Team in 1st position in Division 1 is offered the opportunity of participating in this event. The Team nominations are generally required by

REFEREES:

1. All Referees are accredited Referees from the Nepean Referees Group
2. NFA management whilst responsible for the Summer Football competition will not overturn any decision the Referee has made during the match
3. We have a zero policy when it comes to abuse of match officials. Summer Football is a fun, relaxed atmosphere and any person reported and found guilty of abusing a match official may be asked to leave the venue and play no further part in our competition. In the case that a player is reported and found guilty of abusing a match official he or she will not be eligible for a refund.

PROTESTS:

If any team has any protest, against a Referee or a result this is to be reported immediately to the Administrative Team located at the ground. This must be done within fifteen (15) minutes of the conclusion of the game in writing and clearly stating your reason or reasons for the protest. The Administrative Team will announce the outcome to each team within 24 hours. Any protest received outside that time period will not be recognised.

GOAL POSTS:

Goal Posts will be supplied as per FFA guidelines. Under no circumstances are players or spectators to climb or swing on Goal Posts at any time during the match or in between matches.

INSURANCE:

Limited player injury insurance is provided through Football NSW and is included in your registration fee. The Association strongly advises all players to review the policy and address any perceived

shortfalls in coverage by engaging their own Private Health Insurance and/or Income Protection Insurance.

REGULAR FORFEITS:

If a team forfeits on 3 occasions they may be withdrawn from the competition. No refunds will be issued to any player on that team once they have been withdrawn from the competition.

PLAYERS EQUIPMENT:

1. All players must wear boots, long socks and shin pads.
2. All shin pads must be covered by socks.
3. No player is permitted to wear metal studs.
4. All players must have the same colour shirt.
5. If there is a clash of colours one of the teams must wear bibs.

JUDICIARY and SUSPENSIONS:

1. All players sent from the field will receive suspension punishment as per the NFA minimum guidelines. Each player sent off must present themselves to the administrative location at the check in counter. That player will be notified of the suspension at that time, however in some cases the NFA disciplinary committee may deem there to be further punishment. If this is the case that player will be notified within 5-days.

WEATHER POLICY:

If play does not go ahead due to inclement weather this will be advertised on the Nepean Summer Football and NRG (Nepean Referees Group) Facebook sites. If play is washed out all attempts will be made for the matches to be rescheduled for a later date. If they are not able to be replayed all teams will receive one (1) competition point and no goals for each washed out game.

Our weather policy is in accordance with the Football NSW hot weather policy and the Football NSW lightening safety policy and the 30/30 rule.

The NFA does not accept responsibility to any player injured. All players are covered Under the Football NSW limited Insurance policy. This is found at the time of player registration online. The NFA does not accept responsibility or liability for any loss, theft or damage to personal possessions or equipment whilst attending the competition location. The management reserves the right to alter the rules of the competition.