



SEASON 2019 TOURNAMENT RULES

**U/12 Junior Nepean FA Cups
U/14 Boys & U/14 Girls Nepean FA Cups
U/16 Boys & U/16 Girls Nepean FA Cups
&
Men's & Women's
Nepean FA Cups**



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Rules & Information

The 2019 Nepean FA Cup Tournaments will be played on the dates advised in the table below. The final will be held at Cook Park under lights.

DAY	DATE	NFA Cup
TUES/THURS	April	NFA Cup Elimination Round
TUES/THURS	Early May	R1 NFA Cup
TUES/THURS	Late May	R2 NFA Cup
TUES/THURS	Early June	R3 NFA Cup (Q.Final)
TUES/THURS	Mid July	R4 NFA Cup (SemiFinal)
TUES/THURS	Early September	NFA Cup Final

RULES

1. Entry in the Nepean FA Cup tournaments is free.
2. Winners of the Men's Nepean FA Cup will receive an automatic entry, subsidized by the Association into the following year's FFA Cup. In the event that FFA or FNSW supply a similar competition with entry fees available to Female teams, the Association will also apply the same reward for the winning Female team.
3. Normal competition rules apply unless stipulated otherwise hereunder.
4. Any eventuality that is not addressed in these rules or in the regular competition rules of the Association will be settled by the Competition Manager of the Nepean FA in consultation with the Board of Directors.
5. Fixtures will not be re-arranged to accommodate other team/player engagements in other social or external competitions, including State Cups.
6. Competition dates have been published with clubs prior to nominations being accepted and will not be varied unless wet weather or venue difficulties require change.
7. All kick off times for senior games will be at 7.00pm except if a junior match precedes it, in which case the junior fixture will kick off at 6.30 and the senior fixture will kick off at 7.30pm.
8. The Association reserves the right to amend kick off times in order to ensure completion of competition.

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TEAM ENTRIES

9. Clubs may enter any number of teams in the age groups offered by the Association.
 - a. In **Junior** competitions, the 2nd and subsequent teams from a club will only be given a spot once each club who have entered a team have an opportunity to take part in the competition.
10. Clubs entering more than one team from a division shall be known by their club name and an identifying letter (such as A, B, C).
11. Team Nominations must be submitted to the association by the advertised closing dates, at the same time as the current season's team nominations.
 - a. Player nominations are dealt with in Player Eligibility section of these rules.
12. Squad sizes;
 - a. In **Junior** Nepean FA Cups, a squad of 16 players maximum is permitted.
 - b. In **Senior** Nepean FA Cups (Men's & Women's), a squad of 18 players maximum is permitted.
 - c. A maximum of 16 players may appear on a team sheet and take part in a fixture in both junior & senior tournaments.
13. A Nepean FA Cup team may be a composite team consisting of players from mixed divisions. In the case of a composite team the team will be graded to the division of the highest graded player.

TEAM WITHDRAWALS

14. Once entered into the competition, teams are expected to fulfill the commitment to participate.
15. There are no forfeits in a knockout competition. If a team does not intend to play, it is a withdrawal irrespective of the amount of notice provided. The club will be penalised as per rule 15 and in addition will be invoiced for any match official fees if a fixture has been scheduled and a match officials have been appointed.
16. **Penalty for withdrawal from competition \$300.**

PLAYER ELIGIBILITY

17. In **Senior** competitions, any player taking part must have attained the age of 16 years and must be registered in a Nepean FA sanctioned senior competition in Intermediate Mens or Womens or above.
18. In **Junior** competitions, only players registered to play in U12 Mixed, U12 Girls, U13 Boys or Girls, U14 Boys or Girls, U15 Boys or Girls or U16 Boys or Girls competitions may be nominated to play in the respective competition.

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19. Player nominations must be lodged with the association by completing the Player Nomination form online. [Click here to access the link.](#) The nominations must be received a full 7 days prior to Round 1 of competitions. Association will issue a reminder to all clubs.
20. There shall be no upgrades, player replacements or late entries into a squad once the player nominations are received.

MEMBER SUSPENSIONS

21. Any member suspended in a regular competition match may not take part in a Nepean FA Cup match.
22. Any suspension received when participating in the Nepean FA Cup tournament will be served in the player's next fixture/s be that a Nepean Cup match or a regular competition match or a finals series match.
23. If a player under suspension (excluding long term suspensions of 4 or more matches) has been registered in a Nepean FA Cup squad, the Nepean FA Cup match will count towards their suspension, provided they are listed on the team sheet as one of the team's 16 players.

TEAM MISCONDUCTS RECEIVED IN NEPEAN CUPS

24. Where a team receives a team misconduct charge in accordance with the Grievance & Disciplinary Regulations in a Nepean Cup Match, the following penalties will apply:
25. On the first occurrence the Association will issue a Letter of Reprimand outlining that a second incident of team misconduct in a Nepean Cup Match will result in the team being withdrawn from the tournament. The club will also receive a \$200 penalty.
26. On the second occurrence, the team will be withdrawn from the competition, and will incur the standard \$300 withdrawal fee.

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IMPACT ON REGULAR COMPETITION UPGRADE COUNTS

27. Where a mixed division team has been entered into a Nepean FA Cup Tournament, player appearances in Cup competitions do not count towards upgrade figures in league competitions.

HANDICAPS

28. The competition will use a handicap system as follows;
- MEN'S NEPEAN FA CUP: a one (1) goal handicap will be applied when a Non-Premier (either P1 or P2 and Reserves) team is drawn against a Prem 1 or Prem 2 (or Reserves) team.
 - For the purposes of clarity, IM, IW, O35 & O45 Division 1 teams are all viewed as lower in Division to their All Age counterparts and will therefore not be subjected to a -1 goal handicap.
 - In all other age group competitions: a one goal handicap will be applied when a team from Div. 2 or lower is drawn against a Division 1 side
29. For the purposes of handicapping, the side will be handicapped according to the division of the highest graded player nominated in the team, e.g. If a mixed team comprising of 1 Prem 1 player and 12 Div. 4 players is entered, the team will be graded as a Prem 1 team and all non Prem teams drawn against this team will receive a 1 goal handicap.
30. Handicaps will form part of the reported final score.

ALL MATCHES MUST HAVE A RESULT

31. If the game is a draw at the end of normal time, then two periods of (10) minutes extra time shall be played.
32. If still a draw at end of extra time, then the game shall be decided on Penalties as per Laws of the Game.
33. In the event of a night fixture losing light, the balance of time remaining in the fixture will be noted and only the balance will be rescheduled to be played and concluded at the first available opportunity following the fixture.
34. The Finals, will, wherever possible, be played at Cook Park 1.

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MATCH SHEETS

35. Nepean FA endorsed match sheets shall be used for all fixtures and shall be produced in the normal fashion by the team listed as the home team in the fixture list.
36. A club who fails to produce a match sheet shall be deemed to have forfeited their fixture.
37. Clubs will not improvise team sheets.
38. Both teams must complete the team sheet at least thirty minutes prior to kick-off.
39. Referee to return the Team Sheet to the "HOME TEAM" after each game.
40. The score recorded on the sheet shall reflect the score at the completion of the game. If a game requires a penalty shootout, note the score at the end of extra time, and then the score in the penalty shootout.
41. The HOME TEAM club is responsible for forwarding Team Sheets to the Association Office.

RESULT REPORTING

42. The "HOME TEAM" is responsible for entering the results into iCompMan in the usual method employed for regular competitions.
43. Results must be recorded by 5:00pm on the day following the match. Regulation penalties apply for failure to report results.
44. It will be the responsibility of the Home Team to obtain results from their team in order to meet deadlines.

REFEREES FEES

45. Referee's fees for the games will be invoiced to competing teams accordingly. This applies to all games except for the final.
46. The Association will pay for Referee's fees for Final.
47. Normal Referees fees will apply to Nepean FA Cup matches except:
 - a. In Nepean FA Cup competitions, if either team is a Prem 1 or 2 (or Res) team, the Referees fees will be set at Prem. Level and not the all age level.
48. If both teams are Non-Prem, the All Age Referees fee will apply.

RIGHT TO AMEND

49. The association, reserves the right to make amendments to the tournament rules in order to bring about a complete competition.