



Northern Inland Football TAFE NSW Summer Football Rules and Regulations 2018

Player Registration

- Please note that ALL players must be registered with FFA (have an 8-digit FFA #) in order to play.
- If you have never been registered, instructions for completing registration and obtaining an FFA number are attached or follow the instructions on the MyFootballClub website.
- Record your number somewhere e.g. phone & inform your team manager as well.

Team Managers

- Each team must nominate a team manager who will be responsible for:
 - Ensuring Players are registered
 - Certifying players on match cards, and
 - Regulatory and Disciplinary matters for their team.



Match Balls

- Senior Teams – Size 5 match ball.
- Junior teams U14 and older – Size 5 match ball
- Junior teams U12-U13 – Size 4 match ball.
- Junior teams U5-U7 – size 3 match ball

Shin Pads / Boots

- Each and every player must wear shin pads. Failure to comply will result in exclusion from the game.
- All Players must wear football boots (NO metal studs). Failure to comply will result in exclusion from the game.



Player Strips

- Each team is responsible for playing strips for its players, including shirts, shorts and socks.
- Each strip must be matching (or at least the same colour) to ensure identification of team members.
- Each shirt of each teams strip must have a number at least 150 mm high to enable the unique identification of each player in a team.
- If playing strips of opposing teams are considered too similar in colour, a set of bibs can be borrowed from the competition administrator to distinguish teams.
- Teams are reminded that they must have a strip prior to the first match of the Northern Inland Football NSW TAFE Summer Football competition - no exemptions will be allowed. Failure to have matching and numbered strips will see teams suspended from the competition until they comply.

Match Cards

- Match cards will be available from the clubhouse and from the competition administrator.
- For each round of the competition, each team that is competing must properly fill out a match card prior to the commencement of their game and be provided to the referee, clearly showing players' names and strip numbers.
- Each match card must be filled in by the official referee (or club ref. if official not allocated) to show the goals scored for each team, the winning team and any cautions and incidents. The completed match card must be **SIGNED BY BOTH MANAGERS AFTER THE GAME** and handed in at the clubhouse at the completion of the game by the referee.

Game Rules

FIFA rules apply, except for the following Six-A-Side variations.

- Each player agrees to abide by the FFA Code of Conduct.
- Each team can list up to ten (10) players on the match card - all players must be registered in the team they play for. Teams using players that are not registered as a member of their team will forfeit the game and a result of 3 – 0 win will be awarded to the opposing team.
- Teams must start play at the nominated time for their division with a minimum of five (5) players. Teams unable to field at least five (5) players at the commencement of the game (indicated by the referee's whistle) will forfeit the game. At the discretion of the opposing team a "friendly" game will be allowed to enable those that have turned up to participate. The result of any friendly game will be disregarded. A result of a 3-0 win will be awarded to the non-forfeiting team.





- If at any time during the game a team is unable to continue to field the minimum number of five (5) players, the game will be abandoned and a 3 – 0 win will be recorded for the opposing team.
- No more than seven (7) players on the field of play at any one time.
- Unlimited substitution from halfway with referee's permission.
- **NO SLIDE TACKLES or TACKLING FROM BEHIND.** This will result in an **automatic** yellow card to the offending player.
- Goal keeper can only handle ball inside the 'Box'.
- In senior games players inside the 'Box' can score a goal.
- In junior games players inside the 'Box' can score a goal.
- Junior grades play two periods of 20 minutes each with a 5 minute break for half time.
- Senior divisions play two periods of 25 minutes each with a 5 minute break for half time.
- If a game is stopped before the allocated full-time (except for failure to field the minimum number of players): Scores will be considered valid and the game considered completed if 50 percent or more a game of the allocated match time is played; a game stopped before 50 per cent of allocated full-time will result in a nil-all score for both teams and be considered completed.



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Bad weather

- Scheduled competition games will be cancelled in the event of an ARC enforced field closure.
- The Competition Administrator will notify team managers ASAP of field closures-on Armidale District Football's Facebook page first.
- Cancelled games due to field closures will not automatically be rescheduled. The Competition Administrator will determine if games can be rescheduled within two weeks and team managers will be notified only if games are re-scheduled.

Referees

- If an official referee is not available to start a game, a stand-in referee will be supplied where possible. Otherwise, teams must nominate a referee-who officiates the whole match.
- The stand-in referee will have the same authority on the field of play as an official referee and must be given the same respect by players due to an official referee.



Penalties and player suspensions for infringing the rules of the game:

- A player will be suspended for a specified amount of games after the game in which the infringement occurred.
- A player dismissed from the field of play for two (2) yellow card offences in the same game: one (1) scheduled game suspension in that division of the competition will be given and the player is prohibited from participating in any other match until the one (1) match suspension is served in the division the dismissal occurred. Suspensions under this category are not appealable.
- A player dismissed for a straight red card offence: minimum of one (1) scheduled game suspension in that division of the competition will be given and the player is prohibited from participating in any other match until the one (1) or more match suspension is served in the division the dismissal occurred. Suspensions under this category are not appealable.
- Additional games suspension related to the nature of the offence may be given to the player based on the FFA National Disciplinary Regulations.
- The Competitions Administrator will decide any additional suspension of games based on the infringement committed by the player and the report presented by the referee.
- Disciplinary decisions will be advised in writing to the team manager by the Competition Administrator by COB on the Monday immediately following the game in which the offence occurred. The team manager may submit a response to the Competition Administrator for consideration within one business day of being notified of the suspension. The Competitions Administrator will advise the team manager of their final decision within one business day of receiving the team manager's submission.
- Three (3) yellow cards accumulated: automatic one (1) scheduled game suspension in that division. Suspensions under this category are not appealable.
- Six (6) yellow cards accumulated: automatic two (2) scheduled games suspension in that division. Suspensions under this category are not appealable.
- Any teams accumulating SIX (6) or more yellow cards will have **3 points** deducted from the team cumulative score.
- Any teams accumulation THREE (3) or more red cards will have **3 points** deducted from the cumulative team score.
- Any further red cards for the team will result in another **3 points** being deducted for each red card.

The competitions administrators have the right to dismiss from the competition, any individual player or team that consistently flouts the rules and accumulates cards or endangers other players.



Fighting

- Any player or person deemed to be fighting by the referee shall incur a red card.
- The Competitions Administrator will request information from the referee in relation to the incident and determine an appropriate sanction.
- The decision will be advised in writing to the team manager by the Competitions Administrator by COB on the Monday immediately following the game in which the offence occurred. The team manager may submit a response to the Competitions Administrator for consideration within one business day of being notified of the suspension. The Competitions Administrator will advise the team manager of their final decision within one business day of receiving the team manager's submission.
- Where multiple players are determined to be involved in the fighting, the Competitions Administrator may suspend or expel offending players, persons or teams from the current season, or for the life of the competition.

Respecting Referees

- Offences against referees, including stand-in referees, will not be tolerated.
- Any Players dismissed on either second yellow or straight red caution for disrespecting a referee's decision or for any other action, word or behaviour to attempt to intimidate or bully a referee or to show contempt for role of a referee will receive a **minimum two (2) games suspension** in that division of the competition. The suspended player is prohibited from participating in any other match in any other competition under the jurisdiction of Northern Inland Football on the day of dismissal and until the suspension has been completed.
- A player suspended by the Competitions Administrators for an offence against a referee will be banned from all Divisions - not just the Division in which he / she was playing when dismissed from the pitch.
- A player who receives a suspension for an offence against a referee will, if convicted of a second offence, receive a **minimum two year ban from Northern Inland Football TAFE NSW Summer Football Competition**.

