



**FOOTBALL
SOUTH
AUSTRALIA**

Competition Rules

1. A maximum of 5 players per team must be on the field at any given time.
2. Mixed teams must take the field with a minimum of two female outfield players.
3. A team that has less than five players will be required to forfeit the game.
4. Games will be for a period of 2 x 20 (2 x 15 for Juniors) minute halves with a minimum of 3 minutes half time break.
5. Players must be registered on "WSA". A team may only field a player registered with another team after declaring their intention with the Competition Coordinator, prior to kick-off. The Competition Coordinator will then consult with the opposing team before making the decision whether to allow the player to play (Coordinators decision is final). Teams failing to obtain permission to field a player from another team will risk forfeiting the match.
6. A team sheet must be completed and handed to the competition coordinator at least 10 minutes prior to the scheduled kick-off time.
7. Teams must be ready to kick-off the game at the designated kick-off time. If a team is not present at the scheduled kick-off time, a forfeit may be awarded, and a win given to the opposing team.
8. All players must wear shin pads.
9. All goalkeepers must wear gloves.

10. All players must wear the same colour playing shirt as designated on the team registration form.
11. The offside rule will not apply.
12. Kick offs will be taken from halfway.
13. No throw-ins.
14. No corners.
15. If the ball hits any part of the net behind the goalkeeper, the ball automatically goes to the goalkeeper for a restart. The goalkeeper can distribute the ball either by hand or foot.
16. If a team kicks the ball out of the pitch, the match will restart with the goalkeeper of the opposing team.
17. All free kicks are indirect.
18. All penalties are to be taken 1m back from the goal area. To be measured by the referee.
19. In the event of a penalty being awarded, all penalty takers can only take one step before striking the ball.
20. Goalkeepers must wear a different colour playing shirt from that of the team.
21. Goalkeeper is not allowed out of the goal area, with or without possession of the ball.
22. Goalkeepers can pass the ball out with their feet or throw it out with their hands.
23. Goalkeepers cannot kick the ball out of their hands or drop-kick the ball directly from their hands, if done so, this will result in an indirect free kick from the penalty spot.

24. When in their hands the goalkeepers have 6 seconds to dispose of the ball.
25. Goalkeepers may not pick the ball up if it has been passed to them by a teammate. This will result in an indirect free kick awarded from the penalty spot.
26. All free kicks awarded, will be indirect and the opposing player or wall must be a minimum of 2 metres away.
27. Unlimited interchange will be allowed for all matches. The coach/players can make a substitution while the ball is in play, however the player being interchanged must leave the field of play, prior to the replacement player coming on to the field.
28. Points will be awarded accordingly – Win 3 points, Draw 1 point, Loss 0 points.
29. No pushing or grinding into the walls
30. Serious foul play will be punishable by yellow or red cards
31. If a player receives two yellow cards or a red card the player will be dismissed from the field of play for the remainder of the game. That player can be replaced by a substitute.
32. Any player receiving two yellow cards or a red card in the same game, will face 1 game automatic suspension.
33. The referee's decision in all cases will be final and absolutely no decisions made on the field by the referee will be discussed with the Competition Coordinator. Failure to adhere to this will result in the offending team being withdrawn from the competition with no refund provided.
34. The Competition Coordinator has the discretion to impose a greater penalty than a one match suspension for a red card if it is deemed that the player's conduct warranted a greater penalty.
35. Any decision made by the Competition Coordinator is final. The Competition Coordinator reserves the right to impose a forfeit on a team or remove a team from the competition if it is deemed that the team has behaved in an inappropriate manner.

36. If a game is forfeited, the game will be awarded as a 3-0 score line to the opposing team.
37. A forfeit fine of \$100.00 may be imposed and it will be at the discretion of the Competition Co-ordinator as to whether further penalties are imposed, including continuation in the competition. The fine will need to be paid prior to the next match.
38. No jewellery is to be worn.
39. If games are cancelled due to bad weather a text message will be sent to team contacts by 5:00pm that day.
40. In absence of a specific rule in this rule list, the equivalent FIFA ruling will be applied.