

## **Summary of some Important Rules**

Under absolutely no circumstances shall a person who has not been registered in the competition (which includes paying all registration fees) be permitted to play. Any team found to have played an unregistered player shall forfeit that match. Any team found to have played more than one unregistered player in a match or any unregistered player in more than one match once may be expelled from the competition.

A match record sheet must be completed before the commencement of a match. Teams must have a minimum of 4 players present for the match to commence.

During matches, all players must wear:

- A team jersey
- Shorts and socks
- Shin guards

Substitutes may be interchanged an unlimited number of times. Substitutes of field players are permitted at any time. No stoppage in play is required but the referee does need to be advised. Substitute of goalkeepers is permitted at any time by advising the referee.

P.I Sport, 6 a side football is a non contact sport. Rough challenges will attract free kicks or worse (yellow/red cards, suspensions etc).

- Tackling from behind a player in possession is not permitted and will result in a yellow card.
- Slide tackling is not permitted and will result in a yellow card.
- Unnecessary body contact is not permitted and continual unnecessary body contact will result in a yellow card.

Two yellow cards for a player in a match is equivalent to a red card and the player will take no further part in the match.

If a red card is given to a player, that player must immediately leave the playing area and will take no further part in the match. Failure to do so will result in additional penalties for the player. For the following five minutes, the red-carded player's team will play with one less player after which time, as instructed by the referee, one of the penalised team's substitutes may enter the field to return the team to full strength.

There is no off-side.

All free kicks outside the penalty area should be direct. All free kicks inside the penalty area shall be penalties (direct) free kicks.

Penalties shall be taken from

- Four meters from the edge of the penalty area directly in front of the goals off a 2 Step runup.

The ball is in play unless it completely crosses the line.

Throws-ins do not exist. When the ball exits the playing field over the sideline it shall be kicked-in from the point where it crossed the line. The kicker-in must keep a part of both feet outside the field of play while taking the kick-in. The ball must be stationary when kicked-in.

Placed goal-kicks exist. If the goal keeper gains possession of the ball during the open play there are no restrictions on what he may do.

The goalkeeper can NEVER control the ball with his hands if it has been played to him by any of his team, if he does it will be deemed "hand ball" and a direct free kick (penalty) awarded to the opposition.

## 1. GOVERNANCE

- 1.1 The P.I. Sports Football competition (the “Competition”) is operated by P.I. Sports.
- 1.2 The Competition will be played under FIFA Laws of the Game and the P.I. Sports Playing rules. If there is a conflict between the FIFA Laws of the Game and the P.I. Sports Playing rules the P.I. Sports playing rules will take precedence over the FIFA Laws of the Game.
- 1.3 P.I. Sports reserves the right to
  - 1.3.1 refuse the registration application of a team and/or a player into the competition and
  - 1.3.2 to cancel the registration of a player and/or team in the competition subject to the P.I. Sports rules
- 1.4 P.I. Sports reserves the right to
  - 1.4.1 suspend or disqualify a team from the competition subject to the P.I. Sports Playing rules and
  - 1.4.2 suspend or disqualify a player from the competition subject to the P.I. Sports Playing rules.
- 1.5 P.I. Sports reserves the right to amend and alter the P.I. Sports Playing rules as may be determined necessary by P.I. Sports from time to time. If any amendment is made during the competition, P.I. Sports will advise all teams of the amendments.

## 2. REGISTRATION AND COSTS

- 2.1 All forms, documents and information are available at [www.pisports.com.au](http://www.pisports.com.au)
- 2.2 Each team applying to play in the Competition must fill in a team registration application form.
- 2.3 Each individual player applying to play in the Competition must fill in a player registration and Competition Waiver form.
- 2.4 The team registration application form must be submitted with all individual player registration application forms for the players applying to play with that team.
  - 2.4.1 A minimum of eight players is required to register a team in the Competition.
- 2.5 The application form(s) must be submitted with a minimum payment as detailed in the entry form. No person will be registered, nor will they be permitted to play, until that persons fee’s are paid in full by week 3 of the competition.
- 2.6 Submitting a registration application form with all supporting collateral is a request for a place in the Competition, it does not guarantee a place in the Competition.
- 2.7 In the event that a team’s or applicants registration application is unsuccessful, the payment submitted at the time of application will be refunded.
- 2.8 Costs may vary, see entry form for details
- 2.9 By applying to register for the Competition
  - 2.9.1 a player to agrees to abide by and be governed by the P.I. Sports Playing rules and

- 2.9.2 a player agrees that cancellation of the player's application or registrations may, at P.I. Sports absolute discretion, result in the forfeiture of the player's entire registration fee and at minimum 70% of the player's registration fee.
- 2.10 By applying to register for the Competition and playing in the Competition
- 2.10.1 a player irrevocably agrees to hold P.I. Sports and its officers, employees and agents, harmless and releases and indemnifies and keeps released and indemnified from and against all actions, suits, claims, demands, costs, charges and expenses in respect of any loss, damage, accident or injury of whatsoever nature or kind and howsoever sustained or occasioned and whether to property or persons, and
- 2.10.2 a player irrevocably agrees that any claim for any loss, injury or damage will be a matter determined between the player and any relevant insurance company, and
- 2.10.3 a player grants P.I. Sports, its officers, members and servants the right to obtain medical care for the player from any qualified person should the need arise in a case when the player (or the player's legal guardian(s)) is not immediately able or available to grant authorization, and
- 2.10.4 in such a case as described in 2.10.3 the player agrees to pay all medical expenses involved, including ambulance expenses if incurred.
- 2.11 Substitutes and Late Registrations
- 2.11.1 A substitute must be registered in the team they play for. Under no circumstances will an unregistered person be permitted to play.
- 2.11.2 Each late/new registration player wanting to play in the Competition must fill in and sign a player registration application form and clearly identify the team that they intend to join.
- 2.11.3 A player must not play nor enter the field of play until all fees are paid and the completed, signed player registration application form is accepted by P.I. Sports.
- 2.11.4 Any team found playing or to have played an unregistered or disqualified person will, on the first such occasion, be:
- 2.11.4.1 deemed to have forfeited the match and all match points will be awarded to the opposition.
- 2.11.5 Any team found playing or to have played an unregistered or disqualified person on greater than one occasion may, at the absolute discretion of P.I. Sports, be expelled from the Competition. Greater than one occasion can be either:
- 2.11.5.1 a single unregistered person playing in multiple matches or
- 2.11.5.2 more than one unregistered person playing in a single match.
- 2.12 A team shall consist of a minimum of eight players. A team will forfeit the match if they have less than four players at the start of the match.

### **3. TEAM AND PLAYER RESTRICTIONS**

- 3.1 Teams must have a designated manager who will be the primary point of contact for all team correspondence from P.I. Sports.
- 3.2 Teams must contain a minimum of eight registered players.

3.3 As appropriate and determined in part by the number of teams applying to play in a particular age group, P.I. Sports will grade teams with the intent being to ensure a fair and even competition.

## **4. REFEREES**

4.1 Referees of the Competition may be appointed by P.I. Sports.

4.2 All referee's decisions are final and cannot be changed. No protests of a referee's decision will be accepted.

4.3 Alternate referees.

4.3.1 If there is no referee at a match then:

4.3.1.1 both teams MUST agree on an alternate referee for the entire match; OR each team MUST provide an alternate referee for one half of the match.

4.3.1.2 The alternate referee once selected may only be changed with the agreement of both teams.

4.3.1.3 An alternate referee must be 14 years of age or older.

4.3.1.4 If an agreed alternate referee cannot be found before the match starts the match will be abandoned and both teams will forfeit two competition points, excepting rule 4.3.1.5 of P.I. Sports Playing Rules.

4.3.1.5 If one team can provide an alternate referee for one half of the match and the opposing team does not provide an alternate referee for half the match then the team that does provide an alternate referee will be deemed to have won the match and will accrue competition points and the team that does not provide an alternate referee will be deemed to have lost the match and additionally will forfeit two competition points.

4.3.1.6 An alternate referee has the same status as an official referee i.e. they may issue yellow and red cards

## **5. DISCIPLINARY PROCEDURES**

5.1 If in the opinion of P.I. Sports a player(s) and/or team(s) brings the P.I. Sports or the Competition into disrepute the player(s) and/or team(s) may have their registrations cancelled and will forfeit all registration fees.

5.2 Cautions and Send-Offs

5.2.1 The adjudicating match referee, whether an official referee or an alternative referee has the right to issue yellow and red cards and send players from the field of play.

5.2.2 If a red card is given to a player, that player must immediately leave the playing area and will take no further part in the match. Failure to do so will result in additional penalties for the player. For the following five minutes, the red-carded player's team will play with one

less player after which time, as instructed by the referee, one of the penalised team's substitutes may enter the field to return the team to full strength.

### 5.3 Defined Suspension and Disqualifications

5.3.1 A player who is issued a red card during the Competition may be automatically suspended from the next two matches that the player's team plays.

5.3.2 A player who plays while suspended, at P.I. Sports discretion, will be deregistered and disqualified from the Competition.

5.3.3 Any team playing a suspended player will be:

5.3.3.1 deemed to have forfeited the match and all match points will be awarded to the opposition, and may be, at the discretion of P.I. Sports Management disqualified from playing further in that competition.

### 5.4 Discretionary Suspension and Disqualification

5.4.1 P.I. Sports may cite a player to appear before it depending upon the type and seriousness of any reported offence. P.I. Sports may determine the length of additional suspension or may disqualify a player from the Competition.

### 5.5 Notice of Suspension and Disqualification

5.5.1 P.I. Sports will notify a suspended player's team manager/contact of the suspension before the team's next match

## 6. COMPETITION

### 6.1 Managers

6.1.1 All teams must have a designated team contact before the team is permitted play. It is up to the team to inform P.I. Sports if a new contact is chosen. All communication from teams to P.I. Sports is to be through the team contact.

6.1.2 Team Contacts will be responsible for:

6.1.2.1 The behavior of the team and their followers

6.1.2.2 Ensuring that team sheets are correctly completed before the match commences

6.1.2.3 Collecting and distributing to the team's players information pertaining to the Competition.

### 6.2 Results

6.2.1 The weekly results and team standing will be maintained and updated as soon as practicable after matches and available at the P.I. Sports website, [www.pisports.com.au](http://www.pisports.com.au)

### 6.3 Competition Points

Win 3

Draw 2

Loss 1

Forfeit The team forfeiting the match receive 0 points and the opposition team receives 3 competition points and 3 goals.

### 6.4 Disqualified Teams or Teams leaving the Competition

6.4.1 All matches involving a team that has been disqualified from or that has left the Competition will have 0 points and 0 goals recorded. This applies both to played and unplayed matches.

#### 6.5 Match Days and Times

6.5.1 All matches are to be played at the venue and time as listed on P.I. Sports website [www.pisports.com.au](http://www.pisports.com.au)

6.5.2 Matches are of two halves of 15 minutes each

6.5.3 Timetables of matches will be provided to each team and will be available via P.I. Sports website [www.pisports.com.au](http://www.pisports.com.au)

6.5.4 Matches may start up to 5 minutes later than stated in the timetable by agreement between the two teams contacts.

6.5.5 Matches must finish on time.

6.5.6 There is no time allocated for a half time break

6.5.7 P.I. Sports will provide an official timekeeper who shall signal by siren, horn or any other appropriate method, the start of each match, half time, the start of the second half of the match and full time.

6.5.8 No time will be added for injuries etc.

6.5.9 Players should be on the field of play ready to commence the match at the time the official timekeeper signals the start of play.

6.5.10 A team will forfeit the match if they have less than four players at the start of the match.

#### 6.6 Web Site

6.6.1 P.I. Sports will maintain a web site at [www.pisports.com.au](http://www.pisports.com.au)

#### 6.7 Players Equipment

6.7.1 All players in a team must wear

6.7.1.1 The SAME team Shirt

6.7.1.2 Approved shin guards

6.7.1.3 Socks covering shin guards fully must also be worn

6.7.1.4 From Winter Competition 2012 onwards, ALL JERSEYS MUST BE NUMBERED.

6.7.1.5 Appropriate footwear, no studs, Blades.

6.7.2 The goalkeeper must have a strip which clearly distinguishes him/her from other team members.

6.7.3 Referees may call both teams to the centre and check all players' equipment before the start of each match.

#### 6.8 Strip Clash

6.8.1 In the unlikely event of a strip clash, the team listed on the right of the team sheet is required to either use an alternative strip or wear bibs on loan from P.I. Sports. These are available on match day.

#### 6.9 Match record Sheets

6.9.1 The names of all players, including substitutes, must appear on the match record sheet.

6.9.2 From Winter Competition all Jersey numbers must be recorded on sign on sheets

6.9.3 The match record sheet is to be presented to the referee before the commencement of play.

- 6.9.4 If a player arrives after the match has commenced and takes the field they must inform the referee that their name is not on the match record sheet and ask the referee for permission to play. At the referees discretion, players may finalise the match record sheet at the conclusion of the match if necessary.
- 6.9.5 Failure to correctly fill in the match record sheet may lead to suspension or disqualification of the player and or the team (see suspension and disqualification in this booklet).
- 6.9.6 Team Contacts are responsible for ensuring that the match record sheet is correctly completed prior to the commencement of the match.

## **7. PLAYING AREA**

- 7.1 The playing area is the area containing all playing fields and bounded by the fence.
- 7.2 Only players, team contacts, one other person nominated by each team and P.I. Sports officials are permitted to enter the playing area.
- 7.3 Any unauthorized person entering the playing area will be asked to leave the playing area forthwith, failure to do so may result in a stoppage of play, and then forfeiture of the match, totally at the discretion of P.I. Sports Management.

## **8. WET WEATHER**

- 8.1 In the event of wet weather, assume games are on unless a text message or Facebook Post is received by the team contact no later than 5pm of the Competition day.

## **9. FINALS**

### 9.1 Final Series

- 9.1.1 Eight team competitions – At the completion of normal competition, Semi Finals will take place on a 1 v 4 and 2 v 3 basis with winners of these matches playing in the Grand final.
- 9.1.2 Ten team competitions – as per clause 9.1.1
- 9.1.3 Competition Champions and Runners Up will receive any such awards as are determined appropriate by P.I. Sports.

### 9.2 Finals Selection

- 9.2.1 At the completion of all the rounds prior to the semi-finals or finals the results are considered in the following order:

- 1 Points
- 2 Goal Difference
- 3 Goals scored
- 4 Count back of the results until one team has a points lead
- 5 Count back of the results until one team has a goal difference lead
- 6 Count back of the results until one team has a goals scored lead

### 9.3 Drawn matches in the Finals

9.3.1 If there is a draw at full time in any of the Grand Finals, then

9.3.1.1 At full time there will be 5 minutes each way .

9.3.1.2 If no result after 5 minutes each way of extra time then the penalty rule will apply

9.3.1.3 5 Penalties per team,if still no result, sudden death penalties will apply

9.3.1.4 Players taking a penalty are to come off a two (2) step run up, to be monitored by referee.  
More than a two(2) step run up will result in no goal.

## **10. GENERAL RULES OF THE COMPETITION**

10.1 Time Out

10.1.1 Teams are not entitled to a time out. There shall be no time outs.

10.2 Offside

10.2.1 There is no offside.

10.3 Free Kicks

10.3.1 All free kicks awarded outside the penalty area are direct. All opposing players must remain 5 metres from the ball until it is kicked.

10.3.2 A free kick awarded inside the penalty area is a penalty kick.

10.4 Penalty Kicks

10.4.1 A penalty kick is a direct free kick which is taken ( two Step run up only)

10.4.1.1 From the edge of the penalty area directly in front of the goal posts.

10.4.1.2 From 4 meters from the edge of the penalty area directly in from of the goals

10.4.2 Apart from the goalkeeper and the kicker, all other players must remain behind the ball and at least 5 metres from the ball until it is kicked and it moves. The kicker of the ball must have made a genuine shot at goal, as determined by the referee.

10.5 Substitutes

10.5.1 The names of all players, including substitutes must appear on the match record sheet.  
Failure to comply may lead to suspension or disqualification of the player and or the team.

10.5.2 There is no limit to the number of times a player may take the field.

10.5.3 All substitutions take place at the team halfway line, adjacent to the centre of the field.

10.5.4 There must never be more than the correct number of players on the field for any team at any time. The correct number of players (assuming no red cards have been issued in a match) is:

10.5.4.1 Six players for all competitions ( Juniors may play 7 (U10,U11)

10.6 Goalkeeper

10.6.1 The goalkeeper position can interchange at any time during the match

10.6.2 The goalkeeper cannot control (touch) the ball with his hands if it has been played to him by any of his team. If the goalkeeper does control the ball with his hands a direct free kick will be awarded to the opposition team at the place where the offence occurred.

10.7 Goal-kicks, Corner-kicks, Kick-ins and Kick-offs

- 10.7.1 A goal cannot be scored directly from a goal-throw-in.
- 10.7.2 A goal-throw-in cannot travel past the half way line without first touching a player or the ground. If a goal-throw-in travels past the half way on the full an indirect free kick will be awarded to the opposing team to be taken at any point along the half way line.
- 10.7.3 When taking a goal-throw-in the goal keeper cannot throw the ball to himself. The ball must be played to another player. If, after a goal-throw-in has been taken, the goal keeper touches the ball prior to it being touched by another player and indirect free kick shall be awarded at the location where the infringement occurred.
- 10.7.4 All of 10.7.1 through 10.7.5 (inclusive) refer to a goal-throw-in which is specifically referring to the dead ball situation that occurs when the ball goes out of the field of play over the goal line (but not in the goals). These restrictions do not apply when the goal keeper takes possession of the ball in open play. When the goal keeper takes possession of the ball in open play, there are no restrictions on what the goal keeper can do with the ball.
- 10.7.5 A corner-kick will be awarded if the ball goes out of play, across the goal line (but not in the goal), and was last touched by any player on the defending team. A goal can be scored directly from a corner kick.
- 10.7.6 Throw-ins do not exist. When the ball exits the playing field over the sideline it shall be kicked-in from the point where it crossed the line. The kicker-in must keep a part of both feet outside the field of play while taking the kick-in. The must be stationary when kicked in. A goal cannot be scored directly from a kick-in.
- 10.7.7 At the time of a kick-off (to commence a game, or re-start a game after a goal has been scored or a half-time break), all players from the opposing team must remain five metres from the ball until it has moved. From the kick-off, the first movement of the ball must be forwards. A goal may be scored directly from a kick-off.