



## **Southern Cross Football Centre 5-a-side competitions**

### **Terms and Conditions**

#### **1. Governance**

- 1.1. 5-a-side football at the Southern Cross Football Centre (SCFC) is offered as a registered business name of the Southern Cross University (SCU).
- 1.2. Players wishing to participate in 5-a-side tournaments offered at the SCFC must first complete all requirements set out in section 2 registration below to register with the SCFC as a player in that competition.

SCFC management reserve the right to:

- 1.2.1. refuse the registration application of a player and / or team into the competition
- 1.2.2. cancel the registration of a player and / or team into the competition
- 1.2.3. suspend or disqualify a player/s and/or team from the competition
- 1.2.4. amend or alter the rules relevant to any competition under its control as may be determined necessary by event organisers from time to time. SCFC Management will advise all teams of any changes at least 24 hours prior to the rules and regulations being adopted.

#### **2. Registration**

- 2.1. All forms, documents and information will be available from SCFC Management or via the website for SCFC.
- 2.2. Each team applying to play in the competition must complete a on line SCFC team registration application form.
- 2.3. Each individual player applying to play in the competition must complete their on line player registration form confirming their details.
- 2.4. The application form (s) must be submitted with full payment by the due dates. No person will be registered, nor permitted to play until the players registration is paid in full.
- 2.5. Submitting a team registration application with all supporting documentation including payment is a request for a place within the competition. It does not guarantee a place in the competition.
- 2.6. In the event that a team's application is unsuccessful, the payment at the time of application will be refunded in full.
- 2.7. By applying to register for an SCFC competition a player irrevocably agrees:
  - 2.7.1. to abide by and be governed by the applicable Rules and Regulations of the competition as specified;
  - 2.7.2. to abide by the Southern Cross Football Centre Conditions of Entry while at the venue as either a player or spectator;



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- 2.7.3. to hold SCFC management, officials and volunteers, 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;
- 2.7.4. that the cancellation of a player and or team registration may at SCFC Management's discretion, result in the forfeiture of the teams/ players registration fee.
- 2.7.5. that any claim of loss, injury or damage will be a matter determined between a player and the relevant insurance company;
- 2.7.6. to grant SCFC Management, officials and volunteers the right to obtain medical care for the player from any qualified person should the need arise in a case when the player (or players legal guardian(s) is not immediately able or unavailable to grant authorization, and;
- 2.8. that in such a case described as in 2.7.5, to pay for all medical expenses involved, including ambulance expenses if incurred.
- 2.9. The maximum number of players allowed to become registered per team is 10. The minimum number of players allowed to become registered is 5.
- 2.10. Under no circumstances will an unregistered player be allowed to play. Any unregistered player found playing in the competition will result in the player being suspended to play in the competition for a minimum of 10 matches. The team playing the unregistered player will lose all competition points for that season. In the event a second unregistered player is found to have played after the initial indiscretion, the team will be unregistered from the competition.
- 2.11. Under no circumstances may a player transfer to another team during the competition.
- 2.12. Players are able to 'fill in' for another team (max. 2 players) provided the players filling in are not playing in a division/age lower than the one they are registered in at the start of the competition.
- 2.13. A player cannot be replaced during the competition.

### **3. Insurance**

- 3.1. The SCFC is registered with the NSW Government Sporting Injuries Insurance Scheme. By applying to register for an SCFC competition a player irrevocably warrants that they agree to participate at their own risk with full understanding:
  - 3.1.1. of the risks involved;
  - 3.1.2. of the limited nature of the cover provided under the NSW Governments Sporting Injuries Insurance Scheme; and
  - 3.1.3. that it is recommended that before competing each player consider their individual insurance needs and to take out their own personal health insurance if they believe additional cover is required.

### **4. Late Registrations**

- 4.1. New players can register into the competition up to Round 4 of the Round Robin only if the team has had a vacant position since the beginning of the competition.
- 4.2. Late registrations come with a \$30 application fee payable at the same time as the application is submitted.



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- 4.3. Each new registration player must fill in the player registration application form and be submitted no later than 24 hours prior to the next round.
- 4.4. A player must not play or enter the field of play until all fees are paid and the completed player registration application form is accepted by SCFC Management.

## 5. Field and equipment

- 5.1. Field Dimensions will be in line with English FA Guidelines and approximately the size of normal Futsal pitches. Field markings include a halfway line, a halfway circle and a goal area semi-circle.
- 5.2. The goal posts are approximately 2m high x 3m wide
- 5.3. A size 4 football is to be used.

## 6. Teams

- 6.1. Teams must have a designated manager who will be the primary point of contact for all team correspondence from SCFC Management.
- 6.2. The maximum number of players on the field from each team at any one time is five (5). The minimum number of players on the field from each team at any one time is three (3) except for extra time in finals when using the drop off system. If a team cannot field three players at any time during the game it will be deemed as a forfeit.
- 6.3. A maximum of 10 players are allowed to play per round.
- 6.4. Age restrictions.
  - 6.4.1. Men's competition players must be born before 1 January 2003 (turning 15 this year).
  - 6.4.2. Ladies competition players must be born before 1 January 2004 (turning 14 this year).
  - 6.4.3. Junior Competition players must be no older than the age division that their team is registered in at the date of the start of the competition. Under age players will be considered on request subject to parental consent.

## 7. Team Strip & equipment

- 7.1. Strip colours must be nominated prior to beginning of competition on the teams nomination form. (SCFC Management has the right to change if another team has already nominated the same strip).
- 7.2. All players must wear same coloured shirt. Players are to have their shirts numbered as per the team sheet or their number from the team sheet needs to be identifiable on the player. Teams have until Round 2 to have correct strip. Failure to not have correct strip or numbers by Round 2 will result in game being forfeited.
- 7.3. All players to wear shin pads and football boots to be eligible to play. Sport shoes are not acceptable.
- 7.4. The goalkeeper must wear a shirt that distinguishes themselves from other players and officials.
- 7.5. All jewellery must be removed prior to play.



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7.6. In the event of a strip clash the team listed on the right of the draw must wear an alternative strip. Team bibs are available from the referees or canteen. Bibs must be returned as soon as possible after the game is completed.

## 8. Competition

- 8.1. Games will consist of 2 x 25 minute halves for Seniors and 2 x 20 minute halves for Juniors with only a short break at halftime
- 8.2. Teams will receive 3 points for a win, 1 points for a draw, 0 point for a loss and 0 points for a forfeit. In the event of a forfeit the opposition team receives 5 goals.
- 8.3. All results will be maintained and updated as soon as practicable after matches.
- 8.4. Teams will abide by the rules of football set down by FIFA. Exceptions as listed.
  - 8.4.1. NO OFFSIDE.
  - 8.4.2. The use of a size 4 ball on a smaller field with smaller goal posts with nets.
  - 8.4.3. A one step rule for taking free kicks.
  - 8.4.4. No slide tackles.
  - 8.4.5. The goal keeper cannot throw, place kick from the penalty area or kick the ball out of his/her hands over the halfway line on the full. An indirect free kick will be awarded on the halfway line at the place the ball crosses over on the full.
  - 8.4.6. All decisions of the referee regarding the game are final. No protests of a referee decision will be accepted.
  - 8.4.7. At the referees discretion a player can be given a time out penalty (yellow card) and must stand behind the team's goal. Substitutes are unable to replace a yellow carded player. (Time out penalties will last either 2 minutes or 5 minutes depending on the severity of the penalty). A yellow card can be shown for the following offences:
    - 8.4.7.1. Guilty of unsporting behaviour including foul play, time wasting and the use of offensive, insulting or abusive language.
    - 8.4.7.2. Persistently infringing on the laws of the game.
    - 8.4.7.3. Players can also be sent from the field as per FIFA rules (Red Card). Substitutes are unable to replace a red carded player. A red card can be shown for the following offences:
      - 8.4.7.4. Guilty of serious foul play or violent conduct
      - 8.4.7.5. Use of offensive, racist, insulting or abusive language
      - 8.4.7.6. Two yellow cards during a match
  - 8.5. A red card carries a minimum one match ban.
  - 8.6. Match Cards will be available for completion in the administration room 30 minutes prior to the start of play. Managers are responsible for ensuring that player information is completed and correct on the match card prior to the referee collecting for the commencement of each match. Failure to have the match card completed prior to schedule start of play then the offending team will have 2 goals awarded against them.
  - 8.7. In the event of wet weather games should proceed as normal. In the unlikely event of matches being cancelled matches/rounds may be postponed until the following Wednesday. If the rescheduled games/round is also washed out the games/round will result in a whole round cancellation.



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- 8.8. In the event of lightening being a cause for a stop in play then for all senior games it is the responsibility of the referee to stop the game and Junior games will be in consultation with referees and SCFC staff.
- 8.9. Resumption of play will only commence once declared safe either by the referee or facility staff. 15 minutes will be the time allowed for a stoppage or delay in starting a round after that period the round will be postponed and rescheduled for the following week as per clause 8.7.
- 8.10. Interchange is allowed at any time throughout the game so long as the referee is notified and the outgoing player is off the field before the new player goes on.
- 8.11. Teams are responsible for knowing time and field in which to play. SCFC Management will publish all information on SCFC website and Facebook pages at least Monday before each round.
- 8.12. Games will be ready to start playing on the hour. If a team cannot take the field due to lack of players or not having a completed match card to the referee prior to the start off play, a one goal penalty applies. A forfeit will be called if a team cannot field 3 players or present a completed match card to the referee after 10 minutes.

### **9. Disciplinary Procedures**

- 9.1. Any player indiscretion deemed appropriate will be noted by the referee and a player indiscretion will be reported on the match card and will be submitted to SCFC Management.
- 9.2. SCFC Management will appoint a Disciplinary Committee (up to 3 people) who shall adjudicate on all disciplinary matters.
- 9.3. If in the opinion of the Disciplinary Committee a player and/or team brings SCFC Management, SCFC, and/or the competition into disrepute, the player and or team may have the registration cancelled and will forfeit all registration fees.
- 9.4. Players can appeal to state their case if required. Written appeals must be submitted along with a \$200 fee (non-refundable).
- 9.5. Minimum penalties on presentation of player indiscretion form:
  - 9.5.1. Abusive language – Minimum One Match Ban
  - 9.5.2. Fighting – Minimum 10 Match Ban.