



**MACARTHUR FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION
SUMMER COMPETITION
RULES & REGULATIONS**

2022 SEASON



INTRODUCTION

This manual is made available for all registered Summer Football teams and can be found on the MFA website – www.macarthurfootball.com.au (in “play>Summer Football 2022”) to assist in understanding all the regulations associated with the Summer Competition. It does not replace the MFA Constitution or Regulations and is subject to change during the season as determined by MFA Management. This document assists teams in understanding the rules and in the event of any discrepancy with the Regulations, the Regulations take precedence.

ALL TEAMS SHOULD FAMILIARISE THEMSELVES WITH THESE RULES AS OUTLINED IN THIS DOCUMENT.

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Season Dates

Season will commence on 17 January 2022 and will run for 8 weeks.

Junior games will be played either on a Thursday or Friday night (depending upon number of teams entered) and will be played primarily at Lynwood Stadium or at Blinman Oval (again depending upon team numbers). Full details of venue will be provided prior to competition commencement.

Senior games will be played either on a Thursday or Friday night (depending upon number of teams entered) and will be played primarily at Lynwood Stadium or at Blinman Oval (again depending upon team numbers). Full details of venue will be provided prior to competition commencement but expect Over 30 Women's and Over 35 Men's to be played Thursday evenings at Blinman Oval and all other Senior competitions to be played on a Friday evening at Lynwood Stadium.

Draws and competition tables will be available via the MFA website link in advance of the first round of competition.



FEES

Fees are inclusive of Football NSW, Macarthur Football Association Fees and Referee payments. No additional monies will be sought.

PLAYER AGE LIMIT

Junior competitions will comprise the following age groups:

- Under 8/9 (Male, female and mixed competitions- depending upon registration numbers)
- Under 10/11 (Male, female and mixed competitions- depending upon registration numbers)
- Under 12/13 and 14 (likely one combined age group with Male, female and mixed competitions- depending upon registration)
- Age-appropriate restrictions apply in the Junior competition offerings

Players in the All-Age Competitions must be Over 18 to participate as alcohol will be served during game nights or if under 18 must have supervision during game nights.

PLAYING TIME

Junior Matches:

Games will begin at approximately 5:00pm on either a Thursday or Friday nights with games having **2 x 15-minute halves**.

Senior Matches

Games will begin at approximately 6.30pm on either a Thursday or Friday nights with games having **2 x 20-minute halves**.

PLAYING RULES

All rules and regulations of the Laws of the Game will apply unless otherwise directed below.

Situation	Definition	Ruling on Infringement
Players	1. Minimum of four (4), Maximum six (6) on the field. Maximum nine (9) players allowed on each team including substitutions.	<i>Forfeit</i>
Goalkeeper	1. Goalkeeper cannot pick up the ball on a	<i>1. Free Kick from Centre Circle</i>



	back pass with their hands. 2.The Goalkeeper must ensure a ball returned into play, in any form, touches a player or the ground before crossing halfway. 3. Goalkeeper cannot leave the penalty area and players may not enter the penalty area.	<i>2.Free Kick from Centre Circle</i> <i>3. Free Kick from Centre Circle</i> <i>All Indirect Free Kick</i>
Tackles	No slide tackles	<i>Free Kick</i>
Offside	No Offside	
Kick-ins	Kick-ins replace throw-ins	<i>Free Kick</i>
Interchanges	Unlimited interchanges. Substitutes must stay in interchange zone until replacement leaves the field.	<i>Free Kick if too many players on the field</i>
Free Kicks	Indirect	<i>Free Kick to opposite team</i>

TEAM APPLICATION

One player from all teams must fill out a Team Expression of Interest form to be considered for a competition. This form can be found at: <https://www.macarthurfootball.com.au/summer-football/>. Submitting this form does not guarantee a place in the competition and all teams will be notified on the status of their application.

If a team is successful with their team application, the team contact has the responsibility in making sure all players of the team are registered (via Play Football) and all fees are reconciled before Round 1 of the Competition.

INDIVIDUAL APPLICATION

Individuals, not a part of a team, and would like to compete must fill out an Individual Expression of Interest form. This form can be found at: <https://www.macarthurfootball.com.au/summer-football/>. Submitting this form does not guarantee a place in a team, individuals will be notified whether or not there are any places available.

If a player is successful, they must register to play and have all fees reconciled before Round 1 of the Competition.



REGISTRATION

Once all teams have been finalised, every player must register on PlayFootball or by using this direct link

[Register at PlayFootball](#)

All players must clearly identify which team they are playing for when completing the registration. MFA offers both online payments and offline payments. All payments must be finalised prior to game 1.

DEREGISTRATION & DISQUALIFICATIONS

By submitting the registration on PlayFootball, the individual is agreeing to MFA's Summer Football No Refund Policy. Upon request of a deregistration, no refunds will be issued however special cases may be reviewed by MFA i.e., long-term injuries etc.

Any player disqualified from the Competition for any reason will forfeit all registration fees. All players of any Team disqualified from the Competition will be deregistered from the competition and forfeit all registration fees.

REFEREES & DISCIPLINE

Official referees of the Competition will be appointed by the MDFRA. Please note that all referees will have a copy of the rules, thus, all decisions made by referees cannot be changed.

Yellow Cards (Sin Bin) & Red Cards (Stand Down)

If a yellow card is issued during a game, it will constitute a three (3) minute sin bin where the player must leave the field immediately until the sin bin is over. The players' team cannot replace the sin binned player. The referee will make the call when the player is ready to re-enter the field.

In the case of a red card or two yellow cards, a player will be stood down from the rest of the game until further notice (see discipline below). The players' team cannot replace a stood down player.



Discipline

In cases of stood down players and suspended players, the MFA "Disciplinary & Judiciary Regulations" constitutional by-laws take jurisdiction and appropriate actions will be taken according to those by-laws.

COMPETITION

Competition dates and draws will be published to the MFA website.

Unregistered players

All players taking the field must be registered through PlayFootball. Any team found to have any unregistered players take the field will be deemed to have forfeited the match.

Any team found with any suspended players, take the field will be deemed to have forfeited the match.

A team with less than four players will be forfeited.

Competition Format

The competition will follow an 8-team or 6-team format. If there are insufficient teams to achieve a full 6- team competition, there will not be a competition in that age group.

1st v 2nd will play in a Grand Final on the final week of the season.

There will be no extra time during the regular season. During the Grand Final, if the scores are tied at the final whistle, golden goal extra time will take place. If no one scores within 5 minutes, another 5 minutes will be added on. If there is still no goal after the two halves of extra time, penalty shootouts will be conducted with 5 players on each team to take a penalty goal.

Mixed Competition

In Mixed Leagues, a minimum of 2 female players must be on the field at all times. No more than 4 male players can be on the field at any one time.



Borrowing Players

Under no circumstances are players allowed to borrow players who are unregistered. Teams are only allowed to borrow players from other age groups or other competitions and cannot borrow players within their own competition. A team must have four (4) of its own players and a team can only borrow players to bring their playing numbers up to six (6).

Competition Points

Win- 3 points
Draw- 1 Point
Lose- 0 points

Forfeit

Forfeit For- 3 Points and 5 Goals
Forfeit Against- -2 points and 0 Goals

If a team notifies the MFA at least 24 hours before their game time about a forfeit, no points will be deducted although the opposition will still receive 3 points and 5 goals. Any team that does not notify about a forfeit will receive the 2-point deduction.

Sign on

All players must sign on prior to their game time every week. This will ensure all players playing are registered players.

CANCELLATIONS/WEATHER

The MFA is fortunate to have synthetic fields so unless there are extreme weather changes, games will go ahead. Due to the tight schedule that MFA Summer Football is following, unfortunately, if there are any cancellations, there will be no rescheduling of games and games will count as a DRAW.

PACK UP

Teams playing in the last time slot are responsible for packing up all the gear on the field. This includes picking up cones, moving the goals and general clean up of the field.