

## Rules and Procedures for use of Synthetic Turf Fields at Souths United FC



Most games and training will be played/conducted on our new **FIFA Quality Pro Synthetic Football Turf** fields.

A little bit about Football Turf approved by FIFA. Only artificial playing surfaces which have been tested in the laboratory and on the field according to stringent testing criteria of the FIFA Quality Programme can be called football turf. This name means that those systems fulfil the quality requirements necessary for football in terms of *Playing, Performance, Safety, Durability and Quality Assurance*.



FIFA award two ratings for surfaces that meet the standards:

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| Quality     | fields that meet the standard for community and amateur fields                      |
| Quality Pro | fields that ensure the highest playing performance for professional-level football. |

To enable us to maintain our FIFA certification and ensure the longevity of the surfaces, there are some Rules and Procedures regarding the use of these fields and facilities that must be adhered to by players, team officials, match officials and spectators alike. We greatly appreciate your adherence and know that the players and match officials will enjoy the standard of field that we can offer.

Spectators will need to bring their own seats as seating is limited.

Please Note: Ice for injuries is available upon request. A stretcher is also available should it be needed.

### Rules

#### Players/Team Official/Match Officials

- Only moulded boots can be worn. Metal tags are not permitted. Boots/footwear need to be clean ie devoid of all mud, dirt, grass, chewing gum etc. All boots will be inspected prior to entry. Entry to the fields will be delayed if boots need to be cleaned. Please ensure boots are cleaned prior to arrival at Souths United FC. All players, team officials and match officials must wear alternate footwear to the fields and change into clean boots at the fields.
- Only water is permitted to be consumed on the fields. ALL other drinks and ALL food must be consumed in the changerooms/refs room (if applicable) or the spectator areas.
- Spitting and nasal passage secretions are prohibited. Chewing gum is also prohibited.
- If the ball goes over the fences, please do NOT jump the fence to retrieve as contaminants will be brought onto the field upon your return to the field.

#### Spectators

- Spectators are not permitted on the fields. Please do not enter or jump the fences.
- There is limited seating available. Spectators are welcome to bring chairs. Please be mindful that wet weather leading up to the event will make the spectator areas soft. Flat footwear is preferable.
- Cold, hot drinks and food will be available from our canteen near Field 2 (for games).
- Two toilets are available at the Changerooms adjacent to Field 2. Additional facilities are available at the clubhouse.
- Spectators WILL be required to clean their footwear on the provided boot wipes. Spectators are not to linger in the area in front of the canteen/changerooms or in the area between field 2 and fields 3 & 4. These are pedestrian areas only. Food and drink are to be consumed in the Spectator Areas.
- **NO dogs** are permitted at Souths United FC. We appreciate your adherence of this.
- **Smoking is NOT permitted** at Souths United FC except in either carpark.

## Procedures

**Players, team officials and match officials**, if allocated, are to enter the complex via Field 5 as per attached map.

### **Spectators:**

For Field 2 – enter via the gate on Dew Street.

For Fields 3 & 4 – enter via Field 5.

Preferential entrance will be given to players, team officials and match officials to ensure that games commence as scheduled. Sufficient time must be allowed to process through the boot/footwear wiping area.

We trust that everyone enjoys the experience at Souths United FC.

# Welcome to Souths United FC

## Enjoy the Action!!