



Souths United Football Club

Summer Outdoor Competitions

5 A-Side

Oct-Dec 2017



RULES OF COMPETITION

5-a-side

Tournament Age Groups

- Under 8 - Under 10
- Under 12 Boys/Mixed
- Under 12 Girls
- Under 14 Boys/Mixed
- Under 14 Girls
- Under 16 Boys/Mixed
- Under 16 Girls

Player Registration

All participants must register via My Football Club. Instructions will be provided upon Team Nomination. All participants agree to abide by the club's and FQ's Regulations as well as Football Federation Australia (FFA) Statutes, and if applicable, FIFA Statutes and AFC Statutes.

Teams are to register via link on Souths United website www.southsunited.org.au under the 5 A-Side & Super Sixes <tab>

Entry Fees

- Under 8 - Under 12 \$100 per player
- Under 14 and older \$110 per player

Entry Fees includes FQ's Social Registration Fee of \$15 per player. No other fees are payable.

Refunds will only be provided prior to the first round of matches.

Field of Play

The field of play shall be rectangular in shape and measure approximately 1/4 size of a FIFA Regulation size pitch (approx 55mx35m). This size can be adjusted for U6-11 MiniRoos as required which may be per purpose built 5-a-side fields of 40m x 50m. Souths reserves the right to amend field size to ensure positive competition experience is gained for each age group.

Goal Size

Goals will be 3m x 2m.

The Ball

A size 3 ball will be used for U8s

A size 4 ball will be used for U10s to U12s

A size 5 ball will be used for U14s to U16s

Number of Players

A match will be played by two teams, each consisting of not more than five players, one of whom is the goalkeeper. A match will not start if either team consists of fewer than four players. A forfeit will be declared if a team cannot field 4 or more players by 5 minutes after the scheduled kick-off time.

Unlimited interchange will occur throughout the match. A player interchange may be made at any time, whether the ball is in play or not, provided the referee has been informed. The interchange of a goalkeeper may only take place during a stoppage in the match, provided the referee has been informed.

Mixed Team Competitions:

For those participating in mixed team competitions, the following rules will apply:

- Minimum of 2 x female players on the field at all times
- Maximum of 3 x male players on the field at any time
- If a male player scores, they may not score again until a female scores
- No restriction on when females can score
- Male/female goals reset at half time.

Player Equipment/Uniform

- A player must not use any equipment, or wear anything (including jewellery) that could be dangerous to him/herself or another player.
- The wearing of shin guards that provide a reasonable degree of protection is compulsory.
- Moulded football boots or 'runners' must be worn (STRICTLY NO METAL TAGS)
- If undergarments are worn, the colour of the sleeve or leg must be the same main colour as the sleeve of the jersey or leg of the short.
- Players in a team must wear the same colour shirts. In the event of a colour clash, the team listed second on the draw must wear alternate shirts or bibs.

The Referees

Each match is controlled by a referee who has full authority to enforce the Laws of the Game in connection to the match to which they have been appointed. The decisions of the referee regarding facts connected with play, including whether or not a goal is scored and the result of the match, are final.

Duration of the Match

A match will last two equal periods of 20 minutes (total of 40 minutes), with a brief half-time interval (approximately 2mins) for teams to change ends.

A team not ready to start within 5 minutes of the designated match time will forfeit the match and the fixture will be awarded to the opposing team, as a forfeit.

No stoppage time will be added for any injuries throughout the game. Play will stop while any injured player is removed from the field.

Start and Restart of Play

A kick-off is the way of starting the match and starting the second half of the match and restarting the match after a goal has been scored. A goal may not be scored directly from the kick-off.

For a kick-off, all players must be in their own half of the field of play with the opponents of the team taking the kick-off at least 5m from the ball until it is in play. The ball must be stationary on the centre mark of the halfway line and cannot be kicked until the referee gives a signal. The ball is in play when it is kicked and moves forward.

After a team scores a goal, provided that the half has not ended, the kick-off is taken by the other team.

Ball In and Out of Play

The ball is considered out of play when it has wholly crossed the goal line or touch line, whether on the ground or in the air, or when the referee stops play. The ball is considered in play at all other times.

Method of Scoring

A goal is scored when the whole of the ball passes over the goal line, between the goal posts and under the cross bar, provided that no infringement has been committed previously by the team scoring the goal.

Goals can be scored directly off free kicks, penalty kicks and corner kicks.

The team scoring the greater number of goals during a match is the winner. If both teams score an equal number of goals, or if no goals are scored, the match is drawn.

Offside

There is no offside.

Fouls and Misconduct

Fouls and misconduct are infringements of the FIFA Laws of the Game. Fouls are penalized with a direct free kick or penalty kick. Misconduct is penalized with a caution, timeout or a sending off.

Under 6 - Under 10

A blue card is used for players who have committed a serious foul. That player will have a 'time out' period for a minimum of 2 minutes and not more than 5 minutes. If a second blue card is issued to the same player in the same game, then the player will sit out for the rest of the match. The player and the player's coach will be counselled.

Under 12 - Under 16

A yellow card is used to communicate that a player has been cautioned. A player who received a second yellow card in the same match is also shown a red card. A red card is used to communicate that a player has been sent off. A player who has been sent off must leave the vicinity of the field of play and the technical area immediately and receives an automatic one match suspension.

A player who has been sent off for serious foul play or violent conduct receives an automatic one match suspension and will be subject to further disciplinary action as deemed necessary by the Club Administrator.

All disciplinary matters will be dealt with in accordance with the National Disciplinary Regulations. An infringement incurred attracting a suspension that will exceed four weeks, must be referred to Football Queensland.

Slide tackles are not permitted at any time during a match.

Free Kick

A free kick is awarded to the opposing team if a player commits an offence as outlined in the FIFA Laws of the Game. All free kicks will be awarded as direct free kicks.

A goal may be scored directly from a free kick.

The free kick is taken from the place where the infringement occurred or from the position of the ball when the infringement occurred.

When a free kick is being taken, the ball must be stationary and all opponents must be at least 5m from the ball until it is in play. The ball is in play when it is kicked and moves forward.

Penalty Kick

A penalty kick is awarded against a team that commits an offence inside its own penalty area and while the ball is in play. A goal may be scored directly from a penalty kick.

The penalty kick is taken from the penalty mark at the top of the goal circle. When a penalty kick is being taken, the ball must be stationary on the penalty mark. The defending goalkeeper must remain on his goal line facing the kicker, between the goalposts, until the ball has been kicked and all other players, discounting the kicker, must be

located on the field of play, outside the penalty area and at least 5m behind the penalty mark.

The player taking the penalty kick must kick the ball forward and may not take more than two steps before kicking the ball. The ball is in play when it is kicked and moves forward.

Throw-In

A throw-in is the method of restarting play when the whole of the ball crosses the touch line, either on the ground or in the air. It is awarded to the opponents of the player who last touched the ball.

A goal cannot be scored directly from a throw-in.

A throw-in is taken from the point where it left the field of play. When a throw-in is being taken, all opponents must be at least 5m from the point at which the throw-in is being taken.

At the moment of delivering the ball, the thrower must be facing the field of play with part of each foot either on the touch line or on the ground outside the touch line. The ball must be held with both hands and be delivered from behind and over his/herhead.

After delivering the ball, the thrower must not touch the ball again until it has touched another player. The ball is in play when it enters the field of play.

Goal Clearance

A goal clearance is the method of restarting play when the whole of the ball passes over the goal line, either on the ground or in the air, having last touched a player of the attacking team, and a goal is not scored. It is awarded to the defending team.

A goal clearance is taken by the goalkeeper of the defending team from any point inside the goal circle. The ball is in play when it is thrown directly out (not kicking out) of the goal circle of the team taking the goal clearance. A goal may not be scored directly from a goal clearance.

After delivering the ball, the goalkeeper must not touch the ball again until it has touched another player.

Corner Kick

The corner kick is the method of restarting play when the whole of the ball passes over the goal line, either on the ground or in the air, having last been touched a player of the defending team, and a goal is not scored. It is awarded to the attacking team.

Points Tables U12 - U16 Age Group

Points will be allocated as follows:

Win	3 points
Draw	1 point
Loss	0 points
Forfeit	3 points (3 - 0 win to the opposing team)

Positions on the points table will be determined in order of the following:

- Number of points accumulated
- Goal difference
- Number of goals scored
- Toss of the coin

Finals

The final will be between the top 2 teams in each competition on the Points Table at the conclusion of the standard fixtures. During the Final, any match drawn after the end of normal time will be decided by a penalty shoot-out. If a penalty shoot-out occurs, only the five players on the field at the end of normal time will be involved. Each player will take one penalty shot alternating between teams. The best of 5 will be the winner. If even after 5 shots, the pattern will continue but sudden death.

There will be no finals scheduled for the Under 6 - Under 10 competitions. U6s to U10s will be presented participation medallions at the conclusion of the final tournament fixture.

Fixture Cancellations and Forfeits

In the event of the cancellation of a fixture due to inclement weather, all teams will be notified by the Club/Competition Administrator via the Club's website.

In the event of the cancellation of a fixture due to unavailability of a team, the unavailable team must notify the Club/Competition administrator at least 24 hours prior to the fixtures published time. The Club/Competition Administrator will then notify the other team. Failure to comply by a team will result in forfeiture of the fixture.

If a team forfeits two fixtures during the season, it may be removed from the competition at the discretion of the Club/Competition Administrator with no refund given.

Team Sheets

Team sheets are to be completed for every game (Under 12 - Under 16 only). These are to be handed to the Competition Administrator (or delegate) at least 10 minutes prior to the commencement of each game. Names may be placed on the team sheet in anticipation of a player's arrival but no name can be added once the game has commenced.

Other Matters

The Club Administrator, in consultation with Football Queensland, has the authority to make decisions and take action on any matter not catered for specifically in these Rules.

Tournament Awards

Medals will be awarded to the winners/runners-up of the Finals in each age category.