

DUBBO SIXES

SOCCER TOURNAMENT

Competition Rules

Dubbo Sixes Soccer tournament is hosted by the Macquarie United Football Club (MUFC) in Dubbo NSW

MUFC is a family focused club who strives to enhance, develop and showcase local junior and senior football in the western area.

MUFC's commitment is to actively promote community inclusion through participation from players, teams, families, community support services, diverse cultural groups and business sponsors.

Event Authority is facilitated by the MUFC Board with the event disciplinary Committee consisting of members of the MUFC Board.

Refereeing is under the authority of the Registered Referees of the event. If registering player/s wish to participate and referee during event team draw schedules will be taken into account where possible by event authority.

Each player and team registered must acknowledge upon registration and adhere to the event registration guidelines, Rules of competition and conduct requirements set in the conditions below.

Each registered team must provide its own clearly labelled match ball for all scheduled games.

All registered players, teams, officials and spectators must practice CO-VID Safe behaviours at event area/s.

FIFA rules of football apply except in the following areas:

1- Nominating Teams

Each registered team must nominate at least eight (8) players with a maximum eleven (11) players

Each team nomination fee is \$ 550.00

Team nominations open on Friday 26th July and close on Friday 6th September 2024 at 11:59pm.

Players must register via the Event Name at www.playfootballclub.com.au and nominate Team list provided from Monday 9th September and close Monday 7th October 2024 at 11:59pm.

A team's registration will only be confirmed once a Team Captain has registered the team with full payment made and 8 players have registered for event with nominated team name.

Any amendments to team and player registrations must be approved by the event authority and finalised before Monday 7th October 2024 at 11:59pm.

If a registered team requires de-registration after closure of nomination period and payment has been received requests for refund will be up to the discretion of the event authority.

Each team will provide a team sheet before formulation and distribution of event draw on Wednesday 9th October, 2024.

No team name changes will be approved after nomination closure date - Explicit Team names will not be accepted.

Each team can have a maximum six (6) players on the field at any time each game (includes goalkeeper) with a maximum of five (5) replacement players that can substitute throughout the game period.

A registered team cannot commence the game with no less than four (4) players. If team cannot field minimum required number of players at commencement of game they will forfeit the match.

If a registered team plays an unregistered player in any matches, Event authority will sanction offending Team to forfeit game points immediately and possibly remove registered team from event competition.

Draw formulation

Event draw will be released via Facebook page Wednesday 9th October, 2024.

Over 30 Women's Draw requires a minimum of 6 registered teams to form division. If 6 teams in total not registered Over 30 registered teams will be placed into Open Ladies division.

Over 35 Men's Draw requires a minimum of 6 registered teams to form division. If 6 teams in total not registered Over 35 registered teams will be placed into Open Ladies division.

If there is a 6 team draw formulated Teams will play each team once and 1v 2 placed teams will play in final.

Payment Information

All Team Registration Fees and individual Non winter Comp Player Fees payments are to be made via Playfootball.com page.

2- Registration of Players

Each player can only be registered in one team at the event.

Each player must register via Event name at www.playfootball.com.au and select team name and division in registration.

Team Nomination and player list must be completed by team captain and submitted with tournament team payment fee before team registration will be accepted via email.

Male players must be 16 years of age to register for event.

Female players must be 14 years of age to register for event.

Over 30 Woman registered players must be 30 years of age before or on commencement date of event.

Over 35 Men registered players must be 35 years of age before or on commencement date of event.

Each player must be a member of the club she/he represents with written approval by their local club or association to participate at the event – Team captains must submit this with team sheet.

If registering player is, a Non FNSW Active winter competition player they must pay an additional fee of **\$5-\$15.00** upon registration includes Northern NSW Football, ACT Football or QLD Football active players.

3- Team Playing Kit/Strip

Registered teams must nominate on team sheet their event Playing strip/kit colours for 2 separate strip/kit colours – numbered bibs accepted,

If any change of playing kit/strips required for event games the second team on draw will be required to change.

Each team Goalkeeper shall wear a strip colour not same as her/his team or opposing side team kit/strip.

4- Footwear and Shin pads

All players must wear shin pads and football boots.

5- Jewellery

No Jewellery is to be worn in compliance to FIFA rules.

6- Event Game Rules

Event Authority operational members will formulate draw based on overall number of registered teams for each division in event only.

Event competition draw will be distributed three (3) days before event commencement of first scheduled game and emailed to nominated team contact.

Day 2 Competition Draw will be distributed Saturday evening at local host sponsor location and Facebook page.

Each event game (Exception Men's & Ladies Opens Division 1- Semi Finals and Grand finals) will consist of two thirteen (13) minute halves with immediate turnaround at half time notification.

Men's & Ladies Opens Semi and grand finals will be played with two twenty (20) minute halves with 4 minutes half time break.

Injury time will not be played except in the Opens 1 Division men's and Ladies grand final and only at discretion of match referee. This time will be advised by match referee to both teams, recorded by appointed time keeper and commenced at completion of normal match time.

Teams not ready to commence any match at commencement of scheduled time will forfeit game with the opposing team (if ready to play) granted competition win points (3) and a five (5) goal score tally. During Day 2 divisional draw any forfeit will see team receiving forfeit proceed to next round.

Teams must have a minimum of four (4) players which includes one (1) Goal keeper to commence a game.

No slide tackles permitted by any player at any time- A free kick will be awarded.

A goal can be scored from any position on the playing field.

Goal kicks must be taken as a throw in or roll from within the goal area.

A Corner kick in must be taken for all corner kicks.

A Goal can be scored directly off a corner kick.

Goalkeepers

Goal Keepers are to be nominated before commencement of each game and must wear a strip that distinguishes them from their team and opposing team. All substitute goalkeepers must wear same strip as nominated keeper.

When a goalkeeper comes into direct possession of the ball in her/his hands they must only release ball back into play by throw or under arm throwing the ball. The keeper cannot touch the ball again until it has been played by her/his player or opposing player- A direct free kick will be awarded to the opposing team if this occurs.

The goalkeeper cannot drop kick or punt the ball at any time from the designated goal/penalty area once she/he has held the ball- A direct free kick will be awarded to the opposing team if this occurs.

Goalkeepers cannot pick up any pass backs from players in line with FIFA rules.

Free Kicks

All free kicks will be direct free kicks.

Opposing players must be no closer than five (5) metres from ball at the time of kick.

Where a penalty is awarded to the defending side inside the goal box area the free kick will be taken from the nearest goal box line spot near where the penalty was awarded.

Where a penalty is awarded to the attacking side inside the penalty area the free kick will be taken from the penalty spot by one (1) attacking player with defending team and attacking players to be outside of penalty area – This includes all games and finals.

Substitutions

Substitutions can be made at any time during the event game and referees do not have to be informed of the substitution, except when a substitution of goalkeeper is requested. A stoppage in play, half time or if required in Finals fulltime must be the only time goal keeper substitutions be made

Substitutions can only be made by each team at the half way mark and only when the substituted player has left the field- Breach of this rule will result in a penalty being awarded against the offending side at the spot the ball was at time of the offence.

Players are not to enter the field from either end of the playing field.

Only Team players, substitutes and Coach/managers are to in designated team area for each game.

All substitutes shall wear substitute bib whilst not playing.

Note if a player is sent off the team cannot substitute a further player onto the field for remainder of the game.

Event Pool Game Points (Day 1 competition)

Event pool game points are as follows:

Win 3 points

Scored Draw 2 point

Scoreless Draw 1 point

Loss nil points

Win game and Score 5 goals in a match 2 bonus points

Pool Winners – day 1

First Corner kicks do not count in pool games if draw result.

Pool winner will be determined by team with most points. If teams are tied at completion of pool games and have equal points: the following criteria will be utilised to determine winner:

- Team with better Goal Differential (for minus against) will be awarded pool winner; if still tied
- Team with most overall goals in pool games will be pool winner; if still tied
- Team with highest tally of bonus points will be pool winner; and if still tied
- Coin toss conducted by match referee with 1st team on schedule to call.

Open's 1st & 2nd Division, Over 30's Ladies & Over 35's knockout- Day 2

Time: 13 minute halves with immediate turnaround.

First Corner kicks (team awarded) count for determining a winner for scoreless divisional knockout games.

Divisional games must have a winner. If a match is drawn the following criteria will determine winner who proceeds:

- if scoreless draw, the first team to have corner kick in is winner;
- if scored draw team who scored first wins; and
- If game a scoreless draw and no corners awarded to either team, a coin toss conducted by match referee with first team on schedule to call and outcome will determine winner.

Quarter Finals

Time: 13 minute halves with immediate turnaround.

First Corner kicks (team awarded) count for determining a winner for scoreless Quarter Final games.

Quarter Final games must have a winner. If a match is drawn the following criteria will determine winner who proceeds:

- if scoreless draw, the first team to have corner kick in is winner;
- if scored draw team who scored first wins; and

- If game a scoreless draw and no corners awarded to either team , a coin toss conducted by match referee with first team on schedule to call and outcome will determine winner.

Note if a player is sent off the team cannot substitute a further player onto the field for remainder of the game.

Men's & Ladies Opens, Men's Over 35's & Woman's Over 30's Semi Finals

Time: 13 minute halves with immediate turnaround.

First Corner kicks (scoreless draw) count for determining winner of all divisional semi- final games.

Semi -final games must have a winner result. If a match is drawn the following criteria will determine winner (Exception is Men's & Ladies A Division):

- if scored draw team who scored first wins;
- if scoreless draw, the first team to have corner kick is winner (Exception Men's & Ladies Opens A division); and
- If still drawn a coin toss conducted by match referee with first team on schedule to call and outcome will determine winner.

Note if a player is sent off the team cannot substitute a further player onto the field for remainder of the game.

Men's & Ladies Opens Division 1 & 2 and Over 30's/35's Grand Finals

No Corner Kicks will determine winner of game.

Grand Finals will consist of two 20 minute halves, with 5 minutes halftime break.

If game drawn at completion of Grand final fulltime, Golden Goal extra time of up to 10 minutes (5 minutes each way if required) will be played.

If scores still tied teams will play additional extra time period of eight (8) minutes (4 minutes each way) with Golden Goal and Drop off rule in play. The team captain or Manager/Coach must nominate player to leave field immediately to referee.

At commencement of additional extra time both teams must drop off one player each side to have five (5) players that includes one (1) Goalkeeper on field. After two (2) minutes another player from each side must drop off to have only four (4) players on each team that includes one (1) Goalkeeper. After turnaround of teams each team must reduce player numbers to only three players (3) that includes one (1) Goalkeeper for remainder of additional extra time.

All extra time periods will be timed by appointed time keeper and include injury time at discretion of match referee.

Note: if a player is sent off the team cannot substitute a further player onto the field for remainder of the game.

On Field officiating, On Field conduct, spectator behaviour and Authorised sanctions

The match referee appointed to officiate the game is responsible for on field officiating for the duration of the game. If requested by Junior referee, a Senior match official may assist Junior referees during match.

If no match referee available each team must nominate one person from team/club to officiate each half of game.

If any player enters the field and is not a direct substitute the match will be forfeited, and points will be awarded to the opposing team.

If more than one team player who is not a direct substitute or manager/coach enters the field during game, the match will be forfeited immediately, and the team excluded in participating any further in the event and potentially future MUFC hosted events.

If any spectator affiliated with the team playing enters the field during game, the match will be forfeited, and that team immediately excluded in participating any further in the event and potentially future MUFC hosted events.

Any team or spectator/s that interfere with any match in progress will immediately be excluded from the remainder of the event and potentially future MUFC hosted events.

If a player is issued a red card after receiving a caution for serious foul play, ongoing dissent, abusive language or violent conduct the player must immediately leave the playing field and cannot be substituted by any replacement player/s.

Any player issued a red card will immediately receive a one (1) event game suspension with that being the next game scheduled for that team to play (includes any scheduled finals games- does not include any bye rounds).

If a player receives a red card and is directed to appear before the Event authority the player may receive A further penalty as determined for the offence committed by the Event Authority.

The match referee may use the "sin bin" at her/his discretion. The referee will nominate the period of time the offending player will spend off the field and will call the player onto the field once this time has been served. A sin binned player cannot be substituted.

A player can be sin binned any number of times during an event game.

Teams that substitute a sin binned player or red carded player will immediately forfeit the match.

Any player that receives four (3) yellow cards in pool, divisional and/or finals games will be suspended for one match (if team has next scheduled team match).

Any player that receives two (2) red cards during pool, divisional or finals games will be suspended for remainder of team games of event.

Dissent to any match referee will result in automatic Sin Bin period for any player who is penalised for this behaviour. If any Manager/Coach breach this rule they will be directed to leave immediate playing field area.

7- Abandonment of Game

The referee has delegation to call off game due to injury or incident. In event of this the side who is leading in goals is declared winner of match. If scored draw the side who scored first is game winner. If scoreless draw team with first corner kick is declared winner. Exception is Finals where game will be played until result on field is determined. Game referee will provide match report for any send off violations from game which will be directed to event authority.

8- Event Team area

Teams are invited to erect Team/club Gazebo/Marquee shade areas in designated team areas outlined on event map with appropriate securing equipment. It is each team's responsibility for these areas to be packed away at completion of each day of event. Event Authority holds no responsibility for any damages to team structures due to inclement weather or behaviour during event.

Each team must keep their team area at event free of rubbish and/or waste and report any immediate concerns to event authority.

Each team is encouraged to bring a first aid kit to the event and utilise if required during event.

Event Authority recommend each team have accredited Senior First Aid nominated person available during event.

9- Code of Conduct

MUFC is a family focused and community inclusive football club that aims to uphold acceptable conduct and behaviour in the local community.

Each player and team will be bound by the code of conduct upon their registration for this event.

Event authority and event officials will address All reported on and off field negative conduct, intimidating/aggressive and/or anti-social behaviour with relevant players, nominated team contact and spectators as required. The event authority has the right to refuse any person/s further participation and/or attendance at event if found to be displaying behaviours listed above at any time before, during or after event at event location.

The MUFC Event Authority can impose a tournament ban to any participant and spectators at any time before, during or after event scheduled dates for breaches of the code of conduct or sanctioned exclusions/suspensions.

NO Glass Bottles or Glass Containers are allowed at Apex Oval Sporting fields – No exceptions

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