



Centennial Parklands
SPORTS CENTRE

Soccer Competition Terms & Conditions

Centennial Parklands Sports Centre (CPSC)

Competition rules for team captains, players and officials

1. Venue Management and Acceptance of Rules

Centennial Parklands Sports Centre (CPSC) is managed by Clublinks Management Pty Ltd under a management agreement with Greater Sydney Parklands. By registering a team, the team captain and all players acknowledge that they have read, understood and accepted these Competition Rules and Terms & Conditions.

2. Team Registration, Payment and Player Limits

Team registration fees are determined by CPSC competition staff based on the weekly competition cost and the number of weeks within the season. Teams must complete all required registration and payment requirements through the approved registration platform.

- Teams must nominate a team captain or organiser, who will be the first point of contact for all competition communication.
- A completed online team roster is due prior to the first scheduled game.
- On game day, teams may have up to 10 players for 5v5 competitions and up to 12 players for 7v7 competitions, including substitutes.
- Players aged 15, 16 and 17 may participate, provided they are accompanied by an adult at all games if they are under 18 years of age.

3. Forfeits and Fill-in Players



If your team is required to forfeit a match, CPSC must be notified by 12:00pm on the day of the scheduled game by SMS to **0418 698 435** or by emailing **soccer@parklandssports.com.au**.

- If a team forfeits a match, a one-point penalty will be applied to their competition standings.
- The forfeited match will be recorded as a 10-0 loss in 5v5 competitions and a 5-0 loss in 7v7 competitions.
- Continued or repeated forfeits may result in the team being removed from the competition without refund.
- Teams requiring additional players may SMS 0418 698 435 for assistance in finding fill-in players, where available.
- If a game is forfeited, CPSC will do its best to organise a friendly match or allow the opposing team to use the time slot for team training or a game amongst themselves. No refunds are provided in the event of an opposition cancellation.

4. Wet Weather and Cancellations

All soccer competitions are played on all-weather fields and will generally proceed regardless of wet weather conditions.

- Games may only be postponed or cancelled in the event of extreme weather, such as localised lightning, unsafe playing conditions or urgent unplanned maintenance.
- Decisions regarding extreme weather and cancellations are made each competition day at 5:30pm, where possible.
- The competition coordinator or supervisor will contact team captains to advise of any cancellations or changes.
- No refunds or credits are provided due to inclement weather.

5. Competition Points and Grand Final Qualification

Competition standings are based on the points system below:

Result	Competition Points
Win	3 points
Draw	1 point
Loss	0 points
Forfeit	-1 point

At the conclusion of the regular season, the two teams with the highest competition points will qualify for the Grand Final.

If two teams are tied on competition points, the following tie-breakers will apply in order:

- 1 Head-to-head result between the tied teams during the regular season.
- 2 Goal difference across the regular season.
- 3 Total goals scored across the regular season.



The team ranked higher after applying the above criteria will qualify for the Grand Final.

6. Game Times and Match Duration

- **Monday 5v5 Competition:** Games commence at 6:20pm, 7:00pm, 7:40pm, 8:20pm and 9:00pm, subject to team registrations.
- **Wednesday 7v7 Spring/Summer Competition:** Games commence at 6:00pm, 6:40pm, 7:20pm, 8:00pm, 8:40pm and 9:20pm, subject to team registrations.
- **Duration:** 2 x 18-minute halves with a 1-minute halftime break.
- Teams coming off must exit the field immediately. Teams coming on must be prepared to start the game immediately.
- No extra time will be played in the case of a draw.
- Failure to field a team will result in a team forfeit.
- Start time, halftime and full-time will be controlled by a centralised buzzer operated by the Competition Supervisor on the night.
- Teams may warm up in designated areas around the venue provided they do not interfere with matches in progress.
- Teams must provide their own ball for warm-up, as competition match balls are allocated to each pitch.

7. Minimum Player Requirements

- **5v5 Competitions:** A minimum of 3 players is required to start a match.
- **7v7 Competitions:** A minimum of 5 players is required to start a match.
- **Mixed Competitions:** Teams must have a minimum of two (2) female players in the outfield at any given time.
- Teams not meeting the minimum player requirements at kick-off will incur a one-goal penalty for every five (5) minutes they are late.
- If the minimum player requirements are still not met by halftime, the match will be abandoned and recorded as a forfeit.

8. General Playing Rules

- No offsides apply.
- Teams are responsible for retrieving balls kicked outside the playing area. Where substitutes or spectators are available, they should be used to retrieve the ball. Failure or refusal to retrieve a ball when directed by the referee may result in a penalty kick being awarded to the opposing team.
- No throw-ins apply. Balls that go out past the sidelines will be restarted by a kick-in.
- Goalkeepers must throw the ball out for goal kicks. The ball must bounce or touch first in their own half before crossing into the opposition half. If not, the opposing team will receive a kick-in from the halfway mark.
- Goal kicks and kick-ins must be taken within five (5) seconds. Failure to do so will result in a corner kick being awarded to the opposing team.



- Unlimited rolling substitutions apply. Substituted players must leave the field before a replacement player enters.
- A breach of the substitution rule may result in a free kick to the opposing team at the location of the infringement, where the early substitution affects play.
- All substitute players and team representatives must remain on the sidelines during the game.
- Goalkeepers who are substituted must be clearly differentiated with a different coloured shirt.

9. Team Uniforms

Teams are required to wear matching playing shirts or jerseys of the same colour.

- From Round 3 onwards, any team that takes the field without matching team colours will incur a one-goal penalty.
- This is a team penalty and applies regardless of the number of outfield players wearing non-matching shirts.
- The use of CPSC bibs does not exempt teams from this penalty and will not be considered matching team uniform.
- Goalkeepers may wear a different coloured shirt and will not be penalised, provided they remain solely as the designated goalkeeper for the duration of the match.

10. Grand Final Penalty Shootout

If the Grand Final is tied at the end of regulation time, the match will proceed directly to a penalty shootout.

- The ball will be placed one step from the goal box line and penalties will be taken with a one-step run-up.
- Three players from each team will be nominated to take the initial penalties.
- For mixed competitions, at least one (1) of the first three penalty takers must be female.
- If scores remain tied after three penalties each, the shootout will continue on a sudden-death basis until a winner is determined.

11. Free Kicks and Penalty Kicks

- All free kicks are direct in Men's and Women's competitions.
- In Mixed competitions, all free kicks are indirect and must touch another player before a goal can be scored.
- Slide tackling is strictly prohibited. Any player who attempts a slide tackle or deliberately goes to ground to challenge for the ball will concede a direct free kick in Men's and Women's competitions, or an indirect free kick in Mixed competitions.
- An indirect free kick from the penalty spot will be awarded where a goalkeeper handles a deliberate pass-back from a teammate.
- A penalty kick is awarded against a team that commits a foul inside the goal box.
- Penalty kicks are taken one step from the goal box line with a one-step run-up. All players, except for the goalkeeper and penalty taker, must remain behind the penalty taker until the ball is kicked.



- If a penalty kick is missed, saved by the goalkeeper or rebounds off the goal frame, the ball is immediately deemed dead. No follow-up shots or rebounds are permitted. Play will restart with possession to the defending goalkeeper.

12. Yellow Cards, Red Cards and Player Identification

- **1st Yellow Card:** Official warning issued by the referee.
- **2nd Yellow Card:** Player is ejected from the match and will automatically receive a one-week suspension. Competition Management reserves the right to impose a longer suspension following a review of the incident.
- **Straight Red Card:** Player is ejected from the match and suspended for a minimum of one (1) match, or longer at the discretion of Competition Management following a review of the incident.
- Referees will record the names of all players issued with Yellow Cards and Red Cards.
- **Any player or team captain who refuses to provide a player's correct name, provides a false name, or provides misleading information to a referee or Competition Official may face immediate and permanent suspension from the competition.**

13. Referee Authority, Protests and Match Conduct

The referee has sole jurisdiction over the conduct of the game. If a referee terminates a game for any reason, the score at the time of termination will stand unless mutual unsporting conduct from all players is deemed to be the cause of termination. In this case, the result may not count towards the standings for either team.

- **There is zero tolerance for dissent, abuse or aggressive conduct towards referees, Competition Supervisors or Competition Officials. Any individual found to be engaging in such behaviour may be immediately removed from the venue and may receive a suspension or permanent ban from all Centennial Parklands Sports Centre competitions.**
- If the Competition Rules appear to have been breached, the matter may be brought to the attention of the Competition Coordinator for final resolution.
- Any indication of such behaviour by a spectator, player or team representative may result in removal from the venue and/or competition.

14. Player Equipment and Venue Responsibilities

- Suitable footwear must be worn at all times. Permitted footwear includes soccer trainers, moulded football boots and AstroTurf trainers.
- Metal studs and soft-ground boots are strictly prohibited.
- Jewellery, watches and any other item deemed unsafe by the referee must not be worn during matches.
- Shin guards are strongly recommended.
- Teams are responsible for removing all rubbish from their team area at the conclusion of each match.
- Alcohol, smoking and vaping are not permitted within the venue precinct.

15. Safety, Liability and Insurance



Playing sport is subject to risks and players may incur injuries. There are also risks that access to medical assistance and evacuation may be delayed, and that personal property may be damaged, lost or stolen.

Centennial Parklands Sports Centre maintains Public Liability Insurance. For personal injuries, players are strongly encouraged to join a medical health fund of their choice.

If you suffer injury, loss, claims, liability or damage while at Centennial Parklands Sports Centre, to the fullest extent permitted by law, you release Greater Sydney Parklands, Clublinks Management Pty Ltd, and their employees, officers and contractors from liability for any loss suffered by you and from responsibility or legal liability for death or personal injury associated with your presence at, or activities undertaken at, Centennial Parklands Sports Centre.

16. Competition Management and Rule Changes

Competition rules are subject to change at the discretion of Competition Management at any time during the course of the season. Games cannot be rescheduled or changed once the league schedule has been posted on the Centennial Parklands Sports Centre website, unless approved by Competition Management.

Competition Management reserves the right to make rulings on matters not specifically covered by these Competition Rules. All decisions made by Competition Management are final.

Any questions regarding the rules of the league should be directed to a Centennial Parklands Sports Centre official.

17. Mailing List Consent

By registering your details with Centennial Parklands Sports Centre, you agree to join our mailing list. You can unsubscribe at any time via the unsubscribe link in our communications or by contacting us directly.