



Richmond ExSSC Summer Competition rules and guidelines

The following rules and guidelines are for the Summer Football Competition run by Richmond Ex-Servicemen's Soccer Club which will run from Thursday 12th October 2023 and conclude on 14th December 2023

Competition Dates:

RExSSC summer 6-a-side will be made up of the following rounds:

12/10/23 - Rnd 1

19/10/23 - Rnd 2

26/10/23 - Rnd 3

02/11/23 - Rnd 4

09/11/23 - Rnd 5

16/11/23 - Rnd 6

23/11/23 - Rnd 7

30/12/23 - Rnd 8

07/12/23 – Rnd 9

14/12/23 – Rnd 10 and fun Christmas night incl sausage sizzle

U6 - U11 play through

Richmond ExSSC will endeavour to make up any games postponed as double headers in later rounds on the approval of both teams involved.

PARTICIPATING AGE GROUPS:

U6 - U7 mixed gender play as per mini roos guidelines

U8 - U9 mixed play as per mini roos guidelines

U10 - U11 mixed play as per mini roos guidelines

U12 - U17 – stand alone or mixed depends on team nominations

All Age mixed.

All Age Womens (must have already reached the age of 16) only if enquires allow

All Age Mixed (must have already reached the age of 16) only if enquires allow

* U8 and above age groups will play 6v6 format.

U6 - U11 will play FFA mini roos guidelines, non- competition with no finals to be played

U12 and above being a first past the post competition at the discretion of the Richmond ExSSC six-a-side Committee, weather and team numbers

A competition will be deemed viable with the formation of 4 teams in U8 and above. Only if registration numbers allow Richmond ExSSC will opt for a standalone age group, other than that age groups may amalgamated due to team nominations.

U6 and U7 teams will play 4v4 under mini roos rules. Team formations will depend on numbers of player participation. Richmond ExSSC competition committee reserves the right to decide team formation determined on player registration numbers.

ELIGIBILITY:

Player age eligibility: A player is eligible to play in the competition or in the case of under 11 and below, the non-competition, based on the following age groups:

1. Under 6: must be minimum 5 years of age and no older than 6 as of 31st of December 2023.
2. Under 7: must be minimum 6 years of age and no older than 7 as of 31st of December 2023.
3. Under 8: must be minimum 7 years of age and no older than 8 as of 31st of December 2023.
4. Under 9: must be minimum 8 years of age and no older than 9 as of 31st of December 2023.
5. Under 10: must be minimum 9 years of age and no older than 10 as of 31st December 2023.
6. Under 11: must be minimum 10 years of age and no older than 11 as of 31st December 2023.

7. Under 12: must be minimum 11 years of age and no older than 12 as of 31st December 2023.
8. Under 13: must be minimum 12 years of age and no older than 13 as of 31st December 2023.
9. Under 14: must be minimum 13 years of age and no older than 14 as of 31st December 2023.
10. Under 16 must be minimum 14 years of age and no older than 16 as of 31st December 2023
11. All age men: Must be minimum 16 years of age.
12. All age women: Must be minimum 15 years of age.
13. All age mixed: Must be minimum 16 years of age.
14. Over 30 Women: Must be minimum 30 years of age.
15. Over 35 Men: Must be minimum 35 years of age.

COMPETITION:

1. The competition is to be conducted at Icely Pk, Richmond ExSSC home ground.
2. U6 and 7 will play 4v4 mini roos format and be non-competition, minimum 3 players on the field & sharing players is encouraged if necessary.
3. U8 - U11 will play 6 v 6 incl goalkeeper, non- competition with no finals to be played, minimum 3 players on the field & sharing of players is encouraged if necessary.
4. The competition will take place on Thursday evenings for all age groups.
5. The highest placed team at the conclusion of round 10 will be declared competition winners only in U12 and above competitions
6. players U6 - U7 will be awarded certificates of participation – discretionary to Richmond ExSSC Summer committee
7. U12 and above finals winners may receive a token of recognition. Only if finals are being played
8. All players must be registered through <https://dribl.com/> . Once registered in their age group they need to confirm the team nominating for via e-mail secretary@richmondsoccer.com.au or if you wish to be placed in a team.
9. Registration fees are a one-off cost which includes all administration fees, FNSW insurance, ground hire, line marking, lighting administration and ground hire fees
10. ALL registration/game fees must be paid prior to taking part in the competition.
11. If a player is found to be unregistered the team will lose points earned for the games in which the player played. The player will be disqualified from taking in the competition
12. A Team co-ordinator should be appointed and registered (no fee applies) for any team U/6-U/18 and they must provide a WWCC number. If a team has a nominated coach, they must also register in dribl for contact purposes.
13. A game sheet must be completed before the game commences by both teams via dribl.
15. A maximum of 6 players on the field including the Goalkeeper (U8 to All Age)
16. A maximum of 12 players can be nominated for each game per team U8 to AA
 - a. A maximum number of 3 males must be on the field at all times in regard to All Age Mixed grade only.
18. A minimum of 4 players must take the field. If a team has less than 4 players at the commencement of the match the referee shall not continue with the match and allowing 10 minutes from the scheduled kick off time the referee should abandon the match. The team that couldn't field a full team will automatically forfeit the match to the opposition.
 - i. players may be borrowed from other teams to rectify this, **unlimited borrowing allowed**
19. A player can play for more than one team in any section (DIVISION). If divisions exist
20. A player can be dual registered to play in two teams if the teams are in a different age group or division, the second team registration fee applies at a discounted rate or no cost.
21. **Interchange** can occur at any time with the referees' permission.
22. A player ordered from the field with a red card will take no further part in the game the player must report to the administrator where they will be advised of their minimum sentence. It is at the discretion of the Richmond ExSSC summer comp committee to determine if the minimum is not sufficient. The player will be advised via e-mail or text if this is the case.

23. A player may be awarded a yellow card. If a player receives two yellow cards in any one match, they must leave the field immediately and take no further part in the match. That player will automatically receive a one match suspension. They must also attend to the administrator to alert them of this happening.
24. Efforts will be made to replay any washed-out games, only if time permits.
25. There shall be **no offside**
26. The ball shall be kicked into the field from the sideline – known as a **kick-in**
27. A goal cannot be scored from a direct kick from the sideline. It must be touched by a player prior to entering the goal.
 - a. A goal cannot be scored directly from the sideline kick-in. It must be touched by a player prior to entering the goal. If the ball is kicked in directly into an opponent's goal from a kick-in by the attacking team, a goal kick is awarded. If the ball is kicked into the players own goal from a kick in, a corner kick will be awarded to the opposing team.
28. A penalty kick will be taken from the marked spot inside the semi-circle located 5 metres from the goal line.
29. **Indirect free kicks** – all players must be at least **10** metres from the ball.
30. All match balls will be supplied by Richmond ExSSC. All match balls to be returned to the referee at the conclusion of the match.
31. All junior matches from U8 up to U16 will play 2 x 15-minute halves. With approx. 3 minute half time
32. All senior matches All age will play 2 x 20-minute halves. With 3 minutes half time
33. The points per match are: WIN = 3 points, Loss = 0 points, DRAW = 1 point.
34. If a match is abandoned the team that has not breached the laws or minimum playing numbers will be awarded 3 points for the win and 3 goals.
35. If a match is abandoned due to a venue malfunction or player injury that requires an ambulance to attend, the matter will be referred to the Administrator for adjudication.
36. If a match is forfeited the team that they were playing will be awarded 3 points for the win and 3 goals.
37. If for whatever reason there is a bye due to insufficient teams that team is awarded 3 points and 3 goals.
38. If a team plays an unregistered player, it will be deemed they have forfeited the game and 3 points will be awarded to the opposition.
39. All players must play in their nominated team.
40. A team must give a minimum of 24-hour's notice of a forfeit. A forfeit does not mean that that portion of their registration fee will be reimbursed. Richmond ExSSC will endeavour to arrange a fill in team to play.
41. Any matter arising, not covered in the rules shall be dealt with by the Richmond ExSSC Summer comp committee.

42. REFEREES:

- a. All appointed referees are accredited referees from the **Nepean Referees Group**.
- b. when an NRG referee is not able to be in attendance, Richmond ExSSC committee will endeavour to seek a suitable replacement before the commencement of the game.
- c. Richmond ExSSC summer comp committee whilst responsible for this Summer Football competition will not overturn any decision the referee has made during the course of the match.
- d. Zero policy of abuse of match officials. ANY person reported and found guilty of abusing a match official maybe asked to leave the venue and play no further part in our competition – players found guilty of abusing a match official and asked to leave the competition will not be eligible for any refunds
- e. **Referees decision is FINAL**

43. PROTESTS:

All protests relating to matches shall be referred to the Richmond ExSSC summer comp committee, within fifteen minutes of the conclusion of the game. Including protests against referees, where the matter can be discussed. Any protests received outside the required time will not be recognised.

44. GOALPOSTS:

Goalposts will be as follows: 1.8m high x 2 m wide to Australian standards and as per Football NSW guidelines. Under no circumstances are players or spectators to climb or swing on Goal Posts at any time during the match or in between matches.

45. INSURANCE:

Limited player injury insurance is provided through Football NSW and is included in your registration fee. The Richmond ExSSC strongly advises all players to review the policy and address any perceived shortfalls in coverage by engaging their own Private Health Insurance and/or Income Protection Insurance.

46. FORFEITS:

If a team forfeits on 3 occasions, they may be withdrawn from the competition, at the discretion of management. No refunds will be issued to any player on that team once they have been withdrawn from the competition.

47.PLAYERS EQUIPMENT:

- a. All players must wear soccer boots, long socks and shin pads. NO METAL STUDS
- b. Non- Competition players 6-11 may wear running shoes
- b. shin pads are compulsory must be covered by socks.
- c. All players must have the same colour shirt or bib.
- d. If there is a clash of colours the team down as the away team on the match sheet must wear bibs provided by the Richmond ExSSC Committee
- e. sponsors are allowed on your shirts to assist teams meeting the cost of shirts – ALL sponsorship must be tasteful

48. MIXED COMPETITION:

- A maximum of 3 male players can be on the field at any time.
- MALE players can only score from inside the penalty area
- FEMALE players can score from anywhere
- NB: Mixed teams must consist of an equal number of male and female players on the field unless permission is requested of the management and approval given, prior to the commencement of a match. This will be in consultation with the opposing team. An opposition may agree to this and as a result a forfeit may be declared by the team requesting the change.

49. SEMI FINALS AND FINALS: NOT APPLICABLE FOR 2023 SEASON

Semi finals (if played) and finals if played, shall be determined using the following priorities:

- a. Number of points
- b. Goal Difference
- c. Goals scored
- d. Goals conceded
- e. Forfeits
- f. If teams still tied after league stages and rules applied, positions will be determined by the use of a penalty shoot out.

Players must have played at least 3 times for a team to represent them in any final.

In the event of a draw in semi and final. 5 Minutes each way with Golden goal rule applying.

48.JUDICIARY and SUSPENSIONS:

a. All players sent from the field will receive suspension punishment as per the NFA minimum guidelines. Each player sent off must present themselves to the Richmond ExSSC administration. That player will be notified of the suspension at that time, however in some cases the Richmond ExSSC disciplinary committee may deem there to be further punishment. If this is the case that player will be notified within 5-days via e-mail. All players sent from the field will receive suspension punishment as per Schedule 3 table of offences in the FNSW Grievance and Disciplinary Regulations can be found at <https://footballnsw.com.au/wp-content/uploads/2022/02/2022-Football-NSW-Grievance-and-Disciplinary-Regulations-18.02.2022-FINAL.pdf>

WEATHER POLICY:

If play does not go ahead due to inclement weather this will be advertised on both the Richmond ExSSC website and Face book sites. Team managers will be notified via text message

Richmond ExSSC weather policy is in accordance with the Football NSW hot weather policy and the Football NSW lightening safety policy and the 30/30 rule.

Richmond ExSSC does not accept responsibility to any player injured. All players are covered under the Football NSW limited insurance policy. This is found at the time of player registration online. The Richmond ExSSC does not accept responsibility or liability for any loss, theft or damage to personal possessions or equipment whilst attending the competition location at Icely Pk. The Richmond ExSSC Summer comp committee reserves the right to alter the rules of the competition.

DE-REGISTRATIONS AND REFUND POLICY:

1. If a player de-registers due to Richmond ExSSC not having a team applicable to their age group and/or gender (gender only applies to single gender teams) a full refund will be given within 7 days of the deregistration being actioned in dribl
2. If a player de-registers because they change their mind (for whatever reason), fees paid will be refunded in full less a \$25 de-registration fee up to week 2 of the competition.

3. After week 2 a 50% refund will be given with the exception of long term/season ending injury, or unforeseen work commitments *rules and conditions apply, and this will be to game fees only if paid in an all up paid upfront package.
4. After week 3 NO REFUND will be given
5. Active kids vouchers used by juniors for registration fee will not be refunded
6. Active Kids vouchers will not be transferred to another cub or sport except in the case of Richmond ExSSC not having an age/gender appropriate activity for the player to participate in.
7. * Above abbreviations used in this document
8. NRG - Nepean Referees Group
9. NFA - Nepean Football Association
10. Richmond ExSSC - Richmond Ex-Servicemen's Soccer Club

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