



Rules of Competition

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1. Competition Information

1.1 Competition Format and Rules

The tournament will be played as shown on table 1

Table 1 - Tournament Structure

	BOYS			Girls		Womens Open/ Mens Mini World Cup
	U8-U9	U10-12	U13- U16	U14		Open Age
Player Numbers	7v7	9v9	7v7	7v7		7v7
Field size	40x30m	60x40m			60x40m	
Goal size	3x2m	5x2m			5x2m	
Ball Size	3	4	U13: 4 U14-16: 5	4		5
Playing Time	2 X 15m	2X 20m				
Max Squad Size	12	14	12	14	12	Womens: 12 Mens Mini World Cup: 14
Offside	No					
Format	Group games and finals					



Miniroos FFA rules apply for the U8, U9 and U10 age groups. Miniros rules can be found at <https://www.playfootball.com.au/miniroos/club-resources>.

Some important Miniros rules to note:

- As a general rule, penalties are not awarded in Miniros unless there is a serious act of foul play or deliberate handball within the penalty area.
- All free kicks are indirect, except if a penalty is awarded as above.
- No offside rule applies however players should not deliberately stand in offside positions. Referees should warn players and coaches if they notice this occurring.
- Throw ins will be used to restart play when the ball goes out on the sidelines
- Goalkeepers are not allowed to kick the ball directly out of their hands after they have gained possession, they must throw it or place it on the ground to kick it. Once the ball is on the ground, it is “live” and GKs can be tackled.

For Under 12 to Under 16 and Adult Categories, Football Queensland’s Summer Football rules will apply. A copy of the rules can be found [here](#). Rules are similar to Miniros except that penalties are in play as per the normal FIFA Laws of the Game.

GCIC reserves the right to modify the playing conditions above to facilitate a suitable competition for a particular age group.

1.2 Finals Placings

Match Points are awarded as follows:

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| · Win | 3 points |
| · Draw | 1 point |
| · Loss | 0 points |
| · Forfeit | 3 points and 3-0 to Opposing Side |

Final placing of teams after pool games is decided by applying the following:

1. Team with the most points
2. Best Goal Difference
3. Most Goals For
4. Least Goals Against
5. Head to Head Result between the two teams

If the teams still cannot be separated, a penalty shoot-out in accordance with FIFA regulations will be used to decide the placings.

1.3 Finals Results

In the event of the Finals and/or Grand Final being drawn at full time no additional time will be played however a penalty shootout will be conducted in accordance with FIFA regulations.



2. Player Registrations

2.1 Team Sheets

All players need to be registered via the Cup Manager online system which can be accessed under the Team Login menu on the Gold Coast International Cup website www.goldcoastinternationalcup.com.au

If there are changes to the team sheet, they need to be made at least 60 minutes prior to a game.

All team sheets must be completed online before your first game. Please ensure all players have with them proof of identification that includes a photo and date of birth.

If you are asked to provide proof of a players age you must do so with appropriate documentation that can be in the form of FFA ID card, school ID, passport, birth certificate, learners permit or drivers license where applicable.

If the opposing team requests for one of your players to prove their age and you cannot produce reasonable proof, the player in question will not be allowed to participate in that game.

For all divisions that play each squad can only have a maximum of 5 players registered on the bench except for the Mini World Cup which are allowed 7 players on the bench. and only players listed on the team sheet will be allowed to play.



2.2 Age Categories

The age categories and requirements for the tournament are:

- Under 8 - Born in 2012
- Under 9 - Born in 2011
- Under 10 - Born in 2010
- Under 12 - Born in 2008
- Under 13 - Born in 2007
- Under 14 - Born in 2006
- Under 16 - Born in 2004
- - Women's Open – No Age Restriction
- - Men's Mini World Cup – No Age Restriction

Overage players may be accepted by GCIC however need to be approved prior to the event. Team managers register players online through the Cup Manager Registration Portal. Players who are overage, based on the date of birth entered, will be flagged by the system and will request that you submit a short reason for your application. If the player has written dispensation from your local competition or governing body for the current season please email a copy to admin@goldcoastinternationalcup.com.au. Applications will generally will be assessed within 7 days of application and receipt of documentation. A signed letter from the club president can be considered at the discretion of GCIC.

Any age dispensation requests need to be submitted at least 24 hours before the tournament. These will all be treated on a case-by-case basis. We reserve the right to use discretion to provide dispensation to older players to play in younger age groups and apply any conditions it deems reasonable.

Any teams that are found to be providing incorrect documentation or purposely playing older players to gain an unfair advantage will receive a 0-3 loss for any games the older players participated in. The ineligible players will also be disqualified from the tournament.

Repeated offending teams will be disqualified and affect the participation of their other club's teams at future events at the discretion of event organizers.

A player can only participate in one team per age group.

Players are allowed to participate in more than one team, as long as they are not in the same age group and they meet the necessary age requirements. i.e. a U12 player can play in the U13s comp and the U12 comp.

Girls teams are eligible to play in younger boys' age group at the discretion of event organisers in the absence of a suitable girls competition. For example, U11 girls can play in the U10 boys' age groups. A girl's team can be placed in an age group where the boys will be up to 2 years younger than the girls; this will be done at our discretion in order to provide the most appropriate level of competition to the teams involved.



2.3 Eligibility

To be eligible to participate in the tournament players must:

- ✓ Comply with the age eligibility as per section 2.2
- ✓ Be registered on an allocated team sheet for a participating team
- ✓ Ensure that the team has arranged payment
- ✓ Failure to comply with the eligibility criteria may result in the whole team being disqualified and expelled from competition.

2.4 Incomplete Squads

Squads with incomplete compliments are still required to participate in their scheduled matches. The opposition team does not have to reduce their numbers accordingly however can choose to do so.

Players from younger age groups can play up an age group in order to lessen this problem.

Players from another team that participates in the same age group cannot be used

2.5 Insurance Cover

2.5.1 Public Liability

Gold Coast International Cup has a \$20,000,000 Public Liability Insurance and has ensured the venue that stages match have adequate Public Liability Insurance.

2.5.2 Personal Injury

All players and officials are covered under Football Queensland's Personal Accident Insurance. For more details please visit <https://gowgatessport.com.au/football/welcome/>.

3. Tournament Rules



3.1 Player Uniforms

Each player is required to have a number on their playing shirt that matches up with the team sheet.

Should uniform colours clash, it is the responsibility of the away team to wear an alternate colour

All first named teams in the fixture will be deemed the "Home" team and therefore will play in their colours.

It is the responsibility of the away team to change into their strip, if there is still a clash, bibs will need to be used by the away team. Teams must use their own bibs.

Goalkeepers shall wear any colour provided it does not clash with either team's outfield players.

3.2 Match Balls

Gold Coast International Cup will provide match balls for use for the tournament. The balls provided must be used for the match. Teams cannot use their own balls.

- Size 3 balls will be used for U8 and U9s competition
- Size 4 balls will be used for U10, U12s and U13s as well as U14 Girls competitions.
- Size 5 balls will be used for all other age groups

Match balls cannot be changed during that match without the permission of the referee.

3.3 Referees

Referees will be provided by Football Gold Coast.

All the decisions of the match referee are final and binding as far as the result of a match is concerned, and no protest can be lodged.

Under no circumstances are supporters allowed to approach, question or criticise referees during the tournament.

Any misconduct towards referees will not be tolerated and may result in teams losing points or being disqualified from the tournament and may affect future participation of teams from the same club. Any serious incidents will also be reported to Football Queensland for extra action to be taken.



3.4 Assistant Referees

Assistant referees will not be required for this tournament.

3.5 Tournament Officials

There will be Gold Coast International Cup Officials wearing GCIC branded apparel located on all fields to enable easy identification in case information needs to be relayed or clarification needs to be provided to coaches, parents or referees.

Any higher-level issues can be directed towards the Information Desk.

We ask all players, coaches, supporters and parents to respect and work with GCIC officials to ensure a better experience for all involved in the tournament. Players, officials and supporters found to be displaying aggressive or abusive behaviour towards GCIC Officials may be subject to disciplinary action.

3.6 Technical Areas

All fields will have clearly designated technical areas. These areas will be clearly identifiable by signs and ropes.

Each team will be provided 2 ID lanyards for a coach and team manager to enter the Technical Areas for their respective game. Additional lanyards may be sought by written request 24 hours prior to the event and will be issued at the Tournament Briefing at 7am on Saturday 28th November at the main stadium. GCIC officials will only grant access into the Technical Areas to those who are clearly displaying an official lanyard.

Team Officials (coaches and managers), with official event lanyards, are allowed within the technical areas however cannot enter the field of play unless approval is given by the referee (such as to attend an injured player).

Spectators are not permitted to enter the playing areas or technical areas at any time and will have full view of the games from behind the ropes or fences. Spectators will be required to stand clear of clearly marked out technical areas and must comply with any requests by the referee or GCIC staff in regards to this. If unsure of where the technical area is located below approach the closest GCIC staff member.

When permitted players or officials enter the technical areas, they may only do so via the clearly designated gates.

These rules are to ensure the game is able to proceed without obstruction and in a safe environment for players, team officials and referees. Please ask your supporters to respect the Technical Areas and all officials.

3.7 Score Sign Off

Immediately at the conclusion for each game the GCIC official will obtain the official score from the referee.

The GCIC official will require the coach or team manager from each team to sign off the game card before the score of the game is submitted.

Coaches are reminded not to leave the field without signing off the game card to make the score official.

3.8 Forfeit

If a team is not on their allocated pitch ready to start, five minutes after their scheduled kick off time, they will forfeit the game, and a 3-0 loss will be listed as the official result for that particular game.



3.9 Injury Time

Generally, injury time will not apply however the referee and GCIC reserve sole rights to add on injury stoppage time at their discretion.

3.10 Interchange of Players

Interchanges may only take place during a stoppage in play and with the referee's permission.

Each team can make an unlimited amount of interchanges in any given fixture provided they only have a maximum of 5 players on the bench or 7 players for the Mini World Cup category.

3.11 Round Games and Finals Formats

Teams will be placed in groups playing a round robin format and accumulate points as stated in Section 2.

3.11.1 COPA and LIGA Competitions

Some of the age groups have been classified into Copa and Liga competitions. These have been set up in order to place teams in their appropriate level and make the games more competitive.

The Copa competition is intended for NPL, Kangaroo and A level teams and the Liga competition is for Wallabies, Joeys and B (or below) level teams. We have tried our best to place teams in the correct competitions, but it is not always possible to get this 100% correct due to uneven number of teams in each of the levels.



3.12 Extreme Weather Conditions

In extreme weather conditions, the GCIC or the appointed match official reserves the right to shorten, postpone, delay or abandon any fixture that in his/her opinion compromises player safety.

In extreme heat conditions, the GCIC or the appointed match official reserves the right to include drink breaks at any time during a fixture. Matches may be, shortened, postponed or cancelled as a last resort.

3.13 Red and Yellow Cards

Red and yellow cards can be issued during a match at the discretion of the referee to players and team officials.

Red card serves an automatic 1-match suspension of the subsequent game. If a match official is assaulted or extreme violent or abusive behaviour is demonstrated the player/official or coach may be suspended from the tournament.

If the whole team demonstrates repeated abusive behaviour, they will be expelled from the competition and may be banned from future GCIC tournaments at the discretion of GCIC Management. It will also be referred to Football Gold Coast and/or Football Queensland which may result in further disciplinary action by these bodies..

Yellow cards in different games will not be accumulated for suspension throughout the tournament. However repeat offenders may be suspended at the discretion of GCIC Management.

3.14 Crowd Behaviour

GCIC takes crowd behaviour seriously therefore inappropriate behaviour from spectators will not be tolerated. Each team will be required to supply a Team Marshall who will be responsible to liaise with their respective team supporters in order to ensure the opposition, referees, tournament staff and other spectators are respected. Team Marshalls must stay outside the technical areas and located near their team supporters. It is recommended that you wear a bib so you can be easily identified by spectators and tournament staff.

Teams and Clubs will be held responsible for their supporter's behaviour. Matches may be forfeited at the referee and/or GCIC officials' discretion. Teams may also be deducted points or disqualified from the tournament. Where multiple teams from a particular club are found to be displaying poor behaviour, GCIC Management reserves the right to suspend whole clubs from the current or future GCIC tournaments.

Under **NO** circumstances are supporters allowed to approach, question or criticise referees during the tournament.

3.15 Blood Rule

In the event a player from either team suffers an injury or wound which results in the loss of blood, the appointed match official will request that the injured player receive attention outside the field of play.

Only when the appointed match official is satisfied that the injury or wound has been safely covered and contained, will the player be permitted to re-join the game.

In the event the player's uniform or attire is splattered with blood, the referee will instruct that player to change their attire before being permitted to re-join the game.

Should the injured player be required to change their uniform, then the appointed match official will show discretion in allowing the player to wear an alternative numbered shirt if another shirt of the same number is unavailable.



3.16 Jewellery

In accordance with FIFA 'Laws of the Game', a player is forbidden to wear jewellery of any kind. Players wearing jewellery will be required to leave the pitch until such time as the offending jewellery is removed and the player has gained the Match Official's permission to re-enter the playing area.

3.17 First Aid

First Aid staff will be on hand for the duration of the tournament. Taping and strapping will not be part of the duties of the First Aid Staff. If your team requires assistance from first aid staff please approach the nearest GCIC Official.

Ambulances may be called by First Aid staff in case of emergency. It is the responsibility of the player or official to ensure they have adequate ambulance cover. Some coverage may be included under the Football Queensland Insurance Policy.

3.18 Alcohol and Smoking

The consumption of alcohol is not permitted in the venue. Anyone found consuming alcohol will be instructed to move from the venue.

Smoking will not permitted anywhere inside the venue. Smokers will be required to leave the venue to smoke.

3.19 Pets

Due to local council rules, no animals will be allowed to be brought into either the Stadium area or Precinct West Sports Fields at anytime. Spectators with animals will be asked to leave the venue if they are found to have brought animals into the venue. Official Service Animals are exempt.

4. Codes of Conduct



The below Codes of Conduct shall apply to all players, team officials and supporters at the tournament. By entering or attending this tournament, you agree to abide by the relevant Code of Conduct below.

Any breach of the relevant Code of Conduct shall be subject to disciplinary action by the event organizers. This may include the offending individuals, teams and/or clubs being suspended and/or expelled from the premises and not be allowed into future GCIC events or programs.

4.1 Players' Code of Conduct

"For the good of the game"

- Winning at all costs isn't everything; at this age learning is more important than winning.
- I will only listen to my coaches' instructions during training and games. No one else.
- I will not engage in the use of crude, foul or abusive language that may be deemed offensive or engage in any conduct detrimental to the image of the game when on or off the field.
- I will never argue with the referee and/or assistant referees regarding decisions they make.
- I will treat participants, officials and spectators with respect.
- I will play by the laws of the game.
- I will cooperate with my coach, teammates, and referees and officials at all times.
- I will not use any banned substance or drugs of dependence throughout my involvement in the tournament.
- I will display good sportsmanship at all times.
- I will play for the fun of it and not just to please parents and coaches.

4.2 Parent's and Supporters' Code of Conduct

"For the good of the game"

- Do not coach your child during training sessions and games. That's what the coaches are there for; it sends mixed messages to the players creating confusion.
- Do not interfere with training sessions, stay clear of training areas.
- Cheer on and encourage the players at all times, including the opposition. Applaud good football all-round.
- Winning isn't everything. Players need to develop and at this age learning is more important than winning.
- Remember that children play sport for their enjoyment, not yours.
- Encourage children to participate, do not force them.
- Focus on the child's efforts and performance rather than winning or losing.
- Encourage children to always participate according to the rules.
- Never ridicule or yell at a child for making a mistake or losing a game.
- Remember that children learn best by example, applaud good play by all teams.
- Support all efforts to remove verbal and physical abuse from sporting activities.
- Respect officials' decisions and teach children to do likewise.
- Show appreciation of coaches, officials and administrators. Without them, your child could not participate.
- Respect the facilities that are being used.
- Keep clear from technical areas, benches and change rooms during games and tournament. This is the ideal time for coaches to teach players without any interference
- Always follow the instructions of the referee and/or tournament staff

4.3 Team Officials' Code of Conduct



"For the good of the game"

- ✓ Remember that players participate for fun and winning is only part of the fun
- ✓ Never ridicule or yell at players for making mistakes or for not winning games
- ✓ Be reasonable in your demands on a player's time, energy and enthusiasm
- ✓ Always operate within the rules and spirit of the game and teach your players to do the same
- ✓ Ensure that the time players spend with you is a positive experience. All players are deserving of equal attention and opportunities
- ✓ Avoid overplaying talented players. Less developed players need and deserve equal playing time
- ✓ Ensure that the equipment and facilities meet safety standards and are appropriate to the age and ability of all players
- ✓ Display control, respect and professionalism to all involved with the sport. This includes opponents, coaches, officials, administrators, the media, parents and spectators. Encourage players to do the same
- ✓ Show concern and caution towards sick and injured players. Follow the advice of a doctor or tournament first aid staff when determining whether an injured player is ready to recommence training or competition games
- ✓ Coaches: Obtain appropriate coaching qualifications and keep up to date with the latest coaching practices and the principles of growth development and conditioning of junior players
- ✓ Any physical contact with a player should be appropriate to the situation and necessary for the player's skill development.
- ✓ Respect the rights, dignity and worth of every player regardless of their gender, sexual orientation, playing ability, cultural background or religion
- ✓ Refrain from over coaching during games, let the players play and learn from their own mistakes
- ✓ Set the example. Players look up to coaches as role models. Display behaviours that you want your players to follow.
- ✓ Always follow the instructions of the referee and/or tournament staff