



**FOOTBALL
GEELONG
REGION**

SUMMER SEVENS

Oct - Dec 2024

RULES OF COMPETITION

1. Structure of Competition

The tournament will be played as show on the below table

Age category	U9	U11	U13	U15
Max year born to compete in this category	2015 [#]	2013 [#]	2011 [#]	2009 [#]
Game Length	2 x 20mins			
Players on field	7v7			
Max subs	5			
Field Size	Approximately 30 x 50 (~1/4 pitch)			
Field markings	Painted line, Cones and/or flat discs			
Penalty box	5m deep x 10m Wide			
Penalty spot	8m			
Goal size	3 x 2m			
Offsides	no			
Ball Size	4			5
Free kicks	ALL FREE KICKS ARE INDIRECT			
Corners	Yes			
Throw ins	Yes			
Subs	Unlimited – no stoppage in play			
Goalkeeper (in play)	MUST be thrown or placed on ground. No Bounce kicks/dropkicks			
Goal kicks (out of play)	As normal			
Format	Group games, playoffs and finals*			

*Final structure determined by number of team entries at the discretion of the organisers. # The tournament organisers may determine a player eligibility outside the year started if the player had FV approved dispensation in the winter season.

All other rules as noted under the FIFA Laws of the Game.

MiniRoos Rules: <https://www.playfootball.com.au/miniroos/club-resources>

Football Victoria Rules: <https://www.footballvictoria.com.au/resources/clubs/policies-rules-and-regulations>

FIFA Laws of the Game: <https://www.fifa.com.au/get-involved/refereeing/resources>.

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

2. Match Points

Points will be accumulated according to the following rules

- i. 3 points – Win in normal time
- ii. 1 point – Draw in normal time
- iii. 3 points – Forfeit and 3-0 win awarded to opposing Side

3. Final Placings and match points

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

- i. Team with the most points
- ii. Best Goal Difference
- iii. Most Goals For
- iv. Head-to-Head

If the teams cannot be separated in determining final ladder standings for the playoffs and finals, drawing of lots (eg a coin toss) will determine final positions.

4. Finals

Finals series will be determined as follows:

- i. A Grand final will be determined by final placings in group games and/or results from the playoffs.
- ii. Finals groups and playoff structure will be determined by the number of team entries and at the discretion of the organisers
- iii. The winner of the Grand Final will be crowned as tournament champion
- iv. The loser of the grand final will be crowned as runners up.
- v. Playoffs for 3rd, 4th, 5th and so on will be determined by team entries and final format of the tournament.

5. Team entries / team sheets / results

Team Entries, player entries and team sheets are as follows:

- i. All players need to be registered via the online system which can be accessed here: <https://www.gofootball.com.au/play/Pick-your-location/Football-Geelong>
- ii. Registrations must be completed by the players parent/guardian and not by the team manager/coach and/or club official.
- iii. Team Managers are responsible to ensure that their team and each player has registered
- iv. Please ensure all players have proof of identification that includes a photo and date of birth (if requested).
- v. Results will be entered by the referee and/or administrators.

6. Uniforms

Uniforms are to be worn according to the following

- i. All players are to have matching uniforms
- ii. Where two teams have clashing uniforms, the teams will resolve the clash by wearing an alternate strip or bibs.
- iii. Shin Pads
- iv. Boots or appropriate footwear

7. Referees

Referees will be appointed by GRFC.

- i. 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.
- ii. Under no circumstances are supporters allowed to approach, question or criticise referees during the tournament.
- iii. 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.
- iv. Any serious incidents will be reported and may result in further action

8. Assistant Referees

No assistant referee is required however:

- i. The referee may approve to have a linesman for the sole purpose of calling the ball as out
- ii. The referee has the right to approve or decline anyone to carry out official duties

9. Tournament Officials

There will be an appointed official at any venue.

- i. This person is the primary source of information that needs relayed, or clarification needs to be provided to coaches, parents or referees.
- ii. If the official is engaged in refereeing duties, they **MUST** not be stopped.
- iii. We ask all players, coaches, supporters and parents to respect and work with event 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 Tournament Officials may be subject to disciplinary action.
- iv. Any higher-level issues can be directed towards the Information Desk.

10. Red and Yellow Card offences

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

- i. Red card serves an automatic 1-match suspension of the subsequent game.
- ii. 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.
- iii. If the whole team demonstrates repeated abusive behaviour, they will be expelled from the competition and may be banned from future tournaments and or disciplinary action.
- iv. Yellow cards in different games will not be accumulated for suspension throughout the tournament. However repeat offenders may be suspended at the discretion of tournament management.

11. Code of Conduct

All administrators and committee members, coaches and team managers, players, ground marshals & other officials, spectators and parents parents, and referees will uphold the code of conduct as set out by Football Victoria. [FV Code of Conduct | Football Victoria](#)

Any breach of the relevant Code of Conduct shall be subject to disciplinary action. This may include the offending individuals, teams and/or clubs being suspended and/or expelled from the premises and where appropriate further action being taken.