

# **GOLD COAST SUMMER CUP**

## Rules and Regulations

Age Groups - Boys Under 9's to 16's    Girls Combined Under 10/11, 12/13 and 14/15

2x 25 minute halves - Under 9's to 13's

2 x 35 minute halves - Under 14's to 16's

## Tournament Dates

- 26th and 27th January 2024.

## Venue

- Colpick Family Sports Park (Gold Coast United FC)

## Team Nominations

- Each team may nominate up to 15 players (9's to 13's) and 20 players (14's to 16's).
- All team nominations must be registered on the tournament website.
- Tournament Directors reserve the right to refuse any nomination.

## Player Registrations

- Each team may register up to 15 players (9's to 13's) and 20 players (14's to 16's), however only 12 players (9's to 13's) and 16 players (14's to 16's) may participate in any one match.
- Each players details must be entered in full on the registration page by 20th Dec 2023.
- All team's participants must have proof of age available during the tournament when requested by a Tournament Official eg, School ID, Passport, FFA registration with photo.
- All registrations will be completed in Squadi. All Players must be registered to the 2024 season or register as a social player. Any player that has not yet registered to the 2024 season must also register as a social player and the social fee will be refunded, only once an outdoor registration has been completed.
- A team may register any number of guest players. Guest players must be the correct age within the rules to participate.
- An over age player, upon request, may be granted approval by the tournament directors to play in a team if they feel the request is valid. All request are conditional.

- No player is permitted to play across in another team in the same age group.
- Players are permitted to play up an age group.
- Upon request, a team may be permitted to bring in a player from outside or from within the tournament to fill their team through injury or a reason the tournament directors feel is legitimate.

#### Tournament Entry Fee & Requirements

- Payment secures a teams nomination. Failure to pay will result in the team nomination being revoked.
- If the tournament is forced to cancel, all entry fees will be reimbursed. The tournament is not liable for any other expenses incurred, eg accommodation, flights, etc.
- The entry fee pays for facilities and ground hire, lighted fields, facilities cleaning, referees, administration, first aid and other associated costs.

#### Tournament Team Coaches/Managers Briefing

- All team coaches and managers are required to attend the mandatory tournament briefing meeting. The venue and time of the Tournament coaches and managers briefing meeting will be advised in due course.

#### Tournament Awards

- A trophy and individual player medallions will be awarded for the winners in each age category.

#### Tournament Rules

All matches will be played under the rules of FIFA with the following notes:- Each team will play a minimum of 4 matches in a random selection round-robin format in the preliminary rounds of the tournament and a Grand Final will determine the Age Champion. Match points will be awarded in accordance with the following:

- Win 3 Points
- Draw 1 Point
- Loss 0 Points
- Forfeit 3 Points (Result will be deemed as 3-0)

- No stoppage time added for any injuries throughout the game. Play will stop while any injured players are removed from the field at the discretion

of the first aid personnel. The First Aid organisation attending the event will oversee the removal of seriously injured players from the field.

- At the discretion of tournament directors, if a game is deemed abandoned due to injury, that game may be rescheduled.

#### **In the Grand Final**

- If result is a draw at the end of the match, a Penalty Shoot out will determine the winner. No extra time.
- An explanation of the draw and process of finals will be located for each age group on the fixtures page.

#### **Blood Rule**

- When a player suffers from a blood injury and blood is obvious on themselves or their uniforms, or the uniforms of another player, the game will be stopped by the referee and the player/s will be removed from the field for first-aid. If the referee deems that the blood on the player or his uniform poses no further danger, the player may be permitted, at the referee's discretion, to return to the field.

#### **First Aid**

- First Aid is provided on site - we ask that Coaches and Managers familiarise themselves with the location of these facilities prior to the commencement of each day's matches.

#### **Drinks Breaks**

- Drinks breaks are permitted if both teams agree. There will be no extra time added for drinks breaks. All players must remain on the field.

If First Aid deems it a health issue, drinks breaks may be made mandatory. No extra time for mandatory drinks breaks. All players must remain on the field.

#### **Uniforms**

- The following is compulsory:
- Shin Pads
- Long Socks
- No Peaked Caps
- No jewellery or accessories of any kind

- No plaster casts
- Shin Pads Stays and Skins of any colour accepted
- Eyewear – must be safety specs.
- If two teams are wearing uniforms deemed by the referee to be too similar in colour, the team listed second in the official draw (Away Team) will be required to change. Therefore, it will be necessary for teams to have an alternative strip for use in play if required. Bibs, with or without numbers, of a different colour, will be accepted for an alternate strip. Goalkeepers will also require an additional guernsey.

#### Match Ball

- Will be provided by host venue.

#### Forfeits

Any team not having seven or more players changed and ready to take the field five minutes before kick-off time will be required to forfeit the match. Score 3-0.

#### Protests

- All protests regarding a match must be recorded on the match report in which the situation occurred. This will then be referred to the rules committee for consideration.

#### Complaints

- All complaints must be entered into the complaints book. Complaints will only be accepted from registered team officials.

Complaints will be reviewed by the Tournament Directors and the complainant will be informed of the outcome. Once informed the matter will be deemed resolved.

#### Rain

If a game is washed out due to rain and there is no availability for rescheduling, the game will be recorded at a 0-0 draw.

#### Team Sheets

- A team sheet is required for every game.

The team sheet is to be handed to the referee prior to the commencement of the game.

Names may be placed on the team sheet in anticipation of a player's late arrival, but no name is to be added once the game has commenced.

At the conclusion of the game, the referee will record the result and team managers from both teams must then check the sheets, sign them, and hand them back to the referee for submission to the match committee.

All injuries are to be recorded on the team sheet

#### Results

Results will be posted on the tournament fixture website; location can be found on the main tournament website. The results are updated throughout the day.

#### Draw

The tournament draw will be made available prior to the commencement of the tournament and is subject to change at any time at the discretion of the tournament committee.

#### Spectators

- Spectators are to comply with the FFA Spectators Code of Conduct.
- The tournament directors reserve the right to remove any offending spectator. If deemed necessary, a further sanction may be imposed on the offending spectators team.