

Orange and District Football Association Soccer Inc.

Competition Rules

These Rules shall apply to both Junior and Senior Competitions, unless otherwise stated.

Rule 1.

a) All matches shall be played under the laws of the game as set down by FIFA except when varied by:

b) Football NSW

c) Football Western Branch

The articles of the constitution of Competition Rules of the Orange Association amended March 2008.

Rule 2.

a) Competition shall be arranged annually by the Executive of the Orange Soccer Association Inc.

b) The competition Rules of the Orange Soccer Association may be varied by the executive in the event of circumstances unforeseeable at the time of adoption of these Rules or the commencement of the season.

Rule 3.

a) Knockout competitions etc shall be run at the discretion of the executive. The executive shall decide upon all Rules relating to these competitions.

b) A committee shall be formed comprising of one member from each club with the responsibility of coordinating and running knockout competitions, Youth League competitions, State Titles, Champion of Champions competition and other competitions granted the Orange Association eg: Sir Frank Broughton Cup etc.

Rule 4.

In principle, all competition matches will be played on a home and away basis except as directed by the competition secretary.

Rule 5.

All fixtures, having been decided, shall be strictly adhered to. Alterations shall only be allowed under exceptional circumstances and with the agreement of the competition secretary.

Rule 6.

a) In the event of inclement weather, the Competition Secretary or other Executive Member shall inspect the fields on the morning of the fixture to determine their condition. Their decision broadcast over the **radio 105.1 and ABC between 7.00-7.30am**. Signage erected on day at JB.

b) Should a complete round be cancelled in any age division, the executive shall have the right to determine when, where or if the round shall be replayed.

c) In all other cases the referee shall have the power to decide as to the fitness of the grounds. If there is no official referee, it shall be up to the managers or coaches to decide. If no agreement is reached, then no game will be played.

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Rule 7.

- a) Teams unable to field a team of at least seven (7) players, shall be allowed ten (10) minutes grace after the official starting time, after which time they shall forfeit the match.
- b) The competition secretary shall have the right to vary times and grounds as circumstances arise.

Rule 8.

Teams **forfeiting games** without notifying the competition secretary and the other team prior to **Thursday 8pm** shall be fined **\$50.00 plus the referee's fee**, except where a reasonable excuse exists. Reasonable excuse to be determined by the executive and be submitted in writing no later than 24hrs after the scheduled time of the match.

Rule 9.

Home teams shall be mentioned first in the draws and they are responsible for providing a match card, the card to be presented to the opposition team at least 10 minutes prior to the set time for the match to commence. Names on the cards are to be completed in pen and printed onto the card. Both teams are responsible for providing an official match ball of approved brand by Football Federation NSW

Rule 10.

- a) Names of all players and reserves shall be filled in on the referee's card prior to the commencement of the match up to and including half time. The coach, manager or captain of each team at the completion of each game shall sign the card.
- b) In competitive age divisions (under 10 and upwards), the players ID No is to be inserted in place of the players signature on the referee card. Signatures are not required unless a player's eligibility is in question, and then they should sign the referee's card. **Player's names are to be completed in block letters with their initial of their First name.**
- c) Where the surnames of any players are the same, the given or First name is to be printed in block letters.
- d) Players must wear numbered shirts to correspond with their numbers on the referee's card or team sheet.
- e) Failure to comply with Rules 10 a, b, c or d shall render the team liable to a penalty of a loss of 4 four competition points following the issue of a written warning.
- f) If the match card is not filled out correctly detailing both teams full correct names entered on the correct side of the card, the age division, the correct date, and the venue played then this game will be classed as unofficial and no points or goals will be awarded.

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g) It is the responsibility of both coaches to ensure match cards are filled out correctly and the scores are correctly recorded (It is **NOT** the referees responsibility to fill out team information on the match card.)

h) The competition shall be played under the ID card system ,that is a recent clear photo of the player attached on FFA Registration photo card or an association approved registration card or sheet which must include details of the players name, certified date of birth, current address, current club to which the player is registered and FFA registration number.

i) TWO (2) cards must be prepared for each player and verified by the association registrar, one card to be held by the association registrar and the other to be held by the current players coach or manager.

j) Both cards must be completed as per Rule 10 (h & i) and must be signed and dated by the association registrar at the commencement of each playing season before that player is deemed registered and can play for that season.

k) The ID cards 10/13 ages 14/16 ages and All Age are valid for 5 years or until that player transfers to another club

l) It is the responsibility of the TEAM COACHES or MANAGERS to inspect the opposing ID cards prior to the match (NOT THE REFEREE).

m) **No Protest will be accepted for player eligibility or identification if the ID cards are not inspected.**

n) If any team/ individual fail to produce their ID card prior to the kick off it must be reported to the referee. The game shall be played under protest and no result recorded until a decision on the result has been made by the Orange Soccer Association executive.

Rule 11.

a) **The winning team** shall be responsible for the return of the **match card** to Sir Jack Brabham Park on the day of the match and must be placed in the locked **match card box in the referees room prior to 6:00pm**, in the event the referees room is locked the match cards may be placed in the door slot of the referees room no later than 6:00pm except where the winning team is from a club not based in Orange. The home team is responsible for the return of match cards to the competition secretary as above if the match is drawn.

b) In the event of a team not based in Orange which has won a match not played in Orange or drawn match on its home ground, the team coach or manager shall inform the competition secretary by telephone, facsimile ,or email of the results by 6.00pm on the day of the match. The match cards are to be posted to the competition secretary on the first working day after the matches are played.

c) Failure to comply with Rule 11 (a) and (b) **will result in a penalty to be determined by the Competition Secretary.**

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Rule 12.

a) All Players of the same team must wear an Orange Soccer Association approved strip in club colours consisting of same coloured shirts with correct visible numbers, the goal keeper must wear a different colour shirt to his team to distinguish him from the players and must be numbered, all players must wear the same colour and style shorts and socks, socks must be worn over shin pads.

b) In the event of both teams having the same coloured shirts, the away team shall change. The change strip must be a different colour and distinguish the players from the other team and Referee. Shirts must be correctly numbered. Numbered bibs may be worn.

Rule 13.

The times to be played for each match and the size ball to be used:

9yr age group: 25 minutes each way: size 3 ball

10 yr age group: 25 minutes each way: size 4 ball

11 yr age group: 25 minutes each way: size 4 ball

12 yr age group: 25 minutes each way: size 4 ball

13 yr age group: 30 minutes each way: size 4 ball

14 yr age group: 30 minutes each way: size 5 ball

15 yr age group: 35 minutes each way: size 5 ball

16 yr age group: 35 minutes each way: size 5 ball

17 yr age group: 40 minutes each way: size 5 ball

Seniors, Including Women: 45 minutes each way size 5 ball

Rule 14.

a) For games played on "full" size fields, the following will apply: Corner kicks for up to and including 11yr age groups taken eight metres from the penalty box on the goal line.

b) Goal kicks for up to and including 11yr age group shall be taken from an imaginary line drawn through the penalty spot.

c) For infringements inside the penalty area by attacking teams up to and including 11 yr age groups, the free kick shall be taken from an imaginary line as in Rule 14 (b).

Rule 15.

All divisions including female competitions; **five unlimited interchange players** shall be allowed provided the players name appear on the match card.

Rule 16.

A referee officiating in a game shall not be allowed to coach players or offer advice in that game.

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Rule 17.

- a) Points allocated for competition purposes shall be:
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| Win | 4points |
| Draw | 2 points |
| Loss | 1 point |
| Bye | 4 points (providing equal rounds) |
| Loss by forfeit | nil |
- b) Teams receiving a win by forfeit shall receive **four points plus three goals for goal** difference purposes.
- c) Where a round is washed out, no points shall be allocated, unless the executive decides to replay the round at a later date.

Rule 18.

- a) The team leading on points at the end of the competition rounds shall be deemed the minor premiers.
- b) In the event of two or more teams being equal, the minor premiership and all positions on the table shall be decided by goal difference.
- c) In the event of goal differences being the equal, then the matches between the respective teams shall be referred to. The team gaining the most competition points in these matches shall be deemed the minor premiers or higher on the table.
- d) If the teams gained equal points in matches against each other, then the minor premiership or position on table shall be decided by goal differences in these matches.
- e) In the event of goal differences between the teams being equal, then a replay at a time and place nominated by the executive shall decide table positions.

Rule 19.

- a) Major Premiers shall be decided by semi-finals, finals and a grand final
- b) Order of play:
Semi finals Game A 1 v 2
Game B 3 v 4
Final Loser of Game A v Winner of Game B
Grand Final Winner of Game A v Winner of final
- c) In all divisions, finals/grand finals shall be played for the allotted time: extra time will be 10 minutes each way. Should teams be on an equal scores at the end of extra time, then a penalty shoot out will take place.
- d) Semi finals will be played at the home ground of the team placed higher on the competition table. **Unless otherwise determined by the Competition Secretary.**
- e) All finals and Grand finals are to be played at Sir Jack Brabham.

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Rule 20.

- a) A maximum of 20 players per team shall be registered in any age group including All Age. Unless approved by the Executive.
- b) The only exception to Rule 20a) being the over 35 men's competition where a maximum of 22 players may be registered.

Rule 21.

- a) Age determination will be 1 January of each calendar year to the 31 December of each calendar year example: if a player turns 14 years old between 1 January and 31 December then the player is eligible for under 14yrs for that year.
- b) Players must not play anymore than 2 years above their division.

Rule 22.

- a) Players registered in a team in any age group or division must not play for a team from the same club in that age group or division without a formal transfer. A player whose name appears on a referee's card shall be deemed a member of that team for that game.
- b) Overage players must apply to the Executive for permission to play down – decision determined by the members of Association. (Maximum of 3 players per team).
- c) Players who are registered in a higher age group than their current age are NOT eligible to come back or to play in their respective age division.
- d) All players who have been selected in Representative teams in the current and or previous season are not eligible to play down.

Rule 23.

- a) To be eligible to play for any team in a semi final, final or grand final, a player must be registered in that team and must have played for that side on no less than five occasions during the competition. The onus of proof rests with the club. Clubs may apply to the executive in the case of special circumstances.
- b) Should a team in the final series be unable to field a team of 11 players they may draw on players within the same club from a lower age group to make up to 11 players. Substitutes can be drawn upon if players are injured during the match.

Rule 24.

- a) All transfers and registrations shall end on the 30 June each year.
- b) Any club, who has **outstanding fees** to the Association as at **7th July each year**, shall be deemed non financial and that club shall not be entitled to take further part in the competition until that club is financial.
- c) Players must have a clearance from previous club before transferring to another club.

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Rule 25.

- a) A club must present a team nomination to the competition secretary at least **four weeks** prior to the commencement of the competition. In addition to the teams entered by the club, it shall contain such information as required by the competition secretary and must be lodged by the due date. The same shall be required for further registrations throughout the season. Failure to comply with this Rule will allow this team not to be accepted or failure to provide the required information then this club will not receive the necessary draws needed for the commencement of that season.
- b) **All team registrations and team sheets** shall be handed to the **registrar at least two weeks prior** to the commencement of the competition. The executive shall be authorized to allow a grace period of up to seven days should they feel this warranted. **Points will be deducted for the playing of unregistered players from the first round. A fine of \$10.00 per week per team shall occur for any club not supplying the above requirements.**
- c) Where a team enters more than one team in any particular age group each team must be given an individual name. Where the teams are drawn to play each other and a clash of colours occurs then Rule 12 (b) will apply.
- d) Following the closing date for team nominations additional teams may be accepted into the competition at the convenience of the executive and the availability to enter that team.
- e) If **players are not registered and approved to play or are not named on the team sheet prior to playing they are not covered by insurance.**

Rule 26.

Consideration will be given by the competition secretary when doing any draw involving teams in any age group over 13 to be played at a suitable time to allow players from these teams to be available to referee junior games.

Rule 27.

- a) In the event of eight or more teams being entered in a competition they shall be played in a division at the discretion of the executive each year.
- b) Full rounds are to be played in each age division. If there are any weeks or rounds remaining after a fully completed round these games will be determined by the Executive.
- c) Games may be scheduled for Sundays at the discretion of the competition secretary to ensure complete rounds are achieved to avoid having excessive games played for no points and to accommodate equal full rounds.
- d) Matches may be scheduled for the first Saturday of any school holidays but games are not to be played for the remainder of any school holidays in the junior competition.
- e) Should a team wish to request a deferment, it must be in writing completed on the approved **Orange Soccer Association deferment form and submitted to the competition secretary and opposing team at least 7 days prior to the scheduled match.** Deferments will only be accepted for special circumstances: school commitments or when a team has 3 or more players involved in representative fixture.

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f) The Competition Secretary will liaise with the non-deferring team to organize the deferred match at a suitable time.

g) Failure to organize the deferred game as per Rule 27 (f) Orange Competition Secretary will reschedule this match which must be adhered to, (Failure to play this match at the new allotted time by either team will result in a forfeit win to the non-deferring team.

Rule 28.

a) If any age group should be split into divisions for the final series, the division shall be entitled to an award as decided by the executive.

b) Individual player awards for players in A, B, C, and D etc divisions shall only be supplied if that division occurred from the start of the season. A team award may be supplied.

Rule 29.

a) Any player receiving a red card in a match or **four yellow cards** in anyone season shall receive an **automatic two match** suspension from all competitions played under the Football Federation NSW.

b) If in the opinion of the executive the red offence warrants more severe punishment, the player concerned will be called to attend a P & D Committee meeting at the earliest opportunity.

c) An appeal can be lodged against any decision subject to payment of appeals fee of \$100.00. If the appeal is successful the \$100.00 fee will be refunded.

d) As per FIFA directive, any player sent from the field of play must serve a minimum of one match suspension.

Rule 30.

The new seniors competition will be renamed
All Age Division A
All Age Division B
All Age Division C
Over 35 Division (Strictly 35 yrs and over)

a) To constitute an over 35 team all players must turn 35 yrs in the competition year and over as per Rule 21.

b) Players registered in the Over 35s competition are eligible to play in All Age A,B and C Division.

c) Western Premier League players must apply in writing to the Association for permission to play in the Orange District Football Association Soccer Inc competition.

Rule 31.

a) Written nominations will be called each year for representative coaches to be voted and approved at a General meeting. Nominations will close 2 weeks prior to the nominated meeting. It is recommended coaches must have a minimum of a current

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National Junior coaching license to apply. Only TWO approved and nominated club delegates may vote for each position.

- b) A maximum of 16 players may be selected for each representative side.
- c) All sponsorship or fundraising for Orange representative teams to be supplied in writing to the Association executive for prior approval.
- d) Players are to trial for their own respective age group, unless approved by the members of association.
- e) All players will be notified in writing of the outcome of Representative Team trials.

Rule 32.

Collected fees from Rep Players Fund to form a "pool fund" to be equally divided amongst players making Country Representation or higher status. Individual players to receive a maximum benefit of \$400.00 from the fund. Written applications must be forwarded to the Association requesting assistance. Players must currently participate in the association competition.