



SCHOOL SPORT AUSTRALIA

18 YEARS & UNDER GIRLS & 16 YEARS & UNDER BOYS FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIPS

RULES AND GUIDELINES

1. THE DATE

The School Sport Australia Football Championship will be conducted in that week of the August period which is common to the majority of States/Territories unless the Championships are being held as part of the PSG – The Pacific Schools Games.

The Host State should consult the SSO & the scheduled NPL – National Premier League Calendar in order to avoid the clash with the NPL finals series. If a host State/Territory wishes to vary from this, the approval of the majority of participating States/Territories must be obtained and the dates approved by the National Secretary as per SSA General Policy. Note: It is recommended that the championship be conducted in the period of early August.

2. TEAMS & AGE LIMIT

Competing teams shall be limited to a maximum of sixteen (16) players.

Students participating in the Championship will be:

For girls, eighteen (18) years and under on December 31st in the year of the Championship.

For boys, sixteen (16) years and under on December 31st in the year of the Championship.

3. MEETINGS

(a) The Pre Event and Post Event meetings will be held as per the Championship schedule.

(b) If required, a meeting of team officials may be called at the end of each day's play.

4. STATE/TERRITORY COLOURS

New South Wales - Sky blue, dark blue trim

Queensland - Maroon and white

South Australia - Red, yellow and blue

Tasmania - Green and white

Victoria - Navy blue, white trim

Western Australia - Black and gold

Australian Capital Territory - Yellow shirts, Blue shorts

Northern Territory - Ochre, black and white

Note: All shirts are to be numbered. An alternative strip is to be used in the event of a colour clash. In the event of one team having to change their jerseys, the away team listed on the draw will be the team to change.

5. REFEREES

In consultation with the National Secretary and the FFA - Football Federation Australia, referees and assistant referees shall be appointed by the host State/Territory.

If required and in consultation with the LOC - Local Organising Committee each state/territory may also have the opportunity to bring two (2) appropriately accredited student assistant referees should the events be combined and one (1) student referee should the events be separate.

6. MATCH REFRESHMENTS & PLAYER REHYDRATION

Each team will be required to provide its own refreshments/hydration unless sponsorship for this is obtained by the LOC - Local Organising Committee or the National Secretary.

7. MATCH EQUIPMENT

- (a) The LOC - Local Organising Committee will be required to provide new size 5 match balls of a standard approved by FIFA and the FFA, in consultation with the National Secretary. Such balls shall also be suitable for night fixtures.
- (b) The LOC - Local Organising Committee shall appoint a person to be responsible for the checking, care and maintenance of the match balls throughout the Championship.
- (c) The official match card will be provided by the National Secretary. Team sheets are not required.

8. TRAINING FACILITY & EQUIPMENT REQUESTS

- (a) Wherever possible training grounds should be made available where notice is given of such requirements.
- (b) Teams will be required to provide their own training balls and equipment.

9. MEDICAL

Medical officers will be available at all games. This is the responsibility of the host State/Territory. Ice is to be provided by the host state/territory.

10. TROPHIES

The following trophies will be provided:

- (a) School Sport Australia medallions shall be presented to players and officials of the teams finishing first (Gold), second (Silver) and third (Bronze).
- (b) Eighteen (18) plaques supplied by the school Sport Australia office are to be presented to the players of the All Australian Boys and Girls.
- (c) One (1) gold medallion or other suitable trophy to be presented to the player of the Championship (Boys & Girls).

Boy's inscription: The Peter Grguric Medal, Player of the Championships (Year).

Girl's inscription: The Debbie Tate Medal, Player of the Championships (Year).

- (d) Team player awards are to be presented to one selected player from each competing team. This is awarded to a player who exhibits the spirit and principles of participation at a School Sport Australia event. The awards are to be recommended to the LOC - Local Organising Committee via the National Secretary. Selection is by state team management.

11. THE DRAW

For 5 or 6 teams:

Round 1	Round 2	Round 3	Round 4	Round 5
1 v 2	6 v 1	1 v 4	3 v 6	1 v 3
3 v 4	2 v 3	6 v 2	5 v 1	4 v 6
5 v 6	4 v 5	3 v 5	2 v 4	5 v 2

For 7 teams:

Round 1	Round 2	Round 3	Round 4	Round 5
3 v 4	7 v 3	1 v 7	2 v 3	5 v 7
1 v 2	2 v 5	3 v 6	4 v 5	6 v 2
5 v 6	6 v 4	2 v 4	6 v 1	1 v 4
4 v 7	3 v 1	5 v 1	7 v 2	3 v 5
		7 v 6		

For 7 or 8 teams:

Round 1	Round 2	Round 3	Round 4
1 v 2	1 v 4	1 v 6	1 v 8
3 v 4	2 v 6	4 v 8	6 v 7
5 v 6	3 v 8	2 v 7	4 v 5
7 v 8	5 v 7	3 v 5	2 v 3

Round 5	Round 6	Round 7
1 v 7	1 v 5	1 v 3
8 v 5	7 v 3	5 v 2
6 v 3	8 v 2	7 v 4
4 v 2	6 v 4	8 v 6

The Championship draw for the following year will be determined at the post-event meeting following each year's championships and included in the minutes of the host state report. In the case of a seven-team draw, double headers should be played.

Where Double Headers are scheduled, both teams (where possible) must have completed a fixture on that day.

12. CONDITIONS OF PLAY FOR THE CHAMPIONSHIP

- (a) Points to be allocated: 3 for a win, 1 for a draw, 0 for a loss.
- (b) All games shall be of forty (40) minutes each way, with an interval of ten (10) minutes at half time. The use of interchange includes:
 - i) Only in normal breaks of play
 - ii) Only after the approval of the referee and/or the fourth official
 - iii) Only at the half way line

- (c) Stoppage time will be added on at the end of each half.
- (d) Continuous Interchange is permitted from the squad of sixteen (16) representing the State/Territory at the Championships.
- (e) Coaching from the technical area only, will be permitted during a game.
- (f) An appointed team official may be allowed on to the field of play to attend to an injured player. This will be only with the referee's permission and may be in addition to the appointed medical officer.
- (g) Final placings shall be determined as follows:
 - i) Competition points obtained in the competition
 - ii) In the event that two or more teams are equal on points, placings will be determined by the head to head result then by goal difference.
 - iii) In the event that placings still cannot be determined, shared placings shall be awarded.
- (h) Unless otherwise stated, FIFA rules apply.
- (i) The first priority of the Championship Planning Committee should be to play the event at a venue with football-specific fields of an International Standard, where possible. Minimum pitch dimensions should be: 100m length x 68m width. (Maximum 110m x 75m)
- (j) Players and appointed officials, as per the championship program, may only take positions on the bench in the technical area. All must be attired in official State uniforms.
- (k) The host State will appoint a person to be responsible for the tabling and display of daily results, cautions and send off reports.
- (l) State team management should sign off the official game result card held by the officials at the conclusion of each fixture.
- (m) The standard FFA pre-game procedure for team line up and entry to the field prior to the commencement of play is to be followed.

13. BEHAVIOUR

There shall be two (2) Disciplinary Committees:

- An Interim Disciplinary Committee, consisting of the Tournament Organiser of the National Championship Committee (or his nominee), the National Secretary, a third member appointed by the LOC - Local Organising Committee (but not a LOC manager or coach), a fourth member elected by all voting delegates at the first meeting of the Championship.
- The Full Disciplinary Committee, consisting of all the members of the Interim Disciplinary Committee and the respective team manager/s involved in a particular incident report.

(a) The Interim Disciplinary Committee shall:

- i) Inform any player if they are required to appear before a disciplinary committee hearing.
- ii) Advise a team manager of any player who has been automatically suspended, through receipt of a send-off or three (yellow card) cautions, from participation in the next match in which he/she would have participated.

- iii) Refer to the full Disciplinary Committee the case of any player who has been sent off or any other way suspended according to a (iii) above and who, in the opinion of the committee, warrants a heavier penalty than a one (1) match suspension.

(b) The Full Disciplinary Committee shall:

- i) Hear any case directed to it by the Interim Disciplinary Committee.
- ii) Hear any appeal directed to it by a team manager against a decision of the Interim Committee.
- iii) Ask to appear before it any player reported to be behaving in a manner likely to be detrimental to the well-being of the championship and the player code of conduct. Such player shall be asked to show cause why he/she should not be sent home immediately.

(c) Any player asked to appear before either Committee must be attended by his/her Team Manager acting "in loco parentis".

14. ALL AUSTRALIAN BOYS AND GIRLS TEAMS AND PLAYERS OF THE CHAMPIONSHIP

The Australian Selectors will be the appointed School Sport Australia tour officials. The States not represented in those officials, will be given the opportunity to be included as selectors in the selection of the team.

The Player of the Tournament will be decided by the selectors or in a suitable manner decided at the pre-event meeting.

15. SERVICE AWARDEES – FOR SECONDARY FOOTBALL EVENTS

SCHOOL SPORT AUSTRALIA FOOTBALL LIFE MEMBERS		
NAME	STATE	YEAR
Bob Quimby	NSW	1979
Jack Dodd	NSW	1980
Bill Turner	NSW	1981
David Harris	QLD	1982
Chapman Bonner	QLD	1984
Kevin Petersen	WA	1985
Duncan Summers	TAS	1986
Chris James	NSW	1987
Joe Larecki	SA	1994
Ron Pratt	NSW	1994
Mick Banks	NT	1996
Peter Rickers	WA	1996

SCHOOL SPORT AUSTRALIA SERVICE AWARD RECIPIENTS		
NAME	STATE	YEAR
David Brabham	NT	2001
Jim Gleeson	VIC	2003
Chris Conti	ACT	2003
Ian Johnson	ACT	2003
Richard Beazley	ACT	2003

Trevor Warren	SA	2004
John Evans	SA	2004
Wayne Baseden	WA	2005
Greg Best	NSW	2005
Elias Simopoulos	VIC	2006
Brian Stopford	QLD	2006
Steven Hayes	ACT	2006
Brendon Fotheringham	NSW	2008
Tony Rapallo	QLD	2009
Chris Karameros	VIC	2012
Leesa Langley	VIC	2012
Dean Stafrace	VIC	2017
Carl Klassen	QLD	2019

SCHOOL SPORT AUSTRALIA ECLECTIC SERVICE AWARD RECIPIENTS			
NAME	SPORTS	STATE	YEAR
Ian Johnson	Football / Rugby League	NT	2001
Donna Mincham	Football / Australian Football	VIC	2007