



SYDNEY FC KIAMA FOOTBALL FESTIVAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS

1.1 TOURNAMENT

Sydney Football Club Pty Limited “Sydney FC or the Club” reserves the right to change any of the Sydney FC Kiama Football Festival package details including locations, dates and starting or finishing times at any point in time.

Sydney FC in its absolute discretion reserves the right to not accept a participant’s registration for the Sydney FC Kiama Football Festival.

1.2 INCLUSIONS

The registration fee to the Sydney FC Kiama Football Festival per team covers the following expenses: referees, venue hire, equipment, a trophy for winning teams of each division, event costs, administration costs.

1.3 VENUE & EQUIPMENT

Registrants must follow all directions from Sydney FC coaches, staff and other official representatives in relation to treatment of venue(s), venue property and equipment. Sydney FC will not be liable for any matters related to damage to venue, property and equipment and will pass on any incurred costs as a result of damage to the participant/s at fault.

1.4 CANCELLATION, REFUNDS AND CREDITS

Once your registration is sent to Sydney FC you cannot cancel your booking. Refunds are allowed only as expressed in this policy.

Cancellations by you

In the event that, after a registration is received, the participant injures themselves or is unable to attend due to medical reasons, a medical certificate must be supplied to Sydney FC covering the dates. If this is supplied, another participant may be chosen to take the vacant place on the team.

Cancellations by Sydney FC

In the circumstance that the clinic is cancelled by Sydney FC due to extreme weather or closed fields, a new venue or date may be chosen and the tournament postponed. Sydney FC reserves the right to cancel any registrations at any time if, in the club’s opinion, a participant engages in disruptive behaviour which is deemed inappropriate (physically or emotionally), or conduct actually or likely to be harmful, to fellow participants, coaches, staff members or other parties.

1.5 PRIVACY

Sydney FC respects the privacy of the individuals on whom it collects, uses and discloses personal information. The personal information that the Club collects is used for the purpose of processing your registration and providing you with Football related information and offers from the Club.

A copy of Sydney FC’s Privacy Policy is available at - <https://www.sydneyfc.com/sydney-fc-privacy-policy>.



1.6 COMMUNICATIONS & MARKETING

Sydney FC will collect the email address of the primary contact of each participant and use this as a primary method to communicate key information prior to and after the tournament. Given the operational nature of these communications, these communications cannot be opted out of, but they will cease no later than 1 week after the end of the selected clinic.

In addition, this contact may be added to Sydney FC's marketing database for future club events. These communications can be opted out of at any time at the bottom of any email received by the club, or by emailing programs@sydneyfc.com.

1.7 USE OF IMAGES

Sydney FC advises that photographic and film images of participants at each clinic may be used for the purpose of promotion and marketing of the Club and future programs.

If you do not wish the participant to be used, you must provide your non approval in writing to the Club via programs@sydneyfc.com.

1.8 LIABILITY OF INJURY & SICKNESS

The participant and their parent/s or guardian/s agrees that by submitting their waiver and participating in the Sydney FC Kiama football Festival, they have voluntarily accepted the risks of physical sickness or injury, including serious injury such as permanent disability, paralysis or even death. The participant and their parent/s or guardian/s acknowledge that they are voluntarily participating in the Football Festival with knowledge of the potential dangers and/or risks involved, whether those risks are known or unknown.

As a condition of being allowed to participate in the Kiama Football Festival, the Participant and their parent or guardian agree; (i) to release and hold harmless Sydney Football Club Pty Limited, its directors, employees, contractors, partnered football associations from; and (ii) Sydney FC is not liable for costs or loss arising from, and incurred in connection with damage, loss, injury or death; except to the extent that is contributed by Sydney FC or partnered football association in breach of these terms and conditions, contravention of the law, breach of duty, wrongful act or omission, negligence or default.

You also acknowledge that Sydney Football Club Pty Ltd or any of their partnered football associations does not have in place any personal accident insurance policy that would provide the participant with any compensation or benefits in the event of any Participant being injured.

It is a condition of registration that all participants have private health insurance and ambulance cover as any injury or incident requiring medical assistance will result in additional expense to the participant or their parent.

Sydney FC reserves the right to refuse any participant who has not signed a waiver the opportunity to participate in the tournament. If a team must make a change between the registration date and the date of the Sydney FC Kiama Football Festival, they must inform Sydney FC staff and this participant must have a valid waiver signed by a parent/guardian prior to the commencement of Sydney FC Kiama Football Festival.



1.9 LIABILITY OF PERSONAL ITEMS

Sydney FC accepts no responsibility for personal items that are lost during the Sydney FC Kiama Football Festival. Sydney FC reserve the right to discard of any unclaimed items after 10 business days.



SYDNEY FC KIAMA FOOTBALL FESTIVAL FAQs

1. How will the divisions be arranged?

On Saturday, there will be an Under 7's, Under 8's and Under 9's gala competition and on Sunday, there will be an Under 10's, Under 11's and Under 12's gala competition.

If there are a reasonable number of female only teams in a particular age division, we will look create a separate pool and have a female-only pool and a mixed pool.

2. Is there a cut-off to register for the event?

The cut-off for team registration is Sunday, 6 September 2026. After this time, enquiries can be made via programs@sydneyfc.com and registrations will be accepted at the discretion of event organisers.

2. As the competition is mixed, do we need to register a minimum number of female players?

No, there are no restrictions on the gender composition of the teams.

3. How many players do we need to enter a team?

Teams should consist of minimum of 8 players and a maximum of 10 players.

4. We are entering a team of friends, what uniform should we wear?

All Teams must wear a matching team shirt (jersey numbers are not essential) and players must wear shin pads covered by football socks. Matching socks and shorts are also preferred.

Please ensure that the goalkeeper has a strip which clearly distinguishes the player from other team members.

Bibs will be provided for any strip clashes.

6. I am an individual player, can I join a team?

For this event, only team registrations will be accepted. We suggest contacting your local club to check if there is a team you can join that they have registered into the event.

7. How long do the games run for?

Teams will play a minimum of 5 games and all games will run for 24 minutes (2 x 12-minute halves).

8. What are the field and goal sizes?

The field size for this Gala competition is 30m x 45m and the goal size is 5m x 2m.

9. What if there is a draw at the end of gala competition?

If there are two (2) or more teams with equal goal difference (both for and against) and equal points, the winning team will be determined by way of a penalty shootout.

10. I have registered a team for the event and paid the team fee, what happens next?

An email will be sent to the team manager / person who registered the team for the event with pre-event information and a waiver form link for parents / guardians to complete prior to the event.



SYDNEY FC KIAMA FOOTBALL FESTIVAL RULES AND REGULATIONS

(A) GENERAL

All fixtures will be played in compliance with the FNSW and FA Regulations in force at the time, as well as the FNSW and FA Codes of Conduct relative to players, coaches and spectators as well as in accordance with the FIFA Laws of the Game (where applicable).

Sydney FC reserves the right to alter or add to the competition rules at any time and will provide written notice when amendments have been made (if required).

(B) TECHNICAL INFORMATION

REGISTERED TEAMS/PLAYERS

1. All players participating in the festival must be a registered player with a current PlayFootball identification number confirming the player's current registration to a club. **Academy teams and players will not be accepted.**
2. Up to ten (10) players may be entered for each team. Registered players may only participate for the team they are registered in. ***There is strictly NO combining of players (During) from players within the same club but from separate teams and/or players from another club competing in the festival.***
3. Players are allowed to play up one age group, thus allowing players to play with their friends if ages vary by one year.
4. There is strictly no player replacement permitted before OR mid-way through the tournament, unless authorised by the tournament officials. Dispensation must be granted in advance.

PLAYER EQUIPMENT

4. All Teams must wear a matching team shirt (Numbers are not essential)
5. Players must wear shin pads covered by their socks at all times throughout any match.
6. Jewellery cannot be worn at any time throughout any match.
7. The goalkeeper must have a strip which clearly distinguishes the player from other team members
8. In the event of a strip clash, bibs will be provided, or an alternative strip can be worn

INTERCHANGE

1. Unlimited substitution of registered players within the team they have been registered into is permissible at any time during the game.
2. An interchange must occur during a stoppage in play and when authorised by the match referee.
3. The player leaving the field must exit at the interchange zone (halfway) or otherwise where directed by the referee.



4. A player entering the field must only enter from the interchange zone (halfway).
5. Players who have been dismissed from the field by the match referee cannot be replaced by an interchange player as per **Rule D (10)**.

(C) COMPETITON FORMAT/STRUCTURE

1. Games will be refereed by Sydney FC authorised officials/match coordinators.
2. The festival will be conducted as a gala competition, with the team with the most points to be determined as the winner for each age category. In teams with multiple pools, the team with the most points across the pools will be determined as the winner.
3. Teams will be placed into groups appropriately based on age. Each team will play a minimum of six (6) games**

** Total games to be played re subject to final group sizes.

4. Points throughout the group stages will be awarded as follows:
 - 3 points for a WIN.
 - 1 point for a DRAW.
 - 0 points for a LOSS.
 - Should a team forfeit their match, 3 points and a 3 nil win will be awarded to the opposing team.
5. Games will be 24 minutes in total with a straight swap at half time (12minutes per half)
6. All Players must be in position on the field ready to commence play at their scheduled starting time, as well as leaving the field immediately after their match ends. Should a team fail to be ready for kick off after 2 (two) minutes from the scheduled kick-off time (as determined by the appointed referee), they will automatically be deemed to have forfeited their match and will be penalised in accordance with **Rule C (4)**.
7. At the conclusion of the gala competition, the winning teams will be concluded as follows:
 - a. In single pool age categories, the winner will be determined by the team who finishes with the most points
 - b. In multiple pool age categories, the winner will be determined by the team who finishes with the most points, across both divisions
 - c. In the event that there are 2 (two) or more teams with equal points, equal goal difference (for and against), the team who has scored more goals, will be the determined as the winning team, if all of above are equal, the winner will be determined by way of a penalty shootout.



(D) GAME PLAY

All games will be played as follows:

1. 6 v 6 including goalkeeper
2. Maximum of 10 players per team
3. Field sizes will equate to approximately 30x45m.
4. Goal sizes will be in a size of 5x2m.
5. From a goal kick, the defending team will be required to be outside the marked exclusion zone, as managed by the match referee. Once the goalkeeper/player has restarted play, it will be deemed live from the first pass. A defending player **is not** required to wait for a second touch before entering the exclusion zone.
6. Kick-ins will be used in place of throw ins.
7. Penalty shootouts will be in effect as per Rule (C)7.C.
8. All free kicks, kick-ins and corner kicks are **indirect**.
9. Penalties **will not** be awarded from open play throughout the competition.
10. Penalties/penalty shootouts will be in effect.
11. All referees will have the authority to issue Yellow and Red Cards where appropriate. Yellow cards will not accumulate over multiple games; however, a red card will result in a 1 (one) match carry over suspension.
12. If a player is sent off by way of a red card, they **cannot** be replaced for the remainder of the game.
13. Should the match referee deem a player to be in violation of the Laws of the Game in a circumstance related to violent conduct or unsportsmanlike behaviour, the referee has the power and authority to send the player off and report the behaviour to a Sydney FC Official for further action.

(E) DISCIPLINARY POLICY

Sydney FC has a ZERO Tolerance stance on any form of anti-social behaviour or violent behaviour or conduct.

All players, spectators and officials are to abide by the FNSW and FA Code of Conduct (*The Code*). *The Code* will be made available prior to the event and will be available on the day.

Any person(s) that are found guilty by a Sydney FC Official or Match Official will be subject to immediate disciplinary action appropriate to the offence. This may include referral to governing bodies within FNSW or FA, or in the event of a breach deemed to be punishable by law enforcement, a referral may be made to the NSW Police.



Sydney FC reserves the right to remove or disqualify any team found to be in breach of *The Code* and in breach of the ZERO Tolerance stance on anti-social and violent behaviour. Sydney FC also reserves the right to remove any spectator from the venue who is deemed to have breached *The Code* or the ZERO Tolerance Policy.