



# SCHOOL SPORT AUSTRALIA

*Incorporating*  
**(Australian Secondary Schools National Football Council)**

## **Australian Football Championships**

### **RULES AND GUIDELINES**

**Note:** These Rules and Guidelines should be read in conjunction with the School Sport Australia General Policies and General Exchange Rules.

The Australian Football Championships will consist of the Boys 12 years & under, Boys 15 years & under and the Girls 16 years & under competitions hereby known as the School Sport Australia Australian Football Championships.

#### **1.0 COMPETITION RULES**

##### **1.1. Rules of the Game**

1.1.1. The Championships shall be conducted according to the Laws of Australian Football, as published by the Australian Football League from time to time, with the exception of 2.4 and the following:

##### **1.1.2 Order-Off Rule**

1.1.2.1 The umpire(s) in charge of a match may order a player from the field for a period of fifteen (15) minutes of actual playing time by use of a yellow card for:

- a) verbal harassment,
- b) abusive language,
- c) other unseemly conduct detrimental to the game
- d) any reportable offence according to the 'Laws of Australian Football'.

1.1.2.2 Such player must report to the interchange steward on leaving the field and before returning. The player will be in the control of the team manager while off the field of play.

1.1.2.3 The player sent off may be replaced by an interchange player. When this occurs, the umpire must show the card to the Interchange Steward and call time off. Time shall be signalled when the replacement player is in position.

1.1.2.4 It shall be left to the discretion of the umpire whether the player sent off is reported.

1.1.2.5 For a second offence during the game the player must be sent off for the remainder of the match, shown a red card and be reported. He may be replaced by an interchange player.

1.1.2.6 The field umpire(s) may send off a player for the remainder of the match if, in his/her opinion that player constitutes a menace to the physical well being of other players. Such a player must be shown a red card, reported and may be replaced by an interchange player.

1.1.2.7 The field umpire(s) shall report a player by notifying the National Secretary or the Championship Convenor within an hour of the completion of the game.

##### **1.1.3 Interchange Rule**

###### **Boys 12 & Under:**

Any State / Territory may name up to 23 players for any game, of which only 18 may be on the field at any one time.

###### **Boys 15 & Under:**

Any State / Territory may name up to 22 players for any game, of which only 18 may be on the field at any one time.

###### **Girls 16 & Under:**

Any State / Territory may name up to 22 players for any game, of which only 18 may be on the field at any one time.

###### **General:**

The ongoing interchange player must report to the Interchange Steward and enter the playing arena through the defined area. The player leaving the field must leave through the defined area. Failure to do this will mean that he cannot return to the game.

#### 1.1.4 **Stretcher / Carry Off Rule**

Any player who is injured during a match and who, in the opinion of a Doctor, Trainer or Official, requires the assistance of a stretcher, shall be attended by the Team's training staff and either carried off or on a stretcher as soon as possible to ensure the health and safety of the player. The normal process of notifying the umpire will occur and the player shall remain off the field for a period of 20 minutes.

#### 1.1.5 **25 metre penalty for Boys 12 & Under and Girls 16 & Under**

A 25 metre penalty will be awarded rather than the 50 metre penalty for the Boys 12 & Under and Girls 16 & Under competitions.

#### 1.1.6 **Kick into play after a behind is scored for Boys 12 & Under and Girls 16 & Under**

A player of the defending team may only kick the football into play when the Goal Umpire has completed waving the flag to signal that a behind has been scored. If the defending player kicks the football before this time, the field Umpire shall direct the player to kick the football again.

#### 1.1.7 **No kicking off the ground for Girls 16 & Under**

No player will be allowed to intentionally kick the football off the ground during play. A free kick will be awarded to the opposition should this occur during play.

### 1.2 **Player Participation**

#### **Boys 12 & Under:**

- 1.2.1 Qualifications for selection in teams to compete in this component of the Championships shall be 12 years and under as at 31 December of the year in which the Championship is held. Any age dispensation approved by School Sport Australia for 12 years and under Championship shall apply. [Note: The Australian Capital Territory and Northern Territory teams has been granted 6 months age dispensation for 2011- 2013]

#### **Boys 15 & Under:**

- 1.2.2 Qualifications for selection in teams to compete in this component of the Championships shall be 15 years and under as at 31 December of the year in which the Championship is held. Any age dispensation approved by School Sport Australia shall apply. [Note: The Australian Capital Territory team has been granted 9 months age dispensation for 2012-2014. Northern Territory has been granted 12 months age dispensation for eight (8) players for 2011-2013]

#### **Girls 16 & Under:**

- 1.2.3 Qualifications for selection in teams to compete in this component of the Championships shall be 16 years and under as at 31 December of the year in which the Championship is held. Any age dispensation approved by School Sport Australia shall apply.

#### **General:**

- 1.2.3 All students who participate in the School Sport Australia Australian Football Championships must remain in the host State/Territory throughout the duration of the Championships and be bound by all Championship arrangements, except in exceptional circumstances as per School Sport Australia policy.

### 1.3 **Team Size**

#### **Boys 12 & Under:**

- 1.3.1 A team may consist of up to twenty-three (23) players. All players shall be eligible to compete in each match.

#### **Boys 15 & Under:**

- 1.3.2 A team may consist of up to twenty-five (25) players.

#### **Girls 16 & Under:**

- 1.3.3 A team may consist of up to twenty-five (25) players.

#### **General:**

- 1.3.4 Upon arrival, prior to the commencement of the team's first match, if a particular player(s) cannot participate in the Championships then another player(s) can be substituted.

## **2.0 COMPETITION STRUCTURE**

The scheduling of the Australian Football Championships would commence in the last week of July or as soon as practicable after that date. The Championships will run from Sunday to Sunday (8 days) with teams arriving on the Saturday.

### **2.1 Draw**

#### **Boys 12 and Under:**

2.1.1. The draw for a six (6) team competition will follow the same format as the 15 and Under six (6) team draw.

2.1.2. Where there are 7 or 8 competing teams, the competition shall consist of a single Round Robin.

Where possible, each State/Territory shall play one match per day. If it is necessary for a team(s) to play two matches per day, each team must have played a previous game on that day.

#### **Boys 15 & Under and Girls 16 & Under:**

2.1.3 The draw for Championships of 4, 5, 6, 7 and 8 teams is listed as an appendix 1.

#### **General:**

2.1.4 At least twelve (12) weeks prior to the commencement of the Championships the Championship Convener shall submit to all States/Territories a tentative program of matches. Any State/Territory wishing to submit an alteration to the tentative program of matches must do so within two (2) weeks of receiving it. Any amendment to the program shall be circularised as early as possible to all States/Territories.

### **2.2 Points Allocation**

2.2.1 For all competition three (3) points shall be awarded for a win, and two (2) for a tie and one (1) for a loss.

### **2.3 Method of Determining a Winner**

#### **Boys 12 & Under:**

2.3.1 At the completion of the competition, where two or more teams finish on equal points, joint winners will be declared and percentages will not be used to determine outright winners.

#### **Boys 15 & Under and Girls 16 & Under:**

2.3.2 For a Seven or less team competition teams shall meet each other on at least one occasion; and in the event of two or more teams finishing with equal match points, they shall be declared joint winners. Under no circumstances shall percentage of points scored for and against be counted.

2.3.3 For an Eight team competition where two teams are tied on points within their group, then the result of the match in which they played each other shall determine their position. Where three teams are tied on points, then the percentage in the games where they played each other shall determine their position.

All teams will then play a Cross Group match in the following format:

1st Group A vs. 2nd Group B (match 1)  
2nd Group A vs. 1st Group B (match 2)  
3rd Group A vs. 4th Group B (match 3)  
4th Group A vs. 3rd Group B (match 4)

2.3.4 Should a tie occur at the end of full time in any Cross Group match, the 'No Drawn matches' procedures in Appendix 2 shall apply to determine the winning Team.

The finals would then take place:

Winner match 1 vs. Winner match 2 (determines 1st & 2nd)  
Loser match 1 vs. Loser match 2 (determines 3rd & 4th)  
Winner match 3 vs. Winner match 4 (determines 5th & 6th)  
Loser match 3 vs. Loser match 4 (determines 7th & 8th)

The National Secretary is authorised to use some flexibility in the finals part of the draw (apart from the Grand Final) to ensure that teams have the chance to play teams that they have not already played, in consultation with the teams involved.

2.3.5 Joint winners will be declared, if at full time of the Grand Final match scores are tied.

## **2.4 Duration of matches**

### **Boys 12 & Under and Girls 16 & Under:**

- 2.4.1 All matches shall consist of four quarters of fifteen (15) minutes duration.
- 2.4.2 In all matches there will be no 'time on' added (except for the Blood Rule, stretchers and send off) with intervals of five (5), twelve (12) and five (5) minutes.

### **Boys 15 & Under:**

- 2.4.2 For the seven (7) team competition the length of each quarter shall be fifteen (15) minutes.
- 2.4.3 For all other competitions the length of each quarter shall be sixteen (16) minutes.
- 2.4.4 In all matches there will be no 'time on' added (except for the Blood Rule, stretchers and send off) with intervals of four (4), fifteen (15) and five (5) minutes.

### **General:**

- 2.4.5 The Host State/Territory is to provide an additional ball to be kept by the interchange steward as a strategy to save time.

## **2.5 Wet Weather**

- 2.5.1 Decision on wet weather day to be determined by the National Secretary or the Championship Convenor in consultation with participating team managers and officiating umpires.
- 2.5.2 Should wet weather interfere in the Championships, then the State / Territory leading the competition shall be declared the winner. If two or more States/Territories are leading the competition they shall be declared joint winners.

## **3.0 FACILITIES, EQUIPMENT**

### **3.1 Match Equipment**

#### **Boys 12 & Under:**

- 3.1.1 The ball of choice is synthetic Sherrin [size 3]. If both Coaches agree a leather Sherrin [size 3] will be used.

#### **Boys 15 & Under:**

- 3.1.2 The Match Ball must be a full size Sherrin.

#### **Girls 16 & Under:**

- 3.1.3 The Match Ball must be a leather Sherrin [size 4].

### **General:**

- 3.1.4 Team lists: The Team Manager is to submit three team lists, including the interchange bench players and officials, in writing to the Umpires/Ground Manager prior to the commencement of the game. Team lists will be provided by the Host State/Territory.
- 3.1.5 Team Management must ensure that each player has an individual water bottle for use by the player before, during and after the game.

### **3.2 Uniforms**

#### **Boys 12 & Under:**

- 3.2.1 Teams shall be numbered from one (1) to twenty-three (23) with numbers of contrasting colours.

#### **Boys 15 & Under and Girls 16 & Under:**

- 3.2.2 Teams shall be numbered from one (1) to twenty-five (25) with numbers of contrasting colours.

### **General:**

- 3.2.3 State and Territory Uniform colours
  - Australian Capital Territory - Royal Blue and Gold
  - New South Wales - Navy Blue and Sky Blue
  - Northern Territory - Ochre, Black and White
  - Queensland - Maroon and White
  - South Australia - Red, Gold and Navy
  - Tasmania - Red, Bottle Green and Yellow
  - Victoria (B12&U, G16&U) - Navy and White Vee
  - Victoria Country (15&U) - White and Navy Vee
  - Victoria Metro (15&U) - Navy and White Vee
  - Western Australia - Gold and Black

- 3.2.4 States/Territories must notify the National Secretary of any changes to uniform at least twelve (12) weeks prior to the commencement of the Championships for endorsement and circulation to competing States / Territories.

## **4.0 MATCH OFFICIALS**

### **4.1 Ground Officials**

- 4.1.1 Two official timekeepers shall be appointed by the Host State/Territory to act in concert for all matches.
- 4.1.2 A Ground Convenor and an Interchange Steward should be appointed for each game.
- 4.1.3 A Sports Medicine person be supplied at each field by the Host State, provided within the budget.

### **4.2 Umpire / Student Officials**

- 4.2.1 Each participating Team should bring a field and a goal and a boundary umpire who are current Secondary students. Preference should be given to Secondary school students holding or gaining Level 2 accreditation. Where this is not possible the State/Territory must notify the host State/Territory and the National Secretary one (1) month prior to the Championships. Student Officials will be supplied with one full Umpiring uniform for the Championships and provided with lunch when officiating.
- 4.2.2 The Host State/Territory is responsible for appointing a suitably qualified Umpires Coordinator and evaluator. The Umpires Coordinator must attend the Pre-Championships meeting which will discuss rules and players/coaches codes of conduct. Should the Umpire's Coordinator not be available to attend the Pre-Championships meeting, then a written statement containing rules and expectations shall be produced by the Coaches/Managers/Championship Organisers at the Pre-Championships meeting and this is to be given to all officiating umpires prior to the commencement of the competition.
- 4.2.3 Where possible neutral field umpires be appointed to pool and round robin games.
- 4.2.4 Before all games field umpires should introduce themselves to both coaches, shake hands and briefly address the teams. Umpires will check for safety of all boots at the beginning of each game. Gloves and jewellery are not permitted.
- 4.2.5 Competent boundary and goal umpires shall be appointed. If such umpires are not accredited, they should receive training for their duties.
- 4.2.6 In addition to goal umpires, a neutral scorer shall be appointed.
- 4.2.7 Interpretation or clarification of rules should be requested by the team manager through the Umpires Coordinator following the completion of matches.

### **4.3 Team Officials**

#### **Boys 12 & Under:**

- 4.3.1 **Coaches:** In the spirit of the game and in order to promote the development of the game, tactics such as 'tagging', 'flooding' and dropping players behind the ball are discouraged.
- 4.3.2 **A Runner:** Coaches of playing teams will be restricted to occupying the Coach's bench during playing times, except in the case of a serious injury. A designated team official, other than the coach, will be allowed on the field to attend injury and to act as a runner. The designated team runner should be an adult and must wear an official uniform (provided by the host state/territory).

#### **Boys 15 & Under and Girls 16 & Under:**

- 4.3.3 **A Runner** who may be one of the twenty-five (25) named players or an adult person nominated by the team, and whose name must be included on each day's Team Sheet, may be used by each State/Territory. If the runner is to be an adult he must be identified at the Pre-Championships meeting and wear the uniform determined by the Host State/Territory. No Coach, Manager or other person connected with the team shall enter the arena for the purpose of giving instructions to players during the playing period.

#### **General:**

- 4.3.4 **Sports Trainer:** Each participating team is encouraged to provide a qualified Sports Trainer as part of their Team Management.
- 4.3.5 **Water Carriers:** Each team shall be entitled to use three (3) water carriers. Each water carrier must be clearly identified, must not engage in coaching of individuals in teams whilst on the field of play, must avoid areas of actual play and must not remain on the field for extended periods of time.
- 4.3.6 **Team Officials Area:** All Coaches & Team Officials shall stand a minimum distance of at least 1.5 metres from the boundary.

#### **4.4 Tribunal / Protests**

##### **4.4.1 Reported Players**

The National Secretary, in consultation with the Executive of the State/Territory conducting the Championships, shall submit to the Pre-Championships meeting, for approval, its proposal for the constitution of the Tribunal to arbitrate in cases of players being reported by Umpires for field offences.

Reports shall be dealt with by the Tribunal as soon as possible, in the presence of the umpire(s) who made the report.

The Tribunal shall have the power to impose a suspension of one or more games on any player reported by an umpire and found guilty.

##### **4.4.2 Protests**

In the event of a protest concerning any match played during the Championships, such protest in writing must be lodged with the National Secretary or the Championships Convenor, within two (2) hours following the completion of the match concerned.

A copy of the protest must also be lodged with one of the managers of the team protested against within the same period.

The protest shall be adjudicated by a Protests and Disputes Committee consisting of one (1) delegate from each State/Territory competing in the Championships, but excluding the delegates of the States/Territories concerned in the dispute.

The President of the host State/Territory member body or his/her nominee, shall be chairperson, and shall have a casting vote only. The National Secretary shall summon a meeting of the Protests and Disputes Committee as soon as possible after the receipt of the protest.

No appeal shall be made to any outside organisation, and the decision of the Protests and Disputes Committee shall be final.

#### **5.0 AUSTRALIAN MERIT TEAM (Boys 15 & Under competition)**

##### **5.1 Team Definition**

5.1.1 Players will be selected and named at the Closing Ceremony as the "All Australian Schoolboy's Football Team (Year)".

##### **5.2 Selection Criteria for All Australian Schoolboys Football Team**

5.2.1 Twenty-two players shall be selected in the All Australian team.

5.2.2 No Captain or Vice Captain shall be named

5.2.3 The players selected shall be those who have given the best performances in the areas of skill (individual & team), general play, understanding of the game, coachability and ability to act as a role model to peers.

5.2.4 All State/Territories shall be asked to submit their nominations for the All Australian team to the National Secretary at the Post Championship Meeting.

5.2.5 Positions will not be taken into account in the final selection of the team.

5.2.6 A player need not have participated in every game to be included in selection, but must have participated by taking the field in 50% of games in the Championship.

5.2.7 Players selected must display a high level of sportsmanship and behaviour throughout the Championship.

5.2.8 That in the year when a team is selected to go on an International Tour and additional 10 shadow players will be selected. Any replacements for players selected in the All Australian team who may withdraw from the scheduled tour will be selected from these shadow players according to team requirements

##### **5.3 Australian Selectors**

5.3.1 A Selection Committee will be appointed at the Pre-Championships meeting to select the All Australian Team.

5.3.2 Appointment of All Australian Selectors

5.3.2.1 The National Secretary shall act as the Coordinator of the selection panel for the All Australian team.

5.3.2.2 Composition of the All Australian Selectors to be

a) A Chairperson of selectors appointed by the Host State/Territory

b) At least two (2), but no more than four (4) other selectors. These will be appointed by the Host State/Territory.

- c) In the event of the Host/Territory unable to appoint selectors, nominations will be called for from the competing States/Territories elected by ballot at the Pre-Championships meeting prior to the Championships. Nominations for the position of selector to be received from the floor, with each nominee to provide a maximum one half page (1/2) page curriculum vitae to be given to the Chairperson prior to speaking to that nomination. The applicant or Chairperson may present that CV to the meeting.

### 5.3.3 Duties of All Australian Selectors

- 5.3.3.1 Each member of the selection panel must watch each State/Territory at least twice.
- 5.3.3.2 There must be at least one selector present for the duration of the entire match for all games.
- 5.3.3.3 The Chairperson must submit the names of the All Australian team to the National Secretary or his/her delegate prior to the Closing Ceremony.

## 6.0 TROPHIES, AWARDS

### 6.1 Major Trophy

#### **Boys 12 & Under:**

The Alex Howe Trophy, which shall be held by the winning State / Territory for twelve (12) months. The name of the winning team is to be engraved on the Trophy at the expense of the winning State / Territory. It shall be the responsibility of this State / Territory to see that the Trophy is with the National Secretary in time for presentation to the winner of the succeeding Championship.

#### **Boys 15 & Under:**

The ASSNFC Trophy, which shall be held by the winning State / Territory for twelve (12) months. The name of the winning team is to be engraved on the Trophy at the expense of the winning State / Territory. It shall be the responsibility of this State / Territory to see that the Trophy is with the National Secretary in time for presentation to the winner of the succeeding Championship.

#### **Girls 16 & Under:**

The Trophy, which shall be held by the winning State / Territory for twelve (12) months. The name of the winning team is to be engraved on the Trophy at the expense of the winning State / Territory. It shall be the responsibility of this State / Territory to see that the Trophy is with the National Secretary in time for presentation to the winner of the succeeding Championship.

### 6.2 Player Awards (for Boys 15 & Under competition)

- 6.2.1 **The J. L. Williams Medal** shall be awarded to the player adjudged to be the fairest and best in the Championship. It shall be of standard pattern as approved at the Melbourne Conference in 1938, or if not obtainable, of pattern similar in style, and shall be taken to the Championship by the National Secretary.

Points shall be awarded to the selected players in each match, on the basis of three points for first choice, two for second, and one for third. The votes are to be sealed and handed, on completion to the National Secretary, and opened at the conclusion of the Championship.

In the event of a tie, each player will receive a medal.

Note: A player reported during the Championship, and subsequently had the charges found proven by the Independent Tribunal will not be eligible to win the J. L. Williams Medal.

- 6.2.2 **All Australian:** The ASSNFC All Australian team jumper (to be organised by the National Secretary) will be presented to those selected in the All Australian team. A suitably inscribed memento (different to the School Sport Australia Football placegetters medallions) will be presented to those selected in the All Australian team. An official photo of the All Australian team will be taken and sent to the National Secretary and sponsor, and made available for the selected players.

It is the responsibility of the Host State/Territory to select the type of memento. The cost of the All Australian jumper, memento and the photo needs to be included in the budget.

### **6.3 Umpires Award**

**The A. S. McLean Medal:** The student umpire voted the 'Most Outstanding Umpire' for the Championship by the Umpires Coordinator, be awarded an engraved medal and have his photo taken with the All Australian team.

It is the responsibility of the Host State/Territory to select the medal. The cost of the medal and the photo needs to be included in the budget.

### **6.4 The R. G. Newman Shield (for 12 and Under competition)**

The Richard G. Newman Shield recognises one Team, which extols the virtues which Richard upheld throughout his long association with the School Sport Australia Australian Football 12&U Championship. The team will include the 23 players and the designated Team Officials. The Shield will be presented at the Closing Ceremony and appropriate pins/medallions will be given to each member of the winning team. The cost will need to be included in the budget.

The successful team will be judged on the following criteria:

- The team which demonstrates outstanding ambassadorial aptitudes for their State/Territory and the game during the Championships on and off the field.
- Demonstrated exemplary Sportsmanship by team members
- A recognised team commitment by all to all-working as a team
- An inclusive attitude to all educational and sporting components of the Championship
- An ability to have fun

The following areas are provided as a guide to the selection panel in determining the successful Team: Functions; Team presentation; Game conduct and general behaviour.

The award will be judged by a selection panel consisting of the Championship Convenor, the Championship Umpires Coordinator and chaired by the National Secretary.

**6.4 ASSNFC Life Membership and School Sport Australia Service Awards**

<b>LIFE MEMBER</b>	<b>STATE</b>	<b>YEAR</b>
AW Alphen	QLD	1958
CE Woodward	SA	1960
G Lewis	TAS	1961
A Howe	QLD	1963
AE Browne	SA	1963
H Lewis	WA	1964
LN Pearson	SA	1966
EPJ Fleming	TAS	1967
TE Leonard	VIC	1968
KW Miller	WA	1969
CA Bryce	QLD	1970
JG Pullen	TAS	1971
CJ Robb	VIC	1972
RT Lawn	WA	1973
RD Boyce	QLD	1974
RA Hall	SA	1975
RK Hood	TAS	1977
JP Lorenz	VIC	1978
V Nelson	WA	1979
Les Rauert	NT	1980
G Munn	SA	1982
Roy Wyatt	QLD	1982
Kerrie Hardie	NSW	1984
Colin Crawford	VIC	1985
Dennis Scully	TAS	1986
Colin Steinert	SA	1986
Alan S Mclean	VIC	1987
Len Davies	VIC	1987
Barry Watson	TAS	1987
Geoffrey Sinclair	WA	1987
David Probert	TAS	1988
Dave Power	NSW	1988
Brian Deslandes	NT	1989
Richie Mann	VIC	1989
Gordon Curtis	SA	1990
Reg Pearce	VIC	1991
G Russell	QLD	1991
Roger Bean	ACT	1992
Richie Almond	VIC	1993
Robert Dean	VIC	1993
Murray Tippet	SA	1994
Jack Ensor	WA	1995
Ian Penn	VIC	1997
Peter Atkinson	NT	1997

**SCHOOL SPORT AUSTRALIA  
SERVICE AWARD RECIPIENTS  
(\*FORMERLY KNOWN AS ASSNFC LIFE MEMBERSHIPS)**

<b>NAME</b>	<b>STATE</b>	<b>YEAR</b>
Rod Diggle*	NT	2000
Don Stanley	VIC	2000
Robert Ash*	NSW	2001
Richard Newman	SA	2001
Bob Bevan	NSW	2002
Owen Dunlop	NSW	2002
Ray Barrett*	WA	2004
Graeme Hadley*	WA	2004
Peter Smith*	WA	2004
Ian Temby*	WA	2004
Phillip Jackson*	NSW	2005
Bill Taylor*	NSW	2005
Alan Perrin *	NT	2006
Bruce Westley	SA	2006
Donna Mincham	NT	2007
Brendan Parkes *	QLD	2008
Luke Soulos *	VIC	2008
Trevor Wilson *	VIC	2008
Glen Hidson	NSW	2010
Travis Irvin	NSW	2010
Bruce Norton *	VIC	2010
Gus Wenzel	SA	2011
Bill Bond *	VIC	2011

## PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

The Host State/Territory will organise a Professional Development session for all participating Team Officials during the Championships.

### APPENDIX 1

#### 1. For an Eight (8) team Competition

For an eight team competition, or seven teams plus an Invitation / Multiple team: Two groups to be formed based on the previous year's placings: Group A - 1st, 3rd, 5th and 7th. Group B - 2nd, 4th, 6th and 8th. If an Invitation / Multiple team is included, the team to be numbered 8. Round one matches for each group to be a round robin competition, then teams be placed one to four.

Program:	Saturday (pm)	Teams arrive
	Sunday	Opening and Round 1
	Monday	Round 2
	Tuesday	Excursion
	Wednesday	Round 3
	Thursday	Rest / excursion / clinic / fitness skills testing etc.
	Friday	Cross Group Finals
	Saturday	Rest / excursion / clinic / fitness skills testing etc.
	Sunday	Finals and Teams depart

#### 2. For a Seven (7) team Competition

Full round Robin. Each team playing 6 matches (No Finals). Should a bye occur in the draw, the host State/Territory be asked to implement the School Sport Australia Multiple teams participation policy.

Program:	Saturday	Teams arrive
	Sunday	Opening and Round 1
	Monday	Round 2
	Tuesday	Round 3
	Wednesday	Excursion
	Thursday	Round 4
	Friday	Round 5
	Saturday	Round 6
	Sunday	Round 7. Teams depart

#### 3. For a Six (6) team Competition - 12 and Under & 15 and Under

Round Robin competition. Teams play a total of 5 matches. Each team playing each other.

Program:	Saturday	Teams arrive
	Sunday	Opening and Round 1
	Monday	Round 2
	Tuesday	Excursion
	Wednesday	Round 3
	Thursday	Round 4
	Friday	Rest / excursion / clinic / fitness skills testing etc.
	Saturday	Round 5. Teams depart

#### 4. For a Five (5) team Competition

Round Robin and 'Play Off' series. Teams play a total of 5 matches. The Host State/Territory is to provide an appropriate game for the 5th placed teams on the last day of competition.

Should a bye occur in the draw, the host State/Territory be asked to implement the School Sport Australia Multiple teams participation policy.

Program:	Saturday	Teams arrive
	Sunday	Opening and Round 1
	Monday	Round 2
	Tuesday	Excursion
	Wednesday	Round 3
	Thursday	Round 4
	Friday	Rest / excursion / clinic / fitness skills testing etc.
	Saturday	Round 5. Closing. Teams depart

## For a Four (4) team Competition

Double Round Robin. Each team is to play 6 games.

Program:	Saturday	Teams arrive
	Sunday	Opening and Round 1
	Monday	Round 2
	Tuesday	Excursion
	Wednesday	Round 3
	Thursday	Round 4
	Friday	Rest / excursion / clinic / fitness skills testing etc.
	Saturday	Round 5
	Sunday	Round 6. Teams depart

## APPENDIX 2

### NO DRAWN MATCHES

#### ***Playing of Additional Time:***

Should a tie occur in any Cross-Over Finals Match other than the Grand Final, the following procedure shall apply to determine the winning Team -

- (a) the goal Umpires shall immediately consult with each other to confirm that the score of each Team is identical and if that is the case, the field Umpires shall signal to the Timekeepers that the Match is to proceed into Additional Time;
- (b) after a six (6) minute rest period (which shall commence from the time the field Umpires signal that the Match is to proceed into Additional Time), Additional Time shall be played;
- (c) each Team shall maintain the same end as at the completion of ordinary time for the first five (5) minute period of Additional Time and shall change ends after the first five minute period;
- (d) upon receiving the signal by the field Umpire, the Timekeepers shall sound the siren in accordance with the normal start of each quarter, being -
  - (i) two minutes prior to the official start time - three times;
  - (ii) one minute prior to the official start time - twice;
  - (iii) official start time - once.
- (e) Except for the Coach and those persons permitted to enter the Playing Surface under Regulation 13, no person shall enter the Playing Surface during any period before or during the playing of Additional Time;
- (f) before the commencement of Additional Time, the Coach may enter the Playing Surface and address the Players. The Coach must leave the Playing Surface on or before the sound of the three sirens signifying that two minutes remain before the commencement of Additional Time;
- (g) the Timekeepers shall sound the siren once to signify the end of each period of Additional Time until a field Umpire acknowledges that the siren has been heard and brings play to an end;
- (h) at the conclusion of Additional Time, the Team which has scored the highest points is the winner of the Match;
- (i) if the scores are still tied, the procedures contained in this Regulation shall apply to any further period of Additional Time until a winner has been determined.

#### ***Ready to Play and Sanctions:***

Each Team shall move into position and be ready to commence play at the start of Additional Time. A Team whose Team is not ready to commence play shall be subject to a sanction.

## APPENDIX 3

### RACIAL VILIFICATION PROCESS

#### 1. AN ALLEGED INCIDENT

Conduct that threatens, disparages, vilifies or insults another person on the basis of that person's race, religion, colour, descent or national or ethnic origin. This conduct must take place between players and or officials of the School Sport Australia Championships and does not exclude incidents off the playing arena.



#### 2. RESOLUTION

The States/Territories and individuals concerned will take immediate action to resolve the matter. This process **MUST** be in camera and no public statement is allowed by the States/Territories, players or any representative of the states/territories involved.



#### 3. A COMPLAINT

This can be made by School Sport Australia, States/Territories, umpire or a player. It must be lodged with the National Secretary or Championship Convenor within 2 hours of the completion of the game involving the incident.



#### 4. CONCILIATION

Refers the matter to conciliation, to be resolved as soon as possible. The players or officials meet with States/Territories representatives. The complaint is heard in camera.



#### 5. DECISION

If the State/Territory decides: Is the Conciliation successful?



**YES**



**NO**



#### 6 TRIBUNAL

The Tribunal to make a determination on the matter in accordance with the guidelines set out.



#### 7. COMPLAINT RESOLVED

Luke Soulos,  
National Secretary, Australian Football,  
**5 November 2011**