

SCHOOL SPORT AUSTRALIA

PRIMARY

BOYS AND GIRLS 12 YRS & UNDER FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP RULES

1. These rules are to be read in conjunction with the School Sport Australia General Championship Rules.
2. Unless otherwise stated FIFA rules shall apply.
3. Squads shall be limited to a maximum of fifteen (15) players.
4. The host state must provide a qualified referee and two (2) assistant referees for matches. Under no circumstances are parents of participating players allowed to be officials. Each state/territory is encouraged to bring two (2) student referees should the event be a combined primary/secondary event, and one (1) student referee should the Championship be run separately.
5. Should weather prevent the completion of the Championship then the state leading the Championship shall be declared the winner.
6. **Duration of Matches**

All matches will be played with 25 minutes each half, stoppage time being added on. There will be a 5 minute half time break.

Competition matches should only be scheduled Monday to Friday and not weekends.
7. A size 4 soccer ball shall be used.
8. Corner kicks shall be taken eight (8) metres from the penalty area if the touchline is greater than eight (8) metres from the penalty area. The mark for corner kicks shall be defined.
9. **Coaching**

Coaches are permitted to coach during the game from the technical area and must abide by School Sport Australia's Code of Conduct.
10. **Interchange**
 - (a) Each team may make unlimited interchange.
 - (b) Interchange shall take place on the side line at the half way line for injuries or when the ball is out of play over the side line or the goal line.
 - (c) Stoppage time shall be allocated for injury.
 - (d) The player coming off must be off the field before the replacing player takes the field as defined in FIFA laws.
11. Written protests must be lodged with the Championship Convener within one (1) hour of the completion of the match (fifteen (15) minutes within the completion of the final match) and shall be dealt with by a conference chaired by the Championship Convener, the National Secretary (if in attendance) and one team official from each participating state. Each state shall be allowed one (1) vote.

12. (a) At the pre-Championship meeting, a Judiciary of three (3) under the Chair of the Championship Convener shall be appointed.
- (b) Any player cautioned three times during the Championship, or sent off, shall be dealt with by the Judiciary as soon as possible. If possible, the relevant referee shall attend.
- (c) The Judiciary shall have the power to impose a suspension of one or more games on any player dealt with under Rule 12(b).

13. **Points Scoring**

- (a) Win - 4 points
Draw - 2 points
Loss - 1 point

- (b) In the event of a draw in the play-off game, joint placings shall be declared.

14. **Game Draw**

- (a) The Championship shall be conducted in accordance with the School Sport Australia General Championship Rules.

- (b) Where there are six (6) or fewer competing teams the Championship will consist of a Single Round Robin and Pool matches. (All teams play each other to determine two (2) pools. Pool games – each team plays each other team within the pool.)
The pools are to be arranged at the completion of the Round Robin matches. Pool A to be teams placed 1, 2 and 3. Pool B to be teams placed 4, 5 and 6.

Points are to carry through into the Pool matches.

Championship positions (i.e. 1st, 2nd and 3rd) will come from Pool A. Should teams be equal on points at the end of the Round Robin, Pool rankings will be determined as follows:

- The winner when the teams met in the Round Robin will be determined to be in Pool A.
- In the event of the teams finishing equal on points during the Round Robin or where there are more than two teams on equal points, places will be determined in the following manner:
 - i) if one state was the winner during the Round Robin, that state is placed higher.
 - ii) if the Round Robin result was a draw, the state with the superior goal difference is placed higher.
 - iii) if this is the same, the state scoring the most number of goals is placed higher.
 - iv) if this is equal, the Championship Convener will organise the drawing of lots to determine the higher placing.

In (ii) and (iii) above, for positions 1-4, only those goals scored in games contested by the top four teams will apply.

School Sport Australia medals are awarded to Pool A teams only.

- (c) Where there are seven (7) or eight (8) competing teams, the Championship shall consist of a single Round Robin.
- (d) No teams to be scheduled to play more than two (2) full games in any one day.
- (e) There should be at least a period of one (1) hour between consecutive matches.
- (f) The host state will organise appropriate skill/ player development sessions for all participating states.
- (g) At the end of the competition, where two (2) or more teams finish on equal points, joint places will be declared.

15. **Invitation Teams**
- i) Invitational teams shall only be included in order to eliminate a bye.
 - ii) When an invitational team is included to eliminate a bye the host state shall decide whether to include a second host state team or invite another competing state team to supply a second team in the Championship.
16. The host state must advise the dimensions of the fields to all competing states in the information bulletins sent to all states and territories as soon as these dimensions are known.
17. It is strongly recommended that the host state submits a ground report which includes pitch dimensions, surface and state of ground. This should be included in the first information bulletin.
18. Where possible, water and ice containers should be provided in central locations for easy access.
19. Sports trainers – it is recommended that a minimum of 2 sports trainers be available at the venue.

**SCHOOL SPORT AUSTRALIA
SERVICE AWARD RECIPIENTS**

NAME	STATE	YEAR
John Barlow	SA	2003
Greg Voss	NSW	2004
John Marciniak	SA	2009

**SCHOOL SPORT AUSTRALIA
ECLECTIC SERVICE AWARD RECIPIENTS**

NAME	STATE	YEAR	SPORTS
Annette Harasymiv	ACT	2004	Football / Cross Country
Pat Munn	NT	2006	Football / Hockey