

Tournament Terms and conditions

REGISTRATION

Teams

Once you have successfully registered in your desired tournament, a confirmation email will be sent to your team captain. It is the team captain's responsibility to check enrolment listed is correct and to inform the Tournament Management of any change needed. All correspondence regarding the tournament will be sent to the nominated team captain primarily through email. This can include updates, news and fixtures information. The team captain is responsible for all communications to their team members leading up to and for the duration of the tournament. All fixtures will be generated once final registrations have closed and team captains will be emailed as soon as possible and no less than 48 hours in advance of the tournament date. Should a change to the draw occur within 48 hours of the competition, the team captain will be notified via phone as well as email.

RULES

Sport-specific rules are available for each tournament on their respective webpage. All players have a responsibility to know and adhere to the rules. Any questions regarding the rules should be limited to prior to the commencement of games or during breaks considering the limited time slots for games.

If a player has a concern about a referee or official's calls, they may approach tournament management. These staff members can be identified as they wear a red Griffith Sport polo shirt. Tournament management will determine whether the rulings are fair and assist where needed. All rules made by officials and management are final.

PLAYER ELIGIBILITY

- All participating players must be fully registered with Griffith Sport by registering into their chosen tournament and team on the website. All team captains are responsible for ensuring that every team member is officially registered within their team prior to taking part in any tournament.
- Teams that play matches with players not registered against their online team roster will forfeit the game.
- All players must be appropriately signed in for every game prior to taking the field/court. This is achieved by signing in at the competition desk prior to the game. Photo ID may be required to confirm identity of players at the time of sign in.
- Players can only be registered with one team in each tournament.

Example 1: a player cannot play in two different Mixed Soccer teams within the tournament.

Example 2: a player CAN play in a Mixed Soccer team, and then play in a Mens Touch Football teams as this is a different tournament.

Breaches of these rules will result in a forfeit match for all offending teams. If there is more than one breach, all offending teams will be removed from the tournament. No refunds will occur.

Gender eligibility

Griffith Sport understands that gender diversity refers to a diverse range of gender expressions and identities and welcomes all persons to Griffith Sport events. Griffith Sport does recognise gender divisions endorsed by National Sporting Organisations, which may be as follows:

- Men's: participation is restricted to those who identify as male
- Women's: participation is restricted to those who identify as female
- Open: participation is unrestricted by gender
- Mixed: participation is restricted to the proportion of male and female students as prescribed in the rules of that particular sport.

Griffith Sport adopts National Sporting Organisation rules, regulations and policies in relation to gender where available and in line with anti-discrimination laws. Griffith Sport also takes into account International Olympic Committee guidelines when it comes to eligibility to compete in male and female competitions. It may be inappropriate to offer participation in all competitions where the strength, stamina or physique of competitors is relevant to a sport and on this basis a sport may not be open to all competitors. Griffith Sport will not restrict entry to sports except where strength, stamina or physique is relevant to the sport.

FINALS

- To be eligible to play in finals matches, players must be fully registered and have played at least half of the scheduled round matches for the team in question.
- In order to be officially recorded as playing in a match, the player must have signed in on the sign in sheet at the competition desk. Players must also be registered on the online team player roster as well. It is up to the team captain of each team to ensure all players sign in and are registered in order to meet this requirement come finals. These listed players will be the only players eligible to play in the final. No exceptions will be made and if found guilty of playing an ineligible player, the team will be disqualified and the next ranked team will take their place.

UNIFORMS

General uniform rules

- It is compulsory for all players to wear appropriate enclosed sports shoes. Prior to the commencement of the game, the referee shall inspect players' footwear to ensure that they are appropriate. If they are deemed not to be appropriate, the player will not be able to take the field.
- No player can take the court while wearing jewellery of any kind. This must be removed prior to the game. The referee will ask any player breaking this rule to remove the piece of jewellery before participating in the game.
- Long or sharp fingernails are to be trimmed or taped.

Sport-specific uniform rules also apply.

Soccer

- All participating players are to wear a set of matching playing tops with numbers on the back. Each player is to wear an identical coloured shirt and it **must** be numbered on the back at minimum of 15 cm high. Each player is required to wear the same number for the duration of the tournament.
- In sports where there is a goal keeper, this person must wear a different coloured top to that of the rest of the team. A bib of contrasting colour may be used if desired. Teams are expected to provide their own bib to use if this is the case.
- If there is a clash between teams, a set of bibs will be provided by Tournament Management to distinguish between both teams. These will need to be returned at the end of the game. Should they not be returned at the conclusion of the game, a \$50 fine will apply.

Breach of uniform rules

If a player on a team is not in an identical team uniform as per the rules with the correct numbers displayed on the back, one competition point will be deducted each match the team plays.

INJURY AND INSURANCE

A player may call for 'time' due to an injury or illness, although the decision to stop play shall be at the sole discretion of the Referee. If a player is injured, it is their or their team mates responsibility to immediately inform the Referee.

For a minor injury, the referee should send the injured player or a bystander to the tournament management for first aid treatment and to collect an Injury Report Form. The injury report form must be completed by the injured or another responsible person before they leave the venue for further treatment.

The referee can stop a game for any period of time to deal with an injury, time for medical emergencies will not be added on to the final half during round games. Should a medical emergency result in less than half the game being played then teams will receive two points each for a 1–1 draw.

For a medical emergency, the referee is to remain with the injured player and send somebody else to inform the tournament management of the emergency.

During time for injury, all players must remain on the field unless involved in a substitution. In the event that a player is bleeding, they must leave the field immediately and not return until the wound has been cleaned and all blood and blood stained items have been removed and covered.

More information regarding injury and insurance information can be found on the [injury and insurance information](#) page.

SAFETY RECOMMENDATIONS

All participants in any Griffith Sport Tournament play at their own risk. Griffith Sport recommends the use of approved injury-reduction items by players during matches.

Arm castes: Individuals are unable to participate in matches if they have a hard medical caste on any part of their body. If a player is unsure whether they will be allowed to take the field/court then contact Tournament Management at least one business day prior to the scheduled match. The match official's decision on game day is final if no confirmation has been sort by Tournament Management.

Glasses: Griffith Sport highly recommends any individuals with vision impairments refrain from wearing standard seeing glasses when participating in any sport competition. Contact lens or prescription sport glasses should be worn as an alternative to prevent injury if a player is struck in the face with a ball.

Jewellery: To prevent injury to oneself and others all jewellery must be removed prior to the commencement of any match. Jewellery includes but is not limited to: rings, watches, bands (including fitness devices), earrings, studs and other piercings. In approved circumstances ear or face studs and piercings can be properly covered instead of being removed. This permission should be sort prior to a match commencing by speaking to Tournament Management. Unless otherwise confirmed in writing prior to the match the referee has final discretion regarding the use or wearing of any forms of jewellery.

Fingernails: Fingernails that are of excessive length need to be cut prior to the commencement of a match so that the nail does not extend past the end of the finger. Approved playing gloves may be worn instead of having the nails trimmed.

Shin guards and pads: Griffith Sport recommends all participants wear shin guards or pads when playing in any soccer competition.

REFUNDS

Refunds are only available if requested at least five working days prior to a tournament's registration closing date at Griffith Sport's discretion. In order to apply for a refund, an individual or team must submit their case in writing via email to the Tournament Management, taking note of the time frame required. All refunds of this nature will require an administration fee deducted from any fees paid. After this time no refunds are available.

Should a tournament fail to go ahead at all due to limited number of registrations, Griffith Sport will contact all teams and advise of the steps required to get a full refund.

WET WEATHER

In the case of a tournament being rained out, team captains will be contacted by email and sms message. If no communication is received then the tournament will still be going ahead as scheduled.

Griffith Sport will aim to reschedule any rained-out tournaments, although we operate under strict time limitations. If there is an instance where we are unable to reschedule a tournament refunds will be offered to all registered teams.

MEDIA AND PUBLICATIONS

Griffith Sport participants consent to the use of their name, image, photographs, video and comments in any publications and marketing in relation to Griffith Sport by Griffith University.

PRIVACY STATEMENT

Griffith Sport collects, stores, and uses personal information only for the purposes of administering Griffith Sport programs and services. The information collected will not be disclosed to third parties without your consent, except to meet government, legal or other regulatory authority requirements. For further information, consult the [University's Privacy Plan](#).

CONDUCT OF PLAYERS AND TEAMS

This tournament is social and is conducted in a positive environment. All players and spectators must conduct themselves in a respectful, safe and appropriate manner.

Griffith Sport does not tolerate rough play, abusive or derogatory language, back chat, any negative behaviour or challenge to the referee's authority (or similar). Team captains must take responsibility for their teams and ensure all matches are contested in the spirit of the game. No player or spectator can be under the influence of alcohol or drugs whilst at the sporting venues. Such behaviour will result in immediate removal of offenders from the premises.

The referee is entitled to send off any player at any stage for any reason for any period of time if they feel it necessary to do so for player safety or their ability to effectively control the game. The decision regarding whether this player can be replaced during this time is at the discretion of the referee.

Dependant on the seriousness of the disciplinary breach, players may be penalised, sent off for a period of time (without being replaced), or sent off for the remainder of the match. A player sent off for the match can take no further part in that game or the remainder of the tournament. No substitute player is allowed to replace a player who is sent off in the game in which the dismissal occurred. The team of a player sent off from a match in such circumstances will also be deducted one (-1) competition point.

At the discretion of the Tournament Management and Griffith Sport Management, serious infringements by any player, team official or spectator will be further investigated in accordance with the Griffith Sport & Griffith University Policies.