
2024

FINAL SERIES

Rules and Regulations



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RULES FOR SEMI-FINALS, FINALS AND GRAND FINALS

COACHES AND MANAGERS

1. Each **Manager must wear their Manager's jacket** (Yellow vest), otherwise they will not be permitted inside the ropes/fences when the game is in progress.
2. Every member of each team of a Club shall wear the same Club colours and design (shorts, shirt and socks) as those registered, unless a colour clash occurs. In this case the team required to change strip is the one who last adopted the strip.

When two teams from the same Club are playing each other, the team finishing highest in the competition shall change colours.

3. The team finishing highest in the competition is classified as the home team.
4. Normal borrowing rules apply (SPL refer to By-Law D).
5. Coaching from the sidelines in all divisions Under 12 and older will only be permitted from the area within ten metres of the half way mark. Coaches are not permitted to move up and down the sidelines (coaching teams) whilst games are in play.

Should a coach cause persistent interference to the game, the Referee may stop play and request the Ground Controller to ask the coach to leave the field. Irrespective of age group, coaching from any point beyond the goal line is not permitted.

6. Injury time, as required, shall be played in each game.
7. If after the duration of normal playing time the score results in a draw, an extra ten (10) minutes each way will be played. In the Under 12 competitions, extra time shall be five (5) minutes each way.

If a draw still results the team higher in the competition table shall be the winner. SPL to refer to By-Law D.

At the conclusion of normal playing time with the score resulting in a draw, team captains will toss for ends/kick off. Both teams are entitled to five (5) minutes break prior to kick off for extra time. At half time in extra time teams will immediately change ends and the game re-commence.

8. Players registered in MiniRoo teams Under 10 and Under 11 age groups competing in Under 12 teams must be in possession of an ID card and show alongside their name on the match card their age group, listed division and ID number, subject to normal rules of Borrowing.

GROUND CONTROL

ALL FIELDS

1. Each Club having a ground or grounds in play must supply one Ground Controller for Ground Control Centre and one for each ground in operation. These persons must wear Ground Control jackets (Orange vest) at all times and should remain, whenever possible, within close proximity of their allocated ground or centre.

2. The Central Club Ground Controller must ensure:
 - a) That grounds are properly marked.
 - b) That nets, flags and sideline ropes are in position and suitable for the purpose.
 - c) That match sheets are available for matches.
 - d) Should ensure that match sheets are properly signed at the conclusion of the game.
 - e) For each match a club ground controller should introduce themselves to the match officials prior to the match, accompany them onto the field and indicate that they are the point of contact should the match officials require any assistance. If required, or appropriate to do so, they should also accompany the match official off the field at any intervals or the conclusion of play.

3. Each Club participating in a match must supply one person for additional Ground Control (note additional requirements for matches at Seymour Shaw 1, Kareela 2 & 3, and HDC). This person is responsible for the behaviour of their own spectators and must co-operate with the Club Ground Controllers and Game Officials at all times and wear a Ground Control jacket (Orange vest).

The name of each competing Club Ground Control nominee is to be printed on the match sheet in space provided on the same side as the team presented. Should only one team have complied after fifteen minutes following official starting time, the other team may be subject to forfeit.

4. It is the Central Club and Team Ground Control's duty to avoid unnecessary disturbances at grounds. Where incidents of this nature do occur, attempts must be made to settle the matter amicably. Where this is apparently unattainable, persons should be quietly requested to leave the ground. Should they refuse the Police should be called.

5. Ground Controllers should ensure that the only persons inside the ropes/ fences whilst games are in play are the players whose names appear on the match sheet, the Referee and Assistant Referees and the Coaches and Managers. All other persons should remain behind the ropes / boundary fence of the playing field whilst games are in progress.

GROUND CONTROL

SEYMOUR SHAW 1, KAREELA 2 & 3 and HARRIE DENING

1. Each Club participating in a Semi Final, Final or Grand Final match (the Finals Series) at Seymour Shaw 1, Kareela 2, Kareela 3 and Harrie Dening must supply **two** persons for additional Ground Control for the duration of their match. These individuals are responsible for the behaviour of their own spectators and must co-operate with the Central Ground Controllers at all times and **must** wear a Ground Control jacket (Orange vest). Team Ground Controller's will be spread evenly around the ground to ensure maximum visibility.

The **names** of each competing Teams Ground Control nominees are to be **printed on the back** of the match sheet on the same side as the team presented. Should only one team have complied after fifteen minutes following official starting time, the other team may be subject to forfeit.

A fine of \$100 will be levied for each Ground Controller that is not evident in an Orange Vest (and undertaking the required tasks).

2. It is the Team Ground Control's duty to avoid unnecessary disturbances at grounds. Where incidents of this nature do occur, attempts must be made to settle the matter amicably. Where this is apparently unattainable, persons should be quietly requested to leave the ground. Should they refuse the Police should be called.
3. Ground Controllers should ensure that the only persons inside the boundary fence of the playing field whilst games are in play are the players whose names appear on the match sheet, the Referee and Assistant Referees and the Coaches and Managers. All other persons should remain behind the boundary fence of playing field whilst games are in progress.
4. **NO ALCOHOL** is permitted to be brought into the ground or the vicinity of the ground on either Saturday or Sunday of the Finals Series. Any person deemed intoxicated will be denied entry to the Ground.
5. In addition, Saturdays at Seymour Shaw 1 have been declared **ALCOHOL FREE**. Any alcohol located within the confines of the grounds will be confiscated and those persons responsible will be asked to leave.
6. Any team or Club that is unwilling or unable to comply with the above requirements will run the risk of any subsequent matches being rescheduled to an alternative field (both in 2024 and beyond).

Finals Criteria for Use

KAREELA 2 AND 3

Before matches begin

- 🔊 The first teams scheduled for the day are required to set up the field (both teams should assist in this regard),
 - Set up Goal posts
 - Put up corner flags and halfway flags (stored at Kirrawee Clubhouse or in the locked enclosure)
 - Put out Garbage Bins
 - Check surface for any debris or damage
- 🔊 Teams to locate and complete the match sheets (bring a blank match sheet just in case).
- 🔊 Teams (players and officials) to use the western side of the fields (i.e. nearer to Harrie Denning Centre) for the Technical area. That is, the Technical Area is not to be situated on the car park side of the fields.

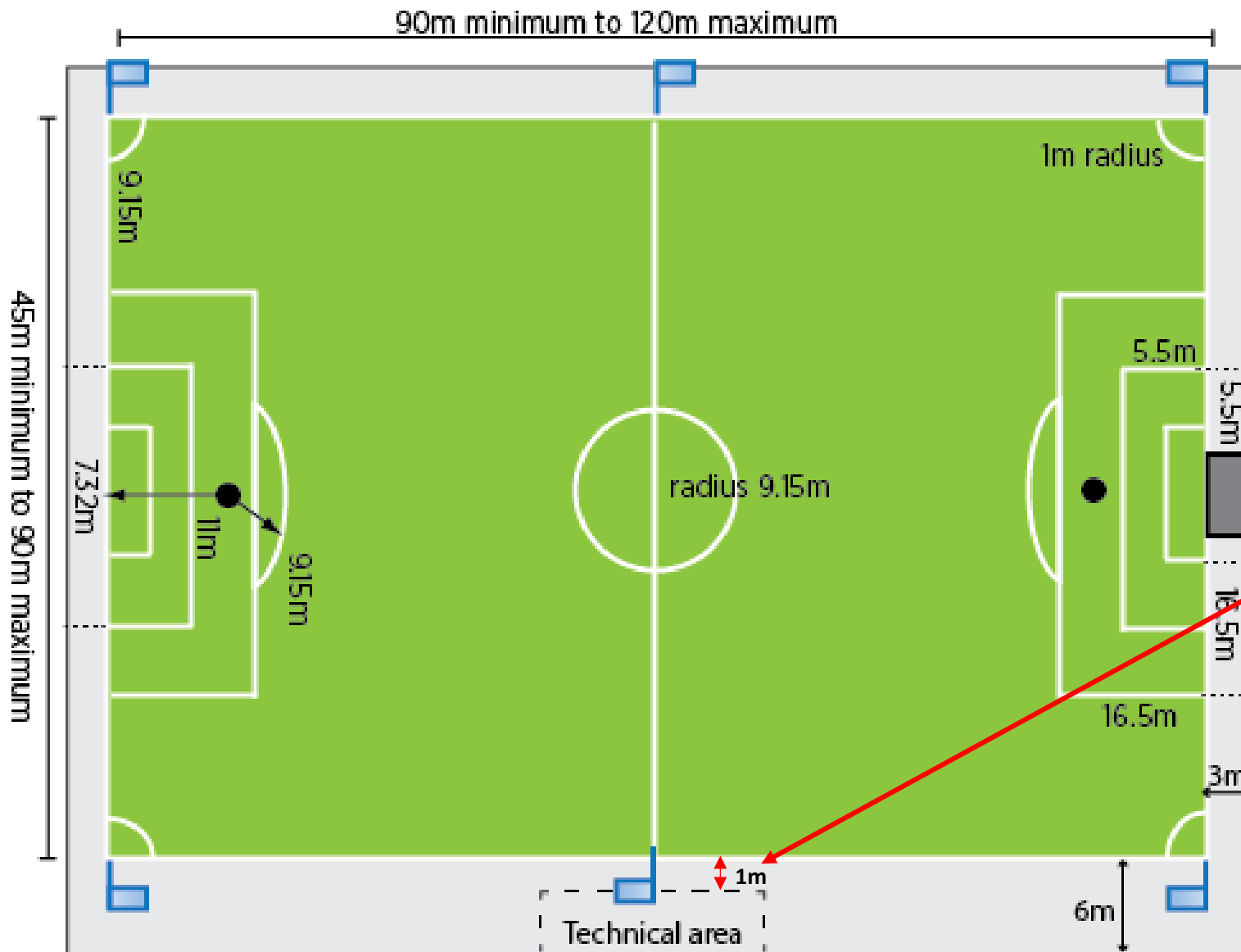
After Matches are finished

- 🔊 Last teams scheduled for the day are required to pack up the field:
 - Take down goal posts and store in enclosure (leave the nets attached)
 - only two goals are permitted on the trolley at a time (again, both teams should assist in this regard),
 - remove flags and store in the fenced off enclosure
 - Clear up any litter and leave oval tidy
 - Ensure garbage bins are placed outside the perimeter fence
- 🔊 The completed match sheet is to be placed in the blue letter box at the entrance to Harrie Denning Centre, Bates Drive Kareela

During the matches

- 🔊 Each team is to provide two (2) people for Ground Control per match (wearing Orange Jackets) - to undertake normal ground control duties (as specified in SSFA Rule 30D) and to ensure the below requirements are satisfied,
- 🔊 The team's coaches and managers cannot be regarded as Officials for this purpose,
- 🔊 No food/ sports drinks/ chewing gum/ alcohol/ smoking is allowed inside the perimeter fence,
- 🔊 No Spectators are permitted inside the perimeter fence (players, team officials and match officials only are allowed)
- 🔊 Ground Controllers should ensure that the only persons inside the boundary fence of the playing field whilst games are in play are the players whose names appear on the match sheet, the Referee and Assistant Referees and the Coaches and Managers and Ground Controllers. All other persons should remain behind the boundary fence of playing field whilst games are in progress.

FOOTBALL PITCH MARKINGS



the SSFRA requests Club's assistance in marking the Technical Area 1 metre (or 1 yard) AWAY from the touch line

This will enable the AR's to have an unimpeded view of the touch line and assist them enormously in their role of signalling ball in/out.

UNIFORM CLASHES

Alternative Strip Requirement

All teams must bring an alternative strip that will not clash with their opponent's colours when playing against any opposition. Team managers and coaches must ensure their teams are informed and prepared accordingly.

Same Club Matches:

Rule 2.C: When two teams from the same club play each other, the team designated as the "home" team shall change colours.

Home Team Classification in Finals:

Rule 23.A: For Semi-Finals, Finals, and Grand Finals, the team finishing highest in the competition is classified as the home team.

2024 Uniform Clashes

- 🔊 Kirrawee and Redbacks. Kirrawee to change.
- 🔊 Georges River and Como. Georges River to change.
- 🔊 Marton and Nth Sutherland. Nth Sutherland to change
- 🔊 Marton and Bosco. Bosco to change
- 🔊 Grays Point and Bangor. Grays Point to change.
- 🔊 Gymea and Bangor. Gymea to change.
- 🔊 Lilli Pilli and Sylvania. Sylvania to change
- 🔊 Loftus and Redbacks. Loftus to change.

Green By Nature SPL competition

Some teams in the SPL may wear a different strip from their standard club strip, so the usual list may not apply.

- 🔊 The team listed as the Home Team in the SPL Finals series will need to change uniforms if there's a clash. The Home Team is the one finishing highest in the competition.
- 🔊 Each SPL team is asked to bring an alternate strip to the ground as a precaution.

APPENDIX

(Please note the below information is an extraction from the Sutherland Shire Football Association Rules Book and By-laws 2024)

SEMI FINALS, FINALS AND GRAND FINALS

22. SEMI-FINALISTS

In the event of teams finishing level in 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th position on the completion of the competition rounds, their position on the competition points table shall be determined on “goal difference”.

Note: See Rule 21. for Goal Difference.

23. SEMI-FINALS, FINALS AND GRAND FINALS (Also refer to By-Law D)

- A. The team finishing highest in the competition is classified as the home team.
- B. Each Club participating in a match must supply one person for additional Ground Control. This person is responsible for the behaviour of their own spectators and must co-operate with the Club Ground Controllers at all times and must wear a Orange Ground Control Jacket. Jackets to be collected from Ground Control and returned to Ground Control after the match.

The name of each competing Club Ground Control nominee is to be printed on the bottom of the match sheet on the same side as the team represented.

- C. Injury time shall be played in each game.
- D. Normal borrowing rules apply as per Rule 16.

E. Semi-Finals

At the end of the second round of the competition or on the date the E.C. rules that the competition shall end, the first four teams on a point score basis shall play semi-finals in which the leading team shall play the second placed team in the major semi-final and the third team shall play the fourth placed team in the minor semi-final. (See Rule 22.)

F. Finals

The loser of the major semi-final shall play the winner of the minor semi-final.

G. Grand Finals

The winner of the major semi-final shall play the winner of the final, with the winner of this match becoming the winner of the competition.

24. EXTRA TIME (Also refer to By-Law D)

If after the duration of the time (see Rule 11.) in a semi-final, final or grand final, the score results in a draw, an extra ten (10) minutes each way will be played. In the Under 12 competitions, extra time shall be five (5) minutes each way. If a draw still results, the team higher in the competition table shall be the winner.

AWARDING OF TROPHIES

25. AWARDING OF TROPHIES (Also refer to By-Law D)

A. Competition Trophies and Awards

- (a) Individual trophies will be awarded to each member of both teams participating in the Grand Final of all divisions – Winners and Runners Up.
- (b) In the event of a Minor Premier not participating in a grand final, a trophy shall be awarded to each member of the team.
- (c) Encouragement Award trophies to be awarded to teams up to and including Under 16. The Encouragement Awards shall be determined in accordance with Rule 25. C (a) to (e) where possible.
- (d) The Association will at its cost, provide up to sixteen (16) trophies per team. Clubs shall be responsible for the cost of any additional trophies.
- (e) No trophies will be given in Under 6 to Under 11 divisions.

B. Perpetual Trophies

- (a) The Harrie Denning Cup will be awarded to the champion Club participating in the PLM and PLR Competitions.
- (b) The Sutherland Association Cup will be awarded to the champion Club participating in Amateur League 3, 4, 5, 6 etc. Competitions.

- (c) The Stan Ellis Cup will be awarded to the champion Club participating in Senior Women's, Over 30 and Over 40 Women Competitions.
- (d) The Rick Napier and Andy Page Memorial Shield will be awarded to the champion Club participating in Over 35 and Over 45 Competitions.
- (e) The Bill McIlveen Memorial Junior Men's Champions Cup will be awarded to the champion Club participating in Under 12 to Under 21 Competitions.
- (f) The Sue Holloway Memorial Junior Women's Champions Cup will be awarded to the champion Club participating in Under 12 to Under 21 Women Competitions.
- (g) The Bill Charlton Fair Play Award shall be nominated by clubs and voted on by the E.C. Nominations can be for players, teams, referees, officials, clubs or anyone associated or affiliated with the SSFA. The nominee needs to have shown an act of fair play or goodwill during the season which stood out to the nominating club. One nomination only per club is allowed. Clubs may nominate themselves or a person from their own club. However, the preference is for the nominee not to be associated with that club.
- (h) Method of determining the winning Club for The Harrie Denning Cup, The Sutherland Association Cup, The Stan Ellis Cup, The Rick Napier and Andy Page Memorial Shield and the Bill McIlveen Memorial Junior Men's and Sue Holloway Memorial Junior Women's Championship Cups:

Points for Trophy:

(Total No. of games played) x (total number of points won)

(Total No. of teams) x (Total No. of Teams + 1)

The Club with the highest total after the above calculation will be declared the winner of The Harrie Denning Cup, The Sutherland Association Cup, The Stan Ellis Cup and The Rick Napier, Andy Page Memorial Shield and the Bill McIlveen Memorial Junior Men's and Sue Holloway Memorial Junior Women's Championship Cups.

- (i) The named perpetual trophies listed in Rule 25. B. (a) to (f) will be presented to the winning Clubs at the Association's Annual Dinner but will be retained by the Association and placed on display at the Harrie Denning Football Centre building. Clubs will be presented with an appropriate award to retain as their permanent record of the event.

C. Encouragement Awards

- (a) Trophies shall be awarded to members of the MOST IMPROVED TEAMS in each division, from U12 up to and including U16. These shall be determined by subtracting the first round competition points from the second round competition points and dividing by the first round competition points prior to converting to percentage terms. Should a team be on 0 points after the first round, this will be adjusted to 1 point for calculation purposes. The team showing the most positive percentage increase shall receive the award. If this team are the minor premiers, the award will go to the next best placed team.
- (b) If two or more teams have equal positive results the winner of the award shall be such of these teams with the best positive improvement in goal difference, e.g. a team with 10 goals for and 20 goals against in the first round games will have a goal difference of -10, should it in the second round games score 15 goals for and concede 20 goals against, it will have a goal difference of -5 for that round. The improvement for that team will be +5. Where the teams concerned each have a negative result comparing the difference, the winner will be the team with the least negative result. Where all results are still equal, the team with the best positive improvement in goals "for" difference shall be declared the winner.
- (c) Where more than two rounds are played, the competition points of the first and second rounds will be compared with the competition points of the second and third rounds.
- (d) In a 6 or 8 team competition, the half round shall be disregarded and the rules as paragraph (a) above shall apply.
- (e) Teams promoted and downgraded shall have the points referred to in Rule 20. E used as the basis of Improvers Points.



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