



HAVE FUN AND PLAY BY THE RULES

Organisers want everyone to have fun and play by the rules at the Multicultural Soccer Carnival at Naracoorte on Saturday 5th November.

The rules are:

- where the rules of competition are silent, FIFA Rules apply.
- Teams will be made up of a maximum of seven (7) players on the field of play at one time, a minimum of five (5) players are required. If a team cannot field a minimum of five players then players from another team may make up the numbers with the agreement of both teams/coaches.
- Kick off times are absolute - the tournament is run on a very tight schedule. Referees will start their watches at the designated kick off time and any delay will be deducted from game time. If a team does not have a minimum of five players ready five minutes after kick-off time a 3-0 win will be awarded to the other team. If neither team is ready by five minutes after the designated kick off time the game will be abandoned, and no points awarded. Teams are strongly advised to thoroughly check their kick off times and relevant field of play.
- The field of play will be marked out within half a normal sized pitch. Cones will mark some lines where necessary.
- All matches will comprise 2 X 12.5-minute halves and a two-minute turn around at half time. There is no stoppage time.
- Shin pads are compulsory. All jewellery must be removed.
- There is no offside rule. '*Camping out*' - i.e., consistently playing ahead of the ball close to the opponent's goal - will be discouraged and will be monitored by referees.
- All free kicks are direct. Opposition players must stand at least three (3) metres from any free kick.
- Penalty kicks will be taken eight (8) metres from the goal line.

- Substitutions are '*interchange*'. Substitutions must only be made when the ball is out of play and with the verbal permission of the referee.
- There are no throw-ins. The team who would normally take a throw-in will place the ball where it left the field of play and kick the ball back into play. The ball must be stationary before it is kicked.
- All opposing team members must stay at least three (3) metres from where the kick-in takes place. A goal may be scored from a kick-in.
- Where the ball goes out of play for a goal kick the goalkeeper may return the ball into play by a kick off the ground, a kick from their hands or by throwing the ball. A goal may be scored direct from any of these disposals.
- Minimal contact is allowed in any tackle from behind. Referees will apply discretion with a strong focus on player safety.
- Ladder rankings will be based on points (win = 3, draw = 1, loss = 0). In the event of teams having the same number of points at the end of the group stage, ladder positions will be determined by:
 1. Goal difference
 2. Most goals scored
 3. Coin toss
- Players receiving a red card (either direct red or two yellow cards) are ineligible for their team's following game. Any offence of violent conduct will be reviewed by the Game Coordinator in consultation with the referee and greater sanctions may apply. Red card penalties carry through the round robin and into the grand final.

Remember- the referees are human, the volunteers are unpaid, and you are not playing in the World Cup!

Have fun!