

# PORT MACQUARIE UNITED SOCCER CLUB

## 6 A SIDE RULES 2024

The normal FIFA rules of soccer shall apply except in the following situations.

### TEAMS

- Each team may nominate no more than 11 players. Teams cannot take the field with less than 4 players.
- Teams can only field 6 players on the field at one time, however, each team are allowed 4 players who are allowed to interchange during the game.
- Ten (10) players only per team per game.
- In mixed comp each team must have a minimum of four (4) players registered in team and must field at least two (2) females on field at all times
- **Registration Fee must be paid before Friday 4 October (the Friday prior to the 1<sup>st</sup> game of the competition).**

### REFEREES

- Port United will appoint referees to all games. There will no longer be duty referees provided by each team.
- Port United will encourage qualified referees and experience players to apply to be referees.
- Port United will appoint referees to games as it sees fit.
- These referees will be paid \$20 per match.

### PLAYER ELIGIBILITY

- A player may be entered in only one team in each competition. An over 35 male can play both 35s and opens and mixed. Males can play open and mixed. Women can play women's comp and mixed
- Male and Female players must be at least 15 years of age.
- Replacement players may be added to a team only with permission of the organising committee.

### PLAYER REGISTRATION

- All players will be required to register via the playfootball website ([www.playfootball.com.au](http://www.playfootball.com.au)).

### TEAM SHEETS

- Each team must submit completed & signed team sheet on or before registration night.
- Teams limited to eleven (11) players in its squad.

### PLAYER IDENTIFICATION

- Player's shirt numbers must correspond to the number on the team sheet.
- In the event of a clash of colours the second team on the draw will change strips.
- If a colour clash in semi finals of finals, both teams will change to avoid any advantage to either team.

### FOOTWEAR/ SHINPADS

- All players must wear approved shinpads & footwear. Grass Sport or Joggers – NO STUDS or BLADES

### DURATION OF GAMES

- Games will be played in 18-minute halves with no half time break.
- No injury time will be played except in finals at the discretion of the referee and Organisers.
- Teams not ready to start at designated time will be allowed 5 minutes to commence game with min. 4 players. If after this time the offending team will forfeit the match to the opposing team and if ready to play will record a 3-0 win.

### FREE KICKS

- All free kicks will be direct free kicks. Direct free kicks to be taken in accordance with FIFA rules except that the offending team will be no nearer than 3 metres to the ball.
- Any free kick awarded to the defending side within the penalty area will be taken from where the offence occurred. A free kick awarded to the attacking team within the penalty area will be taken from penalty spot.

### GOAL KICKS, CORNER KICKS & THROW INS

- Goal kicks can be taken anywhere along the goal line within the penalty area.
- Corner kicks will be taken at designated spot. A goal **can** be scored direct from a corner kick.
- Kicks ins are to be taken in the place of throw ins. Goals **cannot** be scored direct from a kick in

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**SUBSTITUTIONS**

- Unlimited interchange will be in place for the competition. Interchange can be made at any time during a game but only after the player to be subbed leaves the field at the designated interchange area. (Clearly marked at half way line)
- Any breach of this rule will see the offending side penalised with a free kick awarded to the opposition. Teams must notify the referee and wait for a stoppage in play before making the change of a goalkeeper.
- Only the 4 interchange players are allowed to be within the interchange area.

**GOALKEEPERS**

In addition to rule regarding substitution / interchange of goalkeepers.

- Goalkeepers must wear a strip to distinguish them from both teams.
- When a goalkeeper comes into possession (as per FIFA rules) they can only release the ball into play by throwing it or if ball is on the ground they may then kick the ball into play.

**(No punt kicks or drop kicks allowed)**

FIFA rules apply - back pass rule & 6 second in possession rule.

**PLAYER FOULS , CAUTIONS AND SEND OFFS**

- A player who is sent off for serious foul play, violent conduct, foul or abusive language or persistent misconduct shall leave the field immediately and take no further part in that match.
- Another player cannot substitute a player sent off. Players receiving Red cards will also receive an automatic One (1) match suspension which is to be the next match the player's team is drawn to play. In addition, if directed the player may be called to appear before the Discipline Committee to incur further penalty if determined by Discipline Committee.
- The Referee may also use a sin bin at his discretion. The Referee will **not nominate the period of time** for sin bin and will call the player back onto field when time has lapsed.
- A player cannot be substituted while in the sin bin. Referees discretion applies
- **If a player is sent off during sudden death extra time no substitution of sent off player is allowed. Offending player's team will continue to drop off and remain with one less player.**

**POINTS SYSTEM & DETERMINING WINNERS**

- Competition Rounds- 3 Points for a win, 2 Point for a draw, 1 Points for a loss
- Semi Finals / Finals – all games must have a result
- At the completion of a Semi Final or Final the score is a draw –
  - 10 minutes sudden death extra time will be played (first scorer wins)
    - A drop off system will be used during extra time.
    - Teams select six players to take part in extra time – no interchange allowed
    - At two (2) minute intervals a siren will sound and the Referee will stop play until a player from each side leaves the field of play.
    - Play restarts with a drop ball at the point of the stoppage.
    - If a team has less than it's six players to start extra time they are to drop off at first interval and at following interval.
  - If still drawn after sudden death extra time –
    - A penalty shootout will take place to break the deadlock.
    - Penalty takers must have taken part in extra time.

**AUTHORITY**

- In all cases the Referee's decision is final and the only appeal that may be considered will be for a case of mistaken identity.
- Dissention to rulings will not be tolerated and an automatic sin bin may result.

**RESPONSIBILITY**

- Each player who undertakes to play in the six a side competition organised by the Port Macquarie United Soccer club, acknowledges by their signature on the team nomination form that they will abide by the rules of play as set out previously.
- Port Macquarie United S.C. through N.N.S.W. Soccer federation will arrange player insurance for this competition.

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**ORGANISATION**

- The overall authority is the committee of the Port Macquarie United S.C. and its organising committee. The Disciplinary Committee will consist of the above committee and referees.
- Refereeing is under the full authority of the committee of the Port Macquarie United S.C. and its organising committee.

**GENERAL**

- The aim of this competition is to allow you the player a chance to get on the field to have some fun and enjoy yourself. Port Macquarie United S.C. asks for help from everyone to assist referee's and to provide good, clean, enjoyable soccer for all that participate.

**SPECIAL NOTICE**

- We are very conscious of the danger of broken glass and do not allow any glass bottles to be brought to Dixie Park.(Hastings Council - Parks & Garden Regulations)
- We appreciate your co-operation with the **NO GLASS ALLOWED** policy.