

COMPETITION RULES

Sutherland Shire Football Association (SSFA) competition rules are available to download from the SSFA website. www.shirefootball.com

COMMON RULE REFERENCES

There are some rules referred to commonly during the season. Below is an explanation of each:

Match Sheets cards

- Ensure that ID numbers for ALL players are entered on the match sheet card and sighted on the field BEFORE each game (\$200 fine if this isn't done)
- Teams U13 upwards must have a shirt number shown on match sheet card
- Any borrowed player must have ID number, age, grade and shirt no. (if applicable) put on the match sheet card
- Borrowed players from U10 upwards must sign the match sheet card
- After the game, verify the result entered by the referee, tick the appropriate boxes and sign the match sheet card.

Match balls

- Make sure your match ball is of correct size and properly inflated. Failure to take it to the game incurs a \$50 fine.

Borrowing players

- A player may play in a higher age group team with the following conditions:
 - Not more than 2 yrs above for U6 to U10 inclusive
 - Not more then 2 3 yrs above for U11 to U2114 inclusive
 - Twice only during the season - the third time automatically makes him/her a listed member of that team
 - With the exception of 'A' grade players, a player may play in a higher age group but one lower division. For example, 14B to 15C or 10B to 11C.
 - No more than two (2) of these players can play in any one game
 - These players must only be used to bring a team to 11 on the match sheet card.
- Seven (7) listed players from your team must be on the field at all times or the game will be forfeited.
- A player whose name appears on the match sheet card is deemed to have played in that match. Be sure to remove any borrowed players from the match sheet card if they did not play.

Under 6, 7, 8, 9,10 and 11

- may be borrowed up and down within their own age group without restriction

Under 11 To Under 21

- No player from Under 11 to Under 16 age divisions may be borrowed to play in an age division more than two (2) years older than the age division of their registered team.
- Under 15 players may only be borrowed to play in Under 15 and 16 age divisions but NOT Under 18 or older.
- Under 16 players may only be borrowed to play in Under 16 and Under 18 divisions but NOT Under 21 or older.
- Borrowing players between teams in the same grade of any age division is not permitted. For example A/1 to A/2, C/1 to C/2, AL1/1 to AL1/2, SWB/1 to SWB/2

Rules For Senior Men's Divisions Only

- No registered senior player shall play in lower Amateur League grades or in any Junior grade teams.

Borrowing from Junior Men's Teams to Senior Teams

- Registered players of 18A and 21A grade teams shall only be permitted to play in Amateur League 1, 2, 3 grades.
- Registered players of 18B and 21B grade teams shall only be permitted to play in Amateur League grades AL1 to AL6.
- Registered players of 18C or lower and 21C or lower grade teams shall be permitted to play in any Amateur League grade team.

Borrowing Between AL, Over 35 and Over 45

- 35A players to be able to play AL1 to AL4;
- 35B players AL1 to AL6;
- 35C players AL1 to AL8; and
- 35D and below to play in any grade.
- Over 45 players are eligible to substitute in any All Age or Over 35 grade.
- Players in AL teams are not permitted to play in any Over 35 or over 45 teams. This includes players who have been transferred from Over 35 to AL during the season.

Rules For Women's Divisions Only

Borrowing from Junior Women's Teams to Senior Teams

- Registered player in Under 18 and Under 21 Women's 'A' Competitions shall only be permitted to play in Senior Women's 'A' and 'B' grades.
- Registered players in Under 18B and Under 21B Women's Competitions shall only be permitted to play in Senior Women's 'D' and higher grades.
- Registered players in Under 18C and Under 21C Women's Competitions can play in all grades of Senior Women's Competitions.
- If there is only one division of 18 Women or 21 Women (no grades) these players can be borrowed by any grade of Senior Women but ONLY TWO (2) PLAYERS PER GAME IN THIS CATEGORY MAY BE BORROWED IN TEAMS SWC GRADE AND LOWER.

Borrowing for Over 30 Women's Teams

- Players in over 30 Women's teams graded 'A' may only play in Senior Women's 'A' and 'B' grade teams.
- Players in Over 30 Women's teams graded 'B' or lower may play in any grade of Senior Women's teams.
- Players registered in Senior Women's teams are not permitted to play in any Over 30 Women's teams. This includes players who have been transferred from Over 30 to SW during the season.
- Borrowing players between teams in the same grade of any age division is not permitted. For example A/1 to A/2, C/1 to C/2, AL1/1 to AL1/2, SWB/1 to SWB/2

Team size and interchange

- Sixteen (16) players can take part in a full field game, with unlimited interchange permissible in all age groups (when the ball is out of play).
- The name and team age division and grade of ALL players borrowed from other teams for a match must be shown under the team listing on the Match Sheet.
- Any team may borrow up to a maximum of four (4) players for any one match.
- A player may be promoted by borrowing in age group or division at any time and return to their original age group or division without penalty provided the Players registered to play in an 'A' grade team or an Amateur League 1 team must play 'A' grade or AL1 grade respectively.