Suburbs Summer Shield – Rules & Regulations

Standard football rules apply, except/including the following:

Games will be strictly 5v5 or 7v7 as per the listed format (see here)

- Maximum 2 rolling substitutes for 5-aside
- Maximum 3 rolling substitutes for 7-aside

Two 19-minute halves, with 2-minutes for half time, will be signalled by a bell.

Games must start and finish on time, with no additional time to be played.

All games will have referees where possible. These referees are part of the club's Referee Development Programme and are LEARNING. Any player, team official, or spectator who uses abusive or insulting gestures or language towards a match official will be removed from the competition.

1/8 Pitch Games

- No goal keepers
- When the ball goes out, players should kick the ball back in to play (i.e. no throw ins)
- Goal kicks and corners can be taken if the ball goes out over the goal line
- Players must be at least 5 metres away from any restart of play
- Yellow and red cards will not be used, but a team may be asked to substitute a player if they need to take some time to calm down – this can be used for all behavioural issues including but not limited to hitting, pushing, kicking, abuse by word or gesture, or a foul that endangers another person
- If a team is awarded a foul by the referee it does not necessarily mean that somebody needs to be substituted; this is at the discretion of the referee, with the intention to let people play where safe to do so

1/6 Pitch Games

- No goal keepers
- Half-way is used as the "retreating line", where players must "retreat" behind half way to allow the team in possession to play out from a goal kick
- Players must be at least 5 metres away from any restart of play (i.e. kick off, throw in, goal kick, corner, free kick)
- Yellow and red cards will not be used, but a team may be asked to substitute a player if they need to take some time to calm down – this can be used for all behavioural issues including but not limited to hitting, pushing, kicking, abuse by word or gesture, or a foul that endangers another person
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1/4 Pitch Games

- Goal keepers permitted, but cannot drop-kick the ball from their hands
- Offsides are in use, but should only be penalised when blatant and intentional, or heavily impacts play
- Players must be at least 5 metres away from any restart of play (i.e. kick off, throw in, goal kick, corner, free kick)
- Yellow and red cards may be used at the discretion of the referee. Team's may also be asked to substitute a player if they need to take some time to calm down – this can be used for all behavioural issues including but not limited to hitting, pushing, kicking, abuse by word or gesture, or a foul that endangers another person
- Yellow and red cards will have no monetary fine attached, however:
    - If a player receives 2x yellow cards (and therefore a 'red' card) during a single game then they will be required to leave the field of play
    - If a player receives a direct red card then they will be required to leave the field of play
    - All red cards will be reported to the club, and pending the offence the player may be required to stand down from the next game
    - If a player receives a red card during the game they are not permitted to return to the field of play, however the team may replace them with another player after a 2-minute period

1/2 Pitch Games

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