

Mosman FC

5-a-side Summer Series 2010 v1

By-Laws and Guidelines for
Players, Coaches and Managers

Overview Playing Principles for Mosman FC 5-a-side Competition

1. The primary goal of the MFC 5 a side competition is for all participants to have fun and enjoy their football. While healthy competition is fine, dangerous, aggressive or unsporting play is not.
2. Five-a-side is a non-contact sport. Rough challenges will attract free kicks, yellow/red cards, and suspensions. Sliding tackles are NOT allowed
3. Only players registered in the Mosman FC Five-a-Side Competition (which includes paying all registration fees) are permitted to play. Any team found to be playing an unregistered player shall forfeit that match, forfeit at least ½ of all accrued competition points and be fined \$100.
4. Team sheets must be completed before the start of the match. Teams must have a minimum of four players present for the match to commence.
5. During matches, all players must wear:
 - Matching kit or bibs. If, at the referee's discretion, there is a clash then bibs will be required.
 - Approved shin guards
 - Shoes – Strictly NO studs allowed. Moulded football boots (recommended) or trainers /sand shoes permitted.
6. In the case of wet weather, check the Mosman Council Wet Weather Line 02 9978 4136 to determine whether the field is available for play. In the event of wash-out days no points will be awarded to any of the groups due to play that day.
7. Only five players may be on the field at any time. Substitutes may be interchanged an unlimited number of times during a break in play. Substitutes of field players are permitted at any time. Substitutes of goalkeepers are only permitted at half time, unless there is an injury.
8. There is no off-side, but persistent offside positioning will be discouraged by the referee
9. All free kicks outside the penalty area shall be indirect.
10. All free kicks inside the penalty area shall be penalty kicks. Penalties shall be taken from :
 - (U/10, U/12) the edge of the penalty area directly in front of the goals
 - (U/16+) five metres from the goal line directly in front of the goals
11. There are no throws-ins. The ball must be placed on the line and kicked in.
12. There are no goal-kicks. When the ball exits the playing field over the goal line the goalkeeper shall throw the ball in to play, but can't throw the ball further than the half way line.
13. Any appeal about a result must be made to the competition manager immediately after the game.

1. GOVERNANCE

- 1.1. The Mosman FC 5-a-side Summer Series (the Competition) is directed by the Mosman Football Club (Mosman FC) with the approval of the Manly Warringah Football Association Inc (MWFA) and Football New South Wales
- 1.2. The Competition will be played under FIFA Laws of the Match and the MWFA Rules and By-Laws except where modified by the Mosman FC Five-a-Side Summer Series By-Laws and Guidelines for Players, Coaches and Managers (the Competition By-Laws). If there is a conflict between the FIFA Laws of the Match, the MWFA Rules and By-Laws and/or the Competition By-Laws, the Competition By-Laws will take precedence over the MWFA Rules and By-Laws which take precedence over the FIFA Laws of the Match.
- 1.3. Mosman FC reserves the right to:
 - 1.3.1. refuse the admission of a team and/or a player into the Competition
 - 1.3.2. to cancel the registration of a player and/or a team in the Competition subject to the Competition By-Laws.
- 1.4. Mosman FC reserves the right to:
 - 1.4.1. suspend or disqualify a team from the Competition subject to the Competition By-Laws or
 - 1.4.2. suspend or disqualify a player from the Competition subject to the Competition By-Laws.
- 1.5. Mosman FC will attempt to ensure that a minimum of two Mosman FC committee members will be present while Competition matches are being played.
- 1.6. Referees
 - 1.6.1. Official referees of the Competition may be appointed by Mosman FC
 - 1.6.2. All referee's decisions are final and cannot be changed. No protests of a referee's decision will be accepted.
- 1.7. Alternate Referees. If there is no official referee at a match then:
 - 1.7.1. both teams must agree on an alternate referee for the entire match;
OR
each team MUST provide an alternate referee for one half of the match.
 - 1.7.2 The alternate referee once selected may only be changed with the agreement of both teams.
 - 1.7.3. An alternate referee must be 14 years of age or older.
 - 1.7.4. If an agreed alternate referee cannot be found before the match starts the match will be abandoned and both teams will forfeit two competition points, excepting 1.7.1.5.
 - 1.7.5. If one team can provide an alternate referee for one half of the match and the opposing team does not provide an alternate referee for half the match then the team that does provide an alternate referee will be deemed to have won the match and will accrue three competition points and the team that does not provide an alternate referee will be deemed to have lost the match and additionally will forfeit two competition points.
 - 1.7.6. An alternate referee has the same status as an official referee i.e. they may issue yellow and red cards.

2. REGISTRATION & COSTS

- 2.1. All forms and documents are available at www.mosmanfootball.com
- 2.2. Each team wanting to play in the Competition must fill in a team registration application form.
- 2.3. Each player wanting to play in the Competition must fill in a player registration application form.
- 2.4. The team registration application form must be submitted with all player registration application forms for the players seeking to play with that team. A minimum of seven players is required to register a team. A maximum of ten players may be registered in a team.
- 2.5. The team registration application form must be submitted with a full payment for all players in the team. No player will be registered, nor will they be permitted to play, until that player's fees are paid in full.
- 2.6. Submitting a team registration application form with all supporting collateral is a request for a place in the Competition, it does not guarantee a place in the Competition.
- 2.7. In the event that a team's registration application is unsuccessful, the payment submitted at the time of application will be refunded.
- 2.8. Players are registered in the following categories, which includes player insurances;
 - 2.8.1. Junior registration - being for a person under 18 years of age
 - 2.8.2. Adult registration - being for a person over 18 years of age
- 2.9. By registering for the competition a player agrees to abide by the Competition By-Laws.
- 2.10. Substitutes and Late/New Registrations
 - 2.10.1 A substitute must be registered in the team they play for. Under no circumstances will an unregistered player be permitted to play. Players can register for one team only in each age group
 - 2.10.2. Each late/new registration player wanting to play in the Competition must fill in and sign a player registration application form and clearly identify the team that they intend to join.
 - 2.10.3. A player must not play nor take the field until all fees are paid and the completed, signed player registration form is accepted by Mosman
 - 2.10.4. Any team playing an unregistered or disqualified player will be:
 - 2.10.4.1. deemed to have forfeited the match and all match points will be awarded to the opposition, and
 - 2.10.4.2. fined \$100 and deducted at least one half of all competition points then accrued.
- 2.11. No contracted players shall be permitted to register for this competition.
- 2.12. When registering a team this shall consist of a minimum of six players. A team will forfeit the match if they have less than four players at the start of a match.
- 2.13. No new teams or players will be registered after the fourth competition match at the discretion of Mosman FC.

3. DISCIPLINARY PROCEDURES

- 3.1. Mosman FC may appoint a Protests & Disciplinary Committee (the P&D) to adjudicate on all disciplinary matters.
- 3.2. If in the opinion of the P&D a player(s) and/or team(s) brings the competition into disrepute the player(s) and/or team(s) may have their registrations cancelled and will forfeit all registration fees.
- 3.3. Cautions and Send-Offs
 - 3.3.1. The adjudicating match referee, whether an official referee or an alternative referee has the right to issue yellow and red cards and send players from the field of play.
 - 3.3.2. No player can enter the field of play to replace a player who has been issued a red card and sent from the field.
- 3.4. Defined Suspension, Disqualifications and fines
 - 3.4.1. A player who is issued three yellow cards during the Competition will be automatically suspended from the next match that the player's team plays.
 - 3.4.2. A player who is issued a red card during the Competition will be automatically suspended from the next two matches that the player's team plays.
 - 3.4.3. A player who plays while suspended or unregistered will be disqualified from the Competition.
 - 3.4.4. Any team playing a suspended or disqualified or unregistered player will be:
 - 3.4.4.1. deemed to have forfeited the match and all match points will be awarded to the opposition, and
 - 3.4.4.2. fined \$100 and deducted at least one half of all competition points then accrued.
 - 3.4.5. A player who does not sign the team sheet and receives a yellow or red card will receive a one week suspension in addition to any other suspension.
 - 3.4.6 Teams who do not pay fines will be suspended from the competition until the fines are paid
- 3.5. Discretionary Suspension and Disqualification
 - 3.5.1. The P&D may cite a player to appear before it depending upon the type and seriousness of the offence. The P&D may determine the length of additional suspension or may disqualify a player from the Competition.
 - 3.5.2. A player cited by the P&D is suspended until the player appears before the P & D Committee.
- 3.6. Notice of Suspension and Disqualification
 - 3.6.1. The P&D will provide the MWFA details of any suspended or disqualified players
 - 3.6.2. The P&D will notify the team manager of a suspended player before the team's next match or will mark the word SUSPENDED/DISQUALIFIED next to the suspended player's name on the team sheet.
 - 3.6.3. Mosman FC will display a current list of the names and registration numbers of suspended and disqualified players at each match. All Team managers will have access to the list to check team sheets.
- 3.7. Protests
 - 3.7.1. Any team may appeal a decision of the P&D by lodging a written appeal within 3 days of the decision of the P&D, accompanied by a non-refundable appeal fee of \$250 to:

Chair, Mosman FC Five-A-Side P&D Committee, PO Box 170, Spit Junction.NSW 2088
- 3.8. Carry Over of Suspensions and Disqualifications
 - 3.8.1. Suspensions and disqualifications may be carried forward to the next winter or summer competition of Mosman FC or the MWFA at the discretion of the P&D.

4. COMPETITION

4.1. Competition Format

4.1.1. Games to be played over up to 10 rounds with teams playing each other as many times as necessary.

4.1.2 MFC will adjust the fixtures depending on the number of teams, ages, rained off games as necessary to determine the finalists

4.2 Managers

4.2.1. All teams must have a designated team manager before the team is permitted to play. It is up to the team to inform Mosman FC if a new manager is chosen. All communication from teams to Mosman FC is to be through the team manager.

4.2.2. In the event of a player being entered into a team by Mosman FC a team manager will be appointed, normally a parent or one of the team members themselves if a senior team.

4.2.3. Team contacts/managers will be responsible for:

- The behaviour of the team and their followers.
- Ensuring that team sheets are correctly completed before the match commences.
- Collecting and distributing to the team's players information pertaining to the Competition.

4.3. Results

4.3.1. The weekly results and team standings will be provided on match days and will also be available at www.mosmanfootball.com

4.4. Competition Points

Win 3 points, Draw 1 point, Loss 0 points

Forfeit. A 3-0 result will be recorded. In addition, the team forfeiting the match may lose up to 1 competition point, and receive a \$25 fine if the competition manager is not given 48 hours notice of a forfeit.

4.5. Disqualified Teams or Teams Leaving the Competition. All matches involving a team that has been disqualified from or that has left the Competition will have 0 points and 0 goals recorded for both played and unplayed matches

4.6. Match Days And Times

4.6.1. All match date and time information will be displayed on www.mosmanfootball.com. Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday matches to be played between 4.00pm – 8.00pm at George's Heights Oval, Mosman. It is the responsibility of team managers /individuals to check the site regularly for updates and changes

4.6.2. Matches are of two equal halves of 15 minutes each.

4.6.3. Matches may start up to 5 minutes later than stated in the timetable by agreement between the two managers.

4.6.4. Matches must finish on time.

4.6.5. There will be a 2 minute half time break.

4.6.6. No time will be added on for injuries etc.

4.6.7. A team will forfeit the match if they have less than four players at the start of the match.

4.7. Web Site. The Mosman FC web site will have printable match timetables for the season, as well as registration forms etc. as well as match results and the competition table.

4.8. Players Equipment

4.8.1. All players in a team must wear:

- 4.8.1.1. Matching shirts. Teams are welcome to participate wearing the official competition shirts or their own shirts. Should there be a clash with the opposing team the team wearing the unofficial shirts must wear bibs supplied by Mosman FC.
- 4.8.1.2. Shin guards.
- 4.8.1.3. Socks which fully cover the shin guards.
- 4.8.1.4. Appropriate footwear. – if in doubt consult the competition manager.

4.8.2. Referees will call both teams to the centre and check all players' equipment before the start of each match.

4.9. Team sheets

4.9.1. All players, including substitutes must sign the team sheet.

4.9.2. The team sheet will be reviewed by the competition manager before the start of play.

4.9.3. If a player arrives after the match has commenced and takes the field they must inform the referee that they are not on the team sheet and sign the team sheet after the match.

4.9.4. Failure to correctly fill in the team sheet may lead to suspension or disqualification of the player and or team

4.9.5. Managers are responsible for ensuring that team sheets are correctly completed before the match commences.

4.10. Finals Selection.

4.10.1. At the completion of all the rounds prior to the finals the results are considered in the following order:

- 1 Points
- 2 Goal difference
- 3 Goals scored
- 4 Count back of the results until one team has a points lead
- 5 Count back of the results until one team has a goal difference lead
- 6 Count back of the results until one team has a goals scored lead

4.10.2 Grand final games will be scheduled at regular playing times as far as possible. Otherwise, they will be scheduled at the discretion of MFC and posted on the MFC website at least 3 days before the fixtures.

4.11. Drawn Matches in the Finals. If there is a draw at full time in any of the Grand Finals, then

4.11.1. At full time any 4 players from each team take the field and continue to play for 5 minutes using the golden goal principle. NOTE: Once these 4 players are determined NO SUBSTITUTES ARE PERMITTED

4.11.2. Change ends and one more player from each team leaves the field then play 5 minutes using the golden goal principle. NO SUBSTITUTES ARE PERMITTED

4.11.3. Players may take a drink as they change ends but drinks MUST be taken on the field

4.11.4. ANY PLAYER WHO LEAVES THE FIELD FOR ANY REASON MAY NOT RE-ENTER THE FIELD

4.11.5. If there is no result after ten minutes of extra time, the team that finished higher on the competition table at the completion of the round matches will be deemed the winner.

5. WET WEATHER

- 5.1. To verify if the grounds are open call after 3.00pm for a recorded message on the Mosman Council Wet Weather Line on 02 9978 4136. Unless the message states that the grounds are closed for evening sports/training on the particular day in question assume the grounds are open. If the grounds are closed then clearly the matches are cancelled. If the grounds are not closed go to the match and a decision will be made prior to kick-off.
- 5.2. All games cancelled due to wash-out days will be scored as 0 points or may be rescheduled at the discretion of MFC

6. PLAYING RULES OF THE COMPETITION

- 6.1. Offside. There is no offside, but persistent blatant goal hanging will be discouraged by the referee
- 6.2. Free Kicks
 - 6.2.1. All free kicks awarded outside the penalty area are indirect. All opposing player must remain 5 metres from the ball until it is kicked.
 - 6.2.2. A free kick awarded inside the penalty area is a penalty kick.
- 6.3. Penalty Kicks
 - 6.3.1. A penalty kick is a direct kick which is taken from the edge of the semi-circle in front of the goal posts. For U/16+ the ball should be moved back until it is 5 metres from goal..
 - 6.3.2. Apart from the goalkeeper and the kicker, all defending and attacking players must remain behind the ball and 5 metres from it until the ball is kicked and it moves.
- 6.4. Substitutes
 - 6.4.1. A team may nominate up to five named substitutes as players for the team in any one match.
 - 6.4.2. Only ten players per team may participate in any one match.
 - 6.4.3. All players, including substitutes must sign the team sheet. Failure to sign the team sheet may lead to suspension or disqualification of the player and or the team.
 - 6.4.4. There is no limit to the number of times a player may take the field.
 - 6.4.5. All substitutions take place at the halfway line.
 - 6.4.6. There must never be more than five players on the field for any team at any time.
- 6.5. Goalkeeper
 - 6.5.1. Excepting the case of an injury to the goalkeeper, the goalkeeper can only be substituted at half time.
- 6.6. Slide Tackles
 - 6.6.1. No slide tackles allowed – a free kick will be awarded.
 - 6.6.2 2 footed slide tackle is dangerous and is a booking offence
- 6.6. Goal-kicks, Corner-kicks, Kick-ins and Kick-offs
 - 6.6.1. A corner-kick will be awarded if the ball goes out of play, across the goal line (but not in to the goal), and was last touched by any player on the defending team. A goal cannot be scored directly from a corner-kick.
 - 6.6.2. There are no goal-kicks. These are replaced by goal-throw-ins. Goal-throw-ins can be made under-arm or over arm, but must not land over the half way line. If the ball lands over the half way line, a free kick will be awarded on the half way line.

6.6.3. There no Throws-ins from the sideline. When the ball exits the playing field over the sideline it shall be kicked-in from the point where it crossed the line. The kicker-in must keep both feet outside the field of play while taking the kick-in. The ball must be stationary when kicked-in. A goal cannot be scored directly from a kick-in.

6.6.4. A kick-off is taken to the commence a game, or re-start a game after a goal has been scored or a half-time break. From the kick-off, the first movement of the ball must be forwards. A goal may be scored directly from a kick off.

6.6.5 All opposing players must retreat:

- 5m from kick-offs, corners and goalkeeper throws
- 2m from kick-ins

6.7. Unequal Games. Any team losing by 5 goals (5-0, 6-1, 7-2 etc) can add a sixth player for the remainder of the match or until scores are tied. Regardless of the final result, the team going up by 5 goals wins 3 points in the competitive age groups (U9 and up).