



Canberra Olympic FC and Monaro Panthers FC Capital Summer Series Rules and Regulations

Team and Player Registration

Team Registration

- ALL teams must be registered and pay the team registration fee in 360Player to be eligible to enter the Capital Summer Series competition.
- Players, coaches and managers must also complete an individual registration in Play Football. The Play Football registration links will be provided to team managers to distribute.
- Due to field availability, there are a limited number of team registrations available for each competition and age group.

Player Registration

- ALL players must be listed in the team registration in 360Player.
- ALL players must be registered with FFA and have completed the registration in Play Football to be eligible to play.
- ALL players must provide their correct FFA number to their Team Manager as part of the Capital Summer Series team registration process.

Players Registered in the Current Year's Winter Competition

- Players who participated in the current year's Capital Football winter competition must provide the same FFA number under which they were registered for the winter competition. This FFA number must be used for the Capital Summer Series registration for the player's insurance coverage to apply.

Players Not Registered in the Current Year's Winter Competition

- Players who did not participate in the current year's winter competition will be required to pay the applicable insurance fee when completing their Capital Summer Series registration through Play Football.

Players Without an FFA number

- Players who have never previously been registered through Play Football must complete the registration process and obtain an FFA number before participating in the Capital Summer Series. Instructions for obtaining an FFA number are available on the [Play Football](#) website.

Team Manager and Coach Registration

- ALL team managers and coaches must be listed in the team registration in 360Player.
- ALL team managers and coaches must complete the registration in Play Football.
- ALL team managers and coaches must have a valid WWCC.

Team and Player Responsibilities

Team Managers

- Each team must nominate a team manager who must be at least 18 years of age. The team manager will be responsible for:
 - completing the registration and payment of the team registration fee in 360Player
 - Sending the Play Football registration link to all players in the team
 - Ensuring every player in the team has completed their individual registration in Play Football
 - Acting as the central point of contact between players and Competition Organisers
 - Regulatory and disciplinary matters for their team.
- Team Managers must hold a valid WWCC.

Match Balls

- Teams are responsible for providing match balls as per the table below:

Age Grade	Ball Size
Under 5 -9	Size 3
Under 10 – 12	Size 4
Under 14 and older	Size 5

Shin Pads

- Each player must wear shin pads (inside the socks).
- Failure to comply with this requirement will result in exclusion from the game.

Player Strips

- Each team is responsible for the playing strips for its players, including shirts, shorts and socks.
- Each player's playing strip must be matching (or at least the same colour) to ensure identification of team members.
- Each shirt of each team's strip must have a number at least 150mm high to enable the unique identification of each player in a team.
- If playing strips of opposing teams are considered too similar in colour, a set of bibs can be borrowed from the club to distinguish teams.

- Teams are reminded that they must have a playing strip prior to the first match of the Summer Sixes competition – no exemptions will be allowed. Failure to have matching and numbered strips will see teams suspended from the competition until they comply.

Field Set up and Take Down

- Set-up: Teams playing the first game on a given field are responsible for the set-up of that field.
- Take-down: Teams playing the last game on a given field are responsible for packing up all equipment and returning it to the store.
- Each field needs two goals and corner markers.

Game Rules

All Competitions

- Each player agrees to abide by the FFA Code of Conduct.
- All players must be registered in the team they play for. Teams using players that are not registered as a member of their team will forfeit the game.

FIFA rules apply, except for the following variations:

Game Rules – Age and Competition specific

Junior – Ages Under 7 to Under 12:

- Each team can nominate up to eleven (11) players.
- No more than seven (7) players on the field of play at any one time.
- Play two 25-minute matches with a 5-minutes in between matches to move to the next assigned pitch to commence the second match.
- Teams must start play at the nominated time for their competition with a minimum of five (5) players.
- Teams unable to field at least five (5) players at the commencement of the game (indicated by the referee's whistle) will forfeit the game.
- At the discretion of the opposing team a "friendly" game will be allowed to enable those that have turned up to participate.
- Rolling substitutions may be made freely without formal reporting to the referee.
- The goalkeeper can only handle the ball inside the 'D'.
- No offside.
- The Referee Coordinator may allocate a Game Leader / Instructing Referee (skills dependent).

Youth – Ages Under 13 to Under 18:

- Each team can nominate up to sixteen (16) players.
- No more than eleven (11) players on the field of play at any one time.
- Play two periods of 25 minutes each with a 5-minute break for half time.

- Teams must start play at the nominated time for their competition with a minimum of eight (8) players.
- Teams unable to field at least eight (8) players at the commencement of the game (indicated by the referee's whistle) will forfeit the game.
- At the discretion of the opposing team a "friendly" game will be allowed to enable those that have turned up to participate.
- Rolling substitutions may be made freely without formal reporting to the referee.

Bad weather

- Scheduled competition games will be cancelled in the event of a Queanbeyan Council or ACT Sports Grounds enforced field closure.
- The Competition Coordinator will notify team managers ASAP of field closures via 360Player. Team managers are responsible for informing players of game cancellations.
- Cancelled games due to field closures will not automatically be rescheduled. The Competition Coordinator will determine if games can be rescheduled within two weeks and team managers will be notified only if games are re-scheduled.

Referee Allocation

- The Referee Coordinator is responsible for the allocation of match officials.
- If an official referee is not available to start a game, a stand-in referee will be supplied where possible. Otherwise, teams must nominate a referee-who officiates the whole match.
- The stand-in referee or team member officiating a match will have the same authority on the field of play as an official referee and must be given the same respect by players due to an official referee. However, the safety and discipline of players will rest with team management.

Penalties and Player Suspensions for Infringing the Rules of the Game

- A player will be suspended for a specified number of games after the game in which the infringement occurred.
- **A player dismissed from the field of play for TWO (2) yellow card offences in the same game:** one (1) scheduled game suspension in that division of the competition will be given and the player is prohibited from participating in any other match until the ONE (1) match suspension is served in the division the dismissal occurred. Suspensions under this category are not appealable.
- **A player dismissed for a straight red card offence:** minimum of ONE (1) scheduled game suspension in that division of the competition will be given and the player is prohibited from participating in any other match until the ONE (1) or more match suspension is served in the division the dismissal occurred. Suspensions under this category are not appealable.

- Additional games suspension related to the nature of the offence may be given to the player based on Capital Football [‘Disputes and Disciplinary regulations 2022’](#).
- The Disciplinary Committee will decide any additional suspension of games based on the infringement committed by the player and the report presented by the referee.
- The Disciplinary Committees decision will be advised both orally and in writing to the team manager by the Competition Coordinator by COB on the Monday immediately following the game in which the offence occurred. The team manager may submit a response to the Competition Coordinator for consideration within one business day of being notified of the suspension. The Competition Coordinator will advise the team manager of their final decision within one business day of receiving the team manager’s submission.
- **THREE (3) yellow cards accumulated:** automatic ONE (1) scheduled game suspension in that division. Suspensions under this category are not appealable.
- **SIX (6) yellow cards accumulated:** automatic TWO (2) scheduled games suspension in that division. Suspensions under this category are not appealable.
- Any teams accumulating SIX (6) or more yellow cards will have THREE (3) points deducted from the team cumulative score.
- Any team’s accumulation THREE (3) or more red cards will have THREE (3) points deducted from the cumulative team score.
- Any further red cards for the team will result in another THREE (3) points being deducted for each red card.

NB: The competition coordinators have the right to dismiss from the competition any individual player or team that consistently flouts the rules and accumulates cards or endangers other players.

Aggressive Behaviour / Physical intervention

- Any player or person deemed, by the referee, to be fighting shall incur a red card.
- The Disciplinary Committees committee will request information from the referee in relation to the incident and determine an appropriate sanction.
- The decision will be advised both orally and in writing to the team manager by the Competition Coordinator by COB on the Monday immediately following the game in which the offence occurred.
- The team manager may submit a response to the Competition Coordinator for consideration within one business day of being notified of the suspension. The Competition Coordinator will advise the team manager of their final decision within one business day of receiving the team manager’s submission.
- Where multiple players are determined to be involved in the fighting, the Disciplinary Committee may suspend or expel offending players, persons or teams from the current season, or for the life of the competition.

Respecting Referees

- Offences against referees, including stand-in referees, will not be tolerated.
- Any Players dismissed on either second yellow or straight red caution for disrespecting a referee’s decision or for any other action, word or behaviour to attempt to intimidate or bully a

referee or to show contempt for the role of a referee will receive a minimum FOUR (4) games suspension in that division of the competition. The suspended player is prohibited from participating in any other match in any other division on the day of dismissal and until the suspension has been completed.

- A player suspended by the Disciplinary Committee for an offence against a referee will be banned from all Divisions – not just the Division in which he / she was playing when dismissed from the pitch.
- A player who receives a suspension for an offence against a referee will, if convicted of a second offence, receive a minimum two-year ban from Capital Summer Series competition. If the same player returns after TWO (2) years and receives a third ban for an offence against a referee, the Disciplinary committee may ban the player from participation in the Capital Summer Series competition for life.

Capital Football Sanction

- Capital Football has sanctioned the Capital Summer Series competitions conducted jointly by Monaro Panthers Football Club Inc and Canberra Olympic Football Club.
- Any suspensions given exceeding ONE (1) week will be notified by the Competition Coordinator to Capital Football.
- The suspension of a player during the Capital Summer Series competition may be carried over to the next winter competition.
- Carry over Suspensions: a suspension issued in ONE (1) season will be carried over to the following Summer Sixes Competition season, for example a three-week ban issued in a semi-final will be carried over into the next season and the player will be required to serve the full suspension before he / she is allowed back onto the pitch. A list of suspended players will be displayed at the clubhouse on match night.