



Competition Rules – 2018 Catholic Schools Soccer Carnival

University of Canberra, Sunday 8th April 2018
Host School: Holy Spirit Primary School Nicholls



The main focus of this annual sporting event is the children themselves. We have rules and codes of conduct in place to ensure that everyone involved can relax and enjoy the games they are playing or watching. Please remember to respect the referees on the day and let all the players have some fun.

- ⚽ The competition is 'mixed'. No minimum or maximum number of girls or boys applies per team.
- ⚽ All games will be controlled by trained referees.
- ⚽ Matches will be organised in a round robin format.
- ⚽ The points system will be:
 - win = 5 points
 - score draw = 3 points
 - nil-all draw = 1 point
 - loss = 0 points.
- ⚽ There will be no finals. The winner of each field will be determined by the number of points gained. In the event of points being tied, goal difference will be used.
- ⚽ All players must wear shin pads and footwear (sneakers or running shoes are acceptable).
- ⚽ No jewellery is to be worn by players.
- ⚽ Size 4 soccer balls will be used for each game.
- ⚽ All attempts will be made for Year 3–4 matches to be played on a half size pitch, depending on available space at the University of Canberra.
- ⚽ Year 5–6 matches will be played on a larger pitch.
- ⚽ Games will be played over two 12-minute halves with 8 players (Year 3–4) and 11 players (Year 5–6) on the pitch at any one time (includes goalkeeper).
- ⚽ There will be a 2-minute break for all matches at half time and 4 minutes between each match.
- ⚽ Any player sent off in a match will automatically miss their team's next game.
- ⚽ Unlimited interchange/substitutions are permitted, after receiving referee permission.
- ⚽ Referees will score for each game. Score sheets are to be signed by each team manager and taken by the winning side's manager to the Information Tent immediately after each game.
- ⚽ Teams must be ready to enter the field prior to the completion of the previous game. If a team is 5 minutes late, the game will be forfeited and the points awarded as follows:
 - forfeiting team = 0 points
 - scheduled opponent = 5 points.
- ⚽ Coaches/managers are to give the match ball to the referees on completion of each game.
- ⚽ No offside. Note that team coaches and managers should not encourage children to stand in blatant offside positions. This is a 'fair play' competition and any children blatantly standing offside will be instructed by the referees to move into onside positions.
- ⚽ All rules referenced are based on the 'Small Sided Football Rules' released by the Football Federation of Australia (FFA).