

TURSA Employment & Training Summer Youth League 2017 Competition Regulations

All clubs and participants competing in the Summer Youth League (known as SYL) are bound by the 2017 Summer League Competition Regulations and related procedures. Regulations applicable under FFA, NNSWF or FFNC, including Disciplinary Regulations are implied unless specifically advised in writing to the contrary. Any matter that is not explicitly outlined will be assessed by the Competition Administrator, whose decision shall be final.

Refer also to relevant information contained in the 2017 FFNC (Club/Coach/Team Manager) Handbook.

Unless otherwise specifically stated to the contrary, all items below should be considered to apply respectively to the male and female SYL competitions.

1. Overview

- (a) The 2017 male SYL competition will involve a maximum of 10 teams.
- (b) The 2017 female SYL competition will involve a maximum of 10 teams.
- (c) Each team (in each competition) plays every opposing team once, providing a maximum of nine (9) games.
- (d) Preference will be given to FFNC member clubs that can nominate BOTH a male team and a female team for the SYL competition.
- (e) Nominations from clubs affiliated outside the zone (including Southern Cross University FC and Liverpool International Academy) will be considered by FFNC subject to nominations received.
- (f) Any variations to the competition structure or regulations will be determined by FFNC as appropriate and advised where necessary to participating clubs.

2. Competition Structure

The Summer Youth League will commence Friday 13th October 2017, with separate competitions proposed for males and females. Games will be played weekly (each Friday) and kick-off times will ordinarily be 6.30pm (female game) and 8pm (male game).

Fixtures postponed due to wet weather or any other unforeseen event may be rescheduled at the discretion of the competition administrator. In circumstances where a fixture(s) is not rescheduled a result will be recorded as 0-0 and one point given for each team in such fixture(s).

The team finishing "highest on the points table" after the conclusion of all rounds of the SYL will be declared the winner of each respective competition. If two or more teams are equal on points, the winner shall be determined based (in order) by (1) Best goal difference (2) Most goals scored (3) Least cards received (4) Joint winners.

3. Player Age Range

1st October is the critical date for determining age eligibility.

Age 14 – 20 (must turn 14 before 1st October 2017), maximum age before 1st October is 20; (unless approved as an over-age player) based on player age as at 1st October 2017.

An “age-relative effect” may be considered by the Competition Administrator in specific circumstances, however will apply only for the purpose of a player who may be “barely older” than age 20 as at 1st October. The “age-relative effect” does not apply for a player under the age of 14 years.

4. Gender

There are two SYL competitions, one for male and one for female. Neither competition is mixed and players are NOT allowed to compete in the alternate gender competition. The standard/level of the SYL is such that players (whether male or female) should be adequately capable of participating in a senior competition.

5. Over-age players

MALE SYL

- (a) Male teams may make an application to include up to 2 over-age players subject to;
- (b) Minimum of ONE (1) over-age player being a player registered with your club in the 2017 FFNC winter competition.
- (c) Maximum of ONE (1) over-age
- (d) Written application being submitted to FFNC not later than 1pm Thursday 21st September
- (e) Written approval being received from FFNC prior to player participation.
- (f) Cannot subsequently be replaced by another over-age player (or player of eligible age)
- (g) Over-age players cannot transfer to another team after the competition has commenced.
- (h) The overage player(s) should have a reasonable level of playing experience and possess the necessary attributes for mentoring junior players.
- (i) Players with an adverse disciplinary record will NOT be approved if nominated as over-age player and will not be eligible to participate in the SYL if they are subject to an existing suspension/sanction as at 21st September 2017.
- (j) Players currently under suspension will NOT be approved if nominated as over-age player.

FEMALE SYL

SAME conditions as male SYL competition except (a) and (b) amended by;

- (a) Female teams may include up to 4 over-age players subject to;
- (b) Minimum of TWO (2) over-age player being a player registered with your club in the 2017 FFNC winter competition.

6. Player Eligibility

Players subject to a current suspension may be registered for SYL and subsequently serve a suspension within the SYL, provided;

- (a) The player is “age eligible” and NOT being nominated as an over-age player.
- (b) Written approval is given by FFNC.
- (c) Other participation eligibility is satisfied.

7. Non-club Players (ie 2017 FFNC Winter Competition) / Visiting Players (ie from outside FFNC)

A maximum of four (4) players who were not registered with your club during the 2017 FFNC winter competition may be registered for any one SYL squad, subject to;

- (a) Maximum of ONE (1) over-age “non-club/visiting player” is permitted. (Male SYL refer conditions)
- (b) Maximum of TWO (2) over-age “non-club/visiting player” is permitted. (Female SYL refer conditions)

8. Squad Numbers

- (a) A maximum of 20 Players per squad (including any over-age players) are permitted to be registered.
- (b) Players cannot be de-registered and replaced after a competition commences, however;
- (c) Additional players can be registered (up to a maximum squad of 20 players) not later than 1pm Thursday 26th October 2017.

9. Player Registrations

- (a) All players are required to register online at myfootballclub.com.au (MFC) prior to participating in any fixture (noting 1pm Thursday deadline prior to week of first participating).
- (b) Cancellation of winter player registration is NOT required in MFC to enable registration for SYL to occur as the SYL is classed as a Social/Special competition for the purposes of registration.
- (c) Players register in the club **SYL 2017 SOCIAL package “Football Type”**.
- (d) All registrations must be completed (and APPROVED in MFC including player/team list) and submitted to FFNC not later than 1pm Thursday prior to the next scheduled fixture for a player/s to be eligible to participate.
- (e) Player registrations will close 1pm Thursday 19th October 2017
- (f) There will be no refunds approved for players who subsequently register with a team but do not participate, or subsequently request a cancellation of registration.
- (g) Timelines must be strictly adhered to with no concessions given.

10. Club MFC Packages and set-up

- (a) FFNC will initiate the applicable online SYL packages in MFC (Showing in each category as SOCIAL packages) which each member club must use as the basis for loading the club fee component (ie “CLUB package”).
- (b) SYL packages in MFC must be setup under “Season” as **2017 SOCIAL** and “Football Type” selected as **SOCIAL**. This will allow players who have registered in the winter competition to register for the SYL competition without having to request a cancellation of a winter season registration.

FFNC has loaded the applicable SYL packages in MFC (Showing in each category as SOCIAL packages) which each member club must add when setting up the respective "CLUB packages".

These packages are;

Fee Name	Season	Age Group	Football Type
2017 SYL 14-18 Registered	2017 Social	14 – 18 years	Social
2017 SYL 19+ Registered	2017 Social	19+ years	Social
2017 SYL 14-18 UNREGISTERED	2017 Social	14 – 18 years	Social
2017 SYL 19+ UNREGISTERED	2017 Social	19+ years	Social

11. Costs

Player registration/competition participation (PER player) (including FFNC/NNSWF/FFA components):

A **JUNIOR player** is a player aged between 14 and 18 in 2017.

A **SENIOR player** is a player aged 19 years or older in 2017.

(a) Registered Junior	(registered in FFNC 2017 winter competition)*:	\$ 65.00
(b) Unregistered Junior	(not registered in FFNC 2017 winter competition)**:	\$ 90.00
(c) Registered Senior	(registered in FFNC 2017 winter competition)*:	\$ 65.00
(d) Unregistered Senior Player	(not registered in FFNC 2017 winter comp)**:	\$ 130.00

* This fee includes the FFA National Registration Fee (NRF).

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	NNSWF FFA INSURANCE	FFNC	GST	TOTAL
JUNIOR 14-18				
REGISTERED	\$15	\$44.05	\$5.95	\$65
UNREGISTERED	\$20	\$61.82	\$8.18	\$90
SENIOR 19+				
REGISTERED	\$22	\$37.05	\$5.95	\$65
UNREGISTERED	\$55	\$63.20	\$11.80	\$130

12. Team Officials

- Persons wanting to act as a team official **MUST** be registered as a team official in MFC.
- Persons wanting to register as a Team Official must NOT be subject to a current suspension/sanction (if current as at 21st September).
- A maximum of **TWO** (2) registered team officials per team are permitted within the respective Technical Area.

13. Duty Officers

Each participating team must ensure that at LEAST ONE Duty Officer is present and visible at each SYL fixture in which they are participating (home and away). Their role and responsibilities are in accordance with FFNC Competition Regulations.

14. Match Officials

- (a) Each club will be invoiced by FFNC for half of the match official fees applicable for each fixture in which they participate, with an invoice generated by 13th October for the FULL SYL season.
- (b) Match official fees are NOT be paid by member clubs on the day.
- (c) FFNC will make payments to match officials by direct payment. One (1) referee and two (2) assistant referees will be the normal allocation per game.
- (d) The rate of payment is: Referee (Centre) \$60 and \$30 per Assistant Referee with EACH team/club participating liable for 50% of the cost per game.
- (e) FFNC will rebate clubs for any costs invoiced and subsequently found to have not been incurred (ie not having a full complement of match officials in any game).

15. Match results

The HOME team will submit the match results online in SportsTG (STG) no later than 11pm on the Sunday after each round of fixtures.

16. Match sheets

- (a) Match Officials are required to submit ALL match sheets to the HOME club.
- (b) The HOME club must then submit the match sheets (home and away teams match sheets) to FFNC no later than 1pm each Wednesday.
- (c) Initial electronic submission is acceptable (with originals to be submitted in due course regardless of any electronic submission made).
- (d) Fines will exist for late or absence of submission of match sheets.

17. Condition of Venue or Playing Conditions

The referee shall have the discretion to cancel a fixture or suspend play should it be deemed that the conditions are unsuitable for play. The referee does not have the authority to change venue or vary any regulations or conditions of play. Player safety is paramount, particularly if there is any storm activity and caution should be applied in all cases. Refer to the relevant NNSWF policies (links below);

Lightening Policy: <http://footballfarnorthcoast.com.au/wp-content/uploads/sites/10/2017/02/NNSWF-LIGHTNING-POLICY.pdf>

Hot Weather Policy: <http://footballfarnorthcoast.com.au/wp-content/uploads/sites/10/2017/02/NNSWF-HOT-WEATHER-POLICY-COMMUNITY-FOOTBALL.pdf>

A phone call to the Match Officials Mobile (0434 856 992) is required in the event that an appointed referee does not attend the match. The competition administrator will determine whether the fixture will be re-scheduled and what alternatively action is to be taken.

18. Home Club Responsibilities

The team named first in the draw will be considered as the HOME club in ALL circumstances.

A club cannot change the venue or time or any other aspect of the fixture (or conditions of play) unless the express permission of the competition administrator is received prior to the fixture.

HOME teams/clubs must;

- (a) Supply 3 match quality FIFA approved footballs (size 5) for each fixture.
- (b) Advise FFNC prior to 1pm Friday or alternatively (if after 1pm Friday) contact the Match Officials Mobile AND opposition club/s in circumstances that include;
 - i. Ground/Field playing conditions being unsuitable.
 - ii. Forfeit by HOME team(s) or
 - iii. any other matter preventing the fixture(s) from proceeding as scheduled.

19. Visiting Team Responsibilities

An alternative strip is to be worn by the visiting team in the event that the Referee considers that insufficient difference exists between the splaying trips of two teams participating. Failure to do so or an inability to resolve the issue (e.g. Home club lends visiting team an alternate strip) will result in the visiting team forfeiting the fixture. Bibs cannot be worn as a playing strip.

Advise FFNC prior to 1pm Friday or alternatively /referee phone contact AND opposition clubs after 1pm Friday in circumstances that include;

- (i) Forfeit by AWAY team(s) or
- (ii) any other matter preventing the fixture(s) from proceeding as scheduled.

20. Ground Hire and Ground Lighting

Games allocated as home fixtures are the responsibility of the host club (or through arrangement where neutral venue applies).

21. Playing Strips

All teams must submit their proposed SYL strip/s (Male and Female) for approval by FFNC PRIOR to the commencement of the competition and not later than 29th September 2017.

All teams must have available an “away” jersey that is an alternative colour to the “home” jersey. Teams/clubs should avoid using predominately BLACK strips, as this is the main colour for match officials.

ANNEXURE A - Sanctions and Penalties

1. **Forfeits** – Teams forfeiting will be fined \$165.00 as per the 2017 Handbook.
2. **Withdrawals** - Teams withdrawing after 28th September 2017 will be fined \$220.00 (inc GST).
3. **Cautions, Send-Offs and Suspensions** – will be processed in accordance with FFA National Disciplinary Regulations and FFNC Disciplinary Procedures.
4. A Player who accumulates the following number of yellow cards during the course of the competition, must serve the following mandatory match suspensions:
 - (a) three (3) yellow cards during the competition, equates to a one (1) match suspension.
 - (b) five (5) yellow cards during the competition, equates to a further two (2) match suspension.
 - (c) Every additional yellow card during the competition, equates to a further ONE (1) match suspension.
5. A player who accumulates the following number of red cards during the course of the competition will be sanctioned according to an assessment made consistent with Football Far North Coast Regulations and Procedures and FFA National Disciplinary Regulations (schedule of sanctions). Matters of a Code of Conduct nature will be assessed under the FFA National Code of Conduct Regulations consistent with FFNC disclosures to member clubs and individuals charged with any offence.