



Soccer (Men and Women)

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These Championships are conducted under the rules of FIFA, with the following exception:

1. Team Size

1.1 Each team shall name a squad not exceeding eighteen (18) players*.

1.2 The minimum number of players that can be fielded without incurring a forfeit is seven (7)*.

1.3 Substitution Benches: Only the players in the nominated squad, plus up to a maximum of three team officials, will be permitted to sit on the substitution bench. Players who have been suspended will not be permitted to sit on the substitution bench during the period of their suspension. Players sent from the field during the current match shall leave the enclosed playing area and will not be permitted to sit on the substitution bench for the remainder of that match.

***AUS east Regional Variation**

1.4 *Each team shall name a squad not exceeding eighteen (18) players for the entire tournament.*

1.5 *The minimum number of players that can be fielded without incurring a forfeit is eight (8).*

***AUS north Regional Variation**

1.4 *Each team shall name a squad no less than eleven (11) players,*

2. Match Duration

2.1 *Preliminary Matches: 2 x 25 minute halves

*Semi Final and Final Matches: 2 x 35 minute halves.

Injury time shall be allowed in all matches with a maximum of two minutes in each half in Preliminary Matches. Semis and Final shall be fully timed matches.

***AUS east Regional Variation**

2.1 *Organisers will have the right to set the lengths of matches in accordance with the following guidelines:*

- *Preliminaries : Men & Women 2 X 25 minute halves;*
- *Lower position playoff matches: Men & Women 2 x 25 minute halves*
- *Quarterfinals & 5th & 6th Play-Off : Men & Women 2 X 35 minute halves;*
- *Semi Finals / Medal matches: Men & Women 2 X 35 minute halves.*

***AUS north Regional Variation**

2.1 *Preliminaries – Men & Women: 2 X 25 minute halves;*

Finals – Men & Women: 2 X 30 minute halves.

***AUS west Regional Variation**

2.1 Organisers will have the right to set the lengths of matches in accordance with the following guidelines:

- Preliminaries (all other matches): 2 X 20 minute halves;
- Finals: 2 X 25 minute halves.

3. Substitutions

3.1 * Each team may make up to three substitutions during each match (preliminaries and finals).

***AUS east Regional Variation**

3.1 Each team may make up to five (5) substitutions during each match from maximum substitute bench of seven (7) players.

***AUS north Regional Variation**

3.1 Each team may make up to five (5) interchange players or up to the AUS squad maximum if noth teams have the numbers (Preliminaries and Finals).

4. Championship Grading

4.1 Points for each match shall be awarded as follows:

Winning team – 3 points

Drawn match – 2 points per team

Losing team – 1 point

Forfeited team – 0 points (see sports specific rule)

4.2 *In the event of two or more teams having the same number of points at the conclusion of the preliminary matches, the higher placed team will be decided by applying the following criteria:

- (a) The team with the highest goal difference ie: (goals for - goals against)
- (b) In the event of the goal difference being equal, the team scoring the highest number of goals shall be placed above the other team(s).
- (c) In the event that this still does not separate teams, then the team with the best result against the top team in their pool, shall be placed above the other team(s). The best result to be determined by applying the following in order until the teams are separated:
 - (i) largest winning margin
 - (ii) highest scoring draw
 - (iii) lowest losing margin
- (d) In the event that this still does not separate teams, then a toss of a coin will decide the winner.

***AUS east Regional Variation**

4.2 In the event of two of more teams having the same number of points at the conclusion of the preliminary matches, the higher placed team will be decided by applying the following criteria:

- (a) The team with the higher goal difference (ie. Goals for / against);
- (b) In the event of goal difference being equal, the team scoring the highest number of goals shall be placed above the other team(s);
- (c) In the event that this still does not separate the teams, then the team with the best result against the top team in that pool, shall be placed above the other team(s). The best result is to be determined by the following in order until the teams are separated.
 - (i) Largest winning margin against top team in pool
 - (ii) Highest Scoring Draw against top team in pool
 - (iii) Lowest Losing Margin against top team in pool

- (d) *In the event that this does not separate the teams, then the team with the best result against other teams in the pool, shall be placed above the other teams(s).*

***AUS north Regional Variation**

- 4.2** *In the event of two of more teams having the same number of points at the conclusion of the preliminary matches, the higher placed team will be decided by applying the following criteria:*
- (a) *The result of the game in which they played one another*
 - (b) *The team with the higher total goal difference (ie. Total Goals for less total goals against);*
 - (c) *In the event that this does not separate teams, then the team with the best result against the top team in their pool, shall be placed above the other team (s). The best result is to be determined by the following in order until the teams are separated.*
 - (i) *Largest winning margin (Goals for minus Goals Against)*
 - (ii) *Highest Scoring Draw*
 - (iii) *Lowest Losing Margin (Goals Against minus Goals for)*
 - (d) *In the event that this does not separate the teams, the winner will be determined by the toss of a coin. The team which travelled the most distance to the competition will have the call.*

5. Resolving Drawn Progression matches and Finals

- 5.1** In the event that scores are drawn at the end of normal time, two extra periods of ten (10) minutes duration shall be played.
- 5.2** During extra time, FIFA 'Golden' rule shall apply. The team to score first during extra time shall be deemed the winner.
- 5.3** At the end of this period, if scores are still tied, a best of five (5) penalty shoot-out will take place.
- 5.4** In the event that both teams score the same number of penalties, a "sudden death" penalty shoot-out will apply.

6. Cautions and Send Offs

- 6.1** A player who receives two (2) cautions (yellow card) during the tournament shall be suspended for the next match. After the preliminary round matches any existing yellow cards will be wiped and restarted for the finals-playoff progression matches. A player who is sent off (red card) during the tournament shall be suspended for the next match. A player who is sent off a second time during the tournament shall be suspended for the next two (2) matches.

7. Forfeits

- 7.1** A forfeit will be declared 10 minutes after the scheduled start of play time where either team is unable to commence play.

Should the commencement of a match be delayed (up to 10 minutes) due to no fault of either side (as determined by the Referee in consultation with the Competition Manager) the game shall be played in its full duration.

- 7.2** Forfeiture of playing commitments in final stage of competition (Bronze medal or ranking matches) will result in the team being relegated to the last place in the overall competition.
- 7.3** Forfeiture of playing commitments will incur the schedule fee penalty as outlined in the AUS Good Faith Fee Guideline.

7.4 * Forfeit Score: The forfeit score recorded shall be three (3) goals to nil (0).

7.5 Should an opposition player who was "playing under protest" (ie. Had no accreditation prior to the match) prove to be "ineligible" inside the time frame stipulated by the AUS event organisers, a forfeit will be recorded. The forfeit score or the actual completed match score will be awarded; whichever is higher.

*** AUS east Regional Variation**

7.4 Forfeit Score: *The forfeit score recorded shall be five (5) goals to nil (0)*

*** AUS west Regional Variation**

7.4 Forfeit Score: *The team present shall be awarded a score equivalent to the highest winning margin (preliminaries).*

8. Presentation

8.1 Presentations should be conducted at the conclusion of the competition.

8.2 At the completion of the Championship a pennant and trophy (if existing) will be awarded to the university that wins each of the Championship:

- Men's Championship
- Women's Championship

9. Safety Requirements

9.1 In accordance with the FIFA directive, all players are to wear shin pads.

9.2 Players not wearing shin pads will be asked to leave the field and will only be allowed to return once shin pads are being worn.

10. Uniform Requirements

10.1 Players Uniform: Players must at all times wear the approved uniform of their respective university whilst on the field of play. Players shall abide by the regulations regarding the wearing of shin pads, socks pulled up and shirts tucked into their shorts at all times. The referees will be instructed to abide by the FIFA regulations regarding these matters.

10.2 The university shall submit a description of its uniform to the organiser at the Sport Specific Team Managers Meeting or before if requested.

10.3 Minimum uniform requirements for AUS events must be met (where applicable for the specific sport):

- A competitor must not use equipment or wear anything that is dangerous to him/herself or another competitor (including any kind of jewellery).
- Long or sharp fingernails are to be trimmed or taped.
- All participating competitors are to be correctly attired in appropriate, matching team uniforms. Exceptions may be made for some sports in cold weather, providing permission is granted by the appropriate officials. Additionally the exceptions will only be granted providing they are the same colour, and the extra clothing does not cover up any identification numbers or colours.
- All numbers on shirts need to be clearly visible, and in a contrasting colour to the dominant colour of the shirt.
- Mouth guards are strongly recommended for all sports where there is a potential for collision. It is compulsory to wear a mouth guard in those sports where it is stated.

10.4 Specific Sport Uniform Standards - The uniform requirements for each specific sport should be as per the national sporting organisation standard with the following minimum uniform requirements:

Soccer - Shorts, shirts and socks.

- Shirts cannot be shoulder cut. Numbering on backs of shirts. Shin pads are compulsory.
- In general metal studs are classed as equipment which may be deemed dangerous to the player wearing them or another player, and are not recommended.

11. Team Duties

11.1 Team duties are an imperative part of the University Games and the development of sport event management skills across the University Sporting structure. The roster and role description will be provided to each Sports Specific Team Manager at the Sports Specific Team Managers Meeting if duties are required. **Teams that do not fulfil team duties will be fined as per the AUS Good Faith Fee policy.**

11.2 The specific requirement for **Soccer** at AUS events is:

- 1 person from each team competing in the current match per team will be required as a lines person

Previous rule amendments

4 April 2005

5 July 2004

13 June 2003