

School Sport SA Sapsasa State carnival

Football (soccer) Rules and Conditions

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New rules, changes or additions are in Purple.

- Ensure the Sideline Official has been organised each day. See team official responsibilities.
- Except where otherwise stated, the game shall be played under the laws laid down by Football SA (Under 12 9v9 and Miniroos Playing format and rules) and FFA

Note: Shin guards are basic compulsory equipment

- Each team will be provided a regulation Size 4 ball
- Matches shall be played of two (2) periods of **20** duration and **5** minute break.
- Teams to be ready to go on the field as soon as the preceding match is finished and all teams are to have their 'warm-up' etc. prior to the taking of the field for their game. **(The toss should also take place before the scheduled game)**
- A team squad is 12 players, with 9 players on the pitch.
- Group premiership tables will be drawn in the following manner: Points (3 for a win, 2 for a draw, 1 for a loss) The carnival is a round robin series. Joint winners can be declared if necessary. **Percentage will not be used to determine ultimate winners.**

Interchange Rule

- A coach or team supervisor may substitute any of the 12 players listed as many times as desired and at any time during the game provided that the following conditions apply
 - * Interchange must only occur in a dead ball situation
 - * There are only 9 players from that team on the field at any time
 - * That the interchange occurs on the side line at the middle line
 - * If a player is substituted, the referee is notified of the change
 - * If it is found after the opposition coach calls for a count that there are more than 9 players from one team on the field, that that team shall have deducted any goals scored in that half period of the game
 - * Any player may change places with the goal keeper at any time during the taking of penalties, provided the referee is notified of the change

Referees

School Sport SA (with the support of Football SA) will provide student referees for all games and linespeople for most games (if a linesperson is not provided it is the responsibility of the district to provide a suitable). **Important: Coaches and players** are to acknowledge that referees may be relatively inexperienced, and they must accept the referees' calls and focus on their skill development, learning and enjoyable participation.

Failure to compete in the right spirit may result in a team being penalized a premiership point.

Modifications

Field size: 60 - 70m x 40 - 50m. Goal size 2m x 5m (approx.). Penalty area 10m x 20m, penalty spot 7m from goal line.

Offside: There is **no offside** rule for this competition. Linespersons will focus on supporting the main referee and calling balls that cross the sideline. **This will be a trial for 2023 and feedback will be sought.**

Goal kicks: can be taken from anywhere within the penalty area, opponents must be outside the penalty area until the ball is in play.

Corner kicks: opponents must be 5m away from the ball.



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Order-off rule – Yellow and Red Cards

The intention of this carnival is to provide learning opportunities through competitive participation for all students. Players whom the referee/s consider to be guilty of dissent, foul play or bad language are to be ordered off for a period of 10 minutes. As indicated by a yellow card. The player may be replaced. If the player is sent off again (Red card), they will remain off for the remainder of the game. Continued occurrences will result in a conversation between the carnival convenor, coaches/managers and the player – which may result in further consequences.

Behavioural expectations

Players, team officials, referees/umpires and spectators are required to abide by the School Sport SA codes of conduct, in order to maintain a safe and respectful environment for all involved. The following additional areas of responsibility will support the maintenance of a safe and respectful environment.

- School Sport SA official responsibilities:
 - a) Provide clear direction to referees prior to the event on rules and enforcement of rules
 - b) Be proactive in managing poor behaviour by players, officials and spectators
 - c) Stop matches that are not being played in a safe and/or respectful way
 - d) Remove any player they deem to be not playing in a safe and/or respectful way
- Team official responsibilities:
 - a) Provide a designated Sideline Official and inform them of their role for every match (this could be the team manager or an identified parent). See document below and in Convenor Resources\Events\Sapsasa Events\State Carnival Info and Forms - Sideline Official
 - b) Make all players, officials and spectators aware of the code of conduct prior to the event and that they are aware of consequences for not following them
 - c) Make sure all players are aware of the rules and the expectations of on/off field behaviour prior to the carnival
 - d) Model positive behaviour by focusing on encouragement for sporting behaviour and skill during the event
 - e) Not to enter the playing area unless permitted by referee
 - f) Be proactive in managing poor behaviour by your players, officials and spectators
 - g) Remove players from matches if they are not playing in a safe and/or respectful way
 - h) Stop matches that are not being played in a safe and/or respectful way
 - i) Contact event manager asap for support if necessary
- Referees/Umpires responsibilities:
 - Enforce the rules of the competition in a clear, fair and consistent manner
 - Encourage and praise good sporting behaviour
 - Be proactive in managing poor behaviour by players and officials
 - Stop matches that are not being played in a safe and/or respectful way
 - Contact event manager asap for support if necessary
- Players responsibilities:
 - Play fairly and within the rules of the competition
 - Abide by the decision of the referee
 - Not to enter the playing area unless permitted by referee
 - Model positive behaviour by focusing on encouragement of teammates
- Spectators responsibilities:
 - Model positive behaviour by focusing on encouragement for sporting behaviour and skill

Failure to abide by the codes of conduct and responsibilities outlined above may result in offenders being asked to leave the venue.

Designated Sideline Official for all Sapsasa state carnival events

Due to an increase in reported inappropriate behaviour of spectators and players at School Sport SA events it is a requirement that district convenors work with individual teams to appoint a Team Manager/Sideline Official who will contribute to maintaining a safe and positive educational environment at all School Sport SA events. This is also to ensure that supervision ratios are met as per the Department for Education Camps, Excursions and Adventure Activities policy (revised 19/12/19).

Role of the Sideline Official

To assist /contribute to the management of Sapsasa state carnivals by ensuring that:

- Supervision is provided to players on the sidelines during matches to allow the coach to coach or umpire (if required) this could be the team manager or an identified parent.
- Players on the sideline are behaving appropriately
- Spectators are following the School Sport SA codes of behaviour and departmental policies (all department events are smoke and alcohol free) through proactive means
- They are the point of contact for parents, players, umpires and opposing teams, if the teacher in-charge is coaching/umpiring
- They are the first point of contact for venue personnel or any disputes/indiscretions that may arise off of the playing field, if the teacher in-charge is coaching/umpiring
- Minor issues are resolved if possible and issues reported to the teacher in-charge of the team as soon as possible
- Any significant or unresolved issue is to be report immediately to the teacher in-charge of the team (this may require the game is halted if the teacher is umpiring) and the event convenor who will work together to resolve the issue

Sideline Official will be identified by the wearing of a School Sport SA fluro vest (to be supplied to district by School Sport SA)

Appointing the Sideline Official

- Coach and convenor is to appoint a parent/responsible adult to take on this role for teams competing
- It may be a different person for each day/match played across the event
- In some cases this position will be filled by the teacher in-charge as the district has appointed a volunteer coach for the team

Sideline Officials are required for:

- Cricket
- Australian Football
- Football (soccer)
- Tennis
- Hockey
- Softball
- Netball

Support for Sideline Officials

Convenors and coaches must provide support for Sideline Officials through the following:

- Event official vest (to be supplied by School Sport SA in 2023)
- Copy of the School Sport SA Behaviour Codes for players, spectators and coaches
- Name and mobile number of the event convenor
- Name and mobile number of the district convenor and team officials
- Copy of the above roles and responsibilities
- Convenors and coaches must make all parents aware that each day there will be a sideline official present and they are required to treat them with respect
- All parents and players must be provided with a copy of the School Sport SA Codes of Behaviour for players, spectators and coaches