



NORTHBRIDGE FC

Summer6 O35/O45 and W35 – Competition Rules 2017

The following FIFA playing rule is to be observed:

1. **The referee's decision is final.** NB: The Competition Manager will assist the referees with any clarification required regarding the Competition Rules.

The following FIFA playing rules are amended:

1. Each half will be **20mins** (starting promptly at the assigned time in the draw – irrespective of whether the teams are ready). The half-time break will be 2mins.
2. Each team is permitted to have 6 players (including one goalkeeper) on the field at any one time.
3. In the event one team is not ready to start play (minimum of 4 players) at the assigned time in the draw a goal will be awarded to the team ready to commence play after a 2min warning notice from the referee. If the offending team continues to not be ready further goals will be awarded at the 8min and 15min mark. If the offending team is still not ready at the time to commence the second half the match will be abandoned and the score recorded as a 5-0 win to the non-offending team.
4. A **forfeit** with prior notice (by 12Noon on the day of the game) **via txt** to the Competition Administrator [*Matilde Johns – 0406 332 307*] will be recorded as a 3-0 win to the non-forfeiting team. A forfeit after the cut-off time will be recorded as a 5-0 win to the non-forfeiting team (also ref. rule 3. above).
5. Goals **cannot** be scored directly from kick-off. In the event that the ball goes into goal without touching another player beforehand, then the ball will be considered to have left the field of play and a goal kick will be awarded to the defending team.
6. When the ball leaves the field of play it is to be returned via **the normal ways (throw-in, goal kick, corner kick)** within three seconds of the ball being available to the team with possession. Otherwise the possession is turned over to the other team.
7. The goalkeeper cannot throw over halfway on the full. He/She cannot kick the ball over halfway on the full (unless he is playing in an outfield position). If this occurs the possession is turned over to the other team at the kick-off spot at halfway.
8. The goalkeeper is **not** permitted to pick up a back pass. If the goalkeeper incorrectly picks-up the ball the possession is turned over to the other team at the kick-off spot at halfway.
9. "Slide tackles" (including being on one knee) or playing the ball whilst a player is "on the ground" is not permitted. Failure to comply will result in a free kick at the offending location.
10. Defending players are to maintain a distance of 2m from throw-ins; 5m from corners, free-kicks and restarts at halfway, and behind the centre 5m line for goal kicks. Failure to comply will result in a free-kick at the offending location.
11. All **free kicks are indirect**, except fouls by the defending team in the 5m goalkeeper's area, which are penalty kicks (refer Rule 13).
12. In the event a team commits five fouls (excluding handball and possession turnovers) in one half a penalty kick is awarded.
13. Penalty kicks are to be taken 7m from the goal line.
14. A player shown a yellow card will be required to be in the "sin bin" for 3mins or until the offending team concedes 2 goals – whichever occurs first. The offending team cannot replace a player in the sin bin.
15. A player shown a red card will be sent off for the remaining time in the match. The offending team cannot replace a player sent off. The player will be subject to a disciplinary hearing.



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16. Teams are permitted to interchange as often as they want. All interchanges are to occur at half-way. The player entering the field of play is to wait until the player interchanging has left the field of play. Failure to comply will result in a possession turnover at the kick-off spot at halfway.
17. There is no off side. However deliberately placing a player in (or near) the opponent's goalkeeper's area whilst the ball is not in the vicinity is against the spirit of the game and the referee may decide to penalise if deemed appropriate.

Notes on On-Field and Off-Field Behaviour & Consequences

18. Verbal or physical abuse or intimidation or threats of violence or the persistent questioning of decisions by a **referee** by players, coaches or spectators, will not be tolerated and is unacceptable in this competition. Suspensions and/or team expulsions will occur if players or team supporters are found guilty of any of the above behaviour. Any player behaving in this manner stated above will be sent off and suspended and the entire team risks expulsion. That player's team may, at the Competition Manager's discretion, get points deducted for the behaviour and risk team expulsion from the competition.
19. Verbal or physical abuse or intimidation or threats of violence of a **ball boy or ball girl** by players, coaches or spectators, will not be tolerated and is unacceptable in this competition. Suspensions and/or team expulsions will occur if players or team supporters are found guilty of any of the above behaviour. Any player behaving in this manner stated above will be sent off and suspended and the entire team risks expulsion. That player's team may, at the Competition Manager's discretion, get points deducted for the behaviour and risk team expulsion from the competition.