



MOSS VALE SOCCER CLUB INC.

COMPETITION RULES

for the

JUNIOR SUMMER SOCCER COMPETITION

conducted by

MOSS VALE SOCCER CLUB INC.

2015 Season

www.summer.mvsc.org.au or www.mvsc.org.au

1. OBJECTIVES:

To facilitate the enjoyment & recreational benefits of modified soccer in a relaxed social and fun atmosphere for all children in the community aged between 5 and 14 years of age.

2. GOVERNANCE:

- 2.1 These rules shall cover the Junior Summer Soccer Competition (the "Competition") conducted by the Moss Vale Soccer Club Inc (MVSC) with the approval of the Highlands Soccer Association (HSA).
- 2.2 The Moss Vale Soccer Club will appoint a Competition Committee to administer the Competition on behalf of the Club.
- 2.3 These competition rules and regulations are subject to alteration as required, by a simple majority vote of the Competition Committee.
- 2.4 Any matters not included in the rules and regulations must be referred to the Competition Committee, whose decision shall be final.
- 2.5 Moss Vale Soccer Club reserves the right to:
 - (a) refuse admission of a team into the Competition; or
 - (b) refuse admission of a player into the Competition.
- 2.6 Moss Vale Soccer Club reserves the right to:
 - (a) suspend or disqualify a team from the Competition subject to the Competition Rules;
 - (b) suspend or disqualify a player from the Competition subject to the Competition Rules.

3. VENUE: Church Rd playing fields, Moss Vale

4. FIELDS: Up to nine (9) may be used

5. COMPETITION DAY: Wednesday

6. TIME SLOTS: Nominally 5.00pm, 5.45pm, 6.30pm

7. COMPETITION DATES (subject to adjustment)

October 14th – December 16th 2015 10 matches (max).

8. COMPETITION DIVISIONS

5-7 yrs	Boys/Girls mixed competition. Minimum age is 5 years prior to December 31, 2015. Maximum age is 7 years at December 31, 2015.
8-9 yrs	Boys/Girls mixed competition. Minimum age is 8 years prior to December 31, 2015. Maximum age is 9 years at December 31, 2015.
10-11 yrs	Boys/Girls mixed competition. Minimum age is 10 years prior to December 31, 2015. Maximum age is 11 years at December 31, 2015.
12-14 yrs	Boys/Girls mixed competition. Minimum age is 12 years prior to December 31, 2015. Maximum age is 14 years at December 31, 2015.

Alterations to age group grades and combinations of above divisions is possible if there are not sufficient player numbers to make a stand alone age competition.

9. REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS

- (a) The competition size in terms of the total number of participating teams and players is limited. Registration is on a “first come - first in” basis for both teams and players that have completed all registration forms and paid all registration fees in full. **Part payment of these fees does not guarantee entry to this competition**
- (b) All forms, documents and information are available at Moss Vale Soccer Club – Summer Soccer website www.summer.mvsc.org.au.
- (c) Each team applying to play in the Competition must complete and submit a Team Registration Form to summer@mvsc.org.au or a.
- (d) Each individual player applying to play in the Competition must register via the MyFootballClub system. The registration of an amateur Player is effective from the date the individual is made active by the MVSC within the national online registration system.
- (e) Submitting a registration form is a request for a place in the Competition. It does not guarantee a place in the Competition.
- (f) All player registrations must be submitted with full payment. No person will be registered, nor will they be permitted to play, until that person's registration fees are paid in full.
- (g) Players can register in one team only.
- (h) In the event that a team's or player's registration application is unsuccessful, the payment submitted at the time of application will be refunded.
- (i) Each team may only consist of a maximum of three (3) Representative Team players from the 2015 squads.

10. REGISTRATION FEES

Players are registered at the following costs:

Registered with Football NSW for Winter 2015 season	NOT registered with Football NSW for Winter 2015 season
\$50	\$60

No additional fees, weekly or otherwise, are payable.

Note: Juniors Accident Support levies do not include any income protection. The full adult (senior) insurance levy must be paid if junior players require the income protection cover offered in the Accident Support Program.

Registration fees are to be paid by credit card as part of the on-line registration process.

11. CODE OF CONDUCT

All players, coaches, managers & team officials, and referees, are required & expected to abide by the FFA National 'Code Of Conduct' which is available on line at www.footballaustralia.com.au.

12. BALLS

The following sizes are applicable to the different age grades:

Grade	Size
U10 to U14 inclusive	4
U9 and under	3

13. MATCH FORMAT

Grade	Format
U8 to U14 inclusive	6 v 6
U7 and under	4 v 4 (in compliance with FFA MiniRoo Football Regulations)

With the exception of the 4 v 4 format in which there is no goal keeper, the total numbers indicated above is inclusive of the goal keeper.

For age groups 5-7 yrs the following principles of FFA MiniRoo Football shall be applied:

- 4 v 4 format
- No competition tables or points
- No finals series

For age groups 8-9 yrs and 10-11 the following principles of FFA Mini Roo Football shall be applied:

- No competition tables or points
- No finals series

Competitions with points and finals series may be included for 12-14 yr players.

14. MATCH DURATION

Grade	Minimum Time
U10 to U14 inclusive	Two twenty (20) minute halves
U8 & U9	Two fifteen (15) minute halves
U6 & U7	Two fifteen (15) minute halves

15. COMPETITION RULES

- 15.1 Each team must have a designated contact who will be the primary point of contact for all team correspondence from MVSC.

15.2 Any team found playing or to have played an unregistered or disqualified player will be deemed to have forfeited the match.

15.3 Following the closing date for team nominations in each grade, the committee shall determine suitable competitions for the season. No late entries will be permitted unless they can replace a bye in the draw.

15.4 Depending on the number of teams nominating in each division, the Competition Committee shall determine the number of rounds in each competition. Full rounds need not be played.

15.5 Where possible the Competition Committee will conduct competitions to best accommodate the number of teams nominated.

15.6 At the completion of the competition round(s), **for eligible competitions**, the four (4) highest ranked teams by points in each division may play off for the right to be Division Champions. If finals competitions are played, the order of play in the semi-final shall be:

(Team 1 v team 4) & (Team 2 v team 3)

The winner of these matches advance to the Grand Final.

The Competition Committee reserves the right introduce finals and to alter the rules for semi-finals, and grand finals.

If teams finish on equal points in the competition then the team position shall be determined by:

- (1) The team with highest goal difference by deducting from the total number of goals scored by each team less the number of goals scored against that team, or if that be equal then by;
- (2) The team with highest number of goals scored; or if that be equal then by;
- (3) The results of previous matches between the teams during the competition, whereby the team with most wins of previous matches proceeds to finals. If there are equal wins, then the team with best goal difference from all previous matches between these teams proceeds to the finals.

In the event of drawn matches in all finals matches, two equal halves of five (5) minutes extra time shall be played in all divisions unless a goal is scored in extra time by way of: -

‘Golden Goal’ i.e. the team scoring the first goal in extra time wins the match. In the event of the match resulting in a draw after the first period of extra time has been played the following shall decide the winner;

Then another five (5) minutes will be played each way with the goalkeepers leaving the field of play and the ‘Golden Goal’ rule applying. If after this period the match is still drawn then;

Three (3) penalty kicks per team taken alternately, if still equal after this, one (1) penalty kick per team shall be taken until one team gains a lead after an equal number of kicks. No player may be replaced after the end of extra time.

15.7 In the event of the withdrawal of any teams before the conclusion of the competition, all points previously allocated in matches in which they have taken part shall be deleted and the goals for and against adjusted accordingly.

15.8 Teams that withdraw from the competition will forfeit their player registration fees. Further penalties may be imposed at the discretion of the Competition Committee.

16. COMPETITION POINTS (FOR APPLICABLE COMPETITIONS ONLY)

(a)	Win	3 points
	Score draw	2 points
	Scoreless draw	1 point
	Loss	0 points
	Bye	0 points
	Win by forfeit	3 points (3 goals)
	Team forfeit	-3 points (-3 goals)
	Unregistered player	-2 point

17. TEAM SHEETS

- (a) In all competition matches the team manager shall, before the start of play, attend the canteen area to complete the match team sheet details by printing with block (CAPITAL) letters the proper and given names of the players in their team in the appropriate area.
- (b) Completed match team sheets are then available for collection from the canteen area by the Duty Referee only, just prior to the match kick-off time. After the match, the Referee must finalise the team sheet by ensuring the correct team scores, goal scorers and Referee signature is written on the team sheet before then returning the team sheet to the canteen staff. It is each team manager's responsibility to check the card to ensure the result of the game has been recorded correctly before Referee returns the completed team sheet.
- (c) Match team sheets not filled out correctly could result in loss of points or fine.
- (d) It is the Duty Referee's responsibility to record each of the goal scorers at the time the goals are scored during the game on the team sheet.

18. PROTESTS/DISPUTES

A protest/dispute may be lodged on any matter relating to or arising out of the competition. Protests may be lodged on the competition night on which they occur. All protests/disputes will be heard by the competition committee whose decision on the matter shall be final. A decision will be made on the night of protest whenever possible.

20. WET WEATHER

In the event of inclement weather conditions, a decision will not be made until it is clearly evident to the competition committee that conditions are unsuitable for play. Wherever possible, team contacts will be advised as soon as possible when matches are cancelled via an email or mobile phone SMS text.

If team contacts have not received notification of cancellations due to weather conditions, then **assume all games will be played as scheduled**.

In the event of matches commencing and later games from the same division being washed out, the complete round for affected divisions will be declared null and void.

22. LAWS OF THE GAME

LAW 1 The existing fields at the Church Road Soccer Fields will be used for this competition. The following table details the preferred pitch dimensions and goal sizes however existing fields at Church Road may not always meet these dimensions.

Category	U6 & U7 (4v4)	U8 & U9	U10 & U11	U12 and up
Field size	Length: 30m Width: 20m	Length: 40m Width: 30m	Length: 50m Width: 40m	Length: 60m Width: 40m
Field markings	Markers or lines markings or combination			
Penalty area	Not required	Depth: 5m Width: 12m	Depth: 5m Width: 12m	Depth: 5m Width: 12m
Goal size	Height: 1m Width: 2m	Height: 2m Width: 3m	Height: 2m Width: 5m	Height: 2m Width: 5m
Goal type	Pop-up goals	Portable goals	Portable goals	Portable goals

LAW 3 The number of registered players for each team is listed in the table below and is dependent on the format being played.

Grade	Registered Players	Minimum Players
U8 to U14 inclusive	Min 8 – Max 11	Three (3) plus the goalkeeper. If four (4) players are not present within five (5) minutes of the advised kick off time, a forfeit will result.
U7 and under	Min 5 – Max 7	Three (3)

Teams can borrow players from other teams in their competition to make up the minimum numbers to play.

LAW 4 There will be unlimited interchange and no suspension of play whilst this takes place. Interchange requires the player to have left the field prior to the new player entering the field of play. Interchange for both teams must occur on the same sideline, within 5 metres of where the halfway line intersects the sideline. A change of goalkeeper is allowed at anytime, but only after the acknowledgment by the referee.

LAW 5 Players footwear will be sandshoes, 'grasscat' type or moulded boot footwear only; **no screw in stud type boots will be allowed**. Shin pads are compulsory and it is the player's responsibility to ensure that their shin pads cover their leg shins nominally between their ankle and knee. Simple T-shirts of the same colour is all that is required for a team strip. Distinguishing goalkeeper's shirts or bib is essential. Club shirts are acceptable, however this simple rule allows players from different clubs & friends etc to join together and play without

having to be affiliated with a particular club. Shirts numbers, although recommended, are not essential.

LAW 6 A Duty Referee will control each game. It is preferred that the Duty Referee is an adult (i.e over 18 years of age).

However, the Duty Referee can be someone less than 18 years of age. In every instance, the Duty referee must be older than the age group playing by at least 2 years.

LAW 7 Assistant Duty Referees may be appointed for Finals & Grand Finals.

LAW 8 Start of play will be the same as winter competition rules.

LAW 9 Ball in and out of play will be the same as winter competition rules.

LAW 10 Method of scoring: All goals must be scored from outside the goalkeeper's area or on the line of the goalkeeper's semi-circle area; excepting deflection by the goalkeeper inside the goalkeeper's area only. All field players & opposing goalkeeper are not allowed inside the goalkeeper's semi-circle area.

LAW 11 There will be no offside rule applied in this competition.

LAW 12 No slide tackles or tackling for the ball from the ground is permitted. Generally, if a player's hand or arm or knee or leg is touching the ground when the player also attempts to tackle or plays or controls the ball when they could reasonably have been challenged for the ball by another player, the player doing so will be considered to have committed a foul and an indirect free kick will be awarded against them to the opposing team.

LAW 13 A sin bin facility will be used for foul play or misconduct. This will solely be used & timed at the discretion of the Duty Referee. Minor misdemeanours will accrue a two (2) minute cooling off whereas a more serious offence may incur a five (5) minute penalty.

The Duty Referee will also have the power to send a player from the field if he/she believes the offence warrants such action. The referee is required to submit a send-off report on any player sent from the field of play in which they are officiating.

Players sent to the sin bin or sent off cannot be replaced. The sin bin is located behind the player's own goal line.

The MVSC Junior Summer Soccer Judiciary Committee will conduct a hearing to deal with any send-off's on the very same evening of the send-off offence. Players sent from the field must report to the canteen within ten (10) minutes of the conclusion of the match from which they were sent from the field to advise that they will be making themselves available for the Judiciary Committee meeting. Players whom do not report to the canteen as required or do not attend the Judiciary Committee meeting will be deemed to have approved for the matter to be heard 'in absentia'.

The MVSC Junior Summer Soccer Judiciary Committee will report all send-off offences & its findings on matters to the Highlands Soccer Association (HSA) Judiciary Committee Chairperson within 24 hrs of the send-off & Judiciary Committee meeting hearing the matter. The HSA Judiciary Committee Chairperson shall determine within 4 days whether MVSC Senior Summer Soccer Judiciary Committee findings are appropriate and acceptable to the HSA or whether the HSA Judiciary Committee will be convened to also hear the matter

All send-off offences shall incur a minimum one (1) match suspension in accordance with FIFA rules. This suspension cannot be appealed.

LAW 14 Deliberate time wasting will have an indirect free kick awarded against the offending team:

All free kicks, corner kicks and throw-ins are to be taken within five (5) seconds of placement of the ball/control of the ball. Deliberate time wasting whilst placing the ball will result in an infringement as if the ball was actually placed and 5 seconds elapsed.

If the time limit of five (5) seconds is exceeded, the match referee can award a free kick or throw-in to the opposition. In the case of time limit being exceeded for the taking of a corner kick, the opposition will be awarded a goal kick. In the case of a goalkeeper exceeding the time limit to take a goal kick, a corner kick will be awarded to the opposing team.

LAW 15 The goalkeepers will be allowed to go outside their own teams marked goalkeepers area; his/her team members or any attacking team player are not allowed inside the marked goalkeepers area.

The ball remains 'in play' for both the goalkeeper to use their hands and field players if the ball is on the marked goalkeepers semi-circle; i.e. the ball has not wholly crossed over the marked semi-circle.

If in the opinion of the referee any defending team player enters inside the marked semi-circle area to play the ball - a penalty kick will be awarded to the attacking team - refer to Law 17.

If in the opinion of the referee any attacking team player enters inside the marked semi-circle area to play the ball - a goal kick will be awarded to the defending team.

LAW 16 All free kicks will be indirect free kicks (except penalties per Law-15 or penalties to determine a final's match after extra time). Opponents cannot encroach closer than two (2) metres to the ball & player taking the free kick.

LAW 17 Penalty kicks will only be awarded in circumstances previously described in Law 15.

A penalty spot will be marked approximately one (1) metre from the top of the goalkeeper's area. [i.e. seven (7) meters from the goal line].

When a penalty kick is taken, all players, apart from the goalkeeper must remain behind the ball. The player taking the penalty kick can take a maximum of one (1) step before kicking the ball. Opponents cannot encroach closer than two (2) metres to the ball & player taking the penalty kick.

LAW 18 Throw-ins will be the same as winter competition. Other than they have to be taken within five (5) seconds of control of the ball.

LAW 19 Goal kicks are to be taken by the goalkeeper only and can be taken anywhere within the goalkeepers semi-circle area. Goal kicks out of the goalkeepers hands or off the ground or the goalkeeper throwing the ball by hand, all from within the goalkeepers semi-circle must be done so within five (5) seconds of placement or control of the ball, and must not travel further than the halfway line on the full. If the ball does travel over the half way line on the full, a free kick will be awarded to the opposing side at the halfway line where the ball passed.

Note: The "No Back Pass" rule applies in this competition; i.e. a goalkeeper cannot pick up with their hands, a ball intentionally passed back to them by their own team mate.

Infringement of this Law will result in a corner kick to the opposing team.

LAW 20 Corner kicks are to be taken at the goal end where the side line meets with the end of the backline. This kick is to be taken within five (5) seconds of placement of the ball.

LAW 21 The minimum number of players allowed to commence a match is three (3) plus the goalkeeper. If four (4) players are not present within five (5) minutes of the advised kick off time, a forfeit will result.

Forfeit penalties & forfeit claiming: Three (3) goals will be awarded against the forfeiting team. To claim a forfeit, the opposing team must fill in the match team sheet appropriately. Appointed Duty Referees must sign the team sheet confirming the forfeit and forward the team sheet to the canteen staff.

LAW 22 If a team leads by three (3) goals then, at the referee's discretion only, the leading team may be required to limit touches of the ball in general play by any player in the leading team to a maximum of three (3) consecutive touches.

If a player in the leading team is deemed by the referee to have touched the ball more than three (3) consecutive times, then the referee may award an indirect free kick to the opposing team from the place where the breach occurred.

LAW 23 If a team leads by five (5) goals then, at the referee's discretion only, the leading team may be required to have every player in the leading team touch the ball in general play before the leading team can score a valid goal.

Note: Additional Law variations to further challenge players in teams that may have gained a leading goal difference or other advantage over an opposing team may be implemented by the MVSC Junior Summer Soccer Committee at any time during the competition.