**JUNIOR SIX A SIDE SOCCER – INFORMATION PACK**

The Junior Summer Six a Side soccer competition commences for the first time in 2015. The competition is sanctioned by the Queensland Christian Soccer Association (QCSA) and supported by the Queensland Christian Soccer Referee’s Association (QCSRA).

The competition will be run for 8 weeks **starting Thursday 15 October 2015 and finishing on Thursday 3 December 2015,** this includes 7 games of fixtures plus finals also played on the last night**.** All registration forms to be received by 30 September so the competition can be organized and the fixture draw e-mailed out at the earliest possible time.

The structure of the competition will depend on the number of teams nominating, however it is envisaged that there will be Under9/10; Under 11/12 and Under 13/14 teams. Teams can be all boys, all girls or mixed. Age group is same as the age group that played in 2015 season. **Single players** can nominate themselves and they will be assigned to a team.

Contacts for the Competition are:

* All general inquiries: Paula Oldfield – 0418 652 359
* Secondary contact/fixture officer : Billy Diehm – 0433 873 459

Registration and match fees for the whole competition will be: $320.00 per team. Registration fees to be paid in full before the season commences. There is also a $20 insurance levy per player for all players who didn’t play the 2015 QCSA season.

**Venue**

Raceview Soccer Club – Kath Chandler Oval. Cnr South Station Rd & Robertson Rd, Raceview QLD 4305. Drinks, snacks and sausage sizzle available each week.

**Start times**

Kick off times will be: 6.00pm, 7.00pm, 8.00pm.

**Match Durations**

There will be 2 halves of 20 minutes with a 5 minute half time interval. Additional time will not be added for injuries or teams that arrive late.

**Competition points**

Points will be awarded on the following basis and will be used to compile a competition ladder for each division. Win- 3 points, Draw - 1 point, Loss - 0 points.

**Referees**

Trained referees from the QCSRA will be provided for all matches.

The system of yellow and red cards will be strictly enforced. If a player is sent from the field, (either directly from receiving a red card or indirectly through being issued with a second yellow card), no substitution will be allowed.

**Soccer balls**

Soccer balls will be size 4 Outdoor balls.

**Dress Regulations**

Teams must wear uniform shirts, preferably numbered. Although preferred, it is not necessary that shorts and long socks be of the same colour or design. The preferred footwear is moulded football boots, although grass or touch shoes are also considered appropriate. Shin guards are compulsory and worn with long socks. No jewellery is to be worn during matches (including watches, rings, earrings, or necklaces).

**Team Composition**

A team squad consists of between 6 to 10 players, with no more than six (6) of who are allowed on the field at any time. An unlimited interchange rule applies. A team that has less than 4 members to contest a match will incur an automatic forfeit.

**Player Eligibility**

A player may play for more than one team in the competition but is limited to playing for only one team *in any given division*. As a result of this concession, the dual-registered player may become ‘double-booked’ for a fixture.

A player must play a minimum of 3 fixture matches to be eligible to play for that team in the finals (the finals will be between the top 2 teams at the end of the fixtures rounds). Teams may only replace players or add players to their teams at the discretion of the Sumer Six a Side Committee.

**Insurance**

Players who played the QCSA 2015 season are automatically covered for insurance. Those players from each squad are ‘non QSCA registered’ player will be required to submit an insurance application form and a fee of $20.00 for the competition duration. This is handed in at the first game together with payment.

**Rained Out Games**

As we play the Summer Six a Side competition over the hotter months of the year, the prospect of thunderstorms washing out matches is a real possibility. A decision to cancel games will be made by the Fixture officer no later than 5.00 pm (if possible) on the date that the match is due to be played. All ‘Team Contacts’ must contact the Fixture officer to verify of any washouts. Information will also be posted on the Raceview United Soccer club Facebook page. Individual team members should communicate with their team’s nominated ‘Team Contact’ and not directly with the Fixture officer.

If games are washed out, we will do our best to re-schedule those games on another

night. If this is not possible, the Summer Six a Side Committee will consider the points application for that round.

**Code of conduct / Players dismissed from the field**

The competition has the aim of encouraging good sportsmanship, conduct and friendliness. Violence or verbal abuse, will not be tolerated.

A player sent from the field will incur an automatic 1-match suspension, with no appeal rights. The nominated Team Contact will be notified formally of the suspension by e-mail. In situations where the offence is considered serious by the referee, they can recommend that the Summer Six a Side Committee consider a longer sentence. If this occurs the Team Contact will be notified by a member of the Committee within 48 hours. A team is responsible for all of its member’s behaviour including spectators.

**Forfeits Without Due Notice**

We ask team contacts to advise of any forfeits 24 hours prior to the match scheduled time. We will then use our best endeavors to communicate the forfeit to the opposition Team Contact. If forfeiture becomes a recurring event, the team may be ejected from the competition. For the purpose of competition points, all forfeits will be deemed a 3-0 victory to the non-forfeiting side.

**Conditions for field use:**

In accordance with the QCSA guidelines, all players and spectators are bound to obey all laws with respect to obscene language, cleanliness, smoking, etc.

This Summer Six a Side competition requires that all players and supporters in the competition abide by these laws, have consideration for the residents of the area, and generally observe the following rules:

**1. The grounds are to be left in a neat and tidy condition after use.**

**2. No Alcohol shall be consumed at the ground.**

**3. When driving to and from each location there will be no hooning, screeching tyres, horn**

**blowing or making excessive noise.**

**4. Cars will park legally in the carpark provided and not across driveways, etc.**

**5. There will be no obscene language, swearing or excessively loud language that may cause disruption to the neighboring residents.**

**Players and Spectators may be expelled from the Summer Six a Side competition and/or the vicinity of the ground for breaching of any of the above rules.**

**Specific rules for the Summer Six a Side competition:**

* Unless otherwise stated in this Appendix, the normal FIFA Rules shall apply and the QCSA By-Laws shall be followed.
* Field of Play - 4 Fields shall be placed on the main field. Each field is approx 40m long x 30m wide.
* The Goal area is defined by a five metre radius from the centre of the goal. All players are allowed within the area, and goals may be scored from within the area.
* No corner posts or witches hats are to be placed on the corners. They shall be left free for corner kicks.
* Goals are to be 4 metres wide by 1.6 metres high or similar.
* The Ball to be used is to be size 4 and meeting all other FIFA requirements.
* Interchange - Matches will be played under Unlimited Interchange, with no requirement to inform referee of the change, players may interchange as they wish under the following guidelines: They must be at the halfway line on the same side of the field (the side away from the other match, ie: either the carpark side of the Kath Chandler Oval or the creek side – no players or spectators are to be in the area between the 4 fields).
* All Goalkeeper Interchanges must be advised to the referee prior to the change.
* The Offside rule will not be applied.
* All Free Kicks require the defending side to be 5 metres from the ball. This includes Indirect Free kicks, Direct kicks, Kick offs, and Kick ins. In addition, no players (except the goalkeeper) may be inside the goal circle for penalty kicks.
* Penalty Kicks will be taken from a point on the goal circle directly in front of the goals.
* There will be no Throws In. Players will place the ball on the sideline where directed by the referee and have four (4) seconds to kick the ball. Goals cannot be scored directly from a kick in.

* Goal Kicks will be taken from any place within the goal circle by the goalkeeper or a defending player. The ball must not cross the halfway line on the full without touching a player. If it does the other team will receive an indirect free kick from the point on the half way line where the infringement occurred.
* If the goalkeeper picks up the ball from within the goal circle, they have four (4) seconds to get the ball back into play by a **throw only**. The ball must not cross the halfway line on the full without touching a player. If it does the other team will receive an indirect free kick from the point on the half way line where the infringement occurred. They **cannot** kick the ball out of their hands and cannot touch the ball a second time before being touched by another player from either side. If the ball fails to clear the goal area on the throw, the goalkeeper may pick it up and have another throw.
* The goalkeeper may not pick up the ball from a pass back or throw in from a defending player as per FIFA rules.
* Corners will be taken from the junction where the sideline meets the goal line.
* A player who receives a yellow card whilst on the field will be “sinbinned” for 3 minutes and may not be replaced during this time. At the expiration of this time, the player may only return to the field if waved on by the referee. A player who receives a 2nd yellow card during the same game will also be shown the red card and sent off.