Junior SIX A SIDE SOCCER – INFORMATION PACK 2023

Welcome to the Junior Six a Side summer soccer competition for 2023! 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 running for 8 weeks this year starting on Wednesday 11th October 2023 and finishing on Wednesday 29th October 2023, this includes 7 games of fixtures plus finals which is played on the last night.

All registration forms are to be e-mailed to <u>raceviewsixaside@gmail.com</u> by Monday 18th September 2023 or until the competition is full, you will receive email conformation if your team has a spot in the competition.

The structure of the competition will depend on the number of teams nominating; however, we are hoping to have Under 6/7; Under 8/9; Under 10/11; Under 12/13; Under 14/15 and this season Youth boys and Youth girls. Teams can be all boys, all girls or mixed except youth teams must be girls or boys.

Under 6\7	born 2017,2016
Under 8\9	born 2015,2014
Under 10\11	born 2013,2012
Under 12\13	born 2011,2010
Under 14\15	born 2009,2008
Youth	born 2007,2006

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Registration

Registration and match fees for the <u>whole competition</u> will be: \$420.00 per team. Registration fees are to be paid by Monday 09th October 2023 and paid directly into the club's bank account using team name and division as reference. Your team will not be accepted into the competition without payment made in full. There is also a \$30 registration fee levy per player for all players who didn't play the 2023 QCSA season. Non QCSA forms and payments need to be handed in on the first night prior to taking the field.

Venue

Raceview Soccer Club – Norm Rule sporting fields, Eastern Heights. Drinks and hot food available each week.

Start times

Kick off times will be: Wednesday 5.45pm, 6.45pm, 7.45pm

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. Anyone caught abusing the referees will be removed from the competition permanently with no refund, if the referee is a Junior (wearing pink armband) criminal charges may also apply.

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

Size 4 soccer balls will be provided for all age groups.

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 only be registered in one team within the competition, A player may play up an age group to help a team, but that player must be registered in the six a side competition to be covered by insurance.

If an unregistered player is caught playing for a team, that team will forfeit that game and 3 points awarded to the opposition, if that team is caught a second time, they will be removed from the competition with no refund.

A player must play a minimum of 3 games to be eligible to play finals.

<u>Insurance</u>

Players who played the QCSA 2023 season are automatically covered for insurance. Those players from each squad are 'non QSCA registered' player will be required to submit a registration form and a fee of \$30.00 for the competition duration. This is handed in at the first game together with payment. Please ask for this form upon registration of your team and one will be emailed to you.

Rained Out Games

As we play the Senior 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.

Individual team members should communicate with their team's nominated 'Team Contact' and not directly with the Fixture officer. Information will also be posted on the Raceview Soccer Club and Six A Side Facebook page.

If games are washed out, we will do our best to re-schedule those games on a Tuesday night. If this is not possible, the Senior 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. This is a social competition, and any form of 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 Senior 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 members 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 endeavours 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. The 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 neighbouring residents.

<u>Players and Spectators may be expelled from the Junior Six a Side competition and/or the vicinity of the ground for breaching of any of the above rules.</u>

Specific rules for the Summer Six a Side competition for under 6/7:

• Under 6-7 competition will play by the same rules as the small, sided winter competition. This includes throw ins, goal kicks and players not allowed in semi-circle.

Specific rules for the Summer Six a Side competition (for under 8\9 – Youth):

- 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 – 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 halfway 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 halfway 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.

Most of all this is a social competition so have FUN and see you at the field.