



Sunday Soccer League
Season pack

Summer 2024/25

TLDR (Too Long; Didn't Read)

You really need to read this document to understand how to register and prepare for the season.

However, the crux is as follows:

1. Get a team (and some shirts) together.
2. Pay the team registration fee and inform the league organiser (and advise of bye preferences) via organiser@sundaysoccer.org by **Friday 8th November 2024**. If transferred within 2 days of the deadline, please send an EFT receipt as proof of payment.
3. The draw is published and the player registration system opens **Monday 11th November 2024**.
4. Play. The season kicks-off on **17th November 2024**.

Now read on for the details 😊



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1. About the Sunday Soccer League

The Sunday Soccer League is a mixed, 7-a-side social competition. It caters for all abilities and exists to promote social sporting endeavour through the beautiful game. The rules exist to promote the social nature of the league and outlaw the physical elements of the larger format game, such as slide tackling and barging.

If you like to play hard, tackle hard and win at all costs, the Sunday Soccer League is **not** for you.

If you like to run after a ball, applaud good play, expect bad play, have a laugh and socialise with your team-mates and opponents, the Sunday Soccer League is for you.

2. League/match format

Matches this season will be played on Sundays on Willows Oval at the ANU. The format for games is mixed 7-a-side on 1/2 size pitch. A maximum of 4 male players may be on the pitch at any time (see [gender policy](#)). The games are 2 x 25-minute halves with roll-on/roll-off subs and teams provide referees for other matches on a schedule (usually reffing every other week). It is suggested that you only submit a team for entry if you can consistently field 7 players. Teams must comprise of a minimum squad of 10 players.

The league is very social and a lot of fun with a real mix of abilities. Some people play in higher grade leagues, others have never kicked a ball and want to get involved in a low-key league.

The season kicks-off on **Sunday 17th November 2024** and runs until late March (date to be confirmed based on the finalised number of teams).



Match times

It is anticipated that the season will comprise of 12 - 14 rounds with matches being played between 10am and 12pm.

3. Requirements for team entry

Complete the team registration process described in [5. Registering a team](#).

1. Ensure that all members of the team abide by the rules of the Sunday Soccer League (see <http://www.sundaysoccer.org/rules.php>).
2. Ensure that the team has sufficient player numbers to cover absences (format is 7-a-side with a maximum of 4 male players making up the 7 players on the pitch at any time). This season team registrations need to comprise of a minimum of 10 players. A maximum will also be determined when the number of teams is confirmed (due to insurance requirements).
3. Ensure that *only* registered players participate. Additional player registrations can be made throughout the season to account for players leaving and new players arriving. Registrations must be confirmed by the league organiser prior to the player participating in the league.
4. Provide a referee for assigned matches if required (usually every other week).
5. Play in the spirit of the Sunday Soccer league. The league is mixed-gender, social and participative in nature. All play and conduct must acknowledge this. Failure to do so will result in suspension/expulsion of players and/or teams.



4. Gender policy

The league's intent is to promote participation, inclusion and community. Its slogan is **play football, make friends**. Therefore, the league's gender policy promotes inclusivity and reflects the diversity of our community.

Match format application

Of the 7 players on the pitch a maximum of 4 **male** players are permitted. The remaining players can be **any gender**.

Definition

The league uses the terms male, female and non-binary to refer to **gender** and not sex.

Gender includes the social, psychological, cultural and behavioral aspects of being a man, woman, or other gender identity.

Player registration

When individuals [register to play](#), they may indicate their gender as male, female or non-binary¹.

Respect

All league participants are expected to be respectful of the gender determinations of other players. Any behaviour that is deemed to question a participant's gender will not be tolerated.

¹ Whilst the league acknowledges that an array of terms may be used to express gender, the league is using **non-binary** to describe all genders that are not male or female.





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5. Venue and logistics

The venue is [Willows Oval](#) at the ANU. The league will use pitch 1 with two cross-pitch games played concurrently.



Venue access

The Willows Oval gate will be unlocked for the period of league operation.

Playing area

Cross-pitch games will use the entire half-pitch from the halfway line to the goal line. Full size goals will be moved back way from the playing area.

Goals

The ANU will ensure that goals are in place ready for play. Goal dimensions are 5050 x 2100mm.



6. Registering a team

Pay the team fee

The team fee is **\$1,300**. A \$100 refundable bond is payable if the league doesn't hold one for your team.

- Pay \$1,300 if the league holds a bond from a previous season; OR
- Pay \$1,400 if no bond has been paid. \$100 will be refunded² at the end of the season.

The team fee is payable via EFT by 5pm **Friday 8th November 2024**. The season draw will be generated based on teams who have paid by this deadline.

Please note that payment does not guarantee entry. The Sunday Soccer League will endeavour to accommodate all interested teams but capacity is limited. If your team is not accepted for the season and you have paid the team fee, it will be refunded.

Transfer the team fee to:

BSB: 112-908
Account no: 483 920 943
Account name: Sunday Soccer League
Bank: St George

A **single transfer should be made per team** with the team name in the description. Players should not EFT their own portion of team fees separately. If payment is not received by the deadline, your team's place in the league will be offered to another prospective team.

² Minus deductions if team penalties are applied (ref: <https://www.sundaysoccer.org/rules.php#1122>)



Send an email to organiser@sundaysoccer.org advising:

- That the fee has been paid (EFT receipts will be accepted in lieu of the payment reaching the league account).
- Your team name (and previous team name if participated before).
- Your team shirt colour.
- Any preferred dates for byes (not all seasons have byes).

Check the draw and register players

You will receive an email from the league organiser by **11th November 2024** advising that the player registration system is active. All players will need to register for your given team.

On match day if a player is not on the list, they shall not be permitted to play. Players may register to play for your team throughout the season via the online player registration system.

Play!

On **Sunday 17th November 2024** the season kicks-off.



7. Team strip and equipment

Your team is required to have a uniform. Identical shirts only are required (no need for a full uniform). The choice of shirt is up to you but all shirts for a team must be identical in colour/pattern. The keeper is not required to use a different shirt.

Please be aware that it is likely that you will play against teams with the same colour as you. In this instance, the away team must wear an alternative uniform.

Colours that are used by a number of existing teams include white, black, blue, green and red. Avoiding these colours will limit clashes with opposing teams.

Footwear

All footwear on the fields must be studs, cleats, blades, astro boots/etc. No flat-soled footwear is allowed. This includes runners, indoor shoes, etc. Any individuals wearing such footwear will not be permitted to play.

Shinpads

Shinpads are mandatory.

Balls

All teams will be provided with a ball at the start of the season and should bring to each match. No additional balls will be provided at the venue (with the exception of those brought by other teams).



8. Summary of key dates

8 th November 2024	Team registration fee payment deadline.
11 th November 2024	Draw published to the website . Player registration begins.
17 th November 2024	Season kicks-off.

9. Insurance information

The Sunday Soccer League operates under Public Liability insurance only. This means that any personal injuries sustained through participation in games are **not** covered.

Individuals are strongly advised to take out private health insurance in case of injury.

More information is available in the [Sunday Soccer League participation agreement](#).



10. Facility rules

The following rules are enforced by the ANU.

1. Approved clean footwear with moulded studs or cleats (see [Footwear](#)).
2. Flat-sole footwear is not permitted
3. No smoking, naked flames or fireworks
4. No chewing gum or spitting
5. No food or drink except water
6. No glass or sharp objects, including high heels marquee/tent pegs
7. No vehicles
8. No camper or portable chairs
9. Do not pierce the surface, including corner flags or agility poles.

11. COVID-19 policy

The league is subject to the COVID-19-related rules and regulations imposed by:

- ACT government; and
- ANU (venue operator)

Cancellations

If complete rounds are cancelled due to changes in restrictions, all teams will receive a prorated refund within 3 weeks of the season end date.



For example, for if the season was cancelled after 8 rounds of a 14-round season the following refund would be provided:

	Calculation	Amount
Initial team fee (excluding bond)		\$1,300.00
Per-round fee	$\$1,300.00 / 14$	\$92.86
Prorated refund	$6 * \$92.86$	\$557.16
Recalculated team fee (after refund)	$\$1,300.00 - \557.16	\$742.84

