Football Competition Rules

Nerang Soccer Club Inc

Valid as of 1 October 2026

1. RULES

a. The FIFA Rules shall apply except when superseded by any of the following rules.
b. A round match shall be 30 minutes each way with a half time break of 5 minutes.
c. A finals match shall be 30 minutes each way with a half time break of 5 minutes. Should a match be drawn at full time, NO extra time will be played. A penalty shoot-out, as per FIFA rules, shall apply to determine the winner.
d. Round Matches - Points Awarded

Win:	3 points
Draw:	1 point
Loss:	0 points

e. Games cancelled will be recorded as a scoreless draw with both teams given 1 point.
f. Teams must be ready on the field of play to start the game by the designated game commencement time. A team will be deemed to have forfeited the game if unable to field a team (min 8 players) within 15 minutes of the designated game commencement time. If it is agreed by both teams for the game to be still played (after a forfeit being awarded), it is regarded as a friendly.
g. In the event of a forfeit, a 3-0 win will be awarded to the opposing team.
h. Players can be interchanged. Any player can come on and off repeatedly with permission of the Referee.
i. Each team must nominate a Captain before the match begins.
j. It shall be the responsibility of each player to check with his team's nominated representative as to changes of venues, dates or times.

2. TEAM COMPOSITION

a. Each team can nominate eighteen (18) registered and financial players for any game. There is no limitation on the number of players registered for each team.
b. Goal keepers are granted an age exemption and can be 5 years below the minimum age requirement (1 age category below) except for the youngest age division where they must be the minimum age to qualify to participate in the masters games. If the goalkeeper is underage, they are only permitted to play in the position of goalkeeper on the field.
c. Age will be determined as at the 31st December 2026. Each team will be allowed to register three (3) underage players who are no more than 1 year underage, except for the youngest age division where they must be the minimum age to qualify to participate in the masters games.
d. A registered player will only be eligible to play for one team in an age division, but they will be able to play in more than one (1) age division if they are eligible by age.

3. OFFENCES

a. No Slide Tackles are permitted.
b. No Tackles from behind are permitted.
c. Aggressive play is not tolerated.
d. Dissent and foul language is not tolerated.

Penalties for the above offences

- Yellow Card – 5 minute sin-bin – no replacement
- Yellow Card - second offence – sent from the field – no replacement.
- Any player(s) involved in aggressive behaviour – verbal or physical will be sent off immediately (Red Card)
- Anyone abusing Nerang Soccer Club Inc officials will be red carded.

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4. JUDICIARY

a. Team Officials are responsible for the conduct of their players and must withdraw any player who is unwilling to play in the intended spirit: fun and fellowship
b. The Referee will have sole discretion as to disciplinary action against rough or ungentlemanly conduct on the field.
c. If a yellow card is shown to a player, the player will be given a sinbin and the player must leave the field for five minutes. A team may not replace the player who has received a yellow card.
d. Two (2) yellow cards in a game will be considered the equivalent of a red card as in FIFA rules.
e. If a player is given a red card (sent off) the player shall receive an immediate 1 match suspension. The suspension applies to the competition the player is registered in and will not be eligible to play for any other team until the suspension is served. A forfeited game or a game cancelled due to weather where the player was illegible to play will not be counted as a suspension game.
f. Should a team play a suspended player it will forfeit the game and it will be recorded as a 3-nil loss.
g. Any player who has been sent off for the second time (red card) during the competition is automatically suspended for the remainder of the competition.
h. The judiciary committee can impose a longer suspension if found the players actions warrant further suspension.
i. Any suspended player who receives a suspension for more than one match has the right to appeal to the Judiciary Committee. The suspended player will be notified of their suspension before their next scheduled game. A notice of intention to appeal must be given to the Football Convenor within two hours of the completion of that match.
j. The Judiciary Committee shall be made up from
    One representative from the referees
    One representative from the tournament management committee
    One representative from the teams in that division.
    The Football Convenor.
k. The Judiciary Committee shall meet before the next scheduled game of the suspended player and the decision of the Judiciary Committee shall be final.

5. VENUE, DRAW, TEAM COLOURS

a. Nerang Soccer Club Soccer will issue complete draws of all competitions to each team delegate who shall ensure that individual team members are aware of the draw. Nerang Soccer Club shall also post the draws on a Notice Board at the grounds, Nerang Soccer Club and PPMG websites.
b. In case of both teams having the same colours as determined by the referee, the Away team changes i.e., second team named on draw.
c. Composition of the draws

Men 35+ - 5 Teams
Home and Away round robin competition. Medals awarded to the top 3 placed teams

Men 40+/45+ - 10 Teams
Two groups of 5 Teams Round Robin
Bye team from each group will cross over to play each other
Top 4 Finals for each group (1v2 3v4)

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Men 50+ - 8 Teams
Round Robin competition – Finals Top 4 (1v2 3v4)

Men 55+ Division 1 – 6 Teams
Round Robin competition – Finals Top 4 (1v2 3v4)

Men 55+ Division 2 Red and Division 2 Blue – 10 Teams
Two groups of 5 Teams Round Robin
Bye team from each group will cross over to play each other
Top 4 Finals for each group (1v2 3v4)

Men 60+ Division 1 – 6 Teams
Round Robin competition – Finals Top 4 (1v2 3v4)

Men 60+ Division 2 – 6 Teams
Round Robin competition – Finals Top 4 (1v2 3v4)

Men 65+ - 7 Teams
Round Robin competition – Medals awarded to the top 3 placed teams

Men 70+ - 4 Teams
Home and Away round robin competition. Medals awarded to the top 3 placed teams

Women 30+ - 9 Teams
6 Rounds of competition games
Finals Top 4
- Positions 1-4 form Division 1 (1v2 3v4)
- Positions 5-8 form Division 2 (1v2 3v4)

Women 40+ - 8 Teams
Round Robin competition – Finals Top 4 (1v2 3v4)

Women 45+ - 6 Teams
Round Robin competition – Finals Top 4 (1v2 3v4)

Women 50+ - 6 Teams
Round Robin competition – Finals Top 4 (1v2 3v4)

6. TEAM SHEETS

a. Every team must complete a team sheet. Names and shirt numbers to be printed on the team sheet.
b. Players must have photo ID and PPMG accreditation at all times.
c. All players names that are expected to play in that game must be on the team sheet prior to kick-off; including those players expected to arrive late.
d. All Players and team officials must sign the team sheet prior to commencement of play.
e. All late Players must sign the team sheet prior to taking the field of play.

7. FINALS AND PRESENTATION

a. To be eligible for the finals series a player must have played three (3) or more competition games in the team that has qualified.
b. All disciplinary cards received will stand for the finals series.

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c. All Divisions Men and Women Competition matches will be played Sunday to Friday with the top four placed teams advancing to the Finals on Saturday, except for Men 35+, Men 65+ and Men 70+ who will not have a finals series, medals will be being presented to the top 3 teams after the final competition round on Saturday.

d. In all Divisions there will be no Semi-Finals and only two finals the Gold/Silver medal match and the Bronze medal match.
   1 v 2 (Gold & Silver Medal Match)
   3 v 4 (Bronze Medal Match)

e. In the event a finals' game is cancelled due to injury or unforeseen circumstances with less than 25% of the game played, then the team who finished higher during the competition will be awarded the highest medal available for the that game.

f. In that event a finals' game is cancelled due to injury or unforeseen circumstances with more that 75% of the game played, then the result at the time of cancellation will stand as the result for that game.

g. Medal presentations for each age group will take place upon the completion of Gold/Silver medal match for that age group.

8. RESULTS

a. Competition results and points tables will be displayed at the venue and updated constantly throughout the day.

b. Results and tables will be updated daily and can be viewed at the Nerang Soccer Club website www.nerangsoccerclub.com.au or the PPMG website www.mastersgames.com.au Once in the results page, select the appropriate division and click on "show report"

9. WET WEATHER

a. Alternative venues will be advised when and if necessary. Games cancelled will be recorded as a scoreless draw with all teams given 1 point.

b. If more than 75% of games in a competition round of an age division are cancelled due to weather conditions, then that entire round of competition games will be recorded as a scoreless draw with all teams given 1 point.

c. Any details for wet weather rescheduling will be available on the website www.nerangsoccerclub.com.au

10. DISCLAIMER

a. The Tournament Management Committee, in its discretion, has the right to alter the rules and regulations outlined in this program in the event of extraordinary circumstances.