

Te Awamutu Association Football Cup

SUMMER FIVE A SIDE FOOTBALL RULES 2021

Players

- Number of players: 5-a-side and up to 5 rolling substitutes. .
- Grade one: Optional to have mixed teams
- Grades two and below: Mixed teams
- One female player must be on the field at any time
- One female player minimum is required as an outfield player

Referees

- The referee will be appointed by Te Awamutu AFC for each game.
- It is a condition of entry that each team is to nominate a person to be a referee who is to report to the competition coordinator to collect and return score cards on game day.

Timing of matches

- Each game is 12 minutes per half with 2 min half time break.
- Time keeping will be maintained by the competition coordinator who will signal the start and finish of each game and half time breaks.

Equipment

- Matching shirts if possible and a different coloured shirt for the goal keeper.
- Moulded sole football boots or cross training shoes are required – no bare feet.
- TA AFC will supply match balls.

Team Guidelines and Support

- Coaches and substitutes are to remain on the sideline, not on the field.
- No spectators or officials are to stand directly behind, beside or between the goalposts.

Rolling Substitutes

- Subbing may occur at any time during the game.
- Substitutes only enter the field of play at the designated entry area near halfway on the side line.
- Players leaving the field must also exit via the nearest side line.

Off Side

- For the purpose of this competition there is NO offside.

Penalty Kick

- A penalty kick is awarded for offences committed by a defending player inside his/her own penalty area marked as a half circle.
- Only the goal keeper is allowed inside the goal area.
- If an attacking player enters the goal area – restart play with a free kick on the edge of the goal area closest to where the offence occurred.
- If a defender enters the goal area – direct penalty kick to the attacking team taken from the top of the arc of the goal area.
- Only the goalkeeper and the player taking the kick are allowed in the penalty area until after the ball has been kicked.

- The kicker may not play the ball a second time until it has been touched by another player.

Kick in – no Throw in

- There are no throw ins, when the ball goes out of play past the side touch lines, the ball is returned to play via a kick in.
- A goal cannot be scored directly from a kick in.

Corner Kick

- A corner kick is awarded when the defending team puts the ball over their goal line.
- The kick is taken from the corner nearest where the ball went out.
- A goal may be scored directly from a corner.

Keeper throw-ins – no Goal kicks

- Where a team would ordinarily be awarded a goal kick, this is replaced with the keeper throwing the ball into play.
- Keepers may throw the ball directly into the opposition half.
- Players may pass the ball back to the keeper who becomes an outfield player, but cannot be tackled inside the goal area.
- When the keeper collects the ball from general play, drops the ball and dribble out of the goal area, they cannot dribble back into the goal area and pick the ball up with their hands before the ball has been touched or played by another player.

Competition points to be awarded

- Three points for a win, one point for a draw

Please remember

We do not expect any sending off of players or coaches at this level. The safety and enjoyment of the game are paramount. All supporters and teams should encourage the players to respect the referee's decisions. Any foul and abusive language will result in the party or parties being asked to leave the venue.

FIFA laws of Football apply to this tournament. The exceptions are: the size of the field, the number of players taking part, the process of substitutions, the off-side rule and the time allocated for each game.

ALL OTHER RULES IN RELATION TO HOW THE GAME OF FOOTBALL IS PLAYED ARE DERIVED FROM THE FIFA LAWS OF THE GAME.

THE COMPETITION COORDINATOR WILL HAVE THE FINAL DECISION IN RELATION TO THE APPLICATION OF FIFA LAW. THE COMPETITION COORDINATOR'S DECISION IS FINAL.