

Te Awamutu Association Football Club
SUMMER FIVE A SIDE FOOTBALL RULES 2024

Players

- Number of players: 5-aside and up to 5 rolling substitutes.
- Only the Goalkeeper is allowed within the Goal area outlined with an arc.
- Grade one (Competitive League): Optional to have mixed teams
- Grades two and below (Semi-Competitive Social and Fun Social): 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 the Competitive League
- It will be up to the Semi-competitive and Fun social leagues to ref their own games in good faith of the sport, complete the assigned score cards and return them to the bag at the goal at the completion of each game. The team named first on the score card is to collect the card, keep the score of the game, complete the card and put it in the bag at the end of the game – score cards collected from the bag at the goal at start of the game.

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 player shirts are preferable 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.
- Only the Goal Keeper is allowed to be in the goal arc area

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 who deliberately enters his own teams goal area.
- The penalty kick is taken from the top of the goal line arc in front of the goal.
- The kicker may not play the ball a second time until it has been touched by another player and comes out of the goal area.

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.

Free Kicks, Corner Kicks, Penalty kicks

- When taking any of the above kicks the opposition defenders must be 5 meters away from the ball before the kick is taken.
- When awarding an indirect free kick for an infringement in the goal area such as the keeper picking up the ball from a back pass, the free kick will be taken on the line of the goal area arc nearest to where the infringement took place.

Games not started on time

- If a team is not on the pitch ready to start within two minutes of the hooter to signal the start of play, then they will have defaulted the match.
- A minimum of three players for any team are required to start a match.

Corner Kick

- A corner kick is awarded when the defending team player is the last player to touch the ball before all of the ball is over all of the goal line.
- The kick is taken from the corner nearest where the ball went out.
- A goal may be scored directly from a corner.

Goal Keeper

- 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.
- The keeper can only handle the ball in the goal area outlined with an arc line.
- The keeper may drop the ball to the ground and dribble the ball. When doing so the keeper then becomes an outfield player and cannot pick up the ball again unless it is played by an opponent, and they are back inside the goal area outlined with an arc line.
- The goalkeeper cannot pick up the ball from a direct back pass from a player of the same team.

Goal Scoring

- Direct from a corner kick – yes
- Inside the goal area – no
- From a sideline kick in – no
- From a goal keeper throw – yes
- Direct from a kick off – yes

Competition points to be awarded

- Three points for a win, one point for a draw, zero for a loss
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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.

Serious misconduct by any player could result in that player being excluded from the competition and their team losing points or also being excluded from the competition.

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