

Heffron Centre

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Competition Terms & Conditions

All players participating in Heffron Centre sports competitions must abide by the Centre's Conditions of Entry, Sports Field Rules, and the competitions rules as per below.

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1. Registration

1.1 Registering a team

a. To register a team into a Heffron Centre Centre Futsal competition, a team captain, manager or individual must:

- Submit a complete team registration form via the Sportfix registration page, at <https://sportfix.net/HeffronCentre>
- \$250 deposit is required to secure a spot in the competition in person or over the phone on
- For individuals, register their interest at <https://forms.office.com/r/uJSpw7gyMN> or individuals can join via 3rd party 'Just Play', by searching Heffron Centre

1.2 Team Registration form

- a. Team registrations must be made via Sportfix.
- b. There is no maximum number of players that can be registered on a team
- c. New teams who are registering must provide a completed team registration form.
- d. Returning teams may elect to keep their form from the previous season provided there are no major changes to player details.
- e. Team registrations after the start of a season are subject to availability.

1.3 Team captain/manager responsibilities

- a. Team captains or team managers will be the main point of contact for Heffron Centre
- b. Team captains/managers are responsible for:
 - The general conduct of their team, as per the Centre's Conditions of Entry and Heffron Centre Sports Rules.
 - Completing and updating team nomination forms throughout the season. This includes change of player details and/or team roster.

- Season Fees will be the sole responsibility of the team captain and unpaid fees will result in the commencement of legal proceedings to recover the money owed to Belgravia Leisure upon registering for the competition and receiving formally mentioned invoice

1.4 Fees and payment

- Team fees are paid during team registration, either in person or via email as per 1.1 above.
- A \$250 deposit is required to secure a position in the competition, as per 1.1. This deposit is deducted from the total team fees.
- Team fees are due in full prior to the competition commencing.
- The Centre will remove a team from existing fixtures if a team fails to promptly pay any outstanding fees.
- There are no discount on fees if a bye and/or a forfeit occurs in the competition.

1.5 Player age

Player Age Restrictions:

- No player will be accepted into the competition that is under 16 years of age at the start of round 1 for the respective competition.
- For players under the age of 18; a liability and indemnity waiver need to signed by a parent/guardian (provided by the Sports Field Coordinator)
- For players under the age of 18; a parent/guardian needs to be present at every match for them to be eligible to play.

2.5 Weather

- Games may be cancelled for the following reasons:
 - Extreme Hot Weather exceeding
 - 32 degrees for Children under 17, 35 degrees for Adults over 17
 - Poor air quality
- Under these guidelines, games will be postponed and rescheduled for a later date

2.6 Governance

- The seasonal competitions are run and organised by Gunyama Park Aquatic & Recreation Centre.
- Gunyama Park Aquatic & Recreation Centre reserves the right to:
 - refuse the admission of a team and/or a player into the Competition.
 - to cancel the registration of a player and/or a team in the Competition.
 - suspend or disqualify a team from the Competition.
 - suspend or disqualify a player from the Competition.

2.7 Photography Policy

- Through registering for this competition, you agree for your image to be usage in promotional and advertisement footage for Heffron Centre, not limited to photos, live streaming and videos, without further notice or remuneration.
- If you wish to withdraw your consent from being photographed, please alert Belgravia leisure staff at the time, and also email heffroncentre@belgravialeisure.com.au with your name and request.

2. Polices

2.1 Refund policy

- a. The \$250 deposit is non-refundable, unless teams opt to withdraw from the competition at least seven (7) days prior to the competition start date, or in the event that the competition does not go ahead.
- b. Team fees are non-refundable.
- c. The Centre does not provide refunds if:
 - The game is a forfeit and both teams miss a game.
 - A game is abandoned as per 3.4 below.
 - A team or player is suspended or removed from the competition due to any misconduct.
 - A team decides to withdraw from the competition.

2.2 Forfeit policy

- a. Teams must attend every game coordinated for the season or notify Competition Management if they cannot attend a fixtured game. In this instance forfeiting team will be penalized with a forfeit and the opposing team will be given the competition points for a win (3 points) on the premiership ladder.
- b. A forfeit may be declared if a game does not start within 10 minutes of the allocating start time.
- c. A forfeit may be declared if a game does not start with the minimum FIVE (5) players.
- d. There will be no rescheduling of matches.
- e. If a team does not have at least four (4) original rostered players, the opposing team will receive a forfeit win.
- f. Teams intending to forfeit must contact the Centre as soon as possible. Please email heffroncentre@belgravialeisure.com.au and the Centre will inform the opposing team of the forfeit.
- g. There will be no refunds for forfeits as per 3.1.c. above.
- h. The team being forfeited against will be assigned a 5-0 win, while the forfeiting team will receive no competition points for a forfeited game.
- i. Only the team being forfeited against will have all its players listed on the team roster as a game played for finals eligibility.
- j. If a team has forfeited three (3) or more games in a season, the Centre may exercise its right to reconsider the team's place in the current, and any future competition seasons.

2.3 Competition withdrawal policy

- a. Teams must inform the Centre in writing via email if they wish to withdraw from a competition.
- b. Team fees are non-refundable, as per 3.1.b above.

2.4 Abandoned game policy

- a. A game may be abandoned if there is serious misconduct from players, for example, a malicious attack. There will be no refunds for these abandoned games, as per 3.1.c above.
- b. A game may be abandoned if players and/or spectators fail to follow reasonable instruction from Centre staff.

- c. In the event of an abandoned game, the final score will be recorded as the score when the match is declared abandoned. If a game is abandoned due to misconduct from a team, the team will automatically lose the match.
- d. In the event that Heffron Centre operating standards are compromised, such as a power failure or weather Centre staff may cancel and reschedule games to be played at a later date.
- e. Games may be abandoned under extreme weather conditions, as per 2.10 below. In this event the Centre will reschedule these cancelled games.

2.5 Insurance policy

- a. All players are required to pay \$7.50 via SportFix website to cover individual insurance
- b. It is highly advised that each participant/player consult a doctor and/or health professional prior to participation.
- c. Registered players acknowledge the inherent risks associated with playing sport

2.6 Uniform policy

- a. All teams will need to provide and wear their own uniforms.
- b. All players on each team must wear like coloured/matching jerseys.
- c. All teams are required to bring an alternate coloured jersey in case of colour clash
- d. Goalkeepers must wear a different coloured shirt from their team.
- e. All players must wear shin pads and long socks. Players are not permitted to play without shin pads or long socks.
- f. Any players out of uniform will not be permitted to play
- g. A four-week grace period is allowed from when a team joins the competition to organise uniforms. Teams may request in writing for an extension.

2.7 Drug and alcohol policy

- a. Any players suspected to be under the influence of drugs or alcohol will be asked to leave the Centre immediately.
- b. Refusal to comply with staff direction will result in a forfeit loss to the non-compliant team and may entail further disciplinary action

2.8 Team and spectator seating

- a. Teams must sit on different sides of the bench sitting area, away from the opposing team.
- b. Supporters must sit on the same bench sitting area as their respective team.
- c. Team captains or managers are responsible for ensuring their team and supporters follow this rule.

2.9 Jewellery policy

- a. All jewellery, including engagement rings, must be removed prior to playing. Taping over jewellery is not permitted.
- b. Wedding bands are acceptable with the requirement that the bands are securely taped with sports tape.

2.10 Hot weather policy

- a. The recommended temperatures for cancellation of games are as per below: Senior games (over 18) = 37°C or above.
- b. The Centre reserves the right to cancel/abandon all games in the event of hot weather.

3. Disputes

3.1 Complaints

- a. Teams may file a complaint or report misconduct of any players, teams or sporting officials by submitting a Customer feedback and complaints form. This is provided upon request by Centre staff.
- b. Confronting other players, referees or Centre staff is a breach of Centre rules. Strict penalties will apply.
- c. While the Centre endeavours to ensure teams act in accordance with the competition rules, teams may inform Centre staff if they suspect a team is in breach of these rules.
- d. Teams are advised to approach staff as soon as possible as staff may not be able to resolve the issue once the game has ended

3.2 Sports officials

- a. Decisions made by sporting officials are final and must be respected at all times.
- b. Penalties may apply to players disputing calls during or after the game (see 4.3 below).
- c. Sporting officials have the right to send players and/or spectators off or out of the court for any intimidating or antisocial behaviour.
- d. In this event, players and/or spectators must leave the court under the supervision of Centre staff before the game can resume.
- e. The match may result in an abandoned game if players and/or spectators fail to follow the directions of Centre staff and/or the sporting officials.
- f. Clarification from sporting officials may be requested only via the team captain or manager at the beginning of, at half time, or at the end of the game.
- g. Both players and spectators must follow all reasonable directions from sporting officials and Centre staff.
- h. Players should approach Centre staff if they are not satisfied with a sporting official's explanation. Centre staff may request a Customer feedback and complaints form to be filled out as per 4.1.a above.

3.3 Yellow Cards, Red Cards and Suspensions

- a. Immediate Red Card suspension guidelines:
 - Non-violent conduct (e.g. denying goal-scoring opportunity, offensive, insulting, abusive or intimidating language and/or gestures)
 - First offence: 1 - 4 weeks suspension
 - Second and subsequent offence: 2 - 12 weeks suspension
 - Serious foul play and violent conduct
 - First offence: 1 - 4 weeks suspension
 - Second and subsequent offence: 2 - 52 weeks suspension

b. Yellow Card suspension guidelines:

- Two (2) yellow cards over one game (red card): minimum one (1) week suspension
- Four (4) yellow cards over the season: minimum two (2) weeks suspension
- Six (6) yellow cards over the season: minimum four (4) weeks suspension
- Eight (8) yellow cards over the season: minimum season ban

c. Behaviour-related suspension guidelines: Condition of entry and court rules breach

- First offence: 1 - 2 weeks suspension
- Second and subsequent offence: 1 - 4 weeks suspension

Disputing decisions of a sporting official

- First offence: 1 - 2 weeks suspension
- Second and subsequent offence: 1 - 4 weeks suspension

Obscene language and/or gestures toward a player, sporting official, spectator or staff (i.e. abusive or insulting language, comments regarding race, sexuality or religion)

- First offence: 1 - 4 weeks suspension
- Second and subsequent offence: 2 - 12 weeks suspension

Unsportsmanlike behaviour, i.e. spitting, kicking bins, stands or other people's possessions)

- First offence: 1 - 2 weeks suspension
- Second and subsequent offence: 2 - 6 weeks suspension

Intimidation, (i.e. threatening gestures, words or actions toward a player, spectator, sporting official or Centre staff)

- First offence: 1 - 4 weeks suspension
- Second and subsequent offence: 2 - 12 weeks suspension

d. Physical altercation-related suspension guidelines:

Attempting to strike i.e. attempting to push, elbow, kick or head-butt)

- Immediate ban from the competition

Striking, i.e. an incident where two or more players push, punch, kick, choke, shove and wrestle with one another)

- Immediate ban from the competition

e. The Centre will issue disciplinary action based on reports from sporting officials, Centre staff, the person's disciplinary history, and any other relevant documentation held by the Centre.

f. Penalties apply to players, teams, and spectators, and are issued on a case-by-case scenario.

g. If a player is playing whilst actively suspended, Centre staff will abandon the game and award a forfeit win to the opposing team. Further disciplinary action will be taken on both the suspended player and the team he/she is playing for.

h. The Centre uses both the Football NSW schedule of penalties and the guidelines above to determine penalties.

i. The Centre reserves the right to issue warning letters, longer suspension periods, or a Centre ban if the Centre believes there is strong reason for it.

3.4 Appeals

- a. A suspended person has the right to request a review of their disciplinary action decision. Only one (1) appeal of a decision is permitted.
- b. Request for review must be lodged in writing to heffroncentre@belgravialeisure.com.au (addressed to Venue Manager) within seven (4) days of the date of the letter of notification from the Centre.
- c. The penalty issued will remain in effect until the appeal review is determined.

4. Registered players & Finals Eligibility

RULE 1

1.1 The maximum number of players on a team is unlimited

1.1.1 To be eligible for Finals (Semi Finals & Finals) players must have played 5 regular season games

1.1.2 Teams who field ineligible players will automatically forfeit the game and the result will go the way of the opposing team