

With the relaxation of COVID restrictions it looks likely that West Epping Summer Football will be able to commence our competition once the State reaches 80% full vaccination - currently forecast to occur on 25 October 2021. We are planning to commence our Summer soccer competition from the week commencing Monday 1 November 2021 assuming the 80% target is reached in time.

We are still waiting on confirmation from Council re ground hire and are also waiting on FNSW opening the online registration system, we are hoping both these will be resolved in the next week or so.

There is a lot of information below, apologies, but it is **very important** that you read it in its entirety.

We are looking forward to getting the competition up and running, but due to COVID, there will be a number of **very STRICT rules** that need to be **adhered to for the ENTIRE duration of our competition, regardless of additional government relaxation of COVID restrictions:**

#### **General**

- The oval will be roped off and **ONLY REGISTERED PLAYERS AND TEAM MANAGERS (for the current scheduled game) ARE ALLOWED ON THE OVAL**
- **THERE WILL BE NO PARENTS OR SPECTATORS ALLOWED ON THE OVAL** – parents or spectators of all ages will need to spectate from the grass hill or community park (ensuring they adhere to social distancing requirements)
- IF A PLAYER/TEAM MANAGER OR ANY MEMBER OF THEIR HOUSEHOLD IS **UNWELL – DO NOT ATTEND YOUR GAME**

#### **Players**

- **ALL PLAYERS 16 YEARS AND OVER MUST BE FULLY VACCINATED AND MUST BE ABLE TO PROVIDE PROOF OF SAME.** Players will be required to register through the FNSW registration system (not yet available) and we expect vaccination details will be captured within your registration. You may be required to show your vaccination certificate for access onto the oval.
- If you have a medical exemption re vaccination, you MUST provide details to us
- Players 15 years and under are not required to be vaccinated

#### **Team Managers**

- Each team may have 2 team managers.
- **Both TEAM MANAGERS MUST BE FULLY VACCINATED AND MUST BE ABLE TO PROVIDE PROOF OF SAME.** Team managers will be required to register through the FNSW registration system (not yet available) and we expect vaccination details will be captured within that registration. You may be required to show your vaccination certificate for access onto the oval.
- If a team manager has a medical exemption re vaccination, you MUST provide details to us
- **ONLY REGISTERED TEAM MANAGERS WILL BE PERMITTED TO ACCOMPANY THEIR TEAM ONTO THE OVAL.** If one or both team managers are unable to attend, **NO OTHER PARENT CAN STEP IN TO MANAGE FOR THE GAME.** If both team managers are unavailable, you need to contact us, on this email, in advance, so that we can work out an alternative arrangement. If an arrangement hasn't been made, your team will not be able to access the oval and play and thus you will forfeit.

#### **Procedures each night**

- Team managers will be required to assemble their teams outside the roped off oval 20 mins before game time ie in the community park or on the grass hill.
- Age groups will be called to the field approximately 10 mins before their scheduled kick off time. Team managers (one or both) will walk their team over (in an orderly manner) and pass through our access points. At these access points you may have to sign in with a QR code and/or show your vaccination certificate (anyone 16 years and over).
- **As soon as your match is finished ALL PLAYERS AND TEAM MANAGERS MUST LEAVE THE FIELD IMMEDIATELY.** Do not sit down to change shoes, take of shin pads etc, you need to do that outside the roped area.
- Any player arriving late may not be able to enter the field as they won't be accompanied by their team manager. It is important that all team members are on time.

**If any players/team managers or parents feel that they cannot comply** with the above rules for the entirety of the competition, then please do not nominate a team or register for our competition. We will be very strict in enforcing the above and if during the course of the season, **individual players/teams/team managers or parents don't comply with the above, we will REMOVE THE WHOLE TEAM from the comp and you will not be able to return this season.**

As we are commencing the competition later than expected, the following is an update for the competition structure:

The competition will run for 7 weeks and will finish during the week ending 17 December 2021. There will be no finals, the winning team for our competitive age groups (u12 and over), will be top of the ladder.

Pricing will be \$100 per player (children & adults). If playing Walk Football **and** one of our other sessions, Walk Football registration will be \$50.

All competitions will consist of 8 teams and it will be first in, first served. If you miss out on the initial 8 teams, we will put you on a waitlist and hopefully be able to schedule another session to cater for additional teams. If you've already put in a team nomination, great and thank you. If you have a team and haven't yet nominated, **get your nominations in urgently** as competitions are filling very quickly. Nominations need to be emailed to [info@wesf.com.au](mailto:info@wesf.com.au), noting team name, team manager(s) name, email and mobile phone number, player names and if the team played winter soccer, what division they played.

Sessions times are expected to be as follows (final match times will depend on teams entered in each age group and may vary by up to 45 mins either side of the times listed)

**Mondays**

5.00pm	Mixed u8 and Girls u8
5.45pm	Mixed u9 and Girls u9
6.30pm	Mixed u10 and Girls u10/11
7.15pm	Mixed u11

**Tuesdays – NEW 6-a-side format with goal keepers and a larger 50x30m field**

7.15/8.00pm	Mixed AA and Womens AA
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**Wednesdays**

7.15pm	Girls u12/13
8.00pm	Girls u14/15/16/17

**Thursdays**

7.15pm	Mixed u12/13
8.00pm	Mixed u14/15/16/17

**Fridays**

5.00pm	Mixed u6
5.45pm	Mixed u7
6.30pm	Walking Football – o30s, Teens, Family
7.15/8.00pm	Women o30 and Men o40

Once online registrations open it will be **imperative that players and team managers are registered urgently** so that we have sufficient time to get all the behind the scenes competition draws etc done to commence the comp in 3 weeks.

We will advise as soon as online regos are open. For more information please contact [info@wesf.com.au](mailto:info@wesf.com.au)