



## **IWPSSA Girls' Soccer 2025 Rules and Information**

**Link - [Gala Day 1 Fixtures and tables here](#)**

### **STARTING TIMES**

- **Start** - 9am
- **Finish** - 2.30pm approx.
- Schedule will be tight. Try to arrive **before 8.45am** to warm up and find fields.

### **GENERAL REMINDERS**

- Coaches and teachers, please ensure you and your team understand the rules of soccer and the competition to avoid confusion and maintain consistency. This will support a strong competition and help develop everyone's skills.
- Burwood FC will supply goals and referees, allowing coaches to focus on supervising and coaching.

**Teachers wear your high visibility vests please to differentiate yourselves from the crowd.**

### **PLAYER AND PARENT CONDUCT**

- Antisocial behaviour, physical or verbal, towards players, coaches, or referees will not be tolerated.
- This event is founded on sportsmanship, respect, and inclusivity. All participants must uphold these values at all times.
- Let's work together to create a safe, supportive, and enjoyable day for everyone.

Please refresh the below Codes of Conduct with your students, coaches and families:

[Codes of Conduct](#)

**If you're running late please text Andrew Hutchinson (convener) via 0431 933 530.**

### **UPON ARRIVAL AT THE GROUND**

- Pick a location on the outsides of the fields to settle in for the day.
- Inform students that they must always return to this spot if they are not playing or warming up.
- Check in at the convener/score keeper's tent.
- There will be a QR Code to check fixtures and tables, I will send these out earlier.
- Medical bags stay with teams. There will be a medical kit at the convener's tent.
- Playgrounds will NOT be allowed as they are not in the risk assessment.

### **SUPERVISION**

- **Students are to be supervised at all times.**
- Where a coach cannot supervise their own school, kindly ask a neighbour teacher to share supervision.
- Students are not to go behind the toilet block.
- Please do not allow students on the playground. This is not in the risk assessment.

### **BATHROOM**

- Students attend the bathroom in pairs.
- There will be toilet supervision at all times. If you're located near the bathrooms, please help with supervision and report any issues.
- If there is an incident, tell students to tell the closest available teacher or Burwood FC staff member.

### **CANTEEN**

- The Burwood FC Canteen will be open for the students and parents to purchase from.
- Treat all staff members with respect and kindness.

### **COMPETITION FORMAT**

#### **Term 1 Week 4 Gala Day Format**

- The draw is structured in two pools. These are based on the final PSSA standings from last year to balance the groups.
- The pools will change each gala day to ensure each team gets to play each other.

## **JUNIORS**

- Juniors are Year 3 and 4.
- Play on fields 3 and 4 (see map below).
- Juniors play **9-a-side** across half pitches: 1 goalkeeper and 8 outfield players.
- **Offside**: Obvious offsides will be called; marginal calls are at the referee's discretion.
- **Unlimited substitutions** are allowed. Substitutions must occur at the halfway line and only during a stoppage.
- **Goal Camping**: Players standing in front of their own goal without moving may be penalised for unfair play.
- **Penalty Area**: Not all fields have markings, if they don't, cones will be placed on the sidelines and goal lines.
- **Pass Back Rule**: Applies only to deliberate, unpressured passes back to the goalkeeper. Referees will coach this rule and apply discretion.
- **Goal Kicks**: Taken from the floor, approximately 6 metres from the goal line; opposition players must stay at least 10 metres away behind the referee.
- **Corners**: Taken half-way between corner post and goal box.
- **Throw-ins**: Referees will allow leeway and offer reminders for incorrect throws. Repeated or significantly incorrect throws will result in a turnover.
- **Professional Fouls**: A player committing multiple professional fouls may be swapped with a reserve. If no reserve is available, the team plays short.
- **Goalkeepers**: When picking up the ball in open play, they can throw or drop-kick. Must wear a different coloured jersey and gloves.
- **Penalties**: Deliberate handballs or fouls in the goal box result in a penalty kick, taken 8 metres from the goal line in the centre.
- Juniors are not permitted to play in senior teams unless they are of exceptional ability. If approved, they must remain in the senior team for the entire season and cannot return to juniors under any circumstances (WSPSSA 2012 ruling). Please notify the convener for final approval.
- Seniors may at NO time play in either of the junior teams.

## **SENIORS**

### **In addition to Junior Rules**

- Seniors are Year 5 and 6
- Fields 1 and 2 (see map below).  
**Duration:** 1 × 17-minute game, with a 3-minute turn around between games on the same field. **Teams must be warmed up and ready to start on time.**
- Seniors and Juniors play **9-a-side** across **half pitches**: 1 goalkeeper and 8 outfield players.
- **Offside:** Obvious and blatant offsides will be called; marginal calls will not be. Train your teams to avoid offsides where they can.
- **Corners:** Taken from corner spot.
- **Unlimited substitutions** are allowed. Substitutions must occur at the halfway line and only during a stoppage.  
**Pass Back Rule:** Applies. GK cannot pick up a ball that is deliberately passed back. If it happens, the referee will give one warning. If it happens a second time, an indirect free kick will be awarded.  
**Penalties:** Fouls inside the goal box result in a penalty kick, taken 8 metres from the goal line in the centre.
- **Professional Fouls:** A player committing multiple professional fouls may be asked to have a break or be substituted.
- **Goalkeepers:** When picking up the ball in open play, they can throw or drop-kick. Must wear a different coloured jersey and gloves.
- **Throw-ins:** Players will be penalised for foul throws (refer to Junior Rules).

## **SEMIS/GRAND FINALS**

- Semi Final 1 - 1st of Pool A will verse 2nd of Pool B
- Semi Final 2 - 1st of Pool B will verse 2nd of Pool A
- Winners of Semi Finals will verse each other in the Grand Final.

### **Determining Semi-Final Placings:**

If teams are tied on points after pool matches, placings will be decided in this order:

1. Goal difference (goals scored minus goals conceded).
2. If still equal - Most goals scored.
3. If still equal - Result of the match between the tied teams.

**If Semi or Grand Final Matches are Drawn:**

- Five minutes each way of **golden goal** extra time (first goal wins).
- If still drawn:
  - Team with the most corners (including extra time) wins.
  - If corners are equal, the team higher on the ladder wins.
  - Goal Difference: If ladder position is equal, the team with the better goal difference will be awarded the win.
  - Goals For: If goal difference is also equal, the team with the higher number of goals scored during the regular season will be awarded the win.

**EQUIPMENT**

- Juniors and Seniors will play with a size 4 ball. **Please bring warm up equipment.**
- Goalkeepers must wear gloves and a different jersey (or bib) to their teammates.
- All players must wear proper soccer gear: boots (no metal studs), shin pads, soccer socks, and team/school jersey.
- Players without the correct gear will not be allowed to play.

**FIRST AID**

- All coaches must bring a stocked first aid kit, including any ASCIA action plans and Epipens etc that are necessary. This will be kept at their designated zone.
- A MediFast Medic will be on site.
- Coaches should carry a mobile phone for emergency contact.

**Centenary Park Field Map**

