

Macquarie Dragons Soccer Club Inc
And
Gladesville-Hornsby Football Association
Inc

By-Laws and Guidelines
for
Players, Coaches and Managers

Summer Soccer Season 2008-2009



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1 GOVERNANCE

- 1.1 This Summer Soccer Competition (the Competition) is directed by the Macquarie Dragons Soccer Club (MDSC) with the approval of the Gladesville-Hornsby Football Association Inc (GHFA).
- 1.2 There shall be an administration cost of \$10 per team payable by the MDSC to GHFA.
- 1.3 The Competition will be played under FIFA Laws of the Game except where modified by GHFA By-Laws and the Competition By-Laws. If there is a conflict between the FIFA Laws of the Game, or the Competition By-Laws, the Competition By-Laws will take precedence over the GHFA By-Laws which take precedence over the FIFA Laws of the Game.
- 1.4 MDSC reserves the right to:
- (a) refuse the admission of a team and/or a player into the Competition
 - (b) to cancel the registration of a player and/or a team in the Competition subject to the Competition By-Laws.
- 1.5 GHFA reserves the right to:
- (a) suspend or disqualify a team from the Competition or
 - (b) suspend or disqualify a player from the Competition subject to the Competition By-Laws and/or systems of the Chairman of the Protests and Disciplinary Committee of the GHFA (GHFA P&D Committee).
- 1.6 MDSC will attempt to ensure that a minimum of two committee members will be present while Competition games are being played.
- 1.7 Subject to the above and any decisions of the Macquarie Dragons Soccer Club Committee:-
- The Summer Soccer Committee Chairman has the responsibility to ensure the fair and unbiased application of the Summer Soccer Rules and make any necessary decisions to ensure the fair and effective running of the competition.
 - The Summer Soccer Chairman is the Summer Soccer Competition registrar and has the final decision in all matters relating to the competition.
- 1.8 Subject to paragraphs 1.4, 1.5 and section 3, the GHFA P & D Chairman shall adjudicate on all disciplinary matters

Referees

- 1.9 Official referees of the Competition shall be appointed by the Gladesville Hornsby Soccer Referees Association (GHSRA).
- 1.10 All referee's decisions are final and cannot be changed. No protests of a referee's decision will be accepted.

Substitute Referee

- 1.11 If there is no official referee at a game then:
- (a) both teams must agree on a substitute referee for the entire match;
- OR
- each team MUST provide a substitute referee for half the game.
- (b) The substitute referee from the first team listed on the draw will referee the first half.
 - (c) The substitute referee once selected may only be changed with the agreement of both teams.
 - (d) A substitute referee must be 18 years of age or older.
 - (e) If an agreed substitute referee cannot be found before the match starts and a team does not provide a substitute referee for half the game then that team will forfeit two competition points.
 - (f) A substitute referee has the same status as an official referee i.e. they may issue red and yellow cards.

2 REGISTRATION and COSTS

NOTE: All forms and documents are available at
www.macquariedragons.com.au/summer

- 2.1 Each team wanting to play in the Competition must fill in a team registration application form. Submitting a team registration form with any required registration fee is a request for a place in the Competition. It does not guarantee a place in the competition.

A minimum of six player names and their signatures are required to register a team.

- 2.2 Team registration forms must be mailed to:-
Macquarie Dragons Soccer - Summer Soccer
PO Box 3786
Marsfield NSW 2122

Lodgement of the team registration application form must be accompanied by a Money order or Cheque made out to Macquarie Combined Sports Club for the sum of \$450.00. All player registrations should also be included.

- 2.3 A team of ***up to*** 10 players costs \$900.00. Additional players are charged at \$90.00 per player. All amounts include GST. A registration deposit of \$450.00 must accompany a team registration application form. This will be refunded should the application be unsuccessful – see 2.12 for withdrawal. **The balance of the fees must be paid by the 8th of October.**

- 2.4 A student discount of \$15.00 applies. A photocopy of a current student card (or school fee receipt) **must be supplied with the player registration form.**

- 2.5 Copies of the Macquarie Dragons Soccer Club/Gladesville Hornsby Football Association By-Laws and Guidelines handbook are available at the canteen. Further copies may be obtained from the MDSC's web site. By registering for the competition a player agrees to abide by these by-laws and guidelines.

- 2.6 At the discretion of the MDSC Summer Soccer committee, teams will forfeit all matches played until the full amount of team registration fees have been paid.

Refunds, Substitutes and Late/New Registrations

- 2.7 A substitute must be registered in the team they play for. Should a team with 10 players currently registered wish to register a new player during the season, an \$90.00 fee applies - subject to student discount see 2.4

- 2.8 At the discretion of the MDSC Summer Soccer committee, a team may de-register an existing player and register a new player up to the value of the fees paid. No new players are permitted after week 8.

- 2.9 Each player wanting to play in the Competition must fill in and sign a Player Registration form. MCSC will forward a copy of this form to GHFA together with a copy of the Team Registration form.

- 2.10 A player may not take the field until all fees are paid and the completed, signed player registration form is accepted by the MDSC Summer Soccer committee.

- 2.11 Players can register for one team only per night and cannot interchange between teams. A player may register on a maximum of two nights.

- 2.12 Should a team withdraw its registration, a full refund of any money paid will be made if the Committee receives written notification by October 1st. From October 1st to October 15th half refund. After October 15th no refund.

- 2.13 No contracted players shall be permitted to register for this competition.

- 2.14 A team shall consist of a minimum of six players. A team will forfeit the game if they have less than four players at the start of the game – see **4.6 Match Days And Times**

- 2.15 No new teams or players will be registered after the 8th competition game.
- 2.16 **After the third week of the competition, a new player registration received after the Sunday prior to the match may not play until the following week.**

3 DISCIPLINARY PROCEDURES

- 3.1 If in the opinion of the MDSC Summer Soccer Committee a player(s) and/or team brings the competition into disrepute the player(s) and/or team will have their registrations cancelled. There are no refunds for cancellations.
- 3.2 Depending upon the type and seriousness of an offence the MCSC Committee may determine the length of any suspension or may disqualify a player from the Competition unless the offence is one that is covered by the codes in the GHFA Guidelines for Penalties, such determination will be dealt with by the GHFA P & DC.

Cautions and Send-Offs

- 3.3 No player can enter the field of play to take the place of a player who has been issued a red card and sent from the field.

Defined Suspension and Disqualifications

- 3.4 A player who is issued three yellow cards during the Competition will be automatically suspended from the next **two** games that the player's team plays. Forfeits are not counted as games suspended.
- 3.5 A player who is issued a red card during the Competition will be automatically suspended from the next competition game that the player's team plays. Forfeits are not counted as games suspended. The GHFA P & DC reserves the right to extend any such suspension in line with the GHFA Guidelines for Penalties.
- 3.6 A player who plays while suspended or unregistered will be disqualified from the Competition. The player's team will lose the game in which the suspended/unregistered player played by forfeit and loose three competition points. A second offence, at the discretion of the committee will result in disqualification of the team.
- 3.7 A player who does not sign the team sheet and write in their shirt number and receives a yellow or red card, will receive a one week suspension in addition to any other penalty.
- 3.8 A player who receives a third Red card or nine Yellow cards will be disqualified from the competition

Discretionary Suspension and Disqualification

- 3.9 The GHFA P&D Committee may cite a player to appear before it depending upon the type and seriousness of the offence. The P&D Committee may determine the length of additional suspension or may disqualify a player from the Competition.
- 3.10 A player cited by the GHFA P&D Committee is suspended until the player appears before the Committee.
- 3.11 Decisions of the GHFA P&D Committee will be notified to the MDSC Summer Soccer Committee before a player's next game.

Notice of Suspension and Disqualification

- 3.12 MDSC Summer Soccer committee will notify the team manager of a suspended player before the team's next game and will mark the word SUSPENDED/DISQUALIFIED next to the suspended player's name on the teamsheet.
- 3.13 MCSC will display a current list of the names and registration numbers of suspended and disqualified players at each game. Team managers and opposition team managers will have access to the list to check teamsheets.
- 3.14 Irrespective of a player being informed of any disciplinary action, the MDSC convener may enforce a suspension or disqualification at any time until the kick-off of their team's match.

Protests

- 3.15 Any team may appeal a decision of the GHFA P&D Committee to the GHFA Appeals Committee by giving notice in writing to the General Manager, Gladesville-Hornsby Football Association Inc, PO Box 223 Eastwood, NSW 2122. Notice of protest must be lodged through the MDSC within 3 days of the decision of the GHFA P&D Committee together with a fee of \$100.

NOTE All referee's decisions are final and cannot be changed. No protests of a referee's decision will be accepted.

Disqualification

- 3.16 Disqualified players and/or teams will not be permitted to participate in the current MDSC Summer Soccer competition.
Disqualified teams and or players may have their future registration requests refused or subject to conditions at the discretion of the MDSC committee.
Players disqualified from the competition will be notified in writing by mail to the address shown on the registration form. A copy will be forwarded to the team manager and GHFA.
The manager of any team disqualified from the competition will be notified in writing by mail to the address shown on the registration form.

4 COMPETITION STRUCTURE

Managers

All teams must have a designated manager/team contact before the team is permitted to play. It is up to the team to inform the MCSC if a new manager is chosen, or if the manager is away or if the manager changes their e-mail address etc. All communication from teams to the MCSC is initially to be through the team managers.

Warning - Should an unregistered player be injured they are uninsured and the Manager may be held legally accountable by the injured player.

Team contacts/managers will be responsible for:-

- The behaviour of the team and their followers.
- Collecting and distributing information from the notice board located at the canteen at Waterloo Park.

Results

The weekly results and team standings will be available on the web site by Sunday evening following the games.

Competition Points

Win 3
Draw 1
Loss 0

Forfeit

- The team forfeiting the match loses 1 competition point
- The opposition team receives 3 competition points and 3 goals

Disqualified Teams or Teams Leaving the Competition

All games involving the team will have 0 points and 0 goals recorded. This applies both to played and unplayed games.

Match Days And Times

- All games are played at Waterloo Park, Marsfield on Tuesday (All-Age Women), Wednesday (All-Age Men) and Thursday (Over 30's Men).
- Games commence at 6.00pm, 6.35pm and 7.10pm and are of two equal halves of up to 15 minutes each.
- Games may start up to 10 minutes later than above by agreement between the two managers.
- Games must finish on time.
- There is a one minute half time break.
- No time will be added on for injuries etc.

Minimum number of players to start a game

- 4.7 A team will forfeit the game if they have less than four players at the start of the game. Games may start up to 10 minutes later than above by agreement between the two managers, however games will finish on time

4.8 *Web Site*

The www.macquariedragons.com.au/summer web site will have printable match schedules for each week and each team for the season, as well as registration forms etc. Match results and the competition table will be available there on the Sunday following the games.

Players Equipment

- 4.9 All players in a team must have the following equipment
- At the discretion of the referee, no dangerous objects may be worn e.g jewellery, rings, studs etc.
 - Matching strips with a number clearly visible on the back.
 - ❖ Duplicate numbers are not permitted.
 - ❖ Tape may not be used as a number.
 - ❖ Numbers are to be fixed to the shirt.
 - The goalkeeper must have a strip which clearly distinguishes the player from other team members and it may be un-numbered.
 - Matching shorts.
 - Approved shin guards.
 - Matching socks which **fully** cover the shin guards.
 - Appropriate footwear - soft or dimple soled grass sport shoes only - boots, studs, cleats (**made of any material**), spikes etc are NOT permitted.

SAMPLES OF APPROVED SHOES ARE ON DISPLAY AT THE CANTEEN AND A PHOTOGRAPH IS ON THE WEB SITE

- 4.10 Note - **After week 3** a team member will not be permitted to play without **ALL** of the above and, at the discretion of the committee, will forfeit their match
- 4.11 Referees will call both teams to the centre and check all players' equipment before the start of each game.
- 4.12 Strip Clash - In the event of a strip clash, the team listed on the right of the team sheet is required to either use an alternative strip or wear numbered bibs on loan from MCSC. These are available at the canteen.

4.13 *Teamsheets*

All players, including substitutes must sign the teamsheet and write their number in the box provided.

Penalties applied to a shirt number will apply to the person who has that number on the team sheet.

- The teamsheet is to be presented to the referee before the commencement of play by the MCSC convenor.
- If a player arrives after the game has commenced and takes the field they must inform the referee that they are not on the teamsheet and ask the referee if they should sign it now or later. Players may sign the teamsheet after the game if necessary.
- Failure to correctly fill in the teamsheet may lead to suspension or disqualification of the player and or the team (see suspension and disqualification in this booklet).

Players are responsible for ensuring that teamsheets are correctly completed before the game commences.

5 COMPETITION DIVISIONS and DATES

Depending on the number of applications there may be one or two all age competitions on each night

Tuesday

Women's Division 1 – Premier Teams should be made up of AA1 to AA3 players from the winter season competition (or equivalent from other district associations).

Women's Division 2 – All Age . Teams should be made up of All-Age Women from the winter season competition. (or equivalent from other district associations).

Wednesday

Men Division 1 - Premier Teams should be made up of Premier League and AA1 to AA3 players from the winter season competition (or equivalent from other district associations).

Men Division 2 - All Age Teams should be made up of all other ALL Age players from the winter season competition (or equivalent from other district Associations).

Thursday

Men Division 1 Over 30 - Premier Teams must be made up of players **over 30** from AA1 to AA3 from the winter season competition (or equivalent from other district associations)

Men Division 2 Over 30 Teams must be made up of players **over 30** from the winter season competition (or equivalent from other district associations).

With the exception of the Division 1 competitions which have six teams, each division requires a minimum of 8 teams to form a competition and may have up to a maximum of 12 teams.

With the exception of the Division 1 competitions which will run for 10 weeks, the competition round robin will run for 11 weeks

If there is less than the maximum number of teams in a division the MCSC committee will randomly draw teams to play each other additionally to make up the number of games).

| Week | <u>Round Robin</u> | | | |
|-------------|---------------------------|-------------------------|------------------------|--|
| 1 | <u>Tuesday</u> | <u>Wednesday</u> | <u>Thursday</u> | |
| 1 | 4-Nov-08 | 5-Nov-08 | 6-Nov-08 | |
| 2 | 11-Nov-08 | 12-Nov-08 | 13-Nov-08 | |
| 3 | 18-Nov-08 | 19-Nov-08 | 20-Nov-08 | |
| 4 | 25-Nov-08 | 26-Nov-08 | 27-Nov-08 | |
| 5 | 2-Dec-08 | 3-Dec-08 | 4-Dec-08 | |
| 6 | 9-Dec-08 | 10-Dec-08 | 11-Dec-08 | |
| 7 | 16-Dec-08 | 17-Dec-08 | 18-Dec-08 | |
| 8 | 6-Jan-09 | 7-Jan-09 | 8-Jan-09 | |
| 9 | 13-Jan-09 | 14-Jan-09 | 15-Jan-09 | |
| 10 | 20-Jan-09 | 21-Jan-09 | 22-Jan-09 | |
| 12 | 27-Jan-09 | 28-Jan-09 | 29-Jan-09 | |

Semi and Pennant Playoffs

3 Feb 09 4 Feb 09 5 Feb 09

Finals

10 Feb 09 OR 11 Feb 09 OR 12 Feb 09

6 WET WEATHER

- 6.1 To verify if the grounds are open call the Ryde Council Wet Weather Line (9952 8244) after 3.00pm for a recorded message on ground status. Unless the message states that **the grounds are closed for evening sports/training on the particular day in question** assume the grounds are **open**. If the grounds are closed then clearly the games are cancelled. If the grounds are not closed go to the game and a decision will be made by the referee prior to kick-off.
- 6.2 **Wet Weather - Finals**
Subject to washed out games (see below) the Grand Finals will be played on Tuesday the 10th. If the Tuesday 10th of February Grand Finals are washed out, the Grand Finals will be played on Wednesday 11th February. If the 11th is washed out then the Grand Finals will be played on Thursday 13th of February. If the 13th is washed out a count back will be used (see Finals Selection). Information on when washed out **Semi Final** and **Final** games will be played will be available on the MCSC's recorded message line.
- 6.3 **Washed-out Games**
Two weeks are allowed for washouts. The washed out games will be played on the week commencing 2nd and 9th of February if required. All matches will be played on the same weekday and at the same time as indicated originally. **Semi finals and Finals will go back either one or two weeks as necessary.** Should one of these games be washed out they are not rescheduled and will not be played. The games are played in the order they were washed out

7 FINALS

- 7.1 **Final Series**
Six team competitions
A final series will be run between the top four teams on the points table - Division Champions.
- Eight or more team competitions**
Two final series will be run, one for the top four teams on the points table - Division Champions, the other for the next four teams on the table – Division Pennant.
- Division Champion** - Each registered player in the grand-final will receive a trophy and the winning team a trophy which will be held by Macquarie Dragons and displayed during the season.
- Division Pennant** - Each registered player in the grand-final will receive a trophy and the winning team receives a trophy which will be held by Macquarie Dragons and displayed during the season.
- 7.2 **Final Game Times**
If the finals are played on a Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday the matches start at 5:50pm. This is to allow for drawn matches see Drawn Matches in the Grand Finals
- 7.3 **Finals Selection**
A process for deciding on the final four teams is as follows -
At the completion of all the rounds prior to the semi-finals the results are considered in the following order:-
1. Points
 2. Goal difference
 3. Goals scored
 4. Count back of the results until one team has a points lead
 5. Count back of the results until one team has a goal difference lead
 6. Count back of the results until one team has a goals scored lead
- 7.4 **Semi Finals and Pennant Play Off**
Division 1. The team at the top of the table will play the team coming fourth and two will play three. The winners of both games play in the Championship Final.

Division 2. In the Champion section the team at the top of the table will play the team coming fourth and two will play three. The winners of both games play in the Championship Final.
In the Pennant section, the team fifth on the table plays the team eighth and six plays seven. The winners of both games play in the Pennant Final.

7.5 Drawn Matches in the ANY Semi-Finals.

Five minutes each way additional time is played with the first goal scored deciding the winner – golden goal. If the games are still drawn the count back procedure is used.

7.6 Drawn Matches in the Grand Finals

If there is a draw at full time in ANY of the Grand Finals, then

- At full time ANY 4 players from each team take the field and continue to play for 5mins.
NOTE: Once these 4 players are determined **NO SUBSTITUTES ARE PERMITTED**
- Change ends and two more players from each team leave the field then play 5mins – **NO SUBSTITUTES**
- First goal is the winner.
- Players may take a drink as they change ends but drinks **MUST** be taken on the field

ANY PLAYER WHO LEAVES THE FIELD FOR ANY REASON MAY NOT RE-ENTER THE FIELD

If there is no result after the extra time, the same count back process as itemised in Finals Selection above will apply.

8 COMPETITION - RULES of the GAME

Offside

- There is no offside. All players must be in their own half for all kick-offs.

Free Kicks

- All free kicks awarded outside the penalty area are indirect. All opposing player must remain 5 metres from the ball until it is kicked.
- A free kick awarded inside the penalty area is a penalty kick.

Penalty Kicks

- A penalty kick is a direct kick which is taken from the edge of the semi-circle in front of the goal posts.
- Apart from the goalkeeper and the kicker, all defending and attacking players must remain behind the ball and 5 metres from it until the ball is kicked and it moves.

Substitutes

- A team may nominate up to four named substitutes as players for the team in any one match.
- Only ten players per team may participate in any one game.
- All players, including substitutes must sign the teamsheet. Failure to sign the teamsheet may lead to suspension or disqualification of the player and or the team.
- There is no limit to the number of times a player may take the field.
- All substitutions take place at the halfway line.
- There must never be more than six players on the field for any team at any time.

Goalkeeper

- The goalkeeper may only be changed once during any one half of a game. If the goalkeeper is injured after the second change the injured keeper must leave the field and take no further part in the half and a substitute keeper can be used. The purpose of this rule is to stop time wasting.
- A goalkeeper can kick the ball over the halfway line on the full.

Slide Tackles

- The same rules as the GHFA winter competition apply

9 FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

I have a Problem, who do I talk to?

- If it concerns the team, the first person to talk to is the team manager. If you need more assistance, contact MDSC Summer Soccer (see Summer Soccer Contacts below).
- Forms are available at the canteen for comments, complaints etc. These are in pre-addressed envelopes which **MUST** be mailed to the Club. MDSC Summer Soccer officials or members will **NOT** accept these forms.

HANDING A LETTER/FORM TO AN OFFICIAL WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED AS HAVING LODGED THE DOCUMENT

10 SUMMER SOCCER CONTACTS

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