WESTERN AUSTRALIAN
CHRISTIAN FOOTBALL
ASSOCIATION

RULES OF COMPETITION FOR WACFA CUP

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INTRODUCTION

This document is to be read in conjunction with the current version of the WACFA By-laws.

ELIGIBILITY

Only players currently registered for the winter season with WACFA are eligible to participate

The Masters and Women's (Open) team players must be registered with FFA prior to competing. Teams are permitted to have guest players who have been in the past or presently associated with WACFA (i.e committee members, parents, coaches). If they are outside the WACFA community, written approval is required by WACFA prior to participating.

Active professional and semi-professional players are not permitted.

COMPETITION FORMAT

GENERAL

Various age groups forming Southern and Northern teams will compete in a one day event. Representative players from existing WACFA clubs will make up the two zones as follows:

<u>South</u>

Armadale CFC
Perth Strikers CFC
Riverside CFC
Southern Force
Valley United CFC

<u>North</u>

Ellenbrook Rovers CFC
Greyhounds CSC
Kingsway United CFC
United Maylands CFC

Age groups in the competition are as follows:-

- Mixed: U12
- Boys: U14, U16
- Girls: U16
- Men's: Open
- Men's: Masters (over 35 years old)
- Women's: Open

Age limit is based on WACFA By Laws ie as at 30 June. Age exemptions are not allowed.

Winning teams in each age group will be presented with a perpetual trophy which is to be returned to WACFA. Players from both teams will be presented with medals .

MATCH RULES

The competition will be run according to the following rules:

a) The rules of the standard WACFA League competition will apply, except where overridden by these specific rules .

b) The laws of Football (FIFA) will apply, except where overridden by these rules.

c) WACFA will appoint Match Officials – a Referee and Assistant Referees (lines persons)

d) Match Cards must be filled out and submitted to a Match Official 15 minutes prior to kick- off. All players listed on the match cards will checked against the team's official team-sheet (see procedures section below).

e) Only 14 players are permitted on the match card except for the Masters, 16 players are permitted.

f) Matches shall consist of equal halves, the durations are as follows:

Under 12/13	30 minutes
Under 14	35 minutes
Under 16	40 minutes
Men/Womens	45 minutes
Masters	45 minutes
Half time break	5 minutes

Additional time for delays during the game will be at the discretion of the match referee.

g) If the scores are level at the conclusion of the game, a penalty shoot- out will only be used to decide the winner.

FIFA rules for the penalty shoot-out will apply - in summary:

- each side will take five (5) penalties;
- penalty kicks will be taken by alternating sides;
- the team scoring the most goals in the penalty shoot-out will be declared the winner;

- if the score remains level after each team has taken five penalty kicks, penalties will continue to be taken in the same manner as before by the other players in each team until the deadlock has been broken by one side scoring more goals than the other from the same number of penalty kicks.
- each player will take one penalty only;
- in the event that the teams cannot be separated after all 11 players from each team have taken a penalty, the players will take a second penalty in the same order and same manner as the first round until the deadlock has been broken by
- one side scoring more goals than the other from the same number of penalty kicks;
- all players are to remain on the halfway line while waiting for their turn to take a penalty;
- the goalkeeper who was in goals at the end of game must be the goalkeeper defending the penalty kicks;
- no spectators are permitted behind the goals or the goal line while penalties are being taken;
- the ball is no longer in play once the Referee has acknowledged that the penalty has been 'saved' by the goalkeeper.