



TERMS & CONDITIONS OF PLAY AT
MILDURA SPORTING PRECINCT

1. Purpose of this Document

- a. The aim of this Terms and Conditions document, is to provide players with a clear and concise framework under which Rec Soccer is conducted at Mildura Sporting Precinct.
- b. Further information can be obtained from the Programs Officer, Ph. 03 5055 5122, Email: programs@mildurasportingprecinct.com.au, Mildura Sporting Precinct, 684 Deakin Ave, Mildura, VIC 3500

2. About Rec Soccer

- a. Rec Soccer games will be played at Mildura Sporting Precinct in short series of six or eight weeks. The aim of Rec Soccer is to provide participants of all levels of experience, the opportunity to play socially amongst friends, under no gender rule restrictions.
- b. Games will be played weekly on a regular day as detailed in the registration process for each advertised series.
- c. There are no finals or prizes at the end of a series.
- d. Umpire/s for each game will be supplied by Mildura Sporting Precinct.
- e. All players, including Team Contacts, must conduct a Player Registration Form each series to be registered to a team.
- f. Any players who are not registered will not be permitted to play.

3. Venue Information

- a. Rec Soccer is played at the Mildura Sporting Precinct. Entry to car park is located via Deakin Ave.
- b. Parking is available at the venue for players and spectators.
- c. You may be photographed or filmed by Mildura Rural City Council's official cameraman for publications and publicity while playing in our social sporting competitions. Your Privacy is important to us, so please see a staff member if you do not wish to be filmed or photographed.

4. Game Conditions

- a. Games will be played and umpired under the Mildura Sporting Precinct's Indoor 5-a side Soccer Rules which has been adapted from the FUTSAL OZ Social League Rules.
- b. Games will run as follows: **2 Halves of 18 Minutes – Half Time (HT) Break of 2 minutes.**
- c. There are no restrictions on number of male/female players registered within a team's list
- d. Mildura Sporting Precinct have the right to change and update any ruling within this Competition Manual to ensure the best possible competition for its members.
- e. Any changes to these conditions will be communicated to umpires and players in a timely manner prior to implementation.
- f. The minimum playing age is 16 years with players turning 16 years of age in the calendar year of the Series being considered eligible to play.
- g. Players can fill in for other Rec Soccer teams for games held on the same day, as long as they are recorded separately for each team on relevant team sheets and meet age requirements.
- h. Mildura Sporting Precinct will make efforts to assist individual players to be placed together to create a team.

- i. Game times will be released in accordance with the series fixture. This fixture will be emailed to the Team Contact, but otherwise posted on the Mildura Sporting Precinct website.

5. Teams

- a. Teams must submit a "Team Name". Those proposing a name that has already been taken, or that is deemed offensive will be asked to select an alternative.
- b. Teams must have one designated Team Contact for the season.
- c. Team Contact must be 18yrs or over.
- d. The Team Captain is the Primary Contact for all on and off-court matters for their team.
- e. Teams can register as many players as they wish, provided all players pay their individual fees at \$10 per player, per game.
- f. The Rec Soccer Coordinator will direct all important communication to the Team Contact and/or players via email and/or phone.
- g. The Team Contact responsibilities also include: ensuring all players are informed of game times and/or game changes, to ensure that team members are fully aware of the Rules being used, as well as the information written in this Competition Manual and ensuring that only players who have paid are permitted to play.
- h. Late team registrations will only be accepted at the discretion of Mildura Sporting Precinct.

6. What to wear

- a. Sports shirts/tops and sports shorts/tights. Each team will be allocated a set of bibs each week. Teams who wish to wear suitable soccer uniforms with numbers on each top are permitted with prior approval from MSP.
- b. Suitable indoor sports footwear is required.
- c. Limited items of jewellery, for example a medical alert bracelet or wedding band, may be worn.

7. Fees

- a. Fees for Rec Sports are informed by the Mildura Rural City Council's Fees and Charges Policy – CP046.
- b. Participation fees in Mildura Sporting Precinct competitions are scheduled at \$10.00 per player, inclusive of GST. The total amount payable to submit a team in any competition is the total number of games in the series, multiplied by the minimum number of required players, multiplied by ten.
- c. Any additional players above the minimum number (substitutions) will be required to pay \$10 on game day.
- d. To confirm a Team's place in the draw, an invoice will be sent to the Team Contact. Teams must pay their invoiced fees before the specified due date. It is recommended that Team Contacts obtain game fees from individual players prior to paying this invoice.
- e. Mildura Sporting Precinct is committed to increasing participation and as such, a Team may request an alternative payment arrangement by contacting the Programs Officer, with approval of such an arrangement at the discretion of the Precinct Manager.

- f. There will be no refunded fees for forfeits once the series has begun. A team that is scheduled to play an opposing team who forfeits, will be refunded the minimum game fee.

8. Late Starts/Forfeits

- a. To accommodate all the fixtures, umpires are instructed to start games on time. If a team is any more than ten minutes late to start, the umpire at his/her absolute discretion may begin a scratch match and determine the team unable to start on time has forfeited. No refunds will be provided to the team unable to start on time.
- b. Under some circumstances a game that has started late may be able to finish later at the discretion of umpires, ensuring that the fixture schedule can be adhered to.
- c. For a game to commence, a minimum of five (5) players are required. If a team needs to forfeit their game, they must contact Mildura Sporting Precinct prior to game day.

9. Withdrawals

- a. Any team who withdraws from the Series after taking the court in the first week, are liable to pay the full balance of their remaining competition fees, or if they have already paid in full, they will not receive any refund for series fees.
- b. No refunds to players can be made if a player decides to leave the series or to miss games in a series. It is up to the Team Contact as to how payments are transferred amongst regular players and fill in players.

10. Referees

- a. Mildura Sporting Precinct referees and staff do the utmost to provide a friendly and social sporting environment. Many of our umpires are young members of the public who are umpiring as a casual job.
- b. The referees have a zero-tolerance approach to any abusive, demeaning, or demonstrative behaviour that is exhibited towards an umpire.
- c. Behaviour that, in the reasonable mind of Mildura Sporting Precinct staff, is any of the above, will result in a forfeit and possible suspension of a team and/or individual players with no refund to be provided.

11. Behaviour Policy

- a. Inappropriate behaviour, disrespect and foul language will not be tolerated.
- b. This behaviour and any other behaviour deemed to not be in the good spirit of the game will result in players being sent from the court at the discretion of the Umpire. Spectators will also be removed.
- c. Further disciplinary action may be applied at the discretion of the Mildura Sporting Precinct Management.
- d. Players who are repeatedly reported for foul language or aggressive behaviour will be removed from the competition at the Mildura Sporting Precinct's discretion.
- e. Further behaviour guidelines are noted in the Rulebook.

12. Submitting Constructive Feedback

- a. A player or umpire may submit feedback about a game, player or incident by collecting a Mildura Sporting Precinct Feedback Form from Reception.
- b. Mildura Sporting Precinct aim to provide a simple, confidential, and trustworthy procedure for resolving conflict, based on the principles of procedural fairness. It is helpful if feedback includes a team name, opposition team name, time, nature and details of any incident, and the names of people involved.

13. Medical Emergencies

- a. Certain Mildura Sporting Precinct staff may able to provide basic first aid in the case of an injury, should I ask for assistance. The Council, Mildura Sporting Precinct, their officers and game officials will not be liable in relation to any first aid assistance provided by them, except to the extent they have been grossly negligent or not acted in good faith.
- b. Where first aid assistance is administered, the person receiving the assistance agrees to release the Council, Mildura Sporting Precinct, its officers, and program officials from all liability, except to the extent that they have been grossly negligent or not acted in good faith.
- c. If I am unable to give consent in a medical emergency, I consent to Mildura Sporting Precinct staff releasing me into the care of a medical practitioner, ambulance service representative, hospital or other medical personnel as deemed necessary.
- d. I understand that injuries which have occurred during a program, should be reported to Mildura Sporting Precinct Staff for the filing of an incident report. The subsequent filing of an incident report becomes the Mildura Sporting Precinct record of the injury, which forms part of any injury claim should the need arise.
- e. Players will not take the court with bleeding wounds or wounds that are not adequately covered.

14. Liability and Indemnity

- a. I understand that the nature of structured physical activity means that there are inherent risks of injury.
- b. I acknowledge that participants choose to engage in programming at Mildura Sporting Precinct at their own risk. Participants need to make their own separate insurance arrangements against the event that they injure themselves during a program and should consider taking out personal cover both medical and paramedical (AMBULANCE), as well as cover for their own financial position if injury would render them unable to work for an extended period.
- c. I indemnify Mildura Rural City Council, Mildura Sporting Precinct, its officers and program officials, against any costs, expenses or liability incurred as a result of any damage or injury caused by myself to:
 - i. property at the Venues
 - ii. any other participant and staff at the Program.
- d. Mildura Rural City Council, Mildura Sporting Precinct, its officers, and program officials do not accept any liability for any personal injury, property damage or loss sustained by a participant or spectator during the Program.
- e. By selecting "Yes" I acknowledge that I agree to the Terms and Conditions of Play at Mildura Sporting Precinct.