

2019 PSSA FOOTBALL

Welcome to the 2019 Blacktown P.S.S.A. Soccer Competition!

The competition convener is – Alicia Reedy, (Barnier PS)

Junior Competition (2 teams per school – A and B team)

- 2 half-field games
- Scores recorded
- Points table kept
- Semi Finals and Grand Finals played

Senior – Full Field

- Scores recorded
- Points table kept
- Semi Finals and Grand Finals played

The **junior** competition was amended in 2016, to incorporate small-sided football – an initiative supported by both Football Federation Australia and Football NSW. In 2019, it will be further amended to have an A & B competition.

Please be sure you are aware of the slightly different rules and organisation for Juniors as opposed to the traditional rules for Seniors.

IMPORTANT STARTING NOTE

It is essential that each teacher knows and understands the competition format and rules. Please read all of the information to ensure you are aware of the specific rules, the equipment required each week, the venue and opposition each week, and that results are submitted on the day - clearly indicating teams and scores.

If you are unsure of something, please get in contact Alicia (Barnier PS) ASAP.

Communication - will be via email. It is important that you check your email weekly for any correspondence.

Results - must be given to the convener each week, before leaving the venue. In the event this does not happen, please ensure that match scores are emailed to the convener by 3pm Friday where possible.

General Information

VENUES

Our senior and junior competition will be played at two venues this year: **Harvey Park** and **Morgan Power Reserve**.

SAFETY

All players **MUST** wear shin pads and socks that cover their shin pads. Players not complying with this rule must not be permitted to take part in the game. It is recommended that ALL players wear boots when playing but it is not essential. Metal studs are NOT allowed.

REFEREEING

For **Junior** matches, both teachers will be responsible for the refereeing. One teacher will referee the A game and one the B game.

For **Seniors** matches, the refereeing is to be shared between the two teachers. The teacher refereeing is responsible for timekeeping.

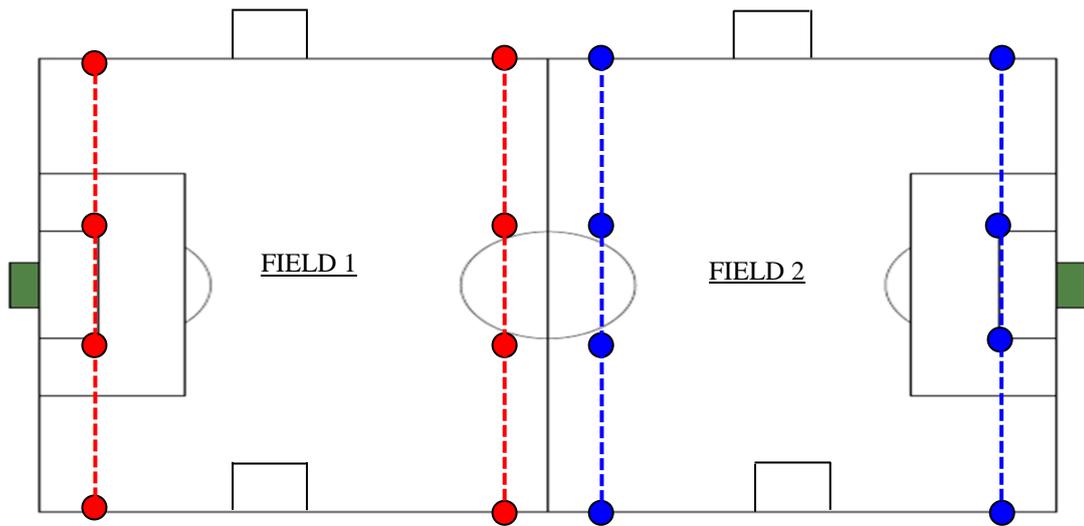
EQUIPMENT

Each school needs to bring at least one (1) Sz 4 ball, 30 markers and 2 sets of portable goals (SKLZ Quickster Soccer Goals 12"x6"), as specified by PSSA. Ideally these should also be pegged into the ground.

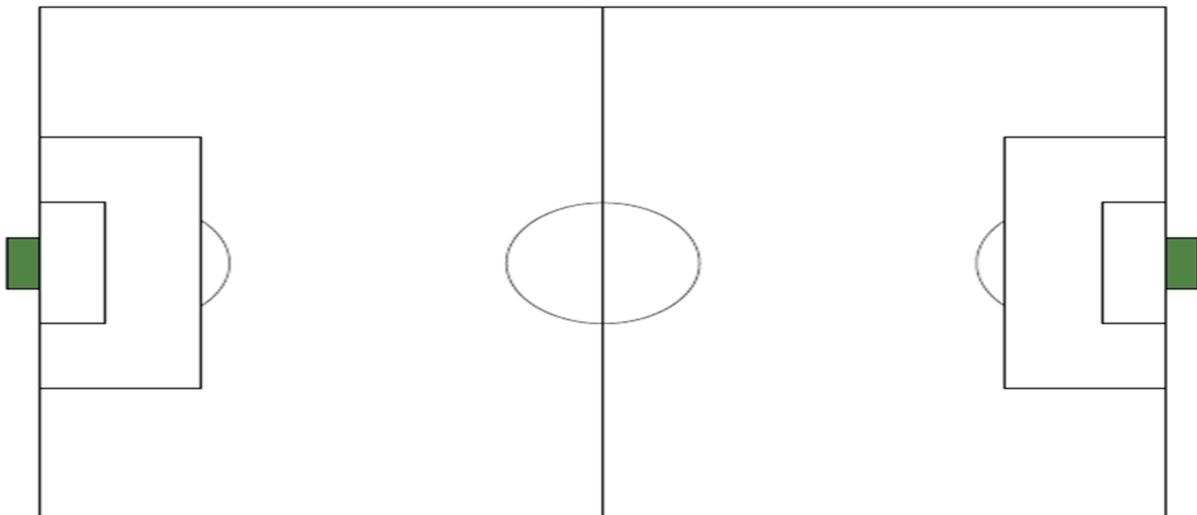
IMPORTANT!

-  Each school is to have two (2) **Junior** teams. ie ShelleyA & ShelleyB
-  **Juniors** will play across field on half a field (see diagram).
-  Each **Junior** team will have seven (7) players, one (1) of which is a goalkeeper.
-  Each week, **Junior** teams will play 1 game of 15 minutes each half.

Field Diagram - JUNIORS



Field Diagram - SENIORS



Semi Final - Grand Final

 All Semi Finals will be held at Harvey Park.

 Semi-Finals winners progress to the GF.

Seniors and Juniors will go straight to Semi Finals; 1st v 4th and 2nd v 3rd. Winners of the Semi Finals will progress to the Grand Final.

In the event of semi-finals being washed out, 1st will play 2nd in the Grand Final.

<u>JUNIORS</u>		
<u>SEMI FINALS</u>	<u>FIELD 1A</u>	<u>FIELD 1B</u>
	1 st v 4 th	2 nd v 3 rd



<u>SENIORS</u>		
<u>SEMI FINALS</u>	<u>FIELD 1</u>	<u>FIELD 2</u>
	1 st v 4 th	2 nd v 3 rd

 In the event of a tied Grand Final there will be an additional 5 minutes each way and if the score is still tied, the two teams will be recognised as joint premiers.

 Grand Finals will be played at William Lawson Reserve on Grand Final Night.

WASHOUTS

 If there is a washout, the draw will continue the following week with the next round on the draw.

RESULTS

 All results **must** be given to the ground convener before leaving the venue where possible.

Results need to go to: Alicia Reedy (Barnier PS)

If this is not possible, then results need to be emailed asap.

 Results not received by 3pm Monday will not be considered, if any discrepancies arise - as per Blacktown PSSA Constitution

 A table will be sent out to all coaches after every completed round, as well as being posted on the PSSA website.

RUBBISH

 All participating schools are responsible for ensuring that grounds are clean at the completion of each game. Non-compliance could see us being barred from using the fields.

Above all, please enjoy the football and encourage our students to have an enjoyable experience.

Alicia Reedy (Barnier PS)

Football Convener 2019

JUNIOR COMPETITION – SPECIFIC RULES

-  Each school is to have an A team and a B team.
-  2x 15 minute halves per game.
-  2-3 min half time break
-  Games must begin by 11.15am and conclude by 11.50am
-  Children must turn 8, 9 or 10 this year. Students turning 11 in 2019 **must** play in the Seniors.
-  There are NO OFFSIDES but please do not encourage players to stand next to the opposition's goalkeeper.
-  There are NO THROW-INS. Instead they will be kick-ins where the opposition must be at least 5m from the ball and the player taking the kick-in is limited to **three (3) steps**.
-  All other rules are normal international FIFA rules.

FIELD SET-UP

-  **Goals** are to be set up using 2 portable goals, as specified by the Blacktown PSSA.
 -  The goals are the SKLZ Quickster Soccer Goals - 3.6m x 1.8m in size.
 -  Field is to go from sideline to sideline across the six (6) yard box and two (2) metres inside from the halfway line.
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SENIOR COMPETITION – SPECIFIC RULES

-  Each school is to have one (1) Senior team.
-  Seniors will play on a standard full-size field.
-  Each Senior team will have eleven (11) players, one (1) of which is a goalkeeper.
-  Each week, Senior teams will play one game, with a 4-5 min halftime break
-  20 mins. each way
-  Games to begin by 11:55pm and finish at 12.40pm
-  Children to be open age (11-13yr olds).
-  There **are** OFFSIDES. Please teach your players this rule to lessen confusion.
-  There are THROW-INS. See General Rules below.

NB. Wherever possible please encourage an enjoyment of the game over winning. Allow students to improve their skills as an individual and team player, in a positive environment.

GENERAL RULES

1. ALL GAMES MUST BE PLAYED WITH A **SIZE 4 BALL**.

2. DURATION OF GAMES

- Juniors: 15 min halves
- Seniors: 20 min halves

There is NO injury time/ time added on. Please calculate/adjust match time as necessary, so you finish on time, buses are required to leave by 12.45pm

3. Normal international FIFA rules (seniors).

4. PLAYER'S EQUIPMENT

Please ensure all players are wearing shin pads. No shin pads - no play!

Don't Allow

- a. Rugby studs (too small & sharp, must be as big as a 5 cent coin)
- b. Sharp studs
- c. Watches, jewellery, rings etc. (these are dangerous)
- d. Goalkeeper to wear same colours as the opposition
- e. Blood on field (injured player to be treated)

Do Allow

- a. Injured players to be replaced while they recover.
- b. Runners/Trainers, (though these are not desirable) at players own risk.

5. REFEREEING

Each teacher is required to officiate for 1 **Junior** game and 1 half of the senior game, unless otherwise agreed to by both coaches. (Parents **cannot** referee PSSA matches, unless certification is confirmed by the convener)

6. ANY tackling from behind or in a dangerous manner should be dealt with by penalising. A repeat offence and the player is to be replaced or given 'time out'.

7. Please Discourage When Refereeing:

- a) Wild high kicking
- b) Back chatting from players
- c) Loudly abusive spectators
- d) Spectators behind goals / on middle sideline
- e) Deliberate fouls that prevent goals (issue a caution, and a penalty kick)

If in the opinion of the referee, the act was malicious, or deliberately aggressive, a send-off can be issued. Any 'send-off' **must** be reported to the convener on the day.

8. Dissent and foul language should be dealt with in the same fashion as dangerous tackling.

9. All **FREE KICKS** are to be direct free kicks (goal can be scored without touching another player). The only exception to this ruling is a penalty for a back pass to the goalkeeper (see rule 10).

10. BACKPASS.

A back-pass to the goalkeeper is when a player deliberately passes the ball back to his or her own goalkeeper with their feet and the goalkeeper then **picks the ball up**.

However, the ball can be passed back with the head or it can be deflected to the goalkeeper. *If this occurs an indirect penalty is awarded from where the ball was picked up.*

11. GOAL KICKS

A goal kick is awarded when the attacking team last touches the ball before it travels over the backline. These are taken on the ground, anywhere inside Goal Box for Juniors, and in line with Penalty Spot for Seniors.

12. OFFSIDE

Seniors: Offside is judged when the ball is first played by an attacker. Another attacker is offside, at the moment, if (s)he is closer to the goal line that (s)he is attacking, than 2 defenders.

If a student is in an offside position, but not involved in the play, please direct them to return to an onside position in the first instance, before awarding a free kick.

N.B. IN LINE IS NOT OFFSIDE (as a number of our students do not play outside of school, give benefit of the doubt to attacking team).

Juniors: There is **NO** offside.

13. DIRECT FREE KICKS OR PENALTY (if in penalty area) for:

- a) kicking opponent
- b) tripping
- c) jumping at
- d) charging dangerously or from behind
- e) striking or spitting at an opponent
- f) holding, pushing an opponent
- g) deliberately handling ball (up to shoulder)

****Again please use your common sense in determining **deliberate** or **accidental** fouls. Not all students play on the weekend or are of a proficient skill level.****

14. INDIRECT FREE KICKS (no goal unless touched by another player)

NB. Referee should hold up arm until ball touches another player

- a) Back-pass

15. THROW-INS (Seniors only)

Seniors - must be taken with two feet on the ground; sliding/dragging of the back foot is allowed as long as it does not leave the ground. No player can jump as this is an incorrect throw-in. The ball must leave the players hands with both hands at the back of the ball and in the direction the body of the thrower is facing. If a throw is incorrect, issue a caution, then any foul throw after this will result in possession being given to the opposing team.

Juniors – play a kick in from where the ball went out. All payers must retreat 5m from the kick in.

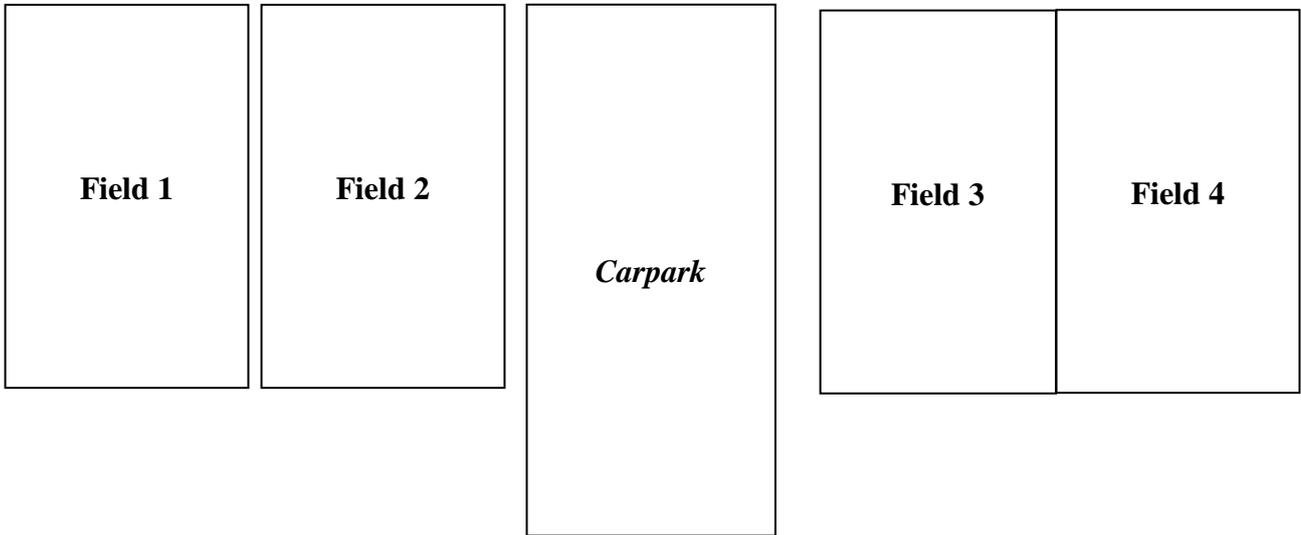
16. Corners

To be taken on the goal line, halfway between the penalty area & corner junction.

17. Points - (Win – 4 points, Draw – 2 points, Loss 0 points, Bye – 4 points)

Schools who receive a forfeit get 4 points and +3 goal difference, and similarly schools who forfeit receive 0 points and -3 goal differential.

Morgan Power Reserve MAP



Harvey Park Map

