



SPORTS COMPETITIONS

Junior Outdoor Soccer

Summer 2025/26

Information & Registration Pack

Ryde Community Sports Centre

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 City of Ryde


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Welcome and thank you for choosing the Y NSW outdoor sports competitions. All of our competitions are professionally run and are **SERIOUSLY FUN**. Our sports competitions focus on fun, fairness and participation. We have great facilities and referees and offer the latest in online draws, results and fixtures.

This document contains all the information in regards to our Summer Football competition for juniors and includes information about registering **ONLINE**. Our Summer Football competition is 4-a-side for Minis & 6-a-side for Juniors/Youth and is played on the new state of the art outdoor synthetic pitch at ELS Hall Park.

COMPETITION DETAILS

COMPETITION	SEASON DATES	GAME TIMES*	TEAM COSTS
Wednesday Minis Mixed (U6s-U7s)	15th October 2025 - 25th February 2026	5:00PM - 6:30PM	15 weeks (including grading and rounds [no finals]) = \$780
Wednesday Juniors Mixed (U8s-U11s) Wednesday Junior Girls (U10/11s)	15th October 2025 - 25th February 2026	5:00PM - 7:30PM	15 weeks (including grading and rounds [no finals]) = \$1080
Wednesday Youth Mixed (U12s-U16s) Wednesday Youth Girls (U12/13s)	15th October 2025 - 25th February 2026	6:30PM - 9:00PM	15 weeks (including grading, rounds and finals) = \$1230

***Time-slots and competition subject to demand and may change. In the event that not enough girls teams are registered to create a competition, all girls teams will have the option to enter a mixed juniors competition or receive a full refund**

***The Y NSW reserves the right to adjust the number of grading rounds therefore increasing or decreasing the number of competition rounds.**

Competition will break over Christmas/New Years. No games played from 24th Dec 2025 - 21st Jan 2026 inclusive. First game for 2026 on 28th Jan

COMPETITION FEES

Deposit:

- Team Registration is secured with a **NON-REFUNDABLE** \$200 deposit, which is taken off your remaining team fee balance. This deposit is paid online through our SportsFix registration platform. The deposit is an indication of your team's intent to register for the entire season. The deposit will not be refunded for change of mind.

Team Fee Balance:

- The outstanding team fee balance is paid direct to the Centre (i.e. not online) and **must be paid before the team takes the court on the following date:**
 - Wednesday 5th November 2025
- RCSC will only accept bulk payments from the Team Manager rather than split payments for team fees.**
- Payments can be made at the RCSC Reception by cash or card (EFTPOS, Visa, Mastercard only).
- RCSC accepts Active Kids Vouchers (AKV's) towards team fee totals. The Team Manager is responsible for submitting any players' AKV to be used toward the team fee balance by **no later than Wednesday 29th October 2025**. The Team Contact must confirm which players are redeeming AKVs in a single email to admin.rcsc@ymcansw.org.au no later than the above dates. Staff will then acknowledge and provide the link for guardians to lodge their AKV details.

FNSW REGISTRATION / INSURANCE DETAILS

Individual Player FNSW Registrations will open prior to competition starting. Team Captains will receive an email once FNSW registrations open.

No Registration = No Play Policy will be enforced by the centre.

Insurance only needs to be paid once per season, even if you play in multiple competitions (eg. Men's and Mixed).

The insurance program through Football NSW administered by Gow-Gates Insurance Brokers.

<https://gowgatessport.com.au/football>

REGISTRATION / INSURANCE FEES

JUNIORS

All Players = \$8

The process is done 100% online through the method below.

How to Register:

1. Jump online to www.playfootball.com.au and select register, then player registration.
2. Choose from one of the relevant options (ensure you select the Outdoor Competition, not Futsal [Indoor]) using your FFA Number and password if part of selected option (password retrieval is available).
3. Click Register, then ensure details are correct then click "next" (button right of screen)
 - a. Step 1 - Club Name: "Ryde YMCA"
 - b. Then follow Step 2,3, and 4 and select relevant answer, then select "next"
 - c. Player then will be placed on team sheet for their designated team.
 - d. <https://registration.playfootball.com.au/common/pages/reg/WelcomeRegPlus.aspx?entityid=75247&save=0>

IMPORTANT: Please report all injuries and incidents immediately to Centre staff so that an Incident Form can be completed. Failure to report injuries at the time of incidence may result in the Claim being declined by the insurer.

How to Claim:

1. Visit <https://football-nsw.gowgatessport.com.au/claims/online-claims-submission/>
2. Log into the claim portal and fill in the online form
3. Visit your GP/physician to fill out one section and return to the Centre in person or scanned via email (admin.rcsc@ymcansw.org.au) so we can fill out the Club Declaration section
4. The form will then be returned to yourself to be submitted to the online claim portal within 30 days of the injury

- No discount on fees will be given if a BYE exists and/or a forfeit occurs in your competition division.
- Failure to pay by the due date may result in your team to be withdrawn from the competition with NO refund of the \$200 deposit.
- The Y reserves the right not to offer any refunds if your team is withdrawn from the competition due to any violations of our Code of Conduct.
- Team Season fee is NOT inclusive of Individual Player Registration through PlayFootball which is a separate per person cost (details below).

REGISTRATION PROCESS

STEPS TO REGISTER A TEAM + ADD PLAYERS

THE TEAM MANAGER MUST BE 18 YEARS OR OVER

Online registrations can be made on SportsFix. The Team Manager must complete the Team Registration and then individual players (or their guardians) are able to add themselves to the team via an online link.

If you do not already have a SportFix account, you will need to create one, following the prompts.

1. Team Manager (to Register the Team):

- <https://sportfix.net/ymcafield>, or go to sportfix.net and search for "YMCA" in the venue search to select "YMCA Field" - NOT "Ryde Community Sports Centre" as this is for Indoor Competitions only
- Click on "Register a new team"
- Proceed to your relevant sport and competition night.
- Submit your team name, skill level and agree to the T&Cs.
- Pay the deposit as prompted.
- The Centre will be notified of your registration in real time. The team details will be accessible through "My Registrations" and your registration status will read "Pending Allocation". Teams are "allocated" when fixtures are developed.

2. Team Manager (to "invite" players to join):

- Players are required to register on PlayFootball to be eligible to play (see previous page for further details)
- RCSC Staff will add players from the Team List to your SportFix Team as their PlayFootball Registrations are confirmed. Only registered players will be added and therefore only the players on the SportFix Team List are eligible to play.

ALL players must have their registration confirmed in person at the Centre with a valid form of ID at least 1 week prior to the start of the competition.

Minis - RCSC recommends 7 players per team, minimum of 5 and maximum of 10 players are allowed on each team. Players who do not turn 5 or older in 2025 are not permitted to participate in Summer Football competitions.

Juniors / Youth - RCSC recommends 9 players per team, minimum of 6 and maximum of 12 players are allowed on each team.

If you wish to have more than the maximum, the Team Captain must consult with the Competition Coordinator.

Age requirement- No junior player shall play in an age group more than two (2) years higher than they are qualified for, unless they have been granted dispensation by the Competition Coordinator.

ALL players must pay and complete FNSW individual registration via playfootballclub.com.au website. Teams must complete FNSW registrations for each new season/competition. There is no automatic "roll over" of registrations from season to season.

A minimum of 5 players (Minis) or 6 players (Juniors/Youth) must be registered WITH their ID check completed in person by Wednesday 8th October 2024 in order for the team to be included in the first week fixtures

PLEASE NOTE THAT WE OPERATE ON A FIRST SERVED BASIS AS CAPACITY IS LIMITED

GAME DETAILS + REQUIREMENTS

TEAM MANAGER

The Team Manager is the person responsible for registering the team online. They will be the key contact should the Centre need to provide any correspondence regarding the competition (eg. fee reminders, notice of forfeit). It will be the responsibility of the Team Manager to pass all correspondence on to their team players. They must be 18yrs or above at the time of registration. If a team wishes to change the person listed as the main contact, please notify the centre by email at admin.rcsc@ymcansw.org.au.

Team season fee payments must only come from the Team Manager. Teams can organise amongst themselves to determine what individuals owe, but the Centre will **only accept bulk payments from the Team Manager**.

DURATION OF GAME

Minis / Juniors: 30 minute time-slots 2 x 12 Minute Halves

Youth: 35 minute time-slots 2 x 14 Minute Halves

*Time may be reduced if teams are late which includes late signing onto scoring sheet. For Youth games a 3-0 head start will be awarded to the opposing team every 5 minutes a team is late.

No score will be recorded for Minis / Junior games and there will be no competition ladder or finals. Teams will play through the whole season.

SIGN ON

- **IT IS THE TEAM MANAGERS RESPONSIBILITY TO ENSURE PLAYERS ARE SIGNED ON CORRECTLY.** The (acting) captain should be indicated on the scoresheet by writing a 'C' next to the relevant person's name.
- All registered players must 'sign on' on the score sheet before the start of a game by placing either their shirt number or signature next to their name. **AT LEAST 4 REGISTERED MEMBERS OF THE TEAM MUST SIGN ON BEFORE THE GAME CAN START (3 for Minis). Fewer than the 4 registered players after 5 mins will result in a forfeit being declared.** A friendly can be played but only with players who are registered to play at RCSC.
- If an unregistered player takes the court, the game may be declared as a forfeit.
- **Borrowed players** must also write their names on the scoresheet and indicated which team they are registered in. (Note, you can borrow from the same or a lower division, but not a higher division).
- **Late players** must sign on before entering the court.
- The score sheet is located at the scorer's table before each game, games will not commence without all participating players signed on.

TEAMS AND PLAYERS

- All soccer competitions are 6v6 (including GK) with the exception of Minis which is 4v4.
- **Four players for Minis teams and Six players for Junior/Youth teams must be registered by the below date to ensure your team is included in the competition:**
 - Wednesday 8th October 2025
- A maximum of 12 players are allowed on the team (10 for Minis). If you wish to have more than the maximum on your team, the Team Captain must consult with the Competition Coordinator first.
- Teams can add additional players throughout the season; however, the Centre holds the right to re-assess and make any necessary division changes to the team based on the additional recruited player and the newly formed team.
- A player must have played 5 games with the team to be eligible to play finals

COMPETITION POINTS - YOUTH GAMES ONLY

Win = 3 points | Draw = 1 points | Loss = 0 point | Bye = 3 points | Forfeit-For = 3 points | Forfeit-Against = 0 points

Note: Scores are not recorded for Minis & Juniors games and therefore there is no competition ladder or finals

FORFEITS & FRIENDLIES

Teams considering a forfeit:

- At least 4 registered players from the team must take the court to avoid a forfeit (3 for Minis).
- A team **must** inform the Centre of their intent to forfeit as soon as possible, preferably by phone (9878 2223) and by email admin.rcsc@ymcansw.org.au.
- A phone call is necessary when giving limited notice e.g. 5 hours or less, with a follow-up email required as well. A voicemail message is not considered sufficient notice.
- RCSC will also send an email to the forfeiting team to confirm forfeit is acknowledged.

Forfeits require as much notice as possible to ensure your opposition are notified. Friendlies may be offered to forfeiting teams if enough notice is given. The field will be available for use during the forfeited timeslot if a friendly does not go ahead.

Teams being forfeited to:

- The Team Captain/Manager will be notified by phone in the event that the team's opposition intend to forfeit. If the Team Captain/Manager cannot be reached, RCSC staff will attempt to call other players in the team. Forfeits will also be confirmed by email.
- **Your team will receive a 3-0 win.**
- The Centre will do its best to arrange a friendly game for teams forfeited against, otherwise the time-slot of your game time will be available for your team to train.
- There are no refunds of season fees paid when your team misses a game due to a forfeit. The time-slot of your game time will be available for your team to use the court to train in lieu of refunds or friendlies.
- Note: Teams may be contacted in relation to moving time-slots in the case of forfeits

BORROWING PLAYERS

Teams are able to borrow players from other teams as long as the player is fully registered.

A Team may only borrow maximum of (2) registered players under the following circumstances:

1. If a team can only field (4) players on the court, then (2) registered player maximum can be borrowed making a total of (6) players on the court. Teams CANNOT borrow other registered players if there are already (6)
Note: Minis can borrow up to (1) player to make a total of (4) players on the court

2. You may NOT borrow any players from divisions above your own. eg. **CANNOT borrow a Youth player for a Junior game, and cannot borrow a Junior player for a Minis game.**

3. Borrowed players must be registered at RCSC and with Play Football.

4. It is the team captain's responsibility to notify staff members of any borrowed player. Games with unapproved borrowed players will be a forfeit.

5. **Players cannot be borrowed for finals**

For Minis teams, 1 player may be borrowed as long as the team has minimum 3 of their own players to make a total of 4.

FINAL SERIES

- No finals games for Minis (U5s/U6s) & Youth (U7s-U11s) as scores are not recorded
- **Youth teams (U12s-U16s) will play 2 weeks of finals/playoffs for all competitions, unless otherwise determined by the Competition Coordinator.**
- Generally, the format for finals is: Semi Finals - 1st v 4th and 2nd v 3rd, with the winners playing each other in the Grand Final. This format is subject to change at the discretion of the Competition Coordinator.
- Teams that do not qualify for finals will be invited to participate in friendly matches across the finals weeks, if interested.
- A player must play a minimum of five (5) games for their registered team during the regular season to qualify for finals. **Any games where a player has not signed on for, either due to lateness or forgetting, does not count as a game played.**

PENALTIES

- In the event of misconduct, suspensions will be awarded at the discretion of the Competition Coordinator.
- Suspensions can apply for both on and off court incidents, you are responsible for your actions and behaviour at all times within the Centre.
- Ryde YMCA uses the Football NSW Schedule of Disciplinary Penalties as a guide for warnings and suspensions

CHALLENGES

Any challenges made by a team towards another team (i.e. suspected unregistered players playing or other match disputes) must be done through competitions staff as soon as possible, preferably at the start of the game.

Any challenge relating to the final score can only be done if the scoresheet was signed at the end of the game by the Team Manager (or acting Captain). It is the team's responsibility to check the score at the end of the game.

COMPLAINTS AND REPORTABLE CONDUCT PROCEDURE

The Team Manager may politely approach match officials to ask for clarification regarding rules and procedures at appropriate intervals (eg. quarter-time break). Teams are also encouraged to alert RCSC staff if they have any concerns during the game. After a game, teams wanting to register a complaint or reportable misconduct about another player, team, referee or Centre staff will need to complete a Match Report Form, which will be given to all team captains upon request. Alternatively, an email can be submitted to admin.rcsc@ymcansw.org.au.

PLEASE NOTE: That this is the correct way of registering a complaint. Teams failing to comply with this and confronting referees, players or staff without adhering to the Code of Conduct may receive suspensions or dismissals from the competition.

All complaints will be taken seriously, and appropriate actions will be undertaken in the following weeks of competition. However, depending on the severity of the complaint, some complaints may take longer to resolve.

Complaints involving staff members or very serious complaints will need to be emailed to emily.donkin@ymcansw.org.au

REFUNDS

Monies paid as Team Fee deposits, team fee balances and individual player registrations are NON-REFUNDABLE for change of mind.

Refund applications will be considered by the Centre Coordinator in the event of documented extenuating circumstances, or in the event that the competition does not go ahead due to insufficient registrations.

YMCA NSW will not be responsible for any competition days and/or rounds cancelled due to factors beyond our control, such as, Environmental Issues (flooding, heat, smoke, wind) or cancellations due to advice from Authoritative Directions (NSW Police, NSW Emergency Services, Local and State Governments and or any other national, state and/or local authority) and or Abandonment due to illegal activity (vandalism, sabotage or criminal and illegal activity). In the event of any such cancellations and/or Abandonment, YMCA NSW reserves the right to NOT Refund any fees, deposits, payments or any other costs incurred by individual participants and or teams, spectators, players and supporters.

RULES + REQUIREMENTS

FNSW RULES APPLY UNLESS OTHERWISE STATED BELOW.

Referee reserves the right to alter these regulations below if deemed necessary.

INFORMATION FOR STAFF, OFFICIALS AND PLAYERS

Sign On	Managers/Coaches are responsible to fill out scoresheets 10 mins prior to game at the referees table. Late players must sign on before taking the court. Borrowed players must also write their names on scoresheet and indicate which team are registered in. See above on borrowing players. Players found signing on as another player would not be able to continue playing, and may result the game in a forfeit.
Forfeits & Late Starts	<p>Teams failing to comply with sign on procedures or any form of prevention to start the game as scheduled will be penalized 1 goal per 3 minutes. Clock will still start at scheduled game time even if players are not ready to take the court. Clock will not be stopped or reset for the commencement of the game.</p> <p>10 minutes grace allowed to each team after scheduled game time before a team forfeits the match.</p> <p>A team may commence a game with a minimum of 4 players.</p> <p>Teams not ready to play (i.e. scoresheets not filled out prior the game starting) will be penalized 2 points per minute.</p> <p>Where a team forfeits the score shall be recorded as 3 – 0 (Youth games only).</p> <p>Where both teams fail to appear with less than 4 players after 10 minutes, the game shall be declared a double forfeit. The score recorded as 0-0 for both forfeited teams.</p> <p>By mutual agreement between the teams a match may be played after the forfeit time has lapsed and if Referee agrees.</p> <p>All rules and regulations fall under the discretion of Football NSW.</p>
Injuries	<p>IMPORTANT: Please report all injuries and incidents immediately to Centre staff so that an Incident Form can be completed. Players are to contact the Centre as soon as possible in order to initiate an Insurance Claim. A Claim Form will be provided with instructions. Completed Claim Forms must be submitted to the insurer WITHIN 30 DAYS of the incident, in order to initiate the claim (additional receipts and details can be provided at a later time once the claim is initiated).</p> <p>If injuries and incidents are not sufficiently documented at the time, this may invalidate a subsequent insurance claim.</p>
Zero Tolerance	Zero tolerance from players and parents towards staff, ball controllers, and referees . if occurs, disciplinary action will be made to players using FNSW disciplinary and regulations towards referee guidelines. Any abuse towards staff or referees, staff will take action to remove patron from the venue.

SUMMER FOOTBALL:

MATCH RULES SUMMARY

- A minimum of 4 players per team must be present for a game to start (3 for Minis). Teams that have less and delay kick off time goal penalty will be applied to late team.
- Any teams that have suspected unapproved/unregistered players, staff reserve the right to stop the game and remove the player from the court. This game may also be forfeited.
- All free kicks are indirect, except penalties
- Kick off and kick ins require all players to be 5 metres away from ball
- No offsides

Time Duration

- 14 minute halves for Youth
- 12 minute halves for Minis and Juniors

Goal scoring

- No goal can be scored from direct kick off, corners or kick in.
- Goal can be scored from any half off the field.
- Goal keepers can score but only off the feet not in hands
- When a free kick is issued, ball has to touch a team player before goal is scored

Goal Keeping

- Goal keeper has 4 seconds to release the ball when in possession
- If keeper releases the ball to a team mate, they cannot touch the ball again (until the opponent touches the ball again)
- Goal keepers can score but only off the feet not out of the hands
- Goal keeper can slide tackle but not leading with feet
- Goal kicks can't be kicked out of the hand, ball must hit the ground before kicked
- No floating goal keepers

Slide tackling

- No slide tackling in games
- Goal keeper can slide but not leading with feet

CODE OF CONDUCT

Honesty

- All borrowed equipment must be returned to centre staff
- All players must be fully registered prior to taking the court

Caring

- Should your team encounter a problem with the opposition, an umpire/referee or a spectator, please approach the RCSC Staff immediately in a polite manner.
- Addressing the situation during the game will provide the best opportunity to rectify any problems. Should you feel that your complaint is not dealt with in a satisfactory manner by game night staff, please contact the Centre Coordinator, sheree.napper@ymcansw.org.au.
- Management has the right to abandon games for safety of players, officials & spectators.
- Teams can request management or front desk staff to watch their game as an independent witness.

Respect

- At no time will aggressive, insulting or dangerous behaviour be tolerated.
- No fighting or aggressive behaviour within the complex whatsoever
- No swearing, disrespecting behaviour, direct or indirect comments on court, or towards players/officials/spectators/complex staff
- Use of derogatory language based on gender, race or ability will result in dismissal from the competition
- No spitting within the complex whatsoever
- The referee will have the final call and must be shown respect at all times
- All players/coaches will respect the direction of YMCA staff at all times

Responsibility

- Players/spectators must not be under the influence of any alcoholic or drug substances or furthermore bring such\ substances onto the premises
- Spectators and children are welcome at the RCSC Y. However, supervision is the responsibility of the Parents/Guardians. We aim to keep our patrons, players and umpires safe and ask that any guests of our players be seated during all games being played. Persons under 12 years of age must be directly supervised by an adult at all times.
- All animals (with the exception of Service Animals)

- are not permitted within the Centre
- ALL Player/Coach/Manager/Spectators who fail to abide by Competition Rules and the Code of Conduct will be subject to disciplinary review and action (including Official Warning, game suspensions and bans from the centre.
- It is the responsibility of the captain/coach/manager to ensure players are signed in on the team sheet prior to every game
- Complex staff will record all infringements and notify players involved should this occur

Safety

- The YMCA is committed to ensuring the provision of safe environments for children, youth, vulnerable adults and families
- Photography/Videography is not permitted within the Centre unless written permission has been granted from staff
- Patrons are encouraged to report any safety concerns to RCSC Staff immediately