



FOOTBALL  
**QUEENSLAND**

**GIRLS UNITED**

**SOCIAL CARNIVAL**

Rules of Competition

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### Scope and Objective

- (a) The Rules of Competition (RoC) are set by Football Queensland (FQ) as the administrator of the Girls United Carnival and supplement the broader IFAB Laws of the Game. They are intended to provide clarity as to the playing format for the Girls United fixtures as well as the matchday procedures and disciplinary processes, if required and to be read and delivered supplementary and in accordance with the Laws of the Game as determined by IFAB.
- (b) These Regulations are to be read in conjunction with the Football Queensland 2021 Rules of Competition, relevant FQ Regulations, Policies and By Laws and FA's Statutes and Regulations (including National Disciplinary Regulations, National Registration Regulations and FQ Disciplinary Regulations). In the event of an omission or inconsistency between these Regulations and the FQ Rules of Competition, Football Queensland will determine and rule on the interpretation.

### Competition Administrator

- (c) The Competition Administrator for the Girls United Carnival is Football Queensland. FQ will appoint an operations contact at venue for the whole duration of the tournament. FQ will prepare the schedule and fixture list for all matches. Each team's officials will be responsible for their own game day operations.
- (d) The Competition Administrator is authorised to suspend, reprimand, caution or otherwise penalise any players, teams, or officials whom they consider have breached the rules of the games and/or tournament, or have by their action, brought the game into disrepute.
- (e) Football Queensland reserves the right to rule on any interpretation of the Rules of Competitions (RoC) if any dispute arises. Girls United Managers/Coaches are advised to seek clarification from FQ if in doubt as to the meaning, interpretation, or delivery of the RoC. Football Queensland retain the ability to amend or alter the Rules of Competition at its absolute discretion as required.

### Eligibility of Teams

- (a) The Girls United Carnival fixtures will be conducted in the following age groups:
  - Girls
    - U13/U15
    - Open Women's
- (b) The regions competing in the 2021 Girls United Carnival are as follows.
  - Central Coast (Inc. Hervey Bay, Rockhampton, Yeppoon, Biloela, Gladstone and surroundings.)
- (c) Teams are not required to submit team sheets prior to each match.

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### Eligibility of Players

- (a) Players participating in the Girls United fixtures must be registered using the National Registration System (Play Football) for the carnival to ensure appropriate insurance coverage.
- (b) It is the responsibility of zone administrator to ensure that only registered players take the field at the Girls United carnival.
- (c) Players may be permitted to play outside of these age groups in exceptional circumstances and through application to Football Queensland. Football Queensland reserves the right to approve or deny applications and rescind them at any time throughout the tournament.
- (d) All players must be age-appropriate for each age group, for clarity please see the table below.

### Girls Age Groups

Under 13-15	Players born in the year 2008, 2007, 2006
Open Women 15+	Players born in the year 2006 and older.

### Photography of Players

- (a) By participating and attending the Girls United Carnival, participants and spectators give permission for their images to be used by Football Queensland and approved photography personnel on media platforms to report on the event and promote future events.
- (b) Should a participant or spectator not want to be photographed or recorded, please contact [competitions@footballqueensland.com.au](mailto:competitions@footballqueensland.com.au) with this request.

### Match Report Cards

- (a) Match report cards will be used throughout the tournament. Blank report cards will be supplied to referees at the commencement of each day.
- (b) The match official will retain the match report card for the duration of the match. The match official will return the match report card to the FQ representative at the conclusion of the match with a signature from a team representative.

### Match Balls

- (a) Football Queensland is responsible for providing three (3) match balls for each field in operation. The match official will remain in charge of these match balls throughout each day.
- (b) Size 5 match balls will be used for U13-15 and open women's games.

### Strip Colours

- (a) Each individual team competing in the Girls United Carnival is required to wear one main colour per team or alternatively, bibs supplied by Football Queensland. If there is a strip clash, bibs will be supplied by a Football Queensland representative.

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Age Division	Points Accumulated
U13/U15 Girls (4 teams)	<b>Round Robin:</b> - Play once against each other <b>Semi Final:</b> - SF 1 - 1 <sup>st</sup> Place v 4 <sup>th</sup> Place - SF 2 – 2 <sup>nd</sup> Place v 3 <sup>rd</sup> Place <b>Grand Final:</b> - Winner SF 1 v Winner SF 2
Open Women's 15+ (6 teams)	<b>Round Robin:</b> - Play once against each other <b>Grand Final:</b> - 1 <sup>st</sup> v 2 <sup>nd</sup>

### Technical Area & Ground Officials

- (a) Football Queensland staff will be available throughout the day if issues arise.
- (b) For all matches played during the tournament, a maximum of ten (10) people are permitted to occupy the technical area for each team. This includes five (5) substitutes and up to three (3) team officials.
- (c) All substitutes must be seated in the technical area. Substitutes are permitted to warm up outside the technical area, provided they are wearing bibs or an alternative-colored uniform to both team strips.
- (d) Under the FIFA Laws of the Game, all occupants of the technical area who are behaving in an irresponsible manner may be expelled from the technical area by the match officials and/or referee coaches. The match will not commence until such time as the match officials deem that the individual is an adequate distance from the field of play.

### Tournament & Playing Format (inc. Warm Up Areas)

- (a) All matches will be played at Boyne Tannum Football Club, as per the fixture list prepared by Football Queensland.
- (b) FQ will provide all participating teams with the fixture list prior to the Girls United Carnival.

### Competition System

- (a) The Girls United carnival shall consist of 2 stages:
  - Regular Stage: All teams playing against each other
  - Final series: consisting of knockout matches outlined in the table below

### Competition Points

- (a) Teams will play in Competitions Fixtures as scheduled by Football Queensland.  
 (b) The following points will be awarded for all Girls United fixtures during the regular stage of the competitions:

Result	Points Accumulated
Win	3 Points
Draw	1 Point
Loss	0 Points
Forfeit	3 Points and a 3-0 result (To team receiving the forfeit)
Bye	0 Points

### Competitions Placings

- (a) Football Queensland will use the following criteria when determining the ranking of Teams within each Age Division of the Competitions:
- i. Highest number of points accumulated during the Regular stage.
  - ii. If two (2) or more Teams are equal on points accumulated, the following criteria will be applied, in order, until one (1) of the Clubs can be determined as the higher ranked:
    - a. Highest goal difference
    - b. Highest goals scored for
    - c. Highest number of points accumulated in the Regular stage Matches between the Teams concerned (head-to-head)
    - d. Highest number of goals scored in the Regular Season Matches between the Teams concerned (head-to-head)
    - e. Lowest number of red cards accumulated
    - f. Lowest number of yellow cards accumulated; and
    - g. Toss of a coin in the event of a tie of two (2) teams or drawing of lots in the event of a tie of three (3) or more Clubs.

### Duration of Matches

- (a) The duration of matches for each age group is outlined in the table below.

Competition	Duration	Interval
U13/15	2 halves of 15 minutes	5 minutes
Open Women 15+	2 halves of 15 minutes	5 minutes

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- (b) There will be no injury/additional time added to any matches during the carnival.
- (c) There will be no extra time played in matches during the Regular stage of the competitions in the event of a draw at the conclusion of normal time.
- (d) In the event of a draw at the conclusion of normal time, alternate kicks from the penalty mark shall be taken to determine the winner, in accordance with the procedures described in the Laws of the Game. For clarification, no extra time will be played in the event of a draw at the end of normal time.

### Return Substitutions (Interchange)

- (a) The Community Cup will occur with the use Interchange (return substitutions), in accordance with the Laws of the Game.
- (b) Return Substitutes (Interchange) can only occur in accordance with the Laws of the Game. All substitutes must be seated within the technical area. They must wear bibs or an alternative-colored uniform to both team strips. Substitutes are permitted to warm up outside of the technical area, provided they are wearing bibs or an alternative-colored uniform to both team strips. When warming up, substitutes are requested to choose an area furthest from the opposing team.
- (c) Unlimited Return Substitutions (Interchange) are permitted, with no more than five (5) substitutes permitted to be named on the team sheet. A player who has been substituted may return to the field for another player.

### Sin Bin

- (a) A player can be sin binned by referees should they commit a Y2 offence (dissent by word or action towards any match official). If they receive a second Y2 offence that player will not be allowed to return to the field.
- (b) When a player is sin binned by a match official, they receive a yellow card and are also required to leave the field of play and serve a temporary dismissal of five (5) minutes during play.

### Accumulation of Yellow Cards

- (a) A player who has received the following number of yellow cards during the course of the competition must serve the following mandatory match suspension.
  - a. 3 yellow cards equates to a 1 match suspension
  - b. 5 yellow cards equates to a 2 match suspension
- (b) For the avoidance of doubt, all Y2 yellow cards will count towards the accumulated total.

### Appeals

- (a) A player cannot appeal against a yellow card (caution). This also includes being sent off for a second cautionable offence in the same match.
- (b) A player or team official cannot appeal against a mandatory match suspension, except in the case of alleged mistaken identity.

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### Misconduct

- (a) All instances of players, spectators, officials, or teams conducting themselves in a manner contravening the rules of the competition or behaving in an unseemly manner likely to bring the game into disrepute, shall be immediately investigated by Football Queensland for consideration and subsequent action.

### Match Officials

- (a) Football Queensland will be responsible for the allocation of one (1) match official to each match throughout the carnival.
- (b) No payments are to be made to the match officials throughout the course of the tournament. Football Queensland will coordinate any referee payments if required.
- (c) In the event of referee injury or misadventure, FQ will determine whether the fixture is abandoned, delayed, or postponed. Whichever is most applicable.

### Trophies, Medals and Awards

- (a) Football Queensland will present the following awards:
  - Grand Final Winners
  - Grand Final Runners Up

### Abandoned Matches

- (a) In the event of a match being abandoned before full-time due to adverse weather or any other cause which neither team nor the match officials have control, the match result at the time of the abandonment will be declared the result.

### Wet/Adverse Weather Procedure

- (a) In the event of wet or adverse weather, FQ representatives along with the appointed match official will determine in their sole and absolute discretion whether the match is to take place.