



**Sunday Soccer League**  
**Registration Information**

**Summer 2023/24**

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You really need to read this document to understand how to register and prepare for the season.

However, the crux is as follows:

1. Get a team (and some shirts) together.
2. Pay the team registration fee and inform the league organiser (and advise of bye preferences) via [organiser@sundaysoccer.org](mailto:organiser@sundaysoccer.org) by **Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2023**.
3. Receive confirmation of entry and the season draw by **Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> October 2023**.
4. Play. The season kicks-off on **29<sup>th</sup> October 2023**.

Now read on for the details 😊



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# 1. About the Sunday Soccer League

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The Sunday Soccer League is a mixed, 7-a-side social competition. It caters for all abilities and exists to promote social sporting endeavour through the beautiful game. The rules exist to promote the social nature of the league and outlaw the physical elements of the larger format game, such as slide tackling and barging.

If you like to play hard, tackle hard and win at all costs, the Sunday Soccer League is **not** for you.

If you like to run after a ball, applaud good play, expect bad play, have a laugh and socialise with your team-mates and opponents, the Sunday Soccer League **is** for you.

## 2. League/match format

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Matches this season will be played on Sundays at **The National Hockey Centre** in Lyneham. The format for games is mixed 7-a-side on 1/2 size pitch. Of the 7 players on the pitch, a maximum of 4 male players are permitted at any time. The games are 2 x 25 minute halves with roll-on/roll-off subs and teams provide referees for other matches on a schedule (usually reffing every other week). It is suggested that you only submit a team for entry if you can consistently field 7 players. Teams must comprise of a minimum squad of 10 players.

The league is very social and a lot of fun with a real mix of abilities. Some people play in higher grade leagues, others have never kicked a ball and want to get involved in a low-key league.

The season kicks-off on **Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> October 2023** and runs until February (date to be confirmed based on the finalised number of teams).



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## Match times

It is anticipated that the season will comprise of 12 - 14 rounds with matches being played between 10am and 12pm.

## 3. Requirements for team entry

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Complete the team registration process described in [5. Registering a team](#).

1. Ensure that all members of the team abide by the rules of the Sunday Soccer League (see <http://www.sundaysoccer.org/rules.php>).
2. Ensure that the team has sufficient player numbers to cover absences (format is 7-a-side with a maximum of 4 male players making up the 7 players on the pitch at any time). This season team registrations need to comprise of a minimum of 10 players. A maximum will also be determined when the number of teams is confirmed (due to insurance requirements).
3. Ensure that *only* registered players participate. Additional player registrations can be made throughout the season to account for players leaving and new players arriving. Registrations must be confirmed by the league organiser prior to the player participating in the league.
4. Provide a referee for assigned matches if required (usually every other week).
5. Play in the spirit of the Sunday Soccer league. The league is mixed-gender, social and participative in nature. All play and conduct must acknowledge this. Failure to do so will result in suspension/expulsion of players and/or teams.



## 4. Venue information

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The venue is **The National Hockey Centre** in Lyneham. The Sunday Soccer League will use pitches (astro turf) with two cross-pitch games played concurrently.



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## 5. Registering a team

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### Pay the team fee

The team fee is **\$1,300**. A \$100 refundable bond is payable if the league doesn't hold one for your team.

- Pay \$1,300 if the league holds a bond from a previous season; OR
- Pay \$1,400 if no bond has been paid. \$100 will be refunded<sup>1</sup> at the end of the season.

The team fee is payable via EFT by 5pm **Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2023**. The season draw will be generated based on teams who have paid by this deadline.

Please note that payment does not guarantee entry. The Sunday Soccer League will endeavour to accommodate all interested teams but capacity is limited. If your team is not accepted for the season and you have paid the team fee, it will be refunded.

Transfer the team fee to:

BSB: 112-908  
Account no: 483 920 943  
Account name: Sunday Soccer League  
Bank: St George

A **single transfer should be made per team** with the team name in the description. Players should not EFT their own portion of team fees separately. If payment is not received by the deadline, your team's place in the league will be offered to another prospective team.

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<sup>1</sup> Minus deductions if team penalties are applied (ref: <https://www.sundaysoccer.org/rules.php#1122>)



Send an email to [organiser@sundaysoccer.org](mailto:organiser@sundaysoccer.org) advising:

- That the fee has been paid (EFT receipts will be accepted in lieu of the payment reaching the league account).
- Your team name (and previous team name if participated before).
- Your team shirt colour.
- Any preferred dates for byes (not all seasons have byes).

### **Register player via the online player registration system**

You will receive an email from the league organiser by **24<sup>th</sup> October 2023** advising that the player registration system is active. All players will need to register for your given team.

You can recruit via the available player list at <https://www.sundaysoccer.org/getaplayer>. The online registered player list will be used by referees for each match. On match day if your player is not on the list, they shall not be permitted to play.

### **Check the draw**

The draw will be announced and published to the website by **26<sup>th</sup> October 2023**.

### **Play!**

On **Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> October 2023** the season kicks-off. Players may register to play for your team throughout the season via the online player registration system.





## 6. Team strip

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Your team is required to have a uniform. Identical shirts only are required (no need for a full uniform). The choice of shirt is up to you but all shirts for a team must be identical in colour/pattern. The keeper is not required to use a different shirt.

Please be aware that it is likely that you will play against teams with the same colour as you. In this instance, one team must wear an alternative uniform (or the bibs that are available at the venue). This should be pre-arranged by communicating directly with the opposing captain or the league organiser ([organiser@sundaysoccer.org](mailto:organiser@sundaysoccer.org)).

Colours that are used by a number of existing teams include white, black, blue, green and red. Avoiding these colours will limit clashes with opposing teams.

If you need advice regarding the acquisition of shirts, please contact [organiser@sundaysoccer.org](mailto:organiser@sundaysoccer.org).

### Footwear

Studs, cleats and bladed are **not** allowed on the playing surface. Any individuals wearing such footwear will not be permitted to play. Astro boots or runners are ideal.

### Shinpads

Shinpads are optional but advised.



## 7. Summary of key dates

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23 <sup>rd</sup> October 2023	Team registration fee payment deadline.
24 <sup>th</sup> October 2023	Teams advised of successful/unsuccessful entry. Player registration begins.
29 <sup>th</sup> October 2023	Season kicks-off.

## 8. Insurance information

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The Sunday Soccer League operates under Public Liability insurance only. This means that any personal injuries sustained through participation in games are **not** covered.

Individuals are strongly advised to take out private health insurance in case of injury.

More information is available in the [Sunday Soccer League participation agreement](#).



## 9. Facility rules for the National Hockey Centre

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Your cooperation with the management of these fields and your abiding by the following rules will assist in prolonging their useful life and ensuring the enjoyment of others.

All persons entering the enclosed areas including the field and the surrounding embankments, paths, seating and public access areas are subject to the rules of use of the area as may be prescribed from time to time and shall be under the control of the facility manager or facility supervisor and shall obey any lawful direction that he/she issues under these rules.

Motor vehicles and dogs are not permitted in the enclosed area.

Alcohol is not permitted to be brought onto the premises.

It is not permitted to take glasses from the bar area, drinks that are taken outside should only be in bottles cans etc.

At Lyneham it is not permitted to hit balls around on the concourse area between the Carter Field and the office/canteen/bar area.

Standard dress rules apply in the bar area, i.e. no bare feet or offensive / dirty clothing.

Use Changerooms and designated areas for match preparations and changing not the areas at the front doors, the stairs, bars, canteen and corridors.

Only food purchased from the Canteen can be consumed in the café/bar areas.

When the BBQ's are not being operated by THC Canteen they are available for clubs to use but should be booked through the office or bar, however they should not be used for the club group to onsell food to the general public.



Spectators are not permitted on the pitch.

Only players and officials participating in the scheduled match, training session or practice match are permitted on the pitch.

Teams using the pitch are under the control of their team manager, coach, or captain who shall be responsible for their conduct.

Entry to the pitch shall only be via the access gates. Scaling the fence surrounding the pitch is not permitted. Teams must not enter onto the pitch when a match or training is in progress.

General behaviour standards are to be kept at a high level.

Hitting or warming up with a ball on the pitch by persons not participating in the scheduled match or training session is not permitted.

At the conclusion of a match, training session or practice match, teams shall leave the pitch promptly to enable the next match etc. to commence on schedule. Teams should leave the bench area in a clean and tidy state. Any rubbish must be disposed of in rubbish bins provided and not discarded on the pitch.

## **Prohibited Items**

The following items are prohibited on the pitch:

- Chewing gum
- Food
- Alcohol
- Drinking glasses/cans



- High heel or stiletto shoes

SMOKING IS NOT PERMITTED ANY WHERE WITHIN THE BOUNDARY FENCES AT LYNEHAM

Priority for use of the synthetic field is determined in accordance with a strict hierarchical structure. The managers of the field reserve the right to reallocate previously determined use. Allocations for matches may therefore be varied at comparatively short notice.

## **Alcohol**

No individual or team may bring alcohol into The National Hockey Centre.

## **Minors**

Individuals under 16 must not be present on the pitches nor in the unfenced areas at the side of the pitch. It is the responsibility of parents and guardians to ensure that minors are accompanied in approved areas off the pitch and behind protective fences.



# 10. COVID-19 policy

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The league is subject to the COVID-19-related rules and regulations imposed by:

- ACT government; and
- Hockey ACT (venue operator)

## Cancellations

If complete rounds are cancelled due to changes in restrictions, all teams will receive a prorated refund within 3 weeks of the season end date.

For example, for if the season was cancelled after 8 rounds of a 14-round season the following refund would be provided:

	Calculation	Amount
Initial team fee (excluding bond)		\$1,300.00
Per-round fee	$\$1,300.00 / 14$	\$92.86
Prorated refund	$6 * \$92.86$	\$557.16
Recalculated team fee (after refund)	$\$1,300.00 - \$557.16$	\$742.84

