

CENTRAL REGION JUNIOR SOCCER ASSOCIATION POLICY

2010

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Background

The purpose of the Central Region Junior Soccer Association is to provide the opportunity for children belonging to its member schools or clubs to play association football (soccer) in a friendly developmental environment.

CRJSA strives to maximise participation levels for both girls and boys. Initiatives CRJSA has adopted over the years to achieve this, include not recording results and keeping ladders, grading similar teams into the same divisions, reducing team sizes and minimising travel where appropriate.

In 2009 CRJSA had over 360 teams nominated, with approximately 3,100 children playing football every weekend. CRJSA will be fully compliant with the required game formats of Football Federation Australia's Small Sided Football (SSF) project in 2010.

CRJSA works on the developing the skill level of both players and coaches. With the assistance of Football Federation Tasmania CRJSA offers free Grassroots and Junior Licence coaching courses to improve the knowledge and ability of school and club coaches. CRJSA also offers very successful player clinics, mainly during the June school holidays, where children can experience different coaching styles in an enjoyable environment.

CRJSA runs a weekend development program for the more committed players aged between 9 and 12 who play against other regions in July and August each year.

Executive Committee

President:

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Secretary:

Les Richardson ph. 0417 535 096

Treasurer:

Vacant

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Roster Secretary:

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Sub Committees

Rules & Regulations:

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Development Squad:

Fiona Harms, Karen Kimber & Phil Schwan

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Website

The Central website is www.central.soccertas.org.au.

Meeting Venue

Meetings are held on Mondays at 7pm in the Lightwood Park clubrooms, behind the Kingborough Sports Centre, Summerleas Rd, Kingston.

Meeting Schedule 2010

22nd February 2010 – AGM

22nd March 2010

19th April 2010

24th May 2010

12th July 2010

30th August 2010

18th October 2010

22nd November 2010

Competition Structure 2010

2010 is the final year of a three year schedule to fully implement the new Small Sided Football formats across all age groups. The game format options for the 2010 season are outlined in the table below. (N.B. SSF = Small Sided Football)

Age Group	Game Format
U6 & U7	4-a-side SSF
U8 & U9	7-a-side SSF
U10 & U11	9-a-side SSF
U12	11-a-side FIFA rules

Optional rosters may be run in some age groups for developing schools/clubs in more isolated areas (e.g. the Channel and Huon areas) that are still in the process of establishing sufficient player numbers. Clubs/schools should raise their concerns at the first Central Executive if they feel they would benefit from an alternative roster structure.

Roster Information

All rosters are conducted on a no-points basis with no premiership points awarded or knockout cups played. Separate girls-only rosters are encouraged and promoted. The rosters are formulated to grade teams of equal ability as much as possible. After the completion of Term 1 matches, all results are reviewed and teams regraded up and down according to the Term 1 results. The Term 2 roster is then formulated on this basis. Rosters are posted online at www.central.soccertas.org.au.

Codes of Conduct

In order to create the right environment for young players to develop, Football Federation Australia has a series of codes of conduct for Players, Coaches, Parents, Officials, Administrators and Spectators. CRJSA fully endorses these and requires that anyone involved in competitions it organises must adhere to them. The codes of conduct are available in the SSF Handbook which can be found on the SSF website: www.smallsidedfootball.com.au.

Rules of the Game & Coach Information

The rules for the upcoming season are reviewed by the Rules & Regulations Officer in conjunction with all Clubs/Schools at the end of each season. Rules for the 2010 season have been issued to all Club/School delegates prior to the start of the season. General Coaching guidelines are also provided to all Clubs/Schools to encourage participation in keeping with the CRJSA Purpose stated above.

If a club or school does not have a copy of these, or has any enquiries, they should contact the Rules & Regulations Officer.

Information For Clubs/Schools

Player Registration

- As Central Region is a member of Football Federation Tasmania, all players/officials must be registered with Football Federation Tasmania for a given School or Club for each playing season. This requirement is necessary for Public Liability and Player/Official Personal Insurance cover.
- A player can only be registered with one School/Club.
- In 2010, new players have to register either online at www.myfootballclub.com.au or on FFA forms which their club/school will then enter into the MyFootballClub Site.
- Member schools/clubs have to keep records of proof for date of birth, in the event of any challenge.

Age Requirements

- A player's age group is determined by the age they turn in the calendar year: a player turning 6 in the year = U6; a player turning 7 in the year = U7 etc.
- In line with FFT/FFA policy the minimum age for players is 5 years i.e. once a player has turned 5 they are eligible to play. Note: as there is no U5 competition these players must play in a higher age group.
- Players are permitted to play in an age group which is no more than two years above their registered age group e.g. an U6 player can play in the U6, U7 or U8 competition.
- Where schools/clubs have difficulties in fielding sufficient players of the correct age, they are required to seek the permission of Central Region Executive to play overage players. As a guide the maximum number of overage players in the different game formats is (variations to this will only be approved by the Central Region Executive in exceptional circumstances):
 - 11-a-side: 4 overage players
 - 9-a-side: 3 overage players
 - 7-a-side: 2 overage players
 - 4-a-side (U7 only): 1 overage player
 - No overage players are permitted in the U6 competition
- If a team with overage players is obviously considerably stronger than others in the age group when grading takes place the club/school will be asked to move this team up to the next age group
- When nominating teams, clubs/school must indicate the number of under and overage players each team contains.

Cancellations

- The Roster Secretary will endeavour to relocate games if grounds are closed and sufficient unallocated grounds are available.
- Clubs/schools must make their ground closures known to the Roster Secretary via email by 9pm on the Thursday prior to the weekend's matches or by text message up until 10:30am on the Friday (see contacts above) – this information will be published on the Central Region website by 12 noon on the Friday.
- Cancellations later than this should still be sent by text to the Roster Secretary to publish, but Clubs/Schools should notify their opposition using the contacts on the Central Region website.
- Whole of region cancellations only will be broadcast on 7HO-FM from 8am on the day matches – to avoid confusion individual clubs/schools should not call though closures to the radio station, rather they should inform the Roster Secretary who will co-ordinate announcements.
- If coaches find the ground or weather conditions are unsuitable, they may cancel their game by mutual consent.

Results & Grading

- As rosters are drawn up on a term basis, delegates from each School/Club are requested to log results for Term 1 and forward a summary via the Central Region website to the Roster Secretary prior to the Term 2 roster draw. This will assist in regrading up and down.

Squad Size

Clubs/schools should endeavour to keep squad sizes to the playing team size plus two or three substitutes (e.g. 7-a-side team has 9 or 10 players in its squad). This allows players get a reasonable amount of game time and ensures a more even competition with opponents. Rosters can be structured so that players can be shared between a school's/club's teams to assist with this.

Development Policy

Coach Development

- All coaches are required to undertake a 3 hour Grassroots Coaching Certificate conducted by Football Federation Tasmania- these courses are free of charge
- Coaches already holding Grassroots accreditation are encouraged to advance to the Junior Licence level.
- Coaches are encouraged to attend other general coach information sessions and training courses run by Football Federation Tasmania
- Coaches are encouraged to attend sessions run by the local referees body on the laws of the game to raise the competence of those who referee matches within the region

Player Development

CRJSA organises regional representative teams in the U9 to U12 age groups. Details for 2010 are available from the Development Squad Sub-Committee.