



ULTRA FOOTBALL



6, 7 & 8 September 2019

Rules and Regulations

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1. Introduction

The Ultra Football Hobart Cup will be held on Friday 6th, Saturday 7th and Sunday 8th of September 2019. All games will be held in grounds across Hobart. This tournament has been organised by the Hobart Cup Organising Committee and is sanctioned by Football Tasmania.

The Hobart Cup will cater for boys and girls in age groups from Under 9 to Under 18, with teams rostered a minimum of four matches subject to the number of teams that nominate for each age group. Matches will be held on the Friday evening and all day on Saturday and Sunday.

Any team whose players are registered with Football Federation Australia in 2019 are eligible to participate whether they be club, association or even school based. Grouping of teams into divisions will depend on the number of teams entered in that particular age group. This tournament is held purely for the enjoyment and advancement of the children who participate. Everyone involved — whether a coach, team manager or spectator — is expected to follow the [Football Federation Australia \(FFA\) Codes of Conduct](#). Rules are adapted from the current FIFA and ALDI Mini Roos rules and accredited referees are appointed to all games.

2. Important Dates

Team nominations are due on Friday, 16 August 2019

Team Lists, Entry Fee and Member Federation Sanctions due on Friday, 16 August 2019

Competition Draw release (tentatively) on Friday, 30 August 2019.

Tournament dates are 6, 7 and 8 September 2019.

3. Contact Details

Email: thehobartcup@bigpond.com

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/thehobartcup/>

Website: <https://hobartcup.torneopal.com>

4. Registration and Fees

The entry fee for the Hobart Cup is \$250 per team and covers administration and maintenance, ground and facility hire as well as referee fees.

Team Eligibility

- a) Entry into the Hobart Cup is only open to the regions of FFA Member Federations, i.e., Football Tasmania, Capital Football, Football Northern Territory, Football South Australia, Football Victoria, Football New South Wales, Football Queensland, Football West, Northern New South Wales Football.
- b) All players entered into the Hobart Cup must be nationally registered players for 2019.
- c) All interstate players must be sanctioned by their Member Federation.

Competition Format

The format of the competition for each age group will be subject to the number of teams entered in each age group. The format for your age group will not be finalised until all entries have been received and team numbers confirmed.

For example — Five (5) teams in a group would play each other once with four (4) matches each. In the case of the U13 to U18 competitions, the team with the most points at the end of the tournament would be declared the winner.

Eight teams in an age group would be split into two groups. Each group/division of four teams would play three matches play a fourth match played as 1v2 and 3v4. Alternatively, the winners of each group would play off for first place of the age group.

Please note that there are no winners for the U9 to U12 age groups at the Hobart Cup as they will be modelled on past SAP Festivals —which we found to be great fun and more appropriate for these age groups.

If an age group does not have sufficient teams they will be given the opportunity to play in the next appropriate competition and grouping of teams. Divisions within an age group will also be dependent on team numbers.

For example — U13 division 2 teams will play in an U13 combined competition if there are insufficient teams entered into that division 2 competition.

Nominating teams for a competition below their ability is not in the spirit of the game. The Hobart Cup reserves the right to place a team in a different competition than that they nominated for.

Registration of Players

- a) All players must be registered with FFA and indicated by their current FFA registration number.
- b) No team will be permitted to field any under or over age players without prior approval from the Hobart Cup organiser.
- c) Each team will submit a team list with names, dates of birth, FFA number. For youth teams (U13+) player strip numbers are also required.

Any team found fielding a player who is not correctly registered or who does not appear on the team sheet shall be deemed to have lost that match and the opposing team shall be awarded 3 points and goals recorded as 3-0 in their favour.

- d) Players can only play for one team for the duration of the tournament.

- e) The tournament caters for age groups U9 to U18 for both boys and girls. Eligibility for each age group is as follows.

Under 9	Born 2010
Under 10	Born 2000
Under 11	Born 2008
Under 12	Born 2007
Under 13	Born 2006
Under 14	Born 2005
Under 15	Born 2004
Under 16	Born 2003
Under 18	Born 2001 and 2002

- f) Each team may register a maximum number of players as below.

Under 9	11 players
Under 10 to Under 12	13 players
Under 13 to Under 18	16 players

5. Team Officials

- a) The appointment of each team official is the responsibility of the team. A maximum of two (2) officials are permitted in the technical area during any match. These are Coach, Assistant Coach or Trainer and Team Manager.
- b) The Team Manager — or Coach in their absence — is responsible for all matters relating to the team, the conduct of the coaching staff and the conduct of parents and/or spectators of their team. All individuals will abide by the FFA Code of Conduct.

6. Uniform and Equipment

- a) Each team must have an alternate playing strip or a set of bibs that are a different colour to their playing strip.
- b) If two teams are wearing a similar colour then the team named second on the match roster will be required to change shirts or wear bibs.
- c) No two teams will be permitted to play in the same colours.
- d) All shirts must have a number on the back in a contrasting colour to the strip. Numbers must match with the number for each player as recorded on the team entry list.
- e) No sharing of strips will be permitted.
- f) Goal Keepers must wear a top that distinguishes them from the rest of the players and Referees.
- g) Socks must cover the shin guard. No player will be permitted to play without adequate shin guards.
- h) Goal Keepers can wear either shorts or track pants and can also wear knee or elbow pads and goal keeping gloves.
- i) Players or Goal Keepers are not permitted to wear or use any equipment that is dangerous to themselves or their opponents. No jewellery of any kind will be worn. Any player found wearing any such item will risk receiving a yellow card and will be asked to leave the field of play until such time as the item has been removed.

Undershirts and Undershorts

- j) Undershorts/skins are permitted but MUST be the same main colour as the playing shorts.
- k) Undershirts are permitted but MUST be the same main colour as the playing shirt.

7. Match Information

All matches for the Under 9s will be played as per Mini Roos rules.

Players	7v7
Field Size	40 metres x 30 metres
Ball Size	3
Goal Keeper	Yes
Playing Time	2 x 25 minute halves
Half Time Break	5 minutes

All matches for the Under 10s to U12s will be played as per Mini Roos rules.

Players	9v9
Field Size	60 metres x 40 metres
Ball Size	4
Goal Keeper	Yes
Playing Time	2 x 25 minute halves
Half Time Break	5 minutes

All matches for the Under 13s to U18s will be played in accordance with FIFA rules.

Players	11v11
Field Size	90-120 metres x 45-90 metres
Ball Size - U13	4
Ball Size - U14 to U18	5
Goal Keeper	Yes
Playing Time – U13 to U15	2 x 30 minute halves
Playing Time – U16 to U18	2 x 35 minute halves
Half Time Break	5 minutes
Extra Time	5 minutes each way

- a) All teams will be required to undertake an official walk out and shaking of hands before the coin toss of each match.
- b) Due to the tight nature of the scheduling there will be no time added to any match.
- c) In a round robin format the team with the most points at the end of the tournament will be declared the winner.
- d) If teams finish on equal points the winner will be determined firstly by goal difference and then by the number of goals scored by each team. If a draw still remains then the team winning the game between the drawn teams will be declared the winner. If this game was drawn or the teams did not play each other, then the teams will be declared joint winners.

- e) If there is a combined age group, for example — U13 and U14 teams playing each other — then the U13 winner will be the highest position team on the ladder and the same would apply to the U14 teams.
- f) For any 1v2 matches resulting in a draw these would automatically go to extra time — 5 minutes each way. If a draw still remains then the match will go to a penalty shootout.
These matches must have a result.

Allocation of Points

Teams will be awarded points for each game as follows:

WIN	3 points
DRAW	1 point each
LOSS	0 points

Teams found breaching tournament rules will be penalised by loss of points.

8. Referees

Referees will be provided for each match, however, teams must be prepared to provide an Assistant Referee if required. Please remember that our Referees have given up their time to assist in our tournament. They are here to learn and develop as are the players. Any breach of the Code of Conduct against any Referee will not be condoned and any person found guilty will be penalised.

9. Interchange of Players

Please refer to Mini Roos Rules for U9, U10, U11 and U12 matches.

For all other age groups:

- a) Each team is allowed a maximum of six (6) interchanges per match — three (3) per half. Coaches may interchange as many players as they wish at any one time, but can only do this six (6) times.
- b) Interchanges can only be made with the Referee's permission and the ball must be out of play.
- c) Players must be ready to enter the field of play straight away and **all interchanges MUST take place from the half way line.**
- d) The interchange player cannot enter the field until the player being replaced has crossed the touchline.
- e) Further interchanges are permitted at the half time break and are not included in the six (6) permitted per match.

- f) This rule will be waived in the event of a player being injured after all six (6) interchanges have been made. An injured player may interchange in order to receive treatment.

10. Disciplinary Actions

- a) All players and officials agree to be bound by the FFA Code of Conduct for the duration of this tournament.
- b) In the event if a player receiving two (2) yellow cards in a single match the player will be shown a red card and asked to leave the field of play and leave the area under the referee's guidance. The player will receive an automatic one (1) match suspension and this must be served in the team's next scheduled match without dispute. These two yellow cards will not count in the player's accumulated yellow card tally as they have been regarded as a red card for the purpose of suspension.
- c) In the event of a player receiving a red card in a match, the player must leave the field of play and leave the area under guidance of the Referee. The player will receive an automatic one (1) match suspension. The incident will be presented to the committee and players will be notified if any additional suspension will be imposed — subject to the severity of the incident.
- d) Where a player accumulates three (3) yellow cards in the course of the tournament the player will receive an automatic one (1) match suspension that must be served in the team's next scheduled match. The yellow card tally reverts back to 'nil' once this suspension has been served.
- e) As per FIFA laws of the game the decision of the referee is FINAL. Only in the event of mistaken identity in cautioning or the sending off of a player can there be consideration of any written appeal. There will be no appeal against yellow cards and no protests will be heard on any judgement calls by a referee.
- f) Any team found playing an ineligible or suspended player will be deemed to have lost the match and the opposing team will be awarded 3 points and goals will be recorded as 3-0 in their favour.

11. Sanctioning for Insurance Purposes (Interstate teams)

All interstate teams must submit a letter of sanction from their State Member Federation.

Letters of sanction will need to include the team name and region/club/school, dates of when the team will be travelling and indicate that all players and officials involved with the team are covered under the Member Federation's insurance (i.e., public liability and personal accident or injury).

12. Presentations

Presentations will be made at the published time at the indicated presentation area. Postage arrangements may be made for teams when the presentation time does not suit their travel arrangements.

Winning teams in each of the U13 to U18 age categories will receive a set of Nike jerseys (colour of their choice) courtesy of tournament sponsor Ultra Football. There is no prize for Runners Up.

There will be no presentations for U9 to U12 rosters as these are “no points” competitions.

13. Amendments

The Hobart Cup Committee reserves the right to alter or add to these rules as seen fit.

14. Further Information

For further information on the tournament please email thehobartcup@bigpond.com or go to The Hobart Cup website at <https://hobartcup.torneopal.com>