



Launceston Tournament *2019*

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September 20th – 22nd 2019

Organised by the **Northern Tasmanian Junior Soccer Association**

Rules and Regulations

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Introduction

The 2019 Launceston Tournament will be held on **Friday 20th, Saturday 21st and Sunday the 22nd of September**. All games are usually held at the large Churchill Park sports complex in Launceston, with a park only minutes away having been used occasionally for overflow games in the past. The tournament is organised by the Northern Tasmanian Junior Soccer Association and sanctioned by Football Federation Tasmania, with many thanks to our fantastic tournament sponsor TGP(Tasmanian Gas Pipeline).

The Launceston Tournament is the largest youth football tournament in Tasmania and welcomes a number of interstate teams each year. The tournament caters for boys and girls in age groups from U9 - U16, with teams rostered a minimum of four games unless in unusual/exceptional circumstances. Games are held on the Friday evening/night and all day on Saturday and Sunday.

Any team whose players are registered with Football Federation Australia are eligible to participate whether they are club, association or even school based. Grouping of teams into divisions will depend on the number of teams entered in that particular age group. The tournament is held purely for the enjoyment and advancement of the children who participate. Everyone involved is expected to follow the codes of conduct of Football Federation Australia. Rules are adapted from the current FIFA and ALDI MiniRoos rules and accredited referees are appointed to all games.

Important Dates

Team Nominations Due: Friday 23rd August 2019

Team Lists, Entry Fee and Member Federation Sanctions Due: Friday 30th August 2019

Competition Draw Released: Tentatively Monday 9th September 2019

Tournament: Friday 20th, Saturday 21st and Sunday 22nd September 2019

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Registration and Fees

The entry fee for this tournament covers program brochures, administration and maintenance, ground and facility hire, referee fees, player participation certificates, trophies and medallions.

Team Eligibility:

1. Entry to the Launceston Tournament is only open to regions of an FFA member federation, i.e. state branches e.g. Football Federation Tasmania, Capital Football etc. – this includes clubs, associations and schools. **Contact the NTJSA if you require clarification about this.**
2. All players entered in this tournament must be nationally registered players for 2019.
3. All interstate teams must be sanctioned by their Member Federation.

Grouping of Teams into Divisions:

We endeavour to have all teams entered playing in their relative age group and division should we be able to do so. 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 into divisions within an age group will also be dependent on team numbers.

E.g. U10 Tier.2 Teams will play in an U10 combined competition if there are insufficient teams entered into the Tier.2 competition.

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

Registration of Players:

1. All players must be registered with FFA and indicated by their current FFA registration number.
2. No team will be permitted to field any under or over age players **without prior approval from the NTJSA.**
3. Each team will submit a team list with names, dates of birth, FFA registration ID and player strip numbers.

Any team found playing 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.

4. Players can only play for one team for the duration of the Tournament.

5. The tournament caters for age groups U9-U16 for both boys and girls. Eligibility for each age group is as follows.

U9 – Born 2010

U13 – Born 2006

U10 – Born 2009

U14 – Born 2005

U11 – Born 2008

U15 – Born 2004

U12 – Born 2007

U16 – Born 2003

6. Each team may register a maximum number of players as per below.

U9 - 11 Players

U10 - U11 - 13 Players

U12 - U16 - 16 Players

Team Officials

1. The appointment of each team official is the responsibility of the team. A maximum of 3 officials are permitted in the technical area during any match. These are the Coach, Assistant Coach or Trainer and Team Manager.
2. 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 the parents or spectators for their team. All individuals will abide by the FFA Code of Conduct.

Uniform and Equipment

1. Each team must have an alternate playing strip or a set of bibs.
2. If two teams are wearing a similar colour then the team named second on the match will be required to change shirts or wear bibs.
3. No two teams will be permitted to play in the same colours.
4. 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.

5. No sharing of strips will be permitted.
6. Goalkeepers must wear a top that distinguishes them from the rest of the players and the Referees.
7. Socks must cover the shin guard. No player will be permitted to play without adequate shin guards.
8. Goal keepers can wear either shorts or track pants and can also wear knee or elbow pads and goalkeeping gloves.
9. Players or Goalkeepers 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 it has been removed.

Undershirts and Undershorts

10. Undershorts/skins are permitted but MUST be the same main colour as the playing shorts.
11. Undershirts are permitted but MUST be the same main colour as the playing shirt.

Match Information

All matches for U9 will be played as per ALDI MiniRoos rules (formerly SSF).

Players	7v7
Field Size	40m x 30m
Ball Size	4
Goal Keeper	Yes
Playing Time	2 x 25 min halves
Half Time	5 min

All matches for U10 & U11 will be played as per ALDI MiniRoos rules (formerly SSF).

Players	9v9
Field Size	60m x 40m
Ball Size	4
Goal Keeper	Yes
Playing Time	2 x 25 min halves
Half Time	5 min

All matches for the U12 to U16 will be played in accordance with FIFA & FFA guidelines.

Players	U12 & Above 11v11
Field size	U12 & Above 90-120m x 45-90m
Ball Size	U12-U13 Size 4
Ball Size	U14-U16 Size 5
Goal Keeper	Yes

Playing time U12: 2 x 25min halves

Playing time U13/14/15: 2 x 30min halves

Playing time U16: 2 x 35min halves

Playing time U13/15 Girls: 2 x 30min halves

Half Time	5 mins
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Extra Time	5 mins each way
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U11 versus U12 will play U12 rules.

1. Due to the tight nature of the scheduling there will be no time added to any match.
2. In a round robin format the team with the most points at the end of the tournament will be declared the winner.
3. 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 than the teams will be declared joint winners.
4. If there is a joint age group e.g. combined U13 and U14, than the U13 winner will be the highest positioned team on the ladder and the same would apply to the U14 teams.
5. For any 1v2 matches resulting in a draw these will 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 played as follows;

Win	3 Points
Draw	1 Point each
Loss	0 points

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

Match Balls

Referees will provide a match ball for each game.

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.

Interchange of Players

Please refer to ALDI MiniRoos rules for U9, U10 & U11 matches.

For all other teams:

1. Each team is allowed a maximum of six (6) interchanges per match, 3 per half. Coaches may interchange as many players as they wish at any one time but can only do this 6 times.
2. Interchanges can only be made with the referee's permission and the ball must be out of play.
3. Players must be ready to enter the field of play straight away and all interchanges **MUST** take place from the half way line
4. The interchange player cannot enter the field until the player being replaced has crossed the touchline.
5. Further interchanges are permitted at the half time break and are not included in the 6 permitted per match.
6. This rule will be waived in the event of a player being injured after all 6 interchanges have been made. An injured player may interchange in order to receive treatment.

Disciplinary Actions

1. All players and officials agree to be bound by the FFA Code of Conduct for the duration of the tournament.
2. In the event of 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 players accumulated yellow card tally as they are regarded as a red card for the purpose of the suspension.
3. 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 the guidance of the referee. The player will receive an automatic one (1) match suspension. The incident will be presented to the NTJSA committee and players will be notified if any additional suspension will be imposed depending on the severity of the incident.
4. 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.
5. As per FIFA laws 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.
6. Any team found playing an ineligible or suspended player will be deemed to have lost the match and the opposing team awarded 3 points and goals recorded as 3-0 in their favour.

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).

Presentations

Presentations will be made as soon as practical once final group placings have been decided and they will take place at the nominated presentation area. Postage arrangements may be made for teams when the presentation time does not suit the team's travel arrangements.

Winning teams will receive team trophies and individual medallions. Runners up will receive a team trophy.

Amendments

The NTJSA reserve the right to alter or add to these rules as seen fit.

Further Information

For further information on the Tournament please visit www.ntjsa.org.au/tournament or email admin@ntjsa.org