



Rules and Regulations Great Barrier Reef Masters Games 2027

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1. Competition Overview

The Masters (30+) has two divisions- a 11 aside Football Tournament and a 9 aside Football Tournament. The tournament is conducted to provide a competitive, enjoyable, and safe football environment for players aged 30 years and over. All teams, players, and officials are expected to uphold the spirit of fair play and sportsmanship throughout the tournament.

1.1 Venue

All matches are to be played at Endeavour Park, 28 Cannon Street, Manunda, 4870. On half size pitches (9 aside) and Full side pitches (11 aside).

2. Eligibility

2.1 Player Eligibility

All players must be a minimum of 30 years of age on or before 31st of December 2026.

Players must be registered with the Great Barrier Reef Masters Games prior to the commencement of the tournament.

Proof of age may be requested at any time by tournament officials.

A player may only represent one team during the tournament unless exempted by the Tournament Committee.

A player may be exempted to play for another team due to but not limited to:

Sickness or Injury

To get approval please email the tournament committee

fqfngadmin@footballqueensland.com.au

2.2 Team Officials

Each Team must have a manager (who can be a player) but will be responsible for the team's conduct including arrival times, behaviour and correspondence.

3. Competition Format

3.1 Teams

The tournament format will be determined based on the number of participants.

Teams will be divided into pools, followed by a Finals Series.

The Final Series will include a Semi Final and a Grand Final.

3.2 Points System

Win: 3 Points

Loss: 0 Points

Draw: 1 Point

Forfeit: 3 Points awarded to the opposing team with a recorded score of 3-0

3.3 Ladder Positions

Where teams finish equal on points, positions will be determined by:

1. Goal Difference
2. Goals Scored

4. Match Duration

Group stage Matches

Two halves of 20 minutes

5-minute half-time break

Finals Matches

Two halves of 20 minutes

5 Minute half-time break

Tournament organisers reserve the right to alter match durations due to weather, delays or scheduling.

5. Laws of the Game

Matches will be played in accordance with the current FIFA Laws of the Game unless otherwise stated in these regulations.

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The referee's decision is final.

6. Substitutions

Unlimited rolling substitutions are permitted.

Substitutions may occur at any stoppage in play with the referee's approval.

Substituted players may re-enter the match.

7. Team Sheets

Teams must hand the referee a completed team sheet before their matches.

The team sheets will be given to each team at the start of the competition.

8. Uniforms

All players on one team must wear matching coloured t shirts or jersey.

Shin guards are compulsory.

Jewellery must not be worn during matches.

Goalkeepers must wear a bib or a different colour jersey

9. Discipline

9.1 Yellow Cards

A player receiving two yellow cards in the same match will be sent off for the remainder of the match.

9.2 Red Cards

A player receiving a red card will be sent off for the remainder of the match.

If a player accumulates 2 Red Cards in the tournament they will serve a one-match suspension.

9.3 Team Misconduct

A team may be removed from the tournament for serious misconduct, abuse of officials, fighting or bring the tournament into disrepute.

10. Finals Matches

Semi-Finals and Finals

If scores are level at full-time:

- No extra time will be played.
- Penalty shootout will determine the winner.

10.1 Penalty Shootout

- Five penalties per team.
- If scores remain level, sudden death penalties will apply.

11. Wet Weather and Match Abandonment

The Tournament Committee reserves the right to postpone, relocate, shorten, or cancel matches due to weather conditions.

Where a match is abandoned after reaching half-time, the score at the time of abandonment may stand as the final result.

If abandoned before half-time, the Tournament Committee will determine the outcome.

13. Code of Conduct

All players, officials, and spectators must:

- Respect referees and tournament officials.
- Respect opponents.
- Display good sportsmanship.
- Refrain from abusive, discriminatory, or offensive behaviour.
- Follow all venue rules and directions from tournament staff.

Failure to comply may result in removal from the venue and/or tournament.

14. Tournament Committee

The Tournament Committee reserves the right to:

- Interpret these rules and regulations.
- Resolve matters not specifically covered within these regulations.
- Amend these regulations where necessary to ensure the successful operation of the tournament.

The decision of the Tournament Committee shall be final in all matters relating to the tournament.