



Shepparton Junior Soccer Association Information for Coaches & Team Managers for the 2024 Season

2024 Season

➤ Season Dates

- The season will commence on Saturday April 20th
- General Byes will take place on:
 - ~ Saturday June 8th
 - ~ Saturday July 6th
 - ~ Saturday July 13th
- Under 6's, Under 7's, Under 7 Girls, Under 8's & Under 9 Girls will have a Bye on Saturday June 29th
- The Grand Final & Under 10 Gala Day will be held on Saturday September 7th

Venue

➤ Pitch Layout

- Please refer to Appendix 1
- Match times will be at two-hour (2 hr) intervals commencing at 8.30am for all age groups

Age Groups

➤ Mini Roos

- Kinderoos (Under 5)
- Under 6
- Under 7
- Under 7 Girls
- Under 8
- Under 9 Girls
- Under 10

➤ Under 12's

- Under 12
- Under 12 Girls

➤ Open Girls

➤ Under 14's

➤ Under 16's

Divisions & Grading

➤ Under 8

- Teams have been randomly allocated to four pools
- Grading will take place after week five (5) & again after week ten (10)

➤ **Under 10**

- Teams have been separated into a club pool and three school pools (schools have been randomly allocated into the three pools)
- Teams in school-based pools will be regraded after Round 5

➤ **Under 12**

- Teams have been separated into a club pool and three school pools (schools have been randomly allocated into the three pools)
- Finals format to be announced closer to finals

➤ **Open Girls**

- There are a total of four teams entered in the Open Girls competition
- Finals format to be announced closer to finals

➤ **Under 14**

- Teams have been separated into club and school-based pools
- Finals format to be announced closer to finals

➤ **Under 16**

- There are a total of 6 teams entered in the Under 16 competition
- Finals format to be announced closer to finals

Match Duration

➤ **Kinderoos, Under 6 & Under 7 & Under 7 Girls:**

- 20-minute halves
- 5- minute half time break

➤ **Under 8, Under 9 Girls & Under 10:**

- 25-minute halves
- 5-minute half time break

➤ **Under 12 & Under 12 Girls:**

- 30-minute halves
- 10-minute half time break

➤ **Open girls:**

- 30-minute halves
- 10-minute half time break

➤ **Under 14's:**

- 35-minute halves
- 10-minute half time break

➤ **Under 16's:**

- 40-minute halves
- 10-minute half time break

Rules & Regulations

The full version of the SJSA Rules & Regulations is available on the SJSA website; it is the responsibility of all individuals to be familiar with them. We want to bring the following to your attention:

➤ **Mini Roos:**

- Kinderoos (Under 5), Under 6, Under 7, Under 7 Girls, Under 8 & Under 9 Girls
- Based on Football Victoria Mini Roos Rules
- We have made modifications to match times

➤ **Mini Roos - Under 10:**

- Penalties are as per FIFA rules
- Throw-ins are as per FIFA rules
- Corner Kicks are as per FIFA rules
- Disposal of ball by the Goal-keeper
 - ◆ Ball must be played from the ground (kicked) within 6 seconds
 - ◆ Ball can be thrown or rolled from the hands
 - ◆ Goal-keeper is not permitted to kick or drop kick the ball from their hands

➤ **Under 12 & Under 12 Girls:**

- Under 12 9 v 9 Format
- Football Victoria Competition Guidelines
- Goal size: 5 x 2m (same as U10)
- Off-side rule is played as per FIFA rules
- Penalties are as per FIFA rules
- Throw-ins are as per FIFA rules
- Corner Kicks are as per FIFA rules
- Disposal of ball by the Goal-keeper
 - ◆ Ball must be played from the ground (kicked) within 6 seconds
 - ◆ Ball can be thrown or rolled from the hands
 - ◆ Goal-keeper is not permitted to kick or drop kick the ball from their hands
- Red Card Rule for Under 12
 - ◆ Players who are shown a red card for an offence will be sent from the field
 - ◆ Players sent from the field can be replaced

➤ **Open Girls:**

- FIFA Rules
- Red Card Rule
 - ◆ Players who are shown a red card for an offence will be sent from the field
 - ◆ Players sent from the field cannot be replaced
- Coaches & players are responsible for being familiar with the Laws of the Game (LOTG)
- LOTG are available on the FFA website (a link can be found on the SJSA website)

➤ **Under 14's**

- FIFA Rules
- Red Card Rule
 - ◆ Players who are shown a red card for an offence will be sent from the field
 - ◆ Players sent from the field cannot be replaced
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➤ **Under 16's:**

- FIFA Rules
- Red Card Rule
 - ◆ Players who are shown a red card for an offence will be sent from the field
 - ◆ Players sent from the field cannot be replaced
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➤ Match Records & Score Sheets

- Mini Roos
 - ♦ For the 2024 Season, Match Records must be completed and handed to the Game Leader for the first four rounds only for all Mini Roo Age Groups for registration requirements.
 - ♦ No scores are to be recorded or published for any Mini Roos match
 - ♦ This includes school / club newsletters, websites & face book pages & other social media
- Under 12 & above Age Groups
 - ♦ The match record will be completed & submitted by the Referee following the match
 - ♦ It is the responsibility of the Team Manager to ensure that all details have been completed before handing it to the Referee at the end of the match

➤ Social Media Policy

- By signing SJSA Registration Form, all players & parents agree to adhere to the Social Media Policy
- This applies to all forms of social media

➤ Team Marshall

- Every team must have a Marshall (not the coach or team manager)
 - ♦ The Marshall must wear a fluorescent jacket to be easily visible
 - ♦ The Marshall is responsible for the behavior of all spectators affiliated with their team
 - ♦ Marshals are **not** permitted to be in the technical area or inside the fence at Main Pitch 2
 - ♦ Team Marshalls are to remain with the spectators & encourage positive sportsmanship throughout the duration of the match
 - ♦ Marshall **must** 18 years of age or older

➤ Technical Area

- Under 12 & above Age Groups
 - ♦ Only the Coach, Assistant Coach, Team Manager & players are permitted to be in the technical area
 - ♦ Parents & spectators should be on the opposite side of the field from the technical area, The exception is Main Pitch 2, where **all** spectators must remain outside of the fence
 - ♦ If a player is injured & requires assistance the referee will ask the Coach or Team Manager to come onto the field to assist
- Mini Roos Age Groups
 - ♦ No coaches in any age group are permitted on the field
 - ♦ Coaches are not permitted to walk up & down the side-line; they to remain in one place with their team
 - ♦ If a player is injured the game leader will ask the Coach or Team Manager to come onto the field to assist

➤ Interchange

- Mini Roos Age Groups
 - ♦ Can take place at any time during the match
 - ♦ The new player enters the field of play **after** the interchanged player leaves
- Under 12, Under 14 & Under 16 & Open Girls
 - ♦ Can only take place when the ball is out of play
 - ♦ Player & coach to move to centre line & waits for the referee to indicate that an interchange can take place
 - ♦ The new player enters the field of play **after** the interchanged player leaves

➤ Referees & Game Leaders

- All Referees & Game Leaders are appointed by SJSA
- Any Coach or Team Manager who is unhappy with the performance of a Match Official must bring their concerns to the attention of their Delegates & the Delegate will submit the concern in writing to the SJSA Executive Committee via email.
- We encourage congratulations on a job well done be provided directly to the game leader / referee after the match & positive feedback to be submitted to SJSA Administration

➤ Zero Abuse Tolerance

- Promote good sportsmanship
- Code of Conduct must be signed by all players, parents & coaches
- Includes behaviour in technical areas
- Responsibility for spectators associated with team/school/club
- Racial vilification will not be tolerated in any way
- Consequences for breaching zero abuse policy

➤ Ground Time

All players across all age groups are to have equal ground time; participation & player development cannot be achieved sitting on the bench watching team mates play!

➤ Child Safe

- Working with children checks are mandatory for all coaches & team managers; it is free (apart from the photo) for volunteers
- Copies of cards are to be forwarded to School / Club Delegate which will then be forwarded to SJSA Secretary

➤ Duty Day

- Schools / clubs will be rostered on to assist with set up or pack up each week
- The set up & pack up will be guided by the SJSA Executive
- Volunteers will also be rostered to assist with the Canteen, BBQ & other duties as required