

APL Unite Cup Terms and Conditions

1.1 General Terms

Australian Professional Leagues Company Pty Ltd as trustee for the Australian Professional Leagues Trust (A-Leagues) serves as host of the Unite Cup, a grassroots youth football tournament.

By enrolling your team or registering your child to participate in the Unite Cup, you agree as either the parent/guardian/team manager/club/association to the terms and conditions stipulated in this document and ensure your team and/or child is aware of these terms and conditions.

A-Leagues reserves the right to change any of the Unite Cup package details including locations, dates and starting or finishing times at any point in time (where reasonably required). In addition, the event is subject to cancellation due to unforeseen circumstances. This may include unsuitable weather conditions, inadequate registration numbers or other factors that may arise outside of the direct control of the A-Leagues. The A-Leagues will not be liable to you for any Loss (as described below) you or your child may suffer as a result of the event, or a part of the event, being cancelled, postponed or changed.

A-Leagues in its absolute discretion reserves the right to not accept a registration for the Unite Cup.

The Football Australia Code of Behavior and A-Leagues Terms of Admission will be enforced for all players, team managers, and spectators attending the event.

1.2 Terms of Participation

By registering for the event as a team or on behalf of a child, you agree that those participating will not compromise their safety or those of others while participating in the tournament and that you understand there are inherent risks while participating in or watching football matches and you fully accept and agree to bear those risks on your behalf and on behalf of your child.

1.3 Event Details

1.3.1 Tournament Details

Dates: Friday, 22 November - Sunday 24 November 2024.

Location: Moore Park West Centennial Park, Anzac Parade Moore Park NSW 2021

Times: 8:00 - 16:00 (Friday - Saturday) & 8:00 - 12:00 (Sunday)

1.3.2 Age Groups

Under 8s and Under 12s male/mixed* competitive tournament (Friday, 22 November - Sunday, 24 November)

Under 9s - Under 12s female competitive tournament (Friday, 22 November - Sunday, 24 November)

*All mixed teams will play in the male category.

1.3.3 Registration

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Each team is required to have two (2) Team Officials, one (1) coach and one (1) team manager/teacher registered into their Cup Manager profile. Team Officials will be the key contacts for event organisers and are expected to arrive at the venue by 7am on tournament days to be briefed by the organisers on the operations. All Team Officials are to hold a valid Working With Children Clearance and adhere to Child Safety Standards.

https://ocg.nsw.gov.au/sites/default/files/2021-12/g_CSS_GuidetotheStandards.pdf

All players are expected to arrive at the venue at least 60 minutes prior to their first match.

Team managers will enter their players into their Cup Manager players team sheet. Player registration requires;

1. Players full name
2. Players date of birth
3. Shirt number
4. Player's residential postcode
5. Proof of age to be emailed to the event organisers via the team's Cup Manager messaging system.
 - a. **For Schools** an official class list showing Name and DOB;
 - b. **For Clubs** an official club team sheet showing Name and DOB, or copy passport, birth certificate or other official document showing player name and DOB.

1.3.4 Team Registration Fees

The team registration fee is \$0. The tournament is an invitational event, meaning there are no further costs associated with registering for the competition.

Each team must have a maximum of ten (10) players registered.

1.3.5 Event Inclusions

As part of the registration to the Unite Cup, the registration includes access to attend the tournament for the registered time as well as:

- 1 x complimentary child pass to a Unite Round matches for each participant at Allianz Stadium. The pass is only valid for the player (participant) that registered and takes part in the Unite Cup. The pass is non-transferrable or for part refunds and is subject to third party terms and conditions (such as ticket terms of entry).

1.4 Venue and Equipment

The team managers will ensure that all their team members and supporters onsite will be made aware of the venue's rules, people violating these rules will be asked to leave the site. The venue's rules include:

- No smoking on site
- No unleashed dogs on site
- No alcohol consumption onsite
- The NSW Government's child safety and Working with Children policies to be adhered to.
- Rubbish to be placed in bins provided
- No equipment to be moved by any person unless authorised by Unite Cup Officials. This includes tournament equipment and furniture..
- Additional venue rules may be communicated to Team Officials in due course.

All officials, players, parents and supporters are to encourage Fair Play and show respect for others. Participants must follow all directions from A-Leagues, Unite Cup Officials, coaches, staff and other official representatives in relation to treatment of the tournament venue(s) property and equipment.

A-Leagues will not be liable for any matters related to damage to the tournament venue, property and equipment and will pass on, and parents/ guardians agree that they are liable for, any Loss incurred by A-Leagues that arises as a result of damage caused by their child.

1.5 Cancellations and Removal of Players

1.5.1 Cancellation of the event

In the case of unforeseen circumstances, the Event Organisers will try their best to reschedule and may modify the format of play to allow games to go ahead. However, due to circumstances beyond their control, either man-made or act of God, a tournament may have to be shortened, postponed or cancelled.

All decisions regarding cancellations, schedule modifications and cancellation are at the sole discretion of the Event organisers..

In the event of force majeure or other unforeseen circumstance, the event will not be rescheduled.

The event organisers will follow the A-Leagues Lightning and Extreme Weather Protocols - to request a copy please contact us via your Cup Manager registration portal message bank for a quick response or refer to the event page for more information.

1.5.2 Removal of Players

If a participant is unable to attend the event due to illness, injury or a death in the family, the team manager will need to advise the event organisers via their Cup Manager registration portal message bank. Once accepted, the player will be removed from the team.

The team manager may have the option to replace the player with another player by registering the replacement player in Cup Manager and providing the ID depending on the timing of the replacement player request.

1.6 Medical

The Unite Cup, will have an onsite qualified first aid provider who can attend to any minor injuries sustained on the pitch and if required call an ambulance. The Unite Cup is an insured tournament with a public liability policy. Participating players are encouraged to ensure they are covered by appropriate medical insurance. We do not cover personal injuries.

Players will always remain under the guardianship of their team manager. In the event that the issue is serious, emergency attention will be sought immediately and the manager or teacher shall make arrangements to attend the hospital and inform the parent/guardian as soon as possible.

A-Leagues does not have in place any personal accident insurance for this event that would provide the participant with any compensation or benefit in the event of any participant injury.

If your team plays for a club under Football NSW or any other association, your club can contact them to be sanctioned under their insurance policy prior to the event.

1.7 Player Eligibility

It is the responsibility of the team manager to ensure all players are registered within Cup Manager by the required date in order to take part in the tournament. All team Managers need to check-in at the registration desk on arrival on the first day to collect their team registration packs. Each registered

player will be provided with 1 event wristband. The wristband must be worn for the duration of the event, only players wearing their wristbands will be allowed to play.

All players must meet the age criteria of the competition in which they are playing. As the competition is being played in November, this refers to the division the player was eligible for and played in, in the winter 2024 season.

Players are to be registered to one (1) team, and may not play for another team in the tournament. If a player loses their wristband they will be required to present to the Officials desk for re-registration no later than 1 hour prior to their next game. There will be a fee of \$5 per player re-registration.

1.8 Uniform and Player Equipment

1.8.1 Uniforms

All teams must wear their club kits with numbered jerseys for the tournament.

Each team is required to bring an alternative coloured kit or set of bibs in case there is a clash of colour with their opponent on the day. If a colour clash is discovered between two opposing teams, the team named second on the fixture will have to wear an alternative kit/bibs. Refer to the Unite Cup Competition Regulations.

Appropriate football boots and shin pads are to be worn for the natural grass playing surface. No metal studs are permitted.

1.8.2 Player Equipment Policy

A player must not use equipment or wear anything that is dangerous to themselves or another player (including any kind of jewellery). All items of clothing or equipment other than the basic equipment must be inspected by the referee and determined not to be dangerous. Refer to [Football NSW Player Equipment Policy](#).

1.9 Privacy

You acknowledge and agree that the A-Leagues will collect, retain and disclose personal information submitted to it by you in accordance with Australian privacy laws and it's [Privacy Policy](#). The A-Leagues may use, retain or disclose this information for, among other things, the purpose of:

- a. administering the event;
- b. contacting you with A-Leagues related information and promotions (unless or until you let us know otherwise); and
- c. marketing offers and member-related promotions of the A-Leagues, our Partners (as defined in the [Privacy Policy](#)) and other parties (unless or until you let us know otherwise).

You acknowledge and consent that the A-Leagues may share your personal information with Destination NSW, the Official Partner of the event. The A-Leagues may also share your information with ticket and event venue providers, which may include the sharing of health information with event and venue providers so necessary facilities and equipment are provided and to assist with the safe delivery of the event.

If you wish to withdraw your consent to have your personal information shared in accordance with these terms, you must notify A-Leagues at unitecup@aleagues.com.au.

1.10 Use of Images/Media

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A-Leagues advises that audio recording, photographic and film images of participants at the Unite Cup may be used for the purpose of promotion and marketing of the A-Leagues and future programs. It is a requirement of participation that you agree to recordings, images or footage of the participant to be used.

You acknowledge and agree that media may be present at the event and you consent to A-Leagues media using, reproducing and/or publishing your child's name and/or team's name or image.

By accepting these terms, you agree that copyright and all associated rights in these audio/images/video is owned by the A-Leagues or its licensors and we may make, reproduce, broadcast, stream, use, sell, license or otherwise deal (on a worldwide basis) in any visual or audio recordings of you or your child in any media, worldwide and for any purpose, without the need for your approval or payment of any compensation.

1.11 Copyright

In addition to the above, you acknowledge and agree that copyright and all associated rights of any image and film arising from the event is owned by the A-Leagues or the relevant media source.

1.12 Liability of Injury & Sickness

The A-Leagues will take reasonable steps to safeguard the welfare of all participants in the event. However, you understand that there are inherent risks associated with participation in football games and tournaments and each parent, on their own and their child's behalf, fully accept and agree to bear those risks as they relate to the event that their child is participating in, especially in the case where no shin-pads are being used.

Each parent agrees that by their child being registered and participating in the Unite Cup, that they, on their own and their child's behalf, have voluntarily accepted the risks of physical injury or sickness, including serious injury such as permanent disability, paralysis or even death. They acknowledge that by voluntarily participating in the Unite Cup with knowledge of the potential dangers and/or risks involved, whether those risks are known or unknown.

The player's parent releases the A-Leagues, its employees, contractors and volunteers from any damage, loss, injury or liability ("Loss") they or their child may suffer in connection with participating in the event to the extent permitted by law, and where such Loss is not a direct result of the A-Leagues materially breaching these terms and conditions, acting in a grossly negligent manner or committing fraud or a wrongful act or omission. The A-Leagues expressly excludes, to the extent permitted by law, any liability for Loss to the parent or their child for acts or omissions of the A-Leagues and its employees, contractors and volunteers arising out of or in relation to the Event, save for an act or omission of the A-Leagues that is grossly negligent.

1.13 Liability of Personal Items

A-Leagues accepts no responsibility for personal items that are lost during the Unite Cup. A-Leagues reserve the right to discard any unclaimed items after 5 business days.

1.14 Tournament Structure

1.14.1 The tournament is 7v7 for all categories.

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All teams will take part in a Round Robin group phase after which the top placed team from each group will qualify to play semi-finals with the winners moving to the Championship Final. The Event Organisers will endeavour for each team to play a minimum of 4 games with the Championship teams playing 6 games.

1.14.2 United Cup Groupings and Team Placement Policy

- A balanced approach will be applied to the teams' group formation process
- A group is expected to be created when circumstance applies, but not necessarily guaranteed
- The Tournament Organisers decision on team placement in tournament games age group is final.

1.14.3 Awards Ceremony

A Trophy and winners medals will be presented to the winning team in each age category, the runners up team will receive runners up medals. The awards ceremony will take place on Sunday 24th November 2024.

The Event Organisers will take no responsibility for awards that teams do not collect during the ceremony. Awards will not be given to participants outside of the scheduled Awards Ceremony run sheet, and will not be posted to teams/participants after the event.

1.16 Code of Conduct

By participating in the event, Team Officials, supporters and players agree to abide by any Code of Conduct they may be published from time to time ("the Code"). You acknowledge that serious or ongoing breaches of the Code are not tolerated and that those who breach the Code (and their child) risk being asked to leave the tournament and/or being prohibited from attending future events, and/or having their child's registration in the event terminated. If you or your child is prohibited from attending future tournaments or the event or your child's registration in the tournament is terminated for a breach of the Code, you will not be eligible for a refund.

You understand that if you do not, or your child does not, follow the reasonable instructions of event staff, your child may be excluded from the event. If you or your child is excluded from the event for not following the reasonable instructions of staff, you will not be eligible for a refund.