



NSW JUNIOR CITY v COUNTRY – 2023

CONDITIONS OF ENTRY

1. The Tournament will be run under the auspices of Australian Oztag who will appoint a Tournament Director. The Director, Luke Manahan, will be tasked with the general running of the competition within the guidelines of the Conditions of Entry and the Directors Responsibilities Document.
2. The Referees Director, Ricky O'Connor, will be appointed and responsible for the appointment of referees, refereeing disputes and any on-field issues relating to officials.
3. Teams eligible for entry, are those representing regions as identified by Australian Oztag.
4. **Registration forms must be emailed/faxed to the office by COB Wednesday 14th of June.**
5. All teams must abide by the Code of Conduct and Rules set by Australian Oztag.
6. All players must be the authorised players as selected by Australian Oztag. Any breach of this could result in team disqualifications.
7. Players may only play in one division unless authorised by the Tournament Director. Any breach of this could result in team disqualifications.
8. A maximum of 16 players per team may participate.
Forfeiting Teams: - If a team forfeits it will be automatically disqualified from the tournament and the players will be flagged and ineligible to participate in the 2024 NSW State Championships. Extenuating circumstances may be considered.
9. If a Coach plays a player not eligible the coach, manager & player will be disqualified and all of the above will be suspended for a period of 12 months. **THE ONUS IS ON THE COACH AND MANAGER TO ENSURE ALL PLAYERS ARE ELIGIBLE.**



TEAM UNIFORM

10. As supplied by Australian Oztag through "Oztag Equipment Supplies" (OES). If a player missed the deadline for ordering the region uniform, they will be required to wear their state cup association uniform or a previous years CVC uniform (approved by Tournament Director).
11. No football boots with screw in studs or cleats will be permitted. Molded sole boots (blades accepted), gym/runners are allowed.
12. No Jewelry. Studs only in ears.
13. Hard peak baseball caps need to be turned backwards during play.
14. No fit bits or similar unless taped up so no edges are exposed.

COACHES UNIFORM

15. Coaches and team officials must be in the region polo shirt provided to stand with the team during games. Teams are restricted to three officials on the sideline. Any official without a team polo must contact AO and request an Oztag VEST.
16. All officials must be wearing enclosed footwear

GENERAL RULES

17. The official Rules of Oztag will be used during this Tournament.
18. **MERCY RULE:** When a team scores and leads by 10 points the opposition will start play with a tap kick centre field on the halfway line. If the team trailing, score and the deficit remains 10 or more, they will still recommence play with a tap kick in the centre of the halfway.
19. **Kick Off 50/10.** If the team kicking off kicks the ball into touch within ten metres of the try line they will receive a tap kick ten metres in from touch ten metres out from the try line.
20. Games will be 30 minutes. 15 minutes each way, with a 2-minute break at half time.



21. Teams must be at the field ready to play at least 5 minutes prior to the end of the last game. Games will run strictly to the allocated times of the draw. Teams should take the field immediately after the full-time siren of the preceding game. P.A. system. A team will require 5 players to start the game. The referee will whistle the start of the game after hearing the siren.
22. **If a Team is on the field and ready at the kick off whistle and the opposition is not ready the ready team will receive a try, one (1) point. The kick-off will remain the same. Teams not ready to commence play within 5 minutes of the start siren may forfeit the game.**
23. Unlimited interchange rule applies. **Except in extra time.**
24. **Interchange can only be made when your team is in Attacking Mode.**
25. Coach, manager and players not involved in an interchange must stay behind the 2-metre line.
26. All interchange except at a stoppage of play must be made from the touch line. Stoppages: Try, injured person where referee stops play. Ball into touch or dead in goal
27. Only eight (8) sets of tags will be issued per team per game.
28. A ground official will ensure the interchange policy is adhered to. They will only warn you so much before informing the referee. The referee will give you a final warning.
29. A further breach may result in a penalty being awarded on the 10-metre mark, centre field from the offending team's try line.
30. See explanatory notes for rules relating to results and winning region.
31. EXTRA TIME in finals will be played if scores are tied at the end of regulation time. A maximum of 10 minutes, 5 each way will be played. If scores are still level at the end of the 10 minutes the highest qualifying team will be deemed Champions.
32. NO INTERCHANGE in EXTRA TIME. 5 players will contest golden point if extra time needed. (If a player is injured and requests to be replaced, the opposition must also be given the opportunity to replace one of their players, of the same gender as the injured player, at the same time of the injury replacement)



33. Referee will toss for the tap off and choice of direction. If a try is scored in the first set of six tags the opposition will be given the same opportunity. (Right of Reply) If the opposition score, the right of reply is repeated until a winner is declared.

POINTS SYSTEM

34. WIN = 2 POINTS
35. DRAW = 1 POINTS

FORFEITING Teams will be reviewed and may be disqualified from future tournaments. The team receiving the forfeit will be given an average on for and against.

REFEREES

36. REFEREES are not to be approached at any time by a coach, manager or parent unless your intention is to shake hands at fulltime and have something positive to say.
37. On field refereeing complaints from teams should be directed solely to the Referees Director not the referee.
38. If clarification is sought re a rule the coach should approach the ground official who can ask the referee or contact the referee's director.
39. Any team official who verbally abuses a referee or yells at the referee with comments which are not in the true spirit of the game will be moved behind the ropes.
40. Any spectator abusing a referee will be asked to leave the tournament. The spectator could jeopardise the team he/she is supporting.



SUSPENSIONS

Send Offs

- 41. ZERO TOLERANCE, NO STRIKE POLICY. Any Player who throws a punch or strikes will be sent off and may be disqualified from the tournament.**
42. Anyone sent off for any other infringement will receive an automatic 1 game suspension. The suspension will carry over to future tournaments.
43. If there are extenuating circumstances eg: Serious nature of the offence, the Judiciary Chairman, Perry Haddock, may deem it necessary to impose a longer penalty. He may also reduce the penalty.
44. There will be no appeals however the Chairman may choose to hear from a coach, manager or other person but is not required to.
45. Suspensions can affect the player's ability to play in any Oztag Competition.

Sin Bins

46. If a player is sin binned it is for a mandatory period of 5 minutes.
47. If a player is sin binned twice during the course of the game he/she will take no further part in that game but can be replaced by another team member at the completion of the 5 minutes.

GROUND STAFF/GROUND OFFICIALS

48. Ground staff can be identified by their bright green/orange vests. They have been given a job to do so please abide by their instructions and show them the respect you would expect for yourself.

ASSOCIATIONS OFFICIALS

49. Each association may have 3 officials on the sideline with their team. Coach, manager and trainer. Everyone else is to be behind the ropes or 5 metres from the sideline.



SMOKING

50. The venue is a smoke free facility and is governed by council regulations.
51. Fines are in place for breaches of this policy. Please refrain from smoking around the grounds and under tents. Move to the car parks or designated smoking areas.

SPECTATORS

52. Please remain behind the roped off areas or at least 5 metres from the sideline. There is no walking between the fields at the main venue.

RUBBISH

53. Please take your empty water bottles and rubbish with you and place in a bin.

BEHAVIOUR

54. Any unacceptable behavior whilst attending a tournament will be met with severe repercussions from Australian Oztag.
55. All players, coaches, managers, delegates and spectators who attend an Oztag Tournament are bound by Australian Oztag's Code of Conduct, which covers your behavior travelling to and from the tournament, at your own accommodation, whilst out and about and off the field at the venue. Your convener can supply a copy of the policy if requested.
56. **Any spectator abusing a referee, ground official, staff or any other person attending the tournament will be asked to leave the tournament. The spectator could jeopardize the team he/she is supporting.**

Luke Manahan – Tournament Director