

2022 Men's and Women's Summer Competition Rules

Competition Format

1. Competition commences Monday 10/1/22 with 10 regular season rounds followed by 3 rounds of finals which commence on Monday 21/3/22. Grand Finals will be played on Monday 4/4/22.

2. Teams have been grouped in the following divisions:

<u>Men's Div 1</u>	<u>Men's Div 2</u>	<u>Women's</u>
Pina Colada's	Southern Railway	Feisty Females
Southern Bulls	Mitre 10	Wolf Pack
Struggle Snugglers	Betoota Dolphins	Nannas
The Pub Crawlers	The JMZ	Here for the Beers
	Jadams	Sanitiz-her
	Blokes on Blokes	Thick & Quick
	The Savvy B's	Left, Right, Outs
	Tip Em	The Tweens

3. At the conclusion of 7 competition rounds the Men's Division 2 competition will be split into two divisions of 4 based on their position on the competition ladder.

The top 4 teams in will remain in Division 2 with the bottom 4 teams becoming Division 3.

Each team will then play the others in their new division once to make up the 10 regular season rounds.

4. The top 4 teams in each Division will contest the finals series. In the Women's Competition, the top 4 teams will form Division 1 while the next 4 will form Division 2.

5. Finals format will be as follows:

Week 1	Week 2	Week 3
A. 1 st vs 2 nd	C. Winner B vs Loser A	Winner A vs Winner C
B. 3 rd vs 4 th		

General Competition Rules

1. The 2022 Goulburn Touch Summer Competition will be conducted under the 8th Edition Rules. It is advised that players become familiar with these rules as they have changed recently.
2. All game will be played using the 30 minute touchdown turn-around format. Games are 30 minutes straight with no half time. Teams change ends when a try is scored.
3. Teams must wear the same coloured shirt with a unique number of no less than 16cm in height on the back. Numbers must not feature more than 2 digits.
4. Teams should aim to be at their fields at least 10 minutes prior to the scheduled start time of the match.
5. *A team captain, manager or other designated person is to collect the team sheet from the canteen area. He/she is responsible for indicating which players are in attendance at the match via a tick or a cross against their name. At the conclusion of the match, the team sheet should be*

returned to the canteen. It is vital that this protocol is followed as it records the players attendance at the game for insurance purposes.

6. Should a team have less than six players, they will be permitted to add up to TWO additional players under the following conditions:
 - a. The team must have a minimum of FOUR of their original team playing.
 - b. The additional players must be registered with Goulburn Touch
 - c. The team can not have more than 6 players take part in the game.

Example: Jesters only have 4 players. They are allowed to bring it TWO additional players. Sea Monkeys have 5 players. They are allowed to bring in ONE additional player.

Should a team have less than 4 players they must forfeit the match, except during a Drop-Off.

7. Teams are required to supply a Duty Referee every second week. A roster will be created and published for teams to see when they are rostered on. It is vital for the successful running of the competition that each team completes their duty when required.

Failure to do so will result in the following penalties:

1st offence – Loss of 3 competition points & requirement to referee the following week

2nd offence – Same as 1st offence plus the team will play with one less player on the field the following week.

3rd offence - Expulsion from the competition.

A “Introduction to Refereeing” course will be conducted early in the season. It is highly recommended that at least one player from each team attends this evening to gain a basic understanding of the rules. Note this is NOT a Level 1 course.

COVID-19 Protocols

1. Players, spectators, referees and officials are encouraged to use the Service NSW check-in app on arrival at the ground.
2. Players, spectators and referees are encouraged to leave the ground immediately after their match.
3. Players should follow social distancing regulations where possible.
4. Players are discouraged from shaking hands at the end of their matches.
5. Referees are required to supply their own whistle to complete their duty.