



CLUB POLICIES

Equal Time

- All players must get equal playing time. Each player is entitled to a fair go. There are no exceptions to these rules, irrespective of the division being played. The main emphasis is to have fun players can't do this sitting on the bench. It's acknowledged that in any given game some players will get more time than others, however over the season – game time must be equal.

Players

- **Under no circumstances should an unregistered or un-financial player be permitted to play in any competition game. Late registrations of Players Coaches and Managers will only be accepted under special circumstances by the Registrar and Treasurer at time convenient to them. This also applies to any de-registrations.**
- **All players must wear vests on the sidelines whilst not on the playing field.**
- Players in Under 15 and below may not play more than 2 yrs above their aged group. No players are allowed to play in an aged group below their age group.
- **A player must have turned 16 years & above to qualify to play in an All Age Team.**
- A player can be borrowed but cannot play for a lower division team eg. Under 12 Div 1 cannot play for Under 12 Div 2 or Under 13 Div. 2 & above.
- You **SHOULD NOT** upgrade a player without seeking the approval from Richie Mazurkiewicz, Nicola Bennet or Julie Thompson. Teams risk a fine and loss of points if you don't clarify the player you are upgrading as they could be an illegal player.

Safety

- For their safety, juniors should not be left at training or games without a parent, guardian or relative.
- Shoes must be worn at all times due to the risk of broken glass etc on the fields.
- Shin pads are compulsory for all games and training.
- A lot has changed in injury management over the years. Please assess the situation carefully before spraying a player with water, lifting them to their feet and bending or stretching something. You may be making an injury worse. If you believe you have a serious injury, please notify a Club Official and an Ambulance will be called. A basic first aid kit, disposable gloves, ice packs and Defibrillator are available from the Canteen.
- The Club keeps a record of injuries to assist in insurance claim, so please notify the Club immediately. Insurance claim forms are also available from the Club.
- Each player must have their own drink bottle to ensure proper hydration and hygiene. No communal drinks and no buckets/sponges.
- Our fields are often the subject of vandalism. It's recommended that the fields be inspected for glass and the like before both training and games commence.



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Fees

- Any players wishing to de-register **prior to the start** of the competition season shall be refunded all monies less the Nepean de-registration fee (\$20.00).

Referees

- The Nepean Referees Group endeavours to appoint Referees for all matches, except Small Sided Football/MiniRoos. There may at times be fixtures without officials however they do attempt to cover all games as best as they can. It is not in any way the Clubs fault for not providing Officials.
- If no Referee is in attendance (including a Club referee), appointment of a Referee is by **mutual agreement between the teams** and is NOT the responsibility of the home team or the club responsible for the ground.
- The portion of Referee fees that is included in your Registration fees is only for 10 games of Referees. The Club covers the remaining Referee fees.

Training

- We are a large Club and training on a full field is not possible. Teams wishing to train 2 nights per week, must be prepared to train on one of the quieter nights, such as Mon/Wed or Tues/Fri. You will be required to nominate training times at the start of the season. These days/times will remain in place for the season unless special circumstances arise.
- Please be respectful of other teams, and ensure you start and finish on time. Please also ensure your activities don't interfere with other teams, example running through games/exercises and disrupting another team by shooting toward a goal without people assisting in the collection of balls.
- All Coaches, Managers and Players have a responsibility to help maintain the condition of the fields. For this reason teams should not train or warm-up in the 18 yard box, on any of the lines and in particular the sidelines. Marking fields is a very time consuming and expensive process.
- Teams are also expected to remove all rubbish from the fields before they leave. There are plenty of bins within easy reach. Let's show some pride in our facilities. 😊



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Wet Weather

- Following periods of heavy prolonged rain, some or even all matches may be cancelled. This is to protect the grounds and also to minimise injury. In all cases Nepean Football Association notifies the Club Competition Secretary. Please remember that **some cancellations can occur as late as on the morning of game day**. Notification will be published on the St Clair Soccer website, app and Facebook page as soon as practicable. If time doesn't permit, the Competition Secretary will phone Coaches and/or Managers.
- Remember that unfavourable weather conditions in St Clair do not necessarily mean games in other parts of the District are similarly affected.
- Assume all matches are on unless specifically advised otherwise. Under **no circumstances should Nepean Football Association be contacted directly** by Coaches, Managers or Parents.
- **Inspections of the fields during weekdays will not be conducted until 3:00pm.** Once this inspection has been done and a decision has been made results will be published on the Website and on the Facebook page. Please refrain from inundating Committee members with calls before this time.

Equipment

- Coaches and Managers are responsible for the return of all equipment issued at the start of the year. Any shirts not returned at season end will incur a \$50 fine/shirt. **Do not iron shirts.** Do not bleach shirts. It is also recommended that the shirts be collected and washed/dried together to ensure the shirts remain uniform in appearance and to minimise the risk of being lost.
- **Players must wear full Club uniform for all games including friendly or trial games.**
- The Club Competition Secretary must be advised at least 2 weeks before any trial or friendly games are played. There are sanctioning processes and approvals that must be given for insurance cover. These processes vary depending on which district the opposing team hails from.

