

# 2021 AMG Football Rules



## 1.0 – Competition Format

1. The Australian Masters Games Football Competition will be conducted in accordance with the FIFA Rules and Laws of the Game and under these Competition Rules and Regulations.
2. These Rules and Regulations may be subject to change at the absolute discretion of Football West.
3. The football competition will be conducted from Monday 11 October 2021 to Friday 15 October 2021.
4. The competition will be conducted in a round robin format and will culminate in finals and/or medal matches where possible.

## 2.0 – Competition Points

1. Three points will be awarded for a win, one point for a draw and no points for a defeat. Points are not transferable between divisions.
2. If two or more teams are equal on points on completion of the competition, the following criteria are applied in order to determine the higher-ranking team.
  - a) the team with the superior goal difference
  - b) the team with the higher number of goals scored
  - c) the number of points gained in matches between the teams concerned
  - d) the superior goal difference in matches between the teams concerned
  - e) the team with the lower number of red cards
  - f) the team with the lower number of yellow cards
  - g) the drawing of lots

## 3.0 – Venue

1. All games will be held at UWA Sports Park subject to the number of team registrations.

## 4.0 – Matches

1. With the exception of abandoned matches, each period of a match must last for a minimum of 30 minutes in order that a result may be recorded.
2. The duration of the half time interval will be 10 minutes.
3. The referee may adjust the duration of a match to ensure that a following match on the same field of play commences at the scheduled kick-off time.
4. When a match is shortened in accordance with 4.3, each match official is entitled to receive the full amount of their normal match fee.
5. On days in which the temperature is expected to be high, the referee may use their discretion to allow players to take drink breaks. During any such break, all players must remain on the field of play.
6. Substitutes in the 2021 Australian Masters Games are not bound by the condition in Law 3 of the Laws of the Game forbidding further participation in the match. All substitutes in the 2021 Australian Masters Games are able to be substituted (interchanged) on and off the field of play on multiple occasions.
7. Unlimited interchange may be used by each team at any time when the ball is out of play, at the referee's discretion and following a signal from the referee.

8. The referee may refuse any request for an interchange if they believe that permitting the interchange at that time will give an unfair advantage or if a series of interchanges is unduly delaying or interrupting the flow of the game.
9. No more than five named substitutes may be listed on the team list of which a maximum of five may be used in any one match.
10. Should the scores be tied at the end of normal time in a semi-final or medal match, then a period of extra time, 2 x 10 minute halves shall be played. Should the scores still be tied at the end of extra time, then a penalty shoot-out shall be conducted as per FIFA regulations.

## 5.0 – Match Documentation

1. Each team must complete a team list for every game that they play. These will be available at the venue and are to be completed at the competition management desk at least 30 minutes prior to the game.
2. The player's name, registration number and their shirt number are to be placed on the team list. The player's name must be the same as that used when registering for the 2021 Australian Masters Games.
3. All players that play in a game must be listed on the team list. If a player is played that is not listed on the team list, the team will forfeit the game.
4. The team sheet for each match must clearly indicate the match result, the half-time score, goal scorers (if any), times of any goals scored and misconduct offences. Each team list must be correctly signed by the authorised representative of each team and the match referee.
5. The appointed referee, if present, must provide the facts relating to the match competition management within 15 minutes of the completion of the match.
6. The appointed referee must ensure that the team list arrives at the competition management desk within 30 minutes of the completion of the match.

## 6.0 – Players

1. To be eligible to play in the 2021 Australian Masters Games Football competition, a player must have been born on or before 31 December 1991. The penalty for breaching this or any other age requirement rules is a forfeit.
2. Team nominations must be submitted by 31 August 2021 through the 2021 Australian Masters Games website.
3. Participants that have registered as individuals, will be, where possible, allocated to a team.
4. All players and team officials must be registered as 2021 Australian Masters Games participants and have the appropriate identification to participate in the football competition.
5. All players must be registered by [insert date].
6. Players may only be registered and play for one team in 2021 Australian Masters Games football competition.
7. All participants must display their accreditation pass or appropriate identification prior to the commencement of each match.
8. Accreditation passes are strictly non transferable.
9. Participants must be age eligible according to the age categories stipulated. The following age dispensation rulings are available to teams;
  - a. Outfield players
    - i. A team may register a maximum of two underage players in the age categories listed below. The players are permitted to be 2 years below the minimum age group.  
Female 40+

Male 40+

Male 50+

Male 55+

Male 60+

Teams in the Female 30+ and Male 30+ age categories must comply with the standard minimum age and are not eligible for any dispensation rulings.

- b. Age dispensation standards (outfield players) – Male:
    - i. No age dispensation available for the Male 30+ group.
    - ii. A team may register a maximum of two players that are 38+ as of 31 December 2021 in the Male 40+ group.
    - iii. A team may register a maximum of two players that are 48+ as of 31 December 2021 in the Male 50+ group.
    - iv. A team may register a maximum of two players that are 53+ as of 31 December 2021 in the Male 55+ group.
    - v. A team may register a maximum of two players that are 58+ as of 31 December 2021 in the Male 60+ group.
  - c. Age dispensation standards (outfield players) – Female:
    - i. No age dispensation available for the Female 30+ group.
    - ii. A team may register a maximum of two players that are 38+ as of the 31 December 2021 in the Female 40+ group.
  - d. Goalkeepers are granted an age exemption and can be 5 years below the minimum age requirement, except in the youngest male and female categories where they must be the minimum age to qualify (30+).
    - i. Goalkeepers cannot during any match participate as an outfield player if under age.
10. A player who is registered with a Hyundai A-League club may not participate in the 2021 Australian Masters Games in the same calendar year.

## 7.0 – Playing Strips

1. All teams must nominate a home and alternative playing strip.
2. In any match, if the shirts or socks of the participating teams are alike or similar, or are in the opinion of the referee likely to cause confusion, then players of the away team will be required to change its shirts or socks or both. In the event of any dispute with regard to the strip to be worn by either team, the referee's decision is final.
3. If the shirts or socks of the participating teams are alike or similar, or are in the opinion of the referee likely to cause confusion, and the away team is unable to change that part of its attire which is causing that confusion, then the match may not proceed. Bibs may be used if there is no reasonable solution with approval from competition management.
4. Football West will provide a list of all teams playing strips and will allocate playing strips to avoid a colour clash.
5. Shin pads are compulsory.
6. No jewelry is to be worn.

## 8.0 – Match Balls

1. Competition management will provide the referee with three match balls no later than 5 minutes prior to the commencement of the match.

## 9.0 – Match Officials

1. The allocation of match officials will be determined by Football West. No team may request the attendance or non-attendance of any particular match official.
2. In the absence of one or both assistant referees, each team will provide an assistant referee to assist the match referee. If either team does not comply, then the match may not proceed.

## 10.0 – Presentation

1. Presentations will be made following the finals of each age group. Where a final is not played, presentations will be made at the conclusion of the team's last game or as directed by competition management.

## 11.0 – Forfeits

1. All teams must be ready to commence the match at the scheduled kick-off time.
2. Should a team be unable to take to the field within 10 minutes of the scheduled kick-off time, the Referee will indicate that the game will not commence, and a forfeit may apply.
3. If a team has less than seven (7) registered team members on the pitch at the starting time, it will forfeit the game. If the team commences the game and during the game have less than 7 players on the field, the game will be forfeited. If at the time of the forfeit, the score line of the game is greater than the 3-0 forfeit result, the score line will stand.
4. The points and goal allocation for a forfeited game shall be three goals to nil and three points. If a game is forfeited once it has commenced and the score line is greater than the three goals to nil forfeit score, the score will stand.
5. If a team forfeits the last round robin game, which may impact on the final standings of the group competition, the team will be deducted three additional competition points in addition to the forfeit penalty of three goals to nil and three points.
6. All instances of forfeits or match abandonment will be handled by competition management.

## 12.0 – Medical Support

1. Teams are responsible in providing their own trainers at the venue for the duration of the competition.

## 13.0 – Red and Yellow Card Suspensions

1. If a player receives two (2) Yellow Cards (cautions) during a game, resulting in a red card, the player will be dismissed from the field of play. The player shall be suspended for the next competition game.
2. If a player receives three (3) Yellow Cards (cautions) during the group stage of the competition, the player shall be suspended for the next competition game. All yellow cards will be reset at the conclusion of the group stage.
3. If a player receives a direct red card in a game, the player will receive a minimum of a one match suspension. All red card offences will be reviewed by competition management who will determine if a greater penalty is to be imposed.