



**Warrnambool & District
Soccer League**

Competition Rules 2014 – 15 and Under League

All Warrnambool & District Soccer League (WDSL) matches will be played under the rules and regulations of: **FIFA, Football Federation Australia and Football Federation Victoria.**

Competition Format

4 teams in competition

2 Six Round Leagues

**League 1 Home and Away fixtures 11th May – 22nd June
6 Home and Away Rounds - every team play each other twice.
Games played on Sundays and one Friday Night Special.**

**League 2 Home and Away fixtures 20th July – 24th August
6 Home and Away Rounds - every team play each other twice.
Games played on Sundays and one Friday Night Special.**

3pts for a win, 1 pt. for a draw

League Premier will be the team that finishes in first position based on pts, and number of wins in that order. If teams still cannot be separated for a single premier, than “goals for” will come into calculation

A grand final will be played on 14th September

If a semi-final is required this will be played on the 7th of September

Semi-final 7th September

(If Winner League 1 = Winner League 2) and (if RU League 1 != RU League 2)

Runner-up League 1 v Runner-up League 2

Grand Final 14th September

Winner League 1 v Winner League 2 Or

Winner of both Leagues v Winner of Semi-final Or

Winner of both Leagues v Runner-up of both leagues

Winner of the Grand Final will be crowned Champions.

The Presidents Cup will be played in Warrnambool where each team will play 3 games (20mins Halves) each on the 31st August. Specific rules about the Presidents Cup will be released later in the season

Rules and Regulations additional and /or unique to the WDSL are as follows:

- **Unlimited use of the interchange players through-out the game.** *Players must wait until the ball is out of play or a dead ball situation occurs before an interchange can take place. Interchange will occur from the centre of the pitch with the Referee indicating when interchange occurs. A substituted player must leave the field of play before the interchange player enters the field of play. Substituted player may leave the field of play anywhere on the pitch to assist in the flow of the game. Bench players must wear non-clashing colour bibs when not in the field of play. Interchange must occur at a reasonably swift pace to allow for the flow of the game.*
- **Games will consist of two 35 minute halves.** *Extra time will only be added in the event of an extended break in play due to serious injury, or any unforeseen delay. It is the Referee's discretion to add any added time to a half of play.*
- **Home teams must provide central referee for their scheduled games.** *Each team must also provide an assistant referee which will look after their defensive half. The League will provide Match balls for each game.*
- **Players are bound to the constitution and code of conduct of their host club. Being; Warrnambool Wolves FC, Hamilton SC, and Corangamite SC.** *A high standard of behaviour is expected from all participants, and their team spectators, in the WDSL.*
- **All participating players must be registered with their host club and be financial with WDSL prior to their first match.** *Team sheets provided by the league will reflect eligibility. A player can only play for one team during the full 2014 season.*
- **Player sent off by the match official will be suspended for one match automatically. Any additional suspension will be dealt with by the WDSL OC.**
- **In the event where a player accumulates 3 yellow cards the player will miss the next scheduled game. All yellow card infringements carry over between the two leagues. All yellow card infringements are reset after serving a suspension as a result of 3 yellow cards. In the event where less than 3 yellow cards have been accumulated by a player at the conclusion**

of league 2 all yellow cards are cancelled and a new count begins for the final series.

- Games that are affected by the following conditions may be abandoned and re-scheduled to play on a catch up weekend. Thunderstorms near the vicinity of the field of play. When the forecasted temperature reaches or is set to reach 35C during the match. The referee will make a decision based on this 15 mins prior or during the course of the match
- Games can be postponed to a catch up weekend if both teams are in agreement of the re-schedule 5 days prior to the scheduled game and notification to the WDSL OC has occurred. *Catch up games can be played on a Friday Night.*
- Forfeits will mean pts are awarded to the opposing team with a minimum 3-0 score line. The awarding score line will be altered based on the highest differential between the other round game been greater than +3. Forfeits will not count for B&F, golden boot and golden glove calculations.
- Dissent towards the referees will not be tolerated
- Players are ineligible to play in the finals series if they have not played a minimum of 4 games for their teams.

These rules will be subject to revision as the 2014 season progresses

Warrnambool & District Soccer League OC
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