

## SCHEDULE H: ESFA INVITATIONAL KNOCKOUT CUP COMPETITION RULES

# 2012 ESFA Knockout Cup Competition Rules

For 2012 ESFA will run a Cup Competition in the following age groups:

- All Age Men
- All Age Women
- Masters Men (Over 35)
- Masters Women (Over 35)
- Youth Boys (players aged 14/15/16)
- Youth Girls (Players aged 14/15/16)

Clubs may form teams for the Cup Competition by combining players from different age groups or teams. The only requirement is that the player is registered with that Club and fits the age requirements of the Cup Competition that is:

All Age Men and All Age Women – The player must be above the age of 16 before round 1 of the competition, with no age limit

Masters Men and Masters Women – The player must have already turned the age of 35 years old before round 1 of the competition, with no age limit.

Youth Boys and Youth Girls – The player must be turning either 14, 15 or 16 in 2012. Players turning 17 and above in 2012 are ineligible.

### ***Competition Format***

Nomination is open to a maximum of 32 teams for All Age Men & Women, with a minimum of 8 teams.

Matches/Teams will be drawn at random, up to and including the Semi Final matches.

### ***Nomination & Registration***

Clubs wishing to enter teams should complete the attached NOMINATION FORM and return to ESFA by no later than 4pm on 09 March 2012.

Teams will need to complete the attached Team Registration form, which will need to be submitted to ESFA by no later than 16 March 2012. Players may only play in one team during this Competition and will not be able to transfer to other teams under any circumstances. The maximum number of players which can be registered to any team is twenty (20).

Only players correctly registered with the Eastern Suburbs Football Association or another Association within Football New South Wales shall be eligible to play. Any Team who fields a player

who has not been registered with ESFA or another association will be removed from the Competition. This will be treated as a forfeit; therefore their opponent shall proceed to the next round. No exception will be made to this rule; it is the responsibility of all teams to ensure their players are properly registered.

### ***Match Cards & Results***

At the completion of the match the manager from each team has the responsibility to sign the match cards as a correct record of the match result. The first team named on the draw (or noted as the 'home team') will then be responsible to ensure that the match cards are returned to the ESFA office no later 48 hours after the match. By signing the match card you are agreeing to results recorded on the match card.

### ***Scheduling***

The first Round of the Knock Out Cup will be played on the weekend of 24 & 25 March. All Clubs must note that further Rounds may be played on Public Holidays, Midweek evenings and in School Holidays, therefore all players must be available for these dates.

Match Duration will be as follows:

All Age Men & All Age Women, Masters Men, Masters Women – Two equal halves of forty five minutes.

Youth Girls, Youth Boys - Two equal halves of thirty five minutes

### ***Extra Time and Penalty Shoot-Outs***

All games require a result. A match drawn at the end of normal time shall be extended by a further fifteen (15) minutes each way for, Masters Men, Masters Women and ten (10) minutes each way for Youth Girls and Youth Boys . A two-minute break is allowed between normal time and extra time. **Golden Goal will apply during extra time.** Should scores be level at the completion of extra time, a penalty shoot out will determine the result.

### ***Match Balls***

Each team is to supply one (1) ESFA approved match ball.

### ***Clash of Colours***

If two teams playing in a match are wearing similar colours in the opinion of the match referee, the team mentioned second (otherwise known as the away team) in the official draw will be required to change. All teams must have available an alternate strip in case of a clash of colours.

### ***Substitutes***

The KO Cup will be played under the interchange rules with up to 5 interchange players being allowed per team.

### ***Forfeits***

Any team that does not have seven (7) or more players changed and ready to commence the match at the scheduled kick-off time will be required to forfeit that match.

### ***Yellow and Red Cards***

Yellow cards received in the Knock Out Cup competition are accumulated together with those received during the regular season. e.g. If a player receives a yellow card in the cup competition which is their fifth (5<sup>th</sup>) then they will miss 1 match from the regular season. Likewise if a player receives their fifth (5<sup>th</sup>) yellow card they will miss the next match even if it is a cup match.

A player receiving a red card in the cup competition will be disciplined as per the Schedule of Penalties and will include cup competition and regular season.

Any suspensions from the regular season will carry over to the Cup. Clubs should take note of this especially for Round 1 of the Cup for any players who have suspensions carrying over from 2011. Any Player who wishes to serve a match off their suspension must be listed on the team sheet with 'S' (suspended) next to their name.

### ***Fees***

Entry Fees are as follows per team:

All Age Men, All Age Women, Masters Men, Masters Women - \$150 per team

Junior Girls, Junior Boys - \$100 per team

Clubs will be invoiced for each team entering the KO Cup, therefore all nomination forms must be approved by a Club Official.

Referees Fees are not included in the entry fee and will be invoiced to Clubs on a user pays system.