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# Introduction

The hosting Association for the 2023 Queensland Christian Soccer State Carnival is Sunshine Churches Soccer Association (SCCSA) 2023 Venue: Sunshine Coast Sports Precinct (AKA Sunshine Coast Stadium), 31 Sportsman’s Parade, Bokarina QLD 4575 or entrance from 320 Nicklin Way, Bokarina QLD 4575.

The Queensland Christian Soccer State Carnival is an annual event to showcase the talent Christian Soccer and allow teams to compete at the highest level of Christian soccer/football in Queensland.

The Queensland Christian Soccer State Carnival are open to teams from Zones within the Queensland Christian Soccer Association (QCSA) (North Zone, West Zone and South-East Zone); and the Sunshine Coast Churches Soccer Association (SCCSA) (North Zone, Central Zone and South Zone); any other Queensland Christian Football Associations.

SCCSA reserves the right to invite/issue an invitation to other teams as deemed appropriate.

# Age Groups for 2023

For the 2023 season the State Carnival **MAY** offer competitions in the following age groups, subject to suitable nominations:

* Under 10 mixed;
* Under 11 mixed;
* Under 12 mixed;
* Under 13 mixed;
* Under 13 female;
* Under 14 mixed;
* Under 16 female;
* Under 16 male;
* Under 18 male;
* Senior Women;
* Senior Men;
* Over 35 Men

# Cost per team

U10 to U16 Teams (Mixed, Male and Female) $900 per Team (incl GST)

U18 male, Senior Women, Senior Men, Over 35 Men $1200 per Team (incl GST)

# Refund Policy

Sunshine Coast Churches Soccer Association are not required to provide a refund Association/Zone/team has a change of mind and no longer wishes to play.

At their complete discretion, Sunshine Coast Churches Soccer Association may deem exceptional circumstances determine that a proportionate refund of registration fees is appropriate if:

1. certain no fault circumstances are present or
2. it is deemed unsafe by health authorities / state and federal government and the event needs to be abandoned.

For Sunshine Coast Churches Soccer Association to consider any refund must follow the SCCSA Refund Procedure.

To apply for a refund, Zones/Associations need to email to Sunshine Coast Churches Soccer Association for a determination on the eligibility of a refund. This email should include:

1. Zone/Association requesting refund
2. Name of Official submitting Request and Position
3. Acknowledgement if the refund policy has been read and the Zone/Association is entitled to a refund.
4. Provide the reason the refund request

Once the SCCSA Refund Procedure has been reviewed and finalised, Sunshine Coast Churches Soccer Association will:

1. authorise the refund
2. notify the clubs of the, Insurance Fees and administration fees that are to be deducted from the refund; and
3. the timeframe that the refund must be processed in.

# Team and player eligibility

## Team Eligibility

* 1. Each zone may field two teams per age group
  2. Under 10 to Under 14 mixed and Under 16 boys and Under 16 girl’s teams are permitted to select a maximum of 16 players per team and are permitted to play a maximum of 16 players per match, with only 11 players (including the goal keeper) being allowed on the field at any given time.
  3. Under 18 boys, Senior Ladies, Senior Men and Over 35 Men are permitted to select a maximum of 20 players per team but are only permitted to play a maximum of 16 players per match, with only 11 players (including the goal keeper) being allowed on the field at any given time.

## Player Eligibility

1. All players MUST be a registered player of the QCSA, SCCSA or a Christian football body. Each Zone/Association is required to verify that each player is a registered player and playing in the correct age group for the State Carnival.
2. All players are to be registered for the current soccer season with their respective club as an active member in a current team with their respective club.
3. All players must sign a insurance waiver form.
4. Players must play in their correct age group as at 31st December of the year prior to the State Carnival (regardless of what age group they play for in their respective Club fixtures competition).
5. Players are NOT permitted to play DOWN an age group, under any circumstances, except:

(a) If a zone under 13 girls team has no separate competition at the State Carnival because a lack of teams, SCCSA will place them into an age suitable competition.

1. Players can only play up an age group if:

(a) Your zone/association does not form a team in the age group.

(b) There are surplus players for one team, but insufficient to form a second team in that age.

(c) There is no restriction on the number of players that can play up an age group.

1. In the case of a zone or association not forming a team or having insufficient players to form two teams in an age group; or the player cannot move up an age group into a team, the player/s is/are permitted to try out for selection in another zone or association, **with the permission of both Zones/Association involved**
2. To encourage participation, female competitions, the age groups may consist of.

Under 16 Girls- Under 16, Under 15 and Under 14 girls

Under 13 Girls- Under 13, Under 12, and Under 11

This will be reviewed as the number of teams in the competition grow for the following year of competition.

1. Players currently suspended in the Fixture competition, who as of the Friday prior to the State Carnival commencing, have two (2) or more weeks left of any suspension are not allowed to take part in the State Titles competition.

# Uniforms

**It is the responsibility of the Zones/Association to provide the alternate strip** if a Zone/Association has 2 (two) teams in the same age group playing against each other, as the venue where the State Carnival matches are to be held will not be providing any alternate uniforms for teams to wear.

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| QCSA North Zone | Light Blue and White |
| QCSA Southeast Zone: | Red and Blue |
| QCSA West Zone | Bottle Green and Yellow |
| SCCSA South  SCCSA Central  SCCSA North | Black and Gold,  White and Gold  Gold and Black |

# Rules for State Carnival

## Points

The following points are awarded for each match.

**Win – 4 Points**

**Score Draw – 2 Points**

**Nil All Draw – 1 Point**

**Loss – 0 Points**

The winner of each age group will be decided at the completion of all games for that age group. The method to be used for each age group is at the discretion of SCCSA and shall be advised prior to the commencement of competition when the draw is finalised.

In the event of a forfeit, the non-forfeiting team will receive 4 Points and 3 goals for. The forfeiting team will receive no points and may also be required to attend a discipline hearing along with their respective zone or affiliate.

Should a match be abandoned for any reason SCCSA shall chair a meeting, to decide the outcome of the match and any further actions deemed necessary. This decision will be final with no rights of appeal.

## Games

The number games and game duration for each age group is at the discretion of SCCSA and shall be advised prior to the commencement of competition when the draw is finalised.

## Fixtures

Fixtures will be played according to current IFAB Laws of The Game and FFA directives, except as detailed below;

## Borrowing

1. A player who is being borrowed must come from a lower age group;
2. A player who is being borrowed must be age appropriate for the age group they are being borrowed into and no older than the maximum age allowed for the QCSA State Titles competition;
3. (i) In an age group where there are 6 (six) matches (or less), a player can only be borrowed for a maximum of 2 (two) matches. The maximum number refers to the total number of games played up and not to each team they may play in. However, when they play their 2nd (second) borrowed match, they are automatically transferred into that team, which means the player shall be considered to have lost their original registered age group and team status. They cannot then play for any other team for the remainder of the State Carnival competition;

(ii) In an age group where there are 7 (seven) matches (or more), a player can only be borrowed for a maximum of 3 (three) matches. The maximum number refers to the total number of games played up and not to each team they may play in. However, when they play their 3rd (third) borrowed match, they are automatically transferred into that team by QCSA, which means the player shall be considered to have lost their original registered age group and team status. They cannot then play for any other team for the remainder of the State Carnival competition.

1. Association/Zone/Team can apply for special dispensation of the above restrictions on borrowing, during the carnival, because of injuries that have occurred ‘during the carnival, meaning that a team is significantly disadvantaged (for example, may only have 10 players left on the Monday that can play, etc.).

## Local Rules

1. Under 10/11 Corner Kicks (Short Corners), the Corner mark is to be placed 25m from the Centre of goals on the goal line.
2. Over 35s competitions: No slide tackles. Sanction: Indirect free kick. Note: Players may slide for the ball if it is not near an opponent.
3. Player Interchange

* All interchanges must take place within the interchange zone or elsewhere on the field at the discretion of the referee at the time.
* The number of interchanges that may be made is unlimited.
* Interchanging is only permitted at stoppages at the referee’s discretion and when the referee signals the interchange.
* A coach or manager requesting an interchange shall notify the Assistant Referee or referee at an appropriate time. (e.g., at a stoppage).
* The player leaving the field shall do so only after receiving the referee’s permission to leave the field of play, unless already off the field, and must leave by the nearest point on the boundary line unless the referee indicates that the player may leave directly and immediately at the halfway line or another point (e.g. for safety/security or injury).
* The player entering the field shall do so from the interchange zone, but only after the player leaving the field.
* All interchanges are at the discretion of the referee who may refuse an interchange at any time.
* The referee will not declare time off and on for an interchange

## Red and Yellow Cards

Accumulation of three (3) or more issued yellow cards at the State Titles carnival will result in an automatic one (1) match suspension during the State Carnival competition. Accumulation of five (5) or more issued yellow cards at State Titles will result in an automatic two (2) match suspension during the State Carnival Competition.

Any red cards given out during the State Carnival, will be dealt with during this competition, in the fact that players will be suspended from matches for how many games the offence committed is deemed worthy by Discipline. Serious offences, will be dealt with by an appropriate Discipline Panel convened specifically for that purpose.

It will be at the discretion of the player’s Association/Zone if any yellow cards or match suspension that are accrued during the State Carnival carry over into their regular club.

# Timeline for Zone/Association nominations and payments

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| DATE | DESCRIPTION |
| 3rd February 2023 | Expression of Interest and Nomination Form Sent |
| 24th February 2023 | Expression of Interest Closes |
| 31st March 2023 | Team Nomination Closes  25% Non Refundable deposit of team Nominations due |
| 14th April 2023 | Full Amount due for team Nominations |
|  | Draw and Photo Schedule Completed |