

2020 Football Information & Rules:

Overall Objective

Masters Games Football is a 11 v 11 social event where the emphasis is on:

- Participating rather than winning
- The philosophy is fun and fellowship

Age Qualification

- Age categories are 30+, 35+, 45+, and 50 + for males and 25+ and 30+ for women
- Players must meet the minimum age of the respective category at the beginning of the competition (February 1st, 2020)
- Dispensation is allowed for one player per team who is within 12 months of the minimum age of the respective competition
- Each team can nominate up to 20 players per team

Game Duration

- All games will be 30-minute halves.

Colour Clashes

- Bibs will be provided for teams with clashing colours
- The 2nd named team in the Draw will be required to wear the bibs.

Substitutes

- Rolling Subs are permitted and players can make multiple substitutions, up to 9 per game.

Offences

- No slide tackles.
- No aggressive play is tolerated.
- No dissent or foul language is tolerated.
- No charging or touching of goalkeepers once they have the ball.

Penalties

- **Slide tackle - 5 min sin bin**, yellow card with indirect free kick restart.
- Second Offence Yellow within a game (Red) - One Match suspension.
- Red Card in a game – will receive a one match suspension.
- All players involved in fighting will be sent off immediately.
- All other offences, FIFA Laws of the Game will apply.

Referees

- We will endeavor to have one referee for each match, but due to the number of teams and games this will be unlikely.
- If at kick off a referee has **not** turned up, the first named team shall referee the 1st half and that second named team will referee the 2nd half.

Even Standings

- In the case of two teams from a pool having the same number of points, top of the pool will be awarded based on the following order: Goal difference, goals for, winner when teams played, infringements (yellow/red cards). Should all of these be equal a coin toss will take place.