



WOMEN'S FOOTBALL CARNIVAL OF NATIONS

CELEBRATING WOMENS FOOTBALL



2023 SEASON INFORMATION BOOKLET

1. Purpose

The main purposes of this tournament are to celebrate women's football, to have a good time, to enjoy playing football and to bring the football family together.

The tournament caters for players of all ages and abilities. There is a strong emphasis on creating an inclusive carnival atmosphere.

The Carnival is not-for profit and all members of the Organising Committee are unpaid volunteers.

2. Venues and Match Dates

- **Sunday 1 October 2023, until 9 pm**

Darebin International Sports Centre, Thornbury 3071

- **Sunday 8 October 2023, until 9 pm**

Darebin International Sports Centre, Thornbury 3071

- **Sunday 15 October 2023, until 9 pm**

Kingston Heath Soccer Complex, Cheltenham 3191

- **Sunday 22 October 2023, until 9 pm**

Darebin International Sports Centre, Thornbury 3071

The Organising Committee may change venues in its discretion.

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3. Teams and Nations

Get your friends or team together and enjoy some friendly competition.

Anyone can play for any nation/team; irrespective of current registration status, club affiliation or heritage. Unregistered or new players, as well as former players, are especially welcome to join or re-join the football family.

Each team chooses one FIFA nation they represent. First team registered can choose any nation, say Australia. Second team registered can choose any nation but Australia, say Brazil. Third team registered can choose any nation but Australia and Brazil etc. There cannot be two same nations in the tournament. The Organising Committee grants nation requests in the order in which full payment of the registration fee is received.

The team registration deadline is 15 August 2023. **Women's Carnival of Nations - GO Football** <https://www.gofootball.com.au/play/pick-your-location/WFCON-2021>

There is no limit on the number of players that can register to a team. For insurance purposes every player must register herself in advance on "GO FOOTBALL". No new players may be registered after 1 October 2023.

A team is registered when the registration fee of \$400 per team is received and at least 11 players registered on "GO FOOTBALL". The registration fee should be transferred to the following bank account:

Women's World Cup Football Carnival

BSB 193-879

Account Number: 424 865 201

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4. Fixtures and Players

- o Fixtures and results will be published on GoFootball
<https://www.gofootball.com.au/play/pick-your-location/WFCON-2021>
- o Fixtures will be determined by the Organising Committee in its complete discretion.
- o Each team will be allocated a minimum of three matches.
- o Two divisions – Eucalyptus (friendly competitive) and Wattle (social).
- o Every female is eligible to play. Minimum age is 15. New, inexperienced and former players are especially welcome.
- o Individual player enquiries are welcome. The Organising Committee will endeavour finding a team for you.

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5. The Carnival Tournament Rules

- Full pitch. 11 players per team. Official referees.
- Football Victoria senior women competition rules apply except as outlined in this document.
- Match duration 2 x 45 minutes in Eucalyptus and 2 x 30 minutes in Wattle divisions. The Organising Committee may shorten matches in its discretion.
- The expected standard of players' uniform is high, showing respect to the tournament, spectators and other players. All teams are encouraged to wear the uniform of their chosen nation however this is not compulsory. The "away" team is responsible for wearing jerseys and socks of a colour different to that of the "home" team. All jerseys must be numbered.
- There is no limit to the number of substitute players.
- The interchange rule operates. On each interchange occasion one or more players may be interchanged. To avoid constant disruptions of play, a team has a maximum of three interchange occasions per half (other than injury substitutions). To further avoid constant disruptions, coaches of each team should interchange players on the same occasions.
- To prevent blow-out scores: a team behind by three goals or more will put two additional players on the pitch. Two additional players will remain on the pitch until the deficit is reduced to one goal.
- Wattle (social Division only): To avoid injuries and owing to the varying levels of experience and ages of players, all sliding tackles and all tackles from behind are prohibited, and will result in a direct free kick to the opposition.
- Further information on the tournament format and match day procedures will be published after the registration deadline 15 August 2023. This further information is part the Carnival's terms and conditions.
- Every player, coach, team manager and official must register on GoFootball and agree to our terms and conditions. Women's Carnival of Nations - GO Football
- The Organising Committee has complete discretion on how the tournament is run. For example, teams or individuals, who in the opinion of the Organising Committee, do not behave in the spirit of the Carnival, may be removed the tournament.



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The Carnival is an annual event and held every year, usually in October.
Please reserve all Sundays in October in next year's calendar.
We sincerely hope to see you again next year.

If you have a fabulous experience please tell the world. If you have any suggestions for improvement please don't hesitate to tell us.

We are very grateful to Football Victoria for their wonderful support of the Carnival!

If you have any further questions please contact an Organising Committee member below.

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