

Player Policy for Super League, Diamond League and SAP Offers

The purpose of this document is to clarify the expectations that Lindfield Football Club (LFC) has for players offered a place with a Super League, Diamond League or SAP team.

1. Player Commitment

Lindfield Football Club expects its players to demonstrate a positive attitude to football and be respectful in their behaviour toward coaches, players and officials, parents and volunteers.

Players are expected to:

1. Attend all games and training. Practices are mandatory and should only be missed on account of illness or very special circumstance. The team coach or team manager should be contacted in advance if a player cannot attend training
2. Be punctual. Arrival for training and games is determined by the coach.
3. Display a disciplined and respectful attitude towards team officials, fellow players, referees, opposition players and officials and parents and supporters:
 - At training
 - Prior, during and after a game
 - During events and functions
4. Positive communication with the coaching staff is essential for successful development. Players are expected to ask questions and should be talking with their coach regularly, particularly in the Super League and Diamond League teams.
5. Endeavour to always do their best

2. Game Conflicts

LFC understands that some players will have school sport and other activities that interfere with their ability to attend LFC games. Given the limited number of places available in Super League, Diamond League and SAP teams, it is unfair to a player's team-mates, and those who missed out at trials, for a player to be unable to attend the majority of games or withdraw from the program once it has begun. So, please consider carefully whether you will be able to juggle non-LFC commitments before accepting a place.

By accepting a place in a LFC Super League, Diamond League or SAP team, players and parents agree to make every attempt to attend LFC related events, which includes both game attendance and training. No refund will be given to players who withdraw from one of these teams due to conflicting commitments. Should there be a need to withdraw for any other reason, any such refund request will be considered on a case by case basis.

Should a player be unable to participate in at least 80% of games (e.g. 14 games out of a 17 game season) they should not accept a place where offered. If a player does accept a place and be unable to attend 80% of games, it is unlikely that they will be considered for a place in one of these teams the following season without there being significant extenuating circumstances (excluding playing in a school team).

It should be noted that coaches will have final discretion on the size and composition of Super League, Diamond League and SAP teams so that they can balance the positions and strengths that each team requires.

3. Scheduling of games

NSFA mixed competition games are no longer restricted to Saturdays and, due to ground availability, regular season games may well be scheduled to be played on a Sunday. In addition, where NSFA accepts a Special Time Request from another Club, our teams will be required to play on whichever day that game has been scheduled, which may be a Saturday, Sunday or possibly mid-week.

All players accepting a Super League, Diamond League or SAP team place will need to be aware that games will not be assured of being played on a Saturday or Sunday, however, the Club will assume that acceptance of a place in one of those teams means that you will be available to play whenever games are scheduled.

NSFA does not provide Clubs with information about season schedules until March at the earliest, so LFC will not be able to answer questions about playing days and times before March/April each season.

4. Participation in tournaments

LFC participates in a number of tournaments throughout the year. The tournaments that Super League and Diamond League players are expected to participate in as part of joining one of these teams are:

State Cup

State Cup is a Sunday competition which is held between mid-April and July and usually consists of 7 rounds, including a preliminary round, semi-final and final.

State Cup games take precedence over regular season NSFA games. Games take place on Sunday's and can be played at regional centres – depends on your draw. Regular season games that would have been played that weekend usually are rescheduled to midweek or may be played later in the day after the State Cup game has been played.

Teams from across NSW participate in age groups from U12 and up for both Mixed and Girls/Women competitions.

NSFA Cup & Shield Competitions

NSFA runs a number of knock-out competitions later in the season. If your team is participating in State Cup, they may not be eligible to play in these competitions. Again, these games are usually held on a Sunday:

- President's Shield for Mixed Under 18
- GWFC Girl's Under 18 Shield for Girls U16 and U18
- Vice-President's Shield for Mixed U16
- Treasurer's Shield for Mixed U14

NSFA-MWFA Champions Cup – post Season Sept

This is a new competition which commenced in 2020 where the winning Division 1 teams in the U12/G12 through to U18/G18 age groups in the NSFA and Manly Warringah Football Association competitions will play one match against each other for the opportunity to win their respective NSFA-MWFA Champions Cup. Usually on a Sunday, a few weeks after season end. Acts as warm up match for Champion of Champions.

Champion of Champions – post season Sept-Oct

This is a knock-out competition run by Football NSW for Division 1 Club teams that win their respective Association divisions from U12 and up for both Mixed and Girls/Women competitions.

Additional Tournaments

There are other tournaments that LFC would recommend participation in, but players are not required to participate in:

Kanga Cup

The Kanga Cup is held in Canberra, normally during the winter school holidays. It is open to Mixed and Girls teams from U9 through to U18.

Kanga Cup is a great competition, and our players get to challenge themselves against teams from across the country, with some international teams also taking part.

Bathurst Cup and Proctor Park Challenge

Football NSW runs two, high level, preseason competitions that are held in Bathurst, early – mid February, every year.

- Bathurst Cup is for U13 to U16 Mixed teams.
- Proctor Park Challenge is for U12, U14, U15 and U17 girls teams and is generally held the week after the Mixed Bathurst Cup.

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