

JCU SPORT

SOCIAL SPORT RULES AND GUIDELINES

This document outlines all the rules and regulations along with guidelines when participating in Social Sport at James Cook University (JCU).

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INTRODUCTION

JCU Sport offers Social Sport every semester over a ten week period beginning in week three of each semester (10 weeks of Social Sport will only occur if it doesn't rain). There are four sports on offer each semester – touch football, 6-a-side soccer, netball, beach volleyball (6-a-side). This semester we are also offering a new competition where you can play each sport throughout the semester called ROUNDEERS. In this competition, you will play a different sport each week which means at some point in the competition you will play touch, soccer, netball and beach volleyball.

All sports offered are mixed (co-ed).

Social Sport is open to everyone including the general public.

1. REGISTRATION

Social Sport allows students to either sign-up as a team or as an individual. If you do sign-up as an individual, JCU Sport will put you into a team.

All registrations must be done online. You will find the link to register on the 'JCU Sport' Facebook Group Page as well as on our JCU Student Association website.

There are two prices for Social Sport:

- \$55 for SA+ Members (to become an SA+ Member click [HERE](#))
- \$75 for non SA+ Members
- If you are a SA+ Member, you MUST show your SA+ Card the first week of Social Sport when you sign-in. Failure to show your SA+ Card will incur another \$20 to play Social Sport.

Fill Ins

- Teams are allowed to have a player fill in for one game if your team is short on numbers. For a player to fill in it is \$5 per game.
- That same player can fill in for up to three weeks (as long as they pay \$5 per game). If that player wants to play any more than three games, then they must pay for a full registration.
- Fill ins are not allowed to play in the finals (Semi-Finals and Grand Final).

2. TEAM INFORMATION

There are no compulsory uniforms however, teams are encouraged wear identical coloured shirts/singlets (this is not required for beach volleyball).

If registering as an individual, we will place you into a team. You will meet your teammates on the first night of competition and declare what colour to wear for future games.

Team Sizes

- There is no maximum number each team can have.
- Teams are required to have a minimum of 4 players to avoid a forfeit.
- We recommend that you have an even number of guys and girls on each team (e.g. 3 males and 3 females per team).

3. FIXTURES

All Social Sport games will happen every Monday night beginning in week three. Games will start 6pm with the last game to be scheduled at 8:55pm.

No fixtures will be scheduled during Lecture Recess.

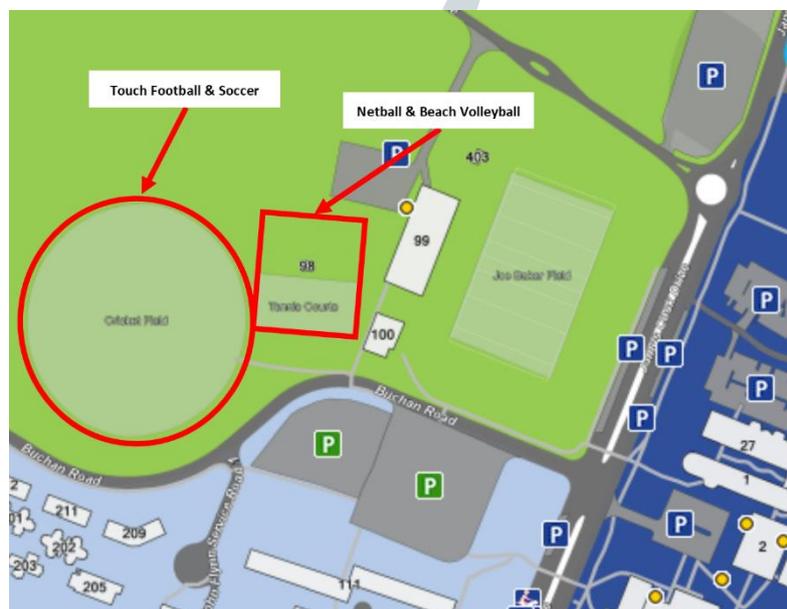
- No fixtures will be played on Public Holidays however that could be subject to change.

All fixtures will be posted on the JCU Sport Facebook Group Page **every Friday at approximately 1pm.**

- If you are unable to play at any given week, you **MUST** notify by **3pm on the Thursday prior to Monday's game** so a bye can be arranged.
- If you can only play at a specific time at any given week e.g. can only play between 6-7pm, you **MUST** notify by **12pm on the Friday prior to Monday's game.**
- These requests must be sent to sport@jcu.edu.au.
- Any requests after those deadlines will not be accepted.

Social Sport is played on the following fields/courts.

- Touch Football and 6-a-side Soccer – Cricket Oval
 - Netball and Beach Volleyball – Multipurpose Courts
- They are located on the map below:



4. RULES

EVERY PERSON must sign-in before you play EVERY WEEK. We need to make sure that everyone has paid to play. If you haven't paid, you can't play! This includes people who are filling in just for one game.

- Remember to sign-in early by arriving 10 minutes before you game and sign into the desk.
- Each person will be stamped once they have signed-in. The referees will be checking each person to see if the person has signed in.
- If you do not sign-in and go onto play, you risk your team forfeiting the game.

If your team plays in the finals, you must have played a minimum of three games throughout the semester. This includes people who have paid a full registration.

Each Social Sport game is 15 minute halves with 2 minutes halftime.

Touch Football

- Mixed touch rules apply - Teams cannot take the field with more male players than female players. (EG correct combinations - 2M, 3F or 2M, 2F or 3M,3F)(Incorrect formations - 3M,2F or 3M,1F).
- Maximum of 6 players on the field at once.
- Female Touchdowns = 2 points if the ball is passed to the try scorer before the try line.

6-a-side-Soccer

- Futsal Rules Apply - No above head height kicking, No throw-Ins, indirect penalties apply (Must pass to another player before shooting)
- Maximum of 6 players on the field at once.
- Minimum of 2 Girls on the field.
- Goalkeepers must be MALE. NO FEMALES.

Netball

- Mixed netball rules apply – Maximum 3 males on court at any given time
- Of the 3 male players, no more than 2 males are allowed in each third (Acceptable Combinations, GS - C – GK, GS-C-WD, GA-C-GK).

Beach Volleyball

- Minimum 4 players required to take the court.
- Teams cannot take the field with more male players than female players. (EG correct combinations - 2M, 3F or 2M, 2F or 3M, 3F)(Incorrect formations - 3M, 2F or 3M, 1F)

Rounders

- Will play a different sport each week throughout the competition. (e.g. Week 1 – Soccer, Week 2 – Netball etc.).
- Same rules apply for all the other sports including minimum numbers and the specific rules for each sport.

5. GRADING

Please note that in this semester teams will be unable to select which grade they will compete in. Social Sport will run as follows:

- Weeks 1-3
 - This will be a grading rounds where teams will play each other at random. This will help determine which grades each team will compete in. The results from the first three rounds will determine which pool/grade each team will be placed into. This will help separate the more experienced teams from the entry level teams.
- Weeks 4-8
 - This is where the main competition will begin. All results from the previous three rounds will be excluded from this competition to make it fair for all teams. These weeks will help determine who will play finals in each pool/grade.
- Weeks 9 & 10
 - Semi-finals and grand finals will be played in those weeks. If your team is not playing in either the semi-finals or grand finals, you will still have games to play.

6. FORFEIT FEES

A **\$50 Forfeit Fee** must be paid by the first round of fixtures when you sign-in. This forfeit fee is in place to stop teams from not showing up causing inconvenience to the opposition, the referee and JCU Sport.

If your team does not forfeit any games throughout the semester, you will be reimbursed the full

If your team forfeits any games, you be deducted the following amounts:

- First forfeit - \$10
- Second Forfeit - \$15
- Third Forfeit - \$25
 - If you forfeit three games, you will lose the full \$50 and will be removed from the competition.

The forfeit fee can be collected at the JCU Gym at the end of the semester. More details in regards to this matter will be made closer to the date.

Failure to pay the forfeit fee will result in not being scheduled for any games until that forfeit fee is paid.

Please note that forfeit fees **DO NOT** apply to individual registrations.

7. BEHAVIOUR/CODE OF CONDUCT

The JCUSA Social Sport is social competition. Unacceptable behaviour will NOT be tolerated.

Unacceptable behaviour includes: bad sportsmanship, intoxication, inappropriate or excessive swearing and vulgar language, anti-social behaviour, threatening to use physical violence, and disrespecting referees/staff.

The referee has the right to send players off if need be. It is the captain's responsibility to ensure that all players on their team are aware of the expectations and that they are followed.

We do not tolerate complaints about the refereeing. **The referee's decision is final** – Our referees are qualified personnel and we support their decisions on the field.

Unacceptable behaviour from players or spectators, towards participants, officials or staff, will result in a 1 match suspension or total exclusion from the competition.

If this type of behaviour continues, the entire team will face a two week suspension from the competition and could face further action from JCU Sport.

8. REFUNDS POLICY

In the unlikely event that you wish to withdraw from our competition and pursue a refund, amounts will be deducted from your original registration amount based on the number of games played prior to requesting the withdrawal. Played games will incur a \$5 fee and thus will be deducted from your original SA fee or non SA fee. (E.g. SA Fee registration \$55, played 2 games (\$10) total available to redeem \$45). Refunds will be awarded on a case by case basis. Any injured player whose injury is sustained through participation in our competition will be refunded based on the principles above. If you have sustained an injury in another sporting competition that limits you from playing in our competition you will not be able to recover your fee. In addition, any unforeseen placement, practicum and changes in living circumstances are also scenarios in which your registration will not be returned.

