



AFO 2009 COMPETITION GUIDELINES & REGULATIONS

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Venue: Southern Cross Stadium
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1. ORGANISING COMMITTEE

The Australian Floorball Open 2009 Organising Committee (AFO 2009 OC) consists of members of Steve King (AFA) Barb Summers (AFA) Patrik Nilsson (ACTFA) David Speldewinde (ACT) Nic Jonsson (ACTFA)

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2. IMPORTANT DATES

- Expression of Interest due Friday **May 8th 2009**
- Registration Form & deposit due Friday **May 22nd 2009**
- Full Payment, team sheet, numbers & colours due Friday **June 5th 2009**
- Draft fixture ready for distribution by Friday June **12th 2009** (reasonable feedback accepted for one week)
- Final fixture ready for distribution by Friday June **19th 2009**
- Games start on Thursday 9th July 2009 (9 am)
- All the teams are expected to arrive Wednesday 8th July (pm), ready to play Thursday morning
- Preliminary games Thursday - Saturday
- Final games on Sunday 12th July





3. REGISTRATION AND FEES

Team registrations & deposit payments are due by **15th May, 2009**. Please complete the registration form and e-mail it to australianfloorballopen2009@gmail.com and include details of your AU\$100 deposit in the covering email.

Fees

Tournament Entry: \$AU600 + \$AU100 (refundable) duty deposit per team.

At this time we are still working on arrangements for a tournament dinner. Details will be forwarded when available and costs will be additional to the fee shown above. Due to the short lead up time this year player packs will not be available.

Payments

Balance of payment is due **by Friday June 5th, 2009**. Teams failing to pay their registration fees in full by this date may incur a late fee of \$100. Payments will be processed via the VFA bank account for this event, please make payments either over the counter at a Westpac bank or via netbank transfer to:

Victorian Floorball Association
Westpac Bank
BSB: 033385
ACC: 258213





4. RULES OF THE GAME

The AFO 2009 Tournament shall be conducted in accordance with AFO 2009 Competition Regulations and the IFF Rules of the Game (Edition 2006).

In any instance where the rules stated in the AFO 2009 Competition Regulations and the IFF Rules of the Game (Edition 2006) are in conflict, the rules stated in the AFO 2009 Competition Regulations will take precedence.

5. TEAMS AND PLAYERS

- 5.1. Players are allowed to represent one (1) team only in the tournament. The transfer of players between teams is not allowed during the tournament.
- 5.2. Mixed teams are not allowed in the Men's and Women's Divisions. A player must be 15 or older at 01.01.2009 to be eligible for the senior divisions. An 'Under Age Exemption Application' can be submitted for players outside these guidelines for special dispensation at the AFO 2009 OC's discretion prior to entering the team lists. (refer rule 16 - Working With Children)
- 5.3. There will be no junior division at the AFO 2009.

6. QUALIFICATION OF PLAYERS AND COACHING STAFF

All Australian players must be officially registered with the AFA. Players in international teams or visiting international players in local teams should ensure they have appropriate insurance to cover prior to arriving to play or register with the AFA. It is the team contact representative's responsibility to make sure all their players are appropriately covered.





6.1. Teams participating are entitled to use a maximum of 20 players and a maximum of 7 coaching staff in the AFO 2009 tournament. A complete list of players and coaching staff is to be submitted by June 5th 2009. Team uniform colours should also be submitted at this time so that uniform issues can be addressed well ahead of time.

6.2. A maximum of 20 players and 5 coaching staff are allowed to participate in one (1) specific match. All of which are to be listed on the match record and signed by the team captain prior to the commencement of each match.

6.3. To qualify for the final series (quarter, semi and grand finals) the player must represent their team in at least two (2) group games. They must be in attendance at the venue and their name must appear in the match records.

7. SCHEDULING OF GAMES

The competition fixture shall be determined by the AFO 2009 OC. Queries regarding of the fixture shall be made only to the AFO 2009 OC. Teams will be required to play no more than three (3) games per day.

Length of Games:

Group Stage: 3 x 15 minutes

Finals: 3 x 20 minutes *

Each game is continuous for its duration, except for the last three (3) minutes of the last period (finals only), which will be played as 'effective time'.

A draft of the fixture will be distributed by June 12, 2009 after which teams will have one (1) week to provide reasonable feedback. The final fixture will be distributed by June 19, 2009.





8. REFEREE AND SCORE DUTY

Each nominated team has the responsibility to provide at least 2 referees and 1 other official (match recording duty) for the tournament. Failure to provide the officials will result in that team losing points on the competition ladder.

Each State should endeavour to educate a sufficient number of players to referee games and also to complete match records (score sheets) during the competition. Please contact the organizing committee for further information.

9. GAMES - GENERAL RULES

All games are to start at the scheduled time.

9.1. To commence a game, teams must field 4 players and a goal keeper.

9.2. If a team is unable to produce the required number of players at the scheduled starting time, the clock will start and a goal will be awarded to the opposing team for every two (2) minutes after the scheduled start of the game, or part thereof to a maximum of five (5) goals.

9.3. Team must complete the Match Record sheets before they take the court in their scheduled match complete with names, shirt numbers, etc., and return it to the Officials Desk prior to the commencement of that match. Teams will NOT be permitted to take the court until this is done and the "Starting Delay" penalty will be in affect until they do so.

9.4. If a team is unable to produce the required number of players ten (10) minutes after the scheduled starting time, they are deemed to have forfeited the game and a 5-0 result will be recorded.





9.5.If neither team is able to produce the required number of players, then penalties under rule 9.2 will only begin to apply when one (1) team produces the required number of players. If neither team is able to produce the required number of players ten (10) minutes after the scheduled starting time, then both teams are deemed as forfeited the game and a 0-0 result will be recorded. No points will be awarded to either team.

9.6.Warm-Up Rule: Warm-up will cease at the 1st warning siren (2min prior to the match start) and balls collected immediately. At this point the warm-up balls are returned to the Officials Desk in the bag provided. The match time will start at the scheduled game time regardless of whether both teams are ready or not. If one (1) team is not ready at the scheduled starting time the “Starting Delay” penalty will commence.

10. MEN’S DIVISION PLAYING SYSTEM

The Men’s Division consists of a maximum of twelve (12) and is divided into two groups (Pool A and Pool B). The forming of the groups shall be according to the ranking list based on previous year’s AFO tournament results. New teams are ranked in order of registration to the tournament.

<u>Group A</u>	<u>Group B</u>
Seeded 1 st	Seeded 2 nd
Seeded 4 th	Seeded 3 rd
Seeded 5 th	Seeded 6 th
Seeded 8 th	Seeded 7 th
Seeded 9 th	Seeded 10 th
Seeded 12 th	Seeded 11 th





Teams will play each team within their group once with three (3) points awarded for a win, one (1) for a draw and zero (0) for a loss. Standings at the completion of group rounds will be decided in the following order: The total number of points, goal difference, totals of goals scored. If two teams are still level, then the result of their group match shall be decisive. If the two teams can still not be separated a drawing of lot with the teams concerned shall be conducted to settle the ranking.

In the event of a draw in the finals, extra time of 5 (five) minutes will be played. Extra time playing system is a 'sudden death', where the first team to score is deemed the winner. Should scores remain level at the end of extra time, then a penalty shoot out will take place (IFF Rules of the Game, 2006).

11. WOMEN'S DIVISION PLAYING SYSTEM

The Women's Division will consist of a maximum of six (6) teams which will form one (1) group. Teams will play each team within their group once with three (3) points awarded for a win, one (1) for a draw and zero (0) for a loss. Standings at the completion of group rounds will be decided in the following order: The total number of points, goal difference, totals of goals scored. If two teams are still level, then the result of their group match shall be decisive. If the two teams can still not be separated a drawing of lot with the teams concerned shall be conducted to settle the ranking.





- If only four (4) teams participate in the group stages, each team will play each other twice. Finals will be as follows - Semi-finals: 1 v 2, 3 v 4 Qual. final: Loser of semi 1 v winner semi 2. Winner Semi 1 progresses directly to grand final.

In the event of a draw in the finals, extra time of 5 (five) minutes will be played. Extra time playing system is a 'sudden death', where the first team to score is deemed the winner. Should scores remain level at the end of extra time, then a penalty shoot out will take place (IFF Rules of the Game, 2006).

12. UNIFORMS

The players outfit shall be according to the IFF Rule 401 of the game.

A team's jersey shall be numbered with whole numbers clearly visible on the back. The back figures shall be at least 200mm high. Chest figures are also recommended but not required. The jerseys may carry any number from 1 - 99 inclusive, however number 1 is not allowed for field players.

Referees will be provided shirts by the Organising Committee, black shorts and closed toed shoes are required in all matches.





13. RESPONSIBILITIES OF TEAMS

- Teams are responsible for their spectators at all times during the tournament.
- Each team is to nominate a captain who is responsible for completing and signing the Match Record before and after each match.
- Team captains are to complete and return "All-Star Team" nominations by 3pm on Saturday, 11 July 2009.
- Teams are required to provide two (2) referees, for certain games as determined in the AFO 2009 Fixture. Failure to do so will result in the team losing 2 points on the tournament ladder for each time in which referees do not attend a scheduled game.
- The team who provides the referees for the first game of Day 1 and 2 will also be required to provide a scorer and time keeper.
- Teams are required to provide one (1) scorer/timekeeper for every match, which follows their own (on the same court).
- Teams are expected to provide help in setting up or packing up and keeping the venue tidy.
- Referee and scorer allocations for finals not yet rostered will be rostered after the standings are finalised. All teams are required to have people available for these duties.





14. PROTESTS

The AFO 2009 OC and three (3) delegates shall act as the jury and decide in matters relating to protests during the competition. Sanctions imposed by the jury are final as far as the duration of the competition to which they apply is concerned.

The protest must be made in writing on the official 'AFO 2009 Protest Form' which will be made available at each Officials Desk and submitted to the Tournament Directors Desk within 60 minutes from the completion of the match. A fee of \$100 is to be submitted with the form, which will be returned only if the protest is approved.

15. DISCIPLINARY MATTERS

The AFO 2009 OC and three (3) delegates shall act as the jury and decide in matters relating to disciplinary matters during the competition. Sanctions imposed by the jury are final as far as the duration of the competition to which they apply is concerned.

If a player commits three (3) 2 or 5 minute individual penalties in one game, he shall receive Match Penalty 2 (IFF Rules of the Game, 2006). The player will be suspended from that match and from the following match in the tournament.

15.1. **Unacceptable Behaviour** - The AFO 2009 OC will not tolerate unacceptable behaviour. Everyone participating in the AFO 2009 has the right to play without being subjected to such behaviour, and has an individual responsibility to treat others fairly. Captains/Teams will be held accountable for their failure to take reasonable steps to prevent unacceptable behaviour by a member of their team or supporters. This could result in the loss of points, forfeit or other sanctions imposed by the AFO 2009 Disciplinary Committee. Unacceptable behaviour is behaviour that, having regard to all of the circumstances, would be offensive, belittling, abusive, or threatening to another person or adverse to morale, discipline or team cohesion, or otherwise not in the interest of either the ACTFA, the AFA or floorball in general.





16. WORKING WITH CHILDREN CHECKS

Australian teams who have juniors players (under 18yrs) please note the AFA advises that you must take the following actions to ensure you comply with WWC requirements:

- The team organiser/coach/manager **must** have a WWC Card (this includes parents acting in this capacity).
- As the WWC Card holder you must ensure the safety of the juniors so we suggest at least 2 people have a WWC Card to assist.
- Any one without a WWC Card cannot organise/manage or act in any official capacity for the duration of the tournament.
- Juniors are not to share rooms with seniors without a WWC Card.

