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SPORTS COUNCIL**

Open Boys Football Championships

Tuesday 8 April - Myimbarr Community Park, Shellharbour

DATE	Tuesday 8 April, 2025 Backup
TIME	8:00am - Teams arrive 8:10am - Team Managers meeting 8:45am - First pool game 12:40pm - Last pool game 1.10pm - Play offs and finals 2.15pm - presentation and team announcement
VENUE	Myimbarr Community Park, Shellharbour (Wattle Rd)
CONVENOR	Kathryn Preece (Catholic Education Office)
COST	\$120 per team - Schools to be invoiced at the end of Term 2
TRANSPORT	Organised by each individual school.
DRESS CODE / EQUIPMENT	School sport / soccer uniform with numbered shirts, boots with moulded studs only, shin pads (compulsory). Each team must also supply a game ball for use during the day.
REFEREES	Each school must supply 1 x linesperson (1 per team) External referees will be sourced for the centre referee position Schools will be invoiced in Term 2 fees if they elect for an external referee to be supplied
CANTEEN	Students are encouraged to bring a healthy lunch to sustain their energy on the day. Canteen facilities will not be available at the venue for the day
FIRST AID	Trained First Aid officers will be in attendance. In addition, all teams are required to bring their own First Aid Kits .

SHADE	There is limited shade at the venue. Teams are advised to bring a small shelter.
GAME TIMES	Games will be 28 minutes in length with straight turnaround at half time. (no break)
WET WEATHER	Normal wet weather procedures, SMS and email to sport coordinators, CEO Twitter page update and radio announcements.
CHAMPIONSHIP RULES	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Each match will be refereed in accordance with the laws of the game, as developed by FIFA. Each team will also be required to supply a linesperson. In the first instance, **It is hoped official centre referees will be outsourced. No verbal abuse (swearing/put downs etc) will be tolerated. Students will be sent off for any verbal abuse. Please refer to the code of conduct which outlines behaviour expectations of players, coaches and spectators. All matches will be 28 minutes in duration. A siren will go to signal a turnaround. There will be no break as such after turnaround. The siren will signal the commencement of the second period. (all games will be centrally timed) No injury or stoppage time. There is no limit on interchanges throughout the game. Please wait until the ball is dead, and then notify the referee. Players are to interchange via the centre Any player sent from the field may not be eligible to play again on the day. This will be determined by the carnival convener and coaches based on referee reports and infringements. There will be a 7 minute break between games. Teams are asked to move to grounds early and be ready to play once central hooter is commenced. The winners of each pool will, in the first place, be decided on a points system: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 4 points for each win, 3 points for a scored draw, 2 points for a draw and 1 point for a loss. Forfeit will receive 0 points. <p>In the event that at the end of the round robin, two or more teams have the same points then the goal difference will be used to discriminate. If this number is the same then the team scoring the most goals will be declared the winner. If this is still the same a count back on games win/loss/draw will be used. If this is equal the winner of the head to head game between the two sides will be declared the winner. If this is still the same the winner will be decided on the toss of a coin.</p> Late arrival. Any team that is not on the playing field ready to play within 5 minutes of the starting hooter will (on request from opposition) receive a forfeit. In the event of this happening 4 points and three goals will be awarded to the no offending team. A two Pool system will run for each age group. Each team will play four pool games. There will be cross over semi finals for teams first and second in each pool and playoff games for 1/2 placings, 3/4 placings, 5/6 placings and 7/8 placings. Please see draw for details

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10. There will be no extra time to decide drawn games during the finals. The winner will be decided by a penalty shoot out.
 1. **Event Qualification:** The top 4 teams (with some room for movement after evaluation of the results) will be invited to participate in the qualifying tournament to be held on 19 June (Ian McLennan Park, Kembla Grange) in the Regional NSWCCC school teams competition pathway.
 11. Once this Diocesan event is completed, schools are allowed to move students up a division to strengthen their teams for the qualifying knockout phase should they qualify for this. Once teams are confirmed in the qualifying tournament, students are restricted to one division only. They cannot play in the junior and open divisions.

REPRESENTATIVE SELECTION

At the carnival a representative 18's squad will be selected. Students who wish to be considered for this squad should be nominated on [selection form](#) by Friday 4 April. Students named in the squad will attend a final selection trial scheduled for Thursday 15 May 2025 at Ian McLennan Park, Kembla Grange.

The NSWCCC Football championships will be played at Valentine Sports Park, Glenwood on Tuesday 27 May & Wednesday 28 May, 2025. It is anticipated the levy for students to attend will be approximately \$200 which will include return coach transport, accommodation, dinner and breakfast and include player entry levy.

READY AND SAFE TO PLAY - TEAM COACH CHECKLIST AND TIPS

- ☐ Role model appropriate behaviour to all players, coaches and referees
- ☐ Demonstrate a positive attitude
- ☐ Wear professional attire eg. school/college polo or tracksuit top
- ☐ Know your players existing medical conditions eg. asthma
- ☐ Be aware of recent injuries or concussion
- ☐ Warm up your team prior to games
- ☐ Praise respectful, skilled and fair play
- ☐ Monitor player behaviour, in and away from games, and address any issues
- ☐ Respect and support referees and opposition
- ☐ Encourage fair game time for all team players
- ☐ Follow up and report any safety concerns

MORE INFO / AGE CATEGORIES

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Open Boys Football Draw 2025

Teams & Pools - based on 2023 results/rankings* no competition in 2024

Pool A	*	Pool B	*
1. Holy Spirit College (HSC)		6. St Benedict's College (SB)	
2. Edmund Rice College (ERC)		7. John Therry College (JT)	
3. Corpus Christi (CC)		8. Mount Carmel (MTC)	
4. St Joseph's, Albion Park (AP)		9. St John's, Nowra (N)	
5. St Francis, Edmondson Park (EP)		10. Magdalene (MAG)	

8.00am	Team arrival		
8.10am	Team manager and selectors briefing		
TIME	FIELD 1	FIELD 2	FIELD 3
Round 1 8.45 – 9.13	Game 1 Pool B SB (6) V N (9)	Game 2 Pool B JT (7) V MAG (10)	Game 3 Pool A HSC (1) V EP (5)
Round 2 9.20 – 9.48	Game 4 Pool A CC (3) V HSC (1)	Game 5 Pool A ERC (2) V AP (4)	Game 6 Pool B MTC (8) V MAG (10)
Round 3 9.55 – 10.23	Game 7 Pool B ERC (2) V CC (3)	Game 8 Pool A AP (4) v (5) EP	Game 9 Pool B JT (7) V SB (6)
Round 4 10.30 – 10.58	Game 10 Pool B N (9) V MTC (8)	Game 11 Pool B MAG (10) V SB (6)	
Round 5 11.05 – 11.33	Game 12 Pool A HSC (1) V ERC (2)	Game 13 Pool B MTC (8) v JT (7)	Game 14 Pool A CC (3) v AP (4)
Round 6 11.40 – 11.38	Game 15 Pool A CC (3) V EP (5)	Game 16 Pool B N (9) V JT (7)	Game 17 Pool A AP (4) V HSC (1)
Round 7 12.15 – 12:43	Game 18 Pool B MAG (10) V N (9)	Game 19 Pool B MTC (8) V SB (6)	Game 20 Pool A ERC (2) V EP (5)
12.45 – 1.00pm	Break/Selection meeting		
Finals & Play offs 1.10 – 1.38pm	Game 21 SEM1 FINAL 1 st Pool A VS 2 nd Pool B	Game 22 SEM 2 FINAL 1 st Pool B VS 2 nd Pool A	Game 23 Play-off 7/8 4 th Pool A VS 4 th Pool B
Finals & Play offs 1.45 – 2.13pm	Game 24 Final 1/2 Winner G21 VS Winner G22	Game 25 Play-off 3/4 Loser G21 VS Loser G22	Game 26 Play-off 5/6 3 rd Pool A VS 3 rd Pool B
2:30 - 2.45pm	PRESENTATION AND ANNOUNCEMENT OF SELECTED SQUAD		

