

**Southern Districts Knock Out
Competition Rules 2019**

COMPETITION ENTRY

With the exception of teams entered in FNSW State Cup competitions (who shall be ineligible), **all competitive teams** (Grade 12 upwards) **shall be automatically entered in SDSFA knockout competition for their respective Grades.**

SDSFA knockout competitions shall be conducted for the following Grades: (subject to change by the competition department based on number of Teams)

- Grade 12, 13, 14, 15 Boys
- Grade 17, 18,
- Grade 12, 14, 16 Girls
- Marc Arcuri Memorial Cup (Grade 16 Boys)
- Peter Miller Cup (Premier League 1st, Premier League Reserve Grade, Alliance league)
- Carey Cup (All Age Divisions 2-5)
- Kevin Morris Shield (All Age Divisions 6-10)
- George Holroyd Cup (All Age Women, all divisions)
- George Peterson Shield (Over 35 and Over 45 Men)
- Liverpool Shield (Kevin Morris Shield and George Peterson Shield Winners)
- Liverpool Shield (Peter Miller Cup and Carey Cup Winners)

COMPETITION FORMAT

Knockout competition will be played over several weeks, commencing with round 1 starting at the beginning of the main competition. Format shall be simple knockout, with match winners progressing to the next round. All junior matches and including 17s shall be of normal duration, played under normal SDSFA competition rules. All 18s, All Age Men, Over 35 and All Age Women shall play reduced time of 2 x 40 min halves with the exception for the Grand Final of their knockout competitions being played at 2 x 45 min halves. If match is drawn at full-time, penalty shootout shall be conducted to determine result (no extra time).

All competitions shall be played on the opposite day of weekend to normal competition (ie: juniors on Sundays, seniors and girls on Saturday afternoons) or when scheduled by the competition department.

Competition draws will be issued at start of competition, but match dates and field allocations will be advised on a progressive basis.

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PLAYER ELIGIBILITY

A player may only play in one(1) team for the duration of the knockout competition. For the purpose of this competition, Premier League 1st and Premier League Reserve shall be considered to be 2 separate teams. The team that the players are a part of for the start of the Premier League season is the team that they will be with for the duration Knockout Competition.

CAUTIONS AND SEND-OFFS

All cautions and send-offs in knockout matches shall be reported and dealt with by PD&JC in usual manner. Knockout matches shall count for players already under suspension.

REFEREES

SDSRI will allocate match officials to knockout matches where possible. Normal competition rules shall apply for appointment of unofficial referees if required. Referees' fees are payable by teams for all matches except finals.