



JUNIOR YOUTH TOURNAMENT

Wednesday Night 7 v 7

Competition Information

What is this tournament?

The tournament is a 7-a-side social football competition held at Melrose synthetic and grass fields. The first game is scheduled for Wednesday 18 October in Week 2 of Term 4. The final game will be Wednesday 6 December in Week 10. This allows for nine games per team with one game each week.

As with last year, we will have photography from [Mike's Soccer Pics](#) and the possibility of awards for outstanding players. The West Canberra Wanderers Facebook page will be used to provide notice of arrangements in case of inclement weather.

This year there will be prizes for the winning open team and the winning girls' team in each division.

Which age groups are eligible to play?

The competition is open to those eligible to play U9 to U12 during the 2023 winter season. Children must be turning at least 9 years old in 2023 to be eligible. There is likely to be a Junior Division consisting of predominantly U9/10, and a Senior Division for U11/12. Gender and skill level will also be considered in allocations.

When are games played?

Wednesday evenings. Games will have 20-minute halves and a 5-minute break at half time. There are three timeslots as shown below:

Time	Field
5:30 – 6:15pm	Melrose grass field
5:30 – 6:15pm	Melrose synthetic
6:30 – 7:15pm	Melrose synthetic
7:30 – 8:15pm	Melrose synthetic

Where are games played?

Melrose synthetic and grass fields. These fields are at the back of Melrose High School with entry off Marr St, Melrose.

When do registrations close?

Teams will be accepted on a first come first served basis until all positions are filled. Registrations must be submitted and paid by **COB Sunday 1 October 2023**.

Can I have a mixture of ages and genders in my team?

Yes. We usually do not have enough girls' teams for a separate girls' tournament, but we will have champion and runner-up prizes awarded for the highest point scoring open and girls' teams.

How many players can I have in my team?

We recommend at least 9 per squad but there is no minimum or maximum requirement on team size. However, no more than 11 players can attend each game.

How many teams are participating, and will there be separate divisions?

There will be up to 16 teams participating and there may be one or two divisions depending on the ages and skill levels of the teams that register.

How do I nominate my team to play in the tournament?

You can register your team at the West Canberra Wanderers website <https://www.westcannerrawanderers.org.au/summer-tournaments> or by emailing tournaments@westcannerrawanderers.org.au. Your team's position will be secure when you have submitted a team registration form and paid in full.

Can I nominate a single player for the tournament?

We recommend forming groups and nominating as a team. For individuals who cannot find a team, you may contact tournaments@westcannerrawanderers.org.au and we will try to place you in a team, but this cannot be guaranteed.

Will my team need a coach and a manager?

Each team will need at least one adult contact (e.g. manager or coach) who is a single point of contact for administration purposes. A team can have up to three team staff in the technical area (typically a coach, assistant coach and a manager).

Will my team need a uniform?

Yes. Players will need to have matching t-shirts but numbers on the back are NOT required. Where two teams have similar colours, it is the responsibility of the first team listed on the draw to find and wear alternate-coloured t-shirts or bibs.

Will referees be provided and who will set up the field?

Centre referees will be provided. All teams will be responsible for:

- putting the goals and nets up when they play in the first time slot and taking them down and packing them up after they play in the last time slot;
- providing a match ball for use each week.

What is the cost of the tournament?

The cost of registration is \$1000 per team with an additional \$12 insurance fee for each player who is NOT registered with Capital Football for the current winter or futsal competitions. For example, if there are 10 players in the team including two players who have not played in either the winter or futsal competitions this year, the cost is \$1024. These \$12 insurance payments are paid directly by the players' parents/carers to Capital Football whereas the \$1000 team fee is paid by the team contact/manager to the West Canberra Wanderers Football Club.

Do all players need to have an FFA number?

Yes. It is a Capital Football requirement that all football players and officials participating in Capital Football affiliated competitions have an FFA Number. Therefore, players that have NOT competed in the winter football/futsal competitions will need to register for an FFA number.

Is there any specific health advice for this tournament?

When you attend Melrose, we ask that you please follow the following precautions:

- If unwell, do not attend the venue
- Cover mouth and nose with a tissue or your elbow when you cough or sneeze
- If using tissues, place them directly in the bins provided
- Do not touch your eyes, nose, or mouth if your hands are not clean
- No spitting at any time.

If you're unsure at any time, please visit the [ACT Health](#) website for advice. If you're still unsure of certain guidelines and health advice, please contact Capital Football.

What are the Rules of the Game?

1. Games have 20-minute halves with a five-minute half-time break.
2. Seven players a side (including one goalkeeper).
3. Teams must wear the same shirt – except goalkeepers who must wear a different shirt.
4. Shin guards are compulsory. Players will not be permitted on the field without shin guards. Players injured without shin guards are not covered by insurance.
5. Regular football rules apply (including the adherence to the [FFA Code Of Conduct](#)), with two exceptions:
 - No slide tackles - Slide tackles will result in an indirect free kick for the opposition.
 - No offside
6. A player issued a YELLOW CARD must leave the field for 5 minutes and cannot be replaced. A player issued a RED CARD will be required to leave the field for the remainder of the game and may face a one match ban and possible further disciplinary action.
7. Please remember that this is a SOCIAL competition and should be played that way. Teams or players may be excluded for the remainder of the tournament for serious indiscretions.
8. Referees will provide the competition coordinators with game results.
9. Where a game is unable to proceed due to inclement weather, we will try to arrange a make-up game, if requested. Sometimes this is not possible due to a continuation of poor weather, limited fields, or constraints on the availability of teams and referees. Where half a game or

more can be played prior to the game being abandoned, the half-time score will be used as the final score. Where a game is abandoned and cannot be replayed (and less than half a game was possible), then a 0-0 result will be awarded.

What is the registration and payment process?

The team contact is responsible for registration and payment and will need to:

- a) Fill out the Team Registration Form available at [add link from club website].
- b) Transfer the full team fee of \$1000 into the bank account below and email the receipt to tournaments@westcanberrawanderers.org.au.

BSB:	633 000
Account Number:	153 590 724
Description:	'7v7 Jnr [<i>Your team's name</i> ']

The tournament organiser will acknowledge receipt of your payment and let you know that your team placement is secure.

- c) You also need to ensure that all players register on [Play Football](#) by following the instructions below. This is a Capital Football requirement. Players cannot participate in the tournament if they are not individually registered through the Play Football system.
 1. Go to <https://www.playfootball.com.au/>
 2. Choose either 'Re-Registering to play this season' or 'New to Football', whatever applies.
 3. Continue by following the prompts. When you are requested to select a club or association choose: 'West Canberra Wanderers FC' at Pearce, ACT.
 4. Continue following prompts to Get Started and Sign In.
 5. Select the person you are registering (i.e. the player).
 6. If the player is already registered with any Capital Football club for this season, they should select the free package shown below.

Wanderer's Summer Tournament			
Please select if you/your child has played in the Winter competition (any club)			
			Select
Role	Type	Age	Level
Player	Social	2-99 Mixed	Social

If the player did not register with Capital Football this year, then they should select the package shown below that includes a fee of \$12 to cover insurance.

Wanderer's Summer Tournament - No Insurance			
Please select if you/your child has NOT played in the Winter competition (any club)			
			Select
Role	Type	Age	Level
Player	Social	2-99 Mixed	Social

Any system problems or difficulties with registration in Play Football should be directed to: administrator@westcannerrawanderers.org.au.

Where can I get more information?

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