



# **Bubble Soccer**

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## **GRADE**

Open C

## **INTRODUCTION**

- Bubble Soccer is a simplified form of soccer, with players attempting to kick the soccer ball into the goal whilst wearing a large inflatable “bubble” ball.
- The bubble is around 1.5 metres high, covering the player from above their head to below their waist.
- Players can freely run into and bounce off team mates or opponents, using the force to gain an advantage.
- Excessively rough or dangerous use of the bubble towards an opponent will not be tolerated and will be penalized.
- Rules for Bubble Soccer are based on SYG rules for Synthetic Soccer.

## **FORMAT**

- Round robin competition followed by knockout finals
- Played on a reduced size grass soccer field
- 5 players allowed per team (4 on field and 1 substitute)
- Further substitutes can participate, but only 1 spare bubble will be available per team
- There is no restriction on gender or age, this is an open sport

## **UMPIRES**

- Each group will be required to supply an umpire/scorer on a rostered rotation basis.

## **UNIFORMS AND EQUIPMENT**

- Uniforms must be of like kind and colour.
- It is compulsory for all players to wear appropriate enclosed sports shoes. Moulded-soled shoes or boots with tags will not be permitted under any circumstance. Players are also not permitted to wear work boots or hiking boots.

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## **DRAWN MATCHES**

- Should a regular competition match be drawn at full time, a draw will be awarded.
- In the event of a draw in the finals, teams must select one player each to battle in a one on one, golden goal play off.

## **GENERAL RULES**

All matches must be played according to the referee's interpretation of the rules. It is the team captain's responsibility to make sure that their players know the rules.

- Kick-Off – The ball will be placed in the centre of the field, and teams line up along their goal line. When the whistle blows teams may run to the ball for possession. This will occur every time a goal is scored.
- Kick Ins – All kick ins from the side line must be kicked in by the opposite team that kicked it out.
- Corners will be played as per normal.
- A foul kick will result in a free kick to the opposition.
- There is no designated Goal Keeper. If you wish to have one of your team members stay in front of the goals, this is acceptable.
- Free Kicks – Free kicks are given at the discretion of the referee. If players are playing in an overly aggressive manner then a free kick will be awarded to the opposing team.
- If a free kick is awarded, the opposition must be 5 metres away from where the kick is being taken.
- Offside – No offside laws will be applied in this competition.
- Balls in Bubbles – If the ball lands in a bubble, play will stop and the ball retrieved. The referee will then conduct a 'drop ball' with one member from each team.

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