



# 2018 KANGA CUP INFORMATION GUIDE









## THE KANGA CUP

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**The Kanga Cup is the biggest international youth football tournament in the Southern Hemisphere and one of the top five tournaments of its kind in the world!**

The Kanga Cup strives towards its philosophy and mission “*Uniting the Youth of the World through Football*” and as such the tournament provides an opportunity for participants to meet players from all over Australia as well as overseas. Past international teams have been from Fiji, South Africa, Korea, Georgia, England, New Zealand, the United States of America, Chinese Taipei and many more.

The 2018 Kanga Cup will be held over six days, from 8 – 13<sup>th</sup> July in Canberra, Australia’s capital city.





## A BRIEF HISTORY

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The Kanga Cup had humble beginnings, starting in 1991 in Sydney before moving to its new home of Canberra in 1993. The inaugural Kanga Cup had just 35 teams participate; the 2018 edition had over 370 teams take part, seeing 5500 participants from Australia and overseas meet in Canberra for a week of football, culture, fun and friendship like no other.

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With previous editions of the Kanga Cup reaching capacity, it is important to register for the 2018 Kanga Cup as soon as possible. Registrations open on the 14<sup>th</sup> February and we have already had interest from a number of international teams, so if you would like to test yourself against teams from all around Australia and the world, this is your chance!

To register go to [www.kangacup.com](http://www.kangacup.com)

## DISCOVER OUR NATION'S CAPITAL

**Australia's Kanga Cup capital, Canberra, is a destination on the rise. From famed national attractions to foodie hotspots and spectacular natural surrounds – Canberra has something for everyone.**

While Canberra may be the political hub of the nation, this young, modern capital city is the place to discover Australia's stories through national attractions that hold and share the essence of Australia. The capital offers visitors a perfect blend of arts and culture, outdoor activities plus family friendly attractions, such as Questacon – The National Science and Technology Centre, to both entertain and educate children.

See how Australia's elite athletes train at the Australian Institute of Sport, marvel at the largest collection of Australian Indigenous art in the world at the National Gallery of Australia, visit one of the world's great museums – the moving Australian War Memorial and discover the place where Australia's stories live at the National Museum of Australia.

The city, with a population of 384,000 people, is designed around Lake Burley Griffin, a man-made lake popular with cyclists, walkers and joggers, and is an easy 2.5 hour drive to both the pristine South Coast of New South Wales and the scenic Snowy Mountains.

Canberra has a vibrant foodie scene, with popular dining and entertainment precincts located in the city centre, Braddon, Manuka, Kingston and Dickson. Braddon's Lonsdale Street and the New Acton precincts are fast becoming hipster hot spots, with an eclectic mix of wine bars, restaurants, and cool coffee shops.



[www.visitcanberra.com.au](http://www.visitcanberra.com.au)







# TOURNAMENT INFORMATION

## WHO MAY PARTICIPATE

**Team eligibility** – entry is available to affiliated clubs/associations of an FFA member (state federation) or another FIFA National Football Federation, and schools (conditions apply). Australian teams must be sanctioned by their association and Member Federation, and all international teams must be sanctioned by their National Football Federation.

**Player eligibility** – all players registered to a team in the competition must be nationally registered players for 2018.

## AGE GROUPS – BOYS & GIRLS

U9	Born on or after 1/1/09
U10	Born on or after 1/1/08
U11	Born on or after 1/1/07
U12	Born on or after 1/1/06
U13	Born on or after 1/1/05
U14	Born on or after 1/1/04
U15	Born on or after 1/1/03
U16	Born on or after 1/1/02
U17	Born on or after 1/1/01
U18	Born on or after 1/1/00

## PLAYING SQUADS

U9	12 players + 3 team officials
U10 - U11	14 players + 3 team officials
U12 - U18	16 players + 3 team officials

## MATCH FORMATS

All games are played in alignment with FIFA laws and FFA guidelines

	U9	U10-11	U12-13	U14-18
PLAYERS	7v7	9v9	11v11	11v11
FIELD SIZE	Length 40m x Width 30m	Length 60m x Width 40m	Length 90-120m x Width 45-90m	Length 90-120m x Width 45-90m
PLAYING TIMES	2x20 min (5 min half time)	2x25 min (5 min half time)	2x30 min (5 min half time)	2x35 min (5 min half time)
OFFSIDE	NO	NO	YES	YES

## CATEGORIES

Three divisions are offered in most age groups.

**Cup Competition:** Premier League teams, district representatives and division one teams

**Plate Competition:** Newly promoted division one teams and division two teams

**Shield Competition:** Developing teams from lower divisions.

Due to the historically low number of entries in certain age groups, not all levels categories will be offered to every age group. Teams are to nominate into an appropriate level of competition for the age group. Teams are required to provide records of their 2017 Kanga Cup results and/or standings from their association competitions on registration. The Kanga Cup Organising Committee (KCOC) reserves the right to place teams into divisions that differ from a team's nomination

## REFEREES

All matches are assigned an Australian or internationally registered referee however teams must be prepared to provide an assistant referee.

## PRIZES

There are many prizes up for grabs at the Kanga Cup. For teams reaching the final, each player will receive a medal, and each winning team will receive a Kanga Cup trophy.

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## SANCTIONING AND INSURANCE

**Australian teams** – All Australian teams must include a letter of sanction from their Member Federation to fulfil the protocols involved with visiting another part of the Australian Football Family. Letters of sanction need to state that registered participants of the travelling team are covered by the Member Federation's insurance. Please check with your Member Federation that this is the case. We strongly encourage participants to also take out personal sports injury/private health insurance.

**International teams** – entry to the Kanga Cup is only available to an affiliated club of a member of an international Football Association affiliated with FIFA or a school. All international teams must include a letter of sanction from their National Football Association (or school) to fulfil the protocols involved with visiting another part of the International Football Family. International teams must also have proof of travel insurance to cover personal accident or injury.

## VENUES

The Kanga Cup games are played at a host of venues across Canberra, presenting you with a great opportunity to see all that Canberra has to offer.

## DRAW CHANGES

The Team Manager will be informed about draw changes. Any changes made will also be announced via the Kanga Cup official website and social media. Teams are not permitted to change divisions/pools after draw is released.

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## DISPENSATION

Templates for all dispensation requests can be found on the [Kanga Cup Website](#)

**Under Age** – Clubs wishing to have players play more than two years above their birth year must make a formal request on club letterhead containing relevant documentation.

**Over Age players** – A team wishing to play a player in an age group below his/her birth year must submit grounds for request in writing on club letterhead to the KCOC

**Relative Age Effect (RAE)** – Players whose birthdates fall in the last three months of the year may be eligible to play for a team in the age group below their birth year and be given status as an RAE player

**Player loans** – A team may borrow up to three players from another club/s *within their association* to make up team numbers. Teams wishing to borrow players from another club will be required to seek approval from the KCOC in writing on signed club letterhead, with written permission from the player's usual club releasing them for the duration of the tournament.



## SHIN GUARDS

Shin guards are compulsory as per the FIFA Regulations; no player will be permitted to play without them. Shin guards must be covered entirely by stocking and made of suitable material to provide reasonable protection.

## JEWELLERY & GLASSES

Players and goalkeepers must not use equipment which is dangerous to them or to other players; this includes *any kind* of jewellery.

Players are able to wear glasses; referees are to show tolerance regarding wearing glasses, especially for younger players. Referees are not experts on whether glasses are safe or not, the onus falls back onto players/officials and/or parents.

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## ACCREDITATION & PROOF OF AGE

All registered players and officials will receive tournament identification in the form of wristbands for players and accreditation passes for officials. These passes will provide access to all matches, special events and special deals (e.g. discounts).

Player wristbands must be worn at all times for the duration of the tournament, and any broken ones must be brought into headquarters when seeking a replacement.

All players in the tournament will be required to carry some form of photo ID (e.g. Student Card) at all matches. An [ID template](#) is available on the website for players who do not already possess one.

## BLOOD INJURIES

When a player has a blood injury or when that blood has affected another player, and/or their uniforms the referee will stop the game for treatment and removal of blood. The player shall only be permitted back to play upon referees approval.

## EXTRA TIME & FINALS

There will be no extra time played in any Group Stage Matches. Should scores be equal at the conclusion of a Championship Series Match, extra time shall be played in accordance with the following:

U9 – U11: 5 min each way

U12 – U18: 10 min each way

If at the end of extra time, scores are still drawn, alternate kicks from the penalty mark shall be taken to determine the winner.

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## ACCOMMODATION

JT Sports Tours are the official travel provider for the 2018 Kanga Cup. Contact JT Sports Tours for an obligation-free quote today, and save time and money when you book through Jack and his team.

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- Team bus travel
- Accommodation
- Group bookings for teams
- Family bookings for individuals
- Car and bus hire

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## ENTRY AND PAYMENT

A non-refundable deposit of \$250 will be required upon registration to confirm your team's spot in the competition.

## WITHDRAWALS & REFUNDS

If a team withdraws from the competition, refunds may be given under the following conditions:

- \$250 deposit is non-refundable
- Teams who withdraw after May 4 will forfeit 100% of entry fees.

## KEY DATES

**Feb 14:** Registrations open online

**May 4:** Team registrations close & deposits due

**May 14:** Final balance of entry fees due

**May 21:** Provisional pools for each competition released

**June 12:** Final draw published (small changes may be made at discretion of KCOC)

**June 13:** Final registrations due (player/team details, proof of age and code of conduct)

**June 18:** Dispensations due

**July 8:** Opening Ceremony

**July 9:** Matches Begin

**July 13:** Grand Finals Day







## ENTRY COSTS 2018

	U9 12 players + 3 officials	U10-11 14 players + 3 officials	U12-18 16 players + 3 officials
<b>REGISTRATION FEE (\$AUD)</b>	\$1100 inc. GST	\$1300 inc. GST	\$1500 inc. GST
<b>DEPOSIT (DUE WITH NOMINATION)</b>	\$250	\$250	\$250
<b>DEPOSIT DUE DATE</b>	Time of Nomination	Time of Nomination	Time of Nomination
<b>FULL BALANCE DUE DATE</b>	14 <sup>th</sup> May	14 <sup>th</sup> May	14 <sup>th</sup> May

*Note: All Registration Fees are per team.*

*Information regarding withdrawing nominations and refunds can be found on page 10 of this information document.*

The entry fees cover participation in the competition (including hire of facilities, cleaning and referee fees) as well as a team kit bag, an official program, training ball, a gift for each player, vouchers and discount coupons, entry to the opening ceremony and access to events throughout the week for both players and officials.





### CONTACT US!

For more information and the tournament, registration, entry fees, accommodation and Canberra please contact the Kanga Cup Organising Committee

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