



2021 MCDONALD'S KANGA CUP INFORMATION GUIDE







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The McDonald's 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 McDonald's 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 2021 McDonald's Kanga Cup will be held over six days, from 4th – 9th July in Canberra, Australia's capital city.



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The McDonald's 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 2019 edition had over 320 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 McDonald's Kanga Cup reaching capacity, it is important to register for the 2021 McDonald's Kanga Cup as soon as possible. We are wary of restrictions that may be in place due to COVID-19 and are taking these into account when determining maximum team numbers.

Registrations are set to open in April, to register go to <http://kangacup.com>



DISCOVER OUR NATION'S CAPITAL

Australia's McDonald'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 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.

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.





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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 2021.

AGE GROUPS – BOYS & GIRLS

U9	Born on or after 1/1/12
U10	Born on or after 1/1/11
U11	Born on or after 1/1/10
U12	Born on or after 1/1/09
U13	Born on or after 1/1/08
U14	Born on or after 1/1/07
U15	Born on or after 1/1/06
U16	Born on or after 1/1/05
U17	Born on or after 1/1/04
U18	Born on or after 1/1/03

PLAYING SQUADS

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

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 2019 McDonald's Kanga Cup results and/or standings from their association competitions on registration. The McDonald's Kanga Cup Organising Committee (KCOC) reserves the right to place teams into divisions that differ from a team's nomination.

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 (5min HT)	2x25 min (5min HT)	2x30 min (5min HT)	2x35 min (5min HT)
OFFSIDE	NO	NO	YES	YES

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.

DISPENSATION

The process regarding applying for dispensations can be found on the [McDonald's 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.

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).

All players in the tournament will be required to carry an ID Card using the McDonald's Kanga Cup ID template which will be available on the website.

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.

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 McDonald's 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.

VENUES

The McDonald's 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

ACCOMMODATION

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provider for the 2021 McDonald's Kanga Cup. Contact Performance Travel for an obligation-free quote today, and save time and money when you book through Jack and his team.

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DRAW CHANGES

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

REFEREES

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

SHIN GUARDS

Shin guards are compulsory as per the FIFA Laws of the Game; 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.





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 28 will forfeit 100% of entry fees.

ENTRY AND PAYMENT

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

KEY DATES

TBC: Registrations open online

May 21: Team registrations close & deposits due

May 24: Final balance of entry fees due

May 31: Provisional pools for each competition released

June 1: Dispensations due

June 29: Final registrations due (player/team details, proof of age and code of Conduct)

TBC: Final draw published (small changes may be made at the discretion of KCOC)

July 4: Opening Ceremony

July 5: Matches Begin

July 9: Grand Finals Day





ENTRY COSTS 2021

	U9 12 players + 3 officials	U10-11 14 players + 3 officials	U12-18 16 players + 3 officials	AWD 16 players + 3 officials
REGISTRATION FEE (TEAM FEE) (\$AUD)*	\$1100	\$1300	\$1500	\$500
DEPOSIT (DUE WITH NOMINATION)	\$250	\$250	\$250	\$250
DEPOSIT DUE DATE	Time of Nomination	Time of Nomination	Time of Nomination	Time of Nomination
FULL BALANCE DUE DATE	May 21	May 21	May 21	May 21

** Please note that in 2021 all registration fees will incur an online credit card processing fee on top of the registration fee.*

Information regarding withdrawing nominations and refunds can be found on Page 9.

Please note that all registration fees are per team. 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.



AWD ATHLETES WITH DISABILITY

Teams competing in the AWD competition will take part in tournament matches on Tuesday and Wednesday against other teams in the competition. The top four teams at the end of the two days will progress to the semi-finals on Thursday with the winners to play in the Grand Final.

Grand Final will take place on Friday at Southwell Park with the rest of the McDonald's Kanga Cup grand finals.

	AWD COMPETITION	AWD GALA DAY
REGISTRATION FEE (\$AUD)*	\$500	\$20/player
DEPOSIT (DUE WITH NOMINATION)	\$250	N/A
DEPOSIT DUE DATE	Time of Nomination	Time of Nomination
FULL BALANCE DUE DATE	May 18	May 18

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GALA DAY: MONDAY 5TH JULY

Registered teams are mixed up to create new teams to take part in matches. Individuals are able to register and will be added into teams. Teams will change throughout the day to give players the chance to play with other people as well.

Fun friendly games are played with the aim of providing a chance to meet new players and enjoy a day of football with players from other states. Games will be 20 minutes in length – 2 x 10-minute halves.

Teams participating in the AWD competition are automatically registered for the gala day, and teams wishing to just enter the gala day will be charged \$20/player to cover insurance.

Any individuals registering for just the Gala Day will also be charged \$20/player.



TOURNAMENT CODE OF CONDUCT

This code of behaviour is applicable to all players, referees, coaches, managers and officials registered and involved in the McDonald's Kanga Cup competitions. Any breach to this Code of Conduct will be subject to disciplinary action by the McDonald's Kanga Cup Disputes & Disciplinary Committee and Capital Football. By signing this document, you are agreeing to the conditions on behalf of your team.

- a) All players, coaches, managers and club officials are to play the game in a spirit of fair play, accepting of the referee's decision and abiding by the Laws of the Game.
- b) All players, coaches, managers and club officials must not, during the course of, or after a match, under the jurisdiction of Capital Football, abuse or address a Referee or Assistant Referee in an insulting or offensive manner.
- c) All players, coaches, managers, club officials and referees must not engage in violent acts, verbal abuse, offensive language or behaviour, or acts likely to incite others, including spectators. To engage in such behaviour or any other conduct is detrimental to the spirit and image of the game.
- d) All players, coaches, managers, officials and referees at all times must, while under the control of McDonald's Kanga Cup fixtures, act, dress and behave in public in a manner which does not bring the game or the McDonald's Kanga Cup into disrepute.
- e) All players, coaches, managers, club officials or referees shall not, at any time, make any comment in any publication, whether written, televised or broadcast, which is detrimental to the interests, welfare or image of the McDonald's Kanga Cup and Capital Football.
- f) All players, coaches, managers, club officials or referees shall not, at any time, utilise the image rights of players, officials, referees, spectators, staff and other people that are in the vicinity of authorised Kanga Cup activities for whatever purpose without the permission of those whose image is taken.
- g) All managers, coaches and club officials will endeavour to control the behaviour of team supporters to accord with the general principles of the Code of Conduct as detailed herein.
- h) All participants at all times must comply with any reasonable direction, given by any McDonald's Kanga Cup official at any of the playing venues, in respect to behaviour at a match, keeping the playing field clear and in endeavouring to assist officials in maintaining control of spectators and players.
- i) Failure to comply with all or part of the McDonald's Kanga Cup Code of Conduct will be subject to disciplinary as determined by Capital Football or the McDonald's Kanga Cup Disputes & Disciplinary Committee.



CONTACT US!

For more information about the tournament, registration, entry fees, accommodation or Canberra please contact the McDonald's Kanga Cup Organising Committee

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