



Kanga cup 2025



TOURNAMENT INFORMATION GUIDE

WHAT IS THE KANGA CUP?

The inaugural edition of the Kanga Cup was founded and hosted in 1991 in Sydney. The tournament moved to its new home of Canberra in 1993 and has been held in the capital ever since.

The Kanga Cup is a five day international youth football tournament held annually in Canberra during the July school holidays. The tournament hosts age groups ranging from U9s to U16s in both open and female competitions, with teams coming from various backgrounds including clubs, academies, schools and associations. The Kanga Cup is regarded as the largest youth tournament in the southern hemisphere and a prestigious event of youth football in Australia.

The tournament offers participants a chance to connect with players from across Australia and beyond. Previous international teams have represented countries such as Fiji, South Africa, South Korea, Georgia, England, New Zealand, the United States, Chinese Taipei, and many others.

Kanga Cup is dedicated to its mission of
“Uniting the Youth of the World through Football.”



2025 TOURNAMENT

The 2025 Kanga Cup is scheduled to take place over five days, from July 14 to 18, in Canberra, the capital city of Australia.

For the first time Kanga Cup moves to the second week of the July 2025 school holidays - the British and Irish Lions play the ACT Brumbies on 9 July in Canberra so there is no accommodation available in the first week. This change also gives organiser's the chance to try some new ideas at this years tournament.

The changes being trialed in 2025 include:

- Capping the total number of teams to 324 teams, to focus on the competition quality and value to participants.
- Resting the Opening Ceremony on Sunday prior to the tournament. Smaller ceremonies will be held at each venue on the first day of competition.
- Resting the U17 & U18 age groups. These age groups have had the lowest number of team entries consistently in the last few tournaments.



DISCOVER OUR NATION'S CAPITAL

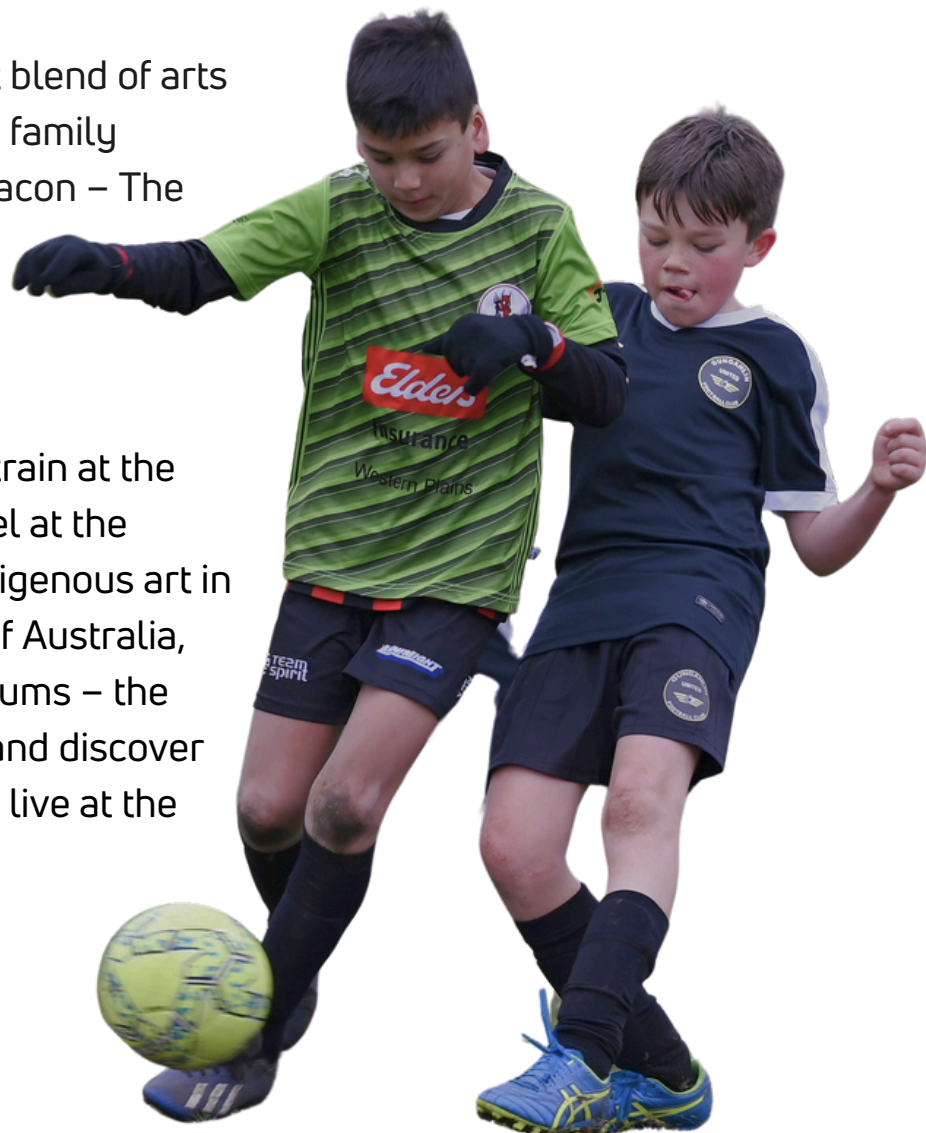
Australia's Kanga Cup capital, Canberra, is a destination on the rise. From famed national attractions to foodie hotspots and spectacular natural surrounds – Canberra has something for everyone.

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 city, with a population of 483,000 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.

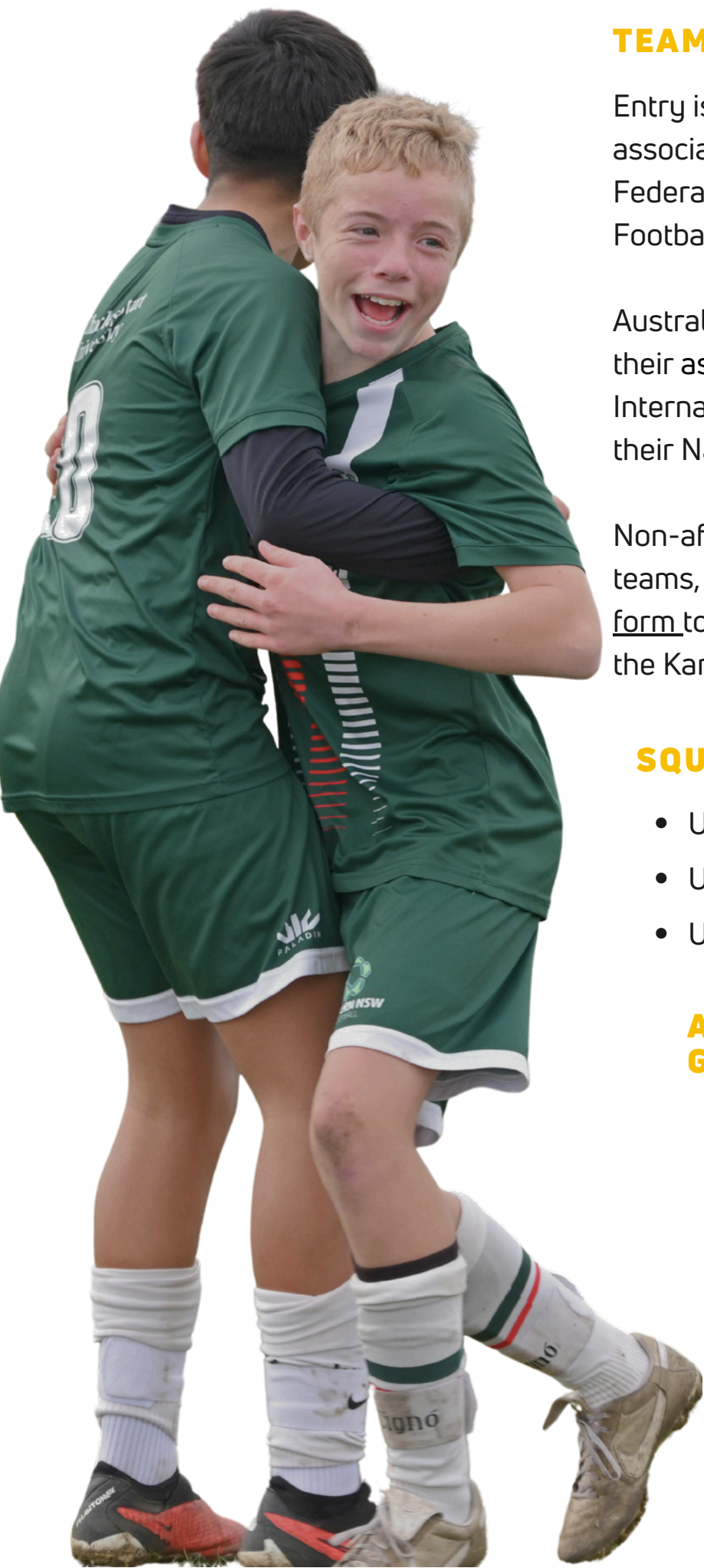
Canberra has a vibrant foodie scene, with popular dining and entertainment precincts located in the city centre, Braddon, Manuka, Kingston and Dickson. Braddon's Lonsdale Street and the New Acton precincts are fast becoming hipster hot spots, with an eclectic mix of wine bars, restaurants, and cool coffee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



TOURNAMENT INFORMATION



TEAM ELIGIBILITY

Entry is available to all affiliated clubs / associations of a Football Australia Member Federation or another FIFA National Football Federation.

Australian teams must be sanctioned by their association and Member Federation. International teams must be sanctioned by their National Football Federation.

Non-affiliated clubs, academies, composite teams, and schools must submit a request form to prove their eligibility to register in the Kanga Cup.

SQUAD SIZE

- U9: 12 players + 3 team officials
- U10 - U13: 14 players + 3 team officials
- U14 - U16: 16 players + 3 team officials

AGE GROUPS - BOYS & GIRLS

- U9 born on or after 1/1/2016
- U10 born on or after 1/1/2015
- U11 born on or after 1/1/2014
- U12 born on or after 1/1/2013
- U13 born on or after 1/1/2012
- U14 born on or after 1/1/2011
- U15 born on or after 1/1/2010
- U16 born on or after 1/1/2009

DIVISIONS

- **Cup:** Premier League, Junior Development League/SAP, District representatives, Academies, and competitive Division One teams.
- **Plate:** Newly promoted Division One teams and Division Two teams.
- **Shield:** Developing teams from lower divisions.

**Due to low demand in some age groups, not all divisions are offered in every age group.



Teams must nominate into an appropriate level of competition. Teams are required to provide records of their 2024 standings from their association competitions on registration.

The organisers reserve the right to place teams into divisions that differ from their team's nomination.

If you would like assistance selecting the right division for your team, please contact info@kangacup.com.

Once allocations have filled for specific divisions, teams will be placed on a waiting list.

STRUCTURE

| Age Group | Maximum Team Capacity for Age Group | | Proposed allocation for Division | | |
|-----------|-------------------------------------|----|----------------------------------|-------|--------|
| | | | Cup | Plate | Shield |
| U9 | Open | 44 | 8 | 24 | 12 |
| U10 | Open | 36 | 8 | 14 | 14 |
| | Girls | 16 | 8 | 8 | |
| U11 | Open | 36 | 8 | 14 | 14 |
| | Girls | 16 | 8 | 8 | |
| U12 | Open | 50 | 14 | 24 | 12 |
| | Girls | 16 | 8 | 8 | |
| U13 | Open | 24 | 6 | 12 | 6 |
| | Girls | 12 | 6 | 6 | |
| U14 | Open | 21 | 7 | 7 | 7 |
| | Girls | 16 | 8 | 8 | |
| U15 | Open | 10 | 5 | 5 | |
| | Girls | 10 | 5 | 5 | |
| U16 | Open | 10 | 10 | | |
| | Girls | 7 | 7 | | |

The total team capacity for this year is 324.

Each age group and division have a set capacity of teams that can be entered.

Whilst competition places are on a first in first served basis, team registrations are not guaranteed until approved by the organisers.

Semi-finals and Grand finals are guaranteed for each competition.



TEAM REGISTRATION COSTS

| | U9 12 players + 3 officials | U10-13 14 players + 3 officials | U14-16 16 players + 3 officials |
|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------|------------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| REGISTRATION FEE (TEAM FEE) (\$AUD)* | \$1,280 | \$1,490 | \$1,700 |
| DEPOSIT (DUE WITH NOMINATION) | \$250 | \$250 | \$250 |
| DEPOSIT DUE DATE | Time of Nomination | Time of Nomination | Time of Nomination |
| FULL BALANCE DUE DATE | May 18 | May 18 | May 18 |

Registration fees are per team, not per player.

The fee covers all costs associated with participation in the tournament (including facility and equipment hire and maintenance, referee fees) as well as a team kit bag, official programs, match ball, a gift for each player, vouchers and discount coupons, and access to events throughout the week for both players and officials.

A deposit of \$250 will be required upon nomination to register your team's spot in the competition. **If a team is not accepted by the organisers due to a lack of capacity, a refund, as per our policy, will be permitted.

All registration fees will incur an additional online processing fee set by our competition management system of 2.25% to 3.75% depending on the card type.



MATCH FORMATS

| | U9 | U10-11 | U12 | U13 | U14-16 |
|-------------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|---|
| PLAYERS | 7v7 | 9v9 | 9v9 | 9v9 | 11v11 |
| FIELD SIZE (MIN) | Length 40m x Width 30m | Length 60m x Width 40m | Length 60m x Width 40m | Length 65m x Width 45m | Length 90m- 120m x Width 45-90m |
| PLAYING TIMES | 2x20 min (5min HT) | 2x25 min (5min HT) | 2x30 min (5min HT) | 2x30 min (5min HT) | 2x35 min (5min HT) |
| OFFSIDE | NO | NO | NO | YES | YES |
| Ball Size | 3 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 5 |

All games are played in alignment with FIFA laws and Football Australia guidelines.





EXTRA TIME

No extra time will be played in any Group Stage matches.

Should scores be equal at the conclusion of a Championship Series Match, extra time shall be played as follows:

- **U9 – U13:** 5 min each way
- **U14 – U16:** 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, in accordance with the procedures described in the Laws of the Game.

DISPENSATION

The process regarding applying and the form for dispensations can be found on the Kanga Cup Website (www.kangacup.com).

Underage or Overage players

Clubs who wish to have players play more than two years above their birth year OR in an age group below their birth year must make a formal request to the organisers on club letterhead including grounds for request.

Biological Maturation

Players who are classified as late developers as per the biological maturation testing process relating to peak height velocity.

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 organisers in writing on club letterhead, with written permission from the player's usual club releasing them for the duration of the tournament.

ACCREDITATION AND PROOF OF AGE

All registered team officials will receive tournament identification (three (3) per team).

All players will be required to register on Dribl with an appropriate picture, for referee and organiser identification purposes.

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.

All academies, composite teams or non-affiliated clubs are required to submit an application to participate in the Kanga Cup.

Players not registered to a Football Australia affiliated Club will need to register through to Kanga Cup product on Play Football for insurance purposes. 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 member club 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 International Football Family.

International teams must have proof of travel insurance.



VENUES

The Kanga Cup games are played at several venues across Canberra, these venues will be confirmed closer to the tournament.

DRAW CHANGES

All registered Team Officials 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 age groups / divisions / pools once the final draw has been released.

REFEREES

The organisers aim to appoint one registered referee to each match. There is no guarantee that assistant referees will be provided. Teams must be prepared to provide an assistant referee where required.

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.





JEWELLRY AND 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 AND REFUNDS

If a team withdraws from the tournament:

- \$250 deposit is non-refundable
- Deposit refund only applies to teams missing out from capacity exhaustion
- Teams withdrawing from the competition on or before May 11 will receive a refund of entry fees paid excluding deposit.
- Teams who withdraw from the competition on or after May 12 will forfeit 100% of entry fees paid, including deposit.



KEY DATES

April 1: Team registrations open (online). Non-refundable deposit \$250 is payable.

May 18: Team registrations close & full team registration amount due

May 21: Provisional pools for each competition released*

May 25: Feedback due*

May 30: Final Pools released*

June 5: Dispensations due*

June 13: Final draw published* (small changes may be made at the discretion of organisers)

June 20: Final registrations due (player/ team details, proof of age and Code of Conduct)

July 14: Tournament begins, opening ceremony at each venue

July 18: Grand Final Day

*Key dates are subject to change at the discretion of KCOC



CODE OF CONDUCT

This code of behaviour is applicable to all players, referees, coaches, managers, and officials registered and involved in the Kanga Cup competitions.

Any breach to this Code of Conduct will be subject to disciplinary action by the Kanga Cup Disputes & Disciplinary Committee and Capital Football.

By signing up for the Kanga Cup tournament, you are agreeing to the conditions.

1. 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.
2. 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.
3. 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.
4. All players, coaches, managers, officials, and referees at all times must, while under the control of Kanga Cup fixtures, act, dress and behave in public in a manner which does not bring the game or the Kanga Cup into disrepute.
5. 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 Kanga Cup and Capital Football.
6. 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.
7. All managers, coaches and club officials will endeavour to control the behaviour of team supporters (i.e parents/guardian) to accord with the general principles of the Code of Conduct as detailed herein.
8. All participants always must comply with any reasonable direction, given by any 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.
9. Failure to comply with all or part of the Kanga Cup Code of Conduct will be subject to disciplinary as determined by Capital Football or the Kanga Cup Disputes & Disciplinary Committee.



FUN. FRIENDSHIP. FOOTBALL.

WANT TO KNOW MORE?



WEBSITE

www.kangacup.com

E-MAIL

info@kangacup.com

PHONE

02 6189 2222

Overseas: +61 2 6189 2222

BUSINESS ADDRESS

Unit 2/3 Football House, Phipps Close, Deakin,
ACT, 2600

MAILING ADDRESS

PO Box 50, Curtin, ACT, 2605

