



## S.SHIRE & MENAI OZTAG Competition Guidelines

### WINTER 2021

1. Registration forms must be completed in full and signed by players prior to taking the field.
2. **Player registration fees are non-refundable/non-transferable once that player has taken the field, or should they injure themselves whilst playing and not be able to finish the season.**
3. All payments must be finalised by round 1 of the competition. Teams may be expelled from the competition if registration is not paid. All players must have paid their rego fees in full prior to taking the field.
4. **SIGN-ON** – Players go straight to their field (which will be outlined on draws). ONLY the delegate will attend the designated sign-on table and mark each player present by ticking their names off. Delegates will be asked to use the hand sanitizer provided prior to marking off their team. It is vital that delegates sign-on appropriately (if a player tests positive, we need a record of who they came in contact with and when). Players must have been signed on and played at least 5 games to qualify to play in Semi and Grand Finals.
5. Sutherland Shire Oztag will supply hand sanitizer at each venue, but we advise that every player brings their own. Apply before taking the field, at half time and straight after full time.
6. Bring your own water bottle. DO NOT share!
7. Players must avoid high fives, shaking hands and spitting.
8. Interchange players on the sideline must maintain social distancing.
9. All players MUST vacate the venue immediately after full time. Do not loiter in a group.
10. Players playing in another timeslot later will need to return to their car and wait.
11. **NO SPECTATORS ALLOWED** – if a minor is playing, one parent/guardian may be in attendance but must maintain social distancing. Parents that are playing and unable to leave children at home, may have them on the sideline.
12. NO NEW player registrations will be taken after ROUND 5.
13. All injuries must be reported on the night of the injury. If Injuries are not reported, insurance claims may be declined.
14. **INSURANCE & LOSS OF INCOME** – all information can be found on our website.
15. All shorts and tights must be official Oztag garments. No homemade shorts or tights are permitted to be worn at any time.

16. Only registered players in your team can take the field. No ring-in players are allowed. **If you are caught playing unregistered players, your team will be recorded as forfeiting that game AND 6 point's competition penalty.** Players that play as a ring-in will also receive a 2 week suspension from all other Oztag teams that they are registered in within the Sutherland Shire & Menai areas.
17. In the event of **wet weather**, please contact 0433 398 628 or visit the website after 3 pm to see if games are being played. If there has been rain prior to the competition night, team delegates are advised to double check as the fields may still be closed. **Please DO NOT** call the Sutherland Shire Council Wet Weather line as this does not provide up to date information regarding our association. Sutherland Shire Oztag has no control over the weather or the closure of the fields by council due to wet weather. Refunds will not be given for loss of any games due to bad weather or field closure. If games are cancelled, please follow your draw as per the dates for the next week. Delegates will be notified if any catch up games are scheduled.
18. Prescription only glasses/sunglasses are permitted to be worn whilst playing.
19. If a game is called off by the referee, the team at fault will not receive points for a win, draw or loss, no matter what the current score is or how long to go in the game. They will also receive no for and against. The team not at fault will receive 3 points for a win, and a 5-0 for and against score. If both teams are at fault, neither team will receive anything.
20. Teams must have **five registered players for a competition game to commence.** Teams have five minutes from the time the hooter is blown for players to be ready to play, before a forfeit is called. No financial penalty will apply.
21. Players are not permitted to consume drugs/alcohol at the grounds before their game. Any player we believe to be affected by drugs/alcohol will not be permitted to take the field.
22. **We ask that ALL players consider the health of others before participating each week. DO NOT play if you are unwell or presenting symptoms.**
23. Send offs:
  - If a player is sent off, they will receive an automatic 2 game suspension.
  - If a player is sent off for fighting, striking or abuse towards a referee, they will receive a *minimum 2* game/week suspension.
  - Sutherland Shire and Menai Oztag have a no punch policy. If a player is found to have thrown a punch or to have struck another player, they will be suspended for the remainder of the season from ALL teams.
  - It is up to the Association's discretion on any suspensions that a player receives. If a player chooses to appeal a suspension, they are not permitted to take the field until they have faced the judiciary.
  - Registration money will not be refunded if a player is suspended or banned from the competition.
24. **All teams must be playing in identical coloured shirts by round 4.** Every shirt must have a different number, which must be visible on the back or sleeve of each shirt. All playing tops must be long enough to be tucked into shorts/tights. **NO TANK SINGLETS ARE TO BE WORN.**

25. If your team needs to forfeit a game please advise the office on 0433 398 628 **before 3pm** on day of play. Teams that fail to advise the office **prior to 3pm** will incur a **\$25 forfeit fee** and be **deducted 1 competition point**. **Teams are not permitted to play until this fee has been paid**. Any team that forfeits 2 games without notifying the office or convenor before 3pm will be removed from the competition. Teams who forfeit 3 or more times, even with adequate notification, may also be removed from the competition. No refunds will be provided to teams who are removed from the competition.
26. Changes may occur to the draw during the competition. Information regarding changes will be placed on our website <https://sutherlandshireseniors.oztag.com.au/> and will be displayed on the notice wall at the venue. **It is the responsibility of the players to check our website for any draw updates.**
27. **Talking to the referee during the game is not permitted unless you are the delegate/captain.** Sledging of the opposition or of your own team members is also not permitted. These are major offences and may result in a player or team being sent off, or banned from the competition. This also includes your supporters, who can be sent from the playing fields and banned from attending any further games.
28. No football boots with screw in studs (metal, nylon or spikes) are permitted.
29. Some teams may be re-graded after round 4 at the discretion of the Competition Co-ordinator. This may mean that your team changes venues during the season, or that we may no longer be able to facilitate specific team requests that have previously been met.
22. **Due to wet weather the competition may extend over the dates that are listed on the draw. Please keep a minimum of 2 weeks spare after the final date on the draw in the event of wash out rounds.**
30. All players must be at least 15yrs old to play in Adult Competitions.
31. All players that register for the Men's 30's competition **must be 30 years old to take the field.**
32. For the Men's 40's competition, each team is permitted to have no more than 2 players between the ages of 37-40. These players must be clearly identified on the team rego sheet at the beginning of the season.



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