

LITHGOW SEVENS CARNIVAL.
SUNDAY 9TH AUGUST 2026

Dear Secretary,

Lithgow will once again be holding our Annual Sevens Carnival at MARJORIE JACKSON OVAL on **SUNDAY, 9TH AUGUST 2026. Our Carnival has been Sanctioned by FNSW.** (A copy of clearance from FNSW is available on request) Entries are sought in the following age groups: **U/6, U/7, U/8, U/9, U/10, U/12, U/14 & U/16** on a first in first accepted basis. Depending on nominations, some age groups may be combined or split to make viable competitions. A Nomination Fee of **\$80.00** per Team in U/6 & U/7 & **\$100.00** per Team for U/8 to U/16, (**WHICH IS NOT REFUNDABLE**) must accompany your Nomination.

PLEASE NOTE: As per FNSW Regulations, it is mandatory that all players attending on the day, have their Parents Register their child's participation in our Carnival into the play football system. No child can play if not entered into the system. (Please see below). All Coaches and Managers also need a **WWCC** and Register in the Play football system. Search 2790 and click on Lithgow Carnivals. **Please note: ALL Players and Coaches & Managers MUST Register to be eligible for the Carnival. NO EXCEPTIONS.**

NOMINATIONS CLOSE: SATURDAY 1ST AUGUST with the Draw being sent out on TUESDAY 5TH AUGUST.
ADDRESS: THE CARNIVAL COMMITTEE.
 8 SANDALWOOD DRIVE, LITHGOW. 2790.
 Email: lithgowcarnivals@gmail.com

NOMINATION FEE: Bank Account Details for Direct Deposits is:
Lithgow District Football Inc. Bendigo Bank. BSB: 633000 Account: 165909219
 (Please use your Team Name & Age Group as a reference and forward a copy of your bank receipt to lithgowcarnivals@gmail.com)

REFEREE'S:

ALL TEAMS WILL BE EXPECTED TO REFEREE AT LEAST ONE GAME ON THE DAY.

All teams are asked to report to the carnival office on your arrival to pick up the match cards that your team is required to referee. you are also required to return the match cards immediately after the game has concluded. It is a condition of entry that your team be prepared to referee, no exceptions given. **PLEASE NOTE: If you fail to turn up to referee, your team will be penalized 4 points per game in U/12 to U/16**

NOMINATIONS:

ONLY REGISTERED CLUB TEAMS, NO DISTRICT OR REPRESENTATIVE TEAMS WILL BE ACCEPTED. If teams are short of Players, they must recruit Players from within their OWN CLUB.

1. All Players must also Register in the PLAYFOOTBALL system prior to the Carnival..
2. PLAYERS SHALL NOT PLAY FOR MORE THAN ONE TEAM ON THE DAY.
3. A maximum of **10 players** per team to be nominated with only seven (7) allowed on the field at any one time for the U/8 to U/12 teams and five (5) players for the U/6 & U/7 teams. **U/14 to U/16 ONLY** will be permitted to nominate 12 players per team with a maximum of nine (9) on the field at any one time. (**No Exceptions So Do Not Ask**)

CANCELLATION:

IF THE CARNIVAL IS CANCELED DUE TO UNFORSEEN CIRCUMSTANCES, ie: WEATHER, THE CLUB CONTACT PERSON ON THE ENTRY FORM WILL BE NOTIFIED AS EARLY AS POSSIBLE BY TELEPHONE.

NO TELEPHONE CALL, NO CANCELLATION.

IN THE EVENT OF A CANCELLATION, ALL FEES WILL BE RETURNED.

- A MEETING FOR ALL COACH'S WILL BE HELD THIRTY MINUTES BEFORE THE START OF THE CARNIVAL FOR ANYONE WHO NEEDS CLARIFICATION OF THE RULES.
- CANTEEN AND BBQ WILL BE AVAILABLE ON THE DAY. **DUE TO HEALTH & SAFETY REASONS, NO PRIVATE BBQ'S OR COOKTOPS ARE TO BE USED.**
- **ALL COACH'S/MANAGERS MUST REPORT TO THE CARNIVAL OFFICE ON ARRIVAL TO COLLECT THE MATCH CARDS THAT THEIR TEAM MUST REFEREE.**

CARNIVAL SECRETARY: LORRAINE KEAY MOBILE: 0419 621 426

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UNDER 6 TO UNDER 10 RULES

1. UNDER 6 TO UNDER 10 RULES:

- a) No offside in any age group.
- b) Free kicks will be given by the Referee for players marking or obstructing the opposition keeper. (U/8 to U/10)
- c) No Goalkeepers in U/6 or U/7.
- d) Kick in's from the sideline in U/6 & U/7. Throw ins from the sideline in U/8 to U/10
- e) A Goal cannot be scored directly from a kickoff.
- f) Goal kicks will be taken from the edge of the goal circle on mini fields. (Back line U6 and U/7)
- g) Goalkeepers must throw, roll or kick the ball from the ground in U/8 to U/10.
- h) Substitutions will be of unlimited interchange. Substitutions may only be made during a stoppage in play from the halfway mark, and only with notification to the Referee.
- i) Coach's will be allowed on the field with Under 6 and Under 7 but must stay on the half way mark at all times and also stay on the field with their players for the duration of the match.

2. TEAMS WILL PLAY IN POOLS ON A ROUND ROBIN BASIS.

- a) Each Pool Game will be of 10 Minutes each way with no half time break.
- b) Teams must be on the Field, in position, for the start of each game.
- c) The Start, Finish and halftime turnaround will be by hooter. All games will be timed off the Officials Clock. **Games will immediately start by the hooter, even if the opposition is not in position.**
- d) **There will be no Semi-Finals or Finals in the U/6 to U/10 age groups. All Players will receive a small thank you from the Carnival Committee after their final Pool Game. (This is a directive from F.N.S.W ie: U/6 –U/10 must not be competitive.)**
- e) **Coach's are asked to assemble their Teams on the grass opposite the Carnival Office for their presentation immediately after their final game and notify the officials on duty which team they represent.**

3. SPECIAL RULES - ALL AGE GROUPS:

- a) **If any person enters the field of play without the Referee's permission, THE TEAM INVOLVED WILL BE DISQUALIFIED FROM THE CARNIVAL.**
- b) **No deliberate back passes to the Goalkeeper will be permitted. (U/8 to U/10)**
- c) **No Slide Tackles will be permitted in ANY Age group. Penalties will apply and repeat offenders will result in the Player/Team being disqualified from the Carnival.**

4. ABUSE:

Any persons, (Players, Coaches and or spectators), who direct abuse at any Match Official Referee, or disrespect on the day will be asked to leave the fields immediately. Also, any persons who do not adhere to the Carnival Codes of Conduct, will also be asked to leave the fields.

5. DISPUTES:

- 1. A NON-REFUNDABLE FEE of **\$100.00** will apply for any Disputes and must be lodged within 10 Minutes of the match conclusion of the game by the nominated Coach or Manager.
- 2. All Disputes will be heard by the Carnival Committee whose decision is **FINAL**.
- 3. **Only Coach's and or Managers**, whose names appear on the **NOMINATION FORM**, may be involved in any discussions with the Carnival Officials.

LITHGOW SEVENS CARNIVAL **UNDER 12 TO UNDER 16 RULES**

1. UNDER 12 TO UNDER 16 RULES:

- a) No offside in any age group.
- b) Free kicks will be given by the Referee for players marking or obstructing the opposition keeper.
- c) Throw ins from the sideline in all age groups.
- d) A Goal cannot be scored directly from a kickoff.
- e) Goal kicks will be taken from the edge of the goal circle on mini fields.
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- d) Winners of each game will be the Team scoring most goals. Corners and Free kicks will be counted in pool games but will only be used in a count back to decide Pool winners.
- e) The following will apply, in order, to decide Pool Winners if Teams finish Pool Games on equal points:
 - 1. Most Points
 - 2. Best Goal Difference. (Goals for minus Goals against)
 - 3. Most Goals
 - 4. Most Corners
 - 5. Most Free Kicks

3. SEMI FINALS & FINALS:

- a) SEMI FINALS and FINALS will be by Referee's Whistle.
- b) SEMI FINALS will be of TEN (10) Minutes each way with a TWO (2) minute Half Time Break.
- c) FINALS will be of FIFTEEN (15) minutes each way with a FIVE (5) minute Half Time Break.
- d) Winners will be the Team with the most goals at the end of Normal Time.
- e) If Goals are equal, an equal, FIVE (5) Minutes each way Extra Time will be played.
- f) If Teams are still equal on Goals, the Team gaining most CORNERS in EXTRA TIME ONLY will be declared the winners.
- g) If Teams are still equal, the Team gaining most FREE KICKS in EXTRA TIME ONLY will be declared the winners.
- h) In SEMI FINALS, If still Equal, a count back will be taken on all Goals, then Corners, then Free Kicks in all Games played to determine the winners.
- i) In FINALS, if still Equal, joint winners will be declared.

4. POINTS:

4 POINTS WILL BE AWARDED FOR EACH WIN BY GOALS.
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 4 POINTS WILL BE AWARDED FOR EACH BYE. (Only when Pools are uneven)
 2 POINTS WILL BE AWARDED FOR EACH DRAW.
 1 POINT WILL BE AWARDED FOR EACH LOSS.

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