

Beaches Cup 2026 – Tournament Information Pack

Key Tournament Details

Meeting for Coaches & Managers

7:45 AM at Cromer Park 1

All team coaches/managers must attend!

Team Registration

Register teams immediately after the coaches meeting at the registration desk (in front of the canteen next to Cromer Park 1)

Arrival & Opening Ceremony

All teams must arrive at Cromer Park by **8:00 AM**

Opening ceremony on Cromer Park 1 at **8:10 AM**

Match Details

Up to 8 playing fields operating for continuous match play

First matches KO at 8:30 AM

18-minute matches (no half-time)

Each team will play a minimum of 7–8 matches throughout the day

Referees appointed for every game

Match balls provided

Field Access

Only coaches and team managers are permitted on the field – **no parents**

Physiotherapy & Injury Support

On-site physiotherapy station on Cromer 1 (clearly marked)

Field support available if needed for injuries

Tournament Draw

The draw will be sent to coaches/managers 7 days before the tournament

Closing Ceremony & Awards

4:30 PM on Cromer 1

Awards given to the winning teams in each age group

Individual award: Best Player

Tournament concludes at 5:00 PM

Competition Rules & Format

Pitch Sizes

U8–U18: 50m × 30m (Goals: 5m × 2m)

U6–U7: 30m × 20m (Goals: 1.5m × 0.9m)

Field Allocation

Matches will be played across Cromer 1 and Cromer 2

Eligibility

Follows MWFA 2026 age groups format

Team Format

U8–U18: 6 outfield players + 1 goalkeeper

U6–U7: 4 outfield players (no goalkeeper)

Match Duration

1 × 18-minute match (no half-time)

No stoppage or injury time added

Match Ball

Size 3 – U6 & U7

Size 4 – U8–U13

Size 5 – U14–U18

Key Rules

Offside applies only in the final third

All free kicks are direct unless signalled otherwise

Goals allowed directly from corners and free kicks

Rolling substitutions permitted

Points System

Win: 3 points

Draw: 1 point

Loss: 0 points

Forfeit For: 3 pts (+3 GD)

Forfeit Against: 0 pts (-3 GD)

Group Ranking

1. Points

2. Goal Difference

3. Goals Scored

4. Head-to-Head

Match Governance

All matches comply with Football Australia, Football NSW and FIFA Laws of the Game

Each match has an appointed referee – decisions are final

Behaviour & Respect Policy

We are committed to providing a safe, fun and respectful environment.

Let the players play, let the coaches coach, let the refs referee - and let's everyone enjoy the football tournament.