

National Christian Football Festival

Frequently Asked Questions

The aims of the festival are to provide an opportunity for people to hear the Gospel, encourage fellowship and provide a quality tournament to support your church outreach.

Event Times: Will be flexible depending on entries, but typically:

Saturday: 10:00 AM – 5:00 PM

Sunday: 10:00 AM – 3:00 PM

Match Times: Will depend on the number of teams but is typically, 25–30 minutes one way, or 20 minutes each way. This will be confirmed.

Format: Recent years have seen Category A teams mixed with Category B on the first day. Teams progress to either the Cup or Plate based on group stage results - a format preferred by both Ambassadors and participants.

Fixtures: Fixtures will be emailed one week before the event.

Team Size: This is a 11-a-side tournament with rolling substitutions. We recommend a squad size of around 15 players. Players may only play for 1 team unless permission is given.

Playing Surface: Matches will be played on grass (unless otherwise stated).

Referees: We aim to provide qualified referees for all matches.

Shin pads: are **mandatory** for all players.

Football Kits: Teams vary in what they wear: Some have custom kits, Others agree on matching-coloured tops, some bring bibs to identify teams. We do have bibs in case of kit clash.

Team Leadership: **All teams must represent a church.** Team leaders should be mature, regular church-attending Christians.

Talk: There will be a Gospel talks during the weekend. All players and teams are encouraged to attend.

Food & Catering: Refreshments will be available to purchase on site. Or there is an Aldi within a 10-minute drive.

Spectators: Spectators are welcome to come and support their teams.

Accommodation: Accommodation can be booked directly with the university (details provided closer to the event).