

## Bill Turner Cup and Trophy – Information for Coaches and Managers



Welcome to the 40<sup>th</sup> year of the Bill Turner Cup and 28<sup>th</sup> year of the Bill Turner Trophy.

The website [www.billturnersoccer.com.au](http://www.billturnersoccer.com.au) includes the draws, rules and other information needed.

Entries close March 2, 2018.

Squad sheets are available under Downloads. Check dates of birth from school records. Do not rely on the student's word. Players must not turn 16 or older any time this year. There are no exceptions that apply. A

copy of the completed squad sheet is to reach your area manager by the end of Term 1. It can be helpful for coaches to have a copy of the squad sheets at matches in case any dispute arises.

Suitable Team Sheets for your matches are also found under the Downloads tab.

The competition rules are found on the website to read or download. It is worth familiarising yourself with them – especially the determination of home and away games, and the extra time rules. Make sure referees are aware of the extra time rules as these are unique to our competition.

It is strongly recommended that you utilise referees that are not associated with either school. If you are having trouble finding a referee, contact your area manager – they may be able to help.

Some areas play their early round matches as part of a gala day, organised by the area manager. It can be worth checking with your area manager regarding this. Gala days can be good fun and costs are shared by the competing schools.

Coaches of home teams are reminded that they must offer the away coach a choice of three dates. Check your school calendar in advance to see what is coming up, so you avoid having to play late. NAPLAN is May 15-17, 2018. Three weeks are allowed for both Round 2 and 3, so all schools should be up to date by the end of Round 3.

When the home ground chosen is not a school ground and its use incurs a charge ie council, club or federation, this cost is to be covered by the home school.

It is strongly advised that all schools include a section on insurance on all permission slips. It is the responsibility of all players and teachers to organise their own insurance cover. We suggest that schools rework the sample permission slip found under Downloads with the insurance section on page 2.

Should a serious injury occur during a match, your State Manager is to be contacted within 24 hours with details of the injury. The State Manager is also to be informed of the progress of the student's recovery.

Players can only play for one school during the year. If they represented their school in the Bill Turner competition and they change school, they are ineligible to play for the new school.

The Bill Turner Cup is an open competition. The Trophy is for girls only.

The Team Sheet for each match is to be conveyed to your Area Manager within 24 hours by the winning Coach, so that draws can be updated promptly. If several days pass and the results are not updated on the website, then please contact Lindsay Hewison with the score.

Schools must be prepared to travel as their draw dictates, especially from the area finals and beyond, which can include significant distances.

Keep in contact with your Area Manager. Let them know of any problems, so that solutions can be worked out as early as possible. If there are any problems, the State Manager or the Executive will be consulted. Managers and Coaches are expected to accept the rulings made by members of the Executive.

Bill Turner worked hard to give school students sport opportunity. He believed in fun, fitness and fairplay and the competitions aim to respect those values.