

TOURNAMENT RULES & REGULATIONS

Celebrating 10 Years of Beni Football Club



OCTOBER 11TH & 12TH

KICKOFF TO THE CARNIVAL

Beni Football Club (Beni FC) proudly presents the **Football Carnival 2025**, celebrating our **10-year anniversary** with a dynamic mix of elite football, cultural pride, and family celebration — all supported by our valued sponsors.

The Carnival coincides with the Nepalese festive season, when families come together for joy, culture, and entertainment. This makes it the perfect time to unite sport, community, and celebration in one unforgettable event.



Through this tournament, we aim to:

- Deliver an unforgettable football showcase for Western Sydney.
- Provide international exposure with a projected **50,000+ livestream audience**.
- Generate community engagement & commercial opportunities for our sponsors.
- Establish a long-term annual sporting tradition with the support of our sponsors.

ABOUT THE ORGANIZER: BENI FC



Beni Football Club (Beni FC) has previously co-organized large-scale, multi-sport and cultural events. Most notably, the **Sports and Music Festival at Wyatt Park, Lidcombe in 2019**. This event featured Basketball, Volleyball, Football competition, and also music festival included the performances from Nepalese international musicians who were watched by over **4000+ audience**.

In addition, the club's executive members have experience managing high-capacity events, including the **Nepathya Australia Tour 2017 at the iconic Luna Park**, which hosted over **5,000+ attendees**. This proven track record underlines the club's ability to deliver professionally managed, large-scale community events.

THE LEGACY BEHIND THE JERSEY



Founded a decade ago, Beni FC has grown into one of the most successful and respected Nepalese-Australian football clubs. With **800+ active members**, we have become a hub for:

- **Elite Football Talent** – featuring former **Nepal National Team stars** like Sujal Shrestha (Captain), Rejin Dhimal, Bishal Rai, and others.
- **Community Leadership** – uniting the Nepalese diaspora and wider multicultural groups in Sydney.
- **Cultural Identity** – blending sport and heritage to strengthen social cohesion.

Beni FC's reputation extends far beyond Sydney, standing as a symbol of sporting excellence and a proud emblem of the Nepalese football community.

NEPALESE FOOTBALL COMMUNITY IN AUSTRALIA



The Nepalese football community in Australia is vibrant and growing, with **over 50+ clubs nationwide**. In Sydney alone, there are more than **30+ active clubs**, of which 22 teams compete in the league competition across two divisions — 12 teams in the First Division and 10 in the Second Division. The league runs for approximately six months each year, and all clubs are governed by the **Australian Nepalese Football Association (ANFA)**.

In addition to the league, numerous one-day and two-day tournaments are held annually. Highlights include the Machhapuchhre Cup, organised by Machhapuchhre Football Club at Valentine Sports Park, and multiple tournaments at Rydalmere Park.

TRACK RECORD OF SUCCESS

Beni FC is a proven winner, with a legacy of trophies and packed crowds:

2018

- Sydney Nepalese League Championship – Champion
- Non-Residential Nepalese Australia Oceania Cup – Champion
- Canberra Nepalese Football Club Nepal Embassy Cup – Runner Up

2019

- Buddha Cup – Champion
- Annual Gurkha Nepalese Community (GNC) League – Champion
- Annual GNC Football Shield – Champion
- RRewati Cup Veterans (35+) Futsal – Champion

2020

- Buddha Cup – Champion
- Annual GNC League – Champion
- Annual GNC Football Shield – Champion
- Kandel Consultancy Cup (YETI FC Melbourne) – Champion

2021

- Buddha Cup – Champion
- 1st Girish Cup (Adelaide) – Runner Up
- Tamang Recreational Club (TRCC) Cup – Champion

2022

- Annual GNC Football Shield – Champion
- Sahara Australia Cup – Runner Up
- Machhapuchhre Cup (Veterans 35+) – Runner Up

2023

- Kandel Consultancy Cup (YETI FC) – Champion
- Machhapuchhre Cup – Runner Up

2024

- 1st Success Cup (Nepal United Club) – Champion
- Nepali Rhimjhim Cup Futsal – Champion

2025

- 2nd Success Cup (Nepal United Club) – Champion
- Nepali Rhimjhim Cup Futsal – Champion

Each championship has brought hundreds of supporters, significant media coverage, and strong digital engagement.



FOOTBALL CARNIVAL 2025: VISION & OBJECTIVES

The **Football Carnival 2025** envisions a landmark celebration where sport, culture, and community converge in Sydney. Through world-class football competition and vibrant multicultural experiences, the Carnival aims to unite communities, inspire audiences, and showcase the spirit of togetherness.

Beyond a tournament, it marks a decade of Beni FC's journey in Australian football and sets the foundation for an enduring annual tradition—**celebrating excellence on the field, diversity off it, and a shared passion that transcends boundaries.**



The Carnival is more than a tournament — it's a celebration of football, culture, and community spirit.



Core Objectives

- **Celebrate a Decade of Beni FC** – Honoring our **10-year journey in Australian football.**
- **Showcase Elite Football** – High-energy matches featuring top players and community teams.
- **Unite Communities** – A multicultural gathering promoting inclusion and diversity.
- **Boost Visibility for our Sponsors** – Onsite audience + **50,000 global livestream viewers.**
- **Establish a Legacy Event** – Building an annual multicultural football carnival.

TOURNAMENT AWARDS & PRIZE DISTRIBUTION

The Football Carnival 2025 celebrates skill, sportsmanship, and dedication on the field. Players across all categories will be recognized for their outstanding performances with cash prizes, trophies, and medals.

OPEN-AGE CATEGORY

- **WINNER : \$10,000** AND MEDALS
- **RUNNER UP: \$ 4,500** AND MEDALS
- **HIGHEST GOAL SCORER: \$500** AND TROPHY
- **BEST GOAL KEEPER : \$500** AND TROPHY
- **PLAYER OF THE TOURNAMENT: \$500** AND TROPHY
- **MAN OF THE FINAL : \$200** AND TROPHY

OVER-35 CATEGORY

- **WINNER : \$4,000** AND MEDALS
- **RUNNER UP: \$ 1,500** AND MEDALS
- **HIGHEST GOAL SCORER:** TROPHY
- **BEST GOAL KEEPER :** TROPHY
- **PLAYER OF THE TOURNAMENT:** TROPHY
- **MAN OF THE FINAL :** TROPHY

TOTAL PRIZE MONEY: \$21,700



PLAYER ELIGIBILITY, TEAM FORMATION & TOURNAMENT RULES

PLAYER ELIGIBILITY RULES

A Division / National League Players

- As per the ANFA Australia rule a maximum of **3 players** who have played in any of the following in the last **3 years (since 9th October 2022)** may be fielded at any one time:
 - o Nepal A Division League
 - o Nepal National Team
 - o Australian A-League
- This rule applies to **all teams (Open Age & 35+)**, including **interstate teams**.
- **Former A Division/National player** whose last match was **before 9th October 2022** must obtain a **clearance email from ANFA Australia**.
- Players should coordinate with their respective clubs for assistance in obtaining this clearance.

REGISTERED PLAYERS

- Only **registered players** may participate.
- Players **must play exclusively** for the team they are registered with.
- **NSW-based players and teams will be monitored by ANFA** for compliance.

PLAYER ORIGIN REQUIREMENT

All players must be of Nepalese or Bhutanese origin.



LOAN PLAYER RULES (NSW TEAMS ONLY)

General

- All players must be **18 years** or older to participate.

Open Age Category For NSW Teams

- Teams may take **up to 3 loan players** from other **NSW ANFA-registered clubs**.
- Loans must be **approved and recorded** on the **ANFA website** or as per the **ANFA Australia rules on portal**.

- Notification must be sent to:
 - ANFA

Loan Deadline

- All loan requests must be submitted by:

Friday, 10 October 2025 11:00 PM

***No loan requests will be accepted after this date.**

TEAM FORMATION

- a) Each team will consist of a **maximum of 16 players, 1 manager, and 1 coach.**
 - Coach and manager **cannot play unless registered as part of the 16-player squad.**
- b) Each team will field **9 players** during the game:
 - 1 goalkeeper (allowed to use hands within their goalkeeping area)
 - 8 outfield players
- c) **Six (6) substitutions** are allowed per game.
 - Once substituted, a player **cannot re-enter the game.**
- d) Substitutions can only be made from the **designated area** and **only after the player being replaced has left the field.**
- e) The **minimum number of players** required to start a match is **6.**
 - If a team cannot field 6 players, **the opposing team will be declared the winner.**
- f) Teams must report **at least 30 minutes before kickoff.**
 - If a team cannot field their team **within 5 minutes after kickoff**, the opposing team will be given a **1-goal advantage.** Decision will be made by referees.
 - If a team still fails to field their team **within 10 minutes of kickoff**, the opposing team will be declared the **winner with a 3-0 scoreline.**
 - If **both team** fail to arrive on time, their playing time will be reduced as per their arrival time.

TOURNAMENT FORMAT

GROUP STAGE

- **16 Teams**, divided into **4 Groups (A, B, C, D)**
- Each team plays **3 group matches**.
- **Top 2 teams** from each group qualify for **Quarter Finals**.

QUARTER FINAL

 **12 minutes per half**

- Matchups:
 - o Q1: Winner Group A **VS** Runner-Up Group B
 - o Q2: Winner Group B **VS** Runner-Up Group A
 - o Q3: Winner Group C **VS** Runner-Up Group D
 - o Q4: Winner Group D **VS** Runner-Up Group C

SEMI FINAL

 **15 minutes per half**

- Matchups:
 - o S1: Winner Q1 **VS** Winner Q3
 - o S2: Winner Q2 **VS** Winner Q4

FINAL

- o Winner S1 **VS** Winner S2

Match length: Same as Semi-Finals (unless otherwise decided by organizers).

PENALTY TIEBREAKER

- After group stage matches, if a game ends in a draw, the result will be decided by a penalty shootout.
- Each team will select 4 penalty takers to take penalties alternately.
- If still tied after 4 penalties each, the shootout will continue sudden death until a winner is decided.



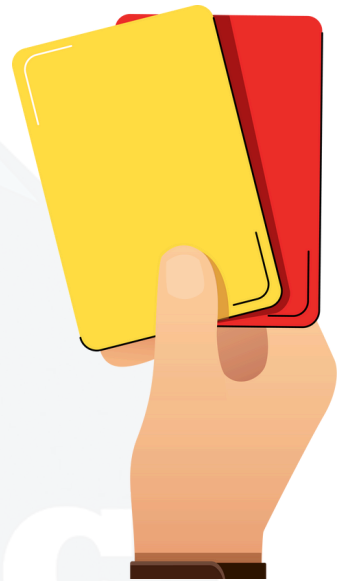
POINTS SYSTEM

- **Win:** 3 points
- **Draw (before penalty shootout):** 1 point
- **Loss:** 0 points

TIEBREAKER CRITERIA

If two or more teams are tied on points:

1. Points earned in all group matches
 2. Head-to-head result between tied teams
 3. Goal difference in all group matches
 4. Total goals scored in all group matches
 5. **Disciplinary points:**
 - o Yellow card = 1 point
 - o Red card (2 yellows) = 3 points
 - o Direct red = 3 points
 - o Yellow + direct red = 4 points
- *Team with fewer points ranks higher**
6. Drawing of lots (random draw by officials) /Coin Toss



SPECIAL RULES

Offside Rule

- **No offside rule** will apply in this tournament.

DISCIPLINE & ABANDONED GAMES

Conduct Expectations

- Tournament must be played in **good spirit**.
- **Anti-social behaviour and violence will NOT be tolerated.**
- **Captains and Managers are responsible** for the conduct and safety of their team members.
- Referees will **only communicate with captains** during disputes.

Game Abandonment

- Referees may **abandon matches** due to anti-social behaviour or violence.
- If a team is at fault, they may be **expelled from this tournament and future Beni FC Tournaments**

- If a match is abandoned because a team **cannot field enough players**:
- Opposing team (with sufficient players) will be awarded a **3–0 win**



INJURIES & TREATMENT

- First Aid will be provided, but clubs are responsible for player insurance including Ambulance.

DAMAGE TO PROPERTY

Any person who causes damage to the pitch, its facilities, car park, or any part of the venue will be:

- o Ejected from the area
- o Reported to the Police (if necessary)
- All costs will be charged to the person(s) found guilty.

LIABILITY

- **Injuries:** Beni FC is not responsible for any injuries. Teams must secure their own accident and personal injury insurance.
- **Rule Communication:** Team managers must ensure their players understand all tournament rules, which will also be explained during the registration process.

IMPORTANT NOTES

1. Apart from the outlined rules, general FIFA football rules apply.
 - o Any omissions or alterations will be clarified by referees on the tournament day.
 - o In case of any dispute, the referee's and the organizing committee's decision is final.
2. Alcohol and smoking are strictly prohibited within the venue perimeter.
 - o Violations will result in severe penalties.
3. Beni FC reserves the right to make changes to schedules, rules, and regulations with prior notice to teams.

By participating in the Beni FC Football Carnival, teams agree to abide by these rules and regulations.

OVER THE AGE OF 35 (FOREVER YOUNG) THE RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR THE OVER 35 TOURNAMENTS ARE THE SAME EXCEPT:

- Born October **10,1990 or Prior** will be considered as **35+**.
- Teams may take **up to 5 loan players** from other **NSW ANFA-registered clubs**.
- Loans must be approved and recorded on the ANFA website or as per the ANFA Australia rules on portal.
- Notification must be sent to- ANFA Australia
- Loan Deadline
 - All loan requests must be submitted by:
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 - *No loan requests will be accepted after this date.
- If required, players in the over 35 competitions must provide proof of age. Only physical Australian driving license, any passport will be accepted as proof of age. Nepali/Bhutanese driving license will not be accepted as proof of age. If not, the organizing committee has the right to disallow such player from participating in the tournament.
- If any team fields an underage player and is unable to provide proof of age, such team will be disqualified from the tournament. Three points will be given to opposing team that makes official protest within 15 mins after the game finishes.
- Team/s can also ask for proof of age from the opposing team/s before the start of each game. When such request is made, the player/s in question must present their proof of age immediately after the said match. If proof of age is not presented, the team that Fielded underage player will be disqualified from the tournament.
- Protest must be made within 15 mins of the game. Any protest after 15 mins will not be entertained.
- Once official protest is received, organizing committee will officially request the proof of age from the team that has Fielded underage player. Such team must provide proof of age within 30 mins of receiving official communication. official communication can be in the form of SMS, messenger, email or verbally via phone or face to face.

**THANK
YOU**

