



NSFA SKELLERN CUP

2022





Welcome to the NSFA Skellern Cup!

Hosted at the Northern Suburbs Football Association (NSFA) home of football, the NSFA Skellern Cup is once again gearing up to be an exciting two days of school football. Bringing together primary school teams from across the Northern Suburbs of Sydney, the gala day intends to celebrate girls playing football by showcasing the inclusiveness, enjoyment and camaraderie the game provides.

The NSFA Skellern Cup is named after Amanda and Kimberley Skellern, twin sisters who have played representative club football for Northern Tigers FC for over 11 years after beginning their football careers at local club West Pymble FC. Be sure to keep your eyes peeled for the Skellern sisters over the two days who will be on hand to motivate teams, give advice and soak up the atmosphere.



Before you arrive at the ground be sure to read on, discovering our unique points system that will eventually crown the winners of the NSFA Skellern Cup.

Enjoy the two days!

Eilidh Mackay

NSFA Skellern Cup tournament organiser



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2019-2021 Skellern Cup update

Unfortunately, NSFA Skellern Cup was cancelled in 2020 and 2021 due to the global pandemic. NSFA are motivated to make 2022 Skellern Cup the best yet! Please see 2019 event update below:

Attendance records were smashed for the third edition of the NSFA Skellern Cup, held at North Turramurra Recreation Area this week.

The tournament, aimed at primary school girls from Years 3 to 6, featured over 700 players from 57 teams across the NSFA region, stretching from Berowra down to Neutral Bay.



Ed Ferguson, NSFA Community Football Manager and Tournament Organiser, was overawed by the involvement in this year's tournament.

"Every year we grow in numbers and this year we actually hit maximum capacity for the Senior Cup (years 5 and 6) on Thursday," Ferguson said.

"The goal for next year will be to retain those numbers and do the same for the Junior Cup."

Hornsby Heights Public School students with Kim and Amanda Skellern (left and right respectively).

Teams attain points throughout the day across a broad range of criteria including goals scored, fair play, equal playing time and cheering on their teammates, with the Skellern Cup for each day going to the team with the highest number of points.

The Junior Cup was awarded to Gordon East Public School, while the Senior Cup went to Pymble Public School.

“The points system makes sure that teams are bringing a lot of fun and energy to every game,” Ferguson explained.

“Each year we want every player to go home with a massive smile on their face after a great day of football with their friends.”



Pymble Public School – Senior Cup winners.

With a large portion of participants not regularly involved in football, players were provided with leaflets giving further information about the girls football opportunities available from the NSFA and its member clubs.

Mayor for Ku-ring-gai Jennifer Anderson helped present the Junior Cup on Wednesday, while representatives from Football NSW, Sydney FC and Western Sydney Wanderers were also in attendance across the two days.



Junior Cup winners Gordon East, with Jennifer Anderson, Kim and Amanda Skellern.

All games were officiated by members of the Northern Tigers Women's NPL program, coaches from XLR8 Player Development and NSFA staff.

The NSFA Skellern Cup is named after Amanda and Kimberley Skellern, twin sisters who have played for Northern Tigers FC, the NSFA representative football club, for over ten years and started their football careers with local club West Pymble FC.

NSFA is committed to continuing the Skellern Cup free of charge to schools and participants thanks to our XLR8 Player Development programs.

Full list of attending schools:

Artarmon Public School; Beaumont Road Public School; Castle Cove Public School; Chatswood Public School; Gordon East Public School; Gordon West Public School; Greenwich Public School; Hornsby Heights Public School; Hornsby North Public School; Neutral Bay Public School; Mount Colah Public School; Pymble Public School; Ravenswood School for Girls; Roseville Public School; St Ives North Public School; Turramurra Public School; Turramurra North Public School; Wideview Public School; Willoughby Public School; West Pymble Public School

[2019 NSFA Skellern Cup Video](#)

NSFA Skellern Cup Important information

The NSFA Skellern Cup will take place across two days of Term 1, providing all primary school aged girls in Year 3 – 6 the chance to take part in our association wide football gala day.

Each day will bring together schools and girls from throughout the Northern Suburbs of Sydney, inviting over 40 schools, stretching from Neutral Bay to Brooklyn. Each school can nominate as many teams as they like, with a recommended squad size of 13 players plus a coach/teacher. Games will be played on small-sided fields of 9 vs 9, with a competition winner awarded following our unique points system.

The day intends to celebrate girls playing football, bringing together regular players and non-players to showcase the inclusiveness, enjoyment and camaraderie football as a sport provides.

Juniors will play on **Wednesday 23rd March (Wet weather day – 30th March)**

Year 3 & 4

Seniors will play on **Thursday 24th September (Wet weather day – 31st March)**

Year 5 & 6

Time:	Activity:
9:15am	Welcome address
9:30am	Matches commence
~2:00pm	Official closing ceremony

Upon arrival, please visit the competition coordinators tent to confirm your attendance.

GENERAL INFORMATION

COST

The NSFA Skellern Cup is a free event, with no cost to the school for entering teams.

REGISTRATION

To register teams for the NSFA Skellern Cup please follow the below link and fill out all information. If you would like to speak with someone please call Eilidh Mackay – 0476 270 787

[NSFA Skellern Cup Registration form - 2022](#)

LOCATION:

All games will be played at the NSFA Home of football, North Turramurra Recreational Area (NTRA), North Turramurra. The newly built facility boasts three full size football fields, amenities and parking to accommodate hundreds of players and spectators. Map below.

[Online map – North Turramurra Recreational Area \(NTRA\)](#)

North Turramurra Recreational Area (NTRA), 361 Bobbin Head Road, North Turramurra.

Located in the same precinct as the North Turramurra golf course.

PARKING:

NTRA has over 250 parking spots, including bus bays.

FACILITIES:

North Turramurra Recreational Area (NTRA) boasts newly built amenities facilities, with two change rooms and public toilets.

FIRST AID & RISK ASSESSMENT:

On both days of the tournament a first aid tent will be set up next to the competition coordinators table. A first aid officer will be on hand to assist, along with ice and medical supplies. A risk assessment will be completed and sent to all schools on request and prior to the tournament.

FOOD AND DRINK:

A BBQ will be operating on both days to provide some much needed sustenance to the players, spectators and teachers during the football-centric day. The BBQ will operate during lunch time.

\$3 – sausage sizzle

\$5 – sausage sizzle + drink

FOOTBALL GUIDELINES

Playing formats:

Juniors – Year 3 & 4 girls will play a 9 vs 9 format on fields 55m in length, 40m wide. 25 min games.

Seniors – Year 5 & 6 girls will play 9 vs 9 format on fields 65m in length, 45m wide. 25 min games.

All teams will play with goals of 5m x 2m, with a maximum of four substitutes per team.

Playing rules:

The NSFA Skellern Cup will follow NSFA MiniRoos competition regulations 2018, Under 10/11 age groups.

For more information please see section 3.12.7 b) of the NSFA MiniRoos Competition regulations, link provided below.

[NSFA MiniRoos Competition regulations 2019](#)

Game leaders / referees:

NSFA will provide all game leaders and referees for the event.

Other

In the case of a colour clash NSFA will provide bibs.

NSFA will provide all playing balls and goals for the event.

School checklist:

Responsibility:	Item:	Check
School/teacher	Circulate information package to parents/students	
School/teacher	Communicate points system with students	
Teacher	Confirmation of attendance on morning of tournament	
Student	Full playing strip (shirt, shorts and socks)	
Student	Football gear – shinpads and boots or trainers	
Student	Lunch	
Student	School colours & song	

NSFA Skellern Cup Points system

The NSFA Skellern Cup will implement a unique set of criteria each school must work towards in order to be awarded NSFA Skellern Cup winners.

The following points will be **awarded only ONCE** during the day by the Skellern sisters!

Criteria	Points Awarded per team (once only)
School colours worn (players, parents, coaches)	5
Friendly atmosphere	5
Skellern Bonus points	10

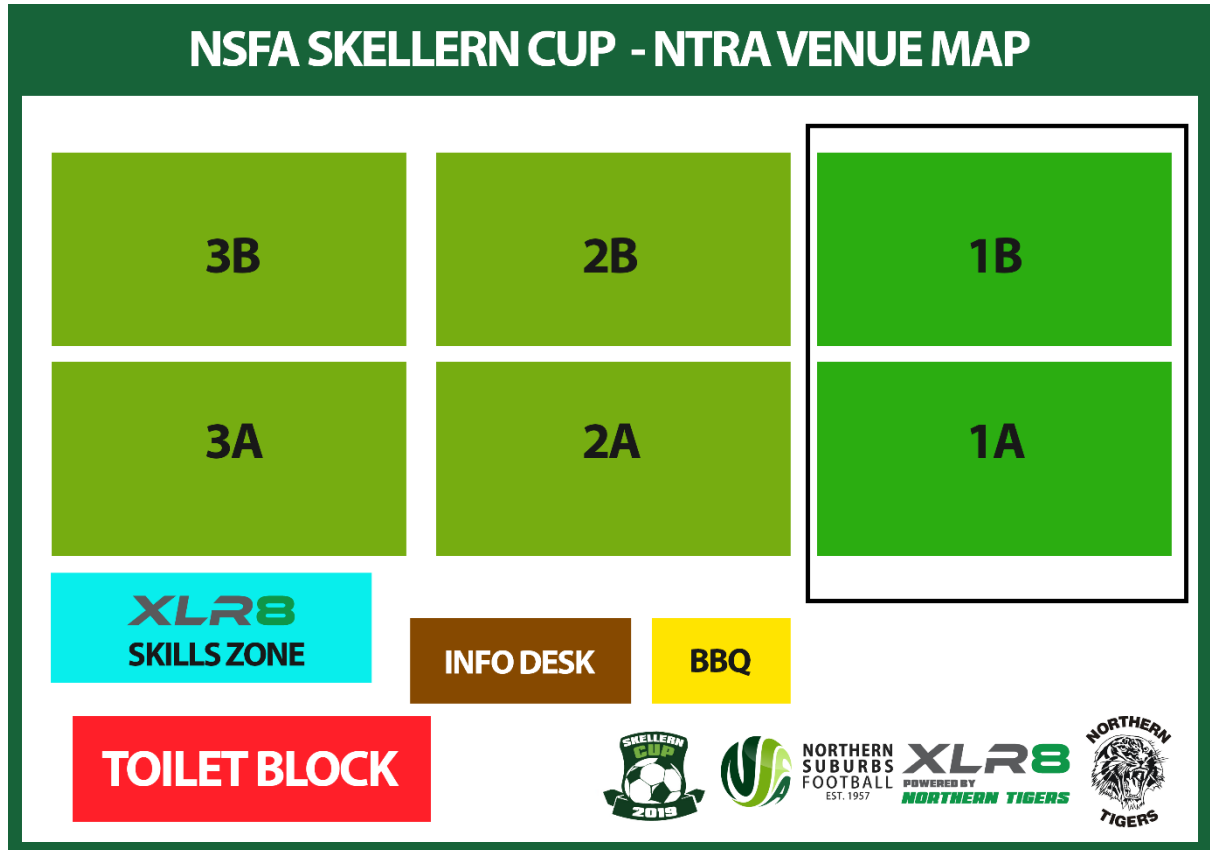
Photo in the Instagram frame + post	3
	<i>Total of 23 bonus points available</i>

The following points will be **awarded for EACH MATCH** of the day.

Criteria	Points available	Team A - points awarded	Team B - points awarded
COACHES			
Continual encouragement of both teams	2		
Rotating positions of players	2		
<i>Total of 4 points available</i>			
PLAYERS			
Passing the ball to involve ALL players in the game	2		
Positive comments & actions by team overall	2		
Good sportsmanship	1		
<i>Total of 5 points available</i>			
SPECTATORS			
Positive comments and support to all players and referees	2		
MATCH			
Goals scored (per goal)	1		
Total points			



SKELLERN CUP VENUE MAP



NSFA Skellern Cup Contact

Should you need to contact us at any point please use one of the following methods:

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Phone: 0476 270 787 or (02) 9449 4933

In case of wet weather, contact will be made with the nominated school contact.

