

2025

NSFA SKELLERN CUP



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WELCOME TO THE 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 for over 11 years, after beginning 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 point system that will eventually crown the winners of the 2025 The Skellern Cup.

Enjoy the two days!!



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2024 Skellern Cup Update

The 2024 Skellern Cup set a new record with 900 participants, uniting 22 schools in a remarkable celebration of football and community spirit. This milestone makes the 2024 Skellern cup the largest event of its kind to date, highlighting the enthusiasm and commitment to football in our community.

The Skellern Cup was established in 2017 to celebrate the achievements of sisters Amanda and Kim Skellern. The 2-day tournament is free for Primary School students within the Northern Suburbs, where Junior teams (Years 3 & 4) participate on Day 1 and Senior teams (Years 5 & 6) participate on Day 2.

Day 1 unfolded with a dynamic display of talent as 35 teams from Years 3 & 4 took to the field, creating a buzz with over 380 players passionately participating. The excitement only intensified on Day 2, where 40 teams from Years 5 & 6, accompanied by 3 standby teams, showcased the profound growth of the tournament, drawing a staggering crowd of over 520 participants.

A special touch to the 2024 tournament was the presence of Amanda Skellern, one of the Skellern twins and the namesake of the event. Amanda's passion for football and her inspiring spirit left an indelible mark on the young participants, elevating the Skellern Cup experience for all involved.

The Skellern Cup aims to be an opportunity where girls who have never played football before can join in with their friends who play the game and experience the wonders the game has to offer. These tournaments create lifelong memories for players and we're grateful to have the opportunity to provide that experience to our next generation of footballers.



Congratulations to the 2024 winners



Winning Junior Team - Roseville Public School
Junior Team of the Day - Pymble Ladies College

Winning Senior Team - Pymble Ladies College
Senior Team of the Day - Lane Cove Public School

Check out the 2024, Thea Skellern Cup highlights here:

<https://nsfa.asn.au/featured-news/skellern-cup-2024-breaking-records-and-creating-memories/>

<https://nsfa.asn.au/female-football/>

The Skellern Cup Important Information

The NSFA Skellern Cup will take place across two days of Term 1, providing all primary school aged girls in Years 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, stretching from Neutral Bay to Brooklyn. Each school can nominate up to 4 teams, with a recommended squad size of 13 players plus a coach/teacher. Games will be played on small-sided-fields of 7v7 for Junior and 9v9 for Senior, with a competition winners 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 of football as a sport provides.

Juniors (Years 3 & 4) will play 7v7 on Wednesday 5th March 2025 (*Wet weather day –TBD*)

Seniors (Years 5 & 6) will play 9v9 on Thursday 6th March 2025 (*Wet weather day – TBD*)

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



TIME	ACTIVITY
9:00am	Schools Arrival <i>Upon arrival, please visit the competition coordinators tent to confirm your attendance</i>
9:15am	Welcome Address
9:30am	Matches Commence
2:00pm (approx)	Awards and Official Closing Ceremony

General Information

ENTRY COST

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

REGISTRATION

To register teams for The Slatyer please follow the below link and fill out all information. If you would like to speak with someone, please call Cathy Fonti on 02 9449 4933.

[2025 SKELLERN CUP REGISTRATION LINK](#)

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) has amenities facilities, with two change rooms and public toilets.

FIRST AID & RISK ASSESSMENT

On both days of the tournament the first aid room will be available, please see the competition coordinators table for any First Aid requirements. 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

The NTRA Canteen will be operating on both days to provide some much-needed sustenance to the players, spectators and teachers during the football-centric day.

Menu for the canteen to be confirmed.



"Canteen in action"

Football Guidelines

Age Group	Year 3 & 4 Girls	Year 5 & 6 Girls
Format	7v7	9v9
Field Size	45m length, 35m wide	65m length, 45m wide
Team Participants	11 players in total	13 players in total
Goal Size	5m x 2m	5m x 2m
Game length	25 minutes (dependant on team entries)	25 minutes (dependant on team entries)

PLAYING FORMATS



PLAYING RULES

The NSFA Skellern Cup will follow NSFA MiniRoos competition regulations. For more information, please see section 3.12.7 b) of the NSFA MiniRoos Competition regulations, link provided below.

[**NSFA MiniRoos Competition Regulations**](#)

GAME LEADERS/REFEREES

NSFA will provide 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 upon arrival at tournament	
Student	Full playing strip (shirt, shorts and socks)	
Student	Football gear – shinpads and boots or trainers	
Student	Lunch or money for canteen	
Student	School colours & Song	



"Skellern Cup Participants"

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.

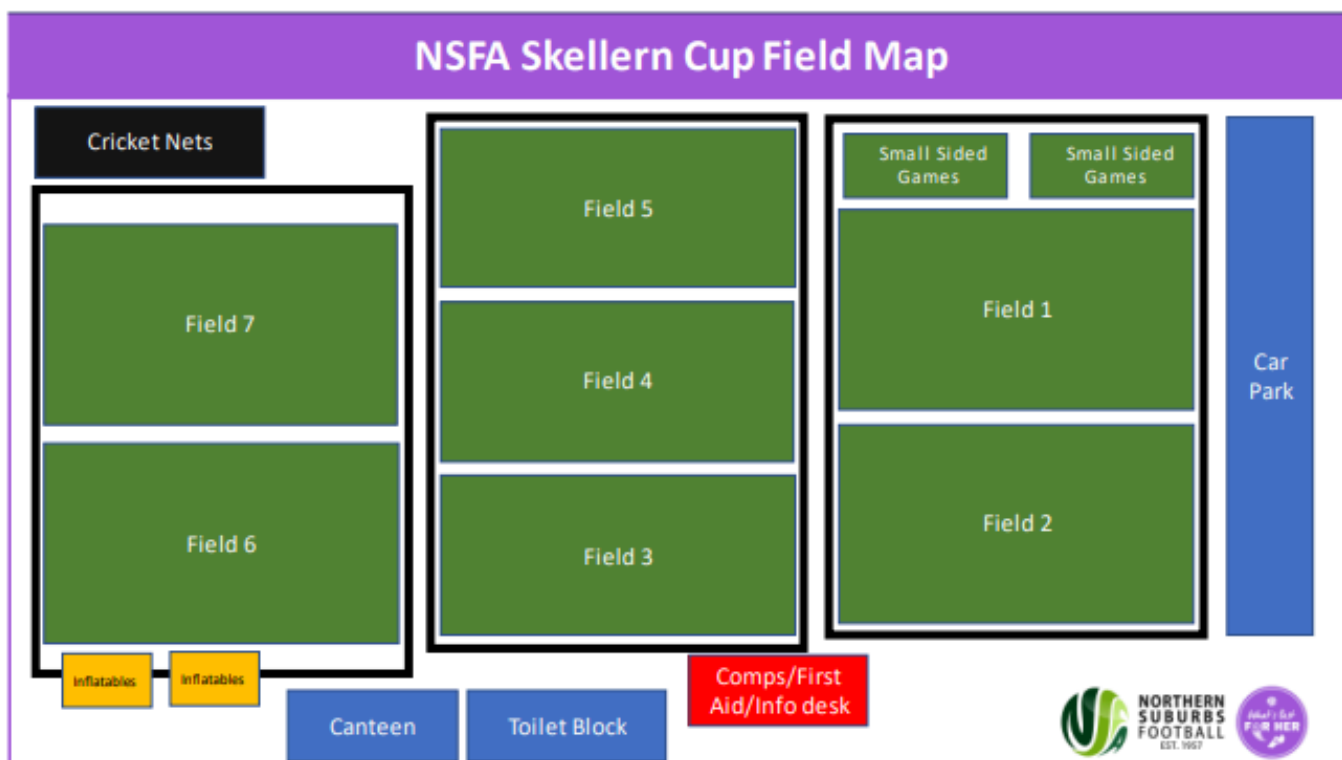
The following points will be **awarded only ONCE** during the day by the Skellern sisters!

Criteria	Points Awarded per team (once only)
School colours worn (players, parents, coaches)	5
Friendly atmosphere	5
Skellern Bonus points	10
Photo with the Skellern' s + post	3
Creating and singing a School Chant	10
Creating Posters	3
	<i>Total of 33 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



Subject to change depending on the number of teams entered.



The Skellern Cup Contact

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

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