

# Football (Soccer)

## Fact Sheet

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Football (soccer) is a team-based sport where opposing teams attempt to kick the football into a netted goal without the use of hands. The team with the highest score at the end of the time period wins.

HIERARCHY								
Element	State	Regional	Local - Category A	Local - Category B	Notes			
Football Queensland Hierarchy	State	Zone	Local	-				
Total Site Area	3 ha	6.5 ha	3 ha	1 ha				
PLAYING AREA								
Orientation	Recommended north-south orientation with an optimum orientation of 15° east of north, to avoid players having to look into the sun. Limits are between 20° west of north and 45° east of north			E				
No. and size of playing areas	1 full-size senior field plus min. 1 senior field	E	1 full-size senior field plus min. 2 senior fields	E	Min. 2 senior fields	Min. 5,000m <sup>2</sup> of lit grassed space for multipurpose use	E	<p>Full-size senior field: 100 to 105m long x 60 to 68m wide</p> <p>Senior field: 90 to 120m long x 45 to 90m wide</p> <p>Junior fields:</p> <p>6 to 7 years - 30m x 20m with no penalty area</p> <p>8 to 9 years - 40 to 50m x 30 to 40m (penalty 5m deep and 12m wide)</p> <p>10 to 11 years - 60 to 70m x 40 to 50m (5m x 12m penalty area)</p> <p>Senior fields to be developed where possible, as they accommodate multiple junior fields within the same playing area. Fields may be multi-use other than the showcase field.</p>
Coaches boxes						No separate structures required.		
Corner and half way flags	Corner posts and flags must be in accordance with the IFAB Laws of the Game. Posts must not be metal or spring-loaded. They may be constructed of plastic, timber or other approved material and stand a minimum of 1.5m above the ground with a non-pointed top			E	-			

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Player interchange benches (2)	6m long x 1.2m wide (Accommodate 10 people)		E	5m long x 1.2m wide (Accommodate 8 people)	E	Temporary seating	E	Permanent, heavy duty, vandal resistant structures that have three fixed sides to provide shelter and UV protection, form part of the boundary fence and seat club officials and interchange players. Ideally the facilities should not impede viewing of the ground and have side panels and back panels to allow for ventilation. Metal bench seating should be fixed within the shelter on a concrete pad.
Goal posts	Refer to Notes						E	Senior size goals: 7.32m between upright posts - 2.44m from ground to cross bar  Junior size goals: 6 to 7years to 1.5 to 2m wide and 0.9 to 1m high 8 to 9years to 2.5 to 3m wide and 1.8 to 2m high 10 to 11years 2.5 to 5m wide and 1.8 to 2m high
Interchange steward/umpires/ officials box	Refer to Notes	E	Refer to Notes		NE	-		4th official bench - at state venues a table and chair must be provided for the 4th official, situated on the half way line between the player benches. Zone and local venues may require a 4th official bench for some events.
Media platform	4m <sup>2</sup>	E	4m <sup>2</sup>		NE	-		Area suitable for a temporary stable platform to be installed for filming on the half-way line of the playing field. 3m higher than the playing field with working area of 2.5m wide and 1.5m deep.
Playing area surfaces	Grass playing area with no undulations or depressions.				E	Grass area	E	Wintergreen couch is the recommended turf for grass playing areas.
Playing area drainage	Sub soil drainage	E	Turtle back or single cross-fall 1% max. gradient. Sub-surface drainage around field perimeter	E	Single cross-fall 1% max. gradient. Swale drains around field with catch pits.		E	Appropriately designed surface and sub surface drainage and a good overall maintenance plan for sports field drainage is important for enhancing the player experience and maximising the use of the facility resulting in fewer cancellations
Playing area marking	Playing areas must be clearly marked in accordance with FIFA Laws of the Game. Products - agricultural limestone or water-based spray paint. Must not exceed 12cm in width and be clear an accurate.						E	Junior fields can be marked using markers rather than line marking
Playing area perimeter/run-off	3m						E	
Scoreboard	Electronic	CR	Electronic		CR	-		To be positioned for optimal visibility for spectators and players and, if includes LED, consider the impact of afternoon sun on readability.
LED sports lighting (average minimum lux)	Training 100 lux Games 200 lux	E	Training 50 lux Games 150 lux	E	Training 50 lux Games 100 lux		E	Consistent with FQ's interpretation of the AS2560.2.3-2002 Sports Lighting - All football codes.
Playing area fencing	Yes	E	Yes	NE	Yes	NE	-	At state venues a permanent chain wire fence around the main playing field, meshed to the ground with a minimum height of 1m and at least 3m from the field is essential.

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Irrigation	Sprinklers in line across the field and additional sprinklers around the outside and corners of the fields.		E		Sprinklers in line across the field.	E		Irrigation of the playing area must be provided to ensure continued growth of the turf. An automatic watering system is required. The preferred controller is Toro Custom Command Series and the preferred rotors are Toro T-7 Series stainless steel.  Refer to Recommended Sport Field Construction Specifications for Logan City.	
SURROUNDS									
Storage (grounds maintenance)	45m <sup>2</sup>				E	45m <sup>2</sup> if responsible for grounds maintenance	E	Adequate storage for playing field maintenance equipment is required and may include storage for mowers, line marking equipment and other field of play maintenance materials (7.5m x 3m bay).	
Storage (playing equipment)	22.5m <sup>2</sup>				E	Included in clubhouse		One additional bay on 7.5m wide grounds maintenance storage shed, to be used for storing goal post pads, corner posts, balls and other team equipment used directly on the field. The shed is to be accessible from the playing fields (7.5m x 3m bay).	
Clock	Digital, included on scoreboard	E	Digital, may be included on scoreboard or separate	E	Digital preferred, may be included on scoreboard or separate	E	May be provided but not necessary	NE	The clock should be visible to players and spectators. Not required for junior modified games.
Siren	Yes				E	-		May be portable or through permanent PA system	
Spectator seating	Grandstand or tiered seating for min. 200 persons on main field, bench seating or area for foldable chairs for 50 persons for other fields	NE	Bench seats or tiered seating for 100 persons on main field, bench seating or area for foldable chairs for 50 persons for other fields	NE	Bench seating or area for foldable chairs for 50 persons per field	NE	-	Grandstand or tiered seating, bench seating is preferred with some covered.	

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