

GIRLS LOVE FOOTBALL

SOCIAL LEAGUE

INFORMATION PACK



Social League Overview

The Girls Love Football Social League offers a more flexible version of football designed for youth girls 12 - 17 years.

The Social League is non-competitive and focuses on developing skill levels and confidence alongside providing a positive, social and judgement free environment for youth girls to enjoy their football.

Target market:

- Girls aged 12 - 17 years
- New to football or current players
- Youth girls looking to engage in football outside the sport's traditional offerings
- Youth girls seeking a social form of physical activity

Program details:

- 45min weekly sessions
- 10mins skills-based warm up + 35mins of small-sided games (5v5, 7v7 or 9v9)
- 6-weeks run during school terms



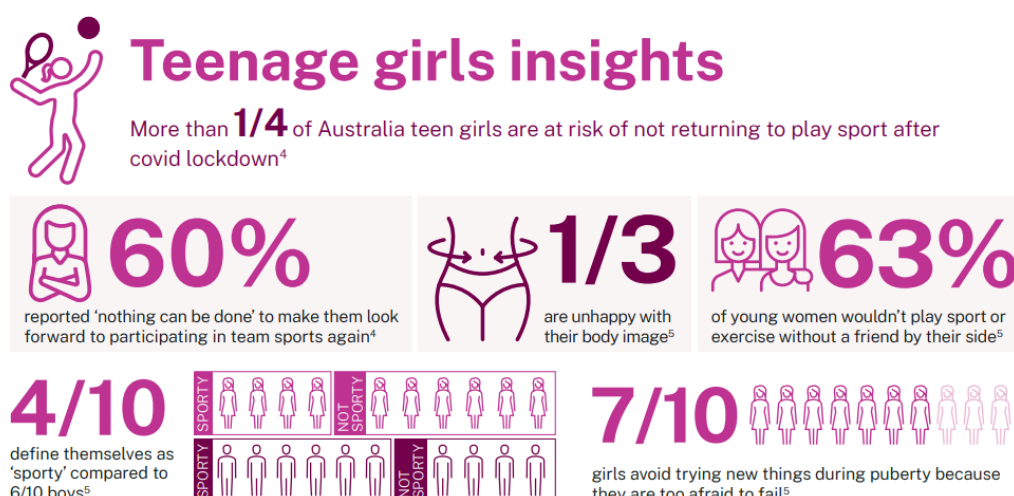
Program Benefits to Club/Association

There are many benefits of providing alternative playing options for women and girls within your Club/Association:

- Promotes the Clubs/Associations intention to be female-friendly
- Promotes 'whole of family' view on football in their community
- Paid coaching opportunities for Club/Associations current coaches
- Potential to transition participants into summer or winter football competitions in the future
- The more registered participants, increases income opportunities

Program Benefits to Participant

- Physical, mental and social health benefits
- Non-competitive activities to improve self-confidence and self-esteem
- Experience and learn the basics of football
- Encourages 'whole of family' participation in football
- Reduces cost barrier to participation
- Provides youth girls a safe and judgement free environment to play football



Hosting a Social League

Football NSW strive to make the process as simple as possible to ensure minimal requirements from volunteers.

Below is an overview of Football NSW and the Club/Associations responsibilities in the process of setting up a Social League -

FNSW Role	Club/Association Role
Create Play Football Product for participant registration	Confirm Social League details - start date, time, location, program duration and cost
Provide Club/Association social media tile, program flyer, session plans and welcome pack	Promote on Club/Association website and social media channels. Clubs may also look to advertise in local schools, shopping center, gym etc.
Promote on Football NSW website, social media channels and via participant EDM	Club/Association to lead communication with participants E.g. Welcome email to participants 1 week prior to program commencing. Communication may also include - session updates like wet weather cancellations.
Provide Club/Association ongoing support where needed	Club/Association to confirm facilitator or if unable to, FNSW can reach out to Game Development casual coaches (not guaranteed)
Send participant (parent/guardian) and club surveys and collate responses post Social League	Send future playing/club opportunities to participants post Social League to keep them engaged in football.

Finding a Facilitator

Being a facilitator for a Girls Love Football Social League is an extremely rewarding experience.

To help attract someone from your club to take on the role as program facilitator, FNSW recommend offering a financial incentive to the facilitator to reimburse them for their time and commitment.

Many Clubs/Associations have no trouble identifying someone from within their Club to facilitate. It could be a current coach at the Club, a senior team player or committee member.

Desired characteristics of a facilitator:

- Someone who understands the barriers to female participation in sport
- Someone who can create a safe, inclusive and judgement free environment
- Someone with basic football knowledge and has the ability to help participants develop skills and confidence

Participant Registration

To ensure participants are covered by insurance, participant registration is taken through Play Football. The Play Football product will be set up under the Club/Association organisation meaning the Club/Association will have full access to the participant data and registration list.

Football NSW will set up the product, but it will be the Club/Associations responsibility to confirm and approve registrations for the Social League.

As the Club/Association has access to all the participant information, the Club/Association will lead the communication to participants (Welcome pack, session updates etc.). This provides a direct link between the Club/Association and participant.



Income & Expenditure Guidelines

Although participation programs can provide additional income to Clubs/Association, they should be used to attract new participants and provide further playing opportunities for current players.

To reduce the barrier of cost to female participation, we recommend the participant fee of \$10 per week (\$60 for a 6-week Social League). We also recommend reimbursing your facilitator for their time and commitment.

These guidelines are a recommendation only.

The below information is based on -

- Program length: 6 weeks
- Participants: 20
- Facilitators: 2
- Ground hire: Already paid through club season booking

ITEM	COST	TOTAL
INCOME		
Participant Registration	\$60 (\$10 per week)	\$1,200 (20 participants)
EXPENDITURE		
Participant Insurance	\$15	\$300 (20 participants)
Facilitator Payment	\$50 per week	\$600 (6 weeks x 2 facilitators)
TOTAL		\$900 expenditure Club income: \$300

Social League Evaluation

Following the completion of the Social League, a survey will be sent to both the participants (parents & guardians) and the hosting Club/Association to provide feedback.

This information will be taken anonymously and should only take 2-3 minutes to complete.

The feedback will be used to monitor the quality of the Social Leagues, help FNSW make improvements where needed and monitor the interest of participants and Clubs/Association interest in further opportunities.

Next Steps

When the Club/Association is ready to confirm a Girls Love Football Social League with FNSW, below steps will get you started:

- Club/Association to complete the 'Program Host Registration Form' online
- Once FNSW receives this form, we will create the Play Football registration Product under the Club/Associations entity
- The Club/Association will receive a social media template, flyer template, welcome pack template and weekly guide.
- Both the Club/Association and FNSW can start promoting through websites and social media channels etc.

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