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Festival of Football



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We welcome students and schools to join us in a fun, safe environment where participants will be supported and provided the opportunity to engage in a series of non-contact, participation focused football games against other Education Support Primary Schools from across Perth and the Peel region.

The carnival will be a round robin style format where scores are not recorded. The aim of this carnival is to ensure all students are provided all support necessary to participate and have fun.

We hope you can join us and embrace the Starkick mantra;

If you want to play, we will find a way!

We are excited to invite Education Support Primary Schools from across the Perth Metropolitan and Peel regions to the 2025 “Festival of Football”. The Starkick “Festival of Football” is an all-abilities football carnival delivered in partnership with;

- Cloverdale Education Support Centre
- Purple Hands Foundation
- Fremantle Dockers, Purple Hands Foundation and SEDA Group Sport, Business and Leadership Program
- WA All Abilities Football Association

INTRODUCTION

Since 2015, the Starkick All Abilities program has been supporting and providing opportunity for children with disability to play football at community clubs across Western Australia.

The annual Festival of Football invites Educational Support Primary School students from across the Perth Metropolitan and Peel regions to a one-day carnival that focuses on participation, fun and friendship.

All games played at the Carnival shall be a modified, non-contact version of AFL, allowing students of all abilities the opportunity to participate and enjoy themselves in a supportive environment.

The Carnival seeks to celebrate sportsmanship, teamwork, fair play and inclusion through sport. We are driven to deliver on WA Football's Starkick motto "If you want to play, we will find a way".

A perpetual shield or trophy will be presented to the school that best demonstrates these values throughout the carnival.



CARNIVAL DETAILS

Event Date

Friday 19 September 2025

Event Times

Schools to arrive between 9.30 and 9.45am for a 10am start.

Lunch will be provided for all attendees with end approx. 1:15pm

Transport

Schools are required to make their own transport arrangements to and from the venue.

Participants

The Carnival is intended for Year 3 to Year 6 students from Education Support schools or centres.

As a non-contact sporting event, schools may utilise discretion if any younger year group students are invited to participate to facilitate overall team numbers.

Venue Location

Bill Grayden Reserve

Como, WA

Best entry is from Murray St

[Refer Google maps](#)

Costs

There are no nomination costs or fees for schools participating in this event.

We wish to acknowledge and thank the Fremantle Dockers Sport, Business and Leadership Program who are partnering on this event. They have undertaken a range of fundraising initiatives to ensure all costs incurred in hosting this carnival are covered.

Lunch

All participants and staff will be provided a sausage sizzle lunch.

Meat products utilised shall be Halal certified.

To assist with planning and to minimise waste, attendee numbers must be advised at time of nomination.

First Aid

All medical issues are to be attended in the first instance by the individual's school staff.

Event organisers will provide a First Aid Officer for additional support. Any student receiving First Aid care from the First Aid Officer must in all circumstances be under the direct supervision of a school staff member that is familiar with the student's relevant medical history and any specific needs are communicated clearly.

Clothing and Sun Protection

Sporting attire with sandshoes are recommended.

In the event of a school uniform colour clash between teams, “playing BIBS” will be available for use from the event Coordinator / Timekeepers Marquee.

Schools are responsible for providing their students with sunscreen throughout the day. Shade is limited at the venue and schools are encouraged to provide their own marquee / gazebo for use throughout the day. Marquees / gazebos are not able to be staked into the grassed fields. Please bring alternative securing devices

Photo Permission

Due to numerous schools, media outlets and other guests taking photos, any student that does not have photo permission is required to wear a bright coloured wristband which is highly identifiable.

Example wristband style [HERE](#)

Alternatively, wristbands will be available to participating schools prior to the commencement of the carnival from the event organiser's marquee.

It is the responsibility of each school to ensure that they have the correct photo permission for their students, and any students requiring wristbands are wearing those at all times.

Schools taking photos or video for their own use, please observe this process to ensure any children wearing a wristband are not included in imagery shared publicly or otherwise.

Marquees and Weather

Schools are encouraged to bring their own shade/shelters/protection as there is insufficient grandstand/shelter areas available for all schools to use.

School representatives will be notified 24 hours in advance of the Carnival if in the unlikely event the Carnival is required to be cancelled due to extreme weather.

Rubbish

Schools are responsible to keep their designated areas free of rubbish during the Carnival and when they leave at the end of the event.

Risk Management

Schools are required to keep their own records of attending students and staff and follow their own risk management excursion plan.

Staff Team

In the event of uneven teams, we ask schools to please nominate two-three staff willing to participate in a backup 'staff team'.

If required to be activated, this team will ensure games continue throughout the carnival. Please note, there is no guarantee that teachers will play a game.

Perpetual Trophy

The Carnival seeks to celebrate teamwork, fair play and inclusion through sport.

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A perpetual shield or trophy will be awarded to the school deemed to have demonstrated these values throughout and leading into the carnival.

Event Contacts

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NOMINATION FORM

Please complete and return the following nomination no later than Friday August 8 (Week 3 term 3) to; Jayne Paganini - jayne.paganini@education.wa.edu.au

A limit on attendees may be enforced due to venue capacity. Should the carnival be oversubscribed allocations will be processed on a "first come, first served" basis. Schools are encouraged to nominate promptly to avoid disappointment.

School Name	
Primary Contact	
Email	
Phone	
Number of Team(s) (Maximum three teams per school)	
Schools nominating more than 1 team please provide a name for each team:	
Accessibility Assistance Requests e.g. two players using wheelchairs require assistance on field.	

To assist with catering please provide:

Total Students Attending (Estimated)	
Total Staff Attending (Estimated)	

In-School Football Clinics (Optional)

In the lead up to the Carnival a limited number of FREE in school football clinics for participating schools will be made available.

Note, football clinics are optional and not guaranteed. Priority will be given to early registrants. Expression of interest in a FREE in school football clinic

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Estimated Number of Students (Maximum 20 per Session)	
Preferred Day(s)	
Preferred Time(s)	

By submitting this nomination, our school understands two to three staff members may be requested to participate in a staff team (only if overall nominations result in uneven team numbers).

Nominations close Friday August 8 2025

Submit your nominations via email to jayne.paganini@education.wa.edu.au

CARNIVAL KEY RULES & GUIDELINES

Objective

The objective of the carnival is to create an environment focused on participation, fun and friendship through the sport of Australian football.

Teachers and staff are encouraged to help facilitate this objective by taking necessary accommodations to ensure every child is involved in games. This may include ensuring students who are more enthusiastic in participating being encouraged to share with their teammates OR it may be teachers helping to facilitate each child's participation.

Our measure of success is not the numbers on a scorecard, but the smiles on the children's faces.

Team Structure

Teams shall be comprised of nine players on the field at any one time with a limitless rotating interchange. We would suggest team sizes of 10 to 12 players as ideal to maximise participation.

Field Size

The playing field shall be a rectangular shape, approximately 60 metres (length) x 30 metres (width).

Equipment

Matches will be played with a size #1 soft touch synthetic football. All footballs and game equipment will be provided by event organisers.

Umpires and Additional Team Support

Students will be assigned to each team to umpire and assist students throughout the day.

Teachers are asked to please welcome and support the SEDA students as they build trust and rapport with the players in your schools team(s).



If you haven't yet been involved in the Starkick Festival of Football - click the thumbnail above to look here at all the fun from the 2024 event. Don't delay register your schools interest today because "If you want to play, we'll find a way!"

GAME PLAY

The general rules of AFL football apply, however the focus is participation and fun for every participant. Children will be encouraged to kick or handball the ball, however if that is not possible for some participants, they will NOT be unduly penalised for disposing of the ball with other methods.

Players should at all times be encouraged and praised to share with their teammates.

General Rules

1. 15-minute games (no half time) Teachers shall agree direction of play for each team prior to game start.
2. The game shall be started by a ball-up between two centre players of similar size. This should be shared between players throughout the game. Players not involved in the ball-up must not be within one metre of the ball up.
3. After a goal is scored, play is restarted in the centre. If a point or behind is scored the ball is required to be kicked back into play from between the goals by a nominated defender.
4. To encourage sharing, where possible, goals should only be kicked by players in the forward zone (which will be laid out within the field).
5. Out of bounds - a free kick is generally awarded to the nearest opponent. This is also an opportunity for the umpire to give a possession to a player who may not have had as many opportunities as others.
6. Possession rule - the ball is possessed by the act of (marking) catching, grabbing or placing two hands on it when it is on the ground. Once the ball is possessed, all other players must back off to allow the player with the ball opportunity to kick or handball uncontested.
7. Non-contact - no deliberate bumping. No deliberate contact of any kind permitted. A free kick will be awarded.
8. Marking the ball - any reasonable attempt to catch the ball directly from a kick, irrespective of distance travelled will be deemed a mark.
9. Distance run - while a player in possession of the football is moving, the player should be encouraged to dispose of the ball within 10 metres (umpire discretion to encourage team play).
10. To stop congestion, umpires to instruct players to stay in their zone.
11. Other rules and laws – above all else we aim to have fun and include everyone.

To find out more about WA Footballs Starkick all abilities program, and how your students can get involved in community football please visit www.starkick.com.au or email starkick@waaafa.org.au

