

LEEWIN NATURALISTE JUNIOR SOCCER ASSOCIATION

2021 Knockout Competition and Finals

The Knock-Out Cup is a second competition for the FIFA leagues. The Knock-Out Cup is NOT the finals of the League; it is a separate competition. This season the entire Knockout Cup will not take place after the end of the regular home and away competition, but rather will feature Quarterfinals and Semi-final rounds that take place during the regular home and away season.

Dates as follows:

Cup Quarter Finals - 19 June

Cup Semi Finals – 28 August

The FIFA Cup Grand Final matches will be held following completion of the regular home and away season.

Cup Grand Final Day – 18 September

The 13's & under, 15's & under and YL Boys LNJS Development Teams will not participate in the LNJS Knockout Cup competition. Players who play with the Development Teams will play for with their regular club team in the Knockout Cup.

In the Knock-Out Cup teams are drawn at random to play each other with winners progressing to the next Cup Round.

Teams that are knocked out during quarterfinals or semi-finals will have a bye in the subsequent round.

Knockout Cup Match Rules

1. Teams are not allowed to play new players (players that did not play for the team during the League season) for the Cup games.
2. **Being Cup-Tied** - If a player has played for more than one team during the season i.e., they played games during the season for a higher age group or division, they must choose which team they play for in the Knockout Comp. They will only be able to play for one team in the Knockout Comp. They may not play for a second team even if that their first team is eliminated.
3. For the QF's and SF's, the first mentioned team is responsible for setting up of the pitch, referee, and match card.
4. The game will be played for the regular duration of a match as has been played throughout the season. If there is a DRAW after the regular playing time, a **penalty shoot-out** will determine the winner of the match.
5. There is no extra time to be played for Quarter and Semi Final matches. CUP FINALS will have extra time (2 x 10 min.)
6. **Penalty shoot-out rules**: Only players that were on the pitch after extra time are eligible to take a penalty (substitute players are not to take part in the penalty shoot-out!). The following rules apply to a penalty shoot-out:
 - (a) The starting team is determined by tossing a coin!
 - (b) Selected five players from each team take ONE shot each, alternating between the teams.
 - (c) If there is still a draw, additional players will take shots, alternating between the team until one player prevails.
 - (d) If there is still a draw after all eleven players have taken a penalty, the first five players will be invited to take a second shot, alternating between the team until one player prevails.
 - (e) Keepers are eligible to take penalties.
 - (f) Only the keeper and the penalty taker are allowed in the penalty area.
7. If there is a penalty shoot-out, the following game(s) may start after a delay. Players and coaches are reminded to be aware of this.
8. Referee F&B votes are not allocated for the Cup games. The match card is required to ascertain the result and that only registered players that played throughout the season participate in the game.
9. A squad is to be limited to 17 players per game (a maximum of SIX substitute players are permitted).

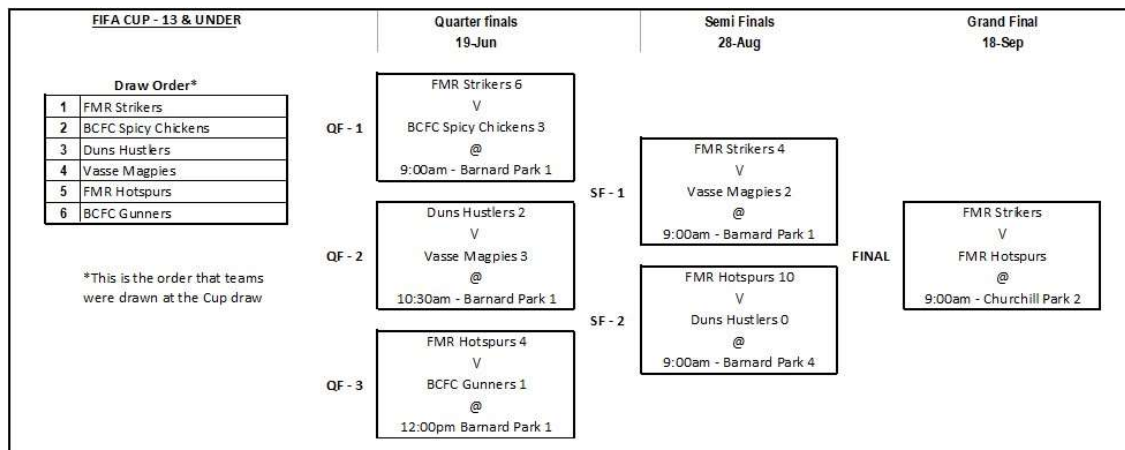
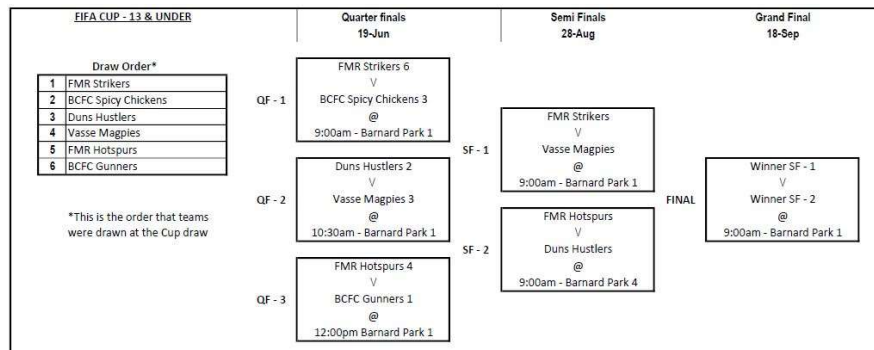
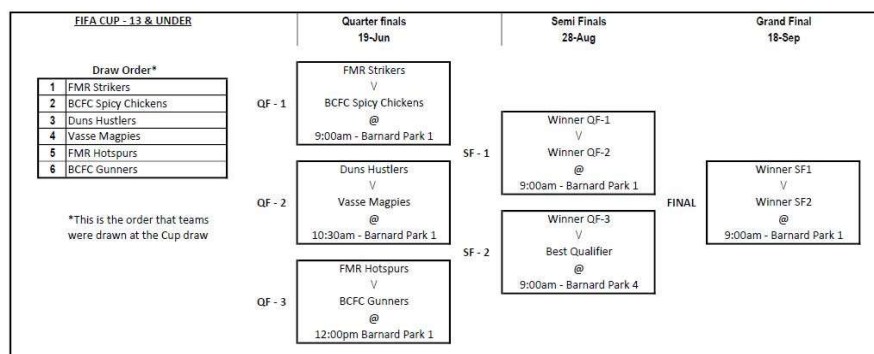
13's & Under Division

With six teams, the 13's & Under division will play 3 Quarter Final matches with the winner of each QF progressing to the SF round. The 'Best Qualifier' from the teams that lost their QF match, will qualify to play in the Semi Finals. The criteria used to determine the 'Best Qualifier' will be (in order):

- Smallest losing margin (goal difference)
- Highest number of goals scored

If a 'Best Qualifier' cannot be determined after these qualifying criteria are applied, the team placed highest on the current league standings (up to and including Rd 6) will qualify through to SF round.

See diagram below.



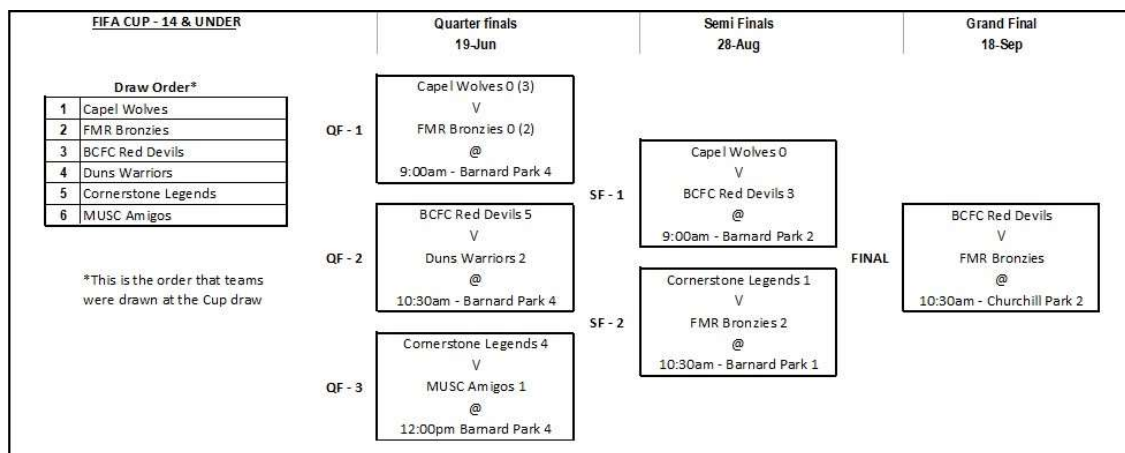
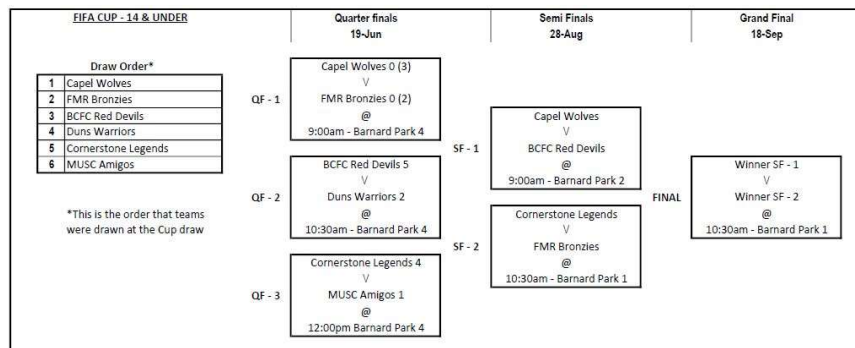
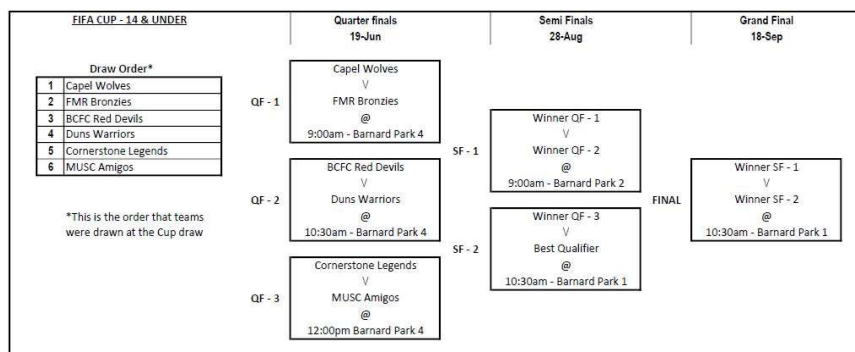
14's & Under Division

With six participating teams, the 14's & Under division will play 3 Quarter Final matches with the winner of each QF progressing to the SF round. The 'Best Qualifier' from the teams that lost their QF match, will qualify to play in the Semi Finals. The criteria used to determine the 'Best Qualifier' will be (in order):

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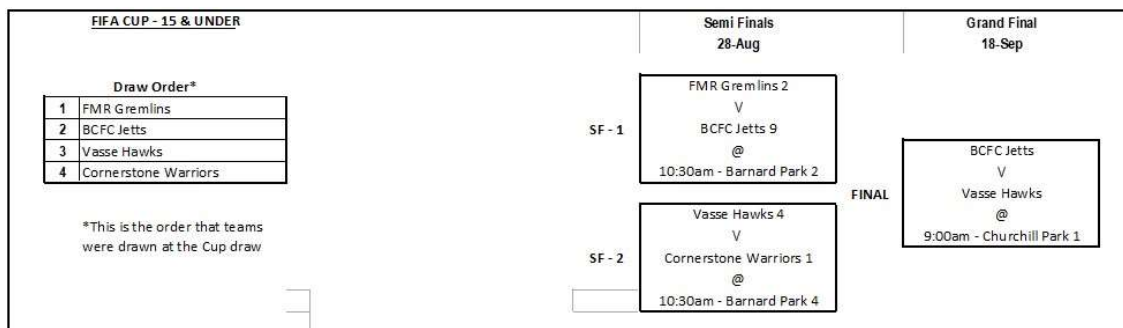
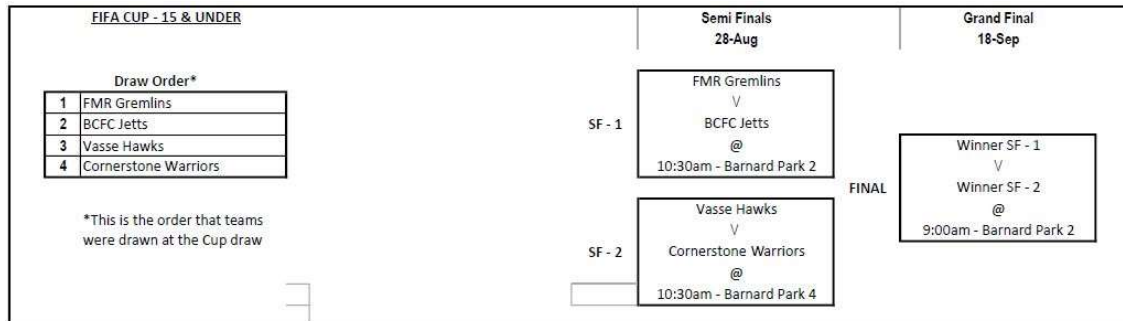


15's & Under Division

With four participating teams, the 15's & Under division will not play QF matches. An additional Home and Away round will be played.

At the Cup Quarter-final draw, the 15's & Under SF division teams will be drawn.

The Semi-final winners will play in the Cup Final.



YL Boys Division

With four participating teams, the Youth League division will not play QF matches. An additional Home and Away round will be played.

At the Cup Quarter-final draw, the Youth League SF division teams will be drawn.

The Semi-final winners will play in the Cup Final.

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