

Welcome to the Cashmere Technical 9th Grade Mini World Cup 2026



Competition Format - 9th Grade

- Teams: 14 x 9th Grade teams, randomly divided into 2 pools of 7.
- Pool Games: Each team plays 5 games within their pool.
- Game Format: Each game is 9 minutes, with 3 minutes between games.
- Points System:
 - ◆ Win: 3 points
 - ◆ Draw: 1 point
 - ◆ Loss: 0 points
- Goal Difference: Goal difference will be recorded, but goal difference is capped at +6 per game. For example, a 10–2 win is recorded as 8–2.
- Pool Rankings: Results from the 5 pool games determine the rankings within each pool.
- Semi-Finals: The top 2 teams from each pool qualify for the semi-finals.
 - ◆ 1st Pool A vs 2nd Pool B
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- Mini World Cup Final: The winners of the semi-finals progress to the Mini World Cup Final. The final will be played on Pitch 2, directly in front of the Centennial Park Pavilion.
- The trophy presentation will take place immediately after the final.

Referees and scorecard runners will be allocated to each pitch, so coaches and managers can focus on supporting their teams. After each game, teams simply need to collect their gear and move to their next pitch, ready for their next match.

Game Start & Arrival

The first games will kick off at 8:30am sharp - please ask teams to arrive by 8:15am for a light warm-up so they are ready to start at 8:30am.

Games will be played on the 5v5 Junior Pitches, which are the pitches you normally play your matches on.

Supporters

Please encourage friends and family down to Centennial Park on Saturday to cheer on your team!

We'd love to see players, coaches and parents from all teams to stick around and support the semi-finals and final. Bring the noise, get behind the teams and make it a great atmosphere!

The 8th & 9th Grade games at Centennial Park have been fantastic to watch this year - highly competitive, exciting and with some great sportsmanship on display.

We'd also love everyone to dress in the colours of their country. Last year, the 8th & 9th Grade teams brought flags, jerseys and face paint, and we're hoping to see even more of that this year. Let's make it a Mini World Cup to remember!

And remember, this isn't the real World Cup! The main goal is for the players to have fun, enjoy the experience and create some great memories. Keep it positive, encourage good sportsmanship and let the players enjoy the day.

Welcome to the Cashmere Technical 8th Grade Mini World Cup 2026



Competition Format - 8th Grade

- ★ Teams: 24 x 8th Grade teams, randomly divided into 4 pools of 6.
- ★ Pool Games: Each team plays 5 games within their pool.
- ★ Game Format: Each game is 9 minutes, with 3 minutes between games.
- ★ Points System:
 - Win: 3 points
 - Draw: 1 point
 - Loss: 0 points
- ★ Goal Difference: Goal difference will be recorded, but goal difference is capped at +6 per game. For example, a 10–2 win is recorded as 8–2.
- ★ Pool Rankings: Results from the 5 pool games determine the rankings within each pool.
- ★ Semi-Finals: The top team from each pool qualifies for the semi-finals.
- ★ Mini World Cup Final: The winners of the semi-finals progress to the Mini World Cup Final. The final will be played on Pitch 2, directly in front of the Centennial Park Pavilion.
- ★ The trophy presentation will take place immediately after the final.

Referees and scorecard runners will be allocated to each pitch, so coaches and managers can focus on supporting their teams. After each game, teams simply need to collect their gear and move to their next pitch, ready for their next match.

Game Start & Arrival

The first games will kick off at 10:30am sharp - please ask teams to arrive by 10:15am for a light warm-up so they are ready to start at 10:30am.

Games will be played on the Junior Pitches (the 12 pitches).

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