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1 GENERAL MATTERS RELATING TO COMPETITIONS

1.1 APPLICATION OF REGULATIONS

- 1.1.1 These Competition Regulations and Procedures (Regulations) shall apply to the following Competitions and knockouts conducted under the auspices of Football South Coast (FSC): -
- FSC Junior Competitions (U6 – U18);
 - FSC All Age Men Community Leagues;
 - FSC All Age Women Competitions;
 - FSC Women's Youth League (across Junior and Women's Clubs).
- 1.1.2 These Regulations are directly overseen by FSC and its delegated Football Councils / Competition Committee(s). FSC will ensure the establishment of Competition Committees as required.
- 1.1.3 Any matters not included in these Regulations must be referred to FSC. Where these Competition Regulations are silent on any aspect, then FSC will refer to the FSC Constitution, FSC By-Laws, any relevant FSC policies, FNSW regulations, FFA rules and regulations.
- 1.1.4 If any part of these Regulations is void, that part shall be severable and will not affect the enforceability of the remaining sections of these Regulations.
- 1.1.5 FSC will interpret and apply all articles of these Regulations and any such interpretation or application will be final and binding on all parties.

1.2 CONSEQUENCE OF A BREACH

- 1.2.1 Any breach of these Regulations or failure to comply with any direction therein may at our discretion result in a sanction pursuant to these Regulations
- 1.2.2 In addition to any consequences stated in these Regulations, any proven breach of, or failure to comply with an obligation or requirement set out in these Regulations will be defined as Misconduct and may be subject to the provisions of the FSC Disciplinary and Disputes Regulations.
- 1.2.3 To avoid doubt where these Regulations, do not specify the consequences of a breach or failure to comply with these Regulations, such breach or failure to comply will still amount to Misconduct and may be subject to the provisions of the FSC Disciplinary and Disputes Regulations.

1.3 REFERENCE

- 1.3.1 Where these Regulations refer to a "Club" that reference is to either the club and/or team that has been accepted into the relevant Competition.

1.4 CAPITALISED TERMS

- 1.4.1 Any capitalised terms used in these Regulations will have the meaning given to them in [Appendix 1 - Definitions](#).

1.5 ADMISSION / APPLICATION TO COMPETITIONS

- 1.5.1 Participation in the Competitions is on an annual basis unless otherwise specified as per the application process determined by the relevant FSC Football Council.
- 1.5.2 For the avoidance of doubt, the Club agrees that it has no right to any renewal or extension to participate in any future Competition(s), and FSC has the right to determine, in its absolute discretion, whether any right to participate in any Competition(s) is renewed or extended.
- 1.5.3 Applications to participate in all Competitions administered within these Regulations are to be made to FSC on the prescribed FSC documents and submitted by the date on the documents.
- 1.5.4 FSC will distribute the prescribed documents in the year preceding each season.
- 1.5.5 Competition admission and/or team fees shall be set annually by FSC and included in the application forms. Payment of initial fees must accompany application form.
- 1.5.6 Clubs / teams who are un-financial from the previous season will not have their team nomination accepted. Players and/or Team Officials who were registered with the Club/team in the previous season may be deemed un-financial and ineligible to register for the current season.
- 1.5.7 Approved nomination forms shall include, but not be limited to, the following information:
- Division for which the nomination is being submitted;
 - Preferred home ground and training ground;
 - First choice kit/strip colours and design (shirt, shorts & socks);
 - Alternate (clash) kit/strip colours and design (shirt, shorts & socks) and
 - Club Officials and/or Team Official contacts.
- 1.5.8 In Junior Competition,
- 1.5.8.1 A Club affiliated within the FSC Men's Council Premiership Clubs may apply to the Junior Council to enter a team in the U18 competition only. The admission of the team is at the discretion of the Junior Council.
- 1.5.8.2 When a guest Club and/or affiliate Club nominates a team/teams to participate in the FSC Junior Competition then: -
- (a) In their first year, each team can apply for a position in Division 1 for that age group subject to approval of the Junior Council;
 - (b) In each year after the first year, team placing will be determined in accordance with [Article 1.8 - Promotion, Relegation, Team Grading Into Divisions](#), of these Regulations.
- 1.5.9 Combined Team – Junior Football
- 1.5.9.1 In Junior Competitions, two Junior Clubs may apply to register a combined team.
- 1.5.9.2 The Clubs involved must at the time of nomination submit a document signed by both Clubs (to the Competition Coordinator) including, but not limited to:
- (a) Which Club is the “primary club” for purposes of administration of the team;
 - (b) Financials - Split between the Clubs for fees and fines;
 - (c) Grounds where home games are to be played (may be split);
 - (d) Team uniform to be used.

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- 1.5.9.3 All correspondence will be through the primary Club.
 - 1.5.9.4 The players registered in that team maintain entitlements for the Club that they originally registered with.
 - 1.5.10 All nominations shall be inspected and assessed by the Competition Coordinator initially for completeness and then by the relevant Council. Clubs that have provided inadequate information or information not in accordance with these Regulations on the official nomination form shall be informed of such irregularities and shall be given two (2) working days in which to resubmit their nomination in full compliance. Where irregularities have not been duly addressed within the allocated timeframe on the resubmitted documentation, FSC through its Council, shall determine the validity of the application at its sole discretion and/or if any penalty is applied.
 - 1.5.11 Late nominations may be accepted provided there is a vacancy in a Competition.

1.6 ADMISSION TO OTHER COMPETITIONS / TOURNAMENTS

- 1.6.1 FSC through its Councils, may invite Clubs or Teams to participate in FNSW Competitions.
- 1.6.2 FSC or the relevant Football Council will determine the criteria for entry of teams.
- 1.6.3 FNSW Competitions will take precedence over local Competition fixtures and Clubs may be required to play the normal Competition round fixture earlier than the fixture date.
- 1.6.4 Any Club or Team wishing to participate in any other competition or tournament outside the control of FSC must apply to and receive approval from FSC. Applications must be submitted at least 14 days before the competition or tournament commences. Any approval given by FSC is on the condition that all local Competition commitments are completed prior to participating in that external competition or tournament.
- 1.6.5 A Club who fails to meet the condition in [Article 1.6.4](#) will be subject to any penalties within these Regulations and may face further disciplinary proceedings as determined by FSC.
- 1.6.6 Clubs or teams participating in external competitions or tournaments without permission will be subject to disciplinary proceedings as determined by FSC.

1.7 STRUCTURE OF LEAGUES / COMPETITION

- 1.7.1 The composition and structure of Leagues including the maximum number of Teams per division will be determined by the relevant FSC Council or Competition Committee following these guidelines:
 - 1.7.1.1 JUNIORS – Mini Roos
 - 1.7.1.1.1 It is compulsory to play modified football (Mini Roos) for all teams in the U6 to U11 age groups. No competition points are allocated.
 - 1.7.1.2 JUNIORS - Competition
 - 1.7.1.2.1 U13's and over will be competition based. Teams will be placed into divisions and a minimum of fourteen (14) rounds shall be organised for each division.
 - 1.7.1.2.2 U12's will initially play grading matches to determine divisions and then have a competition with a minimum of nine (9) rounds organised for each division.
 - 1.7.1.2.3 Where insufficient team numbers exist for an age group an alternate structure may be investigated (e.g. mixed age groups)

1.7.1.2.4 Where sufficient team numbers exist, a girls' only competition shall be organised.

1.7.1.2.5 A final series shall be organised for each Competition.

1.7.1.3 WOMEN'S LEAGUE

1.7.1.3.1 Teams will be placed into divisions and a minimum of fourteen (14) rounds shall be organised for each division. Where sufficient team numbers exist, O30 only Competition shall be organised. A final series shall be organised for each Competition.

League	Grades	Age Group
All Age Divisions	One grade as per name of division	17 and over
O30 Division	One grade as per name of division	30 and over

1.7.1.4 COMMUNITY LEAGUE

1.7.1.4.1 Clubs will be placed into divisions with two grades (AA 1, AA 2 or AA 3). Where sufficient team numbers exist,

- a O35 Competition (Masters);
- a O45 Competition (Masters)

where teams shall be organised into divisions. A minimum of fourteen (14) rounds shall be organised for each division. A final series shall be organised for each Competition.

League	Grades	FFA Age Group
All Age Division 1	First, Second	19 and over
All Age Division 2	First, Second	19 and over
All Age Division 3	First, Second	19 and over
O35 Division 1 onwards (Masters)	One grade as per name of division	36 and over
O45 Division 1 onwards (Masters)	One grade as per name of division	46 and over

1.7.1.5 FSC WOMEN'S YOUTH LEAGUE COMPETITION (Joint Junior and Women's Teams)

1.7.1.5.1 Teams will be placed into divisions and a minimum of fourteen (14) rounds shall be organised for each division. A final series shall be organised for each Competition.

1.7.2 FSC may conduct Cup Competitions for any League or grade. Notification and invitation for participation in these Competitions will be made prior to any Competitions, should they be conducted.

1.8 PROMOTION, RELEGATION, TEAM GRADING INTO DIVISIONS

- 1.8.1 FSC may grade any team at any time into a division of an age group in which such team is eligible to play.
- 1.8.2 Promotion and Relegation – Junior, Women and FSC Women’s Youth Competitions
- 1.8.2.1 The team finishing the season as League Champions of each division will be promoted in the following season unless:
- 1.8.2.1.1 The Club concerned can provide FSC with acceptable written reasons by the timeframe specified by FSC or these Regulations, as to why they should not be promoted, and the relevant Council agrees with the application.
- 1.8.2.2 The relevant FSC Council, at its absolute discretion determines otherwise.
- 1.8.2.3 Additional promotions and any relegation(s) will be at the discretion of FSC.
- 1.8.3 Promotion and Relegation – Community League Competition
- 1.8.3.1 The Club which finished first in the Club Championship for AAM Division 2 and AAM Division 3 will be promoted and the League Champion in the Masters Division 2 – 4 will be promoted in the following season unless:
- 1.8.3.1.1 The Club concerned can provide FSC with acceptable written reasons by the timeframe specified by FSC or these Regulations, as to why they should not be promoted, and the relevant Council agrees with the application.
- 1.8.3.2 Clubs which finish last in the Club Championship for AAM Division 1 and Division 2 or last in the Master’s Division **may** be relegated in the following season.
- 1.8.3.3 Additional promotions and any relegation(s) will be at the discretion of FSC.
- 1.8.4 All Clubs must have completed grading for all Competition Teams and have players allocated appropriately in My Football Club by date set by FSC.
- 1.8.5 Unless an extension is approved by FSC, Clubs who have not met the requirement in [Article 1.8.4](#) may not be accepted into the Competition.
- 1.8.6 Clubs that nominate teams whom the Grading Committee and/or FSC Football Councils consider of a higher standard to that age to which they are nominated can be graded to a higher age.
- 1.8.7 Where a Club has two or more teams in the same division, they shall then be named by colours e.g. Albion Park Blue.
- 1.8.8 For Junior Competition, FSC will produce a draft grading guide for Junior Competition, listing the division in which teams would be placed for the following season based on the assumption that the same teams apply as they did in the present season. This draft grading guide will be published and distributed to Clubs at the final meeting in each calendar year.

1.8.9 Grading Committee – Junior, Women’s, and Women’s Youth League

1.8.9.1 Each council may form a Grading Committee of at least three members who shall meet and consider:

- Competition structure;
- Team Grading.

1.8.9.2 The Grading Committee shall in its deliberations consider:

- Movement of players;
- Strength of team based on players, previous club and division;
- Requests submitted in writing from Clubs;
- Position of teams in previous Competition;
- Draft grading recommendation from previous year.

1.8.9.3 After publishing Grading decisions and Competition structure from the Grading Committee, the respective Football Council will hold a Grading Meeting, which is open to all member Clubs.

1.8.9.4 Clubs who have any concerns regarding the Competition structure or grading(s) issued to the Clubs may attend the Grading Meeting and make representation to the Committee by way of appeal. Clubs wishing to utilise this means of appeal must provide written justification of each appeal, on Club letterhead, to the Competition Coordinator by the date set by FSC. A notice containing appellants will be provided to member Clubs.

1.8.9.5 After hearing all appeals, the Council shall make a final determination to any issue raised at this Grading meeting, in relation to structure and grading(s). There will be no further grading changes after this process is complete until after Round 3 of the Competition unless there are late withdrawals and late registrations which significantly affect the Competition or grading of a team.

1.8.9.6 Clubs will have no further right of appeal after the Grading Meeting.

1.8.10 Promotion to Men’s District League

Only the League Champion of First Grade in Community League AA-1 is eligible to be considered for promotion to Men’s District League in the following season. The Club concerned must make application to FSC by the timelines set by FSC Men’s Council and must meet the criteria as set out in the application form.

1.9 LIGHTING STANDARDS

1.9.1 Clubs wishing to play Competition fixtures under lights must ensure that lighting complies with the guidelines prepared by FSC. Refer to [Appendix 2 - Lighting Criteria](#).

1.9.2 All scheduled Competition night matches must be approved by FSC, through the Competition Coordinator, in line with the FNSW guidelines. Each Club wishing to host night matches must provide FSC annually at or prior to the season commencement a lighting certificate which confirms that the lighting on the nominated ground meets the criteria in [Appendix 2 - Lighting Criteria](#). The certificate must be provided by an authorised company / individual.

1.10 PLAYER FEES

1.10.1 Clubs will be required to collect player fees and pay FSC as per the FSC Registration Regulations.

1.11 FSC INVOICES

- 1.11.1 Subject to these Regulations and relevant FSC policies, all outstanding accounts due and payable to FSC, as well as annual application fees or portion thereof, as authorised and determined by FSC, must be paid by a Club within 30 days of invoicing unless alternative arrangements have been provided and approved by FSC.
- 1.11.2 As per the FSC Payment Policy, Clubs that are 61-90 days in arrears to FSC **may result in ineligibility for Competition points** while the debt remains unpaid, and that those points will not be reinstated once the debt is cleared. This shall apply to all Competition and final matches conducted by FSC or its governing body.
- 1.11.3 Notwithstanding [Articles 1.11.1 and 1.11.2 - FSC Invoices](#), FSC may in its absolute discretion expel a Club and/or team if it does not comply with the FSC Payment Policy.

1.12 SPONSORSHIPS

- 1.12.1 Clubs may obtain sponsorship for teams and the sponsor's name and other details may be printed on the front and/or back of shirts or shirt sleeves or on the leg of shorts.
- 1.12.2 Advertising must not obscure or otherwise affect the shirt number.
- 1.12.3 Sponsors details must not be of a size greater than 250 mm x 100 mm approximately.
- 1.12.4 The advertising of licenced premises primarily providing alcohol and/or gambling establishments is not permitted on the uniforms of players in Junior Competitions.
- 1.12.5 FSC may reject or require the removal of any advertising which does not meet the requirements of this [Article 1.12](#) or is considered to be offensive or contrary to the best interests of Football South Coast or is contrary to the Laws of the Game.
- 1.12.6 All Clubs must comply with requests from FSC in relation to its sponsors requests and obligations.

1.13 ALTERATION

- 1.13.1 FSC will have the power from time to time to make, alter or rescind these Regulations as per the FSC By-Laws.
- 1.13.2 Special Consideration
 - 1.13.2.1 FSC through its councils will have the power to consider special circumstances for their respective Competitions outside the prescribed limits of these regulations should it be clear that those special considerations, are in the overall interests of the game.
 - 1.13.2.2 The decision by FSC through its councils to review and consider special circumstances under [Article 1.13.2](#) is not subject to grievance, appeal or review.

1.14 PROTECTION OF IMPORTANT FIXTURES

- 1.14.1 No Club, agent or any entrepreneur may stage any tournament in the region governed by FSC except with the written consent of FSC through its delegated council representatives.
- 1.14.2 Where an International match or other important match is scheduled for the region, FSC may direct that no Competitions matches shall take place on that day including Competition matches.

1.15 DISCIPLINARY

- 1.15.1 All Clubs, Players, Team Officials, Match Officials, Spectators or any person participating in any manner at a FSC Fixture, Match, or event will submit exclusively to the jurisdiction of the FSC Disciplinary and Disputes Regulations.
- 1.15.2 Any person removed from the Technical Area by Match Officials must leave the Technical Area immediately, move directly outside any fenced area surrounding the field and must immediately move to and remain at all times at least 50 metres from the Technical Area. Under no circumstances should this person attempt to engage a third party to relay coaching instructions, return onto the field, nor approach the Match Officials.
- 1.15.3 Each team will be subject to the Team Points system as defined in the FSC Disciplinary and Disputes Regulations.

1.16 STRICT LIABILITY OF CLUBS

- 1.16.1 Each Club shall be responsible for the conduct of all its Players, Coaches, Club Officials, Team Officials and Spectators, who must adhere to the respective Code of Conducts as adopted by FSC, FNSW, Football Federation Australia, at or in the vicinity of any match or event in which a Club is engaged or is in attendance regardless of the responsibilities attaching to any other person or entity in respect of such a match or event.
- 1.16.2 Penalties may apply for breaching the specific codes and sanctions as per the FSC Disciplinary and Disputes regulations.

1.17 MEDIA COMMENT

- 1.17.1 Clubs and/or Club Officials must not make derogatory or detrimental comment(s) to the media about FSC or the performance of Match Officials. Any such complaints in the first instance should be made in writing to FSC.
- 1.17.2 Clubs and/or Club Officials must not write a column for publication (electronic or print media) without first obtaining the approval of FSC through its Councils. Such approval must not be unreasonably withheld and is deemed to continue until withdrawn by FSC.
- 1.17.3 Match Officials are prohibited from making any comment to the media regarding any fixture of FSC at any time.

1.18 SOCIAL MEDIA

- 1.18.1 Players, Officials and Club/Team associates must adhere to both FSC and FNSW Social Media Policies.

1.19 CLUB MEETINGS

- 1.19.1 Clubs not sending a representative to Club meetings called by a Council will be sanctioned as outlined in [Appendix 7– Match Outcomes, Breaches, Penalties](#).

1.20 UNFORESEEABLE CIRCUMSTANCES

- 1.20.1 Nothing in these Regulations will prevent FSC, through its Council, from approving a course of action to meet unforeseeable circumstances not covered by the Regulations including but not limited to promotion, relegation, number of divisions and composition of Teams in each division.

1.21 CONTROL OF COMPETITIONS

- 1.21.1 The administrative control and conduct of the Competitions is vested in the Competition Coordinator(s) subject to any resolution by the relevant Council or FSC Board to the contrary.

2 TECHNICAL REGULATIONS – LEAGUE COMPETITION

2.1 MATCHES PLAYED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE LAWS OF THE GAME

- 2.1.1 All FSC Fixtures are played under the FIFA Laws of the Game or FFA guidelines (mini roos), unless otherwise specified in these Regulations, and will be played in compliance with FFA, FNSW and the FSC regulations and other specified conditions and policies.

2.2 VENUES / GROUNDS

- 2.2.1 Clubs must book any Local Government Area Council Ground through FSC for training or Home Fixtures unless otherwise advised.
- 2.2.2 When FSC books a ground for a Club, FSC will invoice the Club for any fees associated with the use of the ground.
- 2.2.3 Any game which is transferred to a Local Government Area Council Ground, the Home Club will be invoiced directly from FSC for any fees associated with the use of the ground, unless the Football Council determines otherwise.
- 2.2.4 Clubs who use a private / leased field for training or Home Fixtures will be required to book the ground with the relevant controlling organisation and pay any scheduled fees for hiring purposes.
- 2.2.5 Both Clubs are responsible for leaving the grounds in a neat and tidy state. All tape, orange peels, cans, rubbish are to be placed in bins or taken away. Under no circumstances should glass bottles be brought onto grounds.
- 2.2.6 All Clubs must adhere to the [FNSW policies](#), and other regulatory/legislation requests in relation to Canteen, Alcohol and Smoking policies.
- 2.2.7 When matches are scheduled or transferred to Ian McLennan Park (synthetic pitch) as per FSC Usage Agreement, clubs will be invoiced any associated fees for ground hire or Match Officials.

2.3 GOAL POSTS

- 2.3.1 It is the responsibility of all Clubs to ensure they provide a safe environment for their members. To minimise risk and to prevent injury, football goals are to be constructed and installed to the correct safety standards. The main areas of concern are:
- Construction of goal frames for either fixed or portable use;
 - Securing and stability of the goal frame;
 - Net fixings to the frame of the goal;
 - The net itself.
- 2.3.2 All football goal posts that are installed as a permanent structure on a football field must be properly secured, installed at the regulation width and height, as per the FIFA Laws of the Game, and should have no sharp edges protruding that may cause injury.
- 2.3.3 Where a Club uses portable goal posts for training or Competition, it must ensure that these goal posts conform to the current Standards Australia Handbook "*Portable Football Goalposts – Manufacture, use and storage*". The manufacturer of portable goals should provide the Club with a certificate of conformity.

2.4 NETS, CORNER FLAGS, LINE MARKINGS

- 2.4.1 It is the responsibility of the Home Club to provide goal nets and corner flags.
- 2.4.2 Halfway flags are not required. If used, the flags must be at least 1 metre outside the touchline.
- 2.4.3 Line Markings
- 2.4.3.1 The Field of Play must be rectangular and marked with continuous lines which must not be dangerous. Line markings must be in accordance with the Field of Play Dimensions, not exceed 12 cm's in width as per FIFA Laws of the Game and be clear and accurate. Clubs are responsible to ensure that only substances that will not harm users or damage turf grasses are used for line marking.
- 2.4.3.2 In all matches sanctioned by the Competition Coordinator, the Home Club shall ensure adequate line-marking and such equipment shall remain in place for all matches being played on that ground on that day.

Note: Where grounds are shared across Competitions, all Clubs/ Teams should establish arrangements with the other Club members for activities on match day.

2.5 COLOURS / CLASH OF COLOURS

- 2.5.1 Each Club is required to submit their first-choice kit/strip, colours and design (shirt, shorts, socks) and alternate (clash) kit/strip, colours and design (shirt, shorts, socks) with a material sample if requested to the respective Football Council prior to the competition commencing for approval. Where a Football Council requires, Clubs shall submit approximately a 25cm x 20 cm colour photograph or colour design drawing of the Club uniform.
- 2.5.2 Changes to club colours or design with a material sample if requested, must be lodged to the relevant FSC Council. Clubs must have approval in writing from FSC prior to order / purchase.
- 2.5.3 In Junior Competition, no team or goal keeper will be permitted to wear a predominantly black shirt.
- 2.5.4 Clubs are required to wear their first-choice kit colours for all Matches, as those registered in [Article 2.5.1](#), unless there is a clash of colours.
- 2.5.5 Unless already determined and communicated by FSC through the respective Councils, the Match Official or Match Day Supervisor will be the sole decision maker of a clash of colours.
- 2.5.6 In the case of a colour clash the Away Club must change and wear their alternate (clash) kit.
- 2.5.7 In Junior Competition, if the Away Club does not have an alternate (clash) kit as per [Article 2.5.6](#) then the Home Club will either provide a set of shirts or bibs or the Home Club may choose to wear its alternate (clash) kit.
- 2.5.8 The goalkeepers' colours shall be distinguishable from the colours worn by all the other players and the Match Officials. A clash of colour, shall require the goal keeper concerned to change to a non-clashing colour, as determined by the Match Official on the day before taking the field.
- 2.5.9 In Mini - Roos competition, Clubs are permitted to allocate an alternative coloured shirt for their teams. In the case of a colour clash between two teams/clubs then the team not wearing the club's first choice (main) strip will be required to change or wear bibs; otherwise [Article 2.5.6 & 2.5.7](#) applies.

2.6 PLAYING EQUIPMENT

2.6.1 Players in all matches must take the field of play with

- Club kit (shirt, shorts, socks) in accordance with [Article 2.5 Colours / Clash of Colours](#)
- Shin-pads, and
- approved enclosed footwear.

Players may have extra equipment as per the Laws of FIFA providing it poses no danger to the player or other players.

2.6.2 Players in all matches must adhere to the FIFA Laws of the Game – Law 4 “Safety” and the FFA National Policy re the wearing of Jewellery. – [Appendix 3 – National Policy - Wearing of Jewellery](#).

Note: No earrings and piercings are acceptable. The practice of taping earrings and piercings is not acceptable

2.6.3 Undershirts, Undergarments, Thermal Shorts, etc.

2.6.3.1 Players may use equipment items worn under the playing equipment, such as undershirts, undergarments and thermal shorts. Such equipment items worn under the playing equipment must be separate from, or permanently attached to, the shirt or shorts.

2.6.3.2 In all other competitions, the colour of any such visible equipment items worn under the playing equipment must be either:

- (a) of the same group of a basic colour as the corresponding part (e.g. sleeves or legs) of a playing equipment item, or
- (b) black; or
- (c) white.

A team where players are using the equipment items in this Article must all wear the same colour.

2.6.4 Tape

2.6.4.1 Tape may be of any colour; however, stockings /socks of a different colour are not permitted to be worn externally to a player’s Stockings.

Note: [Articles 2.6.3 and 2.6.4](#) are specific to local Competition matches played against local Competition teams in Competitions as defined in these Regulations only. Teams participating in any other match, including FNSW tournaments, Gala days, etc., will be subject to FIFA Rules and the laws of the Game (which prohibit equipment that is not the predominate colour of the corresponding part of Playing Equipment).

2.6.5 Any Player in Competition not having the correct equipment may not be permitted on the field.

2.6.6 In Junior Competition, if a Jacketed Official carrying out an ID card check, identifies that a Player is wearing unauthorised playing equipment, the Jacketed Official has the authority to advise the Player that they cannot participate in the match until the unauthorised item identified has been removed and the player has been ID checked again. Once the identified item has been removed, the Team Official is also to be advised.

The Match Official is to be notified, by the Jacketed Official, at the next available opportunity of the Player’s identity and issue. If the Player identified is wearing the unauthorised item of playing equipment again in the match, the Match Official has the authority under the FIFA Laws of the

Game to take appropriate action; including cautioning the player and/or ordering the Player to leave the field of play to remove the item before being allowed to take any further part in the match.

2.7 TECHNICAL AREA (INTERCHANGE ZONE)

- 2.7.1 Only currently registered and eligible Players participating in the match, two (2) Team Officials are allowed in the Technical Area (interchange zone) during matches.
- 2.7.2 In Women's, Women's Youth League and Community League, one (1) qualified Sports Trainer who is registered with FSC will also be allowed in the Technical area. The Sports Trainer must have their current qualification on display with their FSC ID card and is to remain seated in the Technical area unless treating a player. If the Sports Trainer is seen or heard coaching, they will be asked to leave the technical area by the Match Officials or Jacketed Officials.
- 2.7.3 Should the playing field/ground be so marked with a Technical Area/s in accordance with FIFA regulations then this is to be utilised otherwise, all Team Officials must remain within ten (10) metres on either side of the halfway line (interchange zone) on the same side of the field or in the marked Technical Area during the course of a game. Team Officials must wear a lanyard with their ID card and must be displayed whilst in the Technical Area to the satisfaction of the Match Officials.
- 2.7.4 The Match Official may expel any person from the Technical Area (Interchange zone) at any time as they deem necessary. The game will not recommence until that person has left the playing field to the Match Official's satisfaction and is at least fifty (50) metres from the technical area. The person must also adhere to [Article 1.15.2 - Disciplinary](#).

2.8 REFEREE DRESSING ROOM / DESIGNATED AREA

2.8.1 Junior Competition

No access is permitted to the match official's dressing room (or designated area) except for the Match Day Supervisor, Club Referee Coordinator or FSC appointed Referee Assessor. Any failure to comply with this regulation or any unauthorised accessing of the match officials dressing room may be considered to be an offence that is sanctionable in accordance with the Football South Coast Disciplinary and Dispute Regulations.

2.8.2 Community League, Women's Competition, FSC Women's Youth League

No access is permitted to the match official's dressing room (or designated area) unless authorized. Any failure to comply with this regulation or any unauthorised accessing of the match officials dressing room may be considered to be an offence that is sanctionable in accordance with the Football South Coast Disciplinary and Dispute Regulations.

2.9 MATCH BALLS

- 2.9.1 All Clubs must use a licensed match ball from one of FSC's licensed ball manufacturers as advised by FSC from time to time.
- 2.9.2 The match ball sizes will be:
- Under 6 ,7,8 and 9 – Size 3
 - Under 10, 11, 12 and 13 – Size 4
 - Under 14 and over – Size 5

- 2.9.3 When a fixture is played under lights, the ball must be predominately white or a bright florescent colour.
- 2.9.4 In Junior Competition and Mini Roos, the Home Team shall provide the appointed Match Official with one (1) match ball.
- 2.9.5 For Community League, Women's and FSC Women's Youth League, the Home Club shall provide the appointed Match Official with two (2) match balls prior to the start of the scheduled fixture.
- 2.9.6 At the conclusion of the game, the match balls will be returned to the Home Club by the Match Officials.

2.10 COMPETITION TIMETABLE

- 2.10.1 Each Council shall confirm a Competition timetable by 30 November for the following winter season.
- 2.10.2 Where practicable, FSC shall schedule regular Competition matches on the following days:
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| Small Sided Matches organised by FSC | Saturday |
| Small Sided Matches "In House Comp" | As determined by Club |
| Junior Competition Matches U12 – U14 mixed | Friday night, Saturday |
| Junior Competition Matches U15 – U18 | Friday night, Sunday |
| Junior Girls/Women's Comps U12 – U18 | Friday night, Sunday |
| FSC Women's Youth League | Friday night, Sunday |
| Women's All Age, O 30's | Sunday |
| Community League | Friday Night, Saturday |
- 2.10.3 A Junior Club, FSC Women's Youth League team requesting to have home Friday night fixtures must:
- Put in a written application to FSC preferably by the first Club meeting for the calendar year; and
 - Comply with [Article 1.9 Lighting Standards](#) and [Appendix 2 - Lighting Criteria](#).
- 2.10.4 If the request in [Article 2.10.3](#) is approved, the Competition Coordinator shall organise home matches for any age groups U12 – U18, Women's Youth League, of the requesting Club.

2.11 MATCH SCHEDULE, KICK OFF TIMES AND DURATION OF A MATCH

2.11.1 Match Commencement

- 2.11.1.1 FSC will communicate the official match schedule for all Competitions.
- 2.11.1.2 FSC, through the Competition Coordinator(s) will determine the venue and kick-off times of all Competition and Finals matches. FSC reserve the right to manage and control Competition fixtures and normal playing matches through the calendar year and may from time to time change and/or reverse a fixture as required.
- 2.11.1.3 All matches must be conducted on the scheduled day and should commence by the stipulated kick-off time.
- 2.11.1.4 FSC, in setting down kick-off times, may start matches from 8:00 am from any daytime fixture which may include Saturday, Sunday or any Public Holiday.
- 2.11.1.5 FSC may also schedule midweek evening matches to accommodate washed out matches or deferred Fixtures.
- 2.11.1.6 Clubs will not arrange other matches or fixtures until after the official matches and fixtures are settled, nor improperly interfere with other Club's Home Competition matches or fixtures.
- 2.11.1.7 Any disputes between two (2) or more Clubs as to the arrangement of fixtures will be referred to the FSC Competition Coordinator for a final decision.

2.11.2 Period of Play

Under 6 & 7	20 minutes each way	5 minutes half time
Under 8 & 9	20 minutes each way	5 minutes half time
Under 10&11&12	25 minutes each way	5 minutes half time
Under 13 & 14	30 minutes each way	5 minutes half time
Under 15 & 16	35 minutes each way	5 minutes half time
Under 17 & 18	40 minutes each way	5 minutes half time
Women's Youth League	40 minutes each way	5 minutes half time
AAM, AAW	45 minutes each way	5 min – 10 mins half time
O30's Women	45 minutes each way	5 min – 10 mins half time
O35's Men	45 minutes each way	5 min – 10 mins half time
O45's Men	45 minutes each way	5 min – 10 mins half time

2.11.3 Added Time

2.11.3.1 In Women's AAW 1 and AAW 2, the Match Official may at their sole discretion make allowance for time lost in either half through:

- (a) Substitutions via interchange;
- (b) Assessment of injury to players;
- (c) Removal of injured players from the field of play for treatment;
- (d) Wasting time;
- (e) Any other cause

2.11.3.2 In all other competitions, no added time will be allowed in a match except for a serious injury and there is time available to complete the match. [Article 2.12.5 Allowance for Serious Injury](#)

2.11.4 Reducing Period of Play

2.11.4.1 Should the commencement of a match be delayed by ten (10) minutes or more from the scheduled starting time then the Match Official or Match Day Supervisor (for Juniors) may reduce both halves equally of the match accordingly to ensure the game finishes on time and the next match starts on time.

2.11.4.2 The Match Official or Match Day Supervisor (for Juniors) may cut short any match if in the Match Official's opinion playing conditions compromise player safety or otherwise only if:

- (a) It is in line with FIFA rules and the prior game was running late (both halves reduced equally); and
- (b) The Match Official or Match Day Supervisor (for Juniors) has consulted with the coaches of each participating team.

2.11.5 Change of Fixtures

2.11.5.1 No match shall be deferred without the approval of the Competition Coordinator. A Club guilty of such a deferral shall be deemed to forfeit the match. Where both Clubs are guilty, the match will be null and void and will not be rescheduled. It is in this case the game will be recorded as "Game Not Played" – [Article 2.21 - Competition Points](#).

2.11.5.2 Any game played without the approval of the Competition Coordinator may be declared null and void.

2.11.5.3 Notwithstanding any other Regulations on the same subject matter, FSC through its Competition Coordinator reserves the right to alter or amend any fixture after it has been nominated in the official match schedule. The alterations could be to the date, venue, kick-off times or a combination of all.

2.11.5.4 Clubs requesting a fixture change must submit such a request to FSC on the appropriate form and be signed by the appropriate Club Officer, from both Clubs, seven (7) days for Junior Competitions or fourteen (14) days for all other Competitions prior to the scheduled date of the match for consideration.

2.11.5.5 The Competition Coordinator upon consideration of the request will communicate the decision in writing. If the request is granted, the Competition Coordinator shall confirm to both parties the change of date, time, venue and any conditions.

2.11.5.6 FSC's decision regarding rescheduling of League Fixtures will be final and binding on all parties and shall not be subject to appeal or review.

2.12 PLAYER INJURIES

- 2.12.1 Each Club is to ensure a fully equipped first aid kit is available at each home game.
- 2.12.2 When play is stopped for an injured player then initially the coach, manager or trainer should go to the aid of the player when called upon by the Match Official.
- 2.12.3 Where possible the injured player should be taken from the field of play and receive treatment. This is only to occur if the player can move of his/her own free will.
- 2.12.4 In Junior Competition, the consent of the player's parent or guardian should be obtained if he or she is in attendance. A stretcher must not be used.
- 2.12.5 Allowance for Serious Injury
- 2.12.5.1 If a player has sustained a serious injury and cannot be removed from the field of play, then: -
- (a) The first priority shall be the safety and well-being of the player.
 - (b) In all Competition League Matches, play will be stopped and suspended until the player is treated and removed.
 - (c) The Match Official in consultation with an Official from both Clubs or Match Day Supervisor (for Juniors) will decide if the match can continue and be completed.
 - (d) If the match cannot be completed, then the Match Official shall abandon the game. The Match Official and Match Day Supervisor are each to provide a report including the score and the time when the game was abandoned.
- 2.12.6 Injuries must be reported via the FSC Injury Form. Players who wish to claim insurance must complete the relevant insurer documentation within 30 days of the injury or such other timeframe as the relevant insurance may require.

2.13 WET WEATHER

- 2.13.1 All Clubs will be bound by the operation of wet weather policy.
- 2.13.2 If on the day of the scheduled match, a ground is closed then the following shall apply:
- 2.13.2.1 In Junior Competition, the Competition Coordinator may:
- (a) Move the game to later in the weekend at the Home Club; or
 - (b) Move the game to another time slot available on an adjoining ground on the same day; or
 - (c) Reverse the fixture for the weekend.
- 2.13.2.2 In Women's Competition, FSC Women's Youth League Competition, the fixture:
- (a) Will be moved to another time slot on an adjoining ground at the Home Club or;
 - (b) Will be reversed if the Away Team's ground is available.
 - (c) May be moved to another venue on the same day. (e.g. Ian McLennan Park)
- 2.13.2.3 In Community League, the Competition Coordinator may
- (a) Move the game to later in the weekend at the Home Club; or
 - (b) Reverse the fixture if the Away Club's ground is available; or
 - (c) Move the game to another venue on the same day.

2.14 DISRUPTION TO FIXTURE DUE TO ADVERSE WEATHER CONDITIONS

- 2.14.1 When the Match Official finds it necessary to stop play, owing to adverse weather, the Match Official will wait a reasonable length of time before deciding to abandon or postpone the match. (Appendix 8- Lightning, Hot Weather Guidelines)

2.15 POSTPONED MATCHES

- 2.15.1 Matches may only be postponed by the Match Official, the Competition Coordinator, FSC Councils or as outlined in the FSC Wet Weather Policy.

2.16 RESCHEDULING DUE TO WET WEATHER / POSTPONEMENTS

2.16.1 Junior Competition and Mini Roos

- 2.16.1.1 Where eighteen (18) or more Club venues are cancelled on match day(s) then these matches will be rescheduled by the Competition Coordinator to any wet weather weekend(s)/round(s) provided in the Competition Calendar in the first instance.
- 2.16.1.2 Where eighteen (18) or more Club grounds are cancelled on match day(s) and there are no wet weather weekends / rounds available and if no games have been played in a specific age/division in that round then all games in that specific age/division will be given a 0 – 0 result and one (1) competition point, except for sides with a Bye. These games will not count towards a player's suspension.
- 2.16.1.3 The Competition Coordinator shall reschedule any Competition matches washed out, if a match has been played in a specific age/division in that round and providing the matches have a bearing on the semi-final positions.
- 2.16.1.4 Mini Roo matches shall not be rescheduled.

2.16.2 Community League, Women, FSC Women's Youth League

- 2.16.2.1.1 Where 70% of Master's League Matches are cancelled on match day(s) in that round then all games in that specific age/division will be given a 0 – 0 result and one (1) competition point, except for sides with a Bye. These games will not count towards a player's suspension.
- 2.16.2.1.2 In all other competitions in this article 2.16.2, where all matches in a Round are lost, then that Round will be rescheduled by the Competition Coordinator to the first available wet weather day as in the playing calendar.
- 2.16.2.2 Where matches are postponed, Clubs shall be given five (5) working days to confirm a new date, time and venue for the match to be replayed from the date of the postponement. The match must be played no later than three (3) weeks from fixture postponement date and prior to the final round of the regular season unless an exemption is given by FSC. Should a postponement occur in the last three (3) weeks of the League, then [Article 2.16.2.4](#) shall apply.
- 2.16.2.3 Failure to comply with [Article 2.16.2.2](#), the Competition Coordinator shall determine the new time and date for playing of a postponed match. FSC will have sole discretion on such decisions and any costs are to be borne by the Club(s) and no costs shall be accepted by FSC for the rescheduled fixture.

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- 2.16.2.4 Should a postponed match occur in the last three (3) scheduled rounds, the Competition Coordinator will reschedule the match only if it has a bearing on the Final Series or Competition League Championship. FSC will have sole discretion on any decisions made for postponed matches or fixtures and any costs will be borne by the Club / (s).
- 2.16.2.5 Clubs are obliged to fulfil outstanding fixtures as determined by FSC and any Club which fails to do so shall automatically forfeit the match, and associated penalties for a forfeit.

2.17 ABANDONED MATCHES

- 2.17.1 It is the responsibility of Clubs to ensure that all matches are played within the timeframes of the normal playing calendar for all Competition. FSC shall ensure where practical that any abandoned matches which are required to be rescheduled or resumed shall take place in line with all other policies.
- 2.17.2 Matches in any fixture may only be abandoned by a decision of the Match Official or a Match Day Supervisor (Juniors).
- 2.17.3 The match shall be abandoned if:
- 2.17.3.1 Any Club has its playing numbers reduced for any reason below the minimum FIFA requirement of seven (7) players (U12's and over);
- 2.17.3.2 The lighting at the venue fails such that in the opinion of the match official, it is impossible or unsafe to continue to play;
- 2.17.3.3 The match official determines that playing conditions have become unsafe or untenable for any reason; or
- 2.17.3.4 The Match Official, in consultation with Club and Jacketed Officials, determines that the conditions for Players, Team Officials, Match Officials or Spectators have become unsafe or untenable for any reason; or
- 2.17.3.5 A serious injury has occurred and the match cannot be completed in the time remaining as per [Article 2.12.5 Allowance for Serious Injury](#).
- 2.17.4 In cases where a Fixture / Match is abandoned by the Match Official then
- 2.17.4.1 The Competition Coordinator may apply an outcome from [Appendix 7– Match Outcomes, Breaches, Penalties](#) which can be reviewed by the relevant Council upon request of the Club concerned; or
- 2.17.4.2 A Tribunal may investigate the circumstances of the abandonment and impose penalties as it deems fit on Clubs, Club Officials, Players and/or Spectators adjudged to be associated with the abandonment in accordance with the FSC Disciplinary and Disputes Regulations.

If the Tribunal determines that one (or both) of the competing Clubs, or Club Officials were directly responsible for the abandonment, then in addition to penalties from the FSC Disciplinary and Disputes Regulations, outcomes from [Appendix 7– Match Outcomes, Breaches, Penalties](#) regarding the result of the match may be imposed.

2.18 FORFEITS / WALK OFFS

- 2.18.1 Teams will be deemed to have forfeited a Match when:
- They fail to fulfil an engagement to play a Match on the appointed date, time or venue; or
 - They refuse or fail to begin a Match within fifteen (15) minutes of the stipulated kick-off time; or
 - They field less than seven (7) of their registered Players at the start of the Match; or
 - They are not able to provide Identification Cards prior to the Match commencing for at least seven (7) players taking the field; or
 - At any point during the Match they cannot field at least seven (7) of their registered Players; or
 - They field an Ineligible Player; or
 - Any other scenario within these Regulations or the FSC Disciplinary and Disputes Regulations stipulates.
- 2.18.2 A forfeit cannot be claimed in [Article 2.18.1 \(b\)](#) if both teams are ready and a match is still in progress.
- 2.18.3 If a match is not played due to a forfeit but there are sufficient players to play a friendly game that is permitted providing all players are registered. The official Team Sheet for the forfeited game must be clearly endorsed "Friendly game".
- 2.18.4 If notice of a forfeit is given in advance and the ground where the fixture is to be played is cancelled due to wet weather; the forfeit will stand except in Junior Competition if [Article 2.16.1.2](#) has been applied to that age/division.
- 2.18.5 A team who forfeits a match will have penalties applied as per [Appendix 7– Match Outcomes, Breaches, Penalties](#).
- 2.18.6 In addition, if a Club does not give at least 24 hours' notice to the opposing Club and the Competition Coordinator or FSC Referee Coordinator that they are forfeiting then they will be responsible for all appropriate Match Official fees and ground hire costs.
- 2.18.7 The Team Manager claiming the forfeit shall complete a Team Sheet with the following information
- Names of Players;
 - Age group and division;
 - Time forfeit claimed and by which team.
- 2.18.8 In the event of a walk-off by one (1) Club prior to the completion of a match, the team will be considered to have forfeited the match, and the Club shall be liable to additional penalties and/or sanctions as per the FSC Disciplinary and Disputes Regulations.
- 2.18.9 In First and Second Division of Community League – if a Club does not have sufficient players to field both grades then the First grade side shall take precedence. Failure to field a team in First grade whilst competing in Second grade during the same fixture will result in forfeiture for both the first and second grade.

2.19 MATCHES CONDUCTED UNDER ARTIFICIAL LIGHT

- 2.19.1 A Fixture may be played wholly or in part under floodlights, provided that any alteration to starting times will have been given due approval and that the standard of lighting meets the requirements under [Appendix 2 - Lighting Criteria](#).

2.20 SUBSTITUTES AND INTERCHANGE

- 2.20.1 In all Competition matches (Under 12 and over), five (5) players may be used as substitutes either from the players registered in the team or borrowing players as per [Articles 4.5 to 4.8](#) for the respective Competition. This allows for a maximum of sixteen players which can participate in any Competition match.

- 2.20.2 Substitutes must wear coloured bibs whilst on the touch line or in the technical area.

2.20.3 Substitution

- 2.20.3.1 Each Council shall prior to the Competition commencing, communicate which competitions shall use substitution.

- 2.20.3.2 Competitions using substitution may, at its discretion, substitute five (5) players at any time during a Match.

- 2.20.3.3 Once a player is substituted, they cannot return to the field of play to participate in the Match.

2.20.4 Interchange

- 2.20.4.1 Except for competitions identified in Article 2.20.3 - Substitution, all other competitions will have unlimited interchanging of players which is permissible at any time during the match.

- 2.20.4.2 The Match Official must be notified before interchanging a player(s). The interchange procedures shall be as follows: -

- 2.20.4.2.1 "Interchange zone" will be an area one (1) metre either side of the halfway line.

An interchange is one, which is made when the ball is out of play and for which the following conditions shall be observed:

- (i) The player leaving the field shall do so from sideline, crossing over at the section called the interchange zone.
- (ii) The player entering the field shall also do so from the Interchange zone, but not until the player leaving the field has passed completely over the sideline and is acknowledged by the match official to enter the field of play.
- (iii) A Player nominated for interchange shall be subject to the authority and jurisdiction of the match official whether called upon or not.
- (iv) The interchange is complete when the player who was off the field hands the bib s/he was wearing to the player leaving the field, who then wears the bib until s/he goes back onto the field.

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- 2.20.4.3 The number of interchanges made during a match is unlimited. A player who has been replaced may return to the field of play.
- 2.20.4.4 If during an interchange, an interchange player enters the field before the replaced player has completely left it, the match official shall ensure the replaced player leaves the field, then caution the interchange player and then restart the game.
- 2.20.4.5 If during an interchange, an interchange player enters the field or a replaced player leaves it from a place other than the interchange zone, the match official shall caution the offending player.
- 2.20.4.6 The interchanging of players will cease, at the completion of normal and extra time. If at this time, penalty kicks are required to obtain a result, then the players on the field at the end of extra time are the only players to be involved in taking penalty kicks.
- 2.20.5 In Mini Roos, the maximum number of substitutes which can participate in a match are:
- Under 6 & 7 – Maximum 3 players
 - Under 8 & 9 – Maximum 4 players
 - Under 10 & 11 – Maximum 5 players
- Interchange will be per the FFA Mini Roo regulations.

2.21 COMPETITION POINTS

- 2.21.1 Points will be allocated as follows for all League matches:
- Win – three (3) points;
 - Draw – one (1) point;
 - Loss – no points
 - Bye – no points (unless otherwise determined by FSC for a particular division)
 - Forfeit – As per [Appendix 7– Match Outcomes, Breaches, Penalties](#)
 - Game not played – No Result, no points except where [Article 2.16.1.2 Rescheduling due to Wet Weather / Postponements](#) is applied.

2.22 CLUBS REMOVED OR WITHDRAWN FROM COMPETITIONS

2.22.1 A Club who withdraws a team after the declaration of the League will:

2.22.1.1 Forfeit the nomination fee of the team withdrawing;

2.22.1.2 Be expected to pay any outstanding fees or further sanctions or fines may apply;

2.22.1.3 Have its lowest graded team in the respective age group withdrawn, unless the Competition Coordinator recommends to a variation to this ruling, to FSC.

2.22.2 Clubs can withdraw a Mini Roo team without penalty up to the 20th March. A Mini Roo team withdrawn after this date shall have [Article 2.22.1.1](#) and [2.22.1.2](#) applied.

2.22.3 In the event of any participating team withdrawing or being removed from a Competition, the following procedure will take effect to allow the altered Competitions to proceed:

2.22.3.1 All matches involving a team that has been removed or withdrawn before the Competition has started will be treated as a Bye; unless the Competition is redrawn.

2.22.3.2 The Competition Coordinator shall communicate the decision of the respective Council including but not limited to:

- (a) The Results of Matches involving the Team withdrawing
- (b) Alterations to the Draw
- (c) Finals

2.23 LEAGUE RANKING

2.23.1 Each Council shall prior to the Competition commencing, communicate which method will be applied to each division in determining the ranking of teams:

2.23.1.1 Head to Head

(1) Greatest number of points obtained in all Competition League Matches;

(2) If two teams are equal, based on (1) above, then their ranking will be determined as follows:

- (a) Greatest number of points obtained in Competition League Matches between the teams concerned;
- (b) Greatest number of goals scored in Competition League Matches between the teams concerned;
- (c) Greatest Goal Difference from all Competition League Matches;
- (d) Greatest number of goals scored in all Competition League Matches.

(3) If three or more teams are equal on based of (1) above, then their ranking will be determined as follows:

- (a) Greatest goal difference from all Competition league matches;
- (b) Greatest number of goals scored in all Competition league matches.

2.23.1.2 Goal Difference

- (1) Greatest number of points obtained in all Competition league matches;
- (2) If two or more teams are equal based on (1) above, then their ranking will be determined as follows:
 - (a) Greatest goal difference from all Competition League Matches
 - (b) Greatest number of goals scored in all Competition League Matches.
- (3) If two teams are still tied based on (2) above, then their place will be determined as follows:
 - (a) Greatest number of points obtained in Competition League Matches between the teams concerned;
 - (b) Greatest number of goals scored in Competition League Matches between the teams concerned.

2.23.2 If two teams are still tied after [Article 2.23.1](#) has been applied in the Competition, then a play-off match between the teams concerned may be required or otherwise declared joint ranking.

2.23.3 The Club who is ranked first in their Grade / Division shall be declared as the League Champion.

2.24 CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP – COMMUNITY LEAGUE – AAM 1, AAM 2, AAM 3

2.24.1 At the end of the League Competition, the Club that has accumulated the highest number of aggregate points as per the formula below, will be declared the Club Champions of its division.

2.24.1.1 Each team is awarded points based on position in table and added together:

12 Team Comp			10 Team Comp			8 Team Comp		
Rank	1 st Grade Points	2 nd Grade Points	Rank	1st Grade Points	2nd Grade Points	Rank	1 st Grade Points	2 nd Grade Points
1	24	12	1	20	10	1	16	8
2	23	11	2	19	9	2	15	7
3	22	10	3	18	8	3	14	6
4	21	9	4	17	7	4	13	5
5	20	8	5	16	6	5	12	4
6	19	7	6	15	5	6	11	3
7	18	6	7	14	4	7	10	2
8	17	5	8	13	3	8	9	1
9	16	4	9	12	2			
10	15	3	10	11	1			
11	14	2						
12	13	1						

2.25 TROPHIES AND MEDALLION

- 2.25.1 Perpetual League and Grand Champion trophies shall be returned to FSC by the 1st June of each year.
- 2.25.2 Loss or repairs to damaged trophies shall be paid for by the Club who held the trophy at the time of the damage. Such repairs are to be carried out before trophies are returned by the due date.

2.26 LIQUIDS DURING PLAY

- 2.26.1 Liquids may only be consumed during stoppages in play.
- 2.26.2 Drinks must be contained in plastic bottles and handed to the Players on the side lines.
- 2.26.3 It is forbidden to throw bottles or other receptacles on to the field of play.
- 2.26.4 The goalkeeper may keep a plastic bottle in the corner of their goal which must be at least 1 metre behind the goal post.
- 2.26.5 Plastic bottles may be placed around the pitch at least one (1) metre away from the side lines and goal lines, but only as long as they do not obstruct the Match Officials in the course of their duty.

2.27 TRIAL / SOCIAL MATCHES

- 2.27.1 Clubs who wish to participate in trial / social matches must follow the FSC – Trial Match Policy. Competition fixtures shall take precedence over any trial / social match.

2.28 FNSW COMPETITIONS – (E.G. STATE CUP & CHAMPION OF CHAMPIONS)

- 2.28.1 The Football Council may invite teams to participate in FNSW Competitions.
- 2.28.2 Clubs who participate will be responsible for completing administration requirements, payment of any entry fees and payment of any fines.
- 2.28.3 FNSW fixtures in these competitions shall have precedence over FSC fixtures should there be a clash on the same day. Upon release of the FNSW draw:
 - 2.28.3.1 In Junior Competition, the Competition Coordinator where practicable will reschedule the FSC fixture to either the Friday or Saturday before the FNSW fixture.
 - 2.28.3.2 In Women's Competitions, the Clubs are to apply [Article 2.16.2 - Rescheduling due to Wet Weather / Postponements](#).
- 2.28.4 Any FSC Women's Youth League team who wishes to participate in the Under 18 Women's FNSW State Cup or to be considered for the Under 18 Women's FNSW Champion of Champions must meet the eligibility requirements from FNSW.

Note: All players registered in the team must be U18 and the team has not played any players who are U19 or over in any competition fixture.

3 MATCH OFFICIALS AND MATCH DAY ROLES

3.1 MATCH OFFICIALS APPOINTMENTS

3.1.1 Junior Competitions

- (a) FSC or its delegated body can allocate Match Official appointments which must be adhered to by Clubs; or
- (b) Match Officials shall be allocated to grounds by the Club Referees Appointments Officer who must ensure that all relevant FSC Referee guidelines are followed.

3.1.1.1 The following process is to be followed where there are no Match Officials appointed and/or there are insufficient Assistant Match Officials and a "club volunteer" is required: -

- (a) The Match Day Supervisor shall be responsible for nominating the referee, who should not be less than two (2) years older than the age group concerned (and at least 14 years old) and shall have had previous football experience.
- (b) Where there are insufficient Assistant Referees (U12 – U18), the Match Day Supervisor must first ask the Away Team to provide the make-up officials for the entire match. If following this request, there are still insufficient Assistant Referees the Home Team may be asked. The person(s) who are appointed as Assistant Referees must be at least 14 years old.
- (c) Team Officials who are registered with the two teams involved must not officiate as a referee or assistant referee during the course of their game. Any breach of this clause will result in the offending team forfeiting the match.
- (d) Players who are registered with the two teams involved must not officiate as a referee or assistant referee during the course of their game. Any breach of this clause will result in the offending team forfeiting the match.

3.1.2 Community League, Women's and Women's Youth League Competitions

3.1.2.1 FSC or its delegated body shall initially make appointments of available registered Match Officials to officiate Community League, Women's and FSC Women's Youth League Competition fixtures.

3.1.2.2 Where no Match Officials and/or insufficient Assistant Referees are appointed by FSC or the Match Officials do not arrive then:

- (a) the Home Club/Team must provide all the unavailable match officials (referee and/or Assistant Referees positions) as per guidelines issued from FSC from time to time.
- (b) In Community League competitions, the Home Club Appointed Referees need to be a minimum of 18 years of age and had previous football experience and Assistant Referees need to be a minimum of 16 years of age.
- (c) In FSC Women's Youth League Competitions:
 - (1) The Registered Coach and/or Manager for the respective FSC Women's Youth League team cannot officiate as a Match Official or Assistant Match Official.
 - (2) A Registered player from either team cannot officiate as a Match Official or Assistant Match Official.

3.1.3 All Competitions

- 3.1.3.1 An appointed Match Official from FSC or the Club Referee Appointments (for Juniors) takes precedence over any Club / Duty Team appointment.
- 3.1.3.2 A Club appointed Match Official will have the power to sanction players in accordance with the FIFA Laws of the Game, as would an appointed Match Official. The Match Official is obliged to submit reports to FSC for any sanction issued.
- 3.1.3.3 Fees must be paid in accordance with Referee Payment Policy. Failure to comply may be considered as Misconduct and may be subject to the provisions of the FSC Disciplinary and Disputes Regulations.
- 3.1.3.4 Should a match not proceed due to the unavailability of any Match Officials (appointed or Club), then the game will be declared null and void and will not be rescheduled.

3.2 MATCH OFFICIAL FEES

- 3.2.1 Match Official fees are structured and aligned to FNSW fee structure that are subject to review and change on an annual basis. FSC shall communicate the fee structure in writing to Clubs, prior to the commencement of the playing season.
- 3.2.2 For Junior Competition Games - Payment of Official Referees and Assistant Referees shall be paid by the Home Club, (i.e. the first team on the draw), for their services at the specified rate.
- 3.2.3 Payment of Match Official fees for Community League, Women's U18's and Women's Youth League Competition games shall be paid by the Home Club as per the Referee Payment Policy.

3.3 DECISIONS OF THE MATCH OFFICIAL

- 3.3.1 The decisions of the Match Official or Assistant Match Official about any fact connected with the play, are final and are not subject to dispute by any party. The Match Official may change a decision if they realise that a decision is incorrect, provided play has not re-started.

3.4 DUTIES OF A MATCH OFFICIAL

- 3.4.1 The Match Official shall perform their duties as required by the FIFA Laws of the Game and/or in accordance with these Regulations.
- 3.4.2 The Match Official, shall report to FSC any instance or instances of misconduct or foul play during the progress of the match which has led to the dismissal of a player or players from the field of play. ([Match Official Send Off Report](#))
- 3.4.3 The Match official shall also report any instance of misconduct or incidents irrespective of whether such misconduct or incidents occurred before, during or after such match, and whether it shall have led to the player(s) being ordered from the field or not. ([Match Official Incident Report](#).)
- 3.4.4 The Match Official shall report any Misconduct during the match by that Club's Team Official which results in exclusion from the Technical Area. ([Match Official Expulsion Report](#))
- 3.4.5 The Match Official shall report any Misconduct during the match by that Club's Spectator(s) or any other issue. ([Match Official Incident Report](#).)
- 3.4.6 Match Official Reports are required within two working days of the Match.

3.5 MATCH RECORDS

- 3.5.1 At the conclusion of each match, the Match Official shall consult with their Assistant Match Officials and confirm the correctness of all match information, before completing the Team Sheet. The Match Official must complete the following:
- (a) Names of the Match Officials;
 - (b) Result of match;
 - (c) Names of goal scorers;
 - (d) Cautions and send offs and any other match related reports;
 - (e) Player of the year match points where required.
- 3.5.2 Match reports must be submitted to FSC by 10.00am on the second working after the match date.
- 3.5.3 If a Club Official protests to the Match Official about the fielding of an ineligible player, the Match Official must instruct the Club Official to:
- (a) Advise the Match Day Supervisor (Juniors, FSC Women's Youth League);
 - (b) Inform the other Club Official that the Match is played under protest and record this on the back of the Team Sheet.
 - (c) Lodge an official protest in accordance with [Article 8.1 Protests, Disputes and Misconduct](#).
- 3.5.4 Subject to any protest, the match records received from the Match Official will be accepted as accurate and official record of a match, as signed by the Club Official with no subsequent additions.

3.6 MATCH DAY SUPERVISOR (JUNIOR COMPETITION & WOMEN'S YOUTH LEAGUE COMPETITION ONLY)

- 3.6.1 In all Junior matches (Mini Roo's and/or Competition) and FSC Women's Youth League Competitions, it is the host Club responsibility to appoint a Match Day Supervisor. This person is empowered to ensure all regulations, rules, policies and safety issues are adhered to.
- 3.6.2 The Match Day Supervisor must be minimum 18 years old.
- 3.6.3 The Match Day Supervisor is to check the following for the start of the day, or match, as applicable and complete the FNSW Ground Check Form: -
- (i) Ensure the ground is fit for play;
 - (ii) Check for dangerous objects such as syringes, glass and other objects;
 - (iii) Ensure field is marked and flagged as per the rules;
 - (iv) Ensure match balls are the correct size and suitably inflated.
- 3.6.4 The Match Day Supervisor is to introduce themselves and identify the Jacketed Officials, to the Match Official(s) prior to the match.
- 3.6.5 The Match Day Supervisor duties also include:
- (i) Ensure the referee and/or assistants are present and supervise the appointment of Club Volunteers if not present as per these Regulations;
 - (ii) Ensure referee payments are made as per these Regulations;
 - (iii) Ensure Team Sheets are available and that they are completed correctly both by teams' management;
 - (iv) Ensure the Jacketed Officials are aware of their duties and perform same;
 - (v) Advise how a person may report any protests, rule violations, incidents, injuries etc. as per these Regulations.

3.7 JACKETED OFFICIAL / MATCH MARSHALL

- 3.7.1 All Clubs will ensure that their Team Officials and members are made fully aware of the jurisdiction of the Jacketed Officials and Match Marshalls and the requirement that their request shall be complied with.
- 3.7.2 The Jacketed Official roles and responsibilities are outlined in [Appendix 4 - Jacketed Officials Roles and Responsibilities](#).
- 3.7.3 In Junior Competition, at any time when a Team Official has been called onto the field of play with respect of treatment/assessment of an injured player, a Jacketed Official may enter the field of play and accompany the Team Official to the location of the injured player, and remain present while any assessment is conducted.
- 3.7.4 All persons at the ground will abide by any requests made by the Jacketed Official.
- 3.7.5 In the event of a dispute, improper conduct, or foul & abusive language by any persons at the ground, then any requests made by the Jacketed Official shall be final and complied with immediately.
- 3.7.6 Women's and FSC Women's Youth League Competition
- 3.7.6.1 All Home Clubs participating in a match sanctioned by FSC must provide two Jacketed Officials and the Away Club, one Jacketed Official.
- 3.7.7 Junior Competitions & Mini Roos
- 3.7.7.1 It is the Home Grounds' responsibility to appoint to each:
- "Zone" used for modified football (Mini Roos) at least one Jacketed Official
 - U12 – U14 Competition match at least one Jacketed Official;
 - U15 – U18 at least two Jacketed Officials.
- 3.7.7.2 Match Marshall – Junior Competition
- 3.7.7.2.1 At all Competition matches where a host Club is unable to supply the number of Jacketed Officials required by [Article 3.7.7.1](#), there shall be a minimum of two (2) Match Marshalls (one official from each team), wearing an appropriate vest as issued by the Home Club.
- 3.7.7.2.2 Match Marshalls must ensure that spectators, coaches and managers associated with their team do not encroach on the sidelines or the pitch, and see that good order is maintained.
- 3.7.7.2.3 Match Marshalls must be at least eighteen (18) years of age.
- 3.7.7.2.4 Match Marshalls from both teams must print their name and sign the Team Sheet, indicating they were in attendance for the game.
- 3.7.7.2.5 If a Match Marshall is not provided when required, the game will not go ahead.
- 3.7.7.3 When a fixture between two Clubs is to be played on a neutral field (including final series), then each team must provide a Match Marshall.

3.8 GAME LEADER AND INSTRUCTING REFEREE MINI ROOS

- 3.8.1 Unless advised by FNSW or FFA otherwise, in U6 & U7 matches, a coach from each team shall be allowed on the field to instruct players; one of these coaches will be the game leader.
- 3.8.2 In U8 - U11 matches, a game leader or instructing referee will be permitted on the field. Team Officials will remain off the field unless they are the game leader or instructing referee appointed by the Match Day Supervisor.

3.9 PLAYER SAFETY AND BLOOD RULE

- 3.9.1 It is the Match Official's responsibility to ensure that all players taking the field of play are wearing equipment that is safe to themselves and any other person.
- 3.9.2 If a player is wearing any equipment which may endanger him or herself, or any other player, it is the Match Official's responsibility to ensure all such equipment is removed before the player enters the field of play.
- 3.9.3 The Match Official must ensure that any player who suffers an injury or wound which results in the loss of blood leaves the ground immediately for the purpose of receiving medical attention outside the field of play when safe to do so.
- 3.9.4 The Match Official may allow the injured player to re-join the game only after the Match Official is satisfied that the wound has been safely covered and contained.
- 3.9.5 Should the Match Official observe that a player's uniform or attire has blood spilt on it, the Match Official will require the player to change his or her attire before re-joining the game.
- 3.9.6 Where the injured player is required to change their uniform, and a shirt displaying the same number as the original shirt is unavailable, the Match Official shall at their discretion allow the player to wear an alternative numbered shirt. Where this is the case, the new number shall be recorded on the Match Officials personal record and transferred to the Team Sheet at the next interval.
- 3.9.7 Alternatively, in such circumstances, a team may replace the injured player in accordance with any applicable interchange rule.

3.10 PLAYER OF THE YEAR MATCH POINTS

- 3.10.1 After each match, the Match Official must complete the Player of the Year match points for these Competitions:

Women's Competitions – All Divisions

Women's Youth League – All Divisions

Community League – All Divisions, all grades.

4 ELIGIBILITY

4.1 AGE ELIGIBILITY

- 4.1.1 A player's age is determined by the actual age on 31st December of the current season i.e. the age the player turns in the calendar year. A player must turn 5, by December 31 for the current season to be registered for that season.
- 4.1.2 Within the Junior Competition, a player may not register in an age group, more than two years above the lowest age group to which he/she is entitled to register.
- 4.1.3 A player registered in a team above his/her age group shall be deemed a player of that age group for the current season.
- 4.1.4 Disability or Handicap
- 4.1.4.1 Within the Junior Competition, a player who has a disability or handicap may through their Club apply to FSC to play in a lower age group than his or her correct age. The Club in their application should include:
- 4.1.4.1.1 The nature of the disability;
- 4.1.4.1.2 A supporting document from a medical professional which has appropriate medical evidence and recommendations;
- 4.1.4.1.3 The date of birth, height and weight of the Player;
- 4.1.4.1.4 A supporting letter from the parent or guardian of the child;
- 4.1.4.1.5 A supporting letter from the Club.
- 4.1.4.2 On receipt of the application, FSC shall consider the request and may
- (a) reject the application; or
 - (b) create a sub-committee to inspect the player in match conditions and make recommendations to FSC regarding the appropriate age group the player ought to be registered in; and/or
 - (c) seek approval from FNSW.
- 4.1.5 All Age Competition – Women's
- 4.1.5.1 The minimum age that a player can be registered for any Women's AA Competition is seventeen (17) as defined in [Article 4.1.1](#).
- 4.1.5.2 On application by a Club, the Women's Council may in exceptional circumstances, approve the registration of a player who will be sixteen (16) as defined in [Article 4.1.1](#).

4.1.6 FSC Women's Youth League Competition

- 4.1.6.1 The minimum age that a player can be registered for FSC Women's Youth League Competition team is seventeen (17) as defined in [Article 4.1.1](#).
- 4.1.6.2 On application by a Club, the Competition Committee may in exceptional circumstances, approve the registration of a player who will be sixteen (16) as defined in [Article 4.1.1](#)
- 4.1.6.3 Players who are 21 years of age or younger during the year of registration are eligible to participate in this Competition.

4.1.7 For Over 30 Competitions (Women's Competition) :

- 4.1.7.1 A player must have attained the age required (30 - for over 30s) or older by 31st December of the current year to be eligible to play in Over 30 Competition.
 - 4.1.7.1.1 **Note: In FNSW Competitions player must have attained the age required (30 - for over 30s) or older by 31st December prior to the current season to be eligible to play in Over 30 Competitions.**
 - 4.1.7.2 A maximum of three player(s) per team may register with an Over 30 team who do not meet the eligibility in [Article 4.1.7.1](#).
 - 4.1.7.2.1 **Note: In FNSW Competitions these players will be ineligible.**

4.1.8 Community League

- 4.1.8.1 Players who turn 19 or over in the current year are eligible to participate in Community League All Age Division.
- 4.1.8.2 On application by a Club, the Men's Football Council may in exceptional circumstances, approve the registration of a player who will be eighteen (18) as defined in [Article 4.1.1](#)
- 4.1.8.3 Players who turn 36 or over in the current year are eligible to participate in the Community League Over 35's Division (Masters).
- 4.1.8.4 Players who turn 46 or over in the current year are eligible to participate in the Community League Over 45's Division (Masters)
- 4.1.8.5 A maximum of three player(s) aged 41-45 per team may register with an Over 45 team who do not meet the eligibility in [Article 4.1.8.4](#).
 - 4.1.8.5.1 **Note: In FNSW Competitions these players will be ineligible.**

4.2 ELIGIBILITY AND INELIGIBILITY OF PLAYERS - GENERAL

4.2.1 An eligible player is one that meets:

- (i) all requirements of the FSC Registration Policy;
- (ii) all requirements of these Regulations;
- (iii) has an Identification Card as sanctioned by FSC; and
- (iv) is not Ineligible according to any Article of these Regulations.

4.2.2 Ineligible Players include: -

- (i) Unregistered Players;
- (ii) Suspended Players;
- (iii) A Player who is required to stand down for receiving the required number of cautions;
- (iv) A Player that has been expelled from a Match on the day/s prior to a Match but after the regular Match Review Committee meeting date;
- (v) A Player that has been expelled from a Match on the same day as the Match but played earlier in the day;
- (vi) A Player who participates in the Match but is not listed on the Team Sheet;
- (vii) A Player that is deemed ineligible due to any article of these Regulations or pursuant to the FSC Disciplinary and Disputes Regulations.

4.2.3 Any Team that fields an Ineligible Player will have penalties imposed as per [Appendix 7– Match Outcomes, Breaches, Penalties](#). Additionally, the Club, Team Official/s and / or Player may have further sanctions in accordance with the FSC Disciplinary and Disputes Regulations including but not limited to Misconduct.

4.2.4 For clarity and the avoidance of doubt, it is the Club's absolute responsibility to ensure that it fields eligible players in any Match.

4.3 BORROWING – ALL COMPETITIONS

4.3.1 It is the responsibility of a Club to keep accurate records of borrowed players. Where a Club borrows a player which breaches the clauses in this regulation then they shall be deemed an ineligible player. For clarity and removal of doubt, a player listed on the Team Sheet is deemed to have participated in the match whether they take the field or not.

4.4 BORROWING – MINI ROOS

4.4.1 All U6 to U11 players are to be placed in the appropriate age group only and are eligible to play in any team within the age group, or an older age group, no more than two years above the lowest age group to which he or she is entitled to register.

4.5 BORROWING – JUNIOR COMPETITION (U12 – U18)

- 4.5.1 A Club who has been given an exemption to the maximum number of players they can register as per [Article 5.2.3.2](#) will not be permitted to borrow from any team.
- 4.5.2 If a Club has two or more teams in the same division, then neither team can borrow players from each other.
- 4.5.3 No player can play up in any division more than two years above the lowest age group to which he/she is entitled to register. For example, a player who could play U12 and is registered U13 cannot be borrowed for an U15 match.
- 4.5.4 Players for mixed and boy's Competition are only to be borrowed from:
- (i) within the age group, from a lower division;
 - (ii) a one year lower age group of the same division or lower;
 - (iii) a two-year lower age group from any division;
 - (iv) for the purpose of substitute players for mixed teams, female players borrowed from female teams are graded as the lowest division.
- 4.5.5 For girl's only Competitions, female players only to be borrowed from:
- (i) within the age group, from a lower division;
 - (ii) a mixed team in the age group, from the same division or lower;
 - (iii) a one year lower age group of the same division or lower;
 - (iv) a two-year lower age group from any division.

The interpretation of this Article 4.5.5 applies to girls registered in either mixed or girls' teams. (e.g. U12 girl div 2 team cannot use U12 1st or U12G 1st)

- 4.5.6 A girl cannot be borrowed into mixed teams for U16 and higher unless:
- 4.5.6.1 A request is made to the FSC by the Club, at least 1 week before the match;
- 4.5.6.2 Permission in writing is obtained from the Players' parent(s) or guardian(s) stating reasons;
- 4.5.6.3 A report from a qualified coach with a Senior Coaching Certificate or FFA licence is provided, which assesses the girls' suitability for that team and division, and includes comments on whether she has the strength, stamina or physique to play with other members of the team and against players of mixed gender in that age group.
- 4.5.6.4 Upon the request and the report, the FSC shall make a determination on the registration and such determination shall be valid for the current season.
- 4.5.7 A player who plays in a combined team, as per [Article 1.5.9 Combined Team – Junior Football](#) can only be borrowed to teams in their Club in accordance within [Article 4.5](#).
- 4.5.8 A Men's Council Club cannot borrow from their Senior Squads for the U18 competition. The Men's Council Club may borrow using the DCP providing [Article 4.5.4](#) is adhered to.

4.5.9 Under 12 Teams – Grading Matches

- 4.5.9.1 FSC may organise grading matches for U12's in the first part of the season – no competition points will be awarded.
- 4.5.9.2 All U12 teams are to be classed as fifth division, only for the purposes of using U12 players as substitutes in an U13 Competition. Once teams are placed into divisions [Article 4.5.1 to Article 4.5.5](#) applies.
- 4.5.9.3 Where a Club has two or more U12 teams, the "A" team is recognised as the stronger and higher team, the "B" team the next strongest & highest etc.
- 4.5.9.4 "A" teams may borrow "B" or "C" players etc. Similarly, the "B" team can borrow "C" players etc. However, the reverse is not allowed i.e. a "B" team cannot borrow "A" players etc.

4.5.10 Under 12 Teams – Divisions

- 4.5.10.1 When U12 teams are graded into divisions then [Article 4.5.1 to Article 4.5.5](#) applies.

4.5.11 Using Mini Roo Players in Competition

- 4.5.11.1 Players who turn ten (10) in the season and who are registered in a Mini Roo Team may be borrowed for U12 Competition.
- 4.5.11.2 Players who turn eleven (11) in the season and who are registered in a Mini Roo Team may be borrowed for U12 or U13 Competition.

4.5.12 Special Dispensation

Special Dispensation to these clauses in this [Article 4.5](#) will be considered where:

- 4.5.12.1 Upon application, the Junior Council may grant dispensation to some of these clauses to a team where the Club can demonstrate player numbers are causing difficulties in maintaining reasonable team strength.
- 4.5.12.2 The dispensation will cover the number of players which can be borrowed, the number of times a player can be borrowed, the grades to borrow players from and the borrowing from higher to lower grades of older age division players.
- 4.5.12.3 Decisions will be reported in the Junior Council minutes and advised to the Club by letter. The team manager should retain a copy of the letter for proof of authorisation to borrow.

4.6 BORROWING – WOMEN'S COMPETITIONS

- 4.6.1 If a Club has two or more teams in the same division, then neither team can borrow players from each other.
- 4.6.2 Players from a lower division may be borrowed within the same Club. (i.e. Division 3 players may play in Division 1 or 2).
- 4.6.3 When a player is borrowed for nine (9) League matches to a team in a higher division, then they are ineligible to be borrowed for that team in the League.
- 4.6.4 Players from a Women's Youth League Team may be borrowed within the same Club. These players can play for any All Age Women's divisions and there is no restriction on the number of games played up in a division.
- 4.6.5 Players from a higher division are not permitted to be borrowed in a lower division.
- 4.6.6 Any player registered for the Over 30's can be borrowed for Division 1,2 or 3 and there is no restriction on the number of games played up in a division.
- 4.6.7 Using Dual Club Playing Procedure
 - 4.6.7.1 All Clubs must have applied to use the Dual Playing Procedure for this section to apply.
 - 4.6.7.2 A maximum of three (3) junior players who participate in the FSC Junior Competition are permitted to play in a team per match, including finals.
 - 4.6.7.3 The Junior player will be 16 years or older to play in a FSC Women's Competition match.
 - 4.6.7.4 The borrowed junior player's FFA number will be recorded on the team Sheet with D marked alongside the player's FFA number when she is being used as a DCPP registered player.

4.7 BORROWING – FSC WOMEN'S YOUTH LEAGUE COMPETITION

- 4.7.1 If a Club has two or more teams in the same division, then neither team can borrow players from each other.
- 4.7.2 A Club can borrow players from a lower division in the FSC Women's Youth League.
- 4.7.3 Clubs will be permitted to borrow a maximum of three (3) players from any All age Women's teams, provided such players are age eligible.
- 4.7.4 A Junior Club will be permitted to borrow a maximum of three (3) players, including finals, from their Junior teams provided the players will be 16 years or older in the current season.
- 4.7.5 A Senior Club may use the Dual Club Playing Procedure as follows:
 - 4.7.5.1 All Clubs must have applied to use the Dual Playing Procedure for this section to apply.
 - 4.7.5.2 A maximum of three (3) junior players who participate in the FSC Junior Competition are permitted to play in a team per match, including finals.
 - 4.7.5.3 The Junior player will be 16 years or older in the current season to play in a FSC Women's Youth League Competition match.
 - 4.7.5.4 The borrowed junior player's FFA number will be recorded on team Sheet with D marked alongside the player's FFA number when she is being used as a DCPP registered player.
- 4.7.6 Player's registered in the Women's Youth League are eligible to play for Women's Competition Teams from their club (or a club with has DCPP approval) without any restriction on:
 - 4.7.6.1 The number of games they can play for in a Women's Team or Division
 - 4.7.6.2 The number of players used from the Women's Youth League Team.

4.8 BORROWING – COMMUNITY LEAGUE

4.8.1 All Aged Competition

- 4.8.1.1 No players from a higher division or from another club team in the same division may be borrowed.
- 4.8.1.2 Up to four (4) players may be used to participate in both First Grade and Second Grade in a particular fixture or round. This rule will still apply if one of the matches is postponed to another date.
- 4.8.1.3 Where a Club has teams in a lower division, then they may borrow up to four (4) players for either the First or Second Grade (not both) for the Fixture.
- 4.8.1.4 In the event that a second grade match is postponed and/or subsequently played at a date later than the first grade match of that particular, only four (4) players who have played for their Club in the first grade game shall be eligible to play in second Grade match for that fixture as per the 'Borrowing' requirements in these Regulations.

4.8.2 Masters Division

- 4.8.2.1 No players from a higher Master's division or any All Aged team may be borrowed.
- 4.8.2.2 Up to three (3) players may be borrowed from another team within the same Club either in the same division or in a lower division Competition game of that Club.
- 4.8.3 In applying the clauses in [Articles 4.8.1 and 4.8.2](#), All Aged Competition Divisions are higher than Master's O35 Competition Divisions which are higher than Master's O45 Competition Divisions.

4.9 PLAYER IDENTIFICATION CARDS (OR SHEETS)

- 4.9.1 A Club or Player must be issued with an Identification Card (ID card) as sanctioned by FSC, prior to taking part in a Competition Match sanctioned by FSC, unless FSC give written approval in exceptional circumstances. The ID card shall contain the Player's name, FFA registration number, date of birth, Club, division and have a current photograph for identification purposes.
- 4.9.2 The ID card can be
 - an individual plastic card issued by Football South Coast in the current season;
 - Player Identification Sheets issued by Football South Coast in the current season;
 - Electronic identification from My Football Club as endorsed by Football South Coast in the current season.
- 4.9.3 Player identification cards / Sheets are to be made available to the opposing Team manager for perusal prior to the commencement of the Match, and it will be their duty to return the cards / Sheets to the Club after checking that they are in order.
- 4.9.4 Players for any Team that do not have an ID Card are not permitted to take the field of play.
- 4.9.5 Any Team who cannot produce at least seven (7) Players with ID cards for any Match will not have enough eligible Players to commence the Match and be deemed to have forfeited the Match.
- 4.9.6 No protests or appeals will be accepted to player eligibility if ID cards are not checked.

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- 4.9.7 Opposing Team managers (with a Jacketed Official or Match Day Supervisor in Junior Competition U12 – U18) are responsible for sighting the ID cards prior to the Match and ensuring:
- 4.9.7.1 The ID card has the correct age group and division;
 - 4.9.7.2 The ID card photo matches the player;
 - 4.9.7.3 The player's name, and if written by hand, the FFA number is identical on the team sheet;
 - 4.9.7.4 The player has the correct shirt number on as per team sheet;
 - 4.9.7.5 That any borrowed player meets the requirements of the respective Competition and the age/division is put in the Bor column.
- 4.9.8 Should a Team suspect the opposition of replacing any Player between the initial identification check and the commencement of either the first or second half, the following procedure must be followed: -
- (a) A Team Official of the team suspecting a breach informs the Team Official of the opposing Team and Jacketed official that they wish to check the identity of specific Player/s;
 - (b) Both Team Officials, along with the Jacketed Official or Match Official (Community League), check the identity of the Player/s in question against the player Identification Card and the Team Sheet, on the field of play before the Player/s leaves the field of play at either the half time interval or conclusion of the Match;
 - (c) If the player cannot be identified or if there is an issue with eligibility, then the manager of the team suspecting a breach must lodge a protest in accordance with [Article 8.1 Protests, Disputes and Misconduct](#).
 - (d) Should any Team Official or Player refuse to follow the above procedure then the Match Day Supervisor (Junior Competition) or Match Official (other Competitions) shall be informed and the Match will immediately be forfeited to the opposing Team (i.e. against the official or player that has refused to cooperate). The Match Day Supervisor or Match Official shall report the incident to FSC.

5 REGISTRATION

5.1 CLUB RESPONSIBILITY

- 5.1.1 All Clubs are responsible, at all times, to ensure all Players are officially registered as per the FSC Registration Policy. Any Club which knowingly or unknowingly allows a player to play unregistered or over aged will be subject to penalties within these Regulations and FSC Disciplinary and Disputes Regulations.
- 5.1.2 All Clubs are responsible to ensure all Officials (Club, coach, manager, etc.) are registered as per approved processes and comply with the NSW legislation re Child Protection and have the required documentation.

5.2 MINIMUM AND MAXIMUM NUMBER OF PLAYERS REGISTERED FOR COMPETITION

- 5.2.1 Players must be registered and adhere to any age group and gender restrictions as per FSC Registration Regulations.
- 5.2.2 Junior Competition U6 to U11
- 5.2.2.1 There is no maximum number of players who can be registered per team. However, teams must comply with [Article 2.20.5 - Substitutes and Interchange](#) re the maximum number of players which can participate in a given match.
- 5.2.3 Junior Competition – U12 to U18
- 5.2.3.1 For Under 12 to 18 teams, each team must have a minimum of nine (9) nominated players registered with FSC. The maximum number of players, which can be registered in a team, is sixteen (16) unless an exemption is given by FSC as per Article 5.2.3.2
- 5.2.3.2 Exemption to Maximum Number
- 5.2.3.2.1 No exemptions shall be permitted to the maximum number of players registered for U12 to U15 mixed, U12 to U15 Girls and U16 Men's teams.
- 5.2.3.2.2 For U16 Girls, U17 or U18 Men's competitions, a club may apply to FSC for an exemption to allow an additional (2) players to be registered where they have only one (1) team in that age group. Any team which is given this exemption **will not** be permitted to borrow players from any other team and the exemption once given will not be rescinded.
- 5.2.3.3 If a team does not have a minimum of nine (9) players registered with FSC, one week before the first Competition Match, that team will be withdrawn from the Competition and [Article 2.22 - Clubs Removed or Withdrawn from Competitions](#)

5.2.4 Women's Competition, FSC Women's Youth League Competition

5.2.4.1 Each team must have a minimum of eleven (11) nominated players registered with FSC. The maximum number of players, which can be registered in a team, is twenty (20).

5.2.5 Community League: All Age

Each Club must have a minimum of twenty-two (22) nominated players registered with FSC. There is no maximum number of players which can be registered in a Club.

5.2.6 Community League: Masters Divisions

Each team must have a minimum of eleven (11) nominated players registered with FSC. There is no maximum number of players which can be registered in a team.

5.3 DUAL REGISTRATION

5.3.1 Players may be permitted to play with two Clubs in line with FNSW Dual Registration Policy, FSC Registration Policy and FSC Dual Club Playing Procedure.

5.4 REGRADE OF PLAYER

5.4.1 After 1st March, a Club wishing to re-grade a player shall apply in writing to the Competition Coordinator and provide reasons for their request.

5.4.2 The Competition Coordinator shall consider the request and may refer the matter to the respective Council.

5.4.3 The outcome of the request shall be communicated to the Club.

5.4.4 If the request is granted, then the Club shall be responsible for updating the ID card through My Football Club.

5.4.5 No Club requested re-grades will be granted after the 30th of June each year.

5.5 RESTRICTION FOR MIXED JUNIOR TEAMS

5.5.1 A female player cannot be graded into mixed teams for U16 and higher unless:

- (1) A request is made to the FSC Football Council by the Club and parent(s) or guardian(s) stating reasons for the request AND
- (2) A report from a qualified coach with a Senior Coaching Certificate or FFA licence is provided which assesses the female players' suitability for the relevant team and division, and includes comments on whether she has the strength, stamina or physique to play with other members of the team and against players of mixed gender in that age group/division.

5.5.2 Upon the request and the report, the Junior Football Council shall decide on the registration and such determination shall be valid for the current season.

6 TEAM SHEETS, MATCH RESULTS

6.1 TEAM SHEETS

- 6.1.1 The Home Team must populate, print and supply the Team Sheet from the Sports TG system.
- 6.1.2 Manual adjustments to the Team Sheet on match day must be noted in ink on the printed copy of the Team Sheet, including:
- 6.1.2.1 Updating shirt numbers;
 - 6.1.2.2 Any Player listed on the Team Sheet who is **NOT** participating must be crossed out completely. ~~e.g. 12345678 Fred Smith~~. Any Player who is under suspension must be crossed out and cannot participate. A notation on the back of the Team Sheet should state that the Player was stood down;
 - 6.1.2.3 Players manually listed must include the FFA number which corresponds to the ID card;
 - 6.1.2.4 Clubs must indicate any Player who is borrowed as per these Competition rules on the Team Sheet by marking the registered division noted in the Bor(owed) column. The Team Sheet must indicate the age and division in which the player is officially registered, as per ID card, in the borrowed column;
 - 6.1.2.5 Coach and/or Manager's name, FFA number corresponding to their ID card must also be printed on the Team Sheet. In the case of a person filling in for the match who is not registered then "ACTING" is to be used for the FFA number.
- 6.1.3 Unless otherwise stated in the FSC Disciplinary and Disputes Regulations, or in these Regulations, a Player listed on the Team Sheet who was not crossed out will be deemed to have participated in the Match.
- 6.1.4 A maximum of sixteen (16) Players only may be listed on the Team Sheet.
- 6.1.5 For Mini Roos (U6 – U11), the maximum number of players that can participate in a match will be as per the FFA regulations:
- Under 6 & 7 ... 7 players maximum
 - Under 8 & 9 11 players maximum
 - Under 10&11 ...14 players maximum
- 6.1.6 In Senior Competition, the printed Team Sheet must be handed to the Match Official fifteen (15) minutes before the scheduled kick-off time. In Junior Competition, the Team Sheet needs to be available to the Match Official before kick-off.
- 6.1.7 The Team Sheet can be amended should players arrive late for a match.
- 6.1.8 When a Match is forfeited, the Team Sheet will be endorsed accordingly by the Match Official.
- 6.1.9 Any protests as per these Regulations are to be listed on the back of the Team Sheet or on a FSC Incident Form. Also, refer to [Article 8.1 Protests, Disputes and Misconduct](#).

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- 6.1.10 At the conclusion of the match:
- 6.1.10.1 The Match Official shall complete their section of the Team Sheet, noting any players who have been cautioned or sent off using the codes as per [Appendix 6 - Caution and Send Off Codes](#)
- 6.1.10.2 A Team Official from both the Home and Away Clubs is to sign the Team Sheet at the completion of the Match to confirm the information is correct, including the Players listed, Match Officials listed, full time scores, players who were cautioned and/or sent off are correct.
- 6.1.10.3 Each Club should take a digital photograph of the Team Sheet for future reference in the case of the Team Sheet being lost or otherwise found to be unusable.
- 6.1.11 Where a Club disputes the final details on the Team Sheet, they shall:
- 6.1.11.1 advise the Match Day Supervisor immediately (Junior Competition only);
- 6.1.11.2 be required to lodge a dispute with the Competition Coordinator within two business day.
- 6.1.12 Where a Club disputes the identity of the player being cautioned or sent from the field of play (Mistaken identity) they shall be required to follow the procedures as outlined in the FSC Disciplinary and Disputes Regulations.
- 6.1.13 The Home Team or the FSC Appointed Match Official (for Community League) is responsible for ensuring that all Team Sheets must be at the FSC office by the close of business on the Tuesday following the fixture or within two (2) working days of the fixture, – whichever is the shortest in time.
- 6.1.14 Team Sheets will be accepted in the following manner:
- Delivered directly to the FSC office;
 - Scanning the Team Sheet in a PDF format and emailing to the Competition Coordinator.
- 6.1.15 Clubs will be subject to penalties as a result of any breaches to these Regulations including but not limited to:
- clerical errors (include, but are not limited to, failing to endorse borrowed players, duplicate shirt numbers, incorrect shirt numbers),
 - timely receipt of Team Sheets,
 - Incomplete and inaccurate Team Sheets,
 - FFA registration number not listed against player(s);
 - Failing to sign a Team Sheet.
- 6.1.16 Any Club official supplying false information may be charged with Misconduct and may be subject to the provisions of the FSC Disciplinary and Disputes Regulations.

6.2 RESULT OF MATCH

- 6.2.1 Once FSC declares the result of a Match or Competition after the conclusion of that Match or Competition, then that result will stand. There will be no appeal against the match score shown on a Team Sheet, once it is received by FSC and the result declared for the match.

6.3 ONLINE MATCH RESULT REPORTING

- 6.3.1 For all Competition and Final matches, both teams are responsible for entering the full-time results of the match/s online into Sports TG by Sunday at 11:59pm.

7 PLAYER DISCIPLINARY

7.1 CAUTIONS

- 7.1.1 A player shall be cautioned during the course of a FSC fixture for any offence under the Laws of the Game that is deemed necessary by the Match Official.
- 7.1.2 The Match Official shall record any such caution during the course of play and will show the player the yellow card.
- 7.1.3 At the conclusion of the match, the Match Official shall record against a player's name and number on the official Team Sheet, the charge for which the player has been cautioned. [Appendix 6 - Caution and Send Off Codes](#)
- 7.1.4 In the event that no players were cautioned then Nil should be placed in the appropriate section on the Team Sheet.
- 7.1.5 Refer to Article 16 of the FSC Disciplinary and Disputes Regulations for Yellow Card (Caution) requirements.
- 7.1.6 The Competitions shall be defined for the purposes for FSC Disciplinary and Disputes Regulations to be all Cup and League matches.
- 7.1.7 Official cautions shall not carry over from season to season. The termination of an official season shall be at the conclusion of the last official match endorsed by FSC.

7.2 SEND OFFS

- 7.2.1 A Player shall be sent from the field of play, during the course of a FSC fixture for any offence under the Laws of the Game that is deemed necessary by the Match Official.
- 7.2.2 The Match Official shall record any such send off during the course of play and will show the player the red card.
- 7.2.3 Players sent from the field must immediately proceed at once out of the field of play area and Technical Area, accompanied by a Club Official or a member of the coaching staff, and change from their playing strip to their normal street attire. The player shall not re-enter the playing arena or return to or be within fifty (50) metres of the technical area or approach the Match Officials.
- 7.2.4 At the conclusion of the match, the referee shall record against a player's name and number on the official Team Sheet, the charge for which the player has been dismissed from the field of play. [Appendix 6 - Caution and Send Off Codes](#)
- 7.2.5 The Match Official(s) shall complete a send-off report and forward the original copy to FSC. The send-off report must be at the office by the within two (2) business days following the match.
- 7.2.6 In the event of no players were sent from the field, then Nil should be placed in the appropriate section on the Team Sheet.
- 7.2.7 For all matches, the FSC Disciplinary and Disputes Regulations shall apply in relation to send offs.

7.3 SUSPENSION AND MATCH REVIEW COMMITTEE

7.3.1 Players sent from the field shall not play again for any Competition Team until advised to do so by FSC.

7.3.2 All Players sent from the field of play will be subject to the penalties and procedures found in the FSC Disciplinary and Disputes Regulations by the Match Review Committee.

Note - A suspension can carry over from one season to the next season.

7.3.3 Unless advised otherwise by FSC, a Player must serve their suspension in the Competition which they were sent-off for.

7.3.4 While serving a suspension, a Participant shall not be eligible to play in any game or be in the Technical Area on the day of a fixture or round. Matches which are deferred or washed out or where a team has a bye cannot be used by a Player standing down.

7.3.5 It is the Club's responsibility to ensure that no player under suspension plays in a game in which they are not entitled.

8 PROTESTS, DISPUTES AND MISCONDUCT

8.1 PROTESTS, DISPUTES AND MISCONDUCT

- 8.1.1 FSC will review any reports it receives and decide on any action that may be taken which includes application of these Regulations and/or the FSC Disciplinary and Dispute Regulations.
- 8.1.2 If, prior to the kick-off in a Match, a Team believes their opponent may be in breach of these Regulations they must play the match under protest. Teams wishing to play under protest must inform the Match Official or Match Day Supervisor (for juniors) and the opposing Team Official prior to the start of the match. The protest must be noted on back of the Team Sheet or on a FSC Incident Report. The Team also must report the protest to their Club Secretary within 24 hours of the match. Failure to act in accordance with the above may lead to the dismissal of any such protest.
- 8.1.3 Protests must be confirmed in writing to FSC by the protesting Club within two (2) working days of the match. FSC will then, and only then, consider the merits of the protest and decide what action is to be taken.
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- 8.1.5 If a person wishes to report an incident, accident/injury, a Match Official, or to protest an issue during the match or any other issue, then this needs to be submitted on the FSC Incident Report Form (online form or written statement) within two (2) working days of the match. A copy of the report will be sent to the Club Secretary of the person's Club. A Club will then have two (2) working days to inform FSC if they wish for the matter to be pursued. FSC may dismiss such report if these timelines are not adhered to.
- 8.1.6 A Club who wishes to report an incident or disputes information on the Team Sheet or a protest an issue during the match then this needs to be submitted on the FSC Incident Report Form within two (2) working days of the match.
- 8.1.7 No protests as to the result of a Match will be considered in relation to disciplinary decisions of the Match Officials or decisions of facts relating to play.
- 8.1.8 As per Article 4.9.6, no protests will be accepted to player eligibility if ID cards are not checked.

8.2 COMPLAINTS RECEIVED

- 8.2.1 Where FSC through its Councils, receives a complaint from a member of FSC or a Club concerning the conduct of another registered member with FSC and such conduct was not subject of a report to FSC by the Match Official, FSC through its councils or tribunals, shall call on the member concerned, to respond to the alleged complaint as per the FSC Disciplinary and Disputes Regulations. FSC may also seek reports from Match Officials and others in attendance.

9 FINAL SERIES

9.1 FORMAT, TEAM QUALIFICATION FOR FINAL SERIES

- 9.1.1 FSC may have to vary the Finals play-off structure, dependant on team nominations, the Competition format and wet weather during the season. See [Article 10.3 Final Series Options](#) for Junior Competitions.
- 9.1.2 Unless the Competition Coordinator advises otherwise the four highest ranked teams from the League Competition shall qualify for the Final Series.
- 9.1.3 Depending on available time remaining after the conclusion of the League Competition, FSC through its Councils shall determine which format the Final Series shall implement. FSC through its Councils may at their discretion amend the format of the final series if Wet Weather occurs during this series.
- 9.1.3.1 Format 1 – 3 Week Series
Week 1 - Major Semi Final: 1 v 2
Week 1 - Minor Semi Final: 3 v 4

Week 2 - Preliminary Final: Loser of Major v Winner of Minor
Week 3 - Grand Final: Winner of Major v Winner of Final
- 9.1.3.2 Format 2 – 2 Week Series
Week 1 - Semi Finals: 1 v 4 (S1) 2 v 3 (S2)
Week 2 - Grand Final: Winner of S1 v Winner of S2.
- 9.1.4 All Finals' matches will be played in accordance with the knockout system, single match, in a venue chosen by FSC through its Councils. The Team having scored most goals in the Match will win the Match.
- 9.1.5 For the purpose of allocating a Home Team, the team appearing first in the fixture will be considered the Home Team for each respective match in a Final series.

9.2 MATCH TIME

- 9.2.1 The match time shall be the same as normal Competition matches but added time may occur.
- 9.2.2 The Match Official may at their sole discretion make allowance for time lost in either half through:
- (f) Substitutions via interchange;
 - (g) Assessment of injury to players;
 - (h) Removal of injured players from the field of play for treatment;
 - (i) Wasting time;
 - (j) Any other cause
- 9.2.3 If a serious injury occurs, then [Article 2.12.5 - Allowance for Serious Injury](#) shall apply. In semi-finals, finals and grand finals, play will be suspended until the player is treated and removed. The Competition Coordinator with the match referee and Match Day Supervisor (Junior Competition Only) will decide if the match can continue.

9.3 EXTRA TIME

- 9.3.1 If scores are equal at the conclusion of a Finals Match, a five (5) minutes break shall occur before the commencement of extra time which shall be two (2) periods of ten (10) minutes, with NO half time break. (Straight Turn Around).
- 9.3.2 If scores are still equal at the conclusion of extra time, then the match shall be determined by kicks from the Penalty Mark as per FIFA Laws of the Game.
- 9.3.3 In Junior Competition, the Match Day Supervisor or a FSC Junior Council Member in attendance may enter the field, prior to the kicks from the Penalty Mark commencing to assist the Match Officials' in administering the kicks from the Penalty Mark.

9.4 FORFEIT

A team who forfeits a match in the final series shall be subject to penalties in [Appendix 7– Match Outcomes, Breaches, Penalties](#) and the respective Football Council may expel the team from any further involvement in that series.

9.5 PLAYER QUALIFICATION FOR FINAL SERIES

9.5.1 JUNIOR COMPETITIONS

- 9.5.1.1 A Player is eligible to play for a team which qualifies if the Player is registered for that team and the Player has played a minimum of 4 matches with the Club. (Byes and wet weather cancelled rounds excluded).
- 9.5.1.2 A team who has less than 13 players of its registered players available for a match may borrow players from another registered team of that Club, to bring the squad for the match to thirteen (13) provided each player meets the requirements of Borrowing as per [Article 4.5 Borrowing – Junior Competition \(U12 – U18\)](#) and has played four (4) matches for the Club (Byes and wet weather cancelled rounds excluded).
- 9.5.1.3 A Club who has been given an exemption to the maximum number of players they can register as per [Article 5.2.3.2](#) will not be permitted to borrow.

9.5.2 WOMEN COMPETITIONS

- 9.5.2.1 A player is eligible to play for a team which qualifies if
- The Player is registered for that team OR;
 - The Player is from another registered team of that Club and meets the requirements of Borrowing as per [Article 4.6 Borrowing – Women's Competitions](#), excluding Article 4.6.3 and the Player has played a minimum of 4 matches for the Club. (Byes and wet weather cancelled rounds excluded).
- (Note: A player from a lower division can be borrowed irrespective of how many times they were used for in the League)

9.5.3 COMMUNITY LEAGUE COMPETITIONS

9.5.3.1 Masters Divisions

A Player must be registered to the team which qualifies for the final series in each division. No borrowing between teams or divisions is permissible during the finals except for a goalkeeper, unless FSC has been satisfied that the Club has justifiable reason for the request and the Club has provided appropriate evidence along with written confirmation from FSC to allow the player's involvement.

9.5.3.2 All Aged Competitions

9.5.3.2.1 A Player cannot be borrowed from another team in another division.

9.5.3.2.2 Second Grade

A Player must be registered to the Club and have played more Second Grade Matches than First Grade Matches during the League Competition. The exception to this rule will be to play a First-Grade player as goal keeper only if the Second-Grade goal keeper is unavailable.

9.5.3.2.3 First Grade

A Player must be registered to the Club.

9.5.4 FSC Women's Youth League Competitions

9.5.4.1 A Player is eligible to play for a team which qualifies if:

9.5.4.2 The Player is registered for that team and has played a minimum of four (4) matches for the team (Byes and wet weather cancelled rounds excluded); OR

9.5.4.3 The Player is from another registered team of that Club (or DCP) and meets the requirements of [Article 4.7 Borrowing – FSC Women's Youth League Competition](#) respectively;

AND

- In the Case of a Junior Club has played a minimum of 4 matches with the Club. (Byes and wet weather cancelled rounds excluded);
- In the case of a Senior Club has played a minimum of 4 matches in the FSC Women's Youth Competition. (Byes and wet weather cancelled rounds excluded).

9.6 CAUTIONS IN FINAL SERIES

9.6.1 Any player receiving two (2) cautions in the Final Series will automatically stand down in the next match. If the Player's team has completed its Final Series commitments the player shall stand down in the next Competition fixture their team participates in for outdoor football.

10 ADDITIONAL RULES FOR JUNIOR COMPETITIONS U12-U18

10.1 CORNER KICKS – UNDER 12

- 10.1.1 Corner kicks in U12 Mixed and U12 Girls Competitions shall be taken on the spot which MUST be marked 8 yards (7.32 metres) from the PENALTY AREA providing that it remains inside the field of play.
- 10.1.2 If in applying [Article 10.1.1](#), the corner would not be inside the field of play, then then the corner would be taken from the normal corner arc.

10.2 TEAM REQUIREMENT

- 10.2.1 Each team must have a coach or manager (Team Official) who is required to: -
- 10.2.1.1 Be registered with FSC, by no later than March 31 or a fine [Appendix 7– Match Outcomes, Breaches, Penalties](#), per match may be applied.
- 10.2.1.2 Have an ID card for themselves and must be worn on match day (or they cannot be in the technical area).
- 10.2.2 A person who is acting for a coach or manager must inform the Match Day Supervisor and request a temporary card for the match.

10.3 FINAL SERIES OPTIONS

10.3.1 4 Team Competitions

Week 1: Grand Final: 1 v 2

10.3.2 5 Team Competitions

Week 1: Semi Final: 2 v 3
Week 2: Grand Final: 1 v Winner Semi

10.3.3 6 Team, 7 Team, 8 Team, 9 Team, 10 Team Competitions

Week 1 - Major Semi Final: 1 v 2
Week 1 - Minor Semi Final: 3 v 4

Week 2 - Final: Loser of Major v Winner of Minor
Week 3 - Grand Final: Winner of Major v Winner of Final

10.3.4 11 team, 12 team, 13 team , 14 team or higher Competitions

Week 1 - Qualifying Semi Final: **S1** 1 v 2 (Both teams go through to the Qualifying Finals)

Week 1 - Elimination Semi Finals: **S2** 3 v 6, **S3** 4 v 5 (Winners progress)

Week 2 - Qualifying Final: **Q1** Winner S1 v Lowest Rank winner of S2, S3
Week 2 - Qualifying Final: **Q2** Loser S1 v Highest Rank winner of S2, S3

Week 3 - Grand Final: Winner Q1 v Winner Q2.

10.3.5 Wet Weather Cancellations

In the event of wet weather cancellations in week 1 (semi-finals) then the Junior Council would (in order)

- (i) Investigate rescheduling matches either midweek or have a double header round in week 2;
- (ii) Investigate the option of using the back-up weekend (move all games back a week);
- (iii) Investigate another solution; otherwise
- (iv) Amend the draw for week 2 & 3 as follows:

6 Team Competitions and higher
Week 2 - Semi Finals: 1 v 4 (Q1) 2 v 3 (Q2)
Week 3 - Grand Final: Winner of Q1 v Winner of Q2

- (v) If both week 1 (semi-finals) and week 2 (finals) are washed out, then the draw will be amended as follows:
6 Team Competitions and higher
Semi Finals: 1 v 4 (Q1) 2 v 3 (Q2)
Grand Final: Winner of Q1 v Winner of Q2.

10.3.6 Referee's Fees

10.3.6.1 In all matches Match Official fees will be as follows:

Referee Fees: Normal Rate + \$5
Assistant Referee Fees: Normal Rate + \$3
4th Official – if appointed: Assistant Referee Fees – Normal Rate +\$3

10.3.6.2 Both teams share equally in the costs of referee's fees. Clubs will be invoiced from FSC.

10.3.7 Wet Weather

10.3.7.1 Where cancellation of semi-finals, finals or grand finals becomes effective due to wet weather, it shall be the responsibility of the secretary or appointed official of the host Club to make that determination and notify the Competition Coordinator by 7:00 AM on match day or the previous evening.

10.3.7.2 In the event of ground cancellations due to wet weather on the spare weekend for the Grand finals then the Grand Champion will be the winner of the Major semi – final or the team who finished higher on the league ranking from the winners of Q1 and Q2.

11 ADDITIONAL RULES FOR MINI ROO COMPETITIONS (U6 – U11)

11.1 UNDER 8

The draw shall be published in accordance with FSC policy.

Results will be recorded for all matches and sent to the Competition Coordinator.

The results will:

- Not be published;
- Not contribute to a competition table;
- Assist the Competition Coordinator in adjusting the draw if required.

11.2 UNDER 9 – UNDER 11 GROUPING

The Under 9-11 age group will use the method - “grouping” of teams with other teams of similar ability. This does not mean that Clubs are required to “grade” players into tiered teams as is done in Competition age groups. Teams can be formed by the Clubs along any lines that the Club sees fit.

Grouping the teams recognises that players benefit, and gain increased enjoyment, from playing against opponents of similar ability.

There shall be four groupings; “Beginner”, “Low Intermediate”, “High Intermediate” and “Advanced”. Clubs are required to nominate teams into their preferred group on the same date as Competition Grading requests.

The draw shall be published in accordance with FSC policy and will be done in stages.

Results will be recorded for all matches and sent to the Competition Coordinator.

The results will:

- Not be published;
- Not contribute to a competition table;
- Assist the Competition Coordinator in adjusting groupings.

The Competition Coordinator may change groupings on a week by week basis to meet the objectives of this clause.

11.3 MODIFIED FOOTBALL FORMATS & RULES

11.3.1 MiniRoos will be modified and conducted for children in U6 to U11 age groups in accordance with the policies of FNSW and FFA.

The current MiniRoos Football Handbook provided by the FFA will be used as the basis for all games in particular; MiniRoos Formats; Laws of Small Sides Football with the following alterations or clarifications.

11.3.1.1 Offside: U6 to U9

There is no off side in these age groups, but deliberately placing of players in an off side position is contrary to the spirit of the game and is to be discouraged.

11.3.1.2 Offside U10 – U11:

The offside law (Law 11) will be introduced in this age group as a basis for game. The application of the Law will be for deliberate or blatant offside at the discretion of the referee.

11.4 TEAM REQUIREMENT

11.4.1 Each team must have a coach or manager (Team Official) who is required to: -

11.4.1.1 Be registered with FSC, by no later than March 31 or a fine [Appendix 7– Match Outcomes, Breaches, Penalties](#), per match may be applied.

11.4.1.2 Have an ID card for themselves and must be worn on match day (or they cannot be in the technical area).

11.4.2 A person who is acting for a coach or manager must inform the Match Day Supervisor and request a temporary card for the match.

12 ADDITIONAL RULES FOR FSC WOMEN'S YOUTH LEAGUE COMPETITIONS

12.1 NOMINATION FOR WOMEN'S YOUTH LEAGUE COMPETITION

- 12.1.1 A Junior or Men's/Women's Club, which is an Incorporated entity and which meet the governance standards including having a Member Protection Information Officer and complying with Working with Children Legislation, may nominate an FSC Women's Youth League team.
- 12.1.2 Where insufficient teams exist to run a Competition, the Women's Youth League teams may be included in a Women's division with the relevant Women's Youth League Regulations applying to these teams.

12.2 VENUES

- 12.2.1 Clubs are not permitted to charge an entry fee for spectators to any match in this Competition.
- 12.2.2 While there is a Junior Match (U18 or lower) in progress anywhere on / around the Club complex, the sale of alcohol will not be permitted at any Junior Matches due to the age factor.

APPENDIX 1 - DEFINITIONS

“AA” means All Age.

“Article” means a clause of these Competition Rules and Procedures.

“Away Club” means the Club not playing the Fixture or Match at its home ground and / or appearing second on the fixture list in the event a match is conducted at a neutral venue.

“Board” means the directors of Football South Coast appointed or elected from time to time.

“Borrowing” defines the eligible use of a player from another team to participate in a match of a given Competition under these regulations.

“By-Laws” means the by-laws of Football South Coast as amended from time to time.

“Club” means an entity (whether incorporated or otherwise) formed for the purpose of playing football in Competitions conducted by Football South Coast or Association Members. A reference to a Club in these Regulations refers to a Team where that Team is not a part of a Club.

“Club/Team Associate” means one or more of the following, whether individually or collectively: Club office bearers; Club officials (coach, team manager, anyone who is officially associated with the Club); players of a Club; members of a Club; supporters of a Club; a team or a Club.

“Club Official” means any person involved with the administration, management or organisation of a Club (whether paid or unpaid), including employees, contractors, directors, representatives and volunteers.

“Club Referee Appointment Officer” means a person who has the responsibility of appointing junior referees to Home matches at their Club.

“Competitions” means any or all of the football matches or competitions conducted by Football South Coast defined in these Regulations.

“Competition Calendar” refers to the calendar on the FSC website which has dates for the various Competition rounds and final series.

“Competition Committee (CC)” means the committee formed from FSC Councils for the FSC Women’s Youth League Competition.

“Competition Coordinator” means the office staff who oversee and organise the Competitions.

“Constitution” means the constitution of Football South Coast as amended from time to time.

“Council” means Football Council.

“DCPP” means the FSC Dual Club Playing Procedure.

“Executive” means the Chief Executive Officer of Football South Coast or his or her nominee.

“FFA” means Football Federation Australia Limited, the governing body for football (soccer) in Australia.

“Field of Play” or “playing area” Means the field of play, the Technical Area and any perimeter area between the line markings of the pitch and the spectator area.

“FIFA” means Federation Internationale de Football Association, its successor or assignee.

“**Fixture**” means a meeting of Clubs as scheduled in all grades applicable.

“**FNSW**” means Football New South Wales, the governing body for football (soccer) in the state of New South Wales.

“**FNSW Competitions**” means competitions organised and conducted by FNSW.

“**Football Activity**” means any activity of a football nature that takes place on the field of play, playing area or within the external surrounds of a ground or venue or any other activity relating or incidental to the objects of Football South Coast.

“**FSC**” means Football South Coast, the governing body of football in the region sanctioned by FNSW.

“**FSC Disciplinary and Disputes Regulations**” means the Football South Coast Disciplinary and Disputes Regulations.

“**FSC Disciplinary Commissioner**” means the person(s) appointed by the Board who oversees the FSC Disciplinary and Disputes Regulations and Processes.

“**Finals, Final Series**” means the series that is played after the League Season involving the highest ranked teams as per these Regulations.

“**Football Council**” means the Council(s) as defined in the FSC By-Laws. The Men’s Football Council (MFC) oversee the Community League Competitions, the Junior Council (JC) oversee the Junior and Mini Roo Competitions, the Women’s Council (WC) oversee the Women’s Competitions.

“**Goal Difference**” is calculated by subtracting goals against from goals for in a Competition.

“**Grading**” refers to the age/division that a team has been placed in or player has been registered to.

“**Grading Committee**” means a sub-committee of a Council who is responsible for determining the structure of each Competition and the teams graded into those Competitions.

“**Head to Head**” means a method which a Council can elect to use to determine the League Ranking.

“**Home Club**” means the Club playing the Fixture or Match at its home ground and/or appearing first on the fixture list in the event a match is conducted at a neutral venue.

“**Home Fixture**” means a fixture held at the Home Club’s usual ground.

“**Identification Card**” means the card approved by FSC from My Football Club which contains the Player’s name, FFA number, date of birth, division, Club and current photograph.

“**Identification Sheet**” means the printed Sheet from My Football Club which has player ID cards for a team with the age/division they play in.

“**Incident Form**” means the FSC form to be completed by a person who wishes to report an incident or lodge a protest. An electronic form is available from the FSC Website.

“**Ineligible Player**” means a player who is unregistered, suspended, is in breach of the FSC Disciplinary and Disputes Regulations re being expelled from a match (sent off) or accumulation of cautions or, is in breach of these Regulations (e.g. borrowing).

“**Injury Form**” means the FSC form to be completed by the Player or a Witness where an injury has occurred. An electronic form is available from the FSC Website.

“**Jacketed Official**” means a person who is appointed by a Club for a fixture whose duties are found in Appendix 4.

“[Laws of the Game](#)” means the official laws of the game of football and futsal as promulgated by FIFA.

“[League](#)” means (1) a Competition conducted by FSC through its Councils comprised of specific divisions and age grades, as declared by the relevant Football Council; (2) the round robin Matches (both home and away) that a Team competes in during a Season.

“[League Champion](#)” means the team ranked first in a League Competition.

“[League Ranking](#)” means the position of a team in a League Competition

“[Local Government Area](#)” ([LGA](#)) means the Councils of Wollongong, Shellharbour and Kiama.

“[Match](#)” means any match played in a Competition, Finals, other event or tournament under FSC control through its Councils.

“[Match Day Supervisor](#)” means the person of the Home Club who on match day is empowered to ensure that all regulations, rules, policies and safety issues are adhered to.

“[Match Marshall](#)” means the person from a junior team who duties shall oversee their team’s spectators, Team Officials behaviour at a game. Duties are listed in [Article 3.7.7.2 - Match Marshall – Junior Competition](#)

“[Match Official](#)” means a referee, assistant referee, fourth official, match commissioner, any person in charge of safety or any other person appointed by FFA, FNSW, FSC, a Referee’s body, a Club to assume responsibility in connection with a Match.

“[Mini Roos](#)” means the modified Competition for U6 to U11 age groups.

[Misconduct](#) has the meaning given to it as defined in the FSC Disciplinary and Disputes Regulations.

“[Mistaken Identity](#)” has its meaning defined in the FSC Disciplinary and Disputes Regulations.

“[My Football Club](#)” means the registration system established by the FFA.

“[Official](#)” means a Club Official, Match Official or Team Official.

“[Person](#)” means a natural person.

“[Participant](#)” means a Player, Official or Spectator.

“[Penalty Mark](#)” means the mark made within each penalty area which is 11 metres (12 yards) from the midpoint between the goalposts and equidistant to them. – Law 1 FIFA Laws of the Game.

“[Player](#)” means any person who participates in a Match.

“[Referee Appointments Officer](#)” means the FSC person who oversees Match Official Appointments.

“[Registration Policy](#)” means the FSC Registration Policy

“[Regulations](#)” means these Competition Rules and Procedures.

“[Round](#)” means a series of fixtures scheduled by FSC.

“[Season](#)” means from the commencement of a Competition to the conclusion of a Competition unless otherwise directed by FSC.

“Spectator” means a person who attends a Match.

“Stadium” means stadia, venue or ground where the Match is conducted.

“State” means the state of New South Wales with the exception of the northern regions of NSW which are identified by FFA as “Northern NSW”.

“Suspension” means a suspension applicable under, or issued pursuant to, the FSC Disciplinary and Disputes Regulations.

“Team” means an individual group of Players and Officials submitted by a Club to represent the Club in a Competition.

“Team Official” means any person involved with the management, preparation or participation of a Team (whether paid or unpaid), including the coaches, managers, medical staff, other support staff or any other person acting for or on behalf of a Club, or team.

“Team Points” means those points accumulated for disciplinary issues as per the FSC Disciplinary and Disputes Regulations.

“Technical Area” means the designated area for Team Officials and substitutes.

“Trial Match” means any Match played by two Clubs which does not form part of a Competition, Premiership, other event or tournament but has been sanctioned by FSC.

“Tribunal” means the body/committee appointed under the FSC Disciplinary and Disputes Regulations.

“Wet Weather Policy” means the FSC Wet Weather Policy.

“Zone” means an area where MiniRoo matches are played either on a main field or designated space

APPENDIX 2 - LIGHTING CRITERIA

All night fixtures played in the region must comply with guidelines established by FSC. Clubs must provide an annual lighting certificate at the time of application to verify that the average lighting reading exceeds One Hundred (100) Lux, when determined in line with AS 2560.1 Sports Lighting

The lighting survey shall be undertaken by an authorised lighting specialist and a certificate supplied in accordance with AS 2560.1

The Competition Coordinator shall receive the lighting certificate with the application for the following Competition year, to allow for any additional considerations and in order to schedule night fixtures in advance for the playing calendar of the following year.

Any Club not supplying the lighting certificate, within the appropriate timeframe, shall be subject to additional consideration with regards to playing any night fixtures during the following playing season.

Clubs shall ensure that for ball and physical training purposes that adequate lighting is supplied to ensure player safety. Accordingly, the lights utilised shall exceed fifty (50) Lux as determined by AS 2560.1 and FSC guidelines.

APPENDIX 3 – NATIONAL POLICY - WEARING OF JEWELLERY

Medical alert bracelets and necklaces

These may be worn as long as they are secured to the wrist or body. The medical advice must not be covered.

Specific information

Beaded hair	If a player is wearing hair beads the hair must be tied in a bun or covered by a hair net. Loose beaded hair should not be allowed.
Bracelets	All bracelets (including metal, rope, fabric, leather, etc.) must be removed. Medical alert bracelets may be worn. The bracelet must be covered by tape (with the exception of the medical information).
Body piercing	Piercing not visible to the referee is of no concern. Should the piercing become visible the referee will ensure the item is removed.
Earrings	No earrings are acceptable. The practice of taping earrings is not acceptable.
Facial ring	Any kind of jewellery on the face or around the eyes must be removed.
GPS units or heart rate monitors	Electronic Performance and Tracking Systems are permitted in accordance with the Laws of the Game
Necklaces	All necklaces must be removed. Medical alert necklaces may be worn provided they are taped securely to the chest. The medical information must not be covered by tape.
Rings	No rings may be worn. The taping of wedding rings is not permitted.
Tongue piercing	Rings/studs through the tongue are discouraged for the players' own safety. Should the referee detect a tongue piercing, the referee will ensure it is removed.
Watches	Players (but not match officials) must remove all watches.

Referees

Within the spirit of these guidelines, referees are expected to conform to the standards set for players (with the exception of wearing watches and GPS units / heart rate monitors).

Any player not complying with this Policy should not be allowed to play.

APPENDIX 4 - JACKETED OFFICIALS ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

Jacketed Officials must:

- (a) Be 18 years of age or older;
- (b) Wear clothing that readily identifies them as a Jacketed Official;
- (c) Patrol all fields (or courts) used throughout the relevant match(s) and ensure they are located in positions where they are clearly visible to Participants and which are appropriate for monitoring on-field and off-field incidents and Spectator behaviour;
- (d) Make themselves clearly visible to the Match Officials prior to the commencement of a Match and ensure their names are displayed on the applicable Team Sheet;
- (e) Oversee an ID check - Junior Competition Matches;
- (f) Accompany Match Officials on and off the field of play (or court) if required or appropriate to do so; prior to the start of the match, half-time and at full time.
- (g) Ensure that, at all times, Spectators comply with the FFA Spectator Code of Behaviour (Code of Behaviour). If Spectators are behaving contrary to the Code of Behaviour, a Jacketed Official must, if it is safe to do so, remind those Spectators of their obligations under the Code of Behaviour and issue any reasonable directions to those Spectators, including a direction to leave the venue. If those Spectators fail to comply with the Jacket Official's reasonable directions, they should contact the Home Club representative or Match Day Supervisor for further assistance. If required the Home Club official representative or Match Day Supervisor is to contact the police or relevant emergency services for support.
- (h) NOT be involved in other duties while acting as a Jacketed Official (not refereeing, coaching, managing, canteen duties etc);
- (i) Abide by the FSC Codes of Conduct;
- (j) Not engage in any physical altercations;
- (k) Not consume alcohol or smoke while acting as a Jacketed Official;
- (l) within 48 hours of a Match, provide a written report to FSC setting out any inappropriate Spectator behaviour, including any failure by a Spectator to comply with a Jacketed Official's reasonable direction and/or any failure by opposition Jacketed Officials to provide assistance in controlling opposition Spectators;
- (m) submit reports via the [FSC Incident Witness Report Form](#) ; and
- (n) conduct themselves in a manner that enhances, rather than injures, the reputation and goodwill of FSC and football generally.

Clubs, Teams and Jacketed Officials that fail to comply with these Roles and Responsibilities may be fined by FSC or dealt with in accordance with the FSC Disciplinary and Disputes Regulations.

APPENDIX 5 - FILLING IN A TEAM SHEET



Football South Coast - Official Teamsheet

Time: 08:30

Date: 17/12/16

COMPETITION: Summer Football 559 Terry Reserve

GROUND: Terry Reserve 5

Referee:
(Print Name)

Assist Referee 1:
Assist Referee 2:

Ground Official(s)

Home: The Avengers (Lime)					
Chk	Shirt No.	ID Number	Players Name	Goals Scored	Caut/Send
		Automated	Automated		

Away: FIFA All Stars (Emerald)					
Chk	Shirt No.	ID Number	Players Name	Goals Scored	Caut/Send
		Automated	Automated		

Top Section

Add any missing
player from team
squad manually

Manual Amendments to Player Listing					
Bor	Shirt No.	ID Number	Players Name	Goals Scored	Caut/Send

Manual Amendments to Player Listing					
Bor	Shirt No.	ID Number	Players Name	Goals Scored	Caut/Send

Middle Section

Add Borrowed
Players

ID Number		Team Official Name	
Coach			
Mgr			

ID Number		Team Official Name	
Coach			
Mgr			

Bottom Section

SCORE: Home		Goals		Goals in words	
CAUTIONS: Home		Total Number		CAUTIONS: Away	Total Number
SEND OFF: Home		Total Number		SEND OFF: Away	Total Number

Referee Signature _____

Player of the Year (Senior Competition Only)	
3	
2	
1	

Managers are to sign the team sheet **at the end of the match**. This signifies that all details are correct.

Home Manager _____

Away Manager _____

There are **four main parts** which need to be completed:

1. Top Section:

This will list all your players registered in this team.

- Please check that the players listed on the Team Sheet are participating.
- If a regular team member is missing and is playing you can manually add them – include ID number
- If a player is absent, then cross out all information. **A player listed on the Team Sheet, which is not crossed out is deemed to have played.**
- *If a player is suspended then they cannot participate, please cross out their name. Write on the back of the Team Sheet their name and Stood Down.*

EXAMPLE

CHK	Shirt	ID Number	Players Name	Goals	Caut/Send
	2	12345678	Jovanovski, Sam		
	15	23456789	Smith, Tiger		
	4	34567891	Watts, Alvin		

- Please either
 - check that the shirt number is correct against the player. If it is wrong, cross it out and put the correct number down. OR
 - put the shirt number against the player if missing. *Tip: Allocate the same shirt number to your field players, let your secretary know and then this can be included on the Team Sheet.*

EXAMPLE

CHK	Shirt	ID Number	Players Name	Goals	Caut/Send
	2	12345678	Jovanovski, Sam		
12	45	23456789	Smith, Tiger		
	4	34567891	Watts, Alvin		

Do not put a player down twice or give them 2 numbers – if you change goal keepers then inform the referee – they should keep a record of the change and they can note this on the Team Sheet if required.

2. Middle Section:

This is where you make any additional amendments to the player listing; specifically a borrowed player from another team – you need to write down the team they normally play in.

Borr	Shirt	ID Number	Players Name	Goals	Caut/Send
Yth	2	12345678	Tendulkar, S		
12/4	16	23456789	Wyers, G		
10 G	1	98765432	Keeper, Catch		

3. Lower Section

This is where the coach and/or manager information is put. Where there is no FFA number then write ACTING.

		ID NUMBER	Team Official Name
<input type="checkbox"/>	Coch		
<input type="checkbox"/>	Mgr		

Note: All coaches and managers need to have an ID Card to be in the technical area; ask the host Club if you can borrow an Acting Team Official Card if you do not have a card – please return it at the end of the game.

4. Signing the Team Sheet

At the conclusion of the game and after the referee has completed their responsibility, the coach/manager needs to check that the Team Sheet is correct – scores and cautions / send offs. If there is an issue please see the Match Day Supervisor/ Match Official and try to resolve the problem.

Either sign the Team Sheet or if there is a dispute complete an incident report which can be downloaded from FSC website and submit to your Club within 24 hours.

Managers are to sign the team sheet at the end of the match. This signifies that all details are correct.

Home Manager

Away Manager

APPENDIX 6 - CAUTION AND SEND OFF CODES

Cautions

Code	Description
Y1	The player is guilty of unsporting conduct.
Y2	The player shows dissent by action or word.
Y3	The player persistently infringes the Laws of the Game.
Y4	The player delays the restart of play.
Y5	The player fails to respect the required distance when play is restarted with a corner kick, free kick or throw in.
Y6	The player re-enters the field of play without the Referee's permission.
Y7	The player deliberately leaves the field of play without the Referee's permission.

Send Offs

Code	Description
R1	Serious foul play
R2	Violent contact
R3	Spits at an opponent or any other person
R4	Denies the opposing team a goal or an obvious goal scoring opportunity by deliberately handling the ball (this does not apply to the goalkeeper within his or her penalty area)
R5	Denies an obvious goal scoring opportunity to an opponent moving towards the player's goal by an offence punishable by a free kick or a penalty kick.
R6	Uses offensive, insulting or abusive language and/or gestures.
R7	Receiving a second caution in the same match.

APPENDIX 7– MATCH OUTCOMES, BREACHES, PENALTIES

Outcome of an Abandoned Match

1. Playing Numbers reduced below seven players – Match is forfeited.
2. Unsafe Playing Conditions (Weather, Failing Light) or Serious Injury:
 - A game that has only played 25% or less of the match will be null and void and rescheduled.
 - A game that has played 75% or more shall have the result recorded as at the score when the game was abandoned.
 - A game that has played over 25% but less than 75% may have one of these options applied
 - i. If the score at the time of abandonment has a team leading by three or more goals, then the result of the match will be recorded as per the score; or
 - ii. If the score at the time of abandonment has a team leading by two goals, then the game shall be rescheduled but recommenced from that point in the match, unless both teams agree for the scores to be recorded at the time of the abandonment as the result; or
 - iii. The game to be null and void and rescheduled; or
 - iv. The result of the game to be recorded as at the score when the game was abandoned.
3. Mass Walk Off – Match is forfeited and/or penalties in the FSC Disciplinary Disputes Regulations
4. Other – Referred to the Football Council or Referred to a Tribunal

Definitions of Match Outcomes applied in Breaches

Code	Code - Meaning
MO-1	Suspended player participates or Game played under protest or the non-offending team can provide an acceptable explanation as to how the player passed the ID check as per 4.9.7 of these regulations
Match Outcome	If the score at full time had the non-offending team leading by three or more goals, then the result of the match will stand but the offending team will have their goals scored (For) recorded as zero. or the team forfeiting will have the score recorded as a 0 – 3 loss and the other team having the score recorded as a 3 – 0 win If both teams played ineligible players then the match is null and void

Code	Code - Meaning
MO-2	Game played NOT under protest and an ID check as per 4.9.7 of these regulations would have picked up the ineligible player.
Match Outcome	The team playing ineligible players will receive 0 points and their goals scored (FOR) recorded as zero. The non-offending team will retain the result of the match and goals scored (FOR) will be changed to three (3) if they scored four or more goals. If both teams played ineligible players then the match is null and void.

Breaches, Penalties and Fines

In the case of breaches of the Competition rules and procedures, these fines and penalties will be applied and are in addition to any penalties or consequences set out in the relevant Regulations, the FSC Disputes & Disciplinary Regulations, and FSC Policies.

Team points are defined in the FSC Disputes and Disciplinary Regulations and any penalties below are in addition to those applied in those regulations.

Equipment

Code	Code - Offence			
E1	No Nets, No Line Markings, No Corner Flags			
Penalties and Fines				
	Junior	Women	Community League	FSC WYL
E1	Council to determine	Council to determine	1 Team Point for each issue	Comp Committee to determine

Forfeit as per Article 2.18.1 (a), (b), (c), (d), Article 2.18.9

Code	Code - Offence				
F1	Forfeit – First Offence,				
F2	Forfeit - Second Offence,				
F3	Forfeit - Third or subsequence Offence,				
F4	Forfeit - Last Round				
Penalties and Fines					
	Mini Roos	Junior	Women	Community League	FSC WYL
F1	Fine \$10 or #	Fine \$10	Fine \$175	Fine \$100	Fine \$50
F2	Fine \$10 or #	Fine \$20	Fine \$175	Fine \$100 Loss 1 Comp Point	Fine \$50
F3	Fine \$20	Fine \$50 Explanation to JC	Fine \$175	Fine \$200 Appear to CL committee	Fine \$50
F4	As per F1 – F3	As per F1 – F3	Fine \$175	Fine \$250 Loss of 3 comp points	Fine \$50
Mini Roos	# No fine for Mini Roo team if notice is given 24 hours before match.				
All Comps	Article 2.18.5 Match Official Fees + Ground Hire Fees if applicable.				
All Comps	Team claiming forfeit will receive 3 Competition points and a 3 – 0 result. Team forfeiting will receive 0 Competition points and a 0 – 3.				
Note	Where a team has withdrawn and forfeit results are given post withdrawal, no fines will be applied				

Forfeit as per Article 2.18.1 (e)

Code	Code - Offence			
F5	Forfeit – Cannot field at least seven players during match			
Penalties and Fines				
	Junior	Women	Community League	FSC WYL
All Comps	Club to give explanation and Council may apply a fine or penalty from F1 to F4			
Match Outcome	If the score at the time of abandonment has the non-offending team leading by three or more goals, then the result of the match will be recorded as per the score at that time; or the team forfeiting will have the score recorded as a 0 – 3 loss and the other team having the score recorded as a 3 – 0 win.			

Forfeit as per Article 4.9.4

Code	Code - Offence			
F6	Forfeit – ID card not available and played. Protest Lodged			
Penalties and Fines				
	Junior	Women	Community League	FSC WYL
All Comps	Forfeit fine to apply a fine or penalty from F1 to F4			
Match Outcome	MO-1			

Forfeit as per Articles 3.1.1.1 or 3.1.2.1

Code	Code - Offence			
F7	Match Official is a registered Team Official of the team playing.			
F8	Match Official is a registered Player in the team playing.			
Penalties and Fines				
	Junior	Women	Community League	FSC WYL
F7 F8	Forfeit fine F1 to F4	<i>Not applicable unless referee guidelines state otherwise (3.1.4)</i> then Forfeit fine F1 to F4	<i>Not applicable unless referee guidelines state otherwise (3.1.4)</i> then Forfeit fine F1 to F4	Forfeit fine F1 to F4
Match Outcome	If the score at full time had the non-offending team leading by three or more goals, then the result of the match will stand but the offending team will have their goals scored (For) recorded as zero. or the team forfeiting will have the score recorded as a 0 – 3 loss and the other team having the score recorded as a 3 – 0 win			

Forfeit 2.18.1 (f) Ineligible Players as per Article 4.2

Code	Code - Offence			
I1	Ineligible Player – Unregistered Player participates & FSC Registration Regulation 3.3.1.1 or 4.3.1 not completed			
I2	Ineligible Player – Unregistered Player participates & FSC Registration Regulation 3.3.1.2 not completed			
I3	Ineligible Player – Unregistered Player participates & FSC Registration Regulation 3.3.1.3 not completed			
All Comps	Both Clubs to give explanation and FSC to determine 1. If Penalties apply, 2. If Club is charged with Misconduct (FSC Disc. & Disputes Regulation 18.1) 3. Result of Match.			
Penalties and Fines				
	Junior	Women	Community League	FSC WYL
I1	\$200 per player 5 team points	\$200 per player 5 team points	\$200 per player 5 team points	\$200 per player 5 team points
I2	\$10 per player 3 team points	\$50 per player 3 team points	\$50 per player 3 team points	\$50 per player 3 team points
I3	\$10 per player 3 team points	\$20 per player 3 team points	\$20 per player 3 team points	\$20 per player 3 team points
Match Outcome	MO-1 or MO-2			

Code	Code - Offence			
I4	Ineligible Player – Suspended Player participates 4.2.2(ii), (iii), (iv), (v)			
All Comps	Club to give explanation and FSC to determine: 1. If Penalties apply, 2. Club is charged with Misconduct, 3. Player referred to Disciplinary Commissioner, 4. Result of Match.			
Penalties and Fines				
	Junior	Women	Community League	FSC WYL
I4	\$20 - \$100 per player	\$100 - \$500	\$100 - \$500 5 team points per player	\$100 - \$500
Match Outcome	MO-1			

Code	Code - Offence			
I5	Ineligible Player – Player participates not listed on team Sheet 4.2.2 (vi)- First Offence			
I6	Ineligible Player – Player participates not listed on team Sheet 4.2.2 (vi)- Second and subsequent Offence			
All	Club to give explanation and FSC to determine: 1. If Penalties apply, 2. Result of Match.			
Penalties and Fines				
	Junior	Women	Community League	FSC WYL
I5	\$10 fine	\$20 fine	1 team point	\$20 fine
I6	\$20 fine +1 team point.	\$20 fine + 1 team point	2 team points	\$20 fine + 1 team point
Match Outcome	FSC to determine: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Game result stands or; • is classed as a forfeit as per MO-1 or MO-2; or • the game is Null and Void i.e. no points will be awarded to either team, the game will not be rescheduled. 			

Code	Code - Offence			
I7	Ineligible Player – Breach of DCPD or Dual Registration (Disc. Regs. 17) & Article 4.2.2 (vii)			
All Comps	Club to give explanation and FSC to determine 1. If Penalties apply, 2. If the Club is charged with Misconduct 3. If the Player is charged with Misconduct 4. Result of Match.			
Penalties and Fines				
	Junior	Women	Community League	FSC WYL
I7	\$100 - \$500 3 team points	\$100 - \$500 3 team points	\$100 - \$500 5 team points	\$100 - \$500 3 team points
Match Outcome	MO-1 or MO-2			

Code	Code - Offence			
I8	Borrowed Ineligible Player - Article 4.2.2 (vii), 4.4 to 4.9			
Penalties and Fines				
	Junior	Women	Community League	FSC WYL
I8	Fine \$10 per player + \$10 if div not recorded on team sheet	Fine \$10 per player	2 team points	Fine \$10 per player
Match Outcome	MO-1 or MO-2			

Non – Attendance at Club Meetings

The time period will be from Jan 1 to Dec 31 each year.

Code	Code - Offence			
M1	Non-Attendance at Club Meeting First Offence,			
M2	Non-Attendance at Club Meeting Second Offence,			
M3	Non-Attendance at Club Meeting Third or subsequent Offence,			
Penalties and Fines				
	Junior	Women	Community League	FSC WYL
M1	Fine \$20 Fine \$10 (Apology)	Fine \$25	Fine \$20	As per penalty where team aligned with (Junior or Women)
M2	Fine \$20 Fine \$10 (Apology)	Fine \$50 Loss 1 Comp point per team	Fine \$50 Loss 1 Comp point per team	As per penalty where team aligned with (Junior or Women)
M3	Fine \$500	Fine \$200 Loss 1 Comp point per team	Fine \$100 Loss 2 comp points per team	As per penalty where team aligned with (Junior or Women)
Notes	May be required to meet with the respective FSC Council If the League championship has concluded, then the loss of 1 Competition point shall be applied to all teams in the next season.			

Team Sheets – Article 6.1.15

Code	Code - Offence			
T1	Late Submission of Team Sheets – First Offence			
T2	Late Submission of Team Sheets – Second and Subsequent Offence			
Penalties and Fines				
	Junior	Women	Community League	FSC WYL
T1	Warning Letter	Warning Letter	Warning Letter	Warning Letter
T2	\$5 per team sheet	\$50	Deduction 1 comp point	\$20 per team sheet

Code	Code - Offence			
T3	Team Sheets - Borrowed Players – Team/Divisions Not Recorded – 1 st reported Offence			
T4	Team Sheets - Borrowed Players – Team/Divisions Not Recorded – 2 nd and subsequent reported offence			
Penalties and Fines				
	Junior	Women	Community League	FSC WYL
T3	Warning Letter	Warning Letter	Warning Letter	Warning Letter
T4	2 team points	\$10 per error	1 team point	\$10 per error

Code	Code - Offence			
T5	Team Sheets – FFA number missing, shirt missing, etc – 1 st reported Offence			
T6	Team Sheets - FFA number missing, shirt missing, etc – 2 nd and subsequent reported offence			
Penalties and Fines				
	Junior	Women	Community League	FSC WYL
T5	Warning Letter	\$10 per error	1 team point	\$10 per error
T6	2 team points	\$10 per error	1 team point	\$10 per error

Code	Code - Offence			
T7	Team Sheets – No Score recorded			
Penalties and Fines				
	Junior	Women	Community League	FSC WYL
T7	\$10 both teams U12 – U18 \$10 home team U8 – U11	\$10 both teams	1 team point both teams	\$10 both teams

Code	Code - Offence			
T8	Team Sheets – Not signed by Team Officials			
Penalties and Fines				
	Junior	Women	Community League	FSC WYL
T8	\$20	\$20	2 team points	\$20
All Comps	Except where a protest is submitted, the penalties above shall be imposed should Competition Coordinators be required to check information when requested from a Club.			

Code	Code - Offence			
T9	Team Sheets – Other Clerical Errors			
Penalties and Fines				
	Junior	Women	Community League	FSC WYL
T9	\$10	\$10	\$10	\$10

Uniform

Code	Code - Offence			
U1	Not complying with Article 2.5.4 – 1 st Offence			
U2	Not complying with Article 2.5.4 – 2 nd Offence and subsequent offences			
All	* Club required to show cause why the respective Council should not impose the sanction			
Penalties and Fines				
	Junior	Women	Community League	FSC WYL
U1	Official Warning to all Comp Teams	\$100	\$100	\$100
U2	Loss of 3 Competition points	\$100 + Loss of 3 Competition points	Loss of 3 Competition points	Loss of 3 Competition points
All	Loss of Competition points (to the team in grade / division which did not comply.)			
Note	This is not applicable to Mini Roo teams			

Late Return of Perpetual Trophies – Article 2.24

Code	Code - Offence			
X1	Late Return of Trophies			
Penalties and Fines				
	Junior	Women	Community League	FSC WYL
X1	\$25 per trophy	\$25 per trophy	\$25 per trophy	\$25 per trophy

Overdue Accounts 61-90 Days – Article 1.11.2

Code	Code - Offence			
X2	Overdue Accounts – 61 – 90 Days			
Penalties and Fines				
	Junior	Women	Community League	FSC WYL
X2	Ineligibility to earn Competition points for all teams whilst debt is outstanding.			

Mass Walk Off

Code	Code - Offence			
X3	Mass Walk Off			
Penalties and Fines				
	Junior	Women	Community League	FSC WYL
X3	FSC Disciplinary Regulations to apply – including but not limited to imposing a fine, result of the match.			
Match Outcome	If the game is classed as a forfeit, then the score at full time had the non-offending team leading by three or more goals, then the result of the match will stand or the team forfeiting will have the score recorded as a 0 – 3 loss and the other team having the score recorded as a 3 – 0 win. If the game is Null and Void then no points will be awarded to either team, the game will not be rescheduled			

Team Official – Junior Competition

Code	Code - Offence			
X4	Team Official Not Registered <i>Articles 10.2.1.1 or 11.4.1</i>			
Penalties and Fines				
	Junior	Women	Community League	FSC WYL
X4	\$5 per game	NA	NA	NA

Non Submission of Team Grading – Junior Competition

Code	Code - Offence			
X5	Team lists not submitted / insufficient data required for Team Grading <i>Articles 1.5.10 or 1.8.9</i>			
Penalties and Fines				
	Junior	Women	Community League	FSC WYL
X5	\$0 - \$100 and/or no grading appeal	NA	NA	NA

Not Supplying Match Officials – Community League, Women’s Competition, WYL

Code	Code - Offence			
X6	Failure to supply Assistant Referees – Home Club – 1 st Offence			
X7	Failure to supply Assistant Referees – Home Club – 2 nd Offence			
X8	Failure to supply Assistant Referees – Home Club – 3 rd and subsequent Offence			
Penalties and Fines				
	Junior	Women	Community League	FSC WYL
X6	NA	AR Fee for each missing AR position	1 team point	AR Fee for each missing AR position
X7	NA	AR Fee for each missing AR position	1 team point	AR Fee for each missing AR position
X8	NA	AR Fee for each missing AR position Loss 1 Comp point	1 team point	AR Fee for each missing AR position. Loss 1 Comp point

Sanctions Not Covered in this Appendix

Any sanction not covered in this appendix will be referred to FSC. [Article 1.1.3 Application of Regulations.](#)

APPENDIX 8 – FNSW HOT WEATHER & LIGHTNING GUIDELINES

HOT WEATHER

RECOMMENDED TEMPERATURES FOR CANCELLATION OF GAMES AND TRAINING

CHILDREN	-	32°	(activity should be cancelled when ambient air temperature reaches 32°)
ADULTS	-	37°	(activity should be cancelled when ambient air temperature reaches 37°)

Cancellation may be necessary at lower temperatures, particularly where a higher level of humidity is present. Refer to the [Heat Stress Index](#) for risk levels.

Clubs are reminded of their duty of care and that in extreme temperatures the safety and welfare of players must be a priority.

Exposure to extreme heat can be dangerous to the health of adults and pose an ever greater risk to the health of children and young people.

TEMPERATURES FOR MODIFICATION TO FOOTBALL ACTIVITIES

Where temperatures occur within the following ranges and a club has assessed and deemed a football activity to be safe to continue, consideration must be given to modifying the activity and increasing rest and drink breaks in shaded areas.

Children	-	26° to 31° ambient temperature	(at 32° activity should be cancelled – refer above)
Adults	-	26° to 36° ambient temperature	(at 37° activity should be cancelled – refer above)

Within these temperature ranges participation must also be closely monitored and the safety and welfare of players MUST BE A PRIORITY.

LIGHTNING

30/30 LIGHTNING SAFETY GUIDELINE

Stop play if the time between seeing a lightning flash and hearing thunder is less than 30 seconds. Immediately seek safety under appropriate shelter.

Do not resume play until at least 30 minutes has passed since the last thunder was heard.

APPENDIX 9 – FSC POLICIES AND FORMS – AVAILABLE FROM WEBSITE

[FSC Disciplinary and Disputes Regulations 1.7](#)

[FSC Dual Club Playing Procedure 2.0](#)

[FSC Payment Policy](#)

[FSC Registration Policy](#)

[FSC Referee Payment Policy](#)

[FSC Social Media Policy](#)

[FSC Wet Weather Policy 1.1](#)

[FNSW Lightning Policy](#)

[FNSW Hot Weather Policy](#)

[Change of Fixture Form](#)

[Incident Report](#)

[Injuries Notification and Insurance Information](#)

[Match Official Send Off Report](#)

[Match Official Incident Report](#)

[Match Official Expulsion Report](#)