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2017 RULES AND REGULATIONS Miniroos, Junior and Senior Competitions and Cups

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1. GENERAL:

- (A) These rules are by-laws of the Highlands Soccer Association (HSA) and shall apply to all Competitions and Cups conducted by the HSA Inc. and shall be directly overseen by the Director of Competitions and the HSA Board.
- (B) These competition & cup rules and regulations are subject to alteration as required by a simple majority vote of the HSA Board. FNSW shall be empowered to alter these rules & regulations at any time.
- (C) Any matters not included in the rules and regulations must be referred to the HSA Board whose decision shall be final.
- (D) The Director of Competitions shall determine suitable competitions, cups and similar events for the season.
- (E) All 2017 participant Clubs will be required to apply for access to the 2017 season competitions/cups/events by completing the form "Club Application and Team Nominations" (HSA 001)

The closing date for nominations is **3rd March 2017**.

- (F) Each Club/School wishing to enter teams into any HSA Minirooms/ Junior/ Youth Grade competitions must pay an entry fee of \$100 per team (incl GST) with the application. This amount is capped at \$500.
- (G) Each Club wishing to enter teams into both HSA Minirooms/ Junior formats and HSA All Age Competitions OR only into All Age Competitions must pay a Admin Supplement fee of \$1000 (incl GST) with the application.
- (H) Clubs with unpaid accounts with HSA Inc. aged greater than 30 days from date of invoice as at 30 November, 2016 will not be able to enter any competition until the debt is paid.
- (I) Except where these competition rules specify otherwise, the HSA Inc. competitions and cups will be conducted in accordance with FIFA laws of the game.

2. COMPETITION AND POINTS:

- (A)

Win	3 points
Draw	1 points
Loss	0 points
Bye	0 points
Win by forfeit	3 points (plus 3 goal difference)
- (B) Depending on the number of teams nominating in each age division, the Director of Competitions shall determine the number of rounds in each competition. Full rounds will not necessarily be played.

Split rounds, incomplete rounds, or other methods of providing a competition schedule will be employed at the discretion of the Director of Competitions.
- (C) There are no mixed gender competitions above U15 age group.

- (D) At the completion of the competition rounds the four top teams will play off in a final series. The final series will normally be played over three weeks. The order of play shall be:

Team ranked 1 plays team ranked 2 with the winner advancing to the grand final. The losing team plays the winner of the match between teams ranked 3 and 4 in the second week of the finals with the winner advancing to the grand final.

See Appendix I for a detailed configuration of the final series in the event of wet weather.

- (E) If teams finish on equal points at the end of the competition rounds then the team position shall be determined by:
- (i) The number of goals scored by each team less the number of goals scored against that team,
 - (ii) Or, if that be equal, then by the number of goals scored by each team,
 - (iii) Or, if that be equal, then the head-to-head results between the teams,
 - (iv) Or, if that be equal, then by a play-off match between teams.
- (F) In the event of the withdrawal of any team before the conclusion of the competition, all points previously allocated in matches in which they have taken part shall be deleted and the goals for and against adjusted accordingly.
- (G) In the event of drawn matches in all final series matches, extra time shall be played as follows:
U13 to A/A..... 10 minutes each way

The team with the most total goals at the end of extra time wins the match.

In the event of the match resulting in a draw after extra time has been played the following shall decide the winner:

- Five (5) penalty kicks per team taken alternately.
- If still equal after this, one (1) penalty kick per team shall be taken until one team gains a lead after an equal number of kicks.

No player may be substituted/interchanged after the end of extra time, with the exception of the goalkeeper who may be replaced by a named substitute should the keeper become injured during the taking of penalty kicks and is unable to continue. A goal keeper may switch places with any player on the field prior to the penalty procedure taking place.

3. MATCH BALLS:

Up to U/10.....size 3
U/11-U/13..... size 4
U/15-AA..... size 5

It is required that both teams supply a match ball of acceptable standard for each match.

4. MATCH PLAYING TIMES:

- (A) U/6 – U/7..... 15 minutes each way
U/8-U/9..... 20 minutes each way

U/10-U/11.....	25 minutes each way
U13.....	30 minutes each way
U15.....	35 minutes each way
AAM Youth.....	45 minutes each way
A/A Women.....	45 minutes each way
A/A Men.....	45 minutes each way

Half time of 5 minutes is recommended for all games.

- (B) Ten minutes grace only will be allowed from the advised kick-off time before a forfeit can be claimed. Games that start after the advised kick-off time must ensure that the following game is able to commence at its advised starting time.
- (C) There will be no additional injury/stoppage time added for any match including the final series.

5. PLAYING STRIP:

- (A) All players in every match must appear in proper uniform (i.e. shirts, shorts and socks) all in the club registered colours. Shin guards must always be worn entirely underneath socks. Numbered shirts or bibs are required for competition age groups U13 and above. Numbered shirts are not required for Minirooms.
- (B) Where, in the opinion of the referee, the team colours & design conflict, the HOME team must change into their alternate strip or numbered bibs.
- (C) Goalkeepers must wear colours that distinguish them from the other players and the referees.
- (D) All clubs must have an alternate strip or numbered bibs.
- (E) All players are permitted to wear beanies and gloves, provided they are not deemed dangerous.
- (F) HSA interpret FIFA Law basic equipment term “stockings” to mean socks. All tape applied to socks must be the same colour as the part of the sock to which it has been applied. The HSA will negotiate these colours if difficulties arise.
- (G) Skins worn on the legs must be the same colour as the shorts. Skins worn on the top half of the body must be of the predominant colour of the playing strip.
- (H) Players up to and including U/11 groups are allowed to wear tracksuit pants and a warm top, provided their jersey is worn over it.
- (I) Sponsorship (other than the clothing brand name) will be permitted on socks, shorts, shirts & tracksuits (See Rule 6).
- (J) Players cannot interchange shirts during a match.
- (K) Clubs wishing to change, alter or update a playing strip must apply for permission to the HSA Board prior to taking the field in the changed strip.

6. SPONSORSHIP:

- (A) 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 legs of shorts by attached printed patches.

- (B) Advertising must not obscure or otherwise affect the shirt number.
- (C) Sponsors' details must not be of a size greater than 250 mm x 100 mm approximately.
- (D) The advertising of hotels, gambling and alcohol is not permitted on the uniforms of players under the age of 18 years. HSA may reject or require the removal of any advertising which does not meet the requirements of this clause or is considered to be offensive or contrary to the best interests of Highlands Soccer Association.
- (E) All Clubs must comply with requests from HSA in relation to the club's sponsors' requests and obligations.

7. REFEREES AND ASSISTANT REFEREES:

- (A) The HSA Referee Advisory Committee & Highlands Football Referees Association (HFRA) appointment officer shall appoint referees and assistant referees. In the event of an appointed official not attending, the team managers shall select a person to control the game and such referee's decisions shall be accepted as official.
- (B) All Minirooms Game Leaders for U6, U7, U8, U9, U10 and U11 games will be appointed by the 'host venue Club'. Where no such appointments have been made, the 'home team' shall appoint the Game Leader.
- (D) Minirooms Game Leaders shall be registered with the club as players or as an official. The Minirooms Game Leader shall receive a minimum \$8 reward in cash upon presentation of the completed original teamsheet from either the 'host venue Club' Ground Official or the 'home team' coach/manager – which ever appointed the Game Leader.

8. PLAYER REGISTRATION:

- (A) Clubs entering teams in age grade competitions shall, by the act of nominating a player as 'active' in Football Federation Australia 'My Football Club' (FFA MFC) registration system, certify that the club registrar has sighted birth certificates or other statutory proof acceptable to FFA, FNSW & HSA Inc. that the date of birth of each player at the time of such player's registration is the same as that nominated on FFA registration forms by the player or player's parent/carer.
- (B) Player registrations must be nominated as 'active' in FFA MFC no later than 11.00am the day before a match to allow for the transfer of player data into the Sports TG (STG) competition management system before the start of any match in which the player may play. Clubs must check that all players' data appears in the STG system before fielding players in any match. Players that do not appear in STG following registration & before any match cannot play otherwise they will be deemed ineligible players.
- (C) Player registrations must be entered into FFA MFC and nominated as 'active' before 11pm, 30th June. Where a Club feels that there are exceptional circumstances, the Club may write to the HSA Board stating its case as to its exceptional circumstances for requiring a registration after 30th June. HSA Board will consider each case on its merit. The HSA Board decision on each case shall be final.
- (D) Clubs will be billed 60% of their previous year's final full registration costs in February each year with the accounts payable seven (7) days before the first scheduled game day.
- (E) The final balance registration invoice for player registrations will be issued soon after 30th June 2017 and is payable within 30 days of invoice date.

9. PLAYER & TEAM OFFICIAL IDENTIFICATION:

- (A) Player Identification Cards are not mandatory for HSA Competition or Cups.
- (B) Should the opposing manager dispute a player's identity, then that player must sign the team sheet in the appropriate 'disputed player' area and the game should proceed. The disputing club must lodge an official protest to HSA Manager (michael.hamilton@hsa.org.au) per these rules after the match if it wishes the HSA Board to investigate the matter.
- (C) It is mandatory for all coaches, managers & team officials to be registered with their Club. They must carry & display identification cards (ID cards) whilst in the technical area of the playing field during which their team's fixture is scheduled and in play. Only up to two (2) so identified coaches, managers or team officials and up to five (5) players whose names appear on the match team sheet are permitted in the technical area. Only one team official from each team may stand at any one time in the technical area.
- (D) Coach, manager and team official ID cards must be worn on a lanyard around the neck external to all clothing for the period of time from 30 minutes prior to the fixture kick-off through to the conclusion of all post match official duties for, and on behalf of, the team and club.
- (E) Coach, manager & team official ID cards must be made available to the opposing team's coach, manager or to the Referee or Ground Official upon request for the purposes of identifying the registered coach, manager &/or team official. If these ID cards are not produced as requested, the disputing club or party must lodge an official protest to HSA Manager (michael.hamilton@hsa.org.au) per these rules after the match if it wishes the HSA Board to investigate the matter. The Ground Official &/or referee is empowered with discretionary authority to have non-identified persons removed from the technical area and/or playing facility at all HSA sanctioned events.

10. TEAM SHEETS:

- (A) **General:**
 - The HSA Inc. shall supply the team sheets.
 - All team sheets must be fully completed in black pen, BLOCK LETTERS and be legible.
 - All players taking part in a match, either on the field or as a substitute, must be named on the team sheet. Any player participating in a match and not listed on the team sheet will be considered an ineligible player and the club fined accordingly, see Rule 19 (M).
 - Any player who is listed on the team sheet but is not participating in the match must be crossed out completely or they will be considered to have played the match.
 - Any player under suspension must be listed on the team sheet but have their name crossed out with the notation SP after it.
 - Shirt numbers are to be shown for all players in Junior and All Age Competitions and the Goal Keeper clearly marked. No two (2) or more players can have the same shirt number, excluding where there has been a change of Goal Keepers.
 - All Over 35 players in the AA Youth grade competition must have O35 next to their name.

- A maximum number of player names are to be listed on the team sheet according to this schedule:
 U6 – U7: 7 players
 U8 – U9: 11 players
 U10 –U11: 14 players
 U13 – All Age: 16 players
- The U13 – All Age competition match referee shall write the score on the team sheet at the conclusion of the game.
- FFA Player Registration Numbers are not required to be entered onto the team sheet for competition or cup matches.
- All teams must have a coach and manager listed on the team sheet.
- All team sheets (Miniroos, Junior and All Age Competitions) must be signed by the “host venue” Ground Official present. Should no Ground Official be present then this should be noted on the team sheet.
- Fines will be issued for incomplete team sheets. See Rule 19 (U).
- No alterations/additions can be made to the U13 – All Age competition team sheet once the match kicks off.
- Neither the original team sheet, nor carbon copies, are to be altered at all after signing the team sheet by the team managers at the conclusion of the match.
- By signing the team sheet at the conclusion of the match the Coach/Manager of each team certifies that the match score, goal scorers and caution recipients are correct.
- Each Club is to provide a “Drop Box” at their canteen where teams are able to put completed match sheets in after their game.

(B) U6 – U11 Miniros:

- All team sheets must be completed in triplicate.
- After the match, the completed original ‘**yellow**’ copy is to be forwarded by the HOME team (the team listed first in the draw) by post to the HSA, post marked the first Australia Post business day (usually Monday, except public holidays) immediately following matches (post to: PO Box 2221 Bowral NSW 2576).
- The team sheets must be received in the HSA Post Office Box by 9.00am the Thursday after each match. The applicable fine, Rule 18 (E), will automatically apply for each team sheet not received in accordance with this rule.
- The ‘**blue**’ copy must be retained by the ‘away’ club and filed on a weekly basis with the club Secretary or Recorder.
- The ‘**green**’ copy is to be retained by the ‘home’ club and filed on a weekly basis with the club Secretary or Recorder.

(C) **U13 – All Age Competition & Cups:**

- All team sheets must be completed in quadruplicate.
- The original **‘white’** copy shall be retained by the Highlands Football Referees Association (HFRA) Referee. If a Club Referee is required to referee a match, the ‘home’ Club shall forward the original **‘white’** copy by post to: (PO Box 2221 Bowral NSW 2576).
- The **‘yellow’** copy is to be forwarded by the HOME team, (the team listed first in the draw), by post to the HSA, post marked the first Australia Post business day (usually Monday, except public holidays) immediately following matches (post to: PO Box 2221 Bowral NSW 2576).
- The team sheets must be received in the HSA Post Office Box by 9.00am the Thursday after each match. The applicable fine, Rule 19 (E), will automatically apply for each team sheet not received in accordance with this rule.
- The **‘blue’** copy will be retained by the ‘away’ club and filed on a weekly basis with the club Secretary or Recorder.
- The **‘green’** copy is to be retained by the ‘home’ club and filed on a weekly basis with the club Secretary or Recorder.
- Highlands Soccer Association teams that are playing “away” against teams from the Southern Tablelands Football Association (STFA) are required to post in their copy of the team sheet from the match to PO Box 2221 Bowral NSW 2576.

- (D) In all competition matches, the team manager/coach shall sign the team sheet after the game to confirm the result unless they disagree and wish to protest. The disputing club must lodge an official protest to the HSA Manager after the match if it wishes the HSA Board to investigate the matter. The disputing Club must lodge the protest within 48 hours of the conclusion of the match.

Note: Clubs which do sign the match sheet, yet find out afterwards that they have grounds for a protest, can still file a protest with the HSA Inc. provided it is submitted within the scheduled 48 hour period, as per Rule 11.

- (E) Once HSA 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 the HSA and the result declared for the match.
- (F) For U13 to All Age competitions, clubs are required to log into Sports TG by 8.00pm after each match day to record match results. Issues that arise specifically in relation to recording of results can be directed to the HSA Manager and/or Director of Records by phone or email only before 7.00pm match days per:

HSA Manager - Email: michael.hamilton@hsa.org.au Ph: 0448 184 646

Director of Records - Email: dir.records@hsa.org.au

- (G) For U13 to All Age competitions, clubs are required to comply with the data entry requirements of Appendix C, Sports TG Data Entry Rules.

11. PROTESTS AND DISPUTES:

- (A) Any club may protest in writing to the HSA Board on any matter relating to, or arising out of, the competition conducted by the HSA Inc. All protests must be lodged in writing, within forty eight (48) hours of the match to which it is related. At the time of lodging the protest, the prescribed fee shall be paid and may be refunded if the protest is upheld. Any expenses incurred shall be apportioned as the HSA Board shall decide. The HSA Manager shall send a copy of the protest and particulars thereof to the club against which it has been lodged.
- (B) Fines and penalties will be applied automatically in accordance with these rules. Clubs may lodge a notice of dispute of any fine &/or penalty applied.

12. DEFERRED GAMES:

- (A) There will be no deferred games except for Representative Team commitments (see Rule 18 (C)), wet weather deferred matches or where an application to change the fixtures has been accepted by HSA Board, on the prescribed form.
- (B) Where circumstances arise whereby a team will not be able to field a minimum number of players for an upcoming match, that team's Club may apply to the HSA Board for an alteration to the fixture schedule on the prescribed form 'Application to Alter Fixture' (HSA 002).
- (C) All applications for fixture changes must use the 'Application to Alter Fixture' form. Applications must be lodged with the HSA Manager no less than fourteen (14) days prior to the affected fixture.

It is the responsibility of the requesting team to contact the opponent team and request a change of fixture, to make venue arrangements and pay all associated costs (eg: venue floodlight hire etc). If the opposing team agrees to re-schedule the fixture, the match fixture must be played before the original fixture time/date or within two weeks after the original fixture date. If a mutually agreeable time/place cannot be found to play the match fixture, the requesting team will be deemed to have forfeited the match.

13. GROUND OFFICIALS:

- (A) At least one identifiable, uniformed Ground Official shall be on duty per fixture/field and be visible to the match referee and/or Miniros 'Games Leader' for the full duration of the fixture. This will require the Ground Official to be close to the field of play and/or technical area without entering the technical area unless directed by the referee.
- (B) Ground Officials must be easily identifiable via a high-visibility vest, with the words "HSA Official" or similar printed on it.
- (C) The Ground Official shall be over the age of 18 years of age and shall not be a coach or manager of a game in progress and shall be provided by the 'host venue Club'.
- (D) The 'host venue Club' must provide an additional Ground Official (Ground Marshall) for the whole venue and is to support the Ground Officials. The 'host venue Club' Ground Marshall is the senior Ground Official whose direction and decision is final in the event of any uncertainty on matters arising.
- (E) If the appointed referee decides not to proceed with officiating a match at a playing field because NO Ground Official is present as per Rule 13 (A), the 'host venue Club' and both teams shall be granted up to 10 minutes after the scheduled fixture starting time to appoint a Ground Official(s).

If the 'host venue Club' cannot, or is unwilling, to appoint Ground Official(s) within the time permitted by this Rule and either team are unable to provide a Ground Official then the match shall be deemed abandoned.

- (F) The Ground Officials shall circulate around the ground(s) and playing field facility to ensure they remain visible to the referee and spectators.
- (G) All persons at the ground(s) and playing field facility shall abide by any requests made by the Ground Officials.
- (H) Any reports by a Ground Official shall be in writing to the HSA Manager and shall be actioned by the HSA Board. The Ground Official(s) must write and submit a report on any incident or matter as directed by the HSA Inc. or FNSW.

Refer to Appendix D for more information.

14. GROUNDS, MARKING AND EQUIPMENT:

- (A) It shall be the responsibility of the 'home team' and/or 'host venue club' to ensure that the following conditions are met:
 - The playing field for U6 to U11 Minirooms games are marked with cones, domes or line marking paint per FFA Minirooms regulations. Only HSA approved goals are to be used and set up correctly.
 - The playing field for U13 to All Age competition is marked as per directions in the FIFA Laws of the Game to international standards, including corner flags and nets.
 - A technical area will be clearly marked for each team, with seating available for 7 persons per team. Only two (2) team officials and a maximum of five (5) substitutes are permitted to be in the technical area. The technical areas should not be any closer than 1 metre from the touchline and extend 1 metre either side of the designated seating area.
 - A recognisable spectator viewing area separate from the playing area is to be established. Spectator areas must be 2m from the field sidelines and 5m from the technical areas.
 - There is a designated area where players sent from the field of play are to remain for the duration of their game should they not leave the facility.
- (B) Playing fields for U13 to All Age must be fully set up no less than 15 minutes before the scheduled kick-off time. An appointed referee may declare the field setup is unsatisfactory at any point in time from 15 minutes before the scheduled kick-off.
- (C) If the appointed referee decides not to proceed to officiate a match at a playing field because they deem the playing field setup does not meet the requirements of Rule 14 (A), the 'host venue club' shall be granted up to 10 minutes after the scheduled match starting time to rectify the field set up deficiencies identified by the referee. If the 'host venue club' cannot, or is unwilling, to rectify any field set up deficiencies within the time permitted by this Rule, the 'host venue club' will be fined as per Rule 18 (I), the match deemed to be abandoned and rescheduled at a later date.
- (D) Should the appointed referee decide that the appointed ground is unfit for play per Rule 14 (A), the 'host venue club' Ground Official is empowered to move the game to be played onto an alternative,

complying field at the same venue, provided that moving the game does not conflict with any other fixture.

- (E) It is recommended that each team have a first aid kit available at each of their matches.
- (F) No person at all is to stand or sit in the area 5m off the field of play beyond the goal line. If the ground has a permanent fixed fence situated behind the goal line then this will be the allowable distance that persons will be permitted to stand. The referee and/or Ground Officials are empowered to clear this area of all persons.
- (G) The HSA Board may at times require Clubs to amend the way grounds are prepared and operated when hosting competition games and Minirooms.

15. WET WEATHER PROCEDURES:

(A) Non Storming Conditions:

- When inclement weather conditions occur participants are to assume that all games are still **ON**. Games are only cancelled when fields are unplayable, not because it is raining.
- Pitches are considered unplayable when the ball is stopped/impeded from rolling freely due to surface water, when the pitch is waterlogged and commencement or continuance of play will ruin the playing surface, or are considered unsafe to play on by either the host Club, Referee or Wingecarribee Shire Council. Refer to Appendix G for assessment criteria.
- Individuals and individual teams are not authorised to make decisions to not play or defer matches due to rain. In any instance where a team(s) decide(s) not to play because of rain where the pitch on which the match is scheduled to be played (or adjoining pitch) has not been closed, the defaulting team(s) shall be considered as forfeiting without notice and shall be liable for any match official fees (if officials were appointed) together with the prescribed fines.

(B) Storming or Imminent Storming Conditions:

- When lightning is imminent team officials, Referees and host Clubs are to observe the Football NSW Lightning Policy 30/30 Guideline below-
 - (i) Stop play if the time between seeing a lightning flash and hearing thunder is less than 30 seconds and immediately seek safety under appropriate shelter.
 - (ii) Do not resume play until at least 30 minutes has passed since the last thunder was heard.
- In instances where there is hail, flying debris or debris on the pitch (fallen branches), Referees and host Clubs are to use common sense to minimise the risk of injury or death to players, coaches and spectators.

(C) Where matches affected involve Minirooms teams (U6 – U11) cancelled matches will not be rescheduled.

(D) Where competition matches are affected, the match result shall be determined by the Referee where the prescribed length of the match (75%) has been reached or by the Director of Competitions for all other instances.

16. LIGHTING STANDARDS:

- (A) Clubs wishing to play competition fixtures under lights must ensure that lighting complies with the guidelines prepared by HSA. Refer to APPENDIX - H
- (B) .
- (C) All scheduled competition night matches shall be subject to approval by HSA through the HSA Manager, in line with the FNSW guidelines, along with the provision of a lighting certificate supplied to HSA annually to verify compliance by an authorised company / individual to meet guideline criteria.

17. SUBSTITUTES / INTERCHANGE:

- (A) For U13 – All Age competition matches, a maximum of five (5) substitutes per team may be listed on the team sheet. Interchanges may take place at any time and for any reason during a match so long as the interchange players were entered on the team sheet prior to the commencement of the game.
- (B) The interchange rule is to apply to the use of substitutes. Interchange shall be at the discretion of the referee in all cases.
- (C) Interchanges are to be conducted within 1m of halfway line, with both teams to interchange from the same side of the field.

18. REPRESENTATIVE TEAMS (for Branch Championships):

- (A) The predominant colour of the HSA Inc. shall be royal blue (alternate predominant colour will be either red or white). All equipment supplied to representative teams is to remain the property of the HSA Inc. Apparel items such as socks, tracksuit top, spray jacket, travel polo and bag are excepted. Where Highlands FC has a team registered in the required age group to play the Branch Championships, they then will represent the Association in these age groups.
- (B) All players selected shall play for the representative teams (as Rep Team Coaches/Managers shall have first call), but may play for their local competition club if they wish when not required for the representative team. Highlands Football Club players are not be permitted to play for local club competition or cups.
- (C) Any team with four (4) or more representative players in their team may have their competition game deferred when these players are required for representative games.
- (D) A player picked to play in a representative match who does not fulfill this obligation without due reason shall be suspended for two (2) ordinary competition matches.
- (E) All coaches, managers, players and parents/guardians should refer to the HSA Rep Policy.

19. FINES AND PENALTIES:

The following fines are levied upon Clubs and Clubs to which offenders are members of.

(A)	Club Bond (where HSA Board applies in any instance)	\$500 minimum
(B)	Withdrawal of a team after draw has been compiled	\$200
(C)	Forfeit fine senior/juniors without required notice (See Rule 20)	\$50 seniors minimum / \$50 juniors minimum

(D)	Failure to report any match result as required	\$50 each occasion
(E)	Failure to submit team sheet per Rule 10.	\$20 (each team sheet)
(F)	Protest / Dispute fee of any fine &/or penalty other than player or other disciplinary matters. (\$50 minimum is non-refundable)	\$200
(G)	HSA disciplinary appeal fee (\$200 is non-refundable) for appeal of any player or other disciplinary matter.	\$400
(H)	Failure to adhere to the conditions of Rules 13 (A)-(H)	\$100 each occurrence
(I)	Failure to adhere to the conditions of Rule 14	\$100 each occurrence
(J)	Failure to return trophies per Rule 22.	\$200 each + trophy replacement costs
(K)	No Club delegate at HSA General Meetings	\$10 with apology \$30 without apology
(L)	Playing an unregistered player	\$100 + 3 pts
(M1)	Playing an ineligible player – 1 st instance	\$100
(M2)	Playing an ineligible player – 2 nd instance	\$100 + 1 pt
(M3)	Playing an ineligible player – 3 rd instance	\$100 + 2 pts
(M4)	Playing an ineligible player – 4 th & subsequent instances	\$100 + 3 pts
(M5)	Playing an ineligible player – any finals match	\$200 (minimum). \$200 + overturn match result (maximum).
(N)	Failure to provide a club Assistant Referee if requested	\$20
(O)	Failure to submit an incident or other report as directed by the HSA Board.	\$300
(P)	Send-off – 1 st instance for the season per player	\$50
(Q)	Send-off – 2 nd and subsequent instances per player	\$75
(R)	Sent-off player fails to leave field of play &/or technical area or fails to comply with direction otherwise of a Referee or Ground Official	\$200
(S)	Unauthorized person inside technical area (i.e a player not on the team sheet or person not wearing team official identification)	\$50
(T)	Player or official or other person cited to appear before a disciplinary judiciary or tribunal	\$100
(U)	Incomplete or illegible team sheet (per occurrence on team sheet)	\$5

In addition, there is a Team Demerit point system in which teams will be deducted points where incidents and offences are reported to HSA Board and upon investigation are proven to have occurred. An accumulation of Team Demerit points can lead to team expulsion from the competition.

Refer to Appendix E for further details.

20. FORFEITS:

- (A) The Director of Competitions shall assign the venues, grounds and kick-off times for all fixtures. Fixtures shall start at the advertised time. Any team not ready to commence playing at the advertised time has ten minutes before the team shall be deemed to have forfeited the match and shall be liable for all referee expenses incurred together with the prescribed fines.

(B) **Forfeit Notification and Penalties:**

U6 – U11 Miniros:

- If the forfeit is notified by **Friday 7.00pm** before the Saturday match and the Forfeit Procedures are followed then there will be no fine for the forfeiting team.
- Notification after Friday 7.00pm will incur a \$50 fine for the forfeiting team. The forfeiting team is still expected to follow Forfeit Procedures.
- If there is no notification and Forfeit Procedures are not followed then there will be a further \$50 fine for the forfeiting team.

U13 – All Age competition and Cups:

- If the forfeit is notified by **Thursday 5.00pm** before the Saturday match and the Forfeit Procedures are followed then there will be no fine for the forfeiting team.
- Notification after Thursday 5.00pm will incur a \$50 fine for the forfeiting team. The forfeiting team is still expected to follow Forfeit Procedures.
- If there is no notification and Forfeit Procedures are not followed then there will be a further \$50 fine and the forfeiting club will be liable for any expenses incurred including referees.
- For Sunday matches the same penalties will apply with no fine if the notification of the forfeit is by **Saturday 7.00pm** and Forfeit Procedures are followed.
- For midweek games, notification of a forfeit is required by 5.00pm the day before the scheduled match.

(C) **Forfeit Procedures:**

- The forfeiting team is required to notify by email the following people when forfeiting a game
 - Director of Competitions (dir.comps@hsa.org.au)
 - HSA Manager (michael.hamilton@hsa.org.au)
 - Director of Records (dir.records@hsa.org.au)
 - Highlands Football Referees (hfraappointments@gmail.com)
 - The Opposing Club
 - Where the game is being played at a venue that is neither Club's home ground then the Secretary of the Host Club
- The following information is required
 - The team forfeiting (including team name – e.g. Robertson Gold)
 - The name of the team they are forfeiting
 - The date and time of the forfeited game
 - The venue of the game

- Where notice of less than 24 hours is given, the forfeiting team is required to contact the opposition team by phone to confirm the forfeiture as well as emailing the forfeit as set out above.
- (D) For All Age competition, when a forfeit is unavoidable, the lowest graded team(s) must forfeit before any higher graded team(s). Failure to comply with this rule will result in the lowest graded team that did play being deemed ineligible for the match and the full penalty of Rule 19 (M) will be applied in addition to Rule 19 (C) to the team that did forfeit.
- (E) No team sheets are required for forfeits in Minirooms.
- (F) For all U13 to All Age competition and Cup matches the non-forfeiting team is required to submit a team sheet, per Rule 10 (C), to claim a forfeit and therefore be awarded three (3) points and three (3) 'goals for'.
- (G) Forfeits count as serving a one fixture suspension for any suspended player from the non-forfeiting team provided such player(s) are recorded on the team sheet when the team sheet is forwarded to HSA Inc. by the non-forfeiting team. The team responsible for the forfeit gains no advantage with respect to suspended players or the total games played by any player within that grade.

21. AGE GROUP ELIGIBILITY:

- (A) A player's age is determined by their actual age on 31st December of the current season i.e. the age the player turns in the calendar year.

(B) Minirooms:

Players wishing to play Minirooms must turn five (5) between 1st January and 31st December of the current year.

(C) Junior and All Age Competition:

Age eligibility to play in the Junior and All Age competitions is as follows:

- (i) Under 13 Junior Competition (for males and females).
 - 13 years old (born 2004) - eligible
 - 12 years old (born 2005) - eligible
 - 11 years old (born 2006) - needs assessment made by the Club on the prescribed form "Application for Dispensation to Play Above Age Group" (HSA 003).
 - 10 years old (born 2007) - not eligible
- (ii) Under 15 Junior Competition (for males and females).
 - 15 years old (born 2002) - eligible
 - 14 years old (born 2003) - eligible
 - 13 years old (born 2004) - needs assessment made by the Club on the prescribed form "Application for Dispensation to Play Above Age Group" (HSA 003).
 - 12 years old (born 2005) – not eligible
- (iii) Youth Grade Senior Male Competition
 - Over 35 years old (born 1981 or earlier) - eligible
 - 18 years old (born 1999) - eligible
 - 17 years old (born 2000) - eligible
 - 16 years old (born 2001) - eligible

- 15 years old (born 2002) - needs assessment made by the Club on the prescribed form “Application for dispensation to play above age group” (HSA 003).
- 14 years old (born 2003) - not eligible

(iv) All Age Men

- 16 years old and over (born 2001 or earlier) - eligible
- 15 years old (born 2002) - needs assessment made by the Club on the prescribed form “Application for dispensation to play above age group” (HSA 003).
- 14 years old (born 2003) - not eligible

(v) All Age Women

- 14 years old or over (born 2003 or earlier) - eligible
- 13 years old (born 2004) - needs assessment made by the Club on the prescribed form “Application for Dispensation to Play Above Age Group” (HSA 003).
- 12 years old (born 2005) - not eligible.

22. ASSOCIATION TROPHIES:

- (A) All perpetual cups and trophies shall be returned to the HSA Inc. on the very same day these perpetual trophies are awarded. The applicable fine and replacement trophy cost penalties will automatically apply for breaches of this rule.
- (B) A smaller replica trophy shall be awarded with all perpetual trophies for the winning team/club/individual to keep.
- (C) HSA Inc. may recall all presented trophies where proven player ineligibility penalty includes the overturning of a match result.

23. CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP TROPHY:

A trophy known as the HSA Club Championship shall be awarded to the club adjudged the annual Championship Club based on performances in competitions and Cups. Club Championship points shall be awarded to, and deducted from, HSA Clubs as follows:

U13 – All Age Minor Premiers (for divisions graded at Competition commencement)	Minor Premiers	6 points
	Runners up	3 points
	Third	2 points
	Fourth	1 point
U13 – All Age Grand Final Winners (for divisions graded at Competition commencement)	Winner	2 points
	Runner up	1 point
All Age Men Darryl Kill Cup (Premier League)	Winner	2 points
	Runner up	1 point
All Age Women Noelene Munro Cup (Premier League)	Winner	2 points
	Runner up	1 point
All Age Men Liberale Cup (Reserve Grade)	Winner	2 points
	Runner up	1 point
All Age Women Chris Jacobs Cup (Reserve Grade)	Winner	2 points
	Runner up	1 point
All Age Men George Auld Cup (Third Grade)	Winner	2 points
	Runner up	1 point
All Age Men HSA Cup (Youth Grade)	Winner	2 points

	Runner up	1 point
All Age Men Pre-Season Cup	Winner	2 points
	Runner up	1 point
All Age Women Pre-Season Cup	Winner	2 points
	Runner up	1 point
U15 Jan Plain Memorial Cup	Winner	2 points
	Runner up	1 point
U13 Antony Liberale Cup	Winner	2 points
	Runner up	1 point
For all red cards or send-off offences, the offending player's club will have one (1) Club Championship point deducted from that Club's total points tally for the season.		

24. COMMENCEMENT AND COMPLETION OF COMPETITION & CUPS:

- (A) The Competition and/or Cups will commence late March or early April each year or as determined by the HSA Board. For the 2017 season see the 2017 Competition Calendar.
- (B) For 2017 the HSA Local Competition Grand Final is scheduled to be held on Saturday 16th September. See Appendix I for changes to this date due to wet weather.
- (C) The date of Round 1 of the Football NSW Champion of Champions competition will be determined by FNSW. The Minor Premiers of Youth Grade, AAW Premier League and AAM Premier League (as well as O35 Womens, O35 Mens and O45 Men and any other grades as determined at the sole discretion of the HSA Board) will represent & play in the Champion of Champions competition against the minor premiers of other FNSW Associations.

Where Highlands FC has teams in a junior age group corresponding to a HSA Junior age group then Highlands FC may play off against the HSA Minor Premier of that age group to determine who will play in the Champion of Champions.

If a HFC Junior team has no equivalent HSA Junior age group then the HFC team will represent the HSA.

- (D) Teams that play in the Champion-of-Champions matches at the end of the season are required to, on match day, pay the full referee fees to the grounds canteen prior to taking the field of play. No pay = no play.

25. MINIROOS:

- (A) Minirooms will be conducted for U6 to U11 inclusive.
- (B) In U6 – U11 Minirooms games, there is no restriction on players being borrowed to play for any other team in the same age group or one (1) year above the player's calendar year age group.
- (C) If a player wishes to play in a team two (2) or more years above the player's calendar age group then the relevant club has to apply to the HSA Board using the form "Application for Dispensation to Play Above Age Group" (HSA 003).

(D) Regrades:

- A maximum of two (2) players from one (1) higher age group may be regraded down one (1) year for the purpose of nominating and/or maintaining the complement of a team in any Minirooms age group (U6-U11), or when a specific Minirooms age group is not going to be entered in the competition by a Club.
- An unlimited number of female players from the U12 age group may be regraded for the purposes of nominating and/or maintaining the complement of a team in the U11 Minirooms age group.
- A maximum of two (2) male players from the U12 age group may be regraded for the purposes of nominating and/or maintaining the complement of a team in the U11 Minirooms age group.
- All regrade requests will require HSA Board approval.

(E) Coaches are permitted on the field in Under 6 and Under 7 Minirooms games.

(F) Coaches are NOT permitted on the field in Under 8 through to Under 11 Minirooms games. Only the Game Leader is permitted on the field.

(G) Refer to Football Federation Australia website for all resources: www.minirooms.com.au

26. COMPETITION ELIGIBILITY:

(A) All HSA Clubs are required to have paid all HSA and Highlands Football Referee Association (HFRA) accounts aged more than thirty (30) days after invoice date as of **1st August 2017** to be eligible to compete in any competition semi final, final or grand final match. The only exception will be for any Club which has tendered a formal 'deed of arrangement' to repay any outstanding accounts in full, whereby the 'deed of arrangement' has been formally accepted by HFRA and acceptance has been advised to HSA prior to the **1st August 2017**.

All invoices from HSA & HFRA are payable within thirty (30) days of invoice date. Clubs that do not pay HSA & HFRA invoices within these payment terms during the semi final, final or grand final match series will be deemed ineligible to play in these matches.

(B) Clubs must certify that players have at least paid their applicable player registration fees including all FFA, FNSW, Southern Branch, HSA and WSC user fees (i.e. all disbursements) at time of team nominations and/or time of player registration with HSA. The act of a club registering a player in the Football Federation My Football Club (FFA MFC) registration database as 'active' will serve as the required certification.

Clubs have no recourse to limit player rights under FFA statutes to de-register and/or transfer and/or re-register at another club as an Amateur Player should they nominate a player as 'active' in MFC. i.e. Clubs cannot claim the player unfinancial for unpaid registration fees once the player is nominated as 'active' in MFC.

Further, the act of a club entering a player's name on a team sheet for an Minirooms, Cup or Competition match will also serve as the required certification as far as these playing rules apply to the player and Club.

Note: any team playing a match who believes that the opposition is violating eligibility should still play the game, NOT sign the match sheet and explain to the referee that a protest will be lodged to reach the HSA Manager within 48 hours. If no protest is received in this manner, then the right to protest will be voided.

(C) **Definition of Grades in Ascending Order:**

- Mixed: U6, U7, U8, U9, U10, U11, U13, U15
- Male: AA Men Youth Grade, AA Men Third Grade, AA Men Reserve Grade, AA Men Premier League (determined by the Director of Competitions)
- Female: AA Women Reserve Grade and AA Women Premier League (determined by the Director of Competitions).

(D) Excepting All Age, players may NOT play in a lower grade unless a regrade has been approved, see Rule 27.

(E) **Junior Competition (U13-U15) – General**

(A) For Clubs with more than one junior (U13-U15 inclusive) team in a grade, only three (3) players listed on any competition team sheet can play in another same age group competition team on the same day.

(F) **Junior Competition (U13 to U15) - Finals:**

- (i) A player must have played FIVE (5) competition matches with a team to be eligible to play in that team in the final series.
- (ii) Where a club has 2 or more teams in the same age group, players from that club can only participate in the finals with the team that they have played the most number of games with. If they have played an equal number of games with each team then they must play with the highest placed team.

(G) **All Age Competitions - General:**

Any All Age players (Premier League, Reserve Grade, Third Grade, Youth Grade) are able to play in any competition division with the following exceptions:

- (i) Once a player has played three (3) Premier League fixtures (i.e. appears on a Premier League team sheet three times) they are ineligible to play in any Third Grade fixture thereafter.
- (ii) To be eligible to play Youth Grade a player must be younger than 18 on the 31st December 2016 (Youth Player) or have turned 35 by 31st December 2016 (Over 35 player).
- (iii) Only five (5) Over 35 players are able to appear on a Youth Grade team sheet on any match day with only three (3) Over 35 players permitted to be on the field at any one time.

(H) **All Age Competition – Competition rounds:**

On any match day:

- (i) A maximum of three (3) players who have played (or will play) a Premier League fixture can appear on any one Reserve Grade or Third Grade team sheet.
- (ii) A maximum of three (3) players who have played (or will play) a Reserve Grade fixture can appear on any one Premier League or Third Grade team sheet.
- (iii) A maximum of three (3) players who have played (or will play) a Third Grade fixture can appear on any one Premier League or Reserve Grade team sheet (please note rule relating to playing Premier League and Third Grade eligibility).

- (iv) A player who has played (or will play) in a Youth Grade fixture can play in any other grade (please note rule relating playing Premier League and Third Grade eligibility).
- (v) Where a Club have more than one (1) team in any division, a maximum of three players can appear on two team sheets (i.e. when any two team sheets are compared, only three (3) names in common may appear).

(I) All Age Competition - Finals:

For each division the following eligibility criteria apply for finals:

- (i) Premier League – Any player that has played one (1) fixture for the Club.
 - (ii) Reserve Grade – Any player that has played at least one (1) fixture for the Club and has played more fixtures for Reserve Grade than Premier League.
 - (iii) Third Grade – Any player that has played at least one (1) fixture for the Club, has not played any more than three (3) Premier League fixtures and has played more fixtures in Third Grade than Reserve Grade or First Grade.
 - (iv) Youth Grade – Any player that has played at least one (1) fixture for the Club and must be younger than 18 on the 31st December 2016 (youth player) or have turned 35 by 31st December 2016 (O35 player).
- (J) Exemptions to Rule 26 (F) and 26 (I) to enable a player to play in a finals series may be applied for by written application to the HSA Board no later than ten (10) days prior to the match.
- (K) A player cannot take the field of play in another match until the match they first played in has been completed including extra-time and penalties.

27. REGRADES:

- (A) In Junior and All Age competitions no regrades will be permitted, except upon a written application from a club to the HSA Board specifying the exceptional circumstances whereby that club believes that a regrade should occur.
- (B) No more than two (2) regrades will be considered per team by the HSA Board unless further extenuating circumstances arise. The HSA Board will respond to all applications as either 'denied' or 'approved'.

28. SUNDAY AVAILABILITY:

Each player and club shall keep the Sundays designated on the 2017 Competition Calendar free in order to play wet weather catch-up games, cup games or any other game as required.

29. CUP RULES:

(A) Format:

- All teams competing in the HSA Local Competition are automatically entered into the various Cup competitions.

- All Cups will consist of either a knockout tournament or round robin draw or both to determine the two Grand Final teams. The Cup draw format is dependant on the number of teams competing. The knockout / round robin draw & rules will be determined by the Director of Competitions.
- All Senior Cup matches will have match result points awarded as follows:

Win: 3 points

Draw: 1 points

Loss: 0 points

Bye: 0 points

Win by forfeit: 3 points (plus 3 goal difference)

- Teams finishing on equal points will have final placings determined by goal difference.
- In the event of a drawn match in any final, Rule 2 (G) will apply to determine the winner.
- Five (5) interchange players will be permitted in these cups.

(B) Eligibility:

- In Round 1 all players can play in any one (1) team.
- In Round 2 and subsequent rounds and finals -
 - (i) Players can play in the team that they played for in Round 1 and/or up in grade, but not down in grade.
 - (ii) Borrowed players are not cup tied to the temporary team.
 - (iii) Only a maximum of 3 players can be borrowed from each grade to make up to 12 players listed on the team sheet.
 - i.e. PL can borrow 3 from RG, 3 from TG, 3 from YG and 3 from U15s (if U15s sanctioned)
 - RG can borrow 3 from TG, 3 from YG and 3 from U15s (if U15s sanctioned)
 - TG can borrow 3 from YG and 3 from U15s (if U15s sanctioned)
 - YG can borrow 3 from U15s (if U15s sanctioned)
- Players named on the team sheet in the AAM HSA Cup (YG) can play in one (1) other senior cup.

- (C) Teams must nominate nine (9) players for any forfeited match on a team sheet. The team sheet must be submitted as per Rule 10.
- (D) For All Age Cups, when a forfeit is unavoidable, the lowest graded team(s) must forfeit before any higher graded team(s). Failure to comply with this rule will result in the lowest graded team that did play being deemed ineligible for the match and the full penalty of Rule 19 (M1, M2, M3, M4 &/or M5) will be applied in addition to Rule 19 (C) to the team that did forfeit
- (E) Fees for official referees and linesmen shall be those applicable to normal competition games for those grades.

- (F) Other cups conducted by the HSA Inc. shall have the rules specified by the Director of Competitions.

30. CAUTIONS & SEND OFF REPORTS:

- (A) Such reports are to be completed by the match referee with any cautions entered on the team sheet. Where there are no cautions then NIL CAUTIONS must be entered on the sheet.
- (B) Send off reports from each match are to be sent so as to reach the HSA Manager within seventy two (72) hours of the match. Reports not received by this time may not be dealt with.
- (C) At the completion of the competition rounds, all players will start on zero (0) yellow cards for the finals.

31. DISCIPLINE BY JUDICIARY &/or APPEALS COMMITTEE:

- (A) A Judiciary Committee of the HSA Inc. consisting of two (2) to three (3) people shall be appointed to examine and adjudicate reports from referees regarding players who have been sent from the field of play or of incidents relating to any fixture.
- (B) The Judiciary Committee may:
- Hand down an automatic sentence and penalty within the range of sanctions listed per offence in Rule 32.13.
 - Refer the player to appear before a Disciplinary Tribunal.
- (C) A Disciplinary Tribunal panel shall be formed by the Disciplinary Tribunal chairperson (or HSA Chairperson) when required in accordance with the By-Laws to investigate and determine:
- Any offence on the field of play other than an offence which carries a maximum one (1) match suspension in accordance with 32.13
 - Impose any sanction provided for by the Laws of the Game and/or 32.13 of these Rules pursuant to the HSA By-Laws
- (D) The Judiciary Committee shall make any determination of any matter within 10 days of the date of the send-off or incident.
- (E) The HSA Board or its Chairperson shall appoint the Judiciary Committee chairperson and Disciplinary Tribunal chairperson.

32. SUSPENSIONS:

- 32.1 For the purpose of defining suspensions, competition fixtures shall be deemed to be any premiership competition fixture or play-off and any cup-tie fixture or play off actually controlled or organised by the HSA that the suspended party's team actually participates in.
- 32.2 Suspensions and penalties of the Disciplinary Committee of HSA shall also apply to any player, person or official registered within its jurisdiction whose team is seeking to play in a competition recognised by FNSW although not necessarily under its direct control.
- 32.3 **Players Sent Off:**

For the purpose of these Regulations, reference to a player during a match includes a substitute and a substituted player.

A player shall be sent from the field for the following offences as prescribed for in the laws of the game;

R1 The player is guilty of serious foul play

R2 The player is guilty of violent conduct

R3 The player spits at an opponent or any other person

R4 The player denies the opposing team a goal or an obvious goal scoring opportunity by deliberately handling the ball (this does not apply to a goal keeper within his or her own penalty area)

R5 The player 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 The player uses offensive or insulting or abusive language and/or gestures

R7 The player receives a second caution in the same match

- (a) Players sent from the field shall incur a minimum one (1) match suspension. This one (1) match suspension is mandatory and is not subject to challenge, appeal or waiver by the Disciplinary Committee unless the Club can prove that the player sent off was incorrectly identified. Clubs must contact the HSA Board within 48 hours of the match if the player sent off was incorrectly identified.
- (b) The HSA Manager (or delegate) will provide a copy of any send-off report to the offending player's Club within forty eight (48) hours of receipt of such report in accordance with Rule 30 (B) with Clubs having 48 hours to provide evidence to be considered by the Judiciary Committee.
- (c) All clubs whose players are dismissed from the field of play are required to follow these directions:
 - (i) Each and every club whose player(s) was/were dismissed from the field of play for offences other than R4, R5, and R7 must contact the HSA Manager by not later than noon of the Thursday of the second week following the send-off to inquire as to what the Judiciary Committee's decision is (if they have not already been informed). If the decision is to be challenged, notification of such action is to be received by the HSA Manager by no later than noon of the following day after any notification.
 - (ii) Offences with a more than the minimum of fixture penalty have two options:-
 - (a) Accept the penalty as stipulated, or
 - (b) Challenge the penalty, and if the player is found guilty, he/she will be subject to a penalty greater than the minimum by one or more fixtures up to the maximum number of fixtures as prescribed in the Rules.

- (iii) In the event that a player challenges a determination by the Judiciary Committee set above the minimum sentence, the player is required to stand down until the challenge is heard by the Disciplinary Tribunal.
- (iv) If a player fails to attend the Disciplinary Tribunal hearing his/her hearing will be dismissed.
- (v) Players may, no later than twenty four (24) hours prior to the hearing, inform the HSA Manager in writing that they consent to the matter being heard ex-parte and submit written evidence in support of their defence or in mitigation of penalty.
- (vi) The player's Club shall be notified no less than forty eight (48) hours prior to Disciplinary Tribunal hearing of the meeting day and place for the Disciplinary Tribunal hearing.
- (vii) Players shall be deemed to have received notice from the Club as to the meeting day of the Disciplinary Tribunal hearing.
- (d) Persons summoned to appear before the Disciplinary Tribunal shall be suspended until such time that they appear.

32.4 In cases of emergency the Disciplinary Tribunal shall meet at short notice to hear cases of players sent off in mid-week fixtures. In such cases players and Referees shall receive forty eight (48) hours notice to be in attendance.

32.5 Players failing to appear before the Disciplinary Tribunal when requested to do so will be considered suspended from playing until such time as their matter is dealt with by the said Tribunal.

Players sent from the field and who do not attend the Disciplinary Tribunal as required, will receive a letter requesting them to attend a further Disciplinary Tribunal hearing. Such players are suspended from taking part in any games in the meantime or until such time that the sentence has been served as specified in the Rules/By-Laws. If such a player fails to attend this rescheduled hearing, the matter will be dealt with in their absence.

32.6 **Players Sent From the Field of Play:**

A player who has been sent from the field will not participate in another match on the same day.

32.7 **Suspended Players – Trial Games:**

A player under suspension for a number of competition fixtures shall not be permitted to play in trial games without the specific sanction of the HSA Board and the payment of a good behaviour surety as determined by the HSA Board which may be forfeited at the discretion of the HSA Board.

32.8 **Match Cautions:**

- (a) A player shall be cautioned for the following offences as prescribed for in the laws of the game;
 - Y1 The player is guilty of unsporting behaviour
 - Y2 The player shows dissent by word or action
 - 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 enters or 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
- (b) A player shall be cautioned during the course of a match for any offence under FIFA Laws of The Game which is deemed necessary by the Referee.
 - (c) The Referee may reprimand a player during the course of play, without the showing of a yellow card.
 - (d) An official booking (or caution) is administered by the Referee recording a player's name and number and the offence committed on the Match Teamsheet at the conclusion of the match.

There shall be no appeal against the receiving of a caution from the Referee.

- (e) In the event of no players being cautioned during the match, the words "NO CAUTIONS" shall be written across the bottom of the Match Teamsheet by the Referee only.
- (f) After an individual player has received five (5) official cautions, the player shall serve a one (1) fixture suspension. The suspension shall be served in the same competition fixture grade following receipt of the fifth (5th) caution. The player cannot play in any other grade until the suspension is served. There shall be no appeal against a one (1) fixture suspension after receiving five (5) official cautions.
- (g) Any player who accumulates a further three (3) official cautions, making a total of eight (8), shall be suspended for a further two (2) fixtures in the grade in which they receive the eighth (8th) caution. The player must serve the two (2) fixture suspension in the club's next two (2) competition fixtures following the match in which the eight (8) official cautions were received.
- (h) Any player who accumulates more than eight (8) official cautions in any one season shall be called to appear before the Disciplinary Committee, who may apply further penalty, bond, fine, team demerit points or suspension for each official caution given to the player thereafter.
- (i) Premiership cautions shall not carry over from season to season. The termination of a premiership season shall be at the conclusion of the last premiership fixture of the season before the final series.
- (j) Any player who is dismissed from the field upon being cautioned for a second yellow card offence, the initial yellow card during that game shall NOT be taken into account for the purpose of the accumulation of cautions for the application of suspension in accordance with Rule 32.8(f) and 32.8(g).
- (k) Any club who is found to have played a player who should have been stood down because of any breach of Rule 32.8 may be fined the amount of \$500.00 and the match may be awarded to the opponents with the score line reading three goals to nil (3-0).

32.9 Final Series Cautions:

Any player receiving two (2) cautions in the final series shall automatically stand down the next fixture. If the player's team/club have completed its final series commitments the player shall stand down the first competition game in the following season.

32.10 Findings of the Judiciary Committee:

The Committee has the power to:

- (a) Consider the reports of Referees, assistant referees and others.
- (b) Decide if the offence is proved.
- (c) Determine and set whatever punishments or sanctions that it considers appropriate in accordance with the Rules/By-Laws.

32.11 Punishment:

If the Judiciary Committee considers that the offence is proved it must select the punishment from the following guidelines. The Judiciary Committee is not empowered to set punishments outside these guidelines. Suspensions are calculated in fixtures or a time frame.

32.12 The Judiciary Committee has the right to consider:

- (a) the severity of the offence
- (b) the player's past record
- (c) extenuating circumstances

32.13 Penalties:

The Judiciary Committee shall impose penalties within the following guidelines:

SECTION 'A' - Offences by players against other players or any other person, Sending-Off Offences (In accordance with the guidelines of FIFA Law 12)

Offence Codes	Minimum	Maximum
(a) R1 – Serious foul play	2 Fixtures	12 Fixtures
R1 Expanded		
(a) Violent Tackle from behind that endangers the safety of an opponent	3 Fixtures	10 Fixtures
(b) (i) Rugby Tackle	2 Fixtures	8 Fixtures
(ii) Violent Charging	2 Fixtures	8 Fixtures
(iii) Over the Ball Tackle	2 Fixtures	12 Fixtures
(b) R2 Violent conduct	2 Fixtures	16 Fixtures
R2 Expanded		

(a) (i) Head Butting	5 Fixtures	24 Months
(ii) Punching/Fighting	2 Fixtures	8 Fixtures
(iii) Kicking	2 Fixtures	12 Fixtures
(b) Elbowing	2 Fixtures	16 Fixtures
R2 (b) Expanded		
(i) Elbowing to the Head	4 Fixtures	16 Fixtures
(ii) Elbowing to the Body	2 Fixtures	10 Fixtures
(c) R3 - Spitting	8 Fixtures	1 Year
(d) R4 - Sabotaging an obvious goal scoring opportunity (handball)	1 Fixture	4 Fixtures
(e) R5 - Sabotaging an obvious goal scoring opportunity (holding) (tripping) (impeding)	1 Fixture	6 Fixtures
(f) R6 Using Offensive, Insulting or Abusive Language	2 Fixtures	8 Fixtures
R6 (a) Making offensive, insulting or abusive gestures	4 Fixtures	20 Fixtures
R6 (a) Expanded		
(a) (i) Indecent Actions	4 Fixtures	20 Fixtures
(g) R7 - Second Caution		1 Fixture

Note: Section 'A' applies also for "Offences by players and team officials against match officials after having been sent from the field" and dealt with by the Judiciary Committee.

SECTION 'B' - Offences by players and team officials against match officials

Note: Players includes named substitutes. Team officials comprise coaches, managers, trainers, and any other person permitted in the Technical Area.

Offence Codes	Minimum	Maximum
(h) R2 Threatening or intimidating a referee or assistant referee by word or action	12 Fixtures	Life
(i) Tripping a referee or assistant referee	1 Year	Life
(ii) Pushing with an open hand, or shoulder, hip	1 Year	Life
(iii) Striking with the ball or other object	1 Year	Life
(iv) Punching, Kicking or elbowing	Life	Life

(i) R3 Spitting	8 Fixtures	Life
(j) R6 Uses offensive, insulting or abusive language.		
(i) Making offensive, insulting or abusive gestures.	4 Fixtures	20 Fixtures

Note: Section 'B' applies also for "Offences by players and team officials against match officials after having been sent from the field" and dealt with by the Judiciary Committee.

SECTION 'C' - Other offences by players and team officials

(k) Inciting the crowd	10 Fixtures	6 Years
(l) Attacking or fighting with spectators	1 Year	Life
(m) Bringing the game into disrepute	6 Fixtures	Life
(n) Deliberately misleading the Disciplinary Committee	10 Fixtures	2 Years
(o) Spitting at or onto spectators	8 Fixtures	Life
(p) Failure to provide a safe environment for Or to maintain public order at match	5 Fixtures	2 Years
(q) Other offences by players and team officials As specified in match official report	1 Fixture	1 Year

Note: Players includes named substitutes. Team officials comprise coaches, managers, trainers, and any other person permitted in the Technical Area.

32.14 Team Officials – Mandatory Match Suspension:

A referee may take action against a Team Official who fails to conduct themselves in a responsible manner and may expel the Team Official from the field of play and its surroundings, including the technical area.

A Team Official who has been expelled from the field of play or technical area by a referee must serve a mandatory one (1) fixture suspension.

The club of any Team Official that is found to have entered either the field of play or technical area whilst suspended may be fined up to \$250.00.

32.15 Abandoned Matches – Cautions and Send Offs:

A yellow card issued during an abandoned match will be annulled if that match is replayed and upheld if that match is not replayed.

A red card issued during an abandoned match will be upheld, regardless of whether the match is replayed or not.

32.16 Fines and Bonds:

The Judiciary Committee is empowered to additionally fine a Professional player or place an Amateur or Professional player on a bond.

32.17 Persistent Offenders:

In cases of repetition, that is, if the same player during the same season is reported for other offences, even if the infraction is not of the same nature, more severe sanctions may be taken.

32.18 Violence:

All cases of violence will be severely punished.

32.19 Unable to Determine Offence:

Should the Judiciary Committee be unable to decide what category a particular offence falls under the Chief Executive Officer of Football NSW (or his/her delegate) shall decide.

32.20 Use of Video Evidence:

The admissibility and weight to be given to evidence including electronic, audio, visual material i.e: video, DVD recordings in the proceedings shall be at the discretion of the Judiciary Committee or other Tribunal hearing the matter.

Visual aids (video, films, etc) to support or question a referee's report regarding an offence punishable by expulsion can be used only to verify the player's identity.

- (a) Audio visual evidence is to be used solely as additional proof in disciplinary cases.
- (b) Decisions of fact made by referees are final and not subject to appeal and shall not be modified on the basis of video recordings (e.g. offside, penalty, goals, etc.).
- (c) Decisions must be based principally on the reports of the referee and assistant referees, as well as those of the commissioner, referee inspector and other officials.
- (d) Video recordings shall not be used as a means of restricting the authority and decisionary power of the referee, but only as the most accurate way of investigating the truth when disciplinary action is required. Such film evidence may also be referred to, if further sanctions are to be imposed on the guilty player.

32.21 Appeals:

All appeals to a determination of the Judiciary Committee are to be made to the Appeals Tribunal.

Appeals against a determination of the Judiciary Committee must be lodged within seven (7) days of the decision or finding being notified to the appellant. The appeal fee of \$350 with a non refundable component of \$100 is to accompany any appeal.

32.22 Additional Sanctions Above the Recommended Range:

In exceptional circumstances, the Judiciary Committee may impose a sanction greater than the range of suspension as detailed in these regulations.

32.23 Application of Fixture versus Time Suspensions:

Suspensions in terms of fixtures apply only to the style of football in which they were received (11 – a – side or Futsal etc).

Suspensions in terms of time (e.g: months) apply to all types of football (11 – a – side or Futsal etc).

33. MEDIA COMMENT:

- (A) Clubs and/or Club Officials must not make derogatory or detrimental comment(s) to the media about HSA or the performance of Match Officials. Any such complaints in the first instance should be made in writing to HSA.
- (B) Clubs and/or Club Officials must not write a column for publication (electronic or print media) without first obtaining the approval of HSA where it could be determined as bringing the game in to disrepute, provided that such approval shall not, at any time, be unreasonably withheld and shall be deemed to continue until withdrawn by HSA.
- (C) Match Officials are prohibited from making any comment to the media regarding any fixture of HSA at any time.

34. SOCIAL MEDIA:

- (A) Players, Officials and Club/Team associates must adhere to the FNSW Social Media Policy and any relevant HSA Policies.

35. PRIVATE ACADEMIES:

- (A) No member club of the Highlands Soccer Association, (or any individual club team), is to establish, participate in, endorse or recommend any private academy or other external provider of football services.
- (B) Should a Club, (or team) be found to breach Rule 35 (A) that club may be removed from the competition.

36. GENERAL MEETINGS:

- (A) All meeting dates are to be published at the start of the competition year.
- (B) All clubs have to have (at least) one (1) representative for the senior competition and one (1) representative for the junior competition/Minirooms at each general meeting and the AGM. Clubs will be fined for non attendance according to 19 (K).
- (C) A HSA Board member cannot be one of the club representatives.

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## APPENDIX - A

### Contacts

#### 1. HSA Board [www.hsa.org.au](http://www.hsa.org.au)

|                                                         |                             |              |
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| HFC Chairperson                                         | vacant                      |              |
| Director of Operations / Executive Director             | dir.ops@hsa.org.au          |              |
| Director of Competitions & Systems                      | dir.comps@hsa.org.au        |              |
| Director of Records & Competition Integrity             | dir.records@hsa.org.au      |              |
| Technical Director                                      | dir.coach@hsa.org.au        |              |
| Director of Finance                                     | dir.finance@hsa.org.au      |              |
| Director of Womens Football, Member Advocacy and Events | dir.women@hsa.org.au        |              |
| Director of Media, Marketing, Community and Sponsorship | dir.media@hsa.org.au        |              |
| Director of Planning & Governance                       | dir.planning@hsa.org.au     |              |
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| HSA Manager                                             | michael.hamilton@hsa.org.au | 0448 184 646 |

#### 2. HFRA Inc.

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## APPENDIX - B

### Resources

- 1. Policies, Procedures & Rules:**  
( as posted on [www.hsa.org.au](http://www.hsa.org.au) )

- 2. Forms**

|         |                                                      |  |
|---------|------------------------------------------------------|--|
| HSA 001 | Club Application and Team Nominations                |  |
| HSA 002 | Application to Alter Fixture                         |  |
| HSA 003 | Application for Dispensation to Play Above Age Group |  |
| HSA 004 | Formal Complaint                                     |  |

### **Sports TG Data Entry Rules 2017** **U13s to All Age Men and Women**

- A) i) Match results for all competition and Cup matches, U13s – All Age, are to be entered into the Sports TG (STG) Results module.
- ii) Initial access for Clubs to the STG Results module will be provided by the HSA Director of Records, [dir.records@hsa.org.au](mailto:dir.records@hsa.org.au). Club Recorders, (or nominated club officials), must have a Sports TG Passport, (register at <https://passport.sportstg.com>).
- iii) Once given access, the Club Recorder (or nominated Club official) can sign in and enter results at <https://passport.sportstg.com>. The data can also be entered by accessing STG from “Fixtures and Results” on the HSA website, (only available on the day of the match).
- B) i) The HOME team of the two teams that played in any U13s to All Age competition/cup match is required to enter the match result into the STG Results module.
- ii) All competition/cup match results must be entered into the STG results module by **8.00pm** the same day of each match.
- iii) Each team is required to enter the names of those who played, shirt numbers, goals scored and any Yellow or Red card offences exactly as written on the actual paper team sheet for their own team after each match. This data for each team must be entered into the STG Results module by **11.00pm** the Sunday after each competition match.
- C) i) The STG system will automatically lock out access to update the weekend’s match records at midnight, Sunday of each week. Clubs that are locked out but yet to update all their match details as required for U13s to AA will have to lodge a request for special access via email to the [dir.records@hsa.org.au](mailto:dir.records@hsa.org.au). The request will be required to be lodged by 11.00pm Tuesday after the match at the latest. There will be an administration fee of \$5 (incl. GST) applied for each request on a per match basis.
- ii) Requests lodged after 11.00pm Tuesday following the match will incur a \$20 (incl. GST) administration fee on a per match basis.
- iii) If the data for any U13s to AA match remains outstanding in the STG system at 3.00pm on the Friday after the match was played, HSA will deem that the offending team forfeited the game and update the results table accordingly. If both teams have not entered the data, the result will be a forfeit by both teams and applicable forfeit fines applied to both teams.
- iv) A fine of \$20 per week will be applied after the first week for each week that the data is not entered into the STG system. If the data entry into the STG system remains outstanding for more than four (4) weeks after the match, the team will be disqualified from the competition.
- D) Teams that dispute correctness of the opponent’s team data entered into STG when compared to the actual paper team sheet will have until 11pm the Monday after each match to lodge a fee free protest with the HSA Director of Records at [dir.records@hsa.org.au](mailto:dir.records@hsa.org.au) (or 24 hrs after the data is actually entered in the case that data entry occurs after the data entry lock out time on Sunday night)

### **The role of the Ground Official**

#### **The Ground official should:**

- Wear a high-visibility 'Officials' vest to identify yourself.
- Make sure your name is on the team sheet.
- Assist in the control of the spectators.
- Assist the match officials in any way when requested.
- Try to ensure the HSA Codes of Conduct are adhered to
- Ensure the safety of players
- Ensure the safety of spectators
- Ensure the safety of match officials
- Assist the host venue Ground Official when required
- Complete & submit relevant reports as directed by the HSA Board from time to time
- Assist with complaints.
- At all Junior matches – ask people drinking alcohol to stop or leave the venue to drink (the greater of - to beyond venue fence line or 30m from the playing field /amenities)

#### **What a Ground Official Does NOT do:-**

- Try to control angry spectators
- Try to control opposition teams' spectators.
- Get into situations where injury may occur.
- Get involved in dangerous situations.

#### **Helpful hints.**

- By the time a Ground Official is required, a situation is usually inflamed. Try to be aware of the feelings of the crowd and react early to stop poor behaviour before it escalates.
- Introduce yourself to the opposition Ground Official and host venue Ground Official acknowledging that you will each support one another in approaching situations requiring the Ground Official's attention.
- When addressing spectators and volunteers from your own Club, remind them of the damage they do to your Club's reputation and the reputation of football.
- Make yourself aware of the Codes of Conduct.
- Report any incident to your Club Secretary on the day of the incident.
- Ground Officials are not the police. Some behaviour, such as drinking alcohol is against the Law and Council regulations, not just our rules. Whilst we ask you remind anyone drinking that it is illegal to do so, we do not expect you to make them stop. If you think their behaviour is declining due to alcohol consumption, call the police.
- Stay safe – try to keep yourself safe.

#### **Complaints**

- People who complain do so because they think they have a genuine problem. Not dealing with the original issue will likely manifest itself later and can easily lead to Sport Rage.
- Offer the HSA Formal Complaint Form (HSA 004) to people to write any complaint or perceived problem. Refer complaints to the correct person and tell the complainant that their complaint will be dealt with.

### **Team demerit points**

- A. At the beginning of the season all teams will start with zero (0) team demerit points.
- B. Nominated offences carry a number of demerit points which teams can accumulate throughout the season.
- C. The Team Demerit Points system applies to Minirooms, Junior and All Age Competitions and Cups.
- D. During the Competition Rounds:

When a team accumulates **10** demerit points:

- (i) Their club is given a first formal warning including notification of the situation and penalty.
- (ii) The team (U13 to All Age) will have one (1) competition point deducted.

When a team accumulates **15** demerit points:

- (i) Their club is given a second formal warning including notification of the situation and penalty.
- (ii) The team (U13 to All Age) will have two (2) competition points deducted.

When a team accumulates **20** demerit points:

- (i) Their club is given a third formal warning including notification of the situation and penalty.
- (ii) The team (U13 to All Age) will have three (3) competition points deducted

When a team accumulates **25** demerit points:

- (i) Their club is given notification of the situation and penalty.
- (ii) The team will be withdrawn from all Minirooms/Competitions/Cups. If the team's next match is a finals match, the team will not play in the finals and the fifth placed team will take their place.

- E. Demerit points for all teams will reset back to zero for the start of the finals series.

During the final series:

- (i) When a team accumulates **10** demerit points the Club will be fined \$250.
- (ii) For each demerit point received thereafter a fine of \$25 per point will apply.

- F. Demerit points will be awarded for offences by players, team officials and spectators.

## **OFFENCES**

| <b>Code</b> | <b>Offence</b>                                                                                                                                                            | <b>Demerit Points Accumulated</b> |
|-------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| R1          | Serious Foul Play                                                                                                                                                         | 3 points                          |
| R2          | Violent conduct – against a player or other person                                                                                                                        | 5 points                          |
| R2          | Violent conduct – against match official                                                                                                                                  | 10 points                         |
| R3          | Spitting - against a player or other person                                                                                                                               | 5 points                          |
| R3          | Spitting - against match official                                                                                                                                         | 10 points                         |
| R4 / R5     | Sabotaging an obvious goal scoring opportunity                                                                                                                            | 0 points                          |
| R6          | Uses offensive, insulting or abusive language or gestures or indecent actions – against a player or other person                                                          | 3 points                          |
| R6          | Uses offensive, insulting or abusive language or gestures or indecent actions – against a match official                                                                  | 5 points                          |
| R7          | Second caution                                                                                                                                                            | 0 points                          |
| T1          | Team official dismissed from the field of play                                                                                                                            | 5 points                          |
| C1          | Accumulation of cautions per Rule 30.8 (f), (g) and (h).                                                                                                                  | 1 point                           |
| S1          | Accumulation of send-offs – for any second and subsequent send offs per player                                                                                            | 1 point                           |
| O1          | Breaches of the Code of Conduct – where Club Members are found guilty of breaches of the Code of Conduct by players, team officials, parents, spectators, club officials. | 5 points                          |
| O2          | Where a Club Member, player, team official, spectator, club official is cited to appear before any Tribunal or HSA Board in addition to any other offence.                | 3 points                          |

### **Automatic Withdrawals**

- H. Teams will be automatically withdrawn from the competition by breaching the HSA By-Laws where the penalty for such demands team withdrawal.

### **Persistent offenders**

- I. Where it is noted that a club has persistent offenders, the HSA Board may cite the club, if, in its opinion, the Club is not performing its role of Club discipline.

## APPENDIX - F

### **All Age Player Awards**

Points will be tallied for All Age Men Premier League, All Age Women Premier League, All Age Men Reserve Grade, All Age Women Reserve Grade, All Age Men Third Grade and All Age Youth Grade teams.

Points will be tallied for the **competition rounds only**.

#### **A. Golden Gloves Award**

Goal keepers (clearly marked shirt No.1 or GK on the team sheet) will receive one (1) point for every match in which the score for their team is zero (0). If a team's goal keeper is changed during the match and the score for their team is zero (0) then each goal keeper will receive a point.

The winner in each grade will be the/those players with the highest accumulated points at the conclusion of the competition.

#### **B. Golden Boot Award**

This will be awarded to the highest goal scorer in each grade.

#### **C. Player of The Year Award**

All Age coaches will be asked to vote on a weekly basis for Player of the Year by doing the following - at the end of every match, after the coach has signed the team sheet, the coach will circle the shirt number next to the player's name on the opposition side for whom he regards as the opposition's best player in that day's match.

At the end of the competition rounds the player who has the most nominations in each grade will be awarded the Player of the Year.

### **Club Fair Play Award**

Points will be tallied for all clubs participating in the competition providing they have at least one (1) All Age team and one (1) junior team.

Points will be tallied for **Cup, competition and finals matches**.

Red cards will be attributed three (3) points and Yellow cards will be attributed one (1) point. If 2 Yellow cards are given to a player in a match resulting in a Red card, only three (3) points will be attributed.

The club with the least number of points at the end of the season will be awarded the Club Fair Play Award.

### **Wet Weather: Guidelines for Assessing Playing Fields**

The following measures are to be used as a guide to assist clubs and referees in making a decision about grounds not fit for safe play:

#### **1. Surface water:**

Competition matches must be cancelled if there is substantial surface water visible on the field. The only exception to this would be if the area affected was small (less than 2 to 5m<sup>2</sup>), in a low usage/wear area, the rest of the ground was firm, and no other issues such as ground softness and poor grass cover were evident. Surface water means that the ground has reached saturation point and will be damaged very quickly if played on.

#### **2. Ground softness:**

Competition matches must be cancelled if there is any sinking into the field when walking on it and it does not bounce back or, if when standing still/walking, water rises up to the surface. The only exception to this would be if the only area affected was small (less than 2 to 5m<sup>2</sup>), in a low usage/wear area and the rest of the field was firm (and poor grass cover was not an additional issue.) Water rising to the surface when walking on it means that the ground has reached saturation point and will be damaged very quickly if played on.

#### **3. Amount of rainfall:**

Rainfall leading into match day should be used to guide decisions. If it has rained heavily or consistently leading up to match day then this should aid the decision to be made. Some grounds will take rain all week and be fine on the weekend while other grounds will have no rain all week, rain the night before an event and will need to be cancelled. Clubs and referees should take into consideration the rainfall during the week, the night before, the forecast for match day and, where applicable, the day after when making decisions.

#### **4. Soil profile and drainage:**

Some fields naturally drain better than others; this has to do with the soil profile below the surface. Sand based fields or deep coal wash drain quicker and more effectively than those on natural ground. Clubs and referees should have a good idea of the drainage and amount of rainfall these grounds can take, and this should be considered when making decisions.

#### **5. Grass cover:**

During the winter season grass cover can often get below 80% and be fine for play during dry weather. However, during wet weather, if overall grass cover is below 80% then this ground is likely to wear more substantially if played on. If a decision is made to play on wet ground with low grass cover, then this may cause irreparable damage to the ground.

#### **6. Amount of activity:**

Once all the above is assessed final consideration is to be given to how many matches the field will safely be able to host on match day.



### **Lighting Criteria**

- (A) All night fixtures played during the competition and cups must comply with guidelines established by HSA. Clubs are to provide an annual lighting certificate at the time of application to verify that the average lighting reading exceeds One Hundred (100) Lux, as required by the HSA Guidelines, when determined in line with AS 2560.1 Sports Lighting
- (B) The lighting survey shall be undertaken by an authorized lighting specialist and a certificate supplied in accordance with AS 2560.1
- (C) The HSA Manager shall receive the lighting certificate with the application for the competition year, to allow for any additional considerations and in order to schedule night fixtures in advance for the playing calendar.
- (D) 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 playing season.
- (E) 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 HSA guidelines.

## APPENDIX - I

### Final Series Configurations for Wet Weather

| Week 1        | Week 2        | Week 3 - GF      | Week 4 - Reserve        | Determined Outcome                                   |
|---------------|---------------|------------------|-------------------------|------------------------------------------------------|
| Play 1v2, 3v4 | Play Final    | Play Grand Final |                         |                                                      |
| Play 1v2, 3v4 | Play Final    | Wash Out         | Play Grand Final        |                                                      |
| Play 1v2, 3v4 | Play Final    | Wash Out         | Wash Out                | Grand Final Winner:<br>Winner Wk 1 – 1v2             |
| Play 1v2, 3v4 | Wash Out      | Play Final       | Play Grand Final        |                                                      |
| Play 1v2, 3v4 | Wash Out      | Wash Out         | No Play                 | Grand Final Winner:<br>Winner Wk 1 – 1v2             |
| Play 1v2, 3v4 | Wash Out      | Play Final       | Wash Out                | Grand Final Winner:<br>Winner Wk 1 – 1v2             |
| Wash Out      | Play 1v4, 2v3 | Play Grand Final |                         |                                                      |
| Wash Out      | Play 1v4, 2v3 | Wash Out         | Play Grand Final        |                                                      |
| Wash Out      | Play 1v4, 2v3 | Wash Out         | Wash Out                | Grand Final Winner:<br>Highest ranked winner<br>Wk 2 |
| Wash Out      | Wash Out      | Play 1v4, 2v3    | Play Grand Final        |                                                      |
| Wash Out      | Wash Out      | Play 1v4, 2v3    | Wash Out                | Grand Final Winner:<br>Highest ranked winner<br>Wk 3 |
| Wash Out      | Wash Out      | Wash Out         | Play Grand Final<br>1v2 |                                                      |
| Wash Out      | Wash Out      | Wash Out         | Wash Out                | Grand Final Winner:<br>Minor Premier                 |

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