



SOUTHERN TABLELANDS FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION COMPETITION RULES

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1. COMPETITION COMMITTEE

- A. The Committee will be made up of the Competition Administrator and two Competition Assistants who will be elected by the Clubs. (Note that the 2 elected members cannot be STFA board members)
- B. The role of the Competition Administrator will be the:
 - i. Administration and day-to-day running of the STFA Competition.
 - ii. Overseeing of the draw and venues
 - iii. Sending out the draw and amendments.
 - iv. Supply of a copy of up-to-date By-Laws / Rules to each Club prior to the start of each season.
 - v. The enforcement of the Competition By-Laws and rules.
 - vi. Receiving notification of any forfeits and informing the appropriate parties of such.

2. BY-LAWS

- A. The Competition Committee shall have power to determine any Rules/By-Laws as required for the proper conduct of the Competition(s).
- B. Any revision and changes of the Rules/By-Laws should be completed prior to the start of the season.
- C. The STFA Competition Committee will be empowered to make changes to these By-Laws as they deem appropriate.
- D. FNSW shall be empowered to make changes to these Rules/By-Laws anytime.

3. COMPETITION

- A. The Competition will be called the STFA Competition for all age divisions under 12 to All Age Men (AAM) and an All Age Women (AAW). The Committee may decide on any other age divisions from time to time
- B. All Competitions will be run (as far as possible) on a home and away basis, whilst all teams sharing a fair proportion of travel.
- C. Except, where these competition rules specify otherwise, the Competition will be conducted in accordance with FIFA Laws of the Game.

4. STFA ASSOCIATION CUP COMPETITION and HSA CUP

- A. The All Age Men (AAM) may compete for the HSA/STFA Joint Competition Champions League Cup.
- B. Both HSA and STFA AAM 1st Grade teams are eligible for the HAS/STFA Joint Competition Champions League Cup.
- C. Knock out – U12 to AAM and AAW. The Competition Administrator has the power to create a round robin competition if insufficient teams are registered in any age division.
- D. Teams must nominate seven (7) players for any forfeited match on a team sheet. The team sheet must be submitted as per By-Law 21.

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- E. Unlimited interchange players will be permitted in the STFA Association Cup.
- F. Players named on the team sheet for a Cup team will be tied to that team for the Cup competition & cannot play for any other Cup team.
- G. Players appearing on team sheets for more than one Cup team will be deemed an ineligible player.
- H. In the event of a drawn match in any final, extra time in accordance with guidelines in By- Law 14 shall be played to determine the winner.
- I. Fees for official referees and linesmen shall be those applicable to normal competition games for those grades and paid for by the Association.

5. NOMINATIONS CLOSE

Nominations will close for the Competition on dates to be advised by the STFA Directors each year.

6. COMPETITION START

The competitions will start on a date which will be set by the STFA Directors.

7. AMENDMENTS AND ALTERATIONS TO THE DRAW

- A. Changes to the draw will only be made by the Competition Administrator (in consultation with the Competition Committee).
- B. Changes other than for inclement weather will be posted on the STFA website by no later than 5.30pm Thursday before any forthcoming match.
- C. Inclement weather changes will be posted by 8.00am on match day to the STFA website following field/venue assessments by home field host Clubs conducted & reported to STFA Competition Administrator by 7.00am match days.

8. KICK-OFF TIMES

As far as possible:

- A. All Age Men (AAM) and All Age Women (AAW) will start at 1.00pm or 3.00pm.
- B. Where any away teams are involved, kick-offs may not be before 10:00am.

9. PLAYING TIMES

Age Division	Minutes Each Way
Under 12	25 minutes each way as FNSW
Under 13 – Under 14	30 minutes each way
Under 15 – Under 17	35 minutes each way
All Age Women 11 a side All Age Women 9 a side	35 minutes each way 30 minutes each way

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All Age Men	45 minutes each way
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If any age group combines they will play at the highest time

10. MATCH BALLS

Each team is required to supply an approved standard match ball.

Age Division	Ball Size
Under 12 and Under 13	Size 4
U/14 – AAM / AAW	Size 5

If any age group combines the larger match ball is used.

11. PREMIERSHIP COMPETITION AND POINTS

Game Status	Points
Win	3 points
Draw	1 point
Loss	0 point
Forfeit	3 points and 3 goals
Bye	0

12. FORFEITS

- A. A team electing to forfeit a match must give at least 48 hours' notice to avoid the maximum penalty. Such notice is to be given to the Competition Administrator, who will then inform the following;
 - i. The Secretary of the GDFRA Referee's Association.
 - ii. The Secretary of the opposing teams Club.
- B. A team which forfeits a match without giving 48 hours' notice may be fined up to: \$100 for senior teams, \$50 for junior teams.
In addition to the fine, Full Referee and Assistant Referee may be paid by the offending team.

- C. A team, which receives a forfeit, must submit a match card **nominating eleven (11) eligible players** claiming the forfeit by the due time. Failure to do so will result in no points being awarded for the match.
- D. A team receiving a forfeit shall receive three (3) competition points and the game will be recorded as a three (3) nil (0) win.
- E. Where a team receives a forfeit, this counts a match served for its players under suspension. However, where a team forfeits a game this does not count as a match served for any of its players under suspension.

13. INCLEMENT WEATHER

All fixtures which, may be postponed for any reason, shall be played on a date to be set by the Competition Administrator. Such games are to be set with due thought to Local Competition and in conjunction with the Competition Committee

During inclement weather the nominated persons of each ground are to confirm availability of grounds on or before 8:00am on the day of play to the Competition Administrator.

The referee shall have the right to decide upon the fitness of the ground, but in the event of inclement weather the Management Committee will notify radio stations 2GN, FM 93.5 and applicable social media sites, of the likelihood of play.

14. SEMI-FINALS, FINALS AND GRAND FINALS

- A. At the completion of the premiership rounds the top four teams in each competition will compete in a semi-finals play-off.
- B. Team 1 plays team 2, the winner advancing to the grand final. The losing team plays the winner of the match between teams 3 and 4 (in the final), the winner advancing to the Grand Final.
- C. If teams finish on equal points in the competition then the team position will be determined by:
 - i. The number of goals scored by each team less the number of goals scored against them; or, if that be equal, then by;
 - ii. The most number of goals scored by each team; or, if equal, then by;
 - iii. The most points gained in head to head premiership meetings between the sides, or, if equal, then by;
 - iv. The best goal difference in head to head premiership meetings between the teams, or, if equal, then by;
 - v. In semi finals, finals and grand finals, if at the conclusion of a match the scores are level, the Teams shall play extra time of, ten (10) minutes each way for all age groups, except the AAM & AAW, which will play fifteen (15) minutes each way. If the scores are still level at the conclusion of extra time, the match shall be determined by Penalty Kick method as prescribed by the International Football Association Board. (Note: at the completion of extra time only those players on the field can participate in the penalty shoot-out. No interchanging is permissible at this time).
- D. For a player to be eligible to play for a team in the finals play-offs, the player must have played in a minimum of five (5) Competition games for that team.
- E. The Competition Committee may elect to run, a two tier finals competition at its

discretion.

- F. Where a team receives a forfeit, this counts a match served for its players under suspension. However, where a team forfeits a game this does not count as a match served for any of its players under suspension.
- G. The Association is to bear the cost of trophies and running the competition.
- H. In the event of the withdrawal of any team before the conclusion of the competition or Cup match, all points and goal differences accrued in games involving this team throughout the season, will be deleted from the points table.

15. DEFERRED GAMES

- A. Teams which cannot play matches, as set down in the draw may play before the due date by arrangement with their opponents and THE PRIOR APPROVAL OF THE COMPETITION ADMINISTRATOR, or forfeit the said game.
- B. The only exception to this By-Law is covered under By-Law 16 (Representative Players).
- C. Clubs who give a written request at the time of nominations of availability problems will have them considered when formulating the draw. But it may not always be possible to meet the request.

16. REPRESENTATIVE PLAYERS

- A. Where a team has **four (4)** or more players involved in a Representative Game on the same day as a premiership match, then the team can seek to have that premiership match deferred.
- B. Similarly, teams involved in the Robertson Cup, State Cup, Amateur Cup or any State or Branch run fixtures on the same weekend as a premiership match can seek a deferment.
- C. Clubs wishing to take advantage of By-Law 16 (A or B) must give at least 7 days' notice in writing to the Competition Administrator. Failure to do so will result in the forfeit of the game.

17. STRIP

- A. Where the referee has decided there is a clash of colours between teams, the away team is to change to an alternate strip.
- B. The Home team is the first mentioned team in the draw.
- C. Each Club is to provide an up-to-date list of team colours each year to the Competition Administrator. A photo of the full strip is required. All shirts in competition age groups are required to be numbered on the back. The lettering is to be at least 12cm's high, which will be in a contrasting colour to that strip.
- D. Players may wear spectacles whilst playing provided they are compliant as sports safe.
- E. All players must wear shin pads whilst competing.
- F. Thermal "bike shorts" or compression garments are permitted provided they are the same as the main colour as the players' shorts or black.
- G. Advertising of tobacco or alcohol is not permitted.

18. SUNDAY GAMES

The Competition Committee can reschedule games to a Sunday or a Night Game if required (Field lighting must comply with FNSW lighting policy).

19. REGISTRATIONS

- A. All players will be required to self-register with their club and be financial on My Football Club (MFC) prior to playing in any games.
- B. Each Club will be responsible for registering its own players.
- C. Each will complete a Registration form, the original of which will be available to the Competition Administrator via MFC.
- D. The Association Registrar may provide each Club Registrar with an oriented list of each teams registered players, with regular updates of late registrations, transfers and de- registrations.
- E. A player, who is a late registration or transfer, will be eligible to play once his or her club has submitted the completed late registration/transfer request to the Competition Administrator for approval. Late registrations/transfers close at 7pm on the Thursday night prior to the weekend's matches.
- F. A player, can register for no more than three (3) clubs during the period 1st January to 31st December each year. During this time, the player can only play in matches for the first two (2) Clubs.
- G. No player shall be entitled to take part in any competition match unless they are registered to play in the STFA Competition. A player is registered when a properly completed online registration has been received with full payment and passport like photo uploaded into MFC by the Association Registrar and approved.
- H. A player shall be eligible to play only for the club he/she is registered with.
- I. All players playing in the Competition are to play under the Photo ID card system.

20. DISPUTING THE ELIGIBILITY OF A PLAYER

- A. A team coach or manager has the right to dispute the eligibility of any opposing player but such action must be taken before the team sheet is signed.
- B. When a player or players are challenged:
 - i. The game shall be played and the Competition Administrator will determine the eligibility of the challenged player(s) at a later date.
 - ii. Any challenge of a player(s) should involve the coach and manager of both teams, a ground official, Association Representative or other "witness". A notation on the back of the team sheet shall be made and signed by the "Officials" making the complaint.
 - iii. Disputed players are required to sign the appropriate section of the team sheet and to be photographed if so requested by the Ground Official.
 - iv. Clubs with teams challenging an opponent's eligibility should then write to the Competition Secretary within 48 hours to detail the circumstances of their challenge and any information that may assist the Competition Administrator in its resolution.
 - v. Teams found to have played an ineligible player will lose any points gained and may be fined up to \$100.00 plus further loss of up to 3 competition points. The team disputing the player will not necessarily receive any additional points

21. TEAM SHEETS

- A. Each team is to use a team sheet drawn up for use in the STFA Competition from time to time. Such team sheets are to have such information as may be required by the STFA Competition Committee and may be altered from time to time.

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- B. The home team manager will complete the headings on the team sheet then print the names of players competing for his/her team prior to giving the team sheet to the visiting manager.
- C. Each team is responsible for the lodgment of the team sheet/ result by the Tuesday following the match.
- D. Each team must enter results into sporting pulse along with goal scorers & Cautions /send offs by 6pm Sunday
- E. Failure to lodge the team sheet by the due time may result in a fine of up to \$50.00 and further penalties can apply
- F. Managers/Coaches are to delete from the team sheet any players who did not take part in the game by full time.
- G. Managers/Coaches must sign the team sheet at the completion of the game. They must ensure that all details on the team sheet have been accurately completed. Should there be any dispute or disagreement with the details, then the manager should not sign the team sheet, but make sure an explanation is written on the team sheet.
- H. Only a maximum of up to sixteen (16) players (11 a side comp) are to appear on the team sheet.
- I. Match day write-ups are to be sent via email to the STFA Publicity Officer publicity@stfa.com.au and STFA Competition Administrator compadmin@stfa.com.au
- J. The Ground Official shall not allow any access to the match team sheet to any person other than the match officials once the match has kicked-off through to the conclusion of the match.
- K. The Ground Official shall present the match team sheet to the match official initially at the conclusion of the match & receive the team sheet back from the match official once he/she has entered match details onto the team sheet.
- L. The Ground Official shall not permit any alterations to the team sheet at the conclusion of the match except for team managers being permitted to strike out the names of players listed in their own team who did not take the field of play during the match and for the team managers signing the team sheet in the relevant section.
- M. The Ground Official will distribute the relevant team sheet copies to the respective teams.
- N. The U12 – All Age match referee shall write the score on the team sheet at the conclusion of the game.
- O. Neither the original team sheet, nor carbon copies are to be altered at all after signing the team sheet by the team managers.
- P. When a player plays up a grade (to which he/she is not registered) then the age group &/or division that the player is registered in, must be noted on the team sheet.

22. ELIGIBILITY OF PLAYERS

- A. No player can play for any club other than the one with which he/she is registered (excluding SSG).
- B. A player can only play for one team in any single age division, except when the situation arises as per By-Law 22(C).
- C. Players are permitted to play across to a maximum of 11 players or if the opponent has less players no more than that number on the field.
- C (i). Players may play for teams up to two (2) age divisions higher than their chronological

- age division, once five games are exceeded they will be tied to that team, (not in SSG).
- F. Players cannot play in an age division below that in which they are registered, refer to By-Law 23 and 24.
 - G. When playing in a team in which they are not registered, a player's team, registration number must be noted against their name on the team sheet.
 - H. The youngest age division for which a player is eligible is the same as the age he turns on his birthday that year.
 - I. To be eligible to play in men's all age football, a player must have turned 16 years of age.
 - J. To play women's all age a player must have turned 15 years of age (age exemptions for men and women may be applied for).
 - K. All Age Competition & Cup finals series:
 - I. For AAM & AAW, a player must have played FIVE (5) competition matches for the team they nominated in at the commencement of the competition, to be eligible for final matches.
 - II. For any other grade, the player can only play in the finals matches for a team if the player has played a five (5) competition matches with that team during normal competition. If more than five normal competition games are played, the player is only eligible to play in the higher graded team.
 - L. Players whose names are entered onto a team sheet and Rule 21 is otherwise complied with for non-forfeiting teams (refer Rule 12) will have such forfeited game included in the games played statistics for the purposes of determine eligibility to play finals per Rule 22 (I) part (ii).

23. FEMALE PLAYERS

- A. Where possible, competitions will be conducted for female-only teams. However females will be permitted to play in any competition.
- B. Female players can play (1) one year down without exemption.

24. REGRADES

Where players need to be regraded or are playing out of their age division (ie. over age male players playing down an age division) such application is to be made in writing to the Competition Administrator and a decision will be made by the Competition Committee.

25. SUBSTITUTIONS

- A. The interchange rule will apply.

Interchange. Interchange of players is unlimited. Interchanging of players is permissible at any time during the game. The interchange procedure shall be as follow:

- I. Interchange zone will be an area one (1) metre either side of the half way line.
- II. An interchange is one which is made when the ball is out of play and for which the following conditions shall be observed:
 - a) The player leaving the field shall do so from the line crossing over at the sector called the interchange zone.
 - b) The player entering the field shall also do so from the interchange zone

but not until the player leaving the field has passed completely over the sideline.

- c) A player nominated for interchange shall be subject to the authority and jurisdiction to the referee whether called upon to play or not.
 - d) The interchange is completed when the player who was off the field enters the field. From this moment they become a player and the player whom they replaced ceases to be a player.
- III. The number of interchanges made during a match is unlimited. A player who has been replaced may return to the field for another player.
- IV. During an interchange a player enters the field before the replaced player has completely left it, the referee shall ensure the replaced player leaves the field then cautions the interchange player and then restart the game.
- V. If during an interchange a player enters the field or a replaced player leaves it from a place other than the interchange zone the referee may caution the offending player.
- VI. The interchanging of players will cease at the completion of extra time. If at this time penalty kicks are required to obtain a result then the players on the field at the end of extra time are the only players permitted to participate in penalty kicks. No interchange at this time is permissible.
- B. All STFA competitive matches are played under the rule of unlimited interchange(s).
- C. All substitutes must be listed on the team sheet prior to the game start.
- D. Referees will be within their rights to delay an interchange if they consider it will unduly affect the flow of the game.

26. REFEREES

- A. The local Football Referee's Associations will make all referees appointments for games in their jurisdiction.
- B. Fees to be paid will be those set by Football NSW, unless varied by the STFA Competition Committee with the agreement of the Referee's Associations.
- C. Referees fees are to be paid equally by each team (except in a case of forfeit without notice).
- D. Referees fees, for the finals and Association Cup play-offs, will be met by STFA.
- E. Each Club will pay their local Referees Association on a regular basis.
- F. Non-attendance of a referee, where a referee is not appointed or fail to turn up, the game must proceed on time with an alternative referee appointed by the home side, and the appointee must control the whole game, except that a suitably qualified and identified referee, in uniform, from either side shall take precedence over an unqualified person from the home team. A qualified junior referee must not be asked to referee a game where he is not at least two (2) years senior to the players
- G. Where assistant referees are not appointed each team will offer the referee the assistance of a club linesman.

27. OFFICIAL

- A. At least two identifiable, uniformed Team Official shall be on duty per fixture and visible to the match referee for the full duration of the fixture from each team. This will require the Team Official to be close to the field of play and/or technical area.
- B. Team Officials must be easily identifiable via a high-visibility vest.

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- C. The Team Official shall be over the age of 18 years of age and shall not be a coach or manager of a game in progress.
- D. It is jointly the 'home team' and 'away team' responsibility to provide one Team Officials for every match.
- E. The Association must provide an additional Ground Official for the whole venue and is to support the 'home' and 'away' Team officials. The Association Ground Official is the senior Official who's direction and decision is final in the event of any uncertainty on matters arising.
- F. Where two full size fields are in play at the same time, at least one Ground Official per full size field shall be on duty
- G. The 'home' Team Official has responsibility for the security of the match team sheet as per By-Law 21.
- H. The Association Officials shall circulate around the ground(s) and playing field facility to ensure that he/she is apparent to all present.
- I. All persons at the ground(s) and playing field facility shall abide by any requests made by the Ground Officials.
- J. In the event of a dispute, improper conduct, or foul & abusive language by any persons at the grounds and playing field facility, then requests made by the Ground Official shall be final and complied with immediately.
- K. Reports of misconduct found by the Team/Association Official shall be in writing to the STFA Competition Administrator and shall be actioned by STFA Committee. The Ground Official must write a report on any incident or matter where requested by the STFA Competition Committee or FNSW.
- L. Refer to Appendix-A for guidelines on the role of the Ground Official.

28. GROUNDS MARKING AND EQUIPMENT

It shall be the responsibility of the 'host venue club (Crookwell, Marulan etc) and STFA for Cookbundoon Sports Fields only, to ensure that the following conditions are met:

- A. The playing field is marked as per directions in the international rules, including corner flags and nets.
- B. Playing fields 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 10 minutes before the scheduled kick-off.
- C. If the appointed referee decides to not proceed to officiate a match at a playing field because the referee has deemed the playing field setup does not meet the requirements of Rule 14(B), the 'home team' 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 'home team' cannot or is unwilling to rectify any field set up deficiencies within the time permitted by this Rule, The 'home team' will be deemed to have forfeited the match to the 'away team'.
- D. Should the appointed referee decide that the appointed ground is unfit for play per Rule 14(B), the Ground Official is empowered to move the game to be played on an alternative complying field at the same or nearby venue.
- E. A technical area will be clearly marked for each team.
- F. It is recommended that each team have a first aid kit available at each of their matches.
- G. No person is to stand or sit along the goal line.
- H. Except where specifically stated otherwise, the first team named in the competition draw shall be considered to be the 'home team'

29. CAUTION AND SEND OFFS

- A. The referee must complete and enter up on the team sheet details of any cautions issued during the course of the match. Such cautions to be in accordance with rule 37 hereof.
- B. The referee and any official assistant referees should complete a send-off report in relation to each sending off in any game and the same should be sent to the STFA Secretary &/or Competition Administrator (as may be directed by the STFA Executive from time to time) so as to reach that person within seventy two (72) hours of the completion of the match or such other time as is appropriate in all the circumstances but no later than six (6) days after completion of the match.
- C. At the completion of the ordinary competition rounds, all players who have received points as a consequence of cautions being entered up against their name, shall be deemed to start the semi-final, final and grand final series as or with zero (0) yellow cards and or points.

30. JUDICIARY COMMITTEE AND APPEALS

- A. The Executive of the STFA will, on or before, the commencement of each competition season approach and appoint a Judiciary Committee consisting of a Chairperson and at least two (2) other people who will be prepared to be available to hear and determine any appeals or matters as may be required by these Competition Rules appeals and/or any matters referred to it by the Competition Committee or STFA Executive.
- B. The persons appointed to such Committee shall as far as it is practicable have no direct connection to any Club involved in the matter to be determined so that they are independent.
- C. The Judiciary Committee, when it sits, shall comprise a Chairperson and at least two (2) other persons, that is a minimum of three (3) and if necessary the Chair person will have a casting vote.
- D. This committee shall, in addition to any appeals, have power to deal with any dispute arising from the Competition and referred to it by the STFA Executive.

31. DISPUTES ARISING FROM THE COMPETITION

- A. The Judiciary Committee, established under clause 30 hereof shall have power to determine any matters relating to conduct of players and/or officials, send off/ caution and /or any matter referred to it by the STFA Executive subject only to sub- clause (b) hereof.
- B. If the Judiciary Committee feels that it is inappropriate for them to determine any such matter and/or a person, Club or affiliated body such as the Referees Association is aggrieved by the decision of the Judiciary Committee then the matter may be referred to Southern Branch in the first instance and then Football New South Wales for final determination.

32. FINES

A club which breaches the By-Laws is liable to fines as decided by the Competition Committee. The list below is an indication of the maximum fines for some of the offences (or minimum amount where noted):

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Code	Breach	Fine
A	Club Bond	\$ 500 minimum
B	Withdrawal of a competition team after draw has been published	\$ 200
C	Forfeit fine senior/juniors	\$ 100 / \$ 50
D	Failure to report any or all match result as required	\$ 50
E	Failure to submit team sheet on time	\$ 50 + 3 points
F	Protest / Dispute fee of any fine &/or penalty other than player or other disciplinary matters.	\$ 200 Refundable if win
G	Competition disciplinary appeal fee for appeal of any player or other disciplinary matters.	\$ 200 Refundable if win
H	Failure to adhere to the conditions of Rules 27 A-G	\$ 50 each offence
I	Failure to adhere to the conditions of Rules 28 A-G	\$ 50 each offence
J	Failure to return perpetual trophies.	\$ 200 each + trophy replacement costs
K	Club with no delegate at General Meetings	\$ 100
L	Playing an unregistered player	\$ 100 + 3 points
M1	Playing an ineligible player – 1st instance	\$ 100
M2	Playing an ineligible player – 2nd instance	\$ 100 + 1 point
M3	Playing an ineligible player – 3rd instance	\$ 100 + 2 points
M4	Playing an ineligible player – 4th & subsequent instances	\$ 100 + 3 points
M5	Playing an ineligible player – any finals match	\$ 200 (minimum). \$ 200 (maximum) + overturn match result, if win.
N	Failure to supply a suitable match ball	\$ 50
O	Failure to submit an incident report upon STFA request	\$ 30
P	Cautions – 1st for season.	\$ 0
Q	Cautions – 2nd for season & subsequent	\$ 0
R	Send-off – 1st instance for season per player	\$ 0
S	Send-off – 2nd for season & subsequent per player	\$ 0
T	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	\$ 0
U	Unauthorised persons inside technical area (i.e. a player not on the team sheet or person not wearing team official identification)	\$ 0
V	Player, official or other person cited to appear before a disciplinary judiciary or tribunal	\$ 0

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W	Withdrawing a team after team nominations close (Competition level only)	\$ 200
X	Away team not having an alternate strip	\$ 0
Y	Failure to attend a meeting on request	\$ 30

33. SUSPENSIONS

- A. 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 organized by the STFA Competition Administrator that the suspended parties' team actually participates in.
- B. Suspensions and penalties of the Judiciary Committee or STFA / Competition Committee shall also apply to any player; person or official registered within its jurisdiction whose team by seeking to play in a competition recognized by Football NSW although not necessarily under its direct control. At the completion of the Premiership rounds, all players will be deemed to start on zero (0) yellow cards for the Competition & Cup finals only.

34. PLAYERS SENT OFF

A player shall be sent from the field for the following offences as prescribed for in the laws of the game, unless the Judiciary Committee decides otherwise upon appeal or reference;

Code	Offence
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.

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

- A. Players sent from the field shall incur a minimum (Clause 43) match suspension.
- B. The Competition Administrator will provide a copy of any send-off report to the offending players Club within forty eight (48) hours of receipt of such report in accordance with Rule 29(B).
 - C. All clubs whose players are dismissed from the field of play are required to follow the following:
 - (i) Contact the STFA Secretary/STFA Competition Administrator by no later than Thursday of the second week following the game in which the send-off incurred.
 - (ii) Ensure that the player who was sent from the field does not take the field in another game for and on behalf of the Club until the decision of the STFA Secretary/Competition Administration regarding the send-off is communicated to the Club and/or the decision of the Judiciary Committee is made known to the Club in the event that the matter is referred to the Judiciary Committee.
 - (iii) Offences identified in the table set out in Clause 43 hereof shall attract as an automatic penalty of the minimum number of fixtures set out in the table without the need for decision by any STFA Administrator and/or reference to a Judiciary Committee.
 - (iv) If the Competition Administrator does not wish to accept the minimum penalty so prescribed by Clause 43 (and/or the offence is not set out in the table
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and as a consequence the matter is referred by the STFA then the matter will go to the Judiciary Committee for determination which the STFA Secretary/Competition Administrator will arrange as soon as is possible in accordance with these Rules.
 - (v) In the event of a request or a reference to the Judiciary Committee in the circumstance described in sub-paragraph (iv) hereof then the STFA Secretary/Competition Administrator must arrange for the Judiciary to meet within fourteen (14) days after the notification of the request for such appeal.
 - (vi) Pending any such appeal/hearing by the Judiciary Committee the player will not be eligible to play.
 - (vii) In arranging such appeal or reference to the Judiciary Committee the STFA Secretary/Competition Administrator will ensure that all players, Clubs and affiliated bodies and references and/or witnesses are notified and as far as possible they are to be in attendance at such hearing before the Judiciary Committee.
 - (viii) The STFA Secretary/Competition Administrator will ensure that copies of all send-off reports, witness's statements and letters of appeal and any other documents lodged in support of the appeal/reference are made available to each of the members of the Judiciary Committee at least 24 hours before the proposed hearing. All players, Clubs affiliated bodies or representatives will ensure that any documents that they wish to put before the Judiciary Committee are made available to the STFA Secretary/Competition Administrator at least 48 hours prior to the proposed hearing of the Judiciary Committee.

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- (ix) If player fails to attend any Judiciary Committee Hearing then his/her appeal will be dismissed and the maximum penalty in accordance with Clause 43 hereof shall be determined to be the decision of the Committee.

D. In cases of an emergency the Judiciary Committee shall meet at short notice to hear the matter and in such cases the players, referees and all parties relevant to the hearing shall receive at least 48 hours' notice to be in attendance. The STFA Secretary/Competition Administrator will do everything in his/her power to ensure that all documents are made available to each member of the Judiciary at the earliest possible opportunity.

35. PLAYERS DISMISSED FROM THE FIELD OF PLAY

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

36. 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 Competition Administrator and the payment of a good behavior surety as determined by the STFA Competition Committee which may be forfeited at the discretion of the Competition Committee.

37. MATCH CAUTIONS

- A. A player shall be cautioned for the following offences as prescribed for in the laws of the game;

Code	Caution
Y1	The player is guilty of unsporting behavior.
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.

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- 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. An official booking (or caution) is administered by the Referee recording a player's name and number and the offence committed on Match Team sheet at the conclusion of the match.
- D. There shall be no appeal against the receiving of a caution from the Referee.
- E. 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. There shall be no appeal against a one (1) fixture suspension after receiving five (5) official cautions.
- F. 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 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.
- G. Any player who accumulates more than eight (8) official cautions in any one season shall be called to appear before the Judiciary Committee, who may apply further penalty, bond, fine or suspension for each official caution given to the player thereafter.
- H. 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.
- I. 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 By-Law 33.8(f) and 33.8(g).
- J. Any club who is found to have played a player who should have been stood down because of any breach of By-Law 33.8 may be fined the amount of \$100.00 and the match may be awarded to the opponents with the score line reading three goals to nil (3-0).

38. 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 has completed its final series commitments the player shall stand down the first competition game in the following season.

39. ASSOCIATION CUP and LEAGUE CUP CAUTIONS

Any player receiving two (2) cautions in the Association Cup/Competition League/Competition Cup/Champions League Cup shall automatically stand down in his/her next regular fixture.

40. FINDING/DECISIONS OF THE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE

- A. The committee has power to:
- B. Consider any matter referred to it for determination by the STFA, any constituent body of the STFA, referee or member by way of determination, redetermination and/or appeal.
- C. To decide, in the event of an offence by a player, the appropriate penalty

and/or to make such other decision as is necessary bearing in mind what is before the Committee.

41. PUNISHMENT

The judiciary committee may use the table of offences in Clause 43 hereof as a guide to aid in its deliberation. Notwithstanding this guide the Judiciary Committee has discretion to vary such penalties as it chooses, bearing in mind the circumstances and the matters before it at the time of the appeal/hearing.

42. CONSIDERATION OR MATTERS TO BE TAKEN INTO BY THE JUDICIARY

The Judiciary Committee must consider the following matters in relation to any matter before it:

- A. The circumstances of every matter in full detail.
- B. Representations to be made in person or in writing by any party who seeks to be heard in the matter.
- C. The circumstances and severity of the alleged offence.
- D. The player's past record (but only after having heard all other matters and determining whether or not the offence is proven). The player's past record is only to be taken into account in determining the appropriate penalty.
- E. Any extenuating circumstances.
- F. In the case of send-offs, the judiciary will endeavor to ensure that all referees and assistant referees are available along with the players and any other witnesses at the time of the appeal.

43. PENALTIES

The Judiciary Committee shall impose penalties having regard to the matters hereinbefore expressed and as an aid/guide refer to the following table as a guide: FIFA may update from time to time.

SECTION 'A' - OFFENCES BY PLAYERS AGAINST OTHER PLAYERS OR ANY OTHER PERSON, SENDING- OFF OFFENCES (IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE GUIDELINES OF FIFA LAW 12)

- A. The severity of the offence.
- B. The player's past record.
- C. Extenuating circumstances.

Offences Code	Offence	Minimum	Maximum
A. R1 – Serious foul play		2 Fixtures	12 Fixtures
	R1 Expanded		

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	(a) Violent tackle from behind that endangers the safety of an opponent	3 Fixtures	10 Fixtures
	(b) (i) Rugby Tackle (ii) Violent Charge (iii) Over the Ball Tackle	2 Fixtures 2 Fixtures 2 Fixtures	8 Fixtures 8 Fixtures 12 Fixtures
B. R2 – Violent conduct		2 Fixtures	16 Fixtures
	R2 Expanded		
	(a) (i) Head Butting (ii) Punching/Fighting (iii) Kicking	5 Fixtures 2 Fixtures 2 Fixtures	24 Fixtures 8 Fixtures 12 Fixtures
	(b) Elbowing	2 Fixtures	16 Fixtures
	R2 (b) Expanded		
	(i) Elbowing to the head (ii) Elbowing to the body	4 Fixtures 2 Fixtures	16 Fixtures 10 Fixtures
C. R3 – Spitting		8 Fixtures	1 year
D. R4 – Sabotaging an obvious goal scoring opportunity (handball)		1 Fixtures	4 Fixtures
E. R5 – Sabotaging an obvious goal scoring opportunity (holding) (tripping) (impeding)		1 Fixtures	6 Fixtures

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F. R6 – Using offensive, insulting or abusive language	Fixtures R6 (a) Making offensive, insulting or abusive gestures	2 Fixtures	8 Fixtures
	R6 Expanded		
	Making offensive, intimidating, insulting or abusive gestures	4 Fixtures	20 Fixtures
	Indecent Actions	4 Fixtures	20 Fixtures

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 STFA Competition 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.

Offences Code	Offence	Minimum	Maximum
1	Threatening or intimidating a Match Official by word or action	12 Fixtures	Life
2	Tripping a Match Official	1 year	Life
3	Pushing with open hand, shoulder or hip	1 year	Life
4	Striking with the ball or other object	1 year	Life
5	Punching, kicking or elbowing	Life	Life
6	Spitting	8 Fixtures	Life
7	Use of offensive, intimidating insulting or abusive language and / or gestures against or about a Match Official	4 Fixtures	20 Fixtures

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 STFA Competition Judiciary Committee

SECTION 'C' – OTHER OFFENCES BY PLAYERS AND TEAM OFFICIALS

Offences Code	Offence	Minimum	Maximum
1.	Inciting the crowd	10 Fixtures	6 years
2.	Attacking or fighting with Spectators	1 Year	Life
3.	Bringing the game into Disrepute	6 Fixtures	Life

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4.	Deliberately misleading any Body	10 Fixtures	2 Years
5.	Spitting at or onto Spectators	8 Fixtures	Life
6.	Failure to provide a safe environment for Participants or to maintain public order at a Match	5 Fixtures	2 Years
7.	Other offences by Players and Team officials as specified in Match Official Reports	1 Fixtures	1 Year

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

44. TEAM OFFICIALS – MANDATORY MATCH SUSPENSION

- A. A referee may take action against a team official who fails to conduct him or herself in a responsible manner and may expel the team official from the field of play and it's surroundings including the technical area.
- B. In the event that a team official is so expelled, then the referee must lodge a report concerning that expulsion with the STFA Competition Director within seventy two (72) hours of the completion of the game or within such further time as is deemed appropriate but not longer than six (6) days after the completion of the match.
- C. The team official will be suspended automatically until the matter is referred to the Judiciary Committee for consideration of determination of such further penalty as may be appropriate.

45. 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.

46. FINES AND BONDS

The Judiciary Committee is empowered to fine a professional player and/or place an amateur or professional player on a bond, in addition to any other power hereinbefore provided.

47. PERSISTENT OFFENDER

In cases where the STFA Secretary and/or the Competition Administrator forms the view that there is a case of persistent and repetitious offences by the same player, during the same season, then the player may be referred to the Judiciary Committee for consideration of further penalty (if any).

48. VIOLENCE

All cases of violence will be severely punished.

49. UNABLE TO DETERMINE OFFENCE

Should the STFA Secretary and/or the Competition Administrator be unable to decide what category a particular offence falls into then the matter will be referred to the Judiciary Committee for determination.

50. USE OF VIDEO EVIDENCE BEFORE THE JUDICIARY

The Judiciary Committee may if it so chooses take advantage of and use such electronic, audio, visual material ie; video, DVD recordings in the proceedings as they choose and at their discretion. The weight of evidence to be placed upon such material is in the absolute discretion of the members of the Judiciary Committee.

51. APPEALS

- A. IF A PERSON OR BODY IS DISSATISFIED WITH THE DECISION OF THE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE THEN THEY MAY APPEAL TO THE SOUTHERN BRANCH FOR A RE-HEARING OF THE DETERMINATION OR DECISION AND THEREAFTER FOOTBALL NSW.
- B. ANY SUCH APPEAL MUST BE LODGED WITHIN SEVEN (7) DAYS OF THE DECISION OF THE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE AND AN APPEAL FEE IS TO BE PAID. To be determined from time to time by the Board.

52. 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.

53. APPLICATION OF FIXTURE VERSUS TIME SUSPENSIONS

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

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APPENDIX A

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 Codes of Conduct are adhered to
- Ensure the safety of players
- Ensure the safety of spectators
- Ensure the safety of match officials
- Assist the venue host Ground Official when required
- Complete & submit relevant reports as directed by the Executive Director or STFA Board from time to time
- Assist with complaints.
- At all Junior matches – ask people drinking alcohol to stop or leave the venue to drink

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.

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- 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 a Formal Complaint Form to people and/or ask them to write any complaint or perceived problem. Refer complaints to the correct person and tell the complainant that their complaint will be dealt with.

APPENDIX B

STFA UNDER 17 COMPETITION

1. The Under 17 competition may be consisting Teams from U/15, U/16 and U/17
2. No over age players
3. Game duration is 35 minute half with 5 minute at half time
4. Match ball is a size 5
5.
 - a) Players in the U/17 competition may play in a higher age grade
 - b) limit on playing up in a higher age/grade Division applies subject to sec. 22 (I),(K)
 - c) Players must comply to the Higher Division Rule and
 - d) May play in Semi Final, Final and Grand Final of Higher Division subject to sec.22(K)

APPENDIX C

STFA WOMEN'S ALL AGE 9 A SIDE

1. (a) The game is played with nine (9) players (Including Goalkeeper).
(b) Maximum number per game is twelve (12) players per team.
(c) Minimum number per game is six (6) players per team.
(d) Maximum numbers to be registered is twelve (12) per team.
2. Game duration is 30 minute halves with a 5 minute half time break
3. Full sized playing field to be used for all games.
4. Match ball is a size 5
5. Player fees are set for all teams.
6. a) Players competing in a lower age group can play in this competition;
Player to be turning fifteen (15) in the current year. An exemption may be applied
for in certain cases
b) No limit on playing up in this division if registered to
a 9 a side team.
c) Players must comply to the Higher Division Rule and
d) May play in Semi Final, Final and Grand Final of Higher Division

APPENDIX D

MINIROOS RULES AND PLAYING FORMATS

1. The MiniRoos playing formats are summarised in the table below.

	4 - 7 age group	8 - 9 age group	10 - 11 age group
Number of Players	4 players per team	7 players per team (incl. goalkeeper)	9 players per team (incl. goalkeeper)
Field Size	Length: 30m Width: 20m	Length: 40m - 50m Width: 30m x 40m	Length: 60m - 70m Width: 40m x 50m
Penalty Area	No penalty area	5m deep x 12m wide (use markers)	5m deep x 12m wide (use markers)
Ball Size	Size 3	Size 3	Size 4
Goal Size	Width: 1.5m - 2m Height: 0.9m - 1m	Width: 2.5m - 3m Height: 1.8m - 2m	Width: 4.5m - 5m Height: 1.8m - 2m
Goal Type	portable goals, poles, or cones	portable goals, poles, or cones	portable goals, poles, or cones
Goalkeeper	No	Yes	Yes
Duration of Game	2 x 15-20min halves (plus 5 - 7min half- time break)	2 x 20min halves (plus 5 - 7min half- time break)	2 x 25min halves (plus 5 - 7min half- time break)
Results Recorded	No	No	No

BASIC RULES

A. Under 5-7 age group

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- Start of play & re-start after a goal – Pass forward to a team mate from the middle of the halfway line. All players must be in their own half of the field of play. Opponents must be at least 5m away from the ball until it is in play. The ball must touch a team mate before a goal can be scored.
- Ball crossing the touch line – There is no throw in. A player from the opposing team to the player that touched the ball last before crossing the touch line will place the ball on the touch line and pass or dribble the ball into play. Opponents must be at least 5m away from the ball until it is in play. The ball must touch a team mate before a goal can be scored.
- Ball crossing the goal line – There is no corner kick. Regardless of which team touched the ball last, a player from the team whose goal line the ball has crossed will place the ball anywhere along the goal line and pass or dribble the ball into play. Opponents must retreat to the half way line and can move once the ball is in play. The ball must touch a team mate before a goal can be scored.
- Fouls and misconduct – Indirect free kicks are awarded for all acts of handball or fouls and misconduct. Opponents must be at least 5m away from the ball when the indirect free kick is taken. (An indirect free kick is where a goal can be scored only if the ball subsequently touches another player before it enters the goal).
- There is no offside for the 5-11 age groups. Even though there isn't an offside rule as such coaches and parents should not encourage players to stand in blatant offside positions as this practice isn't in the spirit of the game and will have a negative impact on the football experience for everyone.

B. Under 8-11 age group

- Start of play & re-start after a goal – Pass forward to a team mate from the middle of the half way line. All players must be in their own half of the field of play. Opponents must be at least 5m away from the ball until it is in play. The ball must touch a team mate before a goal can be scored.
- Ball crossing the touch line – Throw in. Opponents must be at least 5m away from the ball until it is in play.
- Ball crossing the goal line after touching the defending team last – Corner kick. Opponents must be at least 5m away from the ball until it is in play.
- Goalkeepers – The goalkeeper is allowed to handle the ball anywhere in the penalty area. To restart play after a save or gathering the ball with their hands, the ball must be thrown or rolled from the hands or played from the ground with their feet, within 6 seconds. The goalkeeper is not allowed to kick or drop kick the ball directly from their hands. Opponents must be at least 5m outside the penalty area and cannot move inside the penalty area until the ball is in play.
- Under 8 and 9 – The ball is in play once it moves out of the penalty area.
- Under 10 and 11 – The ball is in play once it moves out of the penalty area or when the goalkeeper places the ball on the ground.
- Foul and misconduct – Indirect free kicks are awarded for all acts of handball or fouls and misconduct with opponents at least 5m away from the ball. (An indirect free kick is where a goal can be scored only if the ball subsequently touches another player before it enters the goal). For deliberate or serious acts of handball or fouls and misconduct in the penalty area, a penalty kick is awarded from an 8m penalty mark with only a goalkeeper in position. All other players must be outside the penalty area and be at least 5m behind the penalty mark.

- There is no offside for the 5-11 age groups. Even though there isn't an offside rule as such Coaches and Parents should not encourage Players to stand in blatant offside positions as this practice isn't in the spirit of the game and will have a negative impact on the football experience for everyone.

APPENDIX E

STFA PLAYER'S EQUIPMENT POLICY

PURPOSE

The purpose of this Policy is twofold:

1. Elaborate on rules and regulations of FIFA, FFA and Football NSW Limited (FNSW) & the STFA in relation to playing equipment during matches;
2. Emphasise the recent decision made by the International Football Association Board's (IFAB) to allow the wearing of the Hijab in football matches.

SCOPE OF POLICY

STFA has the power under its By-Laws to create and issue Policies from time to time.

SAFETY

The overarching rules in respect of any playing equipment or any items worn are set out in Law 4 of FIFA's Laws of Game which is as follows:

1. "A player must not use equipment or wear anything that is dangerous to himself or another player (including any kind of jewellery)."
2. All items of clothing or equipment other than the basic equipment must be inspected by the referee and determined not to be dangerous.
3. If an item of clothing or equipment that has been inspected at the start of a match and determined not to be dangerous becomes dangerous or is used in a dangerous manner during the match, its use must no longer be allowed.
4. Game duration is 35 minute half with 5 minute at half time

USAGE OF EQUIPMENT

A. Caps

- Unless otherwise exempted or allowed by a referee, goal keepers are the only players who are permitted to wear caps as they may constitute a danger to opponents.

B. Head bands and Wrist bands

- The wearing of cloth head and wrist sweat bands are permitted.

C. Hair ties

- Material and elastic hair ties are only permissible.

D. Undershirts

- Long sleeved undershirts must be the same tonal colour as the player's shirt or black. For the avoidance of doubt, if a player's shirt contains more than 1 colour (for example red and white) then the tonal colour of the undershirts must be the dominant colour of the player's shirt and that colour must be worn by all players that are wearing undershirts. Moreover, if a player's shirt contains more than 1 colour and those colours are equal (for example red and white stripes) then the tonal colour of the undershirts must be one of the colours on the player's shirt and that colour must be worn by all players.

E. Undergarments

- Under must be the same tonal colour as the main colour of the player's shorts or black. Players are permitted to wear full length undergarments provided it is the same tonal colour as the main colour of the shorts or black. For the avoidance of doubt, if a player's undergarments contain more than 1 colour (for example red and white) then the tonal colour of the undergarments must be the dominant colour of the player's undergarments and that colour must be worn by all players that are wearing undergarments. If a player's undergarments contain more than 1 colour and those colours are equal (for example red and white stripes) then the tonal colour of the undershirts must be one of the colours on the player's undergarments and that colour must be worn by all players.

F. Glasses

- Players are permitted to wear sports goggles, sports glasses or sports sunglasses as long as, in the opinion of the referee, they pose no danger to the player or other players. The Optometrists Association of Australia has stated that children involved in sport, requiring assisted vision, should wear protective eyewear such as sports goggles or sports glasses with soft or flexible frames fitted with a plastic or polycarbonate lens

G. Jewellery

- All items of jewellery (necklaces, rings, bracelets, earrings, leather bands, rubber bands, etc.) are strictly forbidden and must be removed. Using tape to cover jewellery is not acceptable. Referees are also prohibited from wearing jewellery (except for a watch or similar device for timing the match). However, if in the opinion of the Referee, a medical bracelet or necklace presents no danger, then it may be allowed on the condition that it can be taped or bandaged to the body to provide protection. A medical bracelet can be covered by a tight wrist guard and similarly, a medical necklace can be sufficiently padded.

H. Hijab

- On 3 March 2012, IFAB agreed in principle to overturn the decision it took in 2007 and will now allow women footballers to wear a Hijab or headscarf when they play football. A final ruling will be made on or about 2 July 2012.

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Competition Rules

The Hijab or headscarf may be worn by female players subject to the following:

1. That the Hijab is the same tonal colour as the main colour of the player's shirt;
2. It shall not create a danger to either the wearer or any other player; and
3. Referees are not permitted to check the affixing of the Hijab and under no circumstances **touch the garment.**

I. **Other**

- Modern protective equipment such as headgear, facemasks and knee and arm protectors made of soft, lightweight padded material are not considered dangerous and are therefore permitted.