

PARKES AND DISTRICT AMATEUR SOCCER ASSOCIATION INCORPORATED BY-LAWS

1. This competition shall be conducted by the committee who shall be: Association Executive Officials and two (2) delegates from each club with teams in the Parkes and District Amateur Soccer Assoc Inc Competition.

2. (a) All games shall be played under the rules as laid down and amended by F.I.F.A. except as otherwise stated in these rules.

(b) Duration of games shall be:

U/6 and U/7	15 minutes each way
U/8 and U/9	20 minutes each way
U/10 to U/12	25 minutes each way
U/13 to U/14	30 minutes each way
U/15 to U/16	30 minutes each way
U/12 Girls	25 minutes each way
U/14 Girls	30 minutes each way
U/16 Girls & Open Ladies	30 minutes each way

(c) Ball sizes shall be:

U/6 to U/9	Size 3
U/10 to U/13	Size 4
U/16 Girls to Open Ladies	Size 5

3. NOMINATION

(a) Nominations shall be called for in single ages from 5 to 17 years, Under 12 Girls, Under 14 Girls, Under 16 Girls and Open Ladies each year and some method of competing for the perpetual trophies already in existence will be decided by the committee. Where appropriate, individual trophies shall be awarded subject to a maximum of 16 trophies per team. Individual trophies shall not be awarded when less than 4 teams have been nominated for a single age division. All Open Ladies players must play using assigned FFA numbers

(b) Each club nominating teams in the competitions conducted by this Association shall affiliate with the Association in accordance with clause 3 of the Association's Constitution. Each club shall complete an official nomination form for each team so nominated and the name of the team Manager. All teams so nominated shall be limited to a maximum of 16 registered players at any one time with Open Ladies sides being allowed to register a maximum of 20 registered players.

Exceptions: i Teams nominated for the under 6, 7 and 8 years divisions where separate rules apply.

ii Under 10s

iii Teams physically located outside the Parkes town area.

- (b) Nominations at beginning of season for Open Ladies teams are to nominate division. Less than 15 teams = divide into 2 divisions, if more than 15 teams split into 3 divisions

4. COMPETITION POINTS

- (a) Points shall be allotted as follows

Win 4 points
 Draw 2 points
 Loss 1 point
 Forfeit Nil

(b) Where games have been washed out and there is no provision to reschedule the games then they will be treated as a draw. This also includes rescheduled games for that round.

(c) The team with the most points at the end of the preliminary rounds shall be Minor Premiers for the year and, together with the next three teams in order of points, shall be semi finalists, if finals and Grand Finals are to be played. Where teams are equal on points then the goal difference shall determine the relative positions.

(d) If Semi Finals shall be played the format shall be determined by the Competition Secretary each season depending on registration team numbers. The winner of the Grand Final shall be declared Champion and awarded such trophies as decided.

(e) All Semi Finals, Finals and Grand Final matches shall be played at Harrison Park, unless designated elsewhere by the P & DASA Inc Management Committee.

(f)(i)(a) Should no decision be forthcoming in all ages up to and including Under 14 boys/girls in Semi Finals or Finals at full time, Ten(10)minutes each way extra time shall be played. In extra time, corners will count, and if a decision is still not reached then the team that was higher on the points table will be declared the winner in the age groups from U/9's to U/14's boys/girls.

(i)(b) Should no decision be forthcoming in all ages from Under 15 boys/girls and above to Open Ladies in semi-finals, finals and Grand Finals at full time, 10 minutes each way extra time shall be played. If a decision is still not reached, penalty kicks as per referees chart will decide the winners.

(ii)(a) Should no decision be forthcoming in all ages up to and including Under 14 boys/girls in Grand Final at Full Time, ten (10) minutes each way extra time shall be played. In extra time corners will count and if a decision is still not reached then both teams will be declared joint premiers.

(g) For more than 6 teams - That the Encouragement trophy be played for by the last two (2) placed teams in the Under 12 division only.

(h) Open ladies teams that play in Grand Finals not to be charged referee fees with the Association to cover the costs.

5. PLAYER REGISTRATION

(a) All players shall be duly registered with the Association prior to taking the field of play for any competitive or non competitive match. Note: For the purposes of this rule "Duly Registered" means the receipt of the registration form by the Club registrar, and properly endorsed by the Association registrar.

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Any team fielding a player who has not been duly registered with the Association in accordance with the above rule prior to the commencement of a competition match shall be subject to forfeiture of any points gained by that team for the match in which the contravention occurred.

(b) Age determination will be as set down by Football N.S.W.

(c) A team playing a player who is unregistered, suspended, disqualified or ineligible in any way shall be deemed to have forfeited that game and the winning points will be allotted to the opposing team

(d) Clubs/Association shall not permit players under suspension or disqualification to take part in any match or act in any official capacity (referee, Linesman etc) connected with any competition.

(e) A player is eligible to play in a grade above that in which he/she is registered, subject to the following limitations:

- i. He/she plays only for the Club/Association with which he/she is registered.
- ii. He/she shall not play above the age group 2 years higher than the age group in which he/she is registered, and then only with the permission of his own coach.
- iii. He/she shall not play in the higher grade at the expense of players registered in the higher grade who are available to play. To play in Open Ladies she must be 15 years and above at the time of playing, once that player has played for that team they must remain with that side for the season.
- iv. He/she shall not play in the higher grade when matches coincide with matches in the age group in which he/she is registered.
- v. He/she shall be eligible to play in Semi Finals, Finals or Grand Finals in an age group other than that in which he/she is registered provided that he/she plays four (4) games or more for that side during the current season.
- vi. Under 6, 7 are allowed to play in any non competitive age group above their age to Under 8.
- vii. Under 8 are eligible to also play in Under 9 and Under 10 ONLY.

PENALTY

Any team found to be in contravention of this rule shall be subject to forfeiture of any points gained by the team for the match in which the contravention occurred.

(f) Any club that has only one team entered into the competition, may be eligible to play a junior up in that division.

(g) Clubs receiving player registrations which are excess to team requirements vide rule 3 (b) shall refer such registrations to the Association. The Association shall allocate the players concerned to another club or where appropriate, form a team comprised of those players, such team to be known as Parkes United.

(h) To be eligible to play in Semi Finals, Finals or Grand Finals all players must be registered with that team and must have participated in three or more competition games for that particular team in the current season. The onus of proof that the player did actually take part on the field during the match rests with the club concerned. For the purposes of this rule "participation" shall not include matches for which a forfeit is received or matches for a different competition such as knockouts or Centenary cup matches.

(i) When a player seeks to play or play up into a L A S A Inc run Competition, he/she may play in to the next age division having first fulfilled his/her commitments to his/her own side. If playing in L A S A Inc run competition, said players are governed by L A S A Inc competition by-laws.

5B. TEAM REGISTRATION

(a) Each team must supply a P&D.A.S.A.Inc, team registration form, completed and returned to the P&D.A.S.A.Inc Registrar or Secretary prior to or no later than the commencement of the 3rd Competition round. Only those players registered are eligible to play. A late registered player cannot play until their name is on the official registration form and in the hands of the P&D.A.S.A.Inc, Registrar or Secretary, 48 hours prior to the game. Failure to comply with this rule will bring a penalty of disqualification to the offending team. A letter to be written to Club informing same.

(b) All registration forms to be signed by Secretary or Registrar from respective Clubs.

(c) (i) A club team must have no more than four (4) current representative players from their respective age divisions.

(ii) Club teams who play more than four (4) representative players shall be awarded no competition points

(iii) This rule would only apply to clubs which have two (2) or more teams in their age division

(iv) Definition of a representative player, one who has been listed on a team card for representative matches.

6. TRANSFERS

(a) No new transfers from clubs within Western Football NSW nor new registrations will be permitted after the 15th June each year.

(b) No player who during a current season has been registered with an Association not affiliated with Western Football NSW will be eligible for registration unless the said player holds a clearance to be endorsed by the Executive of Management Committee.

(c) No registered player shall transfer from one member club\age group to another member club/age group during the current season on more than one occasion.

7. FORFEITS

(a) Any team forfeiting a match must notify the competition Secretary and coach of the opposing team 48 hours prior to the match.

(b) Any team failing to notify the Match Secretary of a forfeit will be liable to a fine of \$100 plus an additional \$40.00 and the referee's fees for the match. Where special circumstances exist an appeal against the fine may be made to the appeals committee as set out in the constitution. The fee payable for such hearing will be \$100 which \$90.00 may be refunded if the appeal is upheld.

(c) If neither team can field sufficient players no points shall be awarded for the match and each club shall be treated under the provisions of rule 7 (b).

(d) Any team not appearing on the field within ten minutes of the scheduled starting time shall forfeit the match. A team must appear with at least seven players, or five players in a seven or nine aside competition.

(e) Any team forfeiting a game through its players being otherwise engaged in matches of lesser quality, that is, social or similar fixtures, may be suspended or otherwise penalised, depending on the circumstances in each case.

(f) If any team forfeits by improper means on more than three (3) occasions they be excluded from the competition

8. INTERCHANGE

Each team will be permitted to make unlimited interchanging of players during a game provided that the interchanging player's name is on the match card. No names may be added to the card after the commencement of the second half.

Interchange procedure shall be as follows:

(a). Interchange Zone will be an area one metre either side of the half-way zone.

(b). An interchange is one which is made when the ball is out of play, and for which the following conditions shall be observed;

(i) The player leaving the field shall do so from the side line crossing over at the sector called the interchange zone.

(ii) The player entering the field shall do so from the interchange zone, but not until the player leaving the field has completely passed over the side line.

(iii) A player nominated for interchange shall be subject to the authority and jurisdiction of the referee whether called upon to play or not.

(iv) The interchange is complete when the player who was off the field enters the field. From this moment they become a player and the player whom they replace ceases to be a player.

(c). The number of interchanges made during a match is unlimited. A player who has been replaced may return to the field for another player.

(d). If during an interchange an interchange player enters the field before the replaced player has completely left the field the referee shall ensure that the replaced player leaves the field then caution the interchange player and then restart the game.

(e). If during an interchange, an interchange player enters the field or a replaced player leaves the field from a place other than the interchange zone, the referee shall caution the offending player or players.

(f). The interchange of players will cease at the completion of normal and extra time.

9. SEND OFF AND CAUTIONS & P & DC (Protests and Disputes Committee)

(a) The Disciplinary Committee shall be authorised to suspend, fine, reprimand, caution or otherwise penalise any Player/Official/s or Teams whom they consider have breached the rules of the game or the tournament, or have by their action brought the game into disrepute.

(b) In all cases where P&DC are required to convene it shall consist of no less than three persons plus P&DC Chairman.

(c) Where a player has been sent from the field the said player shall be automatically suspended from that players next scheduled Competition Game (Local or State). Such player will also be ineligible to play in a higher grade or age until suspension is served. This is not subject to appeal. An appeal may be made against the severity of the sentence if the sentence is more than the automatic sentence. (Forfeits, abandoned, deferred, washout games not played are not included as next scheduled game).

(d) Players sent off will receive suspensions in accordance with the adopted guidelines of suspensions as listed by Football NSW which are attached.(see Annexure "A"). Players/Clubs have the right to appeal a suspension or severity of a suspension.

(e) The Chairman of the P&DC may, on receipt of the send off report, request the player to appear before the P&DC prior to being able to resume playing.

(f) (i) Where a player receives four (4) yellow cards during the competition the player shall be automatically suspended from that players next game (Local or State). Such player will also be ineligible to play in a higher grade until suspension is served.

(ii) Each time a player receives a further two (2) yellow cards (after having previously accumulated 4 yellow cards) that player will be automatically suspended from that players next two (2) competition matches (Local or State) with suspensions

being doubled for every two (2) further yellow cards received after that and that players may be called in to face P&DC Committee depending on the offences.

(g) It is each clubs responsibility to keep a record of the number of infringement cards accumulated by each player. Clubs may request from the Competition Secretary, a check of their records to that of the Competition Secretary.

(h) Players [reference 14 (e) to (g)] The decisions of the Committee is final and not subject to an appeal to any other authority.

(i) Having been cited and failing to appear, a player shall be suspended until he appears.

(j) (i) All appeals to be in writing with the enclosed fee of \$200.00 (\$50.00 of this fee is non-refundable) addressed to the Secretary within 72 hours of prior verdict.

(ii) Any further appeals will be directed to Western Football NSW P&DC Chairman

(k) Suspended players will be notified by the Competition Secretary contacting the players Team and/or Club Official by phone and in writing and advising details of suspension. Competition Secretary to advise Registrar plus nominated contact person on official team registration form.

10. REFEREES/MATCH CARDS

(a) The match card shall be filled in by the team manager prior to the start of the game. All cards are to remain in the control/referees room prior to the match. Full names must be printed on the card in block letters, with a pen, not pencil or felt tip pen. Failure to follow correct procedure will result in a loss of competition points.

(b) The match card must be signed by the manager.

(c) When a player is playing up a division then Junior is to be marked next to their name on the match card.

(d) The home teams should notify the competition secretary of the results of the matches no later than 7.00pm on the Saturday of the weekend on which the matches were played. Failure to follow correct procedures, will result in each home team to lose 3 competition points.

(e) The home teams are responsible for the match cards being delivered to the competition secretary as soon as possible, post dated by the next working day after the games. Failure to follow correct procedure will result in the Club being fined \$100.00.

(f) All match cards for Open Ladies must have FFA Numbers shown, signatures will only be accepted if a new player has been registered and have not received an FFA Number. Failure to follow correct procedures will result in loss of points.

11. PLAYING COLOURS

(a) All players in all matches must appear in proper football uniform, Shorts, Shirts and Socks in the Club's colours. Goalkeepers are to wear colours distinguishing them from other players and the referee. Players must not wear anything which can be dangerous to others in accordance with FIFA laws of the game

(b) All teams participating in P&DASA Inc matches must register their colours with the Association for approval. Permission to change colours must first be obtained from the Association.

(c) In the event of teams having the same colour the home team must change. In the case of the game being played on neutral grounds both teams must change

12. REFEREES AND GROUNDS

(a) All referees and assistant referees must be appointed by the Parkes Referees Branch Appointments officer. **IF ASSISTANT REFEREES ARE NOT APPOINTED THE CLUBS INVOLVED SHOULD PROVIDE ONE ASS/REF EACH.** The Parkes Referee Branch may request local referees' Associations to appoint referee and asst/ref or make other arrangements for provision of referees and asst/ref as required. In the event of a dispute or protest by clubs or Associations over such appointments the final decision will rest with the executive.

(b) Goal nets and corner flags must be provided for all matches. For matches played at Harrison Park it is the responsibility of the Parkes teams in each age division to put up the nets and flags so that games can start on time. It is the responsibility of teams playing last to take down nets and flags and put them away.

(c) Teams consistently failing to erect or remove nets will be fined or have competition points deducted at the discretion of the executive.

13. Each team must supply one regulation football in playable condition for each match it plays.

14. FINES

All accounts, including fines, penalties etc forwarded to clubs by the M.C. or Referee's Association must be paid by required date. Failure to do so will render the club liable to suspension from the date on which the debt was incurred.

i. For the purpose of this rule, a fine or penalty is deemed to have been incurred on the date on which the relevant offence occurred.

ii. A suspension having been invoked under this rule shall not be lifted until payment in full of the relevant account is received by the Association.

iii. All teams must be financial prior to the commencement of the Semi-finals, if not, these teams will be ineligible to play.

iv. Any Club that is unfinancial as at 31st December, besides going on the unfinancial/suspended players list they also be fined \$500.00 which is non-refundable.

15. All Association cups and trophies shall remain the property of P&DASA Inc.

17. SPECIAL CONDITIONS FOR under 10s

That mini soccer applies to the Under 10s age group.

- (a) Under 8's be allowed to register 11 players with 9 players allowed on the field at any one time.
- (b) All free kicks shall be indirect
- (c) That all goal kicks, be taken from a point anywhere on the penalty arc.
- (d) All opposing players stand 5 metres away from any free kick, kick off etc.
- (e) Throw ins to be as FIFA rules except that players will be given two opportunities to throw in correctly. The second throw in shall be deemed to be correct throw in.
- (f) Full interchange of players is permitted at any stage, from a playing strength of the full playing numbers plus three.
- (g) i) There be no off side rule.
 ii) Deliberately placing players in an off side position is contrary to the spirit of the game and is to be actively discouraged.
- (h) All players must wear shin pads.
- (i) Any infringements within the penalty area are to be taken from a point on the arc closest to the infringement.
- (j) Normal field markings should include
 1. Touch lines and goal lines.
 2. A half way line
 3. A 6 metre arc each end of the field being a combined penalty/goal area.
- (k) When a referee is appointed no coaches or managers are to be on the field for the Under 8 division, if no referee then each coach/manager are to referee half a game each.

18. Small-Sided Rules For Under 9/10 age Group

They are football games designed especially for children with fewer players competing on small-size field. They are fun games that encourage players to have more contact with the ball because fewer players are playing in a smaller playing area. Small-sided Football meets the developmental needs of young football players whilst maintaining a strong focus on maximum participation and enjoyment.

Teams play 9 v 9 including goalkeeper. 2 x 25 minutes (half time break)

Maximum of three substitutes who may rotate during the entire game.

The coach or parent is allowed to make the substitutions while the ball is in play, but must wait until the substituted player has left the field.

Goalkeeper

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 goalkeeper is not allowed to kick or drop kick the ball directly from their hands. The ball must be thrown or rolled from the hands or played from the ground with their feet, within 6 seconds. Opponents must be at least 5m outside the penalty area and cannot move inside the penalty area until the ball is in play. The ball is in play once it moves out of the penalty area.

Throw-in

Players face the field of play, has part of each foot on the ground either on or behind the touch line, uses both hands and delivers the ball from behind and over their head. The thrower must not touch the ball again until it has touched another player. Opponents must be at least 5m away from the ball until it is in play. The ball is in play once it enters the field of play. A goal cannot be scored directly from a throw in.

Corner kick

A player from the attacking team places the ball inside the corner arc nearest to the point where the ball crossed the line. Opponents must be at least 5m away from the ball until it is in play. The ball is in play when it is kicked and moves. A goal may be scored directly from a corner kick.

Goal kick

From anywhere within the penalty area. Opponents remain at least 5m outside the penalty area until the ball is in play. The ball is in play once it is kicked directly out of the penalty area.

Offside

No offside

Coach/managers should strongly discourage players from permanently standing in blatant offside position.

Indirect free kicks

Are awarded for all acts of handball or fouls and misconduct. An indirect free kick is where a goal can be scored only if the ball subsequently touches another player before it enters the goal.

19. CANTEEN DUTY

Each parent of a specific child for juniors shall supply canteen assistance as requested on a rostered basis.

20. MEETINGS

Any club not represented by at least one (1) delegate at any compulsory meetings, that Club shall be fined a sum of \$150.00. All Clubs will be required to attend all meetings a year during Competition Rounds.

All Open Ladies teams nominating each season will be required to have delegates at Meetings. Failure to do so will result in a \$150.00 fine for every meeting not attended.

21. AFFILIATED CLUBS

All clubs playing in this Association to supply a list of their Executive as well as delegates for meetings to the Secretary within a calendar month of that Clubs AGM. This information is also required by L A S A Inc who are the Parent body.

22. TEAM DUTIES

Ground duty to be nominated to all teams throughout season. Junior teams to be rostered to do ground set up at the commencement of each week. Duties will include placement of garbage bins around grounds and nets to be placed at nominated fields. Open Ladies to be rostered to do ground pack up in which duties will be to return all garbage bins back to designated lock up area. Return all net bins to net room. Make sure grounds are left in a clean neat and tidy fashion. All teams will be rostered down to do canteen duty throughout the year.

23. Any complaint/complaints regarding anything must be in writing and concerned parties must be present at meeting before complaints will be heard. These meetings will be called by the Executive.

24. Every Club to abide by the adopted Code of Conduct.

25. All teams are responsible for making sure that grounds are left in a clean condition after their games are finished. They are also responsible for the taking down of one (1) net each, placing them and flags in bins provided and returning them to the control room at the completion of their game if they are the last teams playing and the match card is so marked in regards to nets being taken down. Failure to comply with these conditions will result in offending teams being fined \$150.00

26. REPRESENTATIVE/CARNIVAL SIDES

(a) When players are invited to try out for these sides they may make themselves available for their own age group irrespective of whether they play in a higher age division throughout the season.

(b) When sides nominate for carnivals and nomination fee has already been forwarded, those teams that forfeit these carnivals will be responsible for re-imbursing the nomination fee back to the Association.