



**FAR SOUTH COAST FOOTBALL
ASSOCIATION**

**COMPETITION
MATCH RULES
&
BY-LAWS**

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Handbook - 2018

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BY-LAWS and DISCIPLINARY MATTERS

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Far South Coast Football Association

Competition Match Rules

Part One – COMPETITION FORMAT

1.1 Alterations of Match Rules

The regulations contained in this document shall be subject to alteration only by the Management Committee of the Far South Coast Football Association (FSCFA), provided that all alterations are made 30 days prior to the commencement date of the competition.

1.2 Affiliation

Clubs deemed to be affiliated with the FSCFA are (together with their grounds):

- Bega (George Griffin Oval) (Bega Primary Ground)
- Bemboka (Colombo Park)
- Eden (Eden Soccer Ground)
- Mallacoota (Mallacoota Oval)
- Merimbula (Berrambool Sporting Complex)
- Pambula (Pambula Oval)
- Tathra (Tathra Beach Country Club)
- Wolumla (Wolumla Sports Ground)

Other grounds may be used from time to time, with the expressed approval of the FSCFA Management Committee and in conjunction with the Far South Coast Football Referees Association (FSCFRA) to ensure ground safety and size compliance.

1.3 Fees

Fees shall be determined by the management committee prior to the start of the competition.

1.4 Purpose of Competitions

The purpose of these competitions shall be to find the FSCFA Premier and Minor Premier of each Age Group.

1.5 Entry Closing date

The closing date for entry into the FSCFA Premiership will be 10 days after the March general meeting to add/delete team nominations submitted at the meeting.

1.6 Format of Premiership

The format of the Premiership shall, unless otherwise determined by the AGM, be home and away with Semi-Finals, Finals and Grand Finals.

1.7 Rules of Games

All games shall be played under the rules laid down and amended by the *FIFA Laws of the Game* except as otherwise stated in these rules.

1.8 Supply of Competition Match Rules

All Clubs shall be issued with a copy of the *FSCFA Competition Match Rules and By Laws*, receipt of which shall be regarded as sufficient proof that its members are aware of all incurred responsibilities. It is the Clubs responsibility to inform its members of any amendments as soon as they receive their copy. These rules may also be available electronically.

Part Two – Registrations

2.1 General

- a. All players shall be registered in accordance with the constitution of FSCFA and the FFA.
- b. **Under 7's - Under 16's:** Each Club shall submit a Player Registration Team Sheet for each team in the competition to the FSCFA Registrar two (2) days prior to the commencement of the season.
- c. **All age Men and Women:** Each Club shall submit a **SIGNED** Players Registration/Team sheet for each squad in the competition to the FSCFA Registrar two (2) days prior to the commencement of the season.
- d. Penalties will apply for late submission. A player who's name or signature does not appear on the team sheet by the deadlines as specified in these FSCFA Competition Match Rules and By-Laws will be deemed as unregistered, and therefore treated as an Illegal player.

2.2 Initial Registrations

All completed registrations taken at the beginning of each season shall be in the hands of the FSCFA Registrar at least 2 days prior to the commencement of any sanctioned matches.

2.3 Final Registrations

- a. No transfers of players will be accepted by the FSCFA Registrar after July 31st each year. Acceptance of such registrations shall only be with approval of the FSCFA Executive.
- b. No Player registration will be accepted after June 30th each year. Players must be financial to clubs within FSCFA by June 30th each year. No Pay, No Play.

2.4 Late Registrations

Once competition has commenced, late Registration Forms must be received by the FSCFA Registrar, or a member of the FSCFA Executive, by **6pm on the Friday** preceding the player's first match. Players whose Registration Form has not been received in accordance with this rule will be deemed unregistered and Clubs will be penalised as in rule 4.8.

2.5 Registration ages for teams

"Under" Age competitions: age qualifications are whatever age a player turns in that competition year (28th April to 31st Dec). This will determine the Age Group that the player is to be registered in. e.g. where a player turns 10 between 28th April to 31st Dec, he/she shall be registered as an Under 10 player.

Minimum age: Players must turn 5 years of age during the season to register.

All Age competitions: Male players must have turned 16 years of age to be able to take the field or play up in any All Age Men's' competition game as per FNSW rules. Female players must have turned 15 years of age to be able to take the field or play up in any Ladies

2.6 Registration Disputes

Should an opposing club query the legality of a player's registration, it shall be the responsibility of the Club concerned to supply to the FSCFA committee within two days, evidence to prove that the player(s) were registered and comply with the registration rules. Failure to do so will automatically deem the player(s) unregistered and the penalty of "loss of competition points" for the offending player(s) team will apply.

Part Three – TRANSFERS

3.1 Transfers

No transfers from Clubs within the FSCFA will be permitted after the July 31st each year.

3.2 Transfer Clearance

Any player transferring from one Club to another within the FSCFA shall obtain written clearance from the Club and notify the FSCFA Secretary in writing. All requests for transfers must be completed by 6pm on the Friday before the first competition round. In the case of late registrations (prior to June 30) transfer requests must be obtained by 6pm on Friday before the players first competition match. Any player not transferred within these rules, will be deemed an illegal player and will result in the "Loss of 3 Competition points". Any registered player who seeks and is refused a clearance from his/her Club may appeal, in writing, to the FSCFA Executive for permission to transfer to another Club.

3.3 Transfer Condition

Any player shall be free to transfer to another Club providing:

- He/she is financial in every way with his/her Club and the FSCFA

- He/she does not hold any Club equipment.

- He/she is not suspended by his/her Club or the FSCFA.

- He/she is not required to apologise to any Club or FSCFA officials.

Part Four – Players Qualifications

4.1 Playing Up a Grade

If a player plays in any Age Group higher than his/her own Age Group for three consecutive games without breaking that sequence by playing in his/her own Age Group, he/she must then remain in the higher Age Group and forfeit his/her right to play in his/her own Age Group.

4.2 Playing up a Grade – Match Card

A player may play two legal years up in a grade, provided he/she is registered with the same Club and the match card is marked for the FSCFA Competition Secretary's attention. A player playing above his/her own Age Group, e.g. an Under 10 playing up in an Under 12 game, should be marked as "S10". i.e. Substitute from the Under 10's.

4.2 a Should a player be required to play above their own age group, they must be NO more than 2 years above their own age. eg: A player may not play in an U14's competition until the player has turned 12.

4.3 More than one Team in an Age Group

Clubs with more than one team in an Age Group must nominate the team name on the Player Registration Sheet. There will be no transfer of players between same age teams. Where a player is from the same club and same age group, that player shall be deemed an illegal player.

If a team requires substitutes, they must draw reserves from lower grades. e.g. Under 10's must draw from Under 8's if there is no Under 9 competition.. but must comply with rule 4.2a.

4.5 Team Byes - Players

A player playing up after having a bye that day in his/her own Age Group, is in accordance with the match rules.

4.6 Semi-final Qualifications

A player must play at least three games with a team in normal competition matches to qualify with a team in the Final Series. This does not include external matches or Semi-Final and Final matches.

4.7 Reserve Grade Qualifications

To qualify to play for Reserve Grade in Finals matches, a player from First Grade must have played at least half of the Reserve Grade season in the Reserve Grade team, or be a genuine Reserve Grade player as determined by the FSCFA Executive.

4.8 Illegal Players

Any teams found guilty of playing an illegal player will be deemed to have forfeited the game in which the offence occurred, as per Rule 12.1. A fine may be imposed, set by the FSCFA Management Committee.

4.9 Representative Qualifications

To qualify to play in a FSCFA representative team, players must register or intend to register with a team as per Section 1.2 – Affiliations and play a minimum of FIVE games in the calendar year

Part Five – Players Regulations

5.1 Number of Reserves

The number of reserves permitted per team per game is a maximum of five.

5.2 Interchange

Unlimited interchange of players is allowed at any time during a game. This is to apply to all/any Age Groups. This is to work in conjunction with Rule 4.1 including play-offs, Semis, Finals and Grand Finals. All players who are to be used as replacements must have their names on the match card prior to the match commencing. A player who has been replaced may return to the field of play for another player during normal time and extra time. Interchange is not permitted during penalty kicks required to obtain a result.

5.3 Game Duration

Game duration shall be as follows:

Under 6 & 7	15 minute equal halves
Under 8 & 9	20 minute equal halves
Under 10 & 12	25 minute equal halves
Under 14	30 minute equal halves
Under 16	35 minute equal halves
Ladies	35 minute equal halves
Reserve Grade	35 minute equal halves
All Age Men's	45 minute equal halves
Half time interval is 5 minutes.	

5.4 Ball Size

Ball sizes are as follows:

- Under 6 to 9 - Size 3
- Under 10 to 13 - Size 4

5.5 Supply of Match Balls

Home teams or host clubs must supply two correct sized balls at the commencement of each game.

5.6 Corner Kicks

Corner kicks shall be as follows:

Under 9, & 10 to be taken at the appropriate mark on the modified field.

Under 12 to be taken from a point 7.5 meters outwards from the penalty box line on the goal line.

All other ages from the correct spot.

5.7 Goal Kicks

Goal kicks shall be taken as follows:

Under 9 and 10: As per the Optus Small Sided Games Handbook.

Under 12 and up: as per the FIFA laws of the game.

Part Six – Players Equipment

6.1 Uniform

- a. All players in all matches must appear in proper football uniform, i.e.; shirts, shorts and socks in their Club colours.
- b. Goalkeepers must wear a coloured shirt that is different in colour with the opposition colours and/or the colours of his/her own team. Goalkeepers are also allowed to wear shorts and socks different to their own and opposition team.
- c. Players must not wear anything that could be dangerous to other players, this includes plaster casts, whether covered/padded or not. This also includes accessories such as bangles and hair clips. No hair clips, bobby pins or rigid hair bands are allowed. Hair bands must be made of a soft material. All jewellery must be removed before a player can take the field as per the *referees handbook* and *FIFA Laws of the Game*. Only approved safety sport glasses are to be worn on the field, no metal or plastic eye wear will be permitted. All jewellery and Body Piercings must be removed prior to kick-off, NO tapping of items will be permitted.

6.2 Shirt Numbers

Shirts must have numbers on the back of all competitive age groups and these numbers are to correspond with the players' names on the team sheets.

6.3 Shin Pads / Boots

All players must wear approved shin pads underneath their socks. This applies to match play and training sessions alike. All footwear must be in accordance with the *Referees Handbook*.

6.4 Clash of Strips

When there is a clash of team colours, the away team is to use an alternative strip when circumstances arise.

6.5 Advertising on Shirts

Advertising of an appropriate nature, subject to approval by the FSCFA will be permitted on team shirts. No tobacco, alcohol or sports betting advertising will be permitted on any strip.

Part Seven – CLUB GROUNDS

7.1 Ground Condition

In wet weather Clubs should check with their Local Council whether fields are available for use. In the case of a sudden change of weather outside of Council hours, Club members will make a decision based on common sense and regard for the safety of players.

7.2 Field Marking

Home Clubs at each game will be responsible for seeing that the field/fields are correctly marked and nets in place prior to the start of play. No advertising on goal nets or goals is permitted.

7.3 First Aid Kits

All home Clubs are to have a First Aid Kit on hand at all games.

7.4 Ground Marshall

It is the home clubs responsibility to appoint 2 Ground Marshalls. He/she must wear official identification and be generally in charge of affairs on the ground. It is the responsibility of visiting teams to report any problems they may have (other than Referees decisions) to the Ground Marshall. During Finals it is the responsibility of each team to supply a ground marshall for the duration of their match. The home ground will supply identification vests.

Part Eight – Termination of Matches

8.1 Abandonment of Games

Abandonment of games due to weather conditions, must be replayed before the end of the season. Time, date & venue will be advised by the FSCFA Competition Secretary.

8.2 Termination by Outside Interference

Should the game being played be terminated due to outside interference (e.g. spectators) a full report will be sent to the FSCFA Secretary by the Referee within 72 hours. This matter will be discussed by the FSCFA Executive Committee at the earliest possible date.

8.3 Termination due to Mass Walk Off

Any team which causes a match to be determined before its natural conclusion, through mass walk off or refusal to allow play to continue, shall be deemed to have committed a serious misconduct against the FSCFA and shall be liable to such penalties as shall be determined by the FSCFA Executive and/or the Management Committee. In such cases the team guilty of the walk off shall be deemed to have lost the match and the game shall be treated as a 0-5 loss unless the score is greater at the time of the walk off.

8.4 Forfeits Time Limits

Any team forfeiting a match must notify the FSCFA Competition Secretary and a member of the opposing Club at least 48 hours prior to the match if possible.

8.5 Forfeits Referees Fees

Where a team forfeits a game without 48 hours' notice to the FSCFA Secretary, that team is responsible for the payment of the Referees fees in total.

8.6 Forfeits Late Commencement

Any team not taking the field within 10 minutes of the scheduled starting time shall forfeit the match. A team must consist of at least seven players one of which must be the goalkeeper. In the event of the game starting within the period of grace, the game shall be shortened by the number of minutes the kick off was delayed. Both halves shall be of equal duration. Any Club that, without just cause, fails to play its fixtures as scheduled, may forfeit the points to the opposing team.

8.7 Forfeits Illegal Players

Where a team uses illegal players in a match, that team shall forfeit that match. In such cases the team forfeiting the match shall be treated as a 0-3 loss (i.e. points/goals awarded to the opposition) unless that team had lost the game by a goal difference of three goals or more, in which case, the original result stands.

8.8 Deferred Games

No games shall be deferred or altered by mutual agreement between coaches or Clubs unless approval has been given by a meeting of the FSCFA Executive, who shall determine the date by which such a game must be completed. The draw secretary will notify the date & times of all games. The failure of an official Referee to officiate at a match will not be regarded as sufficient grounds for a match to be deferred. Failure to comply with this rule shall be sufficient reason to declare the match abandoned and no points will be awarded for the match.

Part Nine – MATCH CARDS

9.1 Match Cards

Home or host clubs are responsible for the supply of Match Cards. Match cards must be collected from the home ground canteen and filled in prior to the game commencing. All players who are taking part in the game are to be listed on the match card. Players in U13's up to U16's do not have to sign the match card, but the coach must sign across the signature section of the card. All age Men and Ladies must sign the Match Card beside their printed name. No additional names will be accepted after the game has commenced. Any registered player whose signature does not appear on the match card and plays in a competition game shall be subject to fines as per competition by laws. Any player whose name does not appear on the competition match card shall be deemed an illegal player.

Match cards must be signed by the coach/manager of both teams at the completion of the game to ensure the score is correct and the team listed on the left hand side is the home side.

Match cards filled in on the wrong side will be subject to a fine by each offending team.

9.2 Return of Match Cards

It is the referee's responsibility to return match cards to the club's ground office/canteen by the completion of the day's scheduled matches, or penalties will apply.

Home or Host Clubs will be responsible for seeing that the match cards for each game are returned to the FSCFA Registrar at each FSCFA general meeting following the games played.

Failure to return match cards by the designated time will result in the offending Club being fined for each card not received.

9.3 Alteration of Match Cards

No "white-out" is to be used on any official match card. A fine and loss of competition points will be incurred if a team has any white-out on it at all on receipt by the FSCFA Registrar.

9.4 Notification of Results

It shall be the responsibility of the Home/Host Club to send results to the FSCFA Registrar by 7pm on match day. Penalties Apply.

9.5 Marking of Match Cards

Official match cards used in all competition games shall be printed in black or blue ball point pen by

Part Ten – Referees and Match fees

10.1 Setting of Fees

All games are to be Refereed and if by a qualified Referee, fees are to be set annually by the Far South Coast Football Referees Association (FSCFRA) Inc.

10.2 Referees Appointments

- a Generally, the Referees will be appointed to the various games or Clubs by the Far South Coast Referees Appointment Officer.
- b Should an official Referee not be available at the nominated time for any game, then the Home Team should appoint a replacement Referee.
- c Where the officially appointed Referee arrives when a game is in progress, the replacement Referee should be notified during a stoppage in play and the official Referee take charge of the game.
- d Should both coaches be unable to agree on the appointment of a Referee, a Referee must then be appointed by the Ground Marshall and the game played under protest. The back of the team sheet should be noted accordingly by the Ground Marshall and the back of the team sheet signed by both team managers. The matter will then be dealt with by the FSCFA Management Committee.

10.3 Payment of Fees – Home Matches

It is the home Clubs responsibility that when an appointed official Referee officiates in a match they will pay the fees to the FSCFRA. The team listed on the left hand side of the draw is regarded as the home side regardless of the venue.

10.4 Payment of Fees – Neutral Ground

In the event that a game set by the FSCFA is to be played at a neutral ground, the Referee's fees are to be shared at 50% each (with the exception of Semi-Finals, Finals and Grand Finals.)

10.5 Payment of Fees – Finals and Grand Finals

The FSCFA will pay 50% of FSCRA Fees , excluding Grand Finals, with the hosting club responsible for paying the remaining 50%.

Part Eleven – Spectators and Coaches

11.1 Entry to Field of Play

No spectators are to enter the field of play for the duration of the game. The coach/manager is the only person allowed to enter the field and may only enter during play to attend to an injured player with the permission from the referee

11.2 Position of Coaches and Spectators

NO coaches or spectators are permitted behind the goals, as to distract the goal keeper. Coaches, managers and players are to remain inside the technical area for the duration of the game. No spectators are permitted in the technical area.

11.3 Parents

All parents are requested to assist in the running of FSCFA competitions by becoming aware of the rules of the game and the FSCFA Competition Match Rules and By-Laws.

Part Twelve – points, competition format and finals

12.1 Points Allocation

Points will be awarded as follows:

Win	3 points
Draw	1 points
Loss	0 points
Win on forfeit	3 points plus 3 goal credit.
Loss on forfeit	0 points plus 3 goal debit
Bye	0 points

A maximum score difference of 10 goals to be recorded for all Age Groups under 16.

12.2 Competition Results

The competition will conclude with Semi-Finals, Finals and Grand-Finals. The four teams with the top point scores in each Age Group will contest the Finals Series. Where points are equal, the team with the greater goals for and against difference will receive the higher position. If goal difference is still equal, then the team having scored most goals for will take the higher position. If still equal, then a play-off will take place for fourth position, which will be decided as per rule 12.4. The team receiving No1 position will be declared the Minor Premiers. The Finals Series will be as follows:

- a. 1 v 2 and 3 v 4 in Semi Finals
- b. Winner of 1 v 2 to Grand Final, loser to play winner of 3 v 4 in the Final
- c. The loser of 3 v 4 is out of the competition for that year
- d. Winner of Final between loser of 1 v 2 and winner of 3 v 4 will proceed to the Grand Final and the loser is out of the competition for that year
- e. The winner of the Grand Final will be known as the FSCFA Premiership winner and the loser will be known as the Runner-up.

12.3 Semi-Finals and Finals Drawn Games

If a game is drawn at completion of normal playing time, extra time will be as follows:

- a. Age Groups U14 years and up shall play an extra 10 minutes each way. If the game is still drawn at the completion of extra time then penalty kicks shall take place, (as per the *Referees Laws of the Game*: Rule 12.5
- b. Age Group U13 shall play an extra 5 minutes each way. The Manager/Coach in this Age Group can, if he/she wishes, come onto the field of play to direct players in the correct procedure for penalty kicks.

12.4 Play-Off for Fourth Place

- a. Team positions shall be determined by points gained and by goals for and against. In circumstances where the team in fourth position is equal on points with a team/ or teams below that position, a play-off will then be played between those teams for outright fourth position.
- b. If a play-off match is to be held, it will be played at a neutral field and on a date to be set by the FSCFA.
- c. The FSCFA will incur all Referees fees requested by FSCFRA for official Referees involved in the play-off.
- d. If the match is a draw at the end of normal time, extra time will be played and then penalty kicks if still no result.

12.5 Penalty Kicks after Extra Time

- a. Penalty kicks shall consist of each team alternatively taking 5 penalty kicks. At the completion of the 5 kicks the team having scored the most goals shall be declared the winner. If before both teams have taken 5 kicks one team has scored more goals than the other could from their 5 kicks the taking of further kicks will cease and the team having scored the most goals declared the winner.
- b. If both teams have scored equal goals after 5 penalty kicks, both teams shall continue to take alternative kicks until one misses. In this instance, both teams must complete the same number of kicks.
- c. No player is to take more than 1 penalty kick until all of the players on the field have taken a penalty kick.
- d. No member of either team is permitted to leave the field of play until a result has been achieved.
- e. Interchange players and officials are not allowed onto the field until a result has been achieved, except as in Rule 12.3, clause ii.
- f. Both teams shall have an equal number of players on the field during penalty kicks.

12.6 Goal Difference

Where the goal difference is taken into account, the manner in which it shall be arrived at is:

The number of goals against shall be subtracted from the number of goals for. The highest resultant figure shall be deemed to have the best goal difference.

If the goal difference is equal, the team scoring the MOST goals will be determined the winner.

If the goal difference and number of goals is equal between teams, then a play-off will determine the winner as in rule 12.4.

Part Thirteen - DISPENSATIONS

13.1 Application for dispensation

All applications in writing for dispensation are to be received by the FSCFA Secretary to be put before the FSCFA Management Committee for consideration at the April General Meeting.

Dispensations granted after the April General Meeting will be at the committee's discretion.

13.2 Circumstances

Players/Parents may apply to their club for dispensation for legitimate medical conditions (treating doctor reports may be requested) or for genuine player safety based on playing capability. Discretionary dispensations may be granted for genuine cases only. Clubs will provide evidence to support their request for dispensation.

13.3 Conditions

Any player granted dispensation must play in the nominated team for the season. No dispensated player can play for another higher age group as a reserve/substitute player. Any breach of this condition will result in a loss of competition points for the offending team.

END

Far South Coast Football Association By-Laws

Disciplinary Matters

1. JUDICIARY / DISCIPLINARY / APPEALS COMMITTEES:

- (a) The FSCFA executive will have the absolute power to determine penalties, following the receipt of a sendoff report from the FSCFRA. Penalties may be more or less than the penalties in Section 7, as they are provided as a guide only.
- (b) 2 Members of the FSCFA Executive will review the referee report/s provided and determine the penalty to be served, the player will not be required to appear, unless requested to do so.
- (d) The player will be notified of any disciplinary action through his/her club within 7 days of the offence.
- (e) A red card in a competition match incurs an automatic one (1) match suspension(which is not appealable) notification of that suspension may be advised by the FSCFA Secretary. Any further disciplinary sanction above an automatic one match suspension will be notified within 7 days as per by-laws rule 1(d).
- (f) Should a player receive more than 1 match suspension they have a right of appeal, if:
The penalty is more than the minimum as per SECTION 7.
Should a penalty imposed be the minimum or less, no appeal will be heard.
Should the penalty be more than the minimum, the player may request in writing within 7 days of the penalty being imposed to the FSCFA Secretary to have their matter heard by a disciplinary committee to be convened by the FSCFA. The committee will consist of members of the FSCFA separate from the original penalty notice. No player is permitted to take the field whilst under disciplinary sanction.

2. SUSPENSIONS:

For the purpose of defining suspensions, competition fixtures shall be deemed to be any premiership competition fixture or Finals play-off actually controlled or organised by the FSCFA that the suspended parties' team actually participates in.

3. CAUTION & SEND OFF REPORT:

- (a) Such reports are to be completed by the match Referee and where possible any cautions and send offs noted on the official FSCFA Match Card. Where there are no cautions then NIL CAUTIONS should be entered on the Match Card, however: priority is given to caution and send off reports being received by FSCFA secretary no later than 72 hours post game finishing
- (b) Send off and caution reports from each match are to be sent by the FSCFRA so as to reach the FSCFA Comp. Secretary within seventy two (72) hours of the match. Reports not received by this time will not be dealt with.

4. PLAYERS SENT OFF

A player shall be sent from the field for the following sendoff offences as per referees report.

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

For the purpose of these Regulations reference to a player during a match

4. PLAYERS SENT OFF cont.....

- (a) All 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 FSCFA Executive Committee.
- (b) Each club whose player(s) were dismissed from the field of play will be contacted by the FSCFA Secretary. Clubs, where possible should be contacted on Thursday following the Sunday send off to notify the player he /she is facing automatic one game suspension. Should the sendoff be gained during a midweek game the player will automatically miss the next game, without notification.
- (c) Offences subject to suspension other than mandatory one week for sendoff may be challenged and the player has the following option:-
 - (1) Should the penalty be more than the minimum allowable, Challenge the penalty as per section 1f, if the player is found guilty he/she could be subject to a penalty greater than the minimum by one or more fixtures up to the maximum number of fixtures as prescribed in SECTION 7
- (e) Should a player challenge the suspension, the players Club shall be notified no less than forty eight (48) hours prior to Disciplinary Committee Meeting of the meeting day and place.
- (f) Players shall be deemed to have received notice from the Club as to the meeting day of the Disciplinary Committee.
- (g) If a player fails to attend the Disciplinary Committee meeting his/her hearing will be dismissed. The FSCFA Executive Committee original decision will stand and the player will be fined \$50.
- (h) In the event that a player challenges a determination by the Disciplinary Committee the only available option is to appeal to FNSW Southern Branch, in writing with the prescribed fee attached.
- (i) Players may be summoned to appear before the FSCFA Executive or Disciplinary Committee. Should they be requested to attend, that player shall be deemed suspended until such time as they appear and have had the matter dealt with.
- (j) Players failing to appear before the FSCFA Executive/Disciplinary Committee when requested to do so by will be considered suspended from playing until such time as their matter is dealt with by the FSCFA. That suspension will be indefinite.
- (k) A player serving a suspension cannot play for any other team while serving the suspension.
- (l) A player who has been sent from the field will not participate in another match on the same day.
- (m) Any suspension not served by a player by the end of one seasons will automatically carry over to the following season or when that player next registers.

5. POWERS OF THE DISCIPLINARY COMMITTEE

The Committee has the power to:

- (a) Consider the reports of Referees, assistant referees.
- (b) Decide if the offence is proved.
- (c) Determine and set whatever punishments or sanctions that it considers appropriate.

6. PUNISHMENT

The Disciplinary Committee has the right to consider:

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

7. PENALTIES

The FSCFA and Disciplinary Committee may impose penalties within the following guidelines:

The Disciplinary Panel are not bound by the penalties below, and may at their discretion, award penalties as they see fit.

**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 and guidelines Minimum and Maximum - These are to be used as a guide only.

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) Rugby Tackle 2 Fixtures - 8 Fixtures
- (c) Violent Charging 2 Fixtures - 8 Fixtures
- (d) Over the Ball Tackle 2 Fixtures - 12 Fixtures

R2 Violent conduct

R2 Expanded

- A (i) Head Butting 5 Fixtures - 24 Months
- (ii) Punching/Fighting 2 Fixtures - 8 Fixtures
- (iii) Kicking 2 Fixtures - 12 Fixtures

B (i) Elbowing 2 Fixtures - 16 Fixtures

R2 (B) Expanded

- B (ii) Elbowing to the Head 4 Fixtures - 16 Fixtures
- (iii) Elbowing to the Body 2 Fixtures - 10 Fixtures

C R3 - Spitting 8 Fixtures - 1 Year

D R4 – Denying an obvious goal scoring opportunity (handball) 1 Fixture - 4 Fixtures

E R5 – Denying 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

- (i) Indecent Actions 4 Fixtures - 20 Fixtures

G R7 - Second Caution 1 Fixture

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 and Maximum - These are to be used as a guide only

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. 3 Fixtures - 12 Fixtures

(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"

SECTION 'C' - Other offences by players and team officials - These are to be used as a guide only.

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

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

8. 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.

9. CLUBS AND MEMBERS

The FSCFA Executive Committee has the power to ask any club or their members to appear before the Disciplinary Committee.

10. PLAYER REPRESENTATION AT A DISCIPLINARY COMMITTEE MEETING.

(a) One club member only may represent a player at any Disciplinary Committee Meeting. Legal representation will not be permitted.

(b) A player under the age of 18 must be accompanied by their parent(s) or guardian.

(c) Player representation must conduct themselves in a responsible manner at all times.

11. SUSPENDED PLAYERS - TRIAL GAMES

A player under suspension for a number of competitive fixtures shall not be permitted to play in trial

12. MATCH CAUTIONS

- (a) A player shall be cautioned during the course of a match for the any offences determined by the appointed referee in accordance with the referee's powers and duties law 5 FIFA regulations laws of the game
- (b) There shall be no appeal against the receiving of a caution from the Referee.
- (e) Cautions may be noted on the official FSCFA Match Card by the Referee only where possible. Where there are no cautions then NIL CAUTIONS must be entered on the back of the official FSCFA Match Card by the Referee only
- (f) After an individual player has accumulated four (4) official cautions, the player shall Serve a one (1) fixture suspension. There shall be no appeal against a one (1) fixture suspension after receiving four (4) official cautions.
- (g) Any player who accumulates a further two (2) official cautions, making a total of six (6) shall be suspended for a further two (2) fixtures. The player must serve the two (2) fixture suspension in the club's next two (2) competition fixtures following the match in which the fifth (5) official cautions were received.
- (h) Any player who accumulates more than six (6) official cautions in any one season shall be called to appear before the Disciplinary Committee, who may apply further penalty, bond, fine 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 offence, the second Caution 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 7f and 7g.
- (k) Any club who is found to have played a player who is serving a suspension be fined the amount of \$250.00 and the match if won will be awarded to the opponents with the score line reading three goals to nil (3-0).
- (l) No club or player should automatically assume a player is cautioned. The FSCFA Secretary will advise and update clubs on cautioned players.
- (m) At the completion of the Premiership competition rounds, all players will start on zero (0) cautions for the finals. Suspension through cautions accumulated in the premiership will carry over to the final series then from the first competition game of the following season.

13. 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.

14. CAUTION SUSPENSIONS FROM PLAYING MULTIPLE AGE GROUPS.

A player who accumulates three (4) or more cautions playing in multiple age groups resulting in suspension must serve their suspension in the age group they are registered. The player must not play in any other age group before or on the days the suspension is being served.

15. ABANDONED MATCHES, CAUTIONS AND SEND OFFS

A caution issued during an abandoned match will not be annulled regardless if that match is replayed or not.

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

16. FINES & BONDS

The Judiciary Committee is also empowered to additionally place a player on a bond.

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.

18. VIOLENCE

All cases of violence will be severely punished.

19. UNABLE TO DETERMINE OFFENCE

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

20. USE OF VIDEO EVIDENCE

Video evidence can only be used at the discretion of the Disciplinary Committee.

21. APPEALS

(a) All appeals to a determination of the FSCFA Executive Committee are to be made to the Disciplinary Committee as described in by-laws rule 1f.

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.

23. BRINGING THE GAME INTO DISREPUTE Any club or person seen to be bringing the game into disrepute may be asked to appear before the FSCFA Executive Committee.

24. No club player or member of the Football association shall report on referee decisions in the media or name a referee accordingly or write, speak produce an article that insinuates a referee is at fault as this will be deemed to bring the game into disrepute and penalties will be sort by the judiciary against such clubs / players accordingly as per section 23 above.

25. Any rules not covered by the FSCFA Competition Match rules and FSCFA By-Laws will be taken from the FIFA Laws of the game for determination.

FSCFA Fines—2017 Season	Fine and Fees
Non Attendance of Club delegate to FSCFA meetings	\$50.00
Appeal Fee	\$150.00
Suspended Players for more than 1 fixture	\$50.00
Use of illegal players from another club or within own age divisions or Use of illegal or unregistered players (fine is per each game played)	\$250.00 + 3 competition points
Use of a registered player who has not signed the match card	\$50.00
Use of Under Age or Over Age players (fine is per each game played) U12's U13 & U14 U15 & U16 Reserves, All Age Women, First Grade	\$50.00 + 3 points \$100.00 + 3 points \$150.00 + 3 points \$250.00 + 3 points
Player who is not on the match card, but has played in the game.	\$250.00 + 3 competition points
Use of White Out/Liquid Paper on match cards	\$25.00
No identifiable Ground Marshall	\$20.00
Match Results reported late or loss of match cards Unreturned Match Cards by referees	\$25.00 \$25.00 per card
Match Cards filled out incorrectly	\$5.00
No Coach or Managers signature on match card	\$5.00
Non-Return of Trophies (each or replacement cost)	Min:\$100.00

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