



GERALDTON JUNIOR SOCCER
ASSOCIATION

REGULATIONS &
RULES OF COMPETITION
2020

SUB SECTION	POINT	GJSA REGULATIONS
SECTION 1 - ADMINISTRATION		
1.1		The Regulations and Rules of Competition of the Geraldton Junior Soccer Association shall be read in conjunction with the GJSA's Constitution and Disciplinary & Grievance Regulations.
1.2		Any motion resolved at a Management Committee meeting can be reintroduced at a Delegates Meeting.
1.3		The Management Committee from time to time, may request compulsory attendance to a Delegates Meeting. If a Club Delegate does not attend, an automatic acceptance of matters voted on, or discussed, will be submitted on the Delegates behalf. All agreements made are binding.
1.4		Each club upon acceptance as a Member Club with the GJSA shall be furnished with a copy of the GJSA Constitution (Rules of Association), it's Rules and its Regulations. Such shall be regarded as proof that they are aware of all the incurred responsibilities.
SECTION 2 - SUBSCRIPTION		
2.1		A club shall lodge payment of the Subscription Fee set by the GJSA no later than 14 days prior to the coming Annual General Meeting of that said year with the Secretary.
2.2		The Subscription Fee shall be accompanied by:
	2.2.1	Name and Loyalty of the Club
	2.2.2	Name of President, Secretary and Treasurer and delegate plus contact numbers, postal address and email address of the same.
	2.2.3	Club colours – new and existing clubs require Management Committee approval prior to submitting new colours or altering existing colours. A new club must ensure that their uniform, inclusive of socks, should be of a different colour combination to existing club uniforms.
	2.2.4	a) There is no requirement for strips/uniforms to be numbered in the Junior SSG Age Groups (U6-U12). b) Except in a Knockout Cup U12 Match where numbers are compulsory (numbered bibs are allowed).
2.3	2.3.1	Subscription Fees are not refundable, except where the application for Membership or re-Subscription is not accepted by the GJSA. In this instance, the Subscription fee will be refunded in full.
	2.3.2	Acceptance of late Subscription fees is at the discretion of the GJSA Management Committee.
	2.3.3	No applications for Membership for the forthcoming season will be accepted after the last working day in January.
	2.3.4	Approval of applications for Membership or re-Subscription is at the discretion of the GJSA Management Committee.
	2.3.5	The GJSA Management Committee reserves the right to refuse applications for Membership or re-Subscription where acceptance of the application would in conflict with the objects, Constitution or Regulations of the GJSA. Where applications are refused on these grounds, the Subscription fee pertaining to that application will be refunded in full.
	2.3.6	The GJSA Management Committee reserves the right to request further information, which shall be supplied by the club, academy or body prior to a decision being made on the application.
SECTION 3 - JUNIOR COMPETITION TEAM ENTRIES		
3.1		Member Clubs wishing to enter teams in the GJSA Junior Competition must lodge team entries with the GJSA no later than the close of business on the suggested day, as determined by the GJSA Management Committee for that year. This must be done on the forms set for such purposes and submitted to the GJSA Registrar and Competition Manager.
3.2		Incomplete applications will be returned prior to the application being processed.
3.3		Late team entries may be accepted and allocated at the discretion of the GJSA Management Committee.
3.4	3.4.1	Invoices remaining unpaid as at the date set by the GJSA Management Committee of that year will result in the relevant team entry being cancelled, unless alternative arrangements are agreed with the GJSA.
	3.4.2	Member Clubs adding or withdrawing teams after the closing date for team nominations may incur an administration fee of \$200, at the discretion of the GJSA Management Committee.
	3.4.3	Teams registering 3 consecutive forfeits without reasonable excuse or explanation will be deemed to have withdrawn from the competition. An administration fee may be incurred by the Member Club, at the discretion of the GJSA Management Committee.
	3.4.4	Any team forfeiting a game within 48 hours of its commencement is responsible for payment of the relevant referees' fees.
SECTION 4 - PLAYER REGISTRATIONS		
4.1	4.1.1	All player registrations must be in accordance with the Football Federation Australia (FFA) National Regulations.

	4.1.2	Registrations are valid for the duration of that year in which the registration or re-registration is made; terminating in accordance with FFA National Regulations.
4.2	4.2.1	No person shall be eligible to play competition soccer under the jurisdiction of the GJSA until such a person has been duly registered with the FFA via the "PLAYFOOTBALL" Website
	4.2.2	This registration may take place any time before the commencement of the game. A player will be deemed registered by the GJSA if they are in the "PLAYFOOTBALL" system before the game starts
	4.2.3	The player cannot take part in a sanctioned GJSA competition until the registration is complete.
	4.2.4	A player must be registered in the "PLAYFOOTBALL" system before the game starts, as this complies with insurance requirements needed for the player to be insured in case of any injuries sustained to them or any other players during the game. The playing of an unregistered player will result in the forfeit of the match concerned by the offending Member Club and render that Member Club liable to further action.
	4.2.5	Any team who plays a player who is not registered before the start of the game will forfeit the match.
	4.2.6	A club must pay the relevant registration fee to the GJSA for each registered player, within the specified term on their invoice, in order for the player to be eligible to participate in any GJSA approved fixture.
	4.2.7	It is the club's responsibility to ensure that a player participating in a fixture is eligible to do so.
	4.2.8	The authorised representative of each club/team is to satisfy himself that the opposition players are properly registered with GJSA. If not satisfied of this, the club may lodge a protest with GJSA within 72 hours of the fixture completion, in accordance with these Regulations.
4.3		A registered player may not participate in any fixture approved by GJSA if they are suspended or otherwise deemed ineligible by GJSA, MSA, Football West, Football Federation Australia (FFA), AFC or FIFA.
4.4		The GJSA Management Committee, in its discretion, reserves the right to cancel or suspend a registration or re-registration. Any player or Member Club retains the right to appeal to the GJSA Management Committee against the refusal or suspension of a registration or re-registration.
4.5	4.5.1	Players must register in the correct age group according to the age they will turn on the birthday occurring (as at midnight on 31 st December) in the calendar year of the season for which they are registering, unless given express permission in writing by the parent/guardian and the Club, to play down or up one year in age.
	4.5.2	Requests for permission to play down one age division should be considered on the grounds of physical, intellectual and/or emotional disadvantage, at the discretion of the Member Club; after the receipt of a written signed consent from the Member Club and parent of the player on the prescribed form has been submitted to the GJSA Registrar/Secretary. Requests to play down one age year will be valid for the current and forthcoming season only.
	4.5.3	Any request to play up an age division should be considered on the grounds of physical ability, skill and maturity, at the discretion of the Member Club, and with the signed consent from both the Member Club and the player's parent/guardian. Once granted, the player is permitted to play in the older age group for the entire competition, not restricted to a specific number of games and will be valid for the current and forthcoming season only. Parental written consent must be given, via the prescribed form, for the player to play in both their correct age group and the older age group, i.e., playing 2 games on the same day.
	4.5.4	Member Clubs may request player movement for players aged between U8-U16; they cannot request U6 players to participate in different age divisions.
	4.5.5	Female players playing within a mixed competition are permitted to play down one year, in accordance with Football West Regulations.
	4.5.6	Female players turning 15 years of age in the year of competition are eligible to play in the MSA Women's League, if approved by the GJSA and MSA collectively. These players should also compete in the GJSA Junior Competition in the same year as competing in the MSA Women's League.
	4.5.7	Male players turning 16 years of age in the year of competition are eligible to play in the MSA Men's League, if approved by the GJSA and MSA collectively. These players should also compete in the GJSA Junior Competition in the same year as competing in the MSA Men's League.
	4.5.8	GJSA is bound to provide a duty of care to its players in ensuring that individuals are placed into the most suitable age group playing conditions that reflect on their physical, mental and technical ability, in conjunction to maintaining the integrity of the GJSA competition for all age groups. In subscribing to the GJSA, Member Clubs must also reflect such a duty of care and must not authorise a player to compete in an age group which exceeds the players capabilities. The request to play up or down must be made primarily for the benefit of the player, and secondly to provide temporary relief for teams unable to compete in the said fixture.
4.6		The minimum eligible age for registration to play GJSA competition is the year the player turns 5 years old, in accordance with FFA regulations.
4.7		All registration cards, forms, photographs, etc., submitted to the GJSA become the property of the GJSA and shall be accessible to Member Clubs at the discretion of the GJSA.

SECTION 5 - TRANSFER OF PLAYERS		
5.1		The GJSA season is deemed to conclude on the 31 st October each year, with a new season commencing on the date, as set by the GJSA Management Committee of that year.
5.2		In the interest of fair play and freedom of choice after the conclusion of each season, each player is free to register or re-register with the Member Club of the player's choice.
5.3		A player wishing to transfer or change Member Clubs during the season must do so before the 30 th June of that year and follow the processes in accordance with FFA National Regulations.
5.4		Member Clubs must report any unfinancial players to the GJSA Management Committee, in writing, by 1 st March each year. Any unfinancial player(s) will not be permitted to register for another Member Club until all outstanding accounts are finalised.
5.5		Member Clubs may refuse a player's registration if it can be proven/declared that the player is in financial debt to that club, or has club property in their possession. In this instance, the re-registration form must be returned to the GJSA Registrar along with the details of the debt or property within 7 days. Should a dispute arise, this will be dealt with by the GJSA Management Committee, at a meeting called for such purpose, where both Member Club and player may state their case. The Committee's decision will be deemed final.
5.6		Any Member Club or its agent or representative of the GJSA proven to have approached a player(s) or parent (s)/guardian(s) or in any way have coerced or offered inducement to persuade a player to leave a club, association, academy or body to which that player is currently registered, may be penalised at the discretion of the GJSA Management Committee.
SECTION 6 - COMPETITION		
6.1	6.1.1	In the games sanctioned to be played under the Regulations of the GJSA, each Member Club shall:
	6.1.2	If found guilty of the use of unregistered players not listed on match cards, the offending team shall forfeit the match concerned and be penalised (3 points, 2 goals). If a usually registered player is omitted from a match card, a forfeit will not be awarded against the team, but a \$300.00 fine may be incurred by the offending member club. The Member club can choose either the forfeit or the fine, whichever the club deems appropriate.
	6.1.3	If found guilty of playing a player not registered with that club, the member club shall forfeit the game & be penalised (3 points, 2 goals). A losing team will be penalised 3 match points.
	6.1.4	In all cases where ineligible players are played in League and Knockout Cup engagements, the match result and two (2) goals shall be awarded to the opposing Member Club's team. An ineligible player is defined as: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • an unregistered player playing in an incorrect age group without their parent's consent in writing; • a player playing under a fictitious name; • a player under suspension; • a player deemed ineligible, in accordance with the Disciplinary Regulations or the GJSA Management Committee.
	6.1.5	It is the responsibility of each Affiliate club to ensure the eligibility of its players.
	6.1.6	A club is required to participate in its allocated fixtures unless otherwise stipulated in these rules and regulations.
6.2	6.2.1	The minimum number of players in each team for Junior League (Under 12) is as per the FFA's Small Sided-Games Guidelines.
	6.2.2	The minimum number of players for Youth League (U14 upward) competitions shall be 7. Any team fielding under the minimum number cannot play and will forfeit the match (2-0).
	6.2.3	If a team is down players (U14 upwards) the coach must advise the other team of this prior to commencement of play (as reflected on the game match card). Coaches must advise the game referee of the change of player numbers for that game. 9 players is the maximum allowed for a team to play with if the opposing team has less than 9 players. If 10 players are fielded, then only 10 can be played by the opposing team. In small sided matches if teams are fielding less than the prescribed team numbers the opposing team may either lend players to the team who is short or match the same number of players as the short team has.
6.3	6.3.1	The venues, dates, start time & duration of each match are fixed and shall be as stated by the GJSA as soon as practicable at the commencement of each playing season, unless otherwise stipulated in these rules. The GJSA retains the right to change the duration of matches without notice.
	6.3.2	A fixture may not be postponed or abandoned except: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) on the instruction of the referee; or b) on the instructions of or with the prior written consent of GJSA; or c) by order of the police or other authority exercising its statutory powers to that effect.
	6.3.3	Any Member Club deciding to forfeit a match must give two days prior notice to the GJSA and the other Member Club contact before the scheduled game. Any Member Club failing to Notify the GJSA within the required timeframe shall be sanctioned in accordance with the GJSA Disciplinary Regulations, and liable to payment of the Referee's fee, plus a fine at the discretion of the GJSA

		Management Committee. Any team forfeiting a match shall have the match & 2 goals declared against it.
	6.3.4	If a fixture is abandoned prior to half time, then the fixture will be replayed, unless in the opinion of the referee, one of the participating teams caused the abandonment of the fixture. If a match is more than 50% completed, and must be abandoned, the game will not require rescheduling and will keep its match points as recorded, unless the referee states one of the participating teams caused the abandonment of the fixture.
	6.3.5	Member Clubs shall not reasonably refuse to reschedule matches.
	6.3.6	Any match not played according to the scheduled fixture must be played within 14 days either side of the original fixtured date, or the match result and 2 goals will be awarded against the team not able to play the original date.
	6.3.7	Any abandoned fixtures within the Small Sided Games League will not be replayed under any circumstances. Except for an Under-12 Knockout Cup match
	6.3.8	If a game is commenced up to 9 minutes late, the duration of the match will be reduced alike. Teams not ready to start the match 10 minutes after the stipulated time will forfeit the game (2-0).
6.4	6.4.1	All players in all matches must appear in the proper apparel according to the rules of FIFA and as set down by the GJSA Management Committee, in the Member Club's registered colours, shirts with distinguishable and different numbers (numbers excluded in Small Sided Football), and footwear in accordance with FIFA Laws of the Game. An official referee can examine footwear prior to the match and shall have the power to exclude offending players until all apparel is rectified. Goalkeepers must wear a distinct colour from all other players. All Member Clubs must ensure all players on field are in uniform on and by Round 3. Any indiscretions after Round 3 will be penalised at the discretion of the GJSA Management Committee.
	6.4.2	Where two teams (for example, from the same Member Club) playing each other have the same colours, the Home team shall retain theirs. The other team will need to provide bibs or an alternative uniform.
	6.4.3	No part of the player's attire or the uniform worn by a club official may incorporate national flags, slogans or emblems.
	6.4.4	The Captain of each team, when appearing in a fixture, may wear an armband indicating his status as such.
	6.4.5	Advertising on a strip is permitted except for advertisements which contravene state or federal laws (such as tobacco advertising), GJSA Rules and Regulations, or advertise products, brands, or companies which are in direct conflict with GJSA protected Sponsors or may damage the reputation of the GJSA, Football West or the game.
	6.4.6	GJSA reserves the right to require sponsorship advertising be removed from a playing strip if it is deemed to breach these Rules.
6.5		The club named first in any fixture is deemed to be the home team regardless of the venue at which the fixture is played.
6.6	6.6.1	A match card is required for all fixtures approved by GJSA and Football West.
	6.6.2	The match card for a competitive or non-competitive fixture must list each players given name, surname, and shirt number (numbers excluded in Small Sided Football matches). Usually Registered players whose details do not appear on the match card will not render the game a forfeit, but a \$300 fine may be imposed to the club that player is registered for. Member club can choose either the forfeit or the fine, whichever the club deems appropriate.
	6.6.3	Each team's coach/manager is responsible for collecting their match card from the canteen to be filled in prior to their match, at all venues. In all games from U6's-U10's the match card must be completed and put in the match card box after each game. Failure to do so may incur a \$50 fine for each missing match card to the club
	6.6.4	In U12's-U16's the match card must be presented to the referee once the authorised representative from the team/club has signed it, not less than 5 minutes prior to the commencement of the match. The match may not commence until the match card is in the possession of the referee.
	6.6.5	The match card must be signed by the Match Official and an authorised representative from both teams/clubs, and submitted on the same day as the fixture to the GJSA via the canteen at all venues.
	6.6.6	The match card received from the Match Official or club will be accepted as factual in relation to the fixture. However, GJSA reserves the right to investigate and make alterations to the documentation if it is satisfied that an error has been made.
6.7	6.7.1	The Youth League competitions (U14-U16's) shall be decided by points earned during the season with teams gaining the highest number of points in their League being deemed the winner.
	6.7.2	3 points shall be awarded for the win, 1 point for a draw, and no points for a loss.
	6.7.3	In the event of teams finishing the season with equal points, the team with the greatest goal difference (total goals scored minus total goals conceded) shall be awarded the higher placing.
	6.7.4	In the event that points and goal difference are both equal, the team scoring the higher number of

		goals in the season shall be awarded the higher placing.
	6.7.5	Where the results of 6.7.3 and 6.7.4 are equal, then the team with the best results in games between the two teams concerned shall be awarded the higher placing.
6.8		The GJSA Junior & Youth League, Cup competitions will commence and run at the discretion of the GSJA.
6.9		Winter Competition matches will be fixtured away from public holidays and school holidays as much as possible.
6.10		There will be no time added on for injury in any GJSA match.
6.11		Any change of date or time of a scheduled match must be advised to the GJSA prior to the scheduled commencement of the match, otherwise the match will be deemed to have been played as scheduled with the result of 2 goals being awarded against the team requesting the change. The Club requesting the change of fixture must notify the Referee's Association of the change of details 48 hours prior to the game commencement.
6.12	6.12.1	In the event of inclement weather, clubs are obliged to ensure that all reasonable steps are taken in order that the scheduled fixtures may proceed.
	6.12.2	A match postponed or abandoned due to the weather or any other acts of nature may be replayed fully, provided that the match is replayed within 14 days of the scheduled date of the original match. Arrangements for the replay must be performed by the team first-mentioned on fixtures/match card. In the U14-U16 Youth age groups, the same players as played during the original match must play the rescheduled match (match card will be referred to). Any Member Club failing to meet these requirements will have the match result plus 2 goals awarded against it.
	6.12.3	If a match is more than 50% completed, and must be abandoned due to the weather or any other acts of nature, the game will not require rescheduling and will keep its match points as recorded.
6.13	6.13.1	Players shall not play for more than 1 age group in the same Knockout competition. Unless allowed by the GJSA in the current year knockout cup rules season, to qualify for play in the Knockout Cup. All players are Cup-tied, i.e., one age group division. The Knockout competition format will be at the GJSA discretion, the format used will forwarded to the clubs prior to the commencement of the knockout cup fixtures.
	6.13.2	Playing ineligible players shall disqualify the team from the Knockout competition for the current season. Special Appeals can be requested via written submission to the GJSA Management Committee, for consideration at their discretion. The competition can be assessed by the GJSA each year.
	6.13.3	Where the result is a draw in Knockout matches, extra time of 10 minutes each way shall be played in U16 and 7 minutes in U14 matches Under 12 matches will go straight into a penalty shoot-out.
	6.13.4	If after the extra time, the result is still a draw, penalties shall be taken alternately by 5 different players of each team with the team with the highest score being declare the winner. Should the result still be tied, then successive penalties shall be taken until a winner is declared.
6.14		All original Cups, Trophies and Shields will be kept on display by the GJSA. The winning teams may receive a replica of the winning Cup, Trophy or Shield to keep.
6.15	6.15.1	A fixture may be played wholly or partly under floodlights if the floodlight installation has been approved by GJSA as suitable for the conduct of fixtures.
	6.15.2	Nets affixed to goalposts must be used in all GJSA fixtures.
	6.15.3	Goals must be pegged into the ground, as per current Safety Regulations enforced by Governing Bodies.
6.16		Interchange Players – In all cases, a maximum of 4 interchange players must be entered on team cards and all 4 may play. Interchange of players is under the control of the Referees and the ball must be out of play (Youth Age Group). Unlimited interchange is permitted at all levels of play including SSG and Youth FIFA games. All interchanges are to be conducted at the half way line on one side of the pitch. In SSG games (U6-U12) coaches can interchange players on their teams without waiting for the ball to go out of play or calling / notifying the referee for an interchange. In Youth games (U14-U16) FIFA Rules of the Game apply; interchange can only proceed when the ball is out of play and the Referee has authorised the interchange to take place.
SECTION 7 - FRIENDLY GAMES AND CARNIVALS		
7.1	7.1.1	All friendly games and carnivals involving GJSA registered players must be sanctioned by the GJSA &/or Football West prior to the game or carnival commencing. A sanctioned game must have an official referee officiating the game. Unsanctioned players can be played at their own and the Club's risk.
	7.1.2	All Member Clubs applying to the GJSA for the permission to hold a carnival must present a copy of the rules, program & Public Liability Certificate of Currency (insurance) with the application, which must include dates, venue and Member Clubs to be invited to participate. Once sanctioned by the GJSA & Football West, the information <i>must not</i> be amended without further application being made.
	7.1.3	A copy of the rules and program must be sent to all Member Clubs competing at least 2 weeks prior to

		the date of the event.
SECTION 8 - STATE DEVELOPMENT AND COUNTRY REPRESENTATIVE TEAMS		
8.1	8.1.1	The GJSA shall select state development and country representative teams as is deemed appropriate by the GJSA Management Committee from time to time.
	8.1.2	Junior-aged players do not have to play as a Junior, but must be FFA registered to be eligible for Country week selection. Eligibility to play under this rule is at the discretion of the GJSA Management Committee.
	8.1.3	Players to be involved in these programs shall be selected by such qualified persons at player try-outs as organised by the GJSA Management Committee. Further Verification on individuals can be obtained from the GSJA Management Committee.
	8.1.4	Coaching Staff and Helpers for representative and Country week teams will be selected by the GJSA Management Committee.
8.2		The GJSA shall determine whether the GJSA shall participate in intra state or state events and whether it shall be represented by the GJSA teams or Member Club teams. This also includes the selection of Coaching and Helping Staff.
8.3		Players must be released for training, preparation and participation for representative matches and Football West camps when requested in writing to do so by the GJSA.
SECTION 9 - REFEREES		
9.1	9.1.1	Official referees shall be allocated through the GJSA by the allocator for Football Referees (WA) Geraldton branch.
	9.1.2	Official referees will not be allocated to Small-Sided Junior League Games (SSG). With exception of U10 and U12's Matches where a cadet referee may be used
9.2	9.2.1	It is the responsibility of the home club to enable the ground inspection to be carried out by the Match Official / Referees.
	9.2.2	The Match Official shall have the power to decide as to the fitness of the ground and its equipment in all matches.
9.3	9.3.1	If a conflict of interest exists in relation to the match to be officiated at, the match official must disclose the conflict of interest to each teams coach prior to the match commencing.
	9.3.2	Any team choosing not to proceed with a scheduled match on the grounds of the conflict disclosed shall forfeit the game and have the match result and 2 goals awarded against it.
9.4	9.4.1	Should an official referee not arrive prior to kick-off time, both the teams will agree a person to referee the game. That person will assume the same responsibilities, as would an official referee. Coaches (U14-U16) are permitted to referee their own games, in circumstances where an official referee is not present and agreed by both teams. If an official match referee fails to attend, a penalty may be applied, at the discretion of the GJSA Management Committee.
	9.4.2	Each Member Club is responsible for the actions of persons acting as its referees and/or assistant referees.
	9.4.3	In all cases, a referee must be at least 2 years older than the players in the match over which the referee will officiate.
	9.4.4	The match referee's decision will be final.
	9.4.5	Approaches to referees, assistant referees or other match officials before/ during and after matches may only be made by the Captain (at all times), and/or the Captain/Coach at half time or the end of the game, and state the reason for their approach. Approaches must be made 'in due respect' to the match official, and as per Football West Code of Conduct. Junior Referees (wearing an indicating armband) cannot be approached by the Captain/Coach, but must be addressed in writing to the GJSA Management Committee by the Club.
	9.4.6	Any Member Club failing to field a team at a scheduled fixture where a referee has been allocated will be invoiced by the GJSA for the full amount of the referee's fee, unless the GJSA Management Committee has been notified 48 hours prior.
SECTION 10 - PROTEST		
10.1	10.1.1	GJSA may at any time investigate allegations of player eligibility regardless of the source of the allegations.
	10.1.2	Any affiliated club may lodge a protest to GJSA related to the eligibility of a player within 72 hours of the fixture completion. At all times, the GJSA supports that clubs attempt to resolve the protest amicably prior to lodging an official protest with the GJSA.
	10.1.3	GJSA will investigate any protest. The decision resulting from the investigation by GJSA is final.
	10.1.4	In the event a protest is proven, GJSA reserves the right to take disciplinary action against the party. GJSA reserves the right to appoint a Disciplinary Committee to hear any matter resulting from a protest and the Committee may impose a sanction in accordance with the National Disciplinary Regulations and the GJSA Disciplinary Regulations. If the protest is not proven, the fixture result will stand.
SECTION 11 - COMPLAINTS AND INVESTIGATIONS		

11.1		GJSA may at any time investigate any act of alleged misconduct regardless of the source of the allegations. The decision whether to investigate the matter is entirely at the discretion of the GJSA. GJSA supports that clubs/individuals attempt to resolve the complaint amicably / informally prior to lodging an official complaint with the GJSA.
11.2	11.2.1	An affiliated club may lodge a complaint to GJSA. The complaint must: a) be lodged with GJSA via email or post on the prescribed form (MP3 – Formal Complaint, available from a GJSA Official or https://websites.sportstg.com/assoc_page.cgi?c=1-8988-0-0-0&SID=406819 within 72 hours of the incident and signed by the Club President or Secretary; b) contain sufficient contact details for both the complainant and the respondent; c) be signed by the individual complainant, or the Club President or Secretary if the complainant is the Club; d) identify the respondent by name; e) detail explicitly which rule, regulation or policy has been allegedly breached f) stipulate the requested outcome.
	11.2.2	The GJSA will not accept Formal Complaints that are not in accordance with paragraph 11.2.1.
	11.2.3	The GJSA reserves the right to have the matter investigated by a professional investigator or independent person.
	11.2.4	If the complaint is substantiated, the GJSA reserves the right to take disciplinary action against the party, and appoint a disciplinary committee to hear any matter and impose a sanction in accordance with the GJSA Disciplinary Regulations and National Disciplinary regulations. GJSA also reserves the right to consult with Football West regarding the matter. If the complaint is not substantiated, no further action will be taken. GJSA's decision is final.
11.3	11.3.1	GJSA may investigate any alleged breach of these regulations regardless of the source of the alleged breach. The decision to investigate is entirely at the discretion of the GJSA.
	11.3.2	A participant breaching any of these regulations and those of the aforementioned documents is liable to a penalty as stipulated in these regulations and the GJSA Disciplinary Regulations. The decision to enforce a penalty is entirely at the discretion of the GJSA.
	11.3.3	In the case of a rule being interpreted in two or more different ways, the GJSA reserves the right to determine which interpretation is valid. Any such determination is final.
	11.3.4	In the case of a circumstance not being governed by these regulations, the GJSA reserves the right to make a ruling on that circumstance. Any such ruling is final.
SECTION 12 - SCHOOL 7-A-SIDE COMPETITIONS		
12.1		Competition Hosting should be shared equally amongst the available club venues, cycling annually if appropriate. Discussion can be had between the Clubs and the GJSA to determine a suitable venue. The GJSA will offer compensation to the host club for duties, paint, and volunteers, at a reasonable amount determined by the current Management Committee elected.
SECTION 13 - SERVANTS TO THE GAME		
13.1		If a committee member holds a position outside of the Management Committee, they may be remunerated at the discretion of the current GJSA Management Committee.
SECTION 14 - DISCIPLINARY REGULATIONS		
14.1		Every Member Club is responsible to the GJSA for the actions of its members including, but not limited to, players, coaches, managers and officials. This is pertinently applicable to the GJSA Management Committee, who must provide a positive, responsible and appropriate representation of the GJSA, Football West and FFA, and uphold all Rules, Regulations, Policies and Codes of Conduct of the mentioned bodies alike.
14.2		Swearing is not permitted or tolerated at any time around or in the vicinity of Junior Players, in accordance with the Codes of Conduct, Rules of the Game, and Statutes of GJSA, Football West, FFA and FIFA.
SECTION 15 - EVENTS AND FUNDRAISING		
15.1		Raffles and fundraising events held during the Season by Clubs, particularly on Match Days, need to be advised to the GJSA 2 weeks in advance, to ensure there is no clash of fundraisers with the GJSA. This includes the event mode, i.e. sausage sizzle, raffle, auction, jumble sale, etc.
SECTION 16 - MEDIA		
16.1	16.1.1	A Member must not make any statement in public, including any contribution to television, radio, print media or electronic media that: a) is disparaging or derogatory of a Match Official, opposition team or any Player or Official; b) is disparaging or critical of GJSA, Football West, FFA, or any of their Statute or policy decision, c) comments on any matter the subject of a hearing before the Disciplinary Committee or the Appeals Committee.
	16.1.2	Where a statement made by an Official, Member, Parent or a Player which, in the absolute opinion of the Management Committee and/or Disciplinary Committee, and based on FFA and Football West

		governance, constitutes a breach of its clauses, will result in the Club being subject to sanctions under this Code, independent of any sanction the Management Committee or Disciplinary Committee has chosen to impose against the person who made the statement.
	16.1.3	A Member must not make or issue any public or media statement or release that which incorporates a reference to GJSA or a GJSA property, without GJSA's prior written consent.
16.2		A fixture or training session may not be filmed or broadcast without the prior written consent of the GJSA Management Committee. Requests to film or broadcast must be made in writing to the GJSA Management Committee at least 7 days prior to the scheduled fixture.
SECTION 17 - BANNED SUBSTANCES		
17.1	17.1.1	Smoking cigarettes is not permitted, at any GJSA fixtured event, inclusive of training sessions and clinics, as per the FFA's total smoking ban.
	17.1.2	Smoking of illegal substances is not permitted or tolerated near any venue or event.
SECTION 18 - FORMS & APPLICATIONS		
18.1		All prescribed forms can be obtained from a GJSA Official or via the GJSA website https://websites.sportstg.com/assoc_page.cgi?c=1-8988-0-0-0&SID=406819
SECTION 19 - AMENDMENTS		
19.1		The GJSA Management Committee, in direct consultation with Member Clubs, and allowing for culture, environment, attitude and public awareness – may alter, delete, rescind, add or amend any of the aforementioned Regulations (formerly By-Laws) at a meeting of the GJSA Management Committee called for this specific purpose. Any Rules may be changed regarding children playing as long it is in the best interest of the game and the child.