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SOUTHERN ZONE

Senior Competition Rules

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1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 PURPOSE

The purpose of these Rules is to assist in the administration of Competitions under the control of Football Federation Northern Territory (*Federation*).

1.2 INTERPRETATIONS

The Federation and Competition Administrator shall be at all times empowered to interpret these Rules to make such rulings as are deemed appropriate in the circumstances. Such rulings are to be documented and are subject to the appeal processes provided for within these Rules.

1.3 COMPETITION MANAGEMENT

1.3.1 Football Federation Northern Territory is the Competition Administrator who will be responsible for the management of all Competitions.

1.3.2 The Competition Administrator will at all times ensure its objectives are consistent with the objectives of the Federation.

1.3.3 The Competition Administrator shall deal with Clubs, Officials and /or Players in respect of offences and / or complaints and with any matter not otherwise specifically provided for in these Rules, including Clubs being held to account for the actions of its Officials, Players and / or supporters. After an inquiry if the Competition Administrator deems a Club has committed a breach of the provisions of these Rules or conducted itself in a matter prejudicial to the interests of football they may refer the matter to the Disciplinary Committee.

1.3.4 The Competition Administrator reserves the right to impose any and all fines as described in the Rules.

1.4 IMPOSITION OF SANCTIONS

1.4.1 The Federation and Competition Administrator shall be empowered to impose sanctions in accordance with these Rules and Part V of the FFA Statutes. The sanction may be, but not limited to, a reprimand, fine, loss of points or expulsion from a Competition. Clubs, Officials or Players shall be entitled to appeal against a sanction pursuant to these Rules and FFA's Grievance Resolution Regulations.

1.5 BROADCAST MATCHES – COPYRIGHT

The copyright for all Matches under the jurisdiction of the Federation shall remain with the Federation. No such Match shall be telecast or broadcast without the prior written consent of the Federation.

2. REGISTRATION OF PARTICIPANTS AND CLUBS

2.1 PLAYERS

- 2.1.1 All Players must be registered in accordance with the FFA National Registration Regulations.
- 2.1.2 For a registration to be deemed valid the Club Registrar must set the Player status as being "Active".
- 2.1.3 A female player be registered into a male team within an FFNT Southern Zone competition, on the basis of competitive opportunity.

2.2 MATCH OFFICIALS

- 2.2.1 All Match Officials must be registered in accordance with the FFA National Registration Regulations.

2.3 CLUB OFFICIALS AND TEAM OFFICIALS

- 2.3.1 All Club Officials and Team Officials must be registered within MyFootballClub.

2.4 CLUBS

- 2.4.1 Each Club must be registered with FFA in accordance with the FFA National Registration Regulations;
 - a) by completing the Prescribed Form *NRR 02 – Application for Registration of Football Club* located at www.footballaustralia.com.au. Tab on About FFA then tab on Statutes and Regulations.
 - b) for a newly formed Club, completing and lodging this form to the Federation prior to the commencement of their inaugural Season.
 - c) all Club names shall be approved by the Federation, after being reviewed in accordance with relevant FFA directives.
 - d) all Clubs shall commence the FFA NCAS Level 1 accreditation process during 2017~~8~~;
- 2.4.2 A Club must apply to the Competition Administrator for approval in order to enter a Competition under the jurisdiction of the Federation.
- 2.4.3 Each Club shall register its playing uniform with the Federation prior to the commencement of the Season. This shall include the shirt, shorts and socks.
- 2.4.4 The Away Club shall be responsible shall ensure there is alternative playing strip made available in the event of a colour "clash" during any match.
- 2.4.5 The Federation may require a Club to lodge a bond to compete in Competitions. Any such bond is required to be paid prior to any Team representing that Club participating in any Competition including pre-Season and / or friendly Matches.

2.5 REGISTRATION PERIODS

- 2.5.1 Senior Amateur Players shall only be registered between 1 January to 30 July of the competition year.
- 2.5.2 Junior Amateur Players shall only be registered between 1 January and 15 August of the Competition Year.
- 2.5.3 A Professional Player can only be registered from 8th of January to 5th of February.
- 2.5.4 A Club that wishes to register an Amateur Player outside of the designated Registration Period must lodge a written request to the Competition Administrator for prior approval. The Competition Administrator's decision in this matter shall be binding and non-appealable.

2.6 REGISTRATION DEADLINE

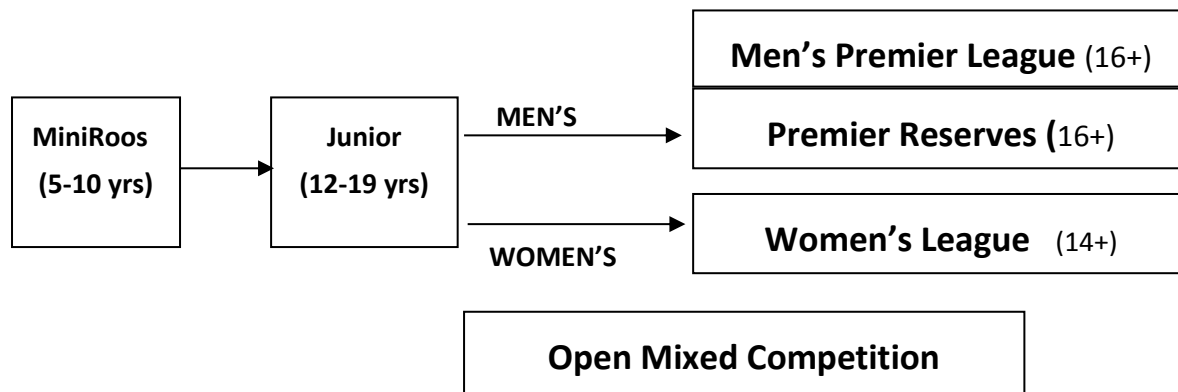
- 2.6.1 A player's registration must be made active by the Club via MyFootballClub at least two (2) working days prior to the scheduled match for that player to be eligible to play in the match.

2.7 PRIORITY OF REGISTRATION

- 2.7.1 A Player can only be registered with one Club at a time in accordance with the FFA National Registration Regulations.
- 2.7.2 Exceptions to 2.7.1 shall be at the discretion of the Competition Administrator as necessary pursuant to the development the sport as new divisions and programs are introduced. Guidelines shall be made available upon application.
- 2.7.3 If a Player registers with more than one Club priority of registration shall be accorded to the Club that first registered the Player in accordance with the FFA National Registration Regulations.
- 2.7.4 A Club that knowingly induces a Player to sign an FFA registration form in the knowledge that the Player has already registered with another Club shall be fined \$500 per offence.
- 2.7.5 The Federation, at its discretion, may sanction a Player that is registered for more than one Club at any given time during the Season.

3. COMPETITION STRUCTURE

3.1 COMPETITION STRUCTURE AND NOMINATIONS



3.2 PROMOTION AND RELEGATION

- 3.2.1 The Competition Administrator may implement a promotion and relegation system prior to the commencement of a Season.
- 3.2.2 The Federation will conduct Competitions for Seniors in consultation with the Clubs participating in the Competitions and based on the annual Team registrations for the relevant Competition Season.
- 3.2.3 Clubs are required to nominate Teams to be included into Competitions. Clubs shall submit their nominations to the Competition Administrator by March 24th 2018. Any requests to change after this date shall incur a \$250 administration levy.

3.3 INSTITUTE AND NATIONAL TRAINING CENTRE (NTC) TEAMS

- 3.3.1 Institute and NTC Teams may apply to participate in a Competition. The Competition Administrator and the Federation shall allocate these Teams to the most appropriate Competition. NTC Teams in the Senior Competition will play for points and at the discretion of the Competition Administrator may be eligible for their respective Final Series.

3.4 SENIOR COMPETITIONS

3.4.1 MEN'S PREMIER LEAGUE

The Men's Premier competition shall be capped at six (6) Teams. No Club shall have more than one Team participating within this Division. The Federation may reject any Club's application to participate within the Men's Premier League competition. The Competition Administrator's decision on this matter shall be final and non-appealable. Any player having played "up" from a lower division (excluding a junior division) into the Men's Premier League competition for eight (8) matches during the Regular Season, shall be "tied" to this competition thereafter.

3.4.2 PREMIER RESERVES

This is the open age reserve grade of the Men's Premier League. No Club shall have more than one Team participating within this competition and the maximum number of teams within this competition shall be capped at eight (8) Teams, unless otherwise approved by the Competition Administrator. The Competition Administrator's decision in this matter shall be binding and non-appealable.

3.4.3 **WOMEN'S LEAGUE**

The maximum number of teams in this competition shall be at the discretion of the Competition Administrator.

The Competition Administrator's decision in this matter shall be binding and non-appealable.

3.4.4 **DEREGISTRATION**

Every Team shall have a maximum of 5 intra-club player de-registrations allotted free of charge. After this maximum number of de-registrations per Team is reached, a \$250 administration fee shall be applied against each additional player deregistration.

This administration fee may be waived by the Competition Administrator under extenuating circumstances. Examples of extenuating circumstances include but are not limited to, long term player injuries and intrastate, interstate or international player movement. The Competition Administrator shall review submissions from Clubs claiming extenuating circumstances on a case by case basis. All Club submissions should be made in writing to the Competition Administrator, who will respond to the Club within ten (10) working days of receipt of finalised documentation from the Club.

The Competition Administrator's ruling on this matter shall be binding and non-appealable.

3.5 **ALTERATIONS TO DRAWS**

3.5.1 Once fixtures have been published, no changes may be made unless otherwise provided for in these rules. A club may request a fixture change if it can demonstrate exceptional circumstances, in writing, not less than six weeks prior to the scheduled kick-off date. This request may or may not be approved by FFNT in its discretion.

3.5.2 Any request for a fixture change must be accompanied by written consent from the opposition club.

3.5.3 A club, which has been granted a fixture change, is responsible for all costs associated with the rearranged fixture. Failure to comply with 3.4.2 may result in the request being rejected outright further consideration.

3.5.4 Failure to comply with 3.4.2 may result in the request being rejected outright further consideration.

3.5.5 The Competition Administrator shall determine the date, time and venue for any re-scheduled Match to be played. The Club that requested the re-scheduling of Match shall meet any and all costs incurred as a result of the re-scheduling of Match.

3.5.6 All rescheduled Matches must be played prior to the last Competition round of the Regular Season.

3.5.7 Decisions of the Competition Administrator under Rule 3.4 are final and shall be binding and non-appealable.

3.6 **REPRESENTATIVE PLAYERS**

3.6.1 In the event of a Team having three (3) or more Players selected into a Federation Representative Team, the Team shall have the right to apply to the Competition Administrator for deferment of a Match(es) that is affected, or likely to be affected, by the selection of those Representative Players. Such requests are not subject to the minimum timeframes specified within Rule 3.4.

3.6.2 Decisions of the Competition Administrator under Rule 3.5 shall be binding and are non-appealable.

3.7 POSTPONED MATCHES

- 3.7.1 In the event of a Match not being played due to weather or other causes over which neither Team has any control, or in the event of a Match that is ordered to be replayed, the Match shall be played as determined by the Competition Administrator.
- 3.7.2 All postponed Matches shall be played prior to the last Competition round of the Regular Season.
- 3.7.3 Decisions of the Competition Administrator under Rule 3.6 shall be binding and non-appealable.

3.8 TEAMS WITHDRAWING OR EXPELLED FROM COMPETITION

- 3.8.1 For the purpose of this Rule the term “removed” shall include a Team that has withdrawn or been expelled from a Competition.
- 3.8.2 If a Team is removed from a Competition on or before the point of the Season at which all Teams have played each other once a “bye” will be inserted to replace the removed Team in the fixture list, and all points along with goals scored (for & against) that Team will be erased. Any Player votes gained in Matches involving the removed Team will be erased.
- 3.8.3 If a Team is removed after the point of the Season at which all Teams have played each other once a “bye” will be inserted to replace the removed Team in the fixture, and:
 - a) all points along with goals scored (for & against) that Team before the point of the Season at which all Teams have played each other once will remain.
 - b) all points along with goals scored (for & against) that Team after the point of the Season at which all Teams have played each other once will be erased.
 - c) withdrawing a Team, a Club may incur a \$500 for withdrawing a Team from an on-going competition.

3.9 MATCH POINTS

- 3.9.1 In all Competition fixtures where points are accrued Match points will be awarded as follows:

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| Win | Three | (3) points |
| Draw | One | (1) point |
| Loss | Zero | (0) points |
| Bye | Zero | (0) points |
| No Result | Zero | (0) points |
- 3.9.2 The Competition Administrator reserves the right to record any fixture as a “No Result”.
- 3.9.3 The Team with the greatest number of points at the end of the Competition shall be declared as competition “Premiers”.
- 3.9.4 If two (2) or more Teams are level on points at the end of the Regular Season the following criteria shall be applied, in order, until one of the Teams can be determined ranked highest:
 - i) highest goal difference;
 - ii) highest number of goals scored;
 - iii) highest number of points accumulated in Matches between the Teams concerned;
 - iv) highest goal difference in Matches between the Teams concerned;
 - v) highest number of goals scored in Matches between the Teams concerned;
 - vi) lowest number of red cards accumulated;
 - vii) lowest number of yellow cards accumulated;
 - viii) toss of a coin.

3.10 FINALS SERIES

- 3.10.1 To be eligible to play for a Team within a finals series a Player shall have played a minimum of five (5) Matches for that Team within the current Season.
- 3.10.2 Cup Matches are not included when determining the number of Matches played (refer to FFA Cup Rules).
- 3.10.3 A Player shall qualify for only one final series. Once a Player has played a match within a finals series they are tied to that finals series.
- 3.10.4 The exception shall be Players who were born in 2000 or later. They shall be eligible to play within any final series, provided that they have played the required number of qualifying Matches as detailed within rule 3.9.1
- 3.10.5 Should a Team that is eligible for the final series be unable to participate then the Competition Administrator may replace that Team with the next best placed Team from within the same Competition.
- 3.10.6 Teams that placed third and fourth shall play in the Minor Semi-Final;
Teams that placed first and second shall play in the Major Semi-Final with the winning Team proceeding directly to the Grand Final;
The losing Team in the Qualifying Final and the winner of the Minor Semi-Final shall play in the Preliminary Final;
The winner of the Preliminary Final shall play the winner of the Qualifying Final in the Grand Final;
The winner of the Grand Final shall be declared as competition "Champions".
- 3.10.7 If scores remain level at the conclusion of normal playing time, extra time as specified in these Rules shall be played to determine a winner.
- 3.10.8 If at the conclusion of extra time the Match is still drawn, the winner shall be determined by penalty kicks in accordance with the Laws of the Game.
- 3.10.9 Where both Teams field an ineligible Player within a semi-final, or the result of a semi-final is declared a 'no result' then the winner of the other semi-final shall be declared as competition "Champions".

3.11 EXTRA TIME

- 3.11.1 Extra time to determine the winner of a Match shall be played in all Premier League division final series Matches only and the following shall apply:
- a. Two equal periods of fifteen (15) minutes shall be played.
 - b. At the completion of normal time a five (5) minute break shall be granted. All Players are to remain on the field and only the designated Team Officials from within the technical area can move onto the field of play. Substitutes or substituted Players are not permitted to enter the field of play.
 - c. A coin shall be tossed to determine direction of play for the first period of extra time.
 - d. After the first period of extra time the Teams shall change ends immediately. There shall be no half time break within extra time.
 - e. Stoppage time shall be played.
 - f. If scores remain equal at the conclusion of both periods of extra time, penalty kicks will be taken in accordance with the Laws of the Game to determine the winner of the Match.

3.12 VENUES AND ADMISSION CHARGES

- 3.12.1 The Competition Administrator, in consultation with the Federation and Clubs, shall have the power to determine venues for all Competitions.
- 3.12.2 The Competition Administrator, in consultation with the Federation and Clubs, shall determine the charge for admission to all Matches, at all venues, prior to the commencement of any Season.
- 3.12.3 Players or Club Officials who refuse to pay the prescribed admission charge shall be fined \$50 per offence. The Competition Administrator may also apply further sanctions.
- 3.12.4 Clubs with which the Player or Club Official is associated shall also be fined \$100 per offence. The Competition Administrator may also apply further sanctions.

4. MATCH DAY

4.1 COACH/TEAM OFFICIAL ELIGIBILITY

- 4.1.1 All Coaches and Team Officials shall be registered within MyFootballClub to be deemed as eligible.
- 4.1.1 (a) Any Club that fields a Team, where the Club Coach/Team Official does not comply with rule 4.1.1, shall forfeit all match day points within that round of competition.
- 4.1.1 (b) Any Club Coach/Team Official, for that Team who fails to comply with rule 4.1.1, shall not be permitted to enter the field of play, Player's race, change rooms, technical area or substitute bench at any time before, during or after a Match.

4.2 PLAYER ELIGIBILITY

- 4.2.1 A Player is only eligible to play within a Match for a Club if they:
- a. have been registered in accordance with the FFA National Registration Regulations and are selected as active within MyFootballClub
 - b. have paid their full registration fee plus all outstanding moneys owed to the Federation and -Competition Administrator;
 - c. are not subject to a suspension;
 - d. in accordance to rule 3.1: meet the applicable age group and gender guidelines;
 - e. meet Competition requirements for Final Series or playoffs, where applicable.
- 4.2.2 It is the responsibility of each Club to ensure the eligibility of its Players in accordance with these Rules.
- 4.2.3 Where a Club has a Premier and a Reserves team, the Club must nominate 7 senior players (aged 19+yrs) restricted to the Premier Side. These players will be deemed ineligible to play down into the lower senior division.
- 4.2.4 If there is a dispute about the eligibility of any Player, the Match Official must note the details on the Team Sheet and submit the Team Sheet to the Competition Administrator.
- 4.2.5 Any Club that wishes to lodge an official protest regarding the eligibility of a Player must do so in accordance with these Rules.
- 4.2.6 Any Club found to have played an ineligible Player shall be fined \$250 and the Match shall be awarded to the opposing Team with a score of 3-0 or the actual score of the Match, whichever is the greater.
- 4.2.7 Any Club found to have knowingly or wilfully engaged in the "Ring-In" of a Player or Players in any Match shall be fined \$250 and the Match shall be awarded to the opposing Team with a 3-0 score or the actual score of the Match, whichever is the greater. The Club may also be cited to appear before the Disciplinary Committee.
- 4.2.8 Repeat offenders may incur additional sanctions, as determined by the Competition Administrator.

4.3 DETERMINATION OF MATCHES PLAYED

Only Players who are recorded on an official match card may take the field of play during a Match. Players listed on an official match card shall be deemed to have actually participated when calculating the number of qualifying Matches played. The official Team Sheet or FSP Log Report shall be the sole record and determinant of Matches played.

4.4 NUMBER OF PLAYERS

- 4.4.1 A Competition Match may not start if either Team consists of fewer than seven (7) Players.
- 4.4.2 A Competition Match may not continue if either Team has fewer than seven (7) Players.

- 4.4.3 If a Match has commenced and is subsequently abandoned due to a Team being reduced to fewer than seven (7) Players, then the offending Team shall be deemed to have forfeited the Match and shall be sanctioned in accordance with Rule 4.11.

4.5 DURATION OF MATCHES

The duration of all Matches shall be as specified in Appendix A unless otherwise specified in the playing conditions of the Competition.

4.6 FAILURE TO PLAY A MATCH

- 4.6.1 Any Team who without just cause fails to play a Match at the appointed date and time shall be deemed to have forfeited the Match.
- 4.6.2 The Club shall be fined \$500 and Match Officials shall be entitled to the Match fees normally payable and these fees shall be paid by the Team that forfeits the Match.
- 4.6.3 Any Team who has forfeited three (3) consecutive matches shall be asked to show cause as to why they should not be suspended or expelled from the Competition.

4.7 ABANDONED MATCHES

- 4.7.1 Matches in any Competition including final series may only be abandoned by a decision of the Match Official.
- 4.7.2 A Team, or members thereof, who, due to their conduct, cause a Match to be abandoned shall be deemed to have forfeited the Match.
- 4.7.3 If both Teams are responsible for conduct that leads to the abandonment of a Match then the Match shall be deemed a “no contest” and no points shall be awarded to either Team and no Player points shall be gained from the Match. Additional sanctions may also be imposed by the Competition Administrator.
- 4.7.4 If a Match has been abandoned then Match reports are required to be submitted to the Competition Administrator, by Match Officials and Team officials, no later than 5.00pm of the second business day following the Match.
- 4.7.5 If 80 per cent or more of normal time of a Match has been played then the score at the time of abandonment will stand.
- 4.7.6 If less than 80 per cent of normal time of a Match has been played before the time of abandonment, then the Match will be replayed in full at a time and venue to be determined by the Competition Administrator.

4.8 TEAM SHEETS

- 4.8.1 Each Team shall submit a completed Team Sheet to the Match Referee 15 minutes prior to the commencement of each Match. Clubs found to be in breach of this rule shall be fined \$250 per offence.
- 4.8.2 Teams in Senior Competitions shall use the ‘Team Sheet’ format prescribed by the Competition Administrator.
- 4.8.3 Players cannot be added to the Team Sheet after the commencement of the Match.
- 4.8.4 The maximum number of Players that can be listed per Team on a Team Sheet is specified in Appendix A.
- 4.8.5 The numbers on the back of shirts shall correspond with the numbers on the Team Sheet and any change to a number may only be done with approval of the Match Referee.
- 4.8.6 The only Players entitled to play in any Match are those registered Players who are listed on the Team Sheet before the commencement of the Match.
- 4.8.7 Teams that field a Player contrary to this Rule shall be deemed to have played an ineligible Player.

- 4.8.8 At the conclusion of the Match the Referee shall note the scores at half time and full time, the goal scorers, any disciplinary action, and lodge the Team Sheet with the Competition Administrator.
- 4.8.9 When a Player has been cautioned or sent off the Referee shall note on the Team Sheet the appropriate offence code for which the Player was cautioned or sent off. The Referee shall submit an Incident Report for the send-off offence to the Competition Administrator, in accordance with Rule 4.15.2.
- 4.8.10 Sports Medicine is the responsibility of each Club. The minimum requirement for each club is to nominate/register a first aid officer for each match. Clubs in Breach of this Rule may be fined at the discretion of the Competition Administrator.

4.9 MATCH SHIRTS

- 4.9.1 The Competition Administrator reserves the right to require all Club Teams to place a competition sponsorship logo on the right-hand breast or on the right sleeve of all match shirts in accordance with Appendix B.

4.10 MATCH BALLS

The Home Team shall provide the Match Officials with three (3) approved Match balls in accordance with Appendix A. Clubs found to be in breach shall be fined \$100 per offence.

4.11 MATCH OFFICIALS

- 4.11.1 FFA accredited Match Officials shall be supplied wherever possible, subject to available numbers as follows;
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| Senior Matches | a Referee and two assistant Referees |
| Final Series | a Referee, two assistant Referees and a fourth official |
- 4.11.2 Priority of Match Officials allocation shall be: 2018 Competition Structure
- Men's Premier League & Women's League Competitions
 - Premier Reserves Competition
 - All other Senior Competitions
- 4.11.3 In the event no accredited Match Official is present to officiate a Match the Home Team shall appoint a Referee to take charge of the Match. This shall take place within five (5) minutes of the scheduled kick-off time.
- 4.11.4 In circumstances where an assistant Referee has not been appointed each Team is obliged to provide a Club Assistant Referee to assist the Referee as follows:
- 4.11.4 (a) If one assistant Referee has not been appointed the Home Team shall provide an Assistant Referee.
- 4.11.4 (b) If two assistant Referees have not been appointed both the Home and Away Teams shall provide one assistant Referee each.
- Teams found to be in breach of rules 4.11.3 and 4.11.4 shall be fined \$250 for failing to provide a Match Official(s).
- Teams are obliged to play Matches regardless of whether the Competition Administrator appointed Match Officials are present to officiate. Such Matches are to commence within ten (10) minutes of the scheduled kick-off time.

4.12 FORFEITS

- 4.12.1 Where a Match has been declared a forfeit, the Match shall be recorded as a win to the non-forfeiting Team with a score of 3-0.
- 4.12.2 Any Team deciding to forfeit a scheduled Match shall inform the Competition Administrator

in writing by 5pm of the Wednesday prior to a weekend fixture or no later than 2 working days prior to the scheduled kick-off time of a weekday fixture A Team failing to notify the Competition Administrator as per 4.14.5 shall be fined \$500.

- 4.12.2 (a) A Team not ready to commence a Match within ten (10) minutes of the scheduled kick-off time shall be deemed to have forfeited the Match and shall be fined \$500.
- 4.12.3 Where a match has commenced and a Team has fewer than the minimum number of Players required for completion of the Match, the Match shall be awarded to the opposing Team with a score of 3-0 or the actual score of the Match, whichever is greater.
- 4.12.4 Where a Match is forfeited under this Rule all appointed Match Officials shall be entitled to the Match fees normally payable and these fees shall be payable by the Club which forfeits the Match.

4.13 TECHNICAL AREA

The following rules shall be enforced where technical areas are provided at venues.

- 4.13.1 Players and Officials are subject to FIFA Laws of the Game whilst sitting on the Team bench or present within the Team technical area.
- 4.13.2 A maximum of nine (9) persons comprising five (5) Players and four (4) Team Officials are entitled to sit on the Team bench or be present within the Team technical area during any Match. Players and Team Officials are to remain seated at all times during a Match, whilst in the Team technical area, with only one (1) Team Official allowed to stand within the Team technical area to relay instructions. All Players and Team Officials shall be suitably attired when present within the Team technical area. All Players must wear their Club match uniforms, boots and substitute bibs. All Team Officials shall wear closed shoes, shorts and their Club polo shirt as a minimum acceptable standard. Note: thongs, sandals or work boots are not recognised as meeting the minimum acceptable standards and bare feet are strictly prohibited at any time throughout a Match. Clubs which fail to comply with this rule shall be fined \$250 per offence and additional sanctions may apply for repeat offences.
- 4.13.3 Team Officials not listed onto the Team Sheet shall not be permitted to sit on the Team bench or to be present within the Team technical area or the competitions area at any time during the Match. Clubs which fail to comply with this rule shall be fined \$250 per offence and additional sanctions may apply for repeat offences.
- 4.13.4 Players and Officials within the Team Technical Area and the Competitions Area shall behave in a responsible manner and shall not use offensive, insulting and abusive language and/or gestures at any time. Clubs which fail to comply with this rule shall be in breach and shall be fined \$250 per offence and additional sanctions may apply for any repeated offences. Any Team Official that is expelled from the field of play, being the Team technical area, shall incur a minimum one (1) match suspension. The official shall be fined a minimum of \$100.

4.14 INTERCHANGE AND SUBSTITUTIONS

- 4.14.1 All interchange or substitute Players shall be named on the Team Sheet and shall sit on the Team bench with a neutral colour vest within the designated Team technical area throughout the Match.
- 4.14.2 All substitutes or interchanges are to be made known to the assistant Referee or fourth official who shall then notify the Referee of the proposed substitution or interchange.
- 4.14.3 All substitutions or interchanges within Competitions are at the discretion of the Referee and shall take place at the halfway line after the Referee has stopped play and signalled for the substitution to occur.
- 4.14.4 The number of, and process for interchanges and substitutions is outlined within Appendix A.

4.15 MATCH REPORTS

4.15.1 Match reports shall be submitted to the Competition Administrator by 5.00pm of the first business day following the Match for which the report is being lodged.

4.15.2 Match reports include:

Send Off reports by Match Officials

Incident reports by Match Officials

5. DISCIPLINE

The FFA National Disciplinary Regulations shall apply to any infringement of the Laws of the Game by any Player or Official.

The Club shall be responsible for any fine to their registered Player or Team Official.

5.1 CAUTIONS (YELLOW CARDS)

5.1.1 Sanctions

The following sanctions shall be imposed as a result of Players accumulating cautions during a Season:

- 5th (Fifth) caution one (1) Match suspension and a \$100 fine payable by the Club.
- 7th (Seventh) caution two (2) Match suspension and a \$250 fine payable by the Club.
- 9th (Ninth) caution three (3) Match suspension and a \$500 fine payable by the Club.
- 10th (Tenth) caution the Player shall be cited to appear before a Disciplinary Committee and shall be suspended until such time as a Disciplinary Committee adjudicates on the matter.

For the purpose of this Rule cautions shall accumulate across all divisions including FFNT Cup Matches and the automatic suspensions specified are non-appealable.

- 5.1.2 If a Player receives two yellow cards during the same Match and therefore receives a red card, the two yellow cards shall be expunged from the Player's record.
- 5.1.3 If a Player receives a yellow card then a direct red card in the same match, the yellow card will not be expunged and will be counted within the Player's accumulation of yellow cards.
- 5.1.4 The Competition Administrator shall advise the Player's Club by 5.00pm of the third business day after the receipt of the Team Sheet for the Match where a Player has incurred a sanction under Rule 5.1.1.
- 5.1.5 A Player shall remain suspended until any fine is paid in full to the Competition Administrator.
- 5.1.6 Accumulated cautions shall not carry over from the regular Season Competition into final series or promotion/relegation Matches.
- 5.1.7 If a Player registers with another Club participating in a Competition during a Season:
 - a. Cautions are transferred with the Player for the purpose of Rule 5.1.1
 - b. Cautions are retained by the Club to which the Player was registered when the caution was received for the purpose of Rule 5.1.8.
- 5.1.8 Loss of Competition Points as a Result of accumulated Yellow Cards
 - a. Teams shall have Competition points deducted as a result of accumulating cautions during the regular Season.
 - b. The number of cautions that leads to the initial loss of Competition points shall be determined by taking the number of rounds in the regular Season and multiplying that number by two (2). This shall be known as the "Team Caution Limit".
For example, if there are fifteen (15) rounds of Matches then the Team Caution Limit shall be thirty (30).
 - c. When a Team has accumulated the number of cautions that equal the Team Caution Limit one (1) Competition point shall be deducted.
 - d. One (1) Competition point shall be deducted for every ten (10) additional cautions accumulated by a Team in excess of the Team Caution Limit during the remainder of the Competition Season.

5.2 EXPULSION (RED CARDS)

5.2.1 Where a Player is sent off (issued a red card) during a Match, they are deemed to be an ineligible Player until the final scheduled Match of the round is completed. This means that they are not eligible to participate in any Competition in any official capacity, including but not limited to Player, Coach, Team Official, Match Referee, Assistant Referee or Ground Official.

5.3 Player Sanctions

The FFA National Disciplinary Regulations, 'Disciplinary Table of Offences', prescribes the Minimum Sanction for send-off offences and offences against a Match Official.

The following automatic sanctions shall be imposed as minimum in addition, for Players accumulating red cards during the regular Season, Cup Competitions or Final Series. R7 offences are not applicable to this clause 5.2.2.

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| First expulsion | - Minimum Sanction and \$150 fine payable by the Club. |
| Second expulsion | - Minimum Sanction plus one (1) Match suspension and \$300 fine payable by the Club. |
| Third expulsion | - Minimum Sanction plus two (2) Match suspension, \$500 fine payable by the Club and complete the Laws of the Game at the FFNT office. |
| Fourth expulsion | - Minimum Sanction plus three (3) Match suspension, \$750 fine payable by the Club and complete the Laws of the Game at the FFNT office. |

Such sanctions may be augmented by additional sanctions being imposed by the Competition Administrator in relation to the severity of an offence and/or repetitive offences by an individual.

5.3.1 Where a Player has incurred a sanction in excess of the mandatory sanction, the Competition Administrator shall advise the Player's Club Delegate by the close of business on the third business day after the receipt of the Team Sheet for the Match in which the send-off occurred.

If a Player transfers to another Club participating in a Federation Competition during the course of a Competition Season:

- a. Expulsions are transferred with the Player for the purpose of 5.2.2, and
- b. Expulsions are retained by the Club to which the Player was registered when the expulsion was received for the purpose of 5.2.5.

5.4 Team Sanctions:

5.4.1 Loss of Competition Points as a Result of Red Cards

- a. Teams shall have Competition points deducted as a result of accumulating red cards during the regular Season.
- b. For every five (5) red cards received by a Team for any offence excluding R7, that Team shall lose one (1) Competition point.

5.5 SUSPENSIONS

- 5.5.1 The Player must serve the suspension within that Division and remain suspended from all Competitions until the suspension is served.
- 5.5.2 Suspensions incurred by Players (listed on that match card) in terms of Matches shall be served in consecutive fixtures of that Team after the date of suspension (this includes: regular Season, cup and final series fixtures).
- 5.5.3 Suspensions will carry over to a subsequent Season(s).
- 5.5.4 Where the Club does not field a Team in the same Competition as the suspension was incurred during the previous Season the Competition Administrator shall determine the Competition in which the Player is to serve the suspension.
- 5.5.5 A Player under suspension shall not be permitted to play in trial or friendly Matches without the written permission of the Competition Administrator, who may include any conditions deemed appropriate.
- 5.5.6 Suspensions cannot be served in friendly Matches, unless the suspension was incurred in a friendly Match in accordance with the Disciplinary Regulations.
- 5.5.7 The Competition Administrator may, upon receipt of a written request from the Player, temporarily lift their suspension for representative or other Matches however under no circumstances may a suspension be lifted for any Competition, cup or final series Matches conducted under the jurisdiction of the Federation.
- 5.5.8 Players or Team Officials who are under suspension are not permitted to enter the field of play, Player's race, change rooms, technical area or substitute bench at any time before or after the Match.
- 5.5.8 (a) Players who are in breach of this Rule will be fined \$150 per offence.
- 5.5.8 (b) The Player's Club who is in breach of this Rule will be fined \$250 per offence.
- 5.5.9 Players and Team Officials who are under suspension are permitted to attend playing venues but must comply with rule 5.3.8. Players and Club Officials who are under suspension can't relay instructions to their team. Players or Team Officials who are under suspension may be allocated a place to sit or stand as directed by the Competition Administrator. Where venues have grandstands, all Players or Team Officials who are under suspension will remain within the grandstand before, during and after the match. All Players or Team Officials who are under suspension will be a minimum of 30 metres away in all directions of the field of play and the Team technical area.
- 5.5.9 (a) Officials who are in breach of this Rule will be fined \$250 per offence. Continuous breaches will be referred to the Disciplinary Committee.
- 5.5.9 (b) The Official's Club who is in breach of this Rule will be fined \$500 per offence. Continuous breaches will be referred to the Disciplinary Committee.

5.6 ASSAULTS ON MATCH OFFICIALS

- 5.6.1 In the event of an alleged charge of assault (technical or otherwise) committed upon a Match Official the Match Official concerned and any witnesses to the offence should submit in writing to the Competition Administrator a report in full, detailing the incident in chronological order, including any conversations.
- 5.6.2 Such reports shall be lodged to the Competition Administrator by 5.00pm of the second business day following the date of the Match or incident.
- 5.6.3 The Player shall be fined \$1500 for an assault on a match official and the Club, that the Player is associated with, shall be fined \$1500.

6. DISCIPLINARY COMMITTEE

The FFA National Disciplinary Regulations apply to any infringement of the Laws of the Game by a Player or Official during a Match played under the auspices of the Federation. Clause 6 of these Rules supplements the National Disciplinary Regulations for all Competitions under the auspices of the Federation.

6.1 COMPOSITION OF DISCIPLINARY COMMITTEE

- 6.1.1 The Federation shall appoint a Disciplinary Committee consisting of at least three (3) members.
- 6.1.2 The Disciplinary Committee should, wherever possible, consist of:
 - a. An independent Chair with Legal qualifications;
 - b. a former senior Player;
 - c. a former Referee.
- 6.1.3 The Disciplinary Committee will not consist of persons who are current Players, members or officials of Clubs participating in Federation Competitions.
- 6.1.4 Should the Chair of the Disciplinary Committee not be present the most senior member in continuous service shall act as Chair.
- 6.1.5 In the event of only two (2) members being available for a Disciplinary Committee hearing, subject to the consent of all parties, this shall constitute a quorum.
- 6.1.6 The Disciplinary Committee has jurisdiction to determine all grievances that arise under these Rules or matters referred to it by the Competition Administrator or Federation.

6.2 PROCESS FOR LODGING AN APPEAL

- 6.2.1 An appeal against an appealable decision made under these Rules shall be made on Club letterhead and lodged with the Competition Administrator by 5.00pm on the second business day following the receipt of the decision being appealed.
- 6.2.2 An appeal fee of \$200 must accompany the appeal.
- 6.2.3 The lodgement of an appeal does not stay any penalty imposed under these Rules.

6.3 PROCEDURES OF THE DISCIPLINARY COMMITTEE

- 6.3.1 This Disciplinary Committee is to apply the FFA Grievance Resolution Regulations at the procedural application of its hearings.
- 6.3.2 The Disciplinary Committee may lay down its own rules of procedure in addition to those in the FFA Grievance Resolution Regulations, subject to the rules of procedural fairness and natural justice which it may vary as it sees fit from time to time and it shall not be subject to requirements of legal formality.
- 6.3.3 At a hearing by the Disciplinary Committee, the appellant's or the aggrieved party's case shall be presented first but nothing herein removes from any person the onus of proving any ground on which he relies.

6.4 POWERS OF THE DISCIPLINARY COMMITTEE

- 6.4.1 The Disciplinary Committee shall deal with all matters referred to it by the Competition Administrator.
- 6.4.2 The types of disciplinary sanctions are specified within the FFA Grievance Resolution Regulations.
- 6.4.3 The Disciplinary Committee may from time to time adjourn any hearing until such times, dates and places and for such reasons, as it sees fit.

6.5 EVIDENCE

- 6.5.1 In any disciplinary proceedings the official reports of the Match Officials in respect of the incident or event that is the subject of the complaint/charge, are prima facie proof of the facts contained within the reports.
- 6.5.2 A Match Official will not be required to attend to give evidence unless:
- 6.5.2 (a) The person charged disputes the accuracy of the report and requests the attendance of the Match Official(s), and the Disciplinary Committee is of the opinion that the request is reasonable and made in good faith; or
- 6.5.2 (b) The Disciplinary Committee is of the opinion that it is reasonable, and necessary, to require the attendance of the Match Official(s).
- 6.5.3 It shall be an offence for any person giving evidence before any Disciplinary Committee to deliberately mislead the Disciplinary Committee and the penalty for such an offence shall be a fine of between \$500 and \$10,000 along with any other sanctions determined fair and reasonable by the Disciplinary Committee.

6.6 DECISIONS

- 6.6.1 The Disciplinary Committee shall base its determination on;
- a) The application of the Disciplinary Regulations and FFA Grievance Resolution Regulations;
 - b) The evidence provided; and
 - c) The scope of these Rules.
- 6.6.2 The Disciplinary Committee shall advise the Competition Administrator of its determination within 48 hours of the determination being made. The Competition Administrator shall then advise the Club Delegate in writing within 48 hours of the determination being received.
- 6.6.3 Where no determination is advised to the Competition Administrator or where a hearing has not been held within the timeframes specified, then the appeal shall be deemed to have been upheld in full.
- 6.6.4 The person to whom the determination refers shall not contact the Competition Administrator or the Federation. The responsibility of advising the person of the outcome of the hearing rests with their Club Delegate.
- 6.6.5 The appeal fee shall be forfeited in the event of the protest not being upheld in full.
- 6.6.6 In the event that the appeal is upheld in full one hundred percent (100%) of the appeal fee shall be refunded to the appellant.

6.7 APPEALS

- 6.7.1 All parties to a Disciplinary Committee hearing and the Competition Administrator shall have the right of appeal against a determination of the Disciplinary Committee. Such appeals shall be made in accordance with the Federation's grievance process and FFA Statutes.

7. CHARGES AND DISPUTE RESOLUTION

For the purposes of these Rules, FFA has implemented a National Code of Conduct that seeks to promote and strengthen the reputation of Football in Australia by establishing a standard of performance, behaviour and professionalism for its participants and stakeholders. In addition, it seeks to deter conduct that could impair public confidence in the honest and professional conduct of Matches or in the integrity and good character of its participants.

Spectator Conduct at Matches is subject to the FFA National Spectator Code of Behaviour.

7.1 LODGING A COMPLAINT OR CHARGE

- 7.1.1 Where any Team, Club, Player, Coach, Official or Match Official is charged with an offence, the charge shall be outlined in writing by the Competition Administrator, FFNT or FFA and contain the particulars of the alleged offence.
- 7.1.2 If a third party wishes to make a complaint under the Code of Conduct, that complaint must be made by a written report which must be delivered during normal business hours by fax, e-mail or hand delivered and confirmed by posted mail to the Competition Administrator. The report shall be lodged within seven (7) days of the date of the incident occurring to which the complaint or charge refers.
- 7.1.3 Charges or complaints laid by the Competition Administrator, Federation or FFA shall not be restricted to the time limits referred to in 7.1.

7.2 PROTEST AGAINST MATCH RESULTS

- 7.2.1 Protests regarding the incorrect recording of a Match result or the eligibility of a Player must be made in writing and lodged with the Competition Administrator by 5.00pm of the second business day following the conclusion of the Match.
- 7.2.2 All decisions of the Match referee are final and binding as far as the result of a Match is concerned and no protest can be lodged.
- 7.2.3 The Competition Administrator shall provide a copy of the protest to the Delegate of the opposing Club participating in the Match within forty-eight (48) hours of receiving the protest.
- 7.2.4 All protests regarding the incorrect recording of a Match result or the eligibility of a Player shall be lodged for review to the Competition Administrator.

7.3 MISTAKEN IDENTITY

- 7.3.1 If a suspended Player claims genuine mistaken identity, the Club may lodge an appeal to the Competition Administrator by 5.00pm of the second business day following the issue of the Disciplinary Infringement Notice.
- 7.3.2 The Competition Administrator will investigate the claim and make a determination as to whether to allow or dismiss the claim. The Competition Administrator may refer the matter to the Disciplinary Committee for determination at its entire discretion.
- 7.3.3 In the event that the appeal is upheld, the Competition Administrator or Disciplinary Committee shall have the power to determine the identity of the true offender and shall impose such penalty upon that person as would have been imposed upon the appellent.

7.4 GRIEVANCE PROCEDURE

Each person agrees to submit exclusively to the Federation's and FFA's Statutes and Regulations, including, the Grievance Resolution Regulations and no person may institute or maintain proceedings in any court of law or tribunal (other than the limited right of appeal to the Court of Arbitration for Sport in accordance with the FFA Statutes).

8. FINANCE

8.1 REGISTRATION FEES

- 8.1.1 The Federation shall determine the annual schedule of fees and payment timetable prior to calling for nominations from Clubs.
- 8.1.2 There are four components that comprise the total Registration Fee paid by a Player to a Club to enable them to register to participate in a Federation Competition:
- a. FFA National Registration Fee as determined by FFA
 - b. Federation Fee as determined by the Federation that includes insurance, development and administration fees;
 - c. Competition Fee set by the Competition Administrator to cover administrative costs in conducting the Competition;
 - d. Club levy set by each individual Club.
- 8.1.3 All levies must be documented within MyFootballClub (National Registration Database) and made available to all Players at the time of registration.

8.2 MATCH FEES

- 8.2.1 Where applicable, Clubs will be invoiced on a monthly basis for costs associated with a Match including:
- a. Match Officials payments;
 - b. ground hire;
 - c. line marking;
 - d. security;
 - e. other costs associated with staging the Match.

8.3 PAYMENT OF INVOICES

- 8.3.1 All fees, levies, ground hire charges or fines are payable by the due date for payment as stated on the invoice.
- 8.3.2 For the avoidance of doubt, debts shall include monies owed to the Federation or other Clubs.
- A Club may challenge individual fees included in an invoice however payment of the unchallenged components of the invoice is required to be made by the due date for payment, as stated on the invoice.

8.4 SANCTIONS

- 8.4.1 In the event that a Club fails to make payment by the due date the following sanctions will be imposed.
- 8.4.1 (a) Where the Club has a debt outstanding more than thirty (30) days:
Club will be charged a late payment fee of 10% of the outstanding balance.
- 8.4.1 (b) Where the Club has a debt outstanding more than thirty-five (35) days:
One (1) Competition point shall be deducted against the Team for which the invoice was levied;
- 8.4.2 The Team against which the invoice was levied shall be suspended from all Competitions until such time as the full amount is paid; and
- 8.4.3 The Team shall pay a bond of two hundred dollars (\$200) prior to their Competition suspension being withdrawn.

8.4.4 Should the Competition Administrator not be satisfied with the given reason for non-payment of an outstanding debt payment may be pursued through a debt collection service.

8.4.5 All outstanding debts must be paid in full before nominations will be accepted for a new Season.

8.5 FINES

8.5.1 At its absolute discretion the Competition Administrator or Federation may waive or reduce Club's fines and penalties.

8.6 GATE REVENUE

8.6.1 All monies derived from entrance fees to Federation Matches shall remain the property of the Federation.

8.7 RECORD MAINTENANCE

8.7.1 All Clubs that participate in Matches sanctioned by the Federation shall maintain financial records in accordance with the Associations Act (Northern Territory).

8.8 BONDS

8.8.1 The Federation shall determine the bond prior to the commencement of a Competition. Bond monies are held in trust for a period determined by the Competition Administrator.

8.8.2 Clubs shall lodge a bond for each senior men's and women's Team at the time of the acceptance of their nomination into a Competition.

8.8.3 Outstanding debts may be deducted from any bond monies.

8.8.4 Where a Club requires their bond monies to be refunded at the conclusion of the playing Season:

8.8.4 (a) The request must be made in writing at least fourteen (14) days prior to the end of the Competition;

8.8.4 (b) Outstanding debts shall be deducted from the bond monies prior to any refund being made;

8.8.5 Clubs shall lose bond monies in the following circumstances:

8.8.5 (a) Withdraws a Team(s) from the Competition;

8.8.5 (b) Club official(s), Player(s) or supporters are found guilty of bringing the game into disrepute or for violent conduct.

9. INTERPRETATIONS AND DEFINITIONS

9.1 INTERPRETATIONS

In these Rules unless a different intention shall appear:

- a) words importing the singular number only shall include the plural number and vice versa;
- b) words importing the masculine gender only shall include the feminine gender;
- c) words denoting persons include incorporated and unincorporated Teams and Clubs; and
- d) words or expressions shall be interpreted in accordance with the provisions of the Interpretation Act and that Act as in force on the date on which these Rules are adopted by the Federation.

9.1.1 References to persons include their respective executors, administrators, personal representatives, and successors in title (as the case may be).

9.1.2 Expressions referring to writing are construed as including references to printing, lithography, photography, and other modes of representing or reproducing words in a visible form.

9.2 DEFINITIONS

Amateur means any Player who is not a Professional as defined in the National Registration Regulations.

Away Team means the Team that is the second named on the draw.

Board means the body made up of elected Directors of the Federation.

Club means any Club registered with FFA in accordance with the National Registration Regulations from time to time. A reference to Club includes a Club admitted by a Competition Administrator to field a Team in a Competition.

Club Official means any person involved with the administration, management or organisation of a Club (whether paid or unpaid), including employees, contractors, consultants, officers and directors and representatives.

Code of Conduct means the national football code of conduct as promulgated by FFA from time to time (a current version of which can be obtained on www.footballaustralia.com.au or on request).

Competition means any Competition or tournament registered with FFA in accordance with the National Registration Regulations for the Federation, including the pre-Season, Season proper, finals series and any post Season tournament or knockout cup Competition.

Competition Administrator means the entity responsible for the conduct and staging of a Competition.

Competition Rules means the rules governing the administration and conduct of a Competition under the auspices of the Federation.

Delegate means the representative nominated by a Club to represent that Club at meetings and to be authorised to deal with the Competition Administrator or Federation regarding Club issues.

Disciplinary Committee means the FFNT Disciplinary Committee constituted in accordance with the Grievance Resolution Regulations that has jurisdiction over the Competition.

Disciplinary Regulations means the national football disciplinary regulations as promulgated by FFA from time to time (a current version of which can be obtained on www.footballaustralia.com.au or on request).

Federation or FFNT means the Football Federation Northern Territory Incorporated.

FFA Statutes means FFA's statutes and regulations as promulgated by FFA from time to time, including its constitution and by-laws and rules, and policies and procedures.

FICA means the Southern Zone Association Football in Central Australia Inc

FIFA or **Federation Internationale de Football Association** means the world governing body of Football.

FFA or **Football Federation Australia** means the governing body of Football in Australia.

FIFA Statutes mean the statutes and accompanying standing orders and regulations promulgated by FIFA from time to time, including the Regulations on the Status and Transfer of Players, Code of Ethics, Disciplinary Code, Players' Agents Rules and Regulations Governing Match Agents.

FSP means Fox Sports Pulse, the competition management system.

Grievance Resolution Regulations means the regulations promulgated by FFA from time to time setting out the procedures applying to grievances and disputes in football (which can be obtained on www.footballaustralia.com.au or on request).

Home Team means the Team that is the first named on the draw.

Institute means any national, state or territory institute or academy of sport that has a football program including any national training centre implemented by either FFA or a Member Federation.

Junior means Matches or Competitions including Small Sided Football and up to but not including Youth.

Laws of the Game means the laws governing or regulating the playing of Football as determined by FIFA, FFA, Federation and local rules as adopted from time to time.

Match means any Match staged, participated in, sanctioned by or played under the auspices of FFA, a Member Federation or a Competition Administrator.

Match Official means a Referee, assistant referee, fourth official, Match commissioner, referee inspector, selector, any person in charge of safety or any other person appointed by FFA, a Member Federation or a Competition Administrator to assume responsibility in connection with a Match.

MyFootballClub means the national registration system provided by Football Federation Australia.

Professional means a Player who is paid to play football as defined in the National Registration Regulations.

Office of the Federation means the postal address of the Federation being GPO Box 3105 Darwin NT 0801.

Officer of the Federation means any Board Member or employee of the Federation.

Official means any Club Official and/ or Team Official.

Player means any person who is, from time to time, registered to a Club whether that person is male or female, junior or senior or an Amateur or Professional.

Professional means a Player who is paid to play football, as defined in the National Registration Regulations.

Professional Player Contract means the mandatory form of contract for the casual employment of a Professional as specified in the National Registration Regulations.

Premier League means the top-tier of Men's football in the Northern Territory.

Registrar means a person appointed by a Club as their representative for all matters relating to Player registrations.

Referee means a Referee duly appointed to officiate at a Match.

Registration Period means the period of time in which a Player must be registered with a Club as specified in these Rules.

Regular Season means the Matches played between the Clubs during the Season to determine the Clubs that compete in the Finals Series, and includes all Matches played in the Season that are not in the Pre-Season, Cup Competitions or the Finals Series.

Representative Team means a Team representing a State or Territory, a region, or an Institute that participates in a Competition.

Ring In means a Player who plays under the name of another registered Player's name or a false name.

Rules means Competition Rules.

Season means the period of time starting with the first Match of a Competition and ending on the last Match of that Competition.

Senior means Matches or Competitions for open-aged males or females and Youth Competitions.

Team means a squad of Players from a single Club competing in an authorised Federation Competition.

Team Sheet refers to Team Sheets or Match Cards.

Team Official means any personnel involved with the management, preparation or participation of a Club's Team (whether paid or unpaid), including the coaches, managers, medical staff (including Team or Match day doctor), physiotherapists, gear persons and other support staff.

Weekday Fixture means a Match scheduled to be played on a day other than those defined as a Weekend Fixture.

Weekend Fixture means a Match scheduled to be played on a Friday, Saturday or Sunday and on a Monday where that day is classified as a public holiday.

APPENDIX A – Competition Specific Information

This Appendix provides Competition-specific information for use by Clubs, Teams and Team Officials. This Appendix is a formal part of the Competition Rules and as such breaches may incur sanctions in accordance with the Competition Rules.

A1 SUMMARY TABLE – SENIOR

| Minimum Age (Year of Birth) | 2004 | 2002 | 2002 |
|-----------------------------------|---------------------------------|-----------------------|-------------------------------|
| Competition | WOMEN'S LEAGUE | PREMIER RESERVES | MEN'S PREMIER LEAGUE |
| Recommended Field Size | 100 x 64m | | |
| Number of Players | 11 v 11 | | |
| | Min of 7 and Max of 11 on field | | |
| | Max of 16 on Team Sheet | | |
| | Max of 5 substitutes | | |
| Substitutions / Interchange | unlimited interchange | unlimited interchange | Max 5 substitutions per match |
| Playing Time | 2 x 45 mins | | |
| Half Time (whistle to whistle) | 15 mins maximum | | |
| Ball Size | | | |

A2 SUMMARY TABLE -APPROVED BALLS

| DIVISION | BALL NAME |
|-------------------------------|--|
| Premier League | UMBRO PRO A-League or similar approved ball |
| Division 1 | Nike Premier Team FIFA / UMBRO Neo 150 Elite |
| Interchange and Substitutions | <p>Substitution or Interchange may occur at any time during a Match.</p> <p>However, they can only be made when play has stopped for any reason and the referee, at their discretion, gives permission for the Substitution or Interchange to occur.</p> <p>Interchange or substitution may only take place from the halfway line.</p> |

APPENDIX B – Competition Specific Information

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B1 SUMMARY TABLE – UNIFORMS STYLE GUIDE

