



## Regulations

2014 / 2015 Summer Football

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## 1. Scope and Application

- a) These Regulations apply to Participants in the following competition **(the Competitions)** unless stated otherwise:
- b) Where these Regulations are silent on any particular aspect, then all Clubs, affiliated bodies and organisations will first have regard to the Constitution, By-Laws, FFA rules and regulations and where applicable rules and regulations of the Asian Football Confederation (AFC) and FIFA
- c) If any part of these Regulations is void that part shall be severable and will not affect the enforceability of the remaining sections of these Regulations
- d) FNSW and the Competition Administrator will interpret and apply all articles of these Regulations and any such interpretation or application will be final and binding on all parties

## 2. Reference

- a) Where these Regulations refer to a "Club" that reference is to team that is entered into a the Competition

## 3. Capitalised Terms

- a) Any capitalised terms used in these regulations will have the meaning given to them in Schedule 3

## 4. Alteration

- a) The Competition Administrator will have the ability to expand on these Regulations, the detail of which is attached in Schedule 2

## 5. Disciplinary Sanctions and Proceedings

- a) All Clubs, Players, Team Officials, Match Officials, spectators or any person participating in any manner at a Competition Fixture, Match or event will submit exclusively to the jurisdiction of the Grievance and Disciplinary Regulations

## 6. Unforeseeable Circumstance

- a) Nothing in these Regulations will prevent Football NSW from approving a course of action to meet unforeseeable circumstances not covered by the Regulations

## 7. Control of Competitions

- a) The administrative control and conduct of the Competition is vested with the Competition Administrator affiliated to Football NSW

## SECTION 2: TECHNICAL REGULATIONS

### 1. Matches Played in Accordance with the Laws of the Game

- a) All Fixtures will be played in compliance with the Regulations in force at the time and in accordance with FFA and FNSW By-Laws, regulations, codes and directives, and under the FIFA laws of the game where applicable

### 2. Recommended Age Grades

- a) Endorsed Summer Football competition administrators will be able to determine age groups they intend to conduct, beginning at U6.

### 3. Match Format (5's, 6's, 7's)

- a) Competition Administrators will be permitted to select which of the following formats they wish to deliver their competition in;
  - 5 v 5
  - 6 v 6
  - 7 v 7
- b) The exception to this rule will be;
  - If a participation opportunity is offered to U6 and U7 players, for which a 4 v 4 format must be applied in compliance with FFA Small Sided Football Regulations
- c) With the exception of the 4 v 4 format in which there is no goal keeper, the total numbers indicated above is inclusive of the goal keeper.
- b) For age groups of U6 and U7 Summer Football competition administrators must apply the principles of FFA Small Sided Football, including;
  - 4 v 4 format
  - No competition tables or points
  - No finals series
- c) For age groups U8 to U11 Summer Football competition administrators must apply the principles of FFA Small Sided Football including;
  - No competition tables or points
  - No finals series
  - For the U11 Age Group, Football NSW will consider applications seeking to conduct Finals Series as preparation for the proceeding Football Season step from small sided football into 11-a-side football.
  - Competition administrators may apply smaller team numbers than those contained in the FFA Small Sided Football handbook, i.e. 5v5, 6v6 or 7v7
- d) For age groups U12 and upwards, Summer Football competition administrators can commence competitions with points and finals series.

### 4. Duration of Match

- a) Match duration will be at the discretion of the competition administrator. This flexibility is provided given different constraints at the various venues, including numbers of teams, age grades, players per team and length of venue hire.

- b) The following table details FNSW preferred match durations;

Age Grade	Referee Fee per match
U6 and U7	Two 10 minute halves
U8 – U11	Two 12 minute halves
U12 – U16	Two 15 minutes halves
U17 and older	Two 20 minute halves

## 5. Added Time

- a) It will be at the discretion of the Competition Administrator if added time is played

## 6. Extra Time

- a) It will be at the discretion of the Competition Administrator if extra time is played during the Championship Series of the Competition

## 7. Determining the Winner by Penalty Kicks

- If the result of a Match in the Championship Series be a draw (including after extra time where applicable) alternate kicks from the penalty mark will be taken to determine the winner, consistent with the principles described in the FIFA laws of the game
- If the taking of kicks from the penalty mark cannot be completed because of weather conditions or for other reasons beyond control and not the direct result of actions by either Team, the result will be decided by the drawing of lots by the Referee in the presence of the two (2) Team captains
- If, through the fault of a Team / Club, the taking of kicks from the penalty mark cannot be completed the Match will be deemed forfeited against the Team / Club responsible

## 8. Footballs

- The Competition Administrator is responsible for either providing the match balls or communicating to the Clubs that they are required to provide match balls
- The following sizes are applicable to the different age grades:

Grade	Size
U14 and older	5
U10 to U13 inclusive	4
U9 and under	3

## 9. Premiership Ranking

The following process applies when determining the ranking of Teams within each grade of Competition:

- Greater number of points obtained in all Premiership Matches
- If two (2) or more Teams are equal on the basis of the above criteria, their place will be determined as follows:
  - Greater goal difference resulting from all Premiership Matches
  - Greater goals scored from all Premiership Matches
  - Greater number of points obtained in the Premiership Matches between the Teams concerned (head to head)

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## 10. Competition Points

- a) Points will be allocated as follows for all Premiership Matches:
  - i. Win - 3 points
  - ii. Draw - 1 point each Team
  - iii. Bye - No points
  - iv. Loss - No points
  - v. Forfeit - 3 points to the Team receiving the forfeit

## 11. Competition System

- a) The Competition Administrator may conduct a Premiership or Premiership and Championship which will include:
  - i. Premiership consisting of a League format as approved by the Competition Administrator; and if applicable
  - ii. Championship consisting of knockout Matches in a format approved by the Competitions Administrator

## 12. Technical Rules for the Championship

- a) All Championship Matches (where applicable) will be played in accordance with the knockout system, single match
- b) Teams will play a single match and the Team having scored most goals in the Match will win the Match.
- c) If extra time or penalty kicks are required to determine the winner of a Championship Match they will be conducted as per these Regulations

## 13. Clash of Colours

- a) Resolving a clash of colours will be at the direction of the Competitions Administrator

## 14. Interchange

- a) For all Competitions unlimited interchange applies
- b) Following is the procedure and rules for the unlimited interchange of Players:
  - i. The "Interchange zone" will be an area one (1) metre either side of the half-way line,
  - ii. An interchange is one which is made when the ball is out of play, and for which the following conditions will be observed:
    - a. The Player leaving the field will do so from the touch line, crossing over at the sector called the interchange zone
    - b. The Player entering the field will also do so from the interchange zone, but not until the Player leaving the field has passed completely over the touch line
  - iii. If penalty kicks are required to obtain a result, any player that participated in the match is able to participate in the taking of penalties
- c) Substitutes and interchange players cannot be used to replace any Player who has been dismissed from the Match by the Referees.

## **1. Clubs Removed or Withdrawn from Competitions**

- a) In the event of any Team withdrawing or being removed from the Competitions, all matches against that team will be treated as a bye for forfeit.

## **17. Restarts (goals kicks, throw-ins or kick-ins)**

- a) The Competition Administrator may either apply throw-ins or kick-ins as the approved method of restarts should the ball leave the field of play across a touch line
- b) The Competition Administrator may require the goal keeper to either throw the goal into play or kick the ball into play to restart the match after a "goal kick" is awarded by the referee

## **18. Match Schedule and Kick-Off Times**

- a) Match scheduling will be flexible and rests with the competition administrators.

## **19. Wet Weather Affected Fixtures**

In all instances where rain preceding a Match raised fair doubt as to the possibility of play taking place, the Competition Administrator will establish a process by which Clubs are informed of the status of that days match. This may include the responsibility being passed to the Clubs to check a wet weather line or website notification.

## **20. Abandoned Matches**

- a) When a Match is abandoned for any reason over which neither Club was responsible, the Match may be replayed at the discretion of the Competition Administrator
- b) Should a Club, its Players, officials or spectators be found to have caused the abandonment of the Match, the Match will be forfeited by that Club to the opposition

## **21. Forfeits**

- a) Teams will be deemed to have forfeited a Match when:
  - i. They fail to fulfill an engagement to play a Match on the appointed date, time or venue; or
  - ii. They refuse or fail to begin a Match within ten (10) minutes of the stipulated kick-off time; or
  - iii. They field less than the required players as communicated by the Competition Administrator
  - iv. They field an ineligible Player; or
  - v. Any other scenario within these Regulations or the Grievance and Disciplinary Regulations that stipulates a forfeit of the Match
- b) In the event of any Team forfeiting its Match, the following procedure will take effect;
  - i. Full points allocated for the Match will be forfeited to the opponent Team and the goals recorded according to 3 goals scored by the Team getting the points and 0 by the Team who has infringed the regulation, unless the goal difference for the Team receiving the forfeit is greater than 3, in which case the result on the pitch is upheld.



## 22. Protests

- a) Protests must be lodged and received by the Competition Administrator no later than two (2) hours after the Match was played
- b) Protests will only be considered for obvious breaches of the laws of the game that clearly had a material effect on the outcome of the Match
- c) No protests as to the result of a Match will be considered in relation to disciplinary decisions of the Match Officials or decisions of facts relating to play
- d) Protests must be accompanied by a \$50 administration fee in order to be considered. The administration fee must be lodged together with the written protest

## 1. Age Eligibility

- a) Eligibility to age grades will be determined by the age in which the player turns in 2013. For example, a player turning 12 at any time during 2013 is eligible for the U12 age grade.

## 2. Eligibility and Ineligibility of Players General

- a) Eligible Players:
  - i. An eligible Player is one that meets all registration requirements within these Regulations and is not ineligible according to any article of these Regulations
- b) Ineligible Players:  
Ineligible Players include;
  - i. Unregistered Players
  - ii. Suspended Players
  - iii. A Player who is required to stand down for receiving the required number of cautions
  - iv. A Player that is deemed ineligible due to any article of these Regulations and the FNSW Grievance and Disciplinary Regulations
- c) Any Team that fields an ineligible Player will automatically lose that Match on forfeit
- d) Additionally the Club, Team Official/s and Player may further sanctioned in accordance with the FNSW Grievance and Disciplinary Regulations
- e) For clarity, it is the Clubs absolute responsibility to ensure that they field eligible players in any Match

# SECTION 4: REGISTRATION

## 1. Player Status

- a) All players registered to the Competition must be amateur
- b) Clubs are required to record the status of each Player on MyFootballClub (MFC) by having the player self-register
- c) Players are permitted to play for any number of Clubs in affiliated Summer Football Competitions, but not for multiple clubs within the 1 division of any Competition

## 2. Process for the Registration of an Amateur

- a) All amateur Players must be registered via the MyFootballClub system. The registration of an amateur Player with a Club is effective from the date the individual is made active by the Club within the national online registration system.
- b) The registration can be effected through;
  - i. The player self-registering via the MyFootballClub system and the Club accepting the Player's registration

- ii. If a Player is registering for the first time, that Player must provide the Competition Administrator with evidence of name and age, by producing an original birth certificate, passport or drivers licence

### **3. Submission of Registrations**

- a) All registrations must be submitted via MyFootballClub and a head and shoulders photo is to be uploaded into the Player profile within the communicated registration period

### **4. Registration Periods**

- a) The Competition administrator will communicate the Competition registration period.

### **5. Player Deregistration**

- a) An Amateur Player may be de-registered by applying to de-register via the MyFootballClub System, which will notify the Club and Competition Administrator of the Player's intention to deregister
- b) If a Club no longer wants an Amateur / Professional to play for the Club, that Club needs to apply to deregister that Player via the MyFootballClub System, which will notify the Player and FNSW of the Club's intention to deregister the Player
- c) The deregistration is effective:
  - i. When the other party (i.e. Club or Player as the case may be) has confirmed the notification or cancellation; or
  - ii. Amateur Players: seven (7) days from the date the Player requested the deregistration in the MyFootballClub system unless a grievance has been initiated with FNSW
- d) Any disputes relating to Player deregistration will be settled in accordance with the FFA Grievance Resolution Guidelines and FNSW Grievance and Disciplinary Regulations.

### **6. Maximum Player Rosters**

- a) The Competition Administrator will communicate maximum team roster if applicable

## SECTION 5: TEAM SHEETS, REPORTING AND MATCH OFFICIALS

### 1. Match Official Appointments

- a) The appointment of all Match Officials will be made by the Competition Administrator in consultation with the Referee Branch or Association providing the Match Officials

### 2. Match Official Powers, Duties and Obligations

- a) The Match Officials are charged with all duties, responsibilities and obligations as contained within the FIFA laws of the game
- b) Unless otherwise stated, the Referee will be the sole arbiter as to whether a game will proceed, having regard to the condition of the ground, the weather at the time of inspection and the projected weather forecast
- c) If the Referee finds it necessary to stop play for whatever reason, he / she should wait a reasonable time before deciding to abandon the Match
- d) Referees may abandon, postpone or forfeit a Match in accordance with any relevant articles of these Regulations
- e) In addition, Referees are required to, immediately after the conclusion of each Match, forward to the Competition Administrator send-off reports and incident reports if the latter is deemed necessary

### 3. Welfare of the Match Officials

- a) The Competition Administrator will be responsible for the welfare of the Match Officials, from the time they arrive at the venue, until the time they depart the venue.

### 4. Non-attendance of Match Officials

- a) Should an official Referee not be appointed, or be appointed and not attend, it is the Competition Administrators responsibility to determine who will officiate the match. This may be a volunteer, employee or Club representative, or combination of any of the above throughout the match

### 5. Team Sheets

- a) Competition Administrators are required to prepare team sheets for each match. These can be either via the SportingPulse online platform or hard copy.
- b) The numbers on the back of the Player's jerseys will correspond to the numbers on the team sheet handed to the Referee before the commencement of a Match.
- c) When a Match is forfeited, the team sheet will be endorsed accordingly by the Referee
- d) A Team Official from both the home and away Club is to sign the team sheet at the completion of the Match to confirm the information is correct
- e) Unless otherwise stated in the Grievance and Disciplinary Regulations, or in these Regulations, a Player listed on the team sheet will be deemed to have participated in the Match
- f) The Home Club Team appears first on the team sheet (left side)

### 6. Match Result Reporting

- a) The Competitions Administrator will upload the scores of each match to the Competition website.

## 7. Expulsion and Caution Reporting

- a) Expulsion and Caution reporting is as per the Grievance and Disciplinary Regulations

### SCHEDULE 1: ADDITIONAL RULES CHAMPIONS & CHAMPIONS

#### 1. Champions of Champions

- a) FNSW will conduct a Champion of Champions for the open Men's and Women's Age grades of the 2013 / 2014 Summer Football Season
- b) Endorsed Summer Football competition administrators will be invited to nominate one open men's and one open women's team to compete in the 2013/14 Summer Football Champion of Champions completion.
- c) The team nominated by the competition administrator must meet the following criteria;
- Be comprised of players that competed as a team in the 2013/14 Summer Football competition delivered by the competition operator
  - Have finished as the Premier or Champion (which should be noted in the respective competition regulations of the Summer Football competitions)
  - Be the highest positioned team on the ladder should nominations be required prior to the completion of any Summer Football competition
- d) The Champion of Champions competition will be facilitated by Football NSW at no extra cost to affiliated Summer Football competition operators or participating teams.
- e) Additionally, regardless of the format participated in at the respective Summer Football competitions; teams that qualify and participate in the FNSW Summer Football Champions of Champions Tournament will do so in a 6 v 6 format.
- f) The Competition will be conducted in 2014, prior to the commencement of the winter football season.
- g) Football NSW will issue further regulations, competitions dates and match schedule once the number of competitions that intend on nominating teams is confirmed