



## FUTSAL LEAGUE

### LOCAL COMPETITION RULES

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## GENERAL MATTERS AND DEFINITIONS

### 1. General Matters

- 1.1 This document encompasses the rules and regulations that govern the Capital Football Futsal competitions (including men's, women's, junior and senior competitions), administered under the auspices of Capital Football. Where any rules and/or regulations are not covered in this document, the matter will be referred to the Capital Football Competition Rules.
- 1.2 The Futsal League Administrator (FLA) with direction from the Competitions Manager (CM) shall have the power to alter and implement any decisions to this document where applicable to extenuating circumstances.
- 1.3 Definitions

**Away team** the second team mentioned on the draw.

**Board** the appointed Board of the respective Federation.

**CF** Capital Football.

**CFF** Capital Football Futsal.

**Club** any registered club participating in junior or senior futsal competitions in the ACT and surrounding regions.

**CM** Competitions Manager.

**Delegate** the official representative for a team.

**Extenuating circumstances** any circumstances beyond reasonable control of the appropriate Federation.

**Federation** covers Capital Football, Capital Football Futsal, North Canberra Futsal or South Canberra Futsal

**FFA** Football Federation Australia, the national football federation.

**FIFA** Federation of International Football Associations.

**FLA** the Futsal League Administrator.

**FLOTG** Futsal Laws of the Game, the FIFA endorsed futsal laws for officials.

**Home team** the first team mentioned on the draw.

**Junior competitions** open to any player under 16 years of age (refer age criteria).

**NCF** North Canberra Futsal club.

**Player** any registered participant, unless the contrary intention appears.

**Premier competitions** refer to skills based Futsal Junior Premier League (FJPL) or Futsal Premier League (FPL).

**SCF** South Canberra Futsal club.

**Senior or open age competitions** open to any player 15 years of age or older.

**Social competitions** refer to senior or open age divisional and mixed competitions.

**Team** any group of registered players that participate in Capital Football competitions.

**VM** the Venue Manager on duty at the venue who is a Capital Football representative.

**Youth competitions** open to any player 14-19 years of age.

## COMPULSORY EQUIPMENT AND OTHER ITEMS

### 2. Basic Uniform

- 2.1 Playing shirts with sleeves are compulsory. Playing shirts must be matching with numbers clearly marked on the back. No two shirts may display the same number. Numbers must be permanently fixed to the back of the shirt; use of tape is not permitted.
- 2.2 Playing shorts must be matching. Playing shorts if numbered must be the same number as per the playing shirt. If undershorts are worn, they must be the same colour as the playing shorts. In lower grade social competitions (Division 3 and below), matching shorts colour can be exempt.
- 2.3 Goal Keepers must wear uniforms that clearly contrast with the rest of the team and the opposing team.
  - 2.3.1 For Division two (2) competitions and higher, goal keeping shirts must be clearly numbered on the back. It is preferable that this is a number one (1).
  - 2.3.2 For Division three (3) competitions and lower, goal keeping shirts do not need to be numbered, but must clearly contrast with the rest of the team and the opposing team.
- 2.4 Teams are not to have all black uniforms (shirt, shorts and socks) due to clashes with referee uniforms.
- 2.5 Matching long socks must be worn. Socks must cover the shin pads entirely.
- 2.6 Shin pads must be worn. Shin pads must comply with Law 4 of the official 'FLOTG'.
- 2.7 Non marking shoes must be worn at all times.

- 2.8 In the opinion of the referee, where the colours of both teams are sufficiently similar it is the responsibility of the away team to change into an alternate coloured strip or bibs provided. Any bibs provided by the CF VM must be returned immediately after the match, failure to do so will result in fines as set out in Schedule 1.
- 2.9 Matching playing shirts will be provided for mini's players. As this is an introductory competition matching shorts and socks are not enforced.

### **3. Match Balls**

- 3.1 Match balls must be FIFA approved as per Law 2 of the official 'FLOTG'.
- 3.2 Size 3 match balls are to be used for all age groups up to and including under 13's. Size 4 match balls are to be used for all other age groups including open age.
- 3.3 Five minutes before the scheduled start of a match, each team must give the referee one ball. The referee may choose either ball or request that another ball be brought on to the court.

### **4. ID cards**

- 4.1 Upon request of match officials or VM's, players must provide valid photo identification. Where a player is unable to produce proof of identification, the matter will be reported to the FLA who will take the appropriate disciplinary action against the player, team and club involved as set out in Schedule 1.

### **5. Jewellery**

- 5.1 As per Law 4 of the official 'FLOTG' the wearing of jewellery is not permitted.
- 5.2 Medic Alert bracelets and necklaces are the only jewellery approved to be worn. All Medic Alert bracelets and necklaces must be securely taped to the body and the referees informed of them being worn prior to the match.
- 5.3 As per Rule 1.10 of the Futsal Referees Handbook, religious artefacts may be worn provided the player can produce written approval from CF to wear the artefacts including the conditions for wearing it.
- 5.3.1 In the event where written approval from CF has not been permitted and it is the player's first offence, the match officials and VM may approve a one-off on the spot exemption provided the artefact is not deemed dangerous and can be covered.

### **6. Trophies**

- 6.1 All perpetual trophies must be returned to the FLA four (4) weeks prior to the completion of the season. Failure to return trophies by the due date will render the team liable to a fine as set out in Schedule 1.

- 6.2 All perpetual trophies remain the property of the Federation and cannot be won outright. Trophies must be returned in good condition or the holders of the trophy shall be liable for the full value of the damage to any trophy.

## COMPETITIONS

### 7. Competitions

Junior and senior competitions are covered under these guidelines.

- 7.1 Junior competitions are open to players aged 5-16 years. CF junior competitions will encompass Premier League Boys and Girls. NCF and SCF clubs will encompass junior social competitions.
- 7.2 Senior competitions are open to players 15 years and older. Senior competitions will encompass Premier League Men and Women, Social Divisions 1-5 North and South Men, Social Divisions 1-3 Women, Social Mixed and Youth (under19).
- 7.3 All junior competitions will be run on an age based criteria (see Rule 10.1 – 10.6).
- 7.4 All junior competitions under 10's and younger (minis) will be deemed non-competitive and therefore results will not be recorded. Tournaments are an exception to this Rule.
- 7.5 All senior or open competitions will be run on a skill based (Premier League) or divisional basis (social). For the benefit of a competition, the FLA reserves the right to transfer a team into a more appropriate division. Pre-competition qualifying tournaments and grading periods may also be utilised to ensure teams are of similar playing standards.
- 7.6 All teams must have at least one person(s) over the age of 18 as a registered team official.

### 8. Other Competitions

- 8.1 Clubs are to assume full responsibility for the running of any match they may organise with teams outside of the Federation or with teams within the Federation. These responsibilities include first receiving sanction for such matches from the Federation. Approval must be sought by a request in writing no less than seven (7) days prior to the scheduled date of a local match or three weeks for an interstate fixture and where appropriate the Capital Football Visiting Teams Policy shall be adhered to. A player or Club found to be participating in an unauthorised competition or match will not be covered by the Federation's insurance policy and may be subject to disciplinary action as determined by the Federation.

### 9. Draws

- 9.1 Draws for all competitions will be published on the Fox Sports Pulse website.
- 9.2 Draws are subject to change at late notice for a variety of reasons. CF will endeavour to contact all teams affected by such changes, but may not always be able to do so pending timeframe of late notice.

- 9.3 Teams are responsible for checking the draw regularly prior to their matches to ensure that they are aware of any draw changes.

## ELIGIBILITY

### 10. Age Based Competitions

- 10.1 No player may play for any team unless he/she is correctly registered with the appropriate Federation in line with registration guidelines (see Rule 12.1 – 12.2).
- 10.2 For the purpose of defining player's age for competitions, it is deemed that a player's age is based on their actual age as of 31 December that year.
- 10.3 Minimum age for players to play in any age based futsal competition is five (5) years of age (see Rule 7.1).
- 10.4 Male players are not permitted to play in female competitions.
- 10.5 Female players playing in mixed or open competitions are permitted to play down one (1) age group below their defined age group with the approval of the Federation i.e. under 11 eligible Female is permitted to play in under 10 Male competitions. Female players playing in female competitions must play in their respective age group.
- 10.6 Players are permitted to play up to two (2) chronological years above their respective age groups in their gender specific competitions. Players are not permitted to play in any age groups below their respective age group except for female players (see Rule 10.5).

### 11. Premier League or Social Competitions

- 11.1 No player may play for any team unless he/she is correctly registered with the appropriate Federation in line with registration guidelines (see Rule 12.1 – 12.2).
- 11.2 Juniors - FJPL players can only play in the one junior competition. However, junior registered players may also register for one or more senior age competitions (see Rule 11.5).
- 11.3 Teams are free to nominate for any Premier or Social competitions, although the final decision on divisional placement rests at the discretion of the FLA.
- 11.4 Seniors - Individual players who register in more than one competition, may only register in a subsequent team no greater than one division higher or lower than their default status. Please note that a player's registration status can change between participation in the summer competition and winter competitions.
- 11.5 Schedule 2 depicts the hierarchy of divisions.

- 11.6 Seniors - For the purpose of player status, Mixed Social competitions are deemed equivalent to the lowest Men's division. However this does not restrict registrations from male player's that are registered in a higher division.
- 11.7 Seniors - Mixed Social teams are to have a minimum of two female players on court at all times.
- 11.7.1 In the event where only one (1) female is present at the start of the match, the match may proceed (see Rule 28.2) however the relevant team must play one (1) person down i.e. the female player cannot be replaced by an additional male player.

## REGISTRATIONS

### 12. Players Must Be Registered

- 12.1 No player may play for any team unless he/she is correctly registered with the Federation in accordance with the FFA National Registration Regulations.
- 12.2 Registrations shall be;
- 12.2.1 Completed using the My Football Club website.
  - 12.2.2 In accordance with the official form provided.
  - 12.2.3 In accordance with FFA registration parameters.
  - 12.2.4 Accompanied by the appropriate fees.
  - 12.2.5 Accompanied by appropriate documentation for the purpose of verifying players age (age based competitions).
- 12.3 CF reserves the right to refuse an individual registration or team nomination. Registrations may be refused as a result of;
- 12.3.1 Incomplete lodgement of registration forms and/or payments.
  - 12.3.2 Lodging of fraudulent registration details.
  - 12.3.3 A teams or individuals un-financial status with the association.
  - 12.3.4 A teams or individuals playing status – i.e. outstanding suspensions etc.

### 13. Invalid registrations due to false statement

- 13.1 If it is deemed that a players registration has been accepted as a result of false statement by the player or by the team through which they are registered, without which the registration would not have been approved, the player will be considered an unregistered player and the team liable to such penalties as set out in Schedule 1.

### 14. Registration periods

- 14.1 Team registrations will only be accepted during the official registration period.



- 14.2 Any team or individual registrations submitted outside the official registration period may incur an additional late entry fee as set out in Schedule 1, and cannot be guaranteed entry into the competition.
- 14.3 Individual registrations will be accepted from the start of the registration period until no later than four weeks prior to the first scheduled final within the respective division to be eligible for finals.
- 14.3.1 Individual registrations outside of this (see Rule 14.3) will be accepted outlining that individual will not be permitted to participate in any finals series.

## 15. Late applications

- 15.1 The Federation may accept late applications for entry into the respective competitions provided that (see Rule 14.2);
- 15.1.1 The production of the draws will not be delayed.
- 15.1.2 The resultant competition is not disadvantaged by the entry of one additional team.
- 15.1.3 The team being entered late can be placed in a competition equivalent to the ability of the team.
- 15.2 A late team nomination that could be placed instead of a bye may be accepted provided there is sufficient venue capacity available.

## FEES

### 16. Registration Fees

- 16.1 CF will determine the rate of annual registration fees no later than 1<sup>st</sup> November for each year.
- 16.2 All participants will be charged a registration fee that encompasses that respective season i.e. Winter or Summer futsal competitions. Participants will be charged a separate registration fee for each competition that individual plays in, unless determined as a borrowed player (see Rule 31.5).
- 16.3 Registration fees per individual covers;
- i. CF registration
  - ii. FFA National Registration Fee
  - iii. Facility Infrastructure Levy (FIL)
  - iv. Venue hire costs
  - v. Referees
  - vi. CF staff and administration costs
  - vii. Trophies and other equipment
- 16.4 Competition fees may vary depending on the length of matches and the length of competition (see Rule 17.1-17.4).
- 16.5 Please refer to the CF Refund Policy in relation to partial registration fees.

## CONDUCT OF MATCHES

### 17. Match Duration

- 17.1 Match duration for competitions may vary due to court availability at the discretion of the Federation.
- 17.2 Match duration for all senior competitions will consist of two equal length halves of 20 minutes, run off the clock, with a 2 minute half time break.
- 17.3 Match duration for junior competitions will consist of two equal length halves of between 15 minutes (Under 10) and 20 minutes (Under 11-16), with a 2 minute half time break.
- 17.4 Match duration for minis program will consist of two equal length halves of between 10 and 15 minutes with a 2 minute half time break.

### 18. Courts

- 18.1 As per Law 1 of the official 'FLOTG' standard size courts will be used for all junior and senior social competitions. International sized courts will be used for senior Premier League competitions and higher aged junior Premier League competitions where facility capability permits.
- 18.2 Modified courts will be used for mini's program. Courts used for the mini's program will be between  $\frac{1}{2}$  size and  $\frac{3}{4}$  standard court size, dependent on facility availability.

### 19. Points Allocation

- 19.1 Points will not be allocated to non-competitive matches (see Rule 7.4).
- 19.2 Points will only be allocated to competitive matches.
- 19.3 Points will be allocated as follows;
  - 19.3.1 3 points for a win.
  - 19.3.2 2 points for a draw.
  - 19.3.3 0 points for a bye.
  - 19.3.4 0 points for a loss.

### 20. Determination of Points Table

- 20.1 At the completion of the specific competition matches, the points table placement of teams will be determined by the number of points accrued in playing those matches. The team with the highest number of points will be placed first. The remaining teams will be placed according to their points accrual with the next highest number being placed second and so on.

- 20.2 In the event that two teams are equal on points then the following elimination process shall apply to determine the respective placements;
- 20.2.1 The result of the match or aggregate result in the matches played would place the winner as the higher of the two. If their match was drawn or this was a tie then;
  - 20.2.2 The team with the higher goal difference would be placed as the higher of the two. If there remains a tied outcome then;
  - 20.2.3 The team with the highest goals for would be the higher of the two. If there remains a tied outcome then;
  - 20.2.4 A coin is tossed to determine the position.
  - 20.2.5 Where more than two teams finish equal on points, the ranking of teams is first determined by goal difference and if still equal goals for will be considered.
- 20.3 In the event that a competition has an odd number of teams, each round will subsequently have a bye match. Where teams have an uneven amount of byes during that competition, the points table placement will be determined by the ratio;
- 20.3.1 Total points earned divided by the total number matches played.

## 21. Match Sheets

- 21.1 It is the responsibility of the respective teams to ensure that match sheets are correct and include all player's names and shirt numbers at least 5 minutes prior to the start of the match.
- 21.2 Only players correctly listed on the match sheet at the start of play will be permitted to participate. Names of players may only be added to the match sheet in accordance with the borrowed players rule (see Rule 29).
- 21.3 Should a player take the court that is not listed on the match card prior to the commencement of the match will result in a fine and penalty as set out in Schedule 1.
- 21.4 The referee may refuse to let a team take the court until that team's part of the match sheet has been presented to the referee.
- 21.5 A team's match sheet must be shown to the captain or manager of the opposing team at his or her request.
- 21.6 All players listed on the match sheet must have in their possession some legitimate form of photographic identification which must be produced at the request of the VM, FLA or referee. Legitimate forms of photographic identification may include a Driver's License, Proof of Age Card, School/University Issued ID Card, or Passport.
- 21.7 The detection of a breach against a status or registration rule after viewing the opposing team's identification record may be the subject of a protest by that team, but will not be cause for the match not to be played or to be abandoned. Such protests will only be considered if they are forwarded in writing to the FLA within forty-eight hours of the event.

- 21.8 At the conclusion of the match representatives from both teams are required to sign the match sheet to verify the score and note any injuries that occurred during the match. Managers may also record any comments relating to purported breaches of these Rules.
- 21.9 Any player under suspension from the Federation will have their name noted on the match sheet and will not be permitted to play. Any suspended player who takes to the court will result in penalties as set out in Schedule 1.
- 21.10 Match sheets will not be used for mini's programs although an attendance register is to be maintained.

## **22. Late Start**

- 22.1 Teams not ready to kick off at the scheduled time as signalled by the referees will immediately be penalised one goal and a further goal for every two (2) minutes that they are late.
- 22.2 If a team is not ready to kick off after five (5) minutes past the scheduled kick off time as signalled by the referees the team will be considered to have forfeited the match and penalised (see Rule 24.3).

## **23. Rescheduling of Matches**

- 23.1 Rescheduling of matches by teams will not be permitted.
- 23.2 Rescheduling of matches by the Federation will only occur due to extenuating circumstances.
- 23.3 In the event of a match being rescheduled due to extenuating circumstances, both teams must agree to the proposed date and time for the match to be played.
- 23.4 If a match cannot be rescheduled for whatever reason, the result will be recorded as a forfeit against the team which could not make the original date and time.

## **24. Forfeiture of Matches**

- 24.1 Teams must notify the Federation at least 48 hours prior to their match of their intention to forfeit.
- 24.2 Notification of forfeiture must be in writing.
- 24.3 Forfeiture of match will result in a score-line of 5-0 being recorded against the forfeiting team.
- 24.4 Failure to provide 48 hours notice of forfeiture will result in the incurrance of a fine as set out in Schedule 1.
- 24.5 Failure to pay any fine resulting from forfeiture of matches will result in the forfeiting team receiving no points from any further matches until the fine is paid in full.

## **25. Abandonment of Matches**

- 25.1 An abandoned match as a result of player, spectator, or team official's conduct will result in the awarding of a 5-0 result being recorded against the offending team.
- 25.2 Matches may be abandoned by the appointed referee on the grounds of;
- 25.2.1 Threatening behaviour or conduct by player, team, spectator, or team officials.
  - 25.2.2 Insufficient players left on the court (see Rule 26).
  - 25.2.3 Physical violence against an appointed referee, player, spectator or team officials.
- 25.3 Teams or individuals found responsible for the abandonment of matches may also be subject to fines or suspensions as per the FFA National Disciplinary Rules of 2015 or as set out in Schedule 1.
- 25.4 Matches may also be abandoned due to circumstances beyond the control of the appointed referee such as;
- 25.4.1 Unsafe court conditions
  - 25.4.2 Power failure
  - 25.4.3 Insufficient lighting
  - 25.4.4 Fire, flood or bomb threat
  - 25.4.5 Or any other conditions that may endanger the player safety causing the abandonment of matches.
- 25.5 In circumstances described by Rule 25.4, neither team will be penalised as a result of the abandonment, the match will recommence once conditions are deemed satisfactory for play to recommence.
- 25.6 Matches will recommence from the point of abandonment and scores will commence unchanged from those recorded at the time of abandonment.
- 25.7 If matches are unable to recommence on the day of the abandonment due to time constrictions, matches will be rescheduled at the discretion of the Federation (see Rule 23).
- 25.8 Where a match under Rule 25.4 has no bearing on the result of the competition, it may be cancelled by the Federation with the consent of both teams.
- 25.9 In the event of a walk-off by a team before the end of a match, that team will be considered to have forfeited the match. In the event that the score line against the offending team is greater than 0 – 5, the match will be abandoned and the score will be recorded as it was prior to the walk-off.

## **26. Minimum Number of Players**

- 26.1 A minimum of three (3) players are required on court to commence a match, however this does include junior or senior Premier League where the minimum number is five (5).
- 26.2 Any team that has less than three (3) players on the court either before or during the match will be considered to have forfeited the match. In the event that the score line is greater than a 5-0 deficit, the score will be recorded as it was.

## 27. Unregistered players

- 27.1 Any player playing with a team in any competition who is not correctly registered in line with these rules shall be deemed an unregistered player.
- 27.2 The playing of unregistered players is not permitted under any circumstances and will result in the offending team forfeiting the match and fines will be issued as set out in Schedule 1.
- 27.3 Any players deemed to have played in competitions as unregistered players will also be required to pay the appropriate registration fees as set out in Schedule 1.
- 27.4 Failure to pay any fees or fines resulting from playing an unregistered player will result in the forfeiting team receiving nil (0) points from any matches until the fine is paid in full.

## 28. Withdrawal of Teams

- 28.1 In the instance of a team withdrawing from a competition after the competition has commenced, all fees paid are non-refundable. Extenuating circumstances may be considered at the discretion of the Federation. Administration fees will still apply as set out in Schedule 1.
- 28.2 In the instance of a team forfeiting three matches in a season, the Federation reserves the right after reasonable investigation to withdraw the team from the competition.
- 28.3 In the instance of a team withdrawing from the competition prior to the completion of the season, all points received in matches against that team may be disregarded in the competition table for that league, and a forfeit recorded for all matches involving the withdrawn team.
- 28.4 In the instance of a team withdrawing from a competition final series, where possible the position will be replaced by the next team as per the points table placements in order for the finals match to be played. If the withdrawn team cannot be replaced, the match will be determined as a 5-0 forfeit win to the non-offending team.

## 29. Borrowing of Players

- 29.1 The borrowing of players is only permitted in open age competitions.
- 29.2 A player must be fully registered in a futsal competition to be permitted as a borrowed player.
- 29.3 Seniors – Players can only be borrowed from one division higher, an equal division, or any lower division as outlined in Schedule 2.  
Juniors – Players can only be borrowed from a younger age group after consultation with the Federation's Player Registrar.
- 29.4 Players cannot be borrowed from another team in the same competition in which they are playing.
- 29.5 A team who is borrowing players must have a minimum of three (3), and a maximum of six (6), of their own registered players playing in the match.

- 29.6 A player may be borrowed up to a total of three (3) times throughout an entire season for any team within the parameters of Rule 29.3.
- 29.7 If a player is borrowed more than three (3) times during any season that player will be required to pay another set of match fees as set out in Schedule 1 before being permitted to play in any other matches.
- 29.8 Borrowed players are not permitted to be used during finals series matches.
- 29.9 Breaches of the above 'Borrowing of Players' rules will result in a forfeit being awarded to the non-offending team and subsequent fine as set out in Schedule 1.

### **30. Spectators**

- 30.1 Each team must keep its members and spectators in check, preventing any disturbance amongst its spectators and generally assist the Federation in the preservation of law, order and good discipline at the match. Any team that is found guilty of a breach of the Rule will be liable to a fine or penalty to be determined by the Federation and may be liable to lose competition points.

## **CONDUCT OF FINALS SERIES MATCHES**

### **31. Match Duration**

- 31.1 At the completion of rule time in a Quarter or Semi Final the team with the highest number of goals moves to the next phase in the competition, or in the case of a Grand Final is declared the winner of the competition.
- 31.2 In the event that the match result is a draw at the completion of rule time, the following shall occur:
- 31.2.1 Extra time of three (3) minutes each way will be played. The team scoring the most goals in the extra time period is deemed the winner and in the case of a Quarter or Semi Final advances to the next phase in the competition, or in the case of the Grand Final is declared the winner of the competition.
- 31.2.2 Where no goals are scored or each team scores the same number of goals, then penalties shall be taken in accordance with the official 'FLOTG'. The winner in the case of a Quarter or Semi Final advances to the next phase of the competition, or in the case of the Grand Final is declared the winner of the competition.

## **REFEREES**

### **32. Appointments**

- 32.1 Unless otherwise decided by the Referee's Standing Advisory Committee, the appointment of referees will be made by the CF Referee Development Manager or CF Referee Administrator.

- 32.2 A match may proceed with a minimum of one (1) appointed referee. In the event of a match being played without an appointed referee, both teams will be notified where possible by the FLA and will be responsible for supplying a clubs person to referee half the match each.
- 32.3 If the senior referee has to leave the court before the end of a match, the second referee will assume the responsibility of refereeing the match alone.
- 32.4 If the match is refereed by one (1) referee and he/she has to leave the court before the end of the match, a substitute referee will be supplied (see Rule 32.2).

### **33. Approaching the Referee**

- 33.1 With the exemption of team managers/captains carrying out the requirements of Rule 21 (Match Sheets) no person may approach the referee during the match or at the end of the match for any purpose whatsoever without his or her consent.

### **34. Action Against Referees**

- 34.1 Referees who fail to attend matches for which they are appointed or whose performance fails to meet the standard set by the official 'FLOTG', will be subject to disciplinary action by the Referees Standing Advisory Committee as determined by their regulations.

### **35. Reporting**

- 35.1 If a player is cautioned or sent from the court, the referee must send a written report to the FLA and CF Referee Administrator by email, fax, post or hand within forty-eight hours of the match being completed or they may face disciplinary action (see Rule 34).
- 35.2 If a referee exercises his or her discretionary powers to suspend or abandon a match as per the guidelines in Rule 25 (Abandonment of Matches) or any other cause, he or she must submit a report to the FLA and CF Referee Administrator within forty-eight hours of the stoppage of the match or face disciplinary action (see Rule 34).

## **DISPUTES, DISCIPLINE, PROTESTS and APPEALS**

Please refer to the FFA National Disciplinary Regulations and Capital Football's Competition Rules and Disciplinary Regulations for complete details on all matters relating to disputes, discipline, protests and appeals. The National Disciplinary Regulations and CF Competition Rules and Disciplinary Regulations apply in addition to any other penalty that may be applied and/or imposed under these Rules.

## **CARDS AND SUSPENSIONS**

### **36. Yellow Cards**

- 36.1 If a player accrues four (4) yellow cards in a single competition during the same season, that player shall serve an automatic one (1) match ban in the next scheduled match in that competition.



- 36.2 If a player accrues a further three (3) yellow cards in the same competition, that player must serve an automatic one (1) match ban in the next scheduled match in that competition.
- 36.3 Yellow cards do not carry over between divisions. For example, a player who accrues four yellow cards in a Division 1 competition may still play in a Division 2 competition if they are fully registered to that competition.

### **37. Red Cards**

- 37.1 Any player who receives a red card in a match must serve an automatic one (1) match ban in the next scheduled match in that competition. Further sanction may be imposed for serious offences as outlined under the FFA National Disciplinary Regulations and the CF Disciplinary Regulations.

### **38. Suspensions**

- 38.1 Any player who receives a suspension must serve that suspension in the next scheduled match(es) for their team until the suspension is served completely.
- 38.2 If a player is suspended and their team forfeits the next match, that player is deemed not to have served the suspension in the forfeited match. However, if the opposition forfeits the match, the player is deemed to have served the suspension.
- 38.3 Any player who is suspended and plays in a match before the period of their suspension has been served will receive an additional four (4) match suspension and penalties as set out in Schedule 1.
- 38.4 A suspended player is not permitted to register for another team or be borrowed under suspension.

## **REPRESENTATIVE PLAYERS**

### **39. Representative Players**

- 39.1 Any junior team with four (4) or more representative players must play up at least one (1) age group, the final decision remains with the competition organiser in the interests of providing a fair and equitable competition.
- 39.2 Any female team with four (4) or more representative players, playing in a boy's competition will not be allowed to play down an age group.
- 39.3 In any aged based competition, any team with two (2) or more representative players must not play in a Division 2 competition.
- 39.4 Any male senior team with four (4) or more youth and/or senior representative players must compete in Division 1 or higher.
- 39.5 Any individual F-League or FPL player can register or be borrowed for a second team;

- 39.5.1 F-League players cannot play lower than Division 1 during the Winter season (in-season)
- 39.5.2 F-League players cannot play lower than Division 2 during the Summer season (off-season)
- 39.5.3 FPL players cannot play lower than Division 2 during the Summer season (in-season)

## SCHEDULE 1 -

### SCHEDULE OF FINES AND PENALTIES

#### 40. Fines and Penalties

- 40.1 Withdrawal of team after commencement of competition
  - 40.1.1 \$150.00 administration fee per team
- 40.2 Late team nomination fee
  - 40.2.1 \$50.00
- 40.3 Forfeit of match without 48 hours notice
  - 40.3.1 First offence - \$25.00, second and subsequent offence - \$50.00
  - 40.3.2 0 points
- 40.4 Playing an unregistered player
  - 40.4.1 Forfeit of match
  - 40.4.2 Additional match fees charged to player (competition fees ÷ number of matches)
- 40.5 Borrowing an ineligible player
  - 40.5.1 Forfeit of match
- 40.6 Player whose name is left off the match card taking the court
  - 40.6.1 Forfeit of match
- 40.7 Failure to return perpetual trophy four (4) weeks prior to end of season
  - 40.7.1 \$50.00 per week the trophy is retained after due date.
- 40.8 Player who is suspended taking the court
  - 40.8.1 Forfeit of match
  - 40.8.2 \$50.00
  - 40.8.3 Additional four (4) match suspension on top of existing suspension
- 40.9 Failure to return any borrowed item/equipment (bibs and match balls)
  - 40.10 \$20.00 per item

All fines are exclusive of GST.

