

# Community League and Junior League Competition Regulations

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The purpose of the Competition Regulations is to provide a system that sets out the procedures and guidelines for Capital Football Community and Junior League competitions and related programs

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## 1. GENERAL MATTERS APPLICABLE TO ALL COMPETITIONS

### 1.1. Application and Definitions

- 1.1.1. These Regulations shall apply to all Men's and Womens State League, Men's Masters competition fixtures, ActewAGL JL, Aldi MiniRoos (where applicable) including cup games, representative fixtures, finals series and play-off matches), administered under the auspices of CF. These Regulations also extend to Capital Football Futsal competitions.
- 1.1.2. If any provision of these Regulations is held invalid or unenforceable by a court of competent jurisdiction then the remainder of these Regulations and their application shall not be affected and shall continue to be valid and enforceable to the fullest extent permitted by law.
- 1.1.3. Terms defined in the CF Constitution, CF Registration Regulations or the CF Disputes & Disciplinary Regulations shall have the same meaning in these Regulations unless otherwise stated.
- 1.1.4. Notwithstanding Regulation 1.1.3, in these Regulations, unless the context otherwise requires:

**ACTFF** means the ACT Football Federation

**Amateur** means any player that is not a Professional

**Away team** means the team listed second in the draw

**Cancellation of Amateur Registration** means when a Player changes Clubs during the season, the Player must De-register in Play Football

**CLC** means CLs Coordinator of CF

**CEO** means the Chief Executive Officer of Capital Football

**CF** means Capital Football and includes the members of the Capital Football Board, its Members, Members of Standing Advisory Committees and persons engaged or employed by Capital Football

**CFDDR** means the CF Disputes & Disciplinary Regulations

**Championship or Final Series** means the matches played as part of the Final Series which is separate from the regular season competition.

**CJL** means Coordinator JLs of CF

**CLSAC** means CL Standing Advisory Committee

**Club** means a football club registered with FFA and affiliated with Capital Football

**Club Affiliation Criteria** means any written criteria published by CF relating to the affiliation, amalgamation or merger of Clubs including but not limited to these Regulations

**Club Associate(s)** means one or more of the following, whether individually or collectively:

- 1.1. Club Office Bearers;
- 1.2. Club Officials (coach, team manager, anyone who is officially associated with the Club);
- 1.3. Players of a Club;

- 1.4. Members of a Club;
- 1.5. Supporters of a Club;
- 1.6. a Club

**Club Vested Official (CVO)** means a person nominated by a Club to assist the Club in meeting its match day obligations

**CL** means all State League and Masters fixtures

**CM** means Competition Manager of CF

**Competition Season Matches** means those matches included in regular season. Not including Finals (Championship) Series.

**De-registration** means the termination of a Player registration

**Defunct Club** means a Club whose affiliation with CF has been cancelled or revoked

**DIAC** means Department of Immigration and Citizenship

**Disciplinary Committee** means a CF Disciplinary Committee appointed by CF

**Dual Registration** means the process of registering and participating for multiple Clubs at the same time

**Field** means to record a Player's name on the Match Card

**Field of Play (FOP)** means the field of play

**FIFA** means Federation Internationale De Football Association

**Fixture** means a game of Football sanctioned by CF

**FFA** means Football Federation Australia

**FFA Number** means a Player's national registration number

**FFA NRR** means Football Federation Australia National Registration Regulations

**FFA Statutes** means FFA's Statutes including By-Laws, Constitution, Regulations, Policies and Procedures

**FLC** means Futsal League Coordinator of CF

**Football Activities** means any related training, trial matches, Competition Season Matches or Finals (Championship) Series Matches

**Grievance** means any dispute or grievance arising in relation to these Regulations

**Grievance Resolution Regulations** means the FFA Grievance Resolution Regulations

**Home Team** means the team listed first on the draw

**Incorporation** means any Association that is incorporated under the *ACT Associations Incorporation Act 2009*

**Independent Match Observer** means an independently appointed person to oversee designated football fixtures as required

**International Club** means a football club located outside the Commonwealth of Australia

**International Transfer Certificate (ITC)** means a certificate provided by one national Association to another to facilitate the transfer of a Player between countries

**JL** means JL Competition

**JSAC** means JL Standing Advisory Committee

**Just Cause** means legally entitled to terminate a Professional Player Contract

**Match Official** means a referee, assistant referee, additional assistant referee, fourth official or Referee Assessor

**Minor** means a person under the age of 18 years

**Play Football** means the national database administered by FFA for the purposes of registering all participants in Football in Australia

**National Association** means a national football association that is a recognised FIFA member

**Player** means a person who is, from time to time, registered to a club

**Player Agent** means a person licensed to act as a Player Agent by FIFA or FFA

**Player Passport** means the form of document that records each Player's club for which the Player has been registered since the season of their twelfth birthday

**RDM** means the Referee Development Manager or his delegate

**RSAC** means the Referee's Standing Advisory Committee

**Solidarity Contribution** means the proportion of a Transfer Fee for a Player to be distributed to clubs involved in the educational and training of that Player.

**Supplementary Registration** means a registration that allows a player to play in two different competitions for two different Clubs

**Team** means a group of Players fielded by a Club to participate in a CF Fixture

**Transfer** means when a Professional Player, the current Club and the new Club agree to a Transfer Fee for the Player to move to the new Club in a Professional League whilst still contracted to the current Club

**Transfer Fee** means a sum of money, agreed upon by two Professional Clubs to compensate the transfer of a Player between the two Clubs

**Tribunal** means the CF Tribunal established under the CFDDR

**Venue Manager** means a CF staff member or person appointed to manage a venue as directed

1.1.5. For the purposes of these Regulations:

- a) The area within these Regulations referred to as the “A.C.T.” shall be the area controlled by CF as directed and approved by the FFA.
- b) Where the terms “team” or “teams” are used, it is implied that the team or teams involved are under the control of and are the responsibility of their Club, and therefore any sanctions or penalties applied to a team or teams may also be applied to the Club.
- c) In addition to any Sanctions set out in these Regulations, a failure to comply with or a breach of these Regulations will amount to Misconduct as defined in the CFDDR

1.1.6. The Club Affiliation Criteria will be determined by the CF Board.

1.1.7. In the case of a Regulation being interpreted in two or more different ways, CF reserves the right to determine which interpretation is valid. Any such determination is final and not subject to appeal

1.1.8. Subject to the CF Constitution and these Regulations, the CM and/or CF Competitions staff shall have the power to determine and implement decisions regarding the control, administration and/or organisation of the CF Competitions.

1.1.9. Subject to the CF Constitution, and the application of the CF Disciplinary and Disputes Regulations nothing in these Regulations shall prevent CF from approving a course of action to meet unforeseeable circumstances not covered by these Regulations including but not limited to promotion, relegation, number of divisions and composition of teams.

1.1.10. In making a decision under Regulations 1.1.7, 1.1.8 or 1.1.9, CF should seek the advice of the CLSAC, JSAC and/or RSAC.

1.1.11. Where a Club considers that it can demonstrate that it has been unfairly and adversely affected by a decision made under Regulations 1.1.8 or 1.1.9, it may seek an appeals hearing to review the decision. Any request to review a decision must be in writing, identify the decision being appealed and clearly state how the Club considers that it has been unfairly and/or adversely affected by the decision. Subject to clause 1.1.12 a request to review a decision will be dealt with in accordance with the CF Disciplinary and Disputes Regulations.

1.1.12. Where a review request qualifies for consideration, CF may in the first instance seek to resolve an agreeable outcome with the Club and any other person or entity effected by the decision under review.

## 1.2. **Alteration**

1.2.1. CF will have the power to alter any aspect within these Regulations from time to time.

## 1.3. **Consequences of Breach**

1.3.1. In addition to any consequences stated in these Regulations, any proven breach of or failure to comply with an obligation or requirement set out in these Regulations will amount to misconduct and may be subject to the provisions of the CFDDR.

1.3.2. To avoid doubt, where these Regulations do not specify the consequences of a breach or failure to comply with these Regulations, such a breach or failure to comply will still amount to misconduct and may be subject to the provisions of the CFDDR.

#### **1.4. Amalgamations and mergers of Clubs**

- 1.4.1. Clubs must advise, and apply to, CF where two or more Clubs are proposing to amalgamate or merge. CF must be so advised before any formal meetings of the respective Club members are convened to address the issue in order to allow CF to be represented at such meetings.
- 1.4.2. All applications for Clubs to amalgamate or merge name must be made outside of the winter season, but not later than 1 December unless otherwise allowed by CF.
- 1.4.3. Where two or more Clubs wish to amalgamate or merge they shall:
  - a) Apply to CF in writing for approval to amalgamate or merge. The letter is to be signed for and on behalf of the amalgamating Clubs' Committees.
  - b) Submit the name of the proposed new amalgamated Club and provide;
    - i. A copy of the notice of General Meeting of both Clubs;
    - ii. A copy of the signed record of attendance at the General Meetings of both Clubs, and
    - iii. A copy of the minutes of the General Meetings of both Clubs, signed by the Office Bearers of the Club which confirms the approval by Club members of the amalgamation.
  - c) Submit a copy of the proposed Constitution, or, if the proposed new Club is intending to become an Incorporated Association, the proposed Statement of Purpose and Regulations.
  - d) Submit the names of the nominated Office Bearers.
  - e) Upon the registration of an incorporation of any new entity to run the amalgamated or merged Club, if any, provide to CF a copy of a certificate of incorporation or other such documentation as CF may require in respect of that new entity.
- 1.4.4. Before amalgamation or merger is approved, all outstanding financial obligations and playing commitments of both Clubs to the CF must be fulfilled.
- 1.4.5. On approval, all players of amalgamating or merging Clubs shall be deemed to be players registered by CF as players of the newly formed Club.
- 1.4.6. Any newly amalgamated or merged Club must fulfil its commitments and be responsible for all the terms and conditions of any player agreements, current at the time of amalgamation or merger, previously made by any of the amalgamating or merging Clubs in regards to any player of the newly formed Club

#### **1.5. Change of Club Name**

- 1.5.1. Any club that wishes to change its registered Club name must provide the information required under Regulation 1.4.3 in writing to CF and seek approval.
- 1.5.2. All applications for a change of Club name must be made outside of the winter season, but not later than 1 December unless otherwise allowed by CF. The name change application process will be in 2 parts.

1.5.3. Prior to CF ratification the Club must:

- a) Submit on letterhead its request for a change of Club name
- b) Provide full disclosure of information including the reasons for the request
- c) Ensure that the 'name' is representative of the broader geographical area within which the Club is located and shall not make any reference to any ethnic name, slogan, sponsor or business. In addition, the 'name' shall not contain initials of any type that can be interpreted as non-representative of the geographical area
- d) Provide an alternative name that can be assessed, again with full disclosure as per '(b)' and that meets the requirements of '(c)' above.

1.5.4. After CF ratification, the Club must:

- a) Provide a copy of the Minutes of the Special General Meeting of the Club during which the change of name was approved
- b) Provide evidence of registration of the new Club (business) name with the appropriate entity.

1.5.5. CF will assess a change of name application only when all of the information required under Regulation 1.4.3 has been provided. Where this information is provided, CF reserves the right to reject any application for a change of name as it sees fit and will provide the Club with reasons as to why their name change application was rejected.

## 1.6. **FIFA Laws of the Game**

1.6.1. All matches under the jurisdiction of CF will be played in accordance with the FIFA Laws of the Game unless otherwise stipulated in these Regulations and will be played in compliance with FFA and CF Regulations, Regulations and any other specified conditions and policies.

1.6.2. A copy of the FIFA Laws of the Game can be found on the [Capital Football Website](#)

## 1.7. **Monies owing to CF**

1.7.1. All monetary amounts owed to CF must be paid by a Club within 30 days of invoicing. For monies outstanding after the expiry of 30 days from the date of invoicing a reminder notice will be sent to the Club requesting that they bring their accounts with CF into order within 21 days from the date of the reminder notice.

1.7.2. For monies still owing after a period of 90 days from the date of invoicing a notice will be sent to the Club stating they are un-financial and will be unable to accumulate any regular season points from that time in any grade or competition.

- a) Clubs may enter into a written payment plan agreement with Capital Football to pay back those debts whose balance exceeds 90 days. A club entering into such an agreement will be determined to be financial and may continue to play for points provided they abide by the terms of the arrangement. Where an agreement is not complied with any points accumulated by the club in any competition (or grade) from the date 90 days from the date of the invoice or invoices to which the agreement relates will be deducted and removed
- b) A Club subjected to this penalty will be notified in writing as to when the deduction of points will take effect
- c) Clubs who are un-financial, and have not entered into an agreement with Capital Football will be ineligible for finals and unable to participate in cup competitions.



- d) Players will be deemed ineligible for participation in any Capital Football competitions if they have individual outstanding amounts due to Capital Football.
- 1.7.3. Notwithstanding Regulations 1.6.1 and 1.6.2, CF may in its absolute discretion either offset any transfer or compensation fees owed to CF by an un-financial Club to the extent of amounts owing or expel a Club if it does not comply with these Regulations.
- 1.7.4. Clubs who are in debt to CF where any of the debt amount is outstanding at any time after 31 October each year:
- a) Shall lose their right of appeal on any matter
  - b) May at the absolute discretion of CF be suspended from all competitions in which that Club competes
  - c) Have any rights or privileges in the activities of CF relating to that Club's participation suspended until all debts and obligations have been discharged, except where a dispute over fees remains unresolved. The status of such a dispute will be determined by the CLSAC and/or JSAC.
- 1.8. Protection of Important Fixtures**
- 1.8.1. Where an International, Interstate or A League/W League match is scheduled for the A.C.T, Capital Football may direct that no competition matches shall take place on that day.
- 1.9. Insurance**
- 1.9.1. CF provides Insurance cover for Club associates registered with CF. Clubs must be affiliated at all times and claims can only be made in relation to sanctioned events.
- 1.9.2. All registered players taking the field of play (or training) will automatically be insured through CF's insurer (or as otherwise allowed by CF). The players' insurance will be collected by CF at the time of player registration (refer to the Summary of Cover as posted on CF Website for policy details).
- a) Players who participate in competition fixtures without having their registration details updated relevant to their Club will be deemed to be uninsured.
  - b) The CF insurance policy will be null and void unless all players participating in football are legitimately registered or otherwise eligible to play competition matches.
- 1.10. Strict Liability of Clubs**
- 1.10.1. Each Club shall be responsible for the conduct of Club Associates at or in the vicinity of any match or event in which a Club is engaged or is in attendance regardless of the responsibilities of any other person or entity in respect of that match or event.
- 1.11. Correspondence/Communication**
- 1.11.1. All correspondence by CF to Clubs shall be deemed to have been received by Clubs:
- a) in the case of email or fax communication immediately;
  - b) in the case of communication sent by mail 2 days after such communication was posted

1.11.2. Clubs must ensure that postal mailboxes, specified email accounts and the CF Website is checked regularly, and that any information received is forwarded to the addressee or relevant parties.

1.11.3. All correspondence received by CF from Clubs must be on Club letterhead and signed by a Club official, or if sent by email, from the Club's email address as registered with CF.

1.11.4. All Clubs must have a designated active email address.

## 1.12. **Social Media**

1.12.1. Clubs and Club Associates must not make derogatory or detrimental comment(s) to the media or on social media platforms about CF or the performance of Match Officials. Any such complaints should be made in writing to CF. They also must not write a column for publication without first obtaining the approval of CF, provided that such approval shall not, at any time, be unreasonably withheld and shall be deemed to continue until withdrawn by CF.

1.12.2. Clubs and club associates are bound by [CF's Social Media Policy](#) along with the [FFA Spectator Code of Conduct](#).

1.12.3. Match Officials are prohibited from making any comment to the media in regard to any fixture of CF at any time.

1.12.4. A breach of Regulation 1.11.1 may result in a fine at level BR6 under Schedule 1 of these Regulations along with further disciplinary action as set out in the CFDDR.

## 1.13. **Ground Security**

1.13.1. The home Club is responsible for providing appropriate arrangements to ensure the orderly behaviour of spectators and provide for the protection of Match Officials, players and other officials at CF fixtures.

1.13.2. Each CF affiliated Club is required to provide CVO, as per Regulation 3.7, and/or security and/or police as directed by CF or where the club believes the fixture requires such measures.

1.13.3. The CF Tribunal will take into account the security measures implemented by Clubs, when assessing any misconduct charges that may be brought before them.

1.13.4. It shall be the duty of both Clubs to maintain control of spectators, to prevent any disturbance and to generally assist Match Officials, CF staff and/or members of the CLSAC/JSAC in the preservation of order and good discipline at any match. Failure to do so shall result in the imposition of penalties and/or sanctions as CF sees fit.

1.13.5. Where a report is made to CF about spectator misbehaviour having a material effect on the result of a match and CF validates the report, CF may declare the match result void and order the match to be replayed on such ground and on such date and on such conditions as the CM shall think proper. Additionally CF can deduct a maximum of up to three (3) points from the offending club and/or impose such other sanctions as CF assesses.

1.13.6. In the event of a match being abandoned due to field invasion the CM shall have the power to have the match replayed, to allow the result to stand, award a forfeit or declare the match a no result for either team. In determining sanctions the CM will consider any reports submitted by

the Match Official or participating Clubs, with reports to be lodged with CF no later than 5:00pm of the second working day following the date of the match.

#### **1.14. Representative Teams**

- 1.14.1. Any player registered in A.C.T. under the FFA National Registration Regulations will be eligible to represent A.C.T. in representative games, camps or tours and each such player will make themselves available for training, preparation and participation for representative matches, camps or tours when requested by CF.
- 1.14.2. All Clubs must release players for training and preparation for, and participation in, representative matches, camps or tours, when requested by CF.

#### **1.15. Prohibited Items**

- 1.15.1. Clubs, official(s), spectators and/or players under the jurisdiction of CF are prohibited from using and/or displaying in logos, letterheads, clothing (including playing strip), programs and/or newsletters, any of the following items:
  - a) National flags other than the Australian flag
  - b) Banners, emblems, symbols or slogans which promote an offensive or a political objective or movement,
  - c) Maps other than a map of a geographic area of Australia or part thereof.
- 1.15.2. All Clubs must have the prior written approval of CF before introducing or incorporating any design, emblem or slogan onto any Club logo or name, product or medium, including but not limited to playing strips, promotional material, newsletters, Club letterhead, banners, advertisements, public announcements, programs websites or any other form of communication.
- 1.15.3. Flares, fireworks, loud hailers or instruments prohibited by law are not permitted at any CF event. The lighting of flares or other flammable objects and or the throwing of objects is strictly prohibited in all CF sanctioned fixtures.
- 1.15.4. No Club may distribute, disseminate, broadcast or publish by any means whatsoever whether electronically or otherwise any material in a language other than English, without the prior written consent of CF to do so.
- 1.15.5. CF may request the immediate removal of any offending material without notice at any time.
- 1.15.6. Clubs will be held fully accountable for the actions of their Club Associates.
- 1.15.7. Each Club must take steps to ensure that its Club Associates are made aware of these prohibitions and do not breach these requirements, regardless of whether the Club is playing at home or away.
- 1.15.8. Clubs or Club Associates who are in breach of these Regulations will be fined at level BR7 under Schedule 1 of these Regulations. In addition CF may deduct points from a team or teams or take further disciplinary action as it sees fit.

#### **1.16. Racial and Religious Vilification Code**

1.16.1. CF has endorsed a Racial and Religious Vilification Code for all Clubs and their players which form part of these Regulations. The Racial and Religious Vilification Code is within the [FFA National Member Protection Policy](#).

1.16.2. Racial and religious vilification includes any act, otherwise than in private, which;

- a) Is reasonably likely, in all circumstances, to offend, insult, humiliate, or intimidate another person or a group of people
- b) Can be interpreted as pertaining to the race, religion, colour or national or ethnic origin of the other person or of some or all of the people in the group.

1.16.3. The Racial and Religious Vilification Code requires Clubs to:

- a) Ensure that players and Club Associates do not engage in racial and religious vilification against any person
- b) Continuously educate their players and Club Associates about racial and religious vilification
- c) Publish information on the subject of racial and religious vilification to players and Club Associates
- d) Use their best endeavours to ensure that all Club Associates act in a manner which is consistent with the objectives of the Racial and Religious Vilification Code
- e) Adopt an action plan, which is contained in the Racial and Religious Vilification Code.

1.16.4. Any person wishing to lodge a letter of complaint under the Racial and Religious Vilification Code must address their correspondence to CF of CF within seven (7) days of the date of the alleged offence.

1.16.5. A conciliation hearing will then be convened to discuss and resolve the matter.

1.16.6. If, during the hearing, conciliation is not achieved, CF may lay charges of misconduct against those alleged to be responsible and refer the matter to the Tribunal.

#### **1.17. Inducements – Player and Match Result**

1.17.1. Any Club official or player offering or receiving payment or any form of inducement from another club official or player to wrongfully affect the result of any competition match shall be deemed guilty of misconduct and liable to such penalty as CF determines, including possible life suspension or match forfeiture. The payment of a win bonus to a player by his registered Club shall in no way contravene this Regulation.

1.17.2. Any Club, official or player found guilty directly or indirectly of inducing or attempting to induce, a registered player of another Club to leave for any purpose whatsoever the Club for which he is registered during a current competition, shall be deemed guilty of misconduct and shall be liable to be expelled or otherwise dealt with by CF.

#### **1.18. Property Damage and Ground Cleanliness**

1.18.1. Any Club found guilty of causing damage to property at any ground shall be required to pay the total cost of repairing such damage or the total cost of replacement of such property and shall be subject to other such penalties and/or sanctions as CF sees fit.

1.18.2. Home Clubs or other such Clubs designated by CF must collect litter and leave grounds, spectator areas, dressing rooms, toilets and pavilions in a satisfactory condition, empty all bins

in to the supplied hopper or they shall pay cleaning costs and any further applicable sanction. When requested, clubs will assist CF to ensure the security of the Hawker Football Centre after a hire period.

#### **1.19. Sponsorship, Advertising and Marketing**

- 1.19.1. CF will seek to obtain sponsorships to assist with the funding of CF competitions and representative fixtures. All competing Clubs are bound by any sponsorship, licensing or marketing arrangements and consequent conditions introduced by CF in respect of the conduct of CF's competitions. Clubs may be required to display at grounds or on uniforms in all competitions, such badges and/or logos as determined by CF. The positioning of such signs, badges or logos shall be determined by CF.
- 1.19.2. Clubs or Club Associates who are in breach of this Regulation will be fined at level BR3 for each match and/or instance under Schedule 1 of these Regulations. Failure to comply with Regulation 1.18.1 will also be subject to such action as determined by CF.

#### **1.20. Bonds and Fines**

- 1.20.1. CF shall prior to the start of the season determine the Schedule of Fees and Fines for the impending season. Such changes will not come into force until two (2) weeks after approval.
- 1.20.2. Teams, Players, Clubs or Club Officials found guilty of breaking these Regulations may have penalties and/or sanctions imposed upon them. Such penalties may be financial, the loss of competition points and/or suspension or expulsion from any competition.
- 1.20.3. Any monetary bond placed upon a participating Club by CF should be for a specific period of time and that period of time is decided upon by CF.
- 1.20.4. All fines imposed by these Regulations must be paid within thirty (30) days of invoicing, except for fines dealing with individual suspended players. These fines must be paid either before the thirty (30) days or before the player is again eligible to play, whichever is the sooner.

#### **1.21. Protests, Disputes and Misconduct**

- 1.21.1. CF or the Disciplinary Committee may investigate any complaint of:
  - a) Any breach of the Competition Regulations
  - b) Unsporting or unbecoming conduct against any Club, member or official thereof, player or coach
  - c) Violence or threats of violence or intimidation; or
  - d) Conduct that brings, or may bring, the game into disrepute.
- 1.21.2. When CF or the Disciplinary Committee investigates any such complaint, written particulars may be given to Club(s) or the subject person of any complaint. Prior to any meeting being held the Club(s) or person shall be given an opportunity to appear before the CM or the Disciplinary Committee and to participate in the enquiry and to offer such defence or submissions as she or he thinks fit.
- 1.21.3. If CF or the Disciplinary Committee is satisfied that any such complaint has been substantiated it may impose penalties as follows:

- a) Suspension from CF for such period of time as may be determined or suspension from any competition conducted by or in conjunction with CF
- b) A fine in the case of a Club not exceeding \$10,000.00 or in the case of an individual not exceeding \$5000.00
- c) Expulsion from CF or from any competition conducted by or in conjunction with CF, subject to CF Board ratification.

1.21.4. Affiliation of CF shall constitute a binding agreement between CF and the respective Clubs. Clubs need to lodge within seventy-two (72) hours of the incident of protest, all protests, claims and complaints to correct committees in writing accompanied by the required deposits. All correctly lodged protests, claims and complaints shall be heard and determined by the correct committees as quickly as possible and always before any delay or adjournment shall render ineffective in whole or part the nature of any such protest, claim or complaint.

1.21.5. If any dispute or disagreement arises between a Club and any of its players in respect of each other's obligations pursuant to a contract or agreement of a similar nature entered into between them, or as to the interpretation thereof, such dispute or disagreement may be referred by the Club or player to CF for determination.

## 1.22. **Independent Match Observer**

1.22.1. An Independent Match Observer can be appointed to any CF fixture. The Match observer will report on any event arising or relating to match day or operational regulations/Regulations.

## **2. COMPETITION ARRANGEMENTS**

### **2.1. Official Fixtures**

- 2.1.1. CF will strive to issue official fixture lists of all Competitions no later than fourteen (14) days prior to the first competition round.
- 2.1.2. Any disputes between two (2) or more Clubs as to the arrangement of fixtures shall be referred to the respective CF competitions staff member in the first instance. Where a dispute still exists CF will decide the final course of action.
- 2.1.3. All rearrangements of fixtures by Clubs shall be submitted to and approved by the respective CF competitions staff member. Where a dispute remains, the CM decision will be final and binding on all parties. A fixture may be played wholly or in part under floodlights provided that the lighting meets the requirements and that any alteration to the starting time has been given approval by CF.
- 2.1.4. Notwithstanding any other Regulation or Regulation, CF reserves the right to alter or amend any fixture after the official fixture lists have been issued. Affected Clubs will be advised of alterations and amendments, when possible, at least seven (7) days prior to the timing of the scheduled or rescheduled fixture, whichever is/was to occur first.

### **2.2. Non-Scheduled Matches**

- 2.2.1. Clubs shall not play, be involved in or give approval for any player, official and/or team to participate in any other matches within and/or outside the A.C.T that are not part of the scheduled CF Competitions unless they have first received approval from CF. Any Club or player found to be playing in an unauthorised competition will not be covered by CF insurance policy and the club and/or player face such action as determined by CF.
- 2.2.2. Any Club staging or taking part in any competition, tournament, friendly match, or match other than a CF official fixture, or which is not played under the jurisdiction of CF, shall notify CF in writing and complete and lodge the relevant documentation as required by CF.
  - a) Fixtures between CF Clubs require at least seven (7) days' notice
  - b) Fixtures involving Clubs that are not CF affiliated Clubs will require sanctioning from the appropriate Association and such notice must be received by CF at least three working days prior to the scheduled kick off.
- 2.2.3. No Club shall promote a team to play or permit any of its players to play in any competition or with anybody not affiliated directly or indirectly with a FIFA-approved league, Association or Federation.
- 2.2.4. Any Club or Association affiliated with CF wishing to participate in any interstate or international matches, tournaments or events, must apply in writing to CF for prior approval. Fixtures involving interstate FFA approved clubs or associations require notice of at least one month for sanctioning.

### **2.3. Competition Formats**

#### **2.3.1. Community Leagues**

2.3.1.1. The CL competitions shall comprise of ten team divisions unless otherwise determined by CF. Where fewer or more than ten teams have been nominated for CF will endeavour to determine the competition in consideration of promotion/relegation principles and in consultation with affected Clubs. Nominations of multiple teams in any division by a club will be considered by CF in light of team numbers within each division.

2.3.1.2. Men's CL competitions will play each other on a home and away basis as determined by CF.

2.3.1.3. Women's CL competitions will play at cluster venues as determined by CF.

### 2.3.2. **Junior Leagues**

2.3.2.1. The CJL will allocate teams to divisions, having regard to the desirable sizes of those divisions. Teams will be allocated to divisions by the CJL with assistance from the JSAC after considering nominations.

2.3.2.2. Clubs may make written representation to the CJL within five (5) working days of an allocation under Regulation 2.6.1.3 to which it objects. The CJL shall review any submission and may modify or confirm the allocation. A decision made following completion of this process shall be final. This Regulation also applies to requests made after the season commences as well as those made prior to the season commencing. Nothing in the Regulations obligates the CJL to accept a request if he/she judges it to be unacceptably disruptive to the draw.

2.3.2.3. The CJL, with help from the JSAC, will determine team allocations for the U12 to U18 competitions based on the following principles, after receiving team nominations from clubs:

- a) Division 1 competitions will endeavour to have a complete round of fixtures
- b) Teams will be placed in divisions on merit
- c) Divisions are not limited to one (1) team per club
- d) Previous season performance will be taken into account
- e) Clubs may be requested to justify why a nominated team should remain in Division 1 if they were clearly uncompetitive at that level in the previous season
- f) Clubs may be requested to justify why a nominated team should remain in a lower division if they were clearly superior to the rest of the competition in the previous season

2.3.2.4. Re-grading of JL competitions will occur after Round 4 of each season.

2.3.2.5. A JL team will be considered to be re-graded by CF where:

- a) It has won all of its games after Round 4 and has a Goal Difference of 20 or more; or
- b) It has lost all of its games after Round 4 and has a Goal Difference of - 20 or less.

2.3.2.6. Where a JL team is re-graded under Regulation 2.3.2.4 it will maintain all Competition Points and Goal Difference from the first 4 rounds of the season.

- a) Where a team is re-graded under Regulation 2.3.2.5 (a), the team will have three (3) Competition Points erased from its season tally to ensure an even playing field in its new competition.



- b) Where a team is re-graded under Regulation 2.3.2.5 (b), the team will have 3 Competition Points added to its season tally to ensure an even playing field in its new competition

2.3.2.7. CF may consult the JSAC during the re-grading process.

2.3.2.8. Re-grading is unable to be appealed and any decision made by CF is at its absolute discretion.

## 2.4. Awards

### 2.4.1. Junior Leagues

2.3.2.9. At the conclusion of the season, the 'Fair Play Award' will be awarded to a club for the season. The award will be calculated as follows:

2.3.2.10. Each yellow card given to a player from within a Club during a season, will earn that club one point. A red card will earn three points;

2.3.2.11. The total number of points accumulated by each Club will be divided by the total number of teams;

2.3.2.12. The Club that derives the lowest number from this calculation will be declared the winner.

2.3.2.13. In the event of a draw, the award will be shared.

### 2.4.2. Community Leagues

2.3.2.14. At the conclusion of the season the 'Club Championship' will be awarded to a club with the highest points.

2.3.2.15. A points multiplier will be allocated to teams based on a weighted scale, with higher divisions resulting in a higher score and lower divisions resulting in a lower score

2.3.2.16. The points multiplier will be multiplied to the teams' ladder points score at the end of the regular season to result in the total team's points

2.3.2.17. For Men's CL the top four (4) team's total points will be used in consideration for the total points

- a) If there is a division with two (2) teams from the one club, then the team with the highest points will count

2.3.2.18. For Men's Masters the top three (3) team's total points will be used in consideration for the total points

- a) If there is a division with two (2) teams from the one club, then the team with the highest points will count

2.3.2.19. For Women's CL, the top two (2) team's total points will be used in consideration for the total points

- a) If there is a division with two (2) teams from the one club, then the team with the highest points will count

## 2.5. Competition Nominations

- 2.5.1. Only CF affiliated Clubs are eligible to nominate a team or teams to participate in a CF Competition.
- 2.5.2. Each year CF shall call for nominations for all competitions for the following season. CF shall also set the closing date for these nominations.
- 2.5.3. All nominations shall be submitted on the official nomination form provided to Clubs by CF.
- 2.5.4. Nomination forms shall include the following information:
  - a) Division for which the nomination is being submitted;
  - b) Preferred home ground and training ground where the competition is played on a home and away basis;
  - c) Colours of the playing strip (shirt, shorts & socks) and alternate strip for all teams nominated; Capital Football reserves the right to reject a playing strip if it is the same as another team and/or stipulate provisions to apply where the strips are similar.
  - d) Playing history of team and reason for nominating at the division level sought.
- 2.5.5. All nominations shall be inspected and vetted by CF. Clubs that have provided inadequate information or information not in accordance with these Regulations on the official nomination form shall be informed of such irregularities and shall be given seven (7) days in which to resubmit their nomination.
- 2.5.6. CF reserves the right to determine the appropriate league of each nomination, by considering the previous season's results, playing strength of the Club, player movements and the formation of the division.
- 2.5.7. CF reserves the right to reject team nominations.
- 2.5.8. Nominations received after the closing date will only be accepted at the discretion of CF and placed into divisions as they might determine.
- 2.5.9. Should a Club submitting a nomination form withdraw any team or nominate additional teams after a date to be set by CF the club will be sanctioned at level BR5 under Schedule 1 of these Regulations.
- 2.5.10. In the event of any Club withdrawing or being removed from a CF Competitions, the following procedure will take effect to allow the altered competition/s to proceed
  - a) All matches involving a team that has been removed or withdrawn before the competition has started will be treated as a Bye unless CF decides to adjust the competition in some other way that will allow the competition to continue in a fair manner.
  - b) All matches involving a team that has been removed or withdrawn during the first stage of a competition will be treated as a Bye with all points and goals (for and against) awarded in such matches that were played prior to the removal or withdrawal deleted and a Bye result recorded. A stage of a competition refers to a full round of competition fixtures.
  - c) All matches involving a team that has been removed or withdrawn during a second or subsequent stage of a competition will be treated as a Bye in that stage with all points

and goals awarded in matches played during that stage, but prior to the removal or withdrawal, deleted and a Bye result recorded. All points and goals awarded in matches involving the removed or withdrawn team in prior competition stages will stand.

- 2.5.11. CF shall fine a Club that has a team removed or withdrawn from a competition at level BR5 under Schedule 1 of these Regulations and may impose other sanctions on the Club where appropriate.
- 2.5.12. Divisions that are run will be strictly run under a numbering process, i.e. Division 1, Division 2, etc. as low as required for the number of teams in a competition.

## **2.6. Player Eligibility**

### **2.6.1. Community Leagues**

- 2.6.1.1. Masters Teams shall consist of veteran players who are 35 years of age or over by 31 December in the calendar year of competition. CF retains the right to allow an Under 35 age player to participate if it is in the interest of the competition and CF.
- 2.6.1.2. Over 45s players shall be players who have turned 45 years of age by 31 December in the calendar year of competition. CF retains the right to allow an Under 45 age player to participate if it is in the interest of the competition and CF.
- 2.6.1.3. For Men's and Women's CLs, a team list containing the details of at least fourteen (14) players needs to be submitted to the CLC. Masters players playing in State League can be listed in one Masters team and one State League team.
- a) Clubs must supply updated lists when players are registered or deregistered during the season. The lists will be made available to all clubs.
  - b) The lists will be used to determine the divisional rating of all players.
  - c) Where a club fails to submit their playing lists CF shall fine a Club at level BR4 under Schedule 1 of these Regulations and may impose other sanctions on the Club where appropriate
- 2.6.1.4. Players can only be assigned to one team except where:
- a) A player is included on one (1) Men's State League team list and one (1) Men's Masters team list; or
  - b) A player is included on one (1) Men's CLs team list and one (1) Womens' CLs, subject to eligibility; or
  - c) A player is included on one (1) Womens' State League team list

2.6.1.5. Once assigned to a team, all players are rated according to the division of the team:

| <b>Men's League Ratings</b> |          |
|-----------------------------|----------|
| <b>Division 1</b>           | Rating 1 |
| <b>Division 1 Reserves</b>  | Rating 1 |
| <b>Division 2</b>           | Rating 2 |
| <b>Division 2 Reserves</b>  | Rating 2 |
| <b>Division 3</b>           | Rating 3 |
| <b>Division 3 Reserves</b>  | Rating 3 |
| <b>Division 4</b>           | Rating 4 |
| <b>Division 4 Reserves</b>  | Rating 4 |
| <b>Division 5</b>           | Rating 5 |
| <b>Division 6</b>           | Rating 5 |

| <b>Men's Masters League Ratings</b> |                                     |
|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| <b>Masters Division 1</b>           | Rating M1                           |
| <b>Masters Division 2</b>           | Rating M2                           |
| <b>Masters Division 3</b>           | Rating M3                           |
| <b>Masters Division 4</b>           | Rating M4                           |
| <b>Masters Division O45</b>         | Unrated (Age Restrictions in place) |

| <b>Women's League Ratings</b> |          |
|-------------------------------|----------|
| <b>Division 1</b>             | Rating 1 |
| <b>Division 2</b>             | Rating 1 |
| <b>Division 3</b>             | Rating 2 |
| <b>Division 4</b>             | Rating 2 |
| <b>Division 5</b>             | Rating 3 |
| <b>Division 6</b>             | Rating 3 |

2.6.1.6. Permitted player movement will be:

- a) Players may only move down one divisional rating during the Competitions Season
- b) Players in a 1<sup>st</sup> grade and Reserve Grade squad are free to play in 1<sup>st</sup> or reserve grade for the same club with no restrictions on the number of matches played.
- c) Each team is restricted to a maximum number of three (3) players that can be borrowed to play down in any one (1) match in a grade with a lower divisional rating subject to meeting the rating requirements of Regulation 2.6.1.6 (a) from any other team within the club that is eligible to participate.
- d) In the case of teams from the same club playing in the same division, the maximum number of three (3) players that can be borrowed to play down in any one (1) match will include players playing across in conjunction with Regulation 2.6.1.9.
- e) In the case where teams in a reserve's division play a stand-alone fixture on a day when their first teams are not playing, Capital Football reserve the right to limit the number of players from the first team playing down into the reserve team despite both teams having the same divisional rating. This will be done on a case by case basis, with the default position being a maximum number of three (3) players can be borrowed to play down from the first team into the reserves team. For example, if a single State League match in Division 3 Reserves has been rescheduled to midweek,

only 3 players from a club's Division 3 side will be able to play for their Division 3 Reserves side in that stand-alone fixture, subject to Capital Football's final ruling.

- f) Players are free to play in higher divisions inclusive of NPL 2 other than their nominated grade.
- g) Once a player has played six (6) competition matches for any team in a grade with a higher divisional rating than their nominated grade the player will be reclassified to that specific higher rated team, and will only be permitted to play in any lower rated team for the remainder of the season in conjunction with Regulations 2.6.1.6 (a) and 2.6.1.6 (b) and Regulation 2.7.1.
- h) Once a player has been reclassified to a higher rated team they will be ineligible for applying to reclassification from Capital Football in regards to Regulation 2.6.1.7.

2.6.1.7. Should a Club wish to have a Player reclassified after week three (3) of the season, the club shall submit a request in writing, on club letterhead, to CF outlining the reasons why the player should be reclassified. Players will only be permitted to be reclassified once in a season.

2.6.1.8. In considering requests submitted under Regulation, 2.6.1.7 CF shall have regard to the following principles:

- a) That no significant disadvantage should accrue to other Clubs in the competition through the granting of the request;
- b) That the request is in the interest of the player involved

2.6.1.9. Where two (2) Teams from one Club are in the same division, players must be assigned to one particular team.

- a) Where two (2) Teams from the one Club are in the same division a maximum of three players from one of those teams can play for the other team for any fixture. Where the team also includes players playing down from other divisions in excess of that allowed in Regulation 2.6.1.6 the total number of players playing down and across in any one fixture is not to exceed the number allowed in Regulation 2.6.1.6 (b)

2.6.1.10. If a Club is found to have breached Regulation 2.6.1.6 by CF or the opposing team they will be deemed to have played an ineligible player. The match will be awarded to the non-offending Club as a forfeit with the score line 3-0 and the offending Club may be fined at level BR4 under Schedule 1 of the Competition Regulations.

2.6.1.11. The minimum age to play is sixteen (16), Players younger than sixteen (16) must get their club to make a formal request on club letterhead to the CLC giving details of the request and including the following:

- a) A statement by the club's technical director, assessing whether the players skill level and mentality is appropriate for playing in the older age group and indicate that the request is for the development of the player and the nominated age group is the most appropriate one for this purpose,
- b) A statement from the players parents acknowledging that they have been informed by the club of the physical, skill and emotional demands of playing in the higher age group, and consenting to their child playing in the nominated higher age group, and
- c) A medical/physiotherapist assessment completed by a qualified medical practitioner or physiotherapist which must state that in the assessor's opinion, the player is physically capable of playing in the higher age group.

- d) Failure to comply with Regulation 2.6.1.11 will result in the relevant player being deemed ineligible

## 2.6.2. JL/MiniRoos

- 2.6.2.1. The age group in which a player is eligible to play shall be determined by their birth year:

| Competition | Age Group | Birth Year |
|-------------|-----------|------------|
| JL          | U18       | 2001       |
| JL          | U16       | 2003       |
| JL          | U15       | 2004       |
| JL          | U14       | 2005       |
| JL          | U13       | 2006       |
| JL          | U12       | 2007       |
| MiniRoos    | U11       | 2008       |
| MiniRoos    | U10       | 2009       |
| MiniRoos    | U9        | 2010       |
| MiniRoos    | U8        | 2011       |
| MiniRoos    | U7        | 2012       |
| MiniRoos    | U6        | 2013       |

- 2.6.2.2. Females playing in mixed gender teams may register for a team in an age group that is one (1) chronological year below their actual age group.
- 2.6.2.3. No player shall play in any age group below his/her actual age group, except with the permission of the CJL. If a club is seeking an exemption, they will need to fill out the [ActewAGL Junior League Exemption Form](#). Clubs may only request exemptions for Players under this Regulation if they are playing one (1) year above or below the age group they are eligible to play in under Regulation 2.6.2.1
- 2.6.2.4. Under no circumstances shall any team be permitted to play more than two overage players.
- 2.6.2.5. Players wishing to play more than two (2) years above their correct age group, or are MiniRoos age eligible and want to play in the JL must get the club to make a formal request on club must submit a [ActewAGL Junior League Exemption](#) include the following documentation:
- A statement by the club's technical director, assessing whether the players skill level and mentality is appropriate for playing in the older age group and indicate that the request is for the development of the player and the nominated age group is the most appropriate one for this purpose,
  - A statement from the players parents acknowledging that they have been informed by the club of the physical, skill and emotional demands of playing in the higher age group, and consenting to their child playing in the nominated higher age group, and
  - A medical/physiotherapist assessment completed by a qualified medical practitioner or physiotherapist which must state that in the assessor's opinion, the player is physically capable of playing in the higher age group.
  - Where the situation arises on match day that a temporary fill in player or players is/are required, who is/are not age eligible in accordance with Regulation 2.5.6, the CJL must be notified by the club president prior to kick-off of the relevant fixture. The CJL must be provided with the documentation as listed within 2.6.2.5 within one (1) business day of the fixture.

- e) Failure to comply with Regulation 2.6.2.5 will result in the relevant player being deemed ineligible.

2.6.2.6. Each club must submit a Player ID Sheet for U16-U18 Teams. This template will be sent to clubs. The template must have all fields completed along with a headshot photo inserted into the designated spot. The photo must be a clear photo of the player's face. The ID Sheet is to be submitted by Round 3 of fixtures. Failure to meet the due date will may result in a sanction at level BR4 under Schedule 1 of these Regulations per team. Each additional week will be considered a separate offence under Schedule 1 of these Regulations

### 2.6.3. All Competitions

2.6.3.1. For all competitions, prior to round 3, clubs are required to allocate Players to teams in Play Football, once allocated; clubs must export and submit all allocations to Capital Football for eligibility purposes. Failure to do so will result in a BR4 under Schedule of these Regulations per team. Each additional week will be considered a separate offence under Schedule 1 of these Regulations

2.6.3.2. An eligible player is one who has completed the registration process and is registered in accordance with these Regulations and who is not currently serving a suspension.

2.6.3.3. A player will be considered an ineligible player where he or she:

- a) is not registered in accordance with Capital Football and the National Registration Regulations;
- b) plays for a club with which the player is not registered;
- c) plays without an ITC (International Transfer Certificate) where one is required;
- d) plays while under suspension;
- e) plays for a club, team or in a competition when not permitted to do so under Competition Regulations (for example if he/she is "cup tied")

2.6.3.3. It is the responsibility of a Club to ensure that they do not play ineligible players and check that all their players are registered through the Play Football data base

2.6.3.4. Where a club plays an ineligible player:

- a) Any Club can make a claim on player ineligibility to CF irrespective of the fixture. Any claims for ineligibility must be received within two (2) business days of the final whistle of the match in question.
- b) CF will consider a claim on player ineligibility made by a Match Official on the Match Card or in a match report. However, this Regulation in no way is to be taken as placing an obligation on Match Officials to check that all, or any, players are bona fide players
- c) Any Club found guilty will be sanctioned and forfeit the game, with full points for the fixture awarded to their opponents and a 3-0 forfeit result recorded. The offending team shall also be subject to any additional disciplinary action as considered appropriate that is imposed by CF.
- d) Any player who knowingly plays as an ineligible player may be suspended for up to four (4) matches
- e) Any participating Club or office holder of any such Club or any player or coach affiliated with any such Club who is found to have knowingly participated in any practice of playing an ineligible player may be disqualified by CF from football for life or be subject to such

- other punishment as may be determined by CF to be appropriate, having regard to all the circumstances of the case.
- f) Where a club can prove to the satisfaction of CF that an administrative error resulted in rendering a player ineligible, CF may deem the player eligible.
  - g) CF officials may attend games and/or conduct random audits and checks of Match Cards or other game day material. Nothing in Regulation 2.6.3.4 is to be taken to prevent CF from determining a player in a current or past game to be ineligible or from sanctioning a Club, Club Office Holder, CVO or player at any time in relation to playing an ineligible player.
  - h) Where both teams from the same match are in breach of player eligibility the match result will be determined as a No Result. The Club(s) shall also be fined at level BR6 under Schedule 1 of these Regulations, meet costs associated with the match or a greater amount as determined by CF and, in addition, may have other disciplinary action imposed.
  - i) If requested by either manager, the manager of each team will present to the other manager player proof of identification of any player listed on the Match Card. Where a Club suspects any abnormality or breach of CF's Regulations or Regulations, or where an opposing Club is unable to produce proof of identification, they shall:
    - i. Advise the opposing Club of their intention to report the matter to CF
    - ii. Make notification in the comments section of the Match Card of their intention to report the matter
    - iii. Submit a written report to CF within twenty-four (24) hours of the conclusion of the match
    - iv. Submit photographic evidence (if available) or supporting witness statements to support any abnormality.
  - j) Where an abnormality or breach of these Regulations involves the identity of a player participating in a fixture, the Club shall bring the matter to the attention of the Match Official and request that he report the abnormality to CF. The Match Official may also confirm that suitable identification was produced and recorded on a report to CF.
    - i. Any Club that fails to produce player proof of identification upon request from the opposing team manager, CF representative or Match Official shall be liable to a penalty as determined by CF.
    - ii. If a Club wishes to protest an ineligible player, or protest against any aspect of the conduct of a match, they must write to the CM setting out details of the basis of the protest (supporting documents) within twenty-four (24) hours of completion of the match.
  - k) Any team found guilty of playing a registered player who was not included on the Match Card at the commencement of the game will be fined at level BR4 under schedule 1 of these Regulations.

## **2.7. NPL Player movement into CL and JL**

- 2.7.1. No NPL1, NPL2 , NPLW or NPLY Player can participate in any division across the CL, if they are found to have participated, they will be deemed ineligible
- 2.7.2. NPLW (U13, U15, U17) and NPLY (U13, U14, U16, U18) Players are eligible to participate in the JL Division 1 competitions, if they are age eligible
  - a) A maximum of two (2) NPLW (U13, U15, U17) / NPLY (U13, U14, U16, U18) Players are permitted to participate in any regular season JL (Division 1) match at any one time. If a



Club is found guilty of playing more than two (2) NPLW (U13, U15, U17) / NPLY (U13, U14, U16, U18) Players the Club will be deemed to have fielded an ineligible Player

- b) Teams must advise the JLC by midday, two (2) days before the fixture in question, if they will be playing NPLW (U13, U15, U17) / NPLY (U13, U14, U16, U18) Players. Teams who do not abide by will be deemed to have played an ineligible player
- c) NPLW (U13, U15, U17) / NPLY (U13, U14, U16, U18) Players will only be able to participate in a maximum number of nine (9) JL (Division 1) regular season matches. If a Player participates in more than nine (9) JL regular season matches, the Club will be deemed to have fielded an ineligible Player
- d) No NPLW (U13, U15, U17) / NPLY (U13, U14, U16, U18) Players are permitted to play in any JL final series matches

2.7.3 JL Players cannot play in NPLW 1<sup>st</sup>, NPLW Res, NPL1 or NPL2 competitions, unless an exemption is sought from CF. JL players can play in NPLY or NPLW U13's, NPLW U15's and NPLW U17's provided that age eligibility restrictions are followed.

2.7.4 Once a JL Player plays more than ten (10) Premier League games their status will change, and they will be deemed a Premier League player

2.7.5 At no stage can a JL player play for both a Premier League Club and a school in the JL, unless provided a dual registration by FFA or CF.

## 2.8 Other Competitions

2.8.1 CF may conduct other competitions before, throughout and after the conclusion of the playing season.

2.8.2 Regulations for these competitions shall be set by CF prior to their commencement but always shall be subject to the following Regulations:

- a) No Club may enter more than one team in any competition except with the express permission of CF.
- b) All matches shall be played in accordance with the laws of the game and a result in knockout matches determined in accordance with Regulation 5.3.
- c) Only players correctly registered with CF shall be eligible to play.
- d) Clubs participating in the FFA Cup shall be bound by the FFA Cup Competition regulations as promulgated from FFA.

2.8.3 Clubs playing players in other competitions who are ineligible to play are subject to sanctions and penalties as per these Regulations or in accordance with FFA Cup Competition regulations.

### **3. COMPETITION REQUIREMENTS**

#### **3.1. Facilities/Ground Arrangements**

- 3.1.1. Each Club must ensure that it complies fully with the criteria set out below.
- 3.1.2. CF shall approve all grounds for all matches sanctioned by CF and shall allocate Clubs a ground that conforms to the guidelines stated by CF.
- 3.1.3. Any Club whose facilities do not meet the requirements specified may be fined at level BR2 under Schedule 1 of these Regulations, suspended or have its home fixtures played away or at an alternate venue
- 3.1.4. CF may grant special dispensation to Clubs who are in the process of upgrading their facilities in accordance with CF's requirements
- 3.1.5. Football goals are to be constructed and installed to the correct safety standards the main areas of concern are:
  - a) Securing and stability of the goal frame
  - b) Net fixings to the frame of the goal
  - c) The net itself
- 3.1.6. All football goals that are installed as a permanent structure on a football pitch must be properly secured, installed ant the regulation width and height, as per the LOTG.
- 3.1.7. If a Club uses portable goals for training or competitions, it must ensure that these goals conform to the LOTG as per Regulation 3.1.6
- 3.1.8. Nets, ground and line markings
  - a) Ground and line markings must be clear, accurate and within the dimensions specified in the Laws of the Game. Products such as agricultural limestone, water-based spray paint or other similar material which will not endanger ground users or damage turf grasses are the only substances that should be used.
  - b) To ensure the safety of all players, Match Officials and spectators, any Club found in breach, will not be able to play any home matches until the breach has been rectified or CF grants dispensation from these requirements.
  - c) In all matches sanctioned by CF the home team that plays in the last match of the day shall dress the ground and ensure adequate line-marking. All equipment needs to remain in place for the day.
  - d) A home Club whose match is postponed/abandoned due to the use of prohibited substances for marking their grounds as per 3.1.8 (a) or fails to have the ground line marked appropriately, will forfeit the match and three (3) points will be awarded to the opposing team. The home Club will also incur a fine at level BR 3 under Schedule 1 of these Regulations as set out in the CFDDR.

#### **3.2. Pitch Exclusion Zone**

- 3.2.1. All spectators and non-participants must be either behind barriers surrounding enclosed pitches or a minimum of three (3) metres away from all sidelines or five (5) metres from all goal lines at all matches. Such an area shall be termed the "pitch exclusion zone".

- 3.2.2. Clubs are required to rope off the Pitch Exclusion Zone where a fence does not surround the pitch to ensure the safety of everyone.
- 3.2.3. On grounds which contain adjacent playing pitches and on which matches are being played side by side, no person other than the Match Officials and person previously approved by the CF shall be permitted to position themselves between these playing pitches during the progress of any match.
- 3.2.4. The only persons permitted within the pitch exclusion zone at any time during the progress of any match shall be:
- a) The competing players and reserves from each team;
  - b) The coach and manager;
  - c) The officiating referees and linesmen;
  - d) First-aid or emergency services personnel;
  - e) Nominated club officials wearing CF Official vests;
  - f) Accredited media personnel;
  - g) Ball kids;
  - h) CF Staff.
- 3.2.5. Failure by CVO to ensure the above will result in fine at level BR4 under Schedule 1 of these Regulations and/or sanctions as determined by CF.

### 3.3. Essential Requirements

3.3.1. The pitch must:

- a) Have a minimum length of 90 metres and a minimum width of 45 metres
- b) Have an evenly grassed surface with all internal field markings marked in accordance with the LOTG. CF cannot approve pitch markings which do not conform
- c) Have goalposts, goal nets and corner flags of approved material, colour and dimensions as per the current LOTG. Corner flags must not feature nationalistic emblems or reference

3.3.2. **Ground amenities and services should include**

- a) Access to toilet facilities and change rooms (where permanent buildings have been erected)
- b) Basic first aid equipment

### 3.4. Technical Area

3.4.1. Finals fixtures in all competitions the home Club must clearly mark out the Technical Area as stipulated by FIFA guidelines.

- a) Occupants of the Technical Area must be either a registered player or a registered Team Official and players must be clearly identifiable
- b) A player or team official who is under suspension must not occupy a seat in the Technical Area.

3.4.2. **For the Technical Area:**

- a) A maximum of nine (9) persons are permitted to be within the Technical Area, including the coach, assistant coach, the team manager, the substitutes and either a doctor or physiotherapist.

- b) As per Regulation 3.6.3 substitutes are permitted to leave the Technical Area for the purposes of warming up

3.4.3. The Match Official may expel any person from the bench at any time as he or she sees fit. The game will not recommence until that person has left the playing field to the Match Official's satisfaction.

### 3.5. Match Cards & Results

3.5.1. JL, Men's Masters and Women's State League competitions will be utilising Match Cards

3.5.2. The home Club shall be responsible for the provision of the CF approved Match Cards, failure to submit Match Card will result in a penalty as per Regulation 3.5.2

- a) Clubs must list on the Match Card all players (to a maximum of 16) taking part in a fixture (name, shirt number, FFA number), the CVO and full match details and must produce to the Match Official a Match Card, no less than ten (10) minutes before the commencement of any match.
- b) If a player is listed on the Match Card and did not take part in the fixture, the Match Official or the team manager is to mark 'DNP' (did not play) on the Match Card.
- c) A player's Club will be guilty of misconduct if:
  - i. A player listed on the Match Card is ineligible
  - ii. A player who takes the field is not listed on the Match Card or a player who takes the field is not listed on the Match Card and is also ineligible.

3.5.3. Match Cards must be completed, in ink, in a legible manner by both teams. Failure to comply with this Regulation on the part of the offending Club shall attract a fine at level BR3 under Schedule 1 of these Regulations.

3.5.4. Both teams must ensure that the Match Official completes the Match Card after the game.

- a) Representatives from each team must sign the Match Card at the conclusion of the fixture and should do so only after the appointed Match Official has recorded all outstanding details.
- b) Once signed by all parties at the end of the fixture, each Club must take their copy of the Match Card

3.5.5. Where a Club causes a match to be delayed due to incorrect completion of a Match Card, late production of a Match Card, player identification issues or similar administrative matters, the delay shall be reported by the Match Official to CF. The Club responsible shall attract a fine at level BR5 under Schedule 1 of these Regulations.

3.5.6. Under no circumstances shall two (2) players playing in the same team at the same time be permitted to have the same shirt number.

3.5.7. Other than JL and Women's CL, all Match Cards (including any send off or incident reports) must be sent to CF via email by the Home club

- a) The home Club is responsible for the delivery of the original Match Card when the match does not have an appointed Match Official
- b) Failure to submit the Match Card sheets within seven (7) days from the completion of the match by the home team will result in a 3-0 win recorded to the away team and shall

attract a fine at level BR4 under Schedule 1 of these Regulations. Refer to regulation 3.5.10

- c) Both teams must enter the match records on SportsTG no later than 24 hrs after the conclusion of the last fixture of the day.

- 3.5.8. Match Cards from JL are collected by a nominated representative (Club Points Registrar) from the Home Junior Club and are to be delivered to CF no later than COB Monday following the competition round.
- 3.5.9. Match Cards must be communicated to CF via email to [teamsheets@capitalfootball.com.au](mailto:teamsheets@capitalfootball.com.au) by 5.00pm Monday after fixtures or twenty four (24) hours after midweek fixtures.
- 3.5.10. Clubs failing to notify CF of match results by the time stipulated may be fined at the level of BR4 under Schedule 1 of these Regulations. Clubs who are regularly in breach of this Regulation may be referred to the CM with a view to imposing further sanctions.
- 3.5.11. When a match is forfeited the Match Card shall be endorsed accordingly by the Match Official.
- 3.5.12. Any Club Associate supplying false information shall be deemed to have been guilty of misconduct and dealt with under CFDDR.
- 3.5.13. If a team believes a score line to be incorrect, the club the team is affiliated with will need submit the [Score Disputes Form](#) by 5.00pm Monday after the fixture or twenty four (24) hours after midweek fixtures for CF to go to the relevant parties to determine the score line.

### 3.6. Team Sheets & Results

- 3.6.1. All team sheets for all Men's State League Matches are to be completed online via SportsTG.
- 3.6.2. The away, or second listed team must make their player selection in SportsTG by 2:00pm on the Friday prior to the scheduled weekend Match, or 2:00pm the day prior to a midweek Match. A failure to comply with this rule will result in a fine at level BR1 under Schedule 1 of these Rules.
- 3.6.3. Clubs/Teams are required to note the shirt number of each Player in SportsTG. This information will appear automatically on the team sheet next to the Players name.
  - a) No players from the same Team will be permitted to wear the same number on their playing strip.
- 3.6.4. The home, or first listed team will be responsible for printing and providing team sheets from SportsTG on the day of the Match. A failure to provide a printed team sheet on the day of a Match will result in a fine at level BR2 under Schedule 1 of these Rules.
- 3.6.5. Any changes to the Player selection post the Friday deadline must be manually noted on the printed copy of the team sheet.
- 3.6.6. The printed team sheet must be handed to the Match Official at least ten (10) minutes before the scheduled kick-off time.
- 3.6.7. A maximum of sixteen (16) Players per Team are permitted to be listed on the team sheet. If it is deemed that the Team played more than sixteen (16) players, the Team will forfeit the match.
- 3.6.8. All Team Sheets must be communicated to CF via email to [teamsheets@capitalfootball.com.au](mailto:teamsheets@capitalfootball.com.au) by 5.00pm Monday after fixtures or twenty four (24) hours after midweek fixtures.

- 3.6.9. Where a team sheet is not provided to CF (i.e. the team sheet has been lost), in accordance with Rule 3.5.10 the home team is deemed to have forfeited the Match.
- 3.6.10. A Club Associate from each Team shall sign the team sheet at the completion of the Match to confirm the information listed is correct, including:
- a) Players listed.
  - b) Stood down Players listed.
  - c) Halftime and fulltime scores are correct.
  - d) Goal scorers are marked against the correct player.
  - e) Yellow and Red Cards listed are marked against the correct player.
- 3.6.11. Any Club Associate supplying false information shall be deemed to have been guilty of misconduct and dealt with under CFDDR.
- 3.6.12. For all matches the home team is responsible for entering the half time and full time results of the match/s online into SportsTG no later than 24 hrs after the conclusion of the last fixture of the day.

### **3.7. Interchange**

- 3.7.1. A match is to be played by two (2) teams in accordance with the LOTG. A match may not start if either team consists of fewer than seven (7) players (fewer than five (5) players for U10 and U11 JL fixtures).
- 3.7.2. For JL and CL competitions the interchange Regulation applies. There is no limit to the number of interchanges.
- a) Interchanges are only permitted at the half way line and when the Match Official has indicated that a change can be made.
  - b) If the Match Official deems that a Club is contravening the spirit of the game by interchanging excessively to waste time the Match Official can refuse to allow an interchange and may caution the offending team if appropriate.
- 3.7.3. Substitutes may warm up outside of the Technical Area, provided they are wearing an alternative coloured uniform/bib to the team strip.
- 3.7.4. When warming up, substitutes must choose an area furthest from the opposing team or as advised by the appointed Match Official

### **3.8. Club Vested Officials (CVO)**

- 3.8.1. Clubs must provide for CVO to attend games. The minimum number of CVO that Clubs will be required to provide will be, for each fixture there should be one (1) CVO per team participating:
- a) Two (2) for Men's SL Division 1 & 1Res Teams and Women's SL Division 1 & 2.
  - b) One (1) for all other State League and Masters' Divisions, per team
  - c) One (1) for JL from U12 to U18, per team
- 3.8.2. Where two teams from different competitions play each other the number of CVO required from both clubs shall be the number required by the Club team of the higher competition.
- 3.8.3. Club Vested Officials must:

- a) Be in clearly identifiable officials' vests, provided by CF
- b) Always be visible
- c) Work together with the CVO from the opposition to deal with any disturbances that may arise, assist with the welfare of the Match Officials and escort dismissed players from the playing area.
- d) Ensure that the Spectator Code of Conduct is being adhered to by their Club Associates. If a Club Associate is not behaving in accordance with the code, the CVO may approach the person and remind them of their obligations.
  - i. If the matter is unable to be addressed, or the CVO is concerned for their own safety and wellbeing contact needs to be made with the Match Officials who can take the appropriate action which may include stopping the match until the incident has been dealt with satisfactorily.
  - ii. Where intervention from a club vested official or a Match Official may escalate a situation CVO should contact the Australian Federal Police.
- e) Take responsibility for the welfare of the Match Officials, from the time they arrive at the ground until the time they depart the ground. As part of their responsibilities they must escort the Match Officials to and from the field of play at half time and full time
- f) Make sure unauthorised personnel are kept out of the Match Officials' change rooms

3.8.4. Clubs/Vested Match Officials may report incidents to CF as necessary.

3.8.5. All costs associated with the provision of CVO, if any, must be met by such parties as CF sees fit.

3.8.6. Match Officials should not leave their dressing rooms to enter the field of play, or leave the field to return to their rooms, until identifiable CVO are present.

3.8.7. Each Club must take every step to ensure that player change rooms are not accessed by unauthorised personnel. However, each team is responsible for the safety of their players' property and anything left in a change room is done so at the owner's risk.

3.8.8. A failure by a Club Associate to comply with Regulation 3.7 shall attract a fine at level BR5 under Schedule 1 of these Regulations.

### 3.9. Match Balls

3.9.1. For all JL and CL competitions each team (home and away) will supply one CF approved match ball.

3.9.2. At the conclusion of the game, the match balls will be returned to the relevant Team/s.

3.9.3. The following ball sizes must be used in the following competitions:

- a) In accordance with the [Aldi MiniRoos Handbook](#)
- b) U12 – U13 Junior Competitions - Size 4 ball
- c) All other competitions - Size 5 ball

3.9.4. A failure to comply with this Regulation will result in a fine at level BR2 under Schedule 1 of these Regulations.

### 3.10. Playing Strip

3.10.1. The playing colours of a Club in CF competitions shall be as nominated by the club and endorsed by CF. Failure of any team to play in their nominated strip may result in their Club being sanctioned.

3.10.2. All teams must nominate two entirely different “home” and “alternate” playing strips to avoid any potential colour clashes. Clubs may only play in their nominated Club strips.

- a) No part of the alternate playing strip (shirts, shorts & socks) may be the same as the home playing strip (for instance, if a Club nominates white shorts for its home strip, it cannot nominate white shorts for its alternate strip).
- b) Predominantly black playing shirts (including goalkeepers) will not be permitted under any circumstances.
- c) All teams named first on the CF fixture shall be deemed the home team and will therefore play in their home strip.
- d) If there is a clash of colours at any match, it is the away team’s responsibility to change into an alternate strip. Visiting Clubs may be required to wear a combination of their home and alternate strips to ensure the clash is resolved.
- e) JL competition fixtures where it is the Home teams’ responsibility to change strip
- f) In the event of a Club fielding a team in colours similar to those of the opposing team, and where the home team raises the issue with the Match Official, or where the Match Official is of the opinion that confusion may arise, the Match Official may order the visiting Club to change its colours and refuse to allow the fixture to commence until a satisfactory change is made. Failure to comply with this Regulation will result in a fine at level BR3 under Schedule 1 of these Regulations.
- g) Team managers must check the apparel worn by their opponents on a weekly basis to avoid the likelihood of a clash in colour of playing of strips.
- h) Any tape or other material on/covering socks must be the same colour as the sock
- i) Under garments must be predominately the same colour as the sleeve or playing shorts. I.e. a white sleeve should wear a long sleeve white undergarment. If black shorts are worn then the under garment should be black. All team members must wear the same colours.

3.10.3. A Club may be penalised if:

- a) A Match does not commence due to an inability to resolve a clash of strips, and it can be established that such Club or team did not comply with Regulation 3.9.2 (e)
- b) A Club changes their home or alternate playing strip without CF’s prior written approval, and this change results in a match being postponed

3.10.4. Goalkeepers may wear any colour except black, provided it does not clash with either team or the Match Official. Any failure to do so must be reported to CF by the Match Official and an offending Club may be fined at level BR4 under Schedule 1 of these Regulations.

3.10.5. All players are always required to wear shin guards (that provide adequate protection) whilst on the field of play.

3.10.6. LOTG state that players are forbidden to wear any equipment that may be dangerous to either the player themselves, or to another player. This includes, but is not limited to, jewellery and spectacles.



- a) All jewellery, including wedding bands and any studs, rings, bars or other body-piercing jewellery must be removed before a player enters the field of play. No taping of any type is permitted
- b) Any player wearing jewellery will be cautioned and removed from the field of play until the Match Official is satisfied that the player has removed the item in question. There are no exceptions to this Regulation
- c) Any player requiring vision correction should consider wearing contact lenses, or wear spectacles that:

### **3.11. Stretchers/First Aid**

3.11.1. Each Home Club must allocate one stretcher suitable for first aid and emergency use at all fixtures.

3.11.2. Each Club must ensure that stretchers are placed in a place where it can be found easily, in a safe and accessible position to first aid staff, for the duration of the match prior to the commencement of each fixture.

3.11.3. Wooden or canvas stretchers are prohibited. Clubs must ensure their stretchers comply with current Australian Standards.

3.11.4. Clubs must have a person trained in first aid present during all matches

3.11.5. Clubs must have procedures specific to their home ground complex, to assist ambulances reaching injured people with a minimum of delay. These procedures should include, but are not limited to:

- a) Advice to the ambulance service of the best entry strategy to the complex; and
- b) The deployment of personnel to guide the attending ambulance to the ambulance gateway and the position of the injured person.

3.11.6. The CJL will compile and distribute to JL clubs prior to the start of each season a list indicating, for each playing venue:

- a) Whether a qualified first aider will be routinely in attendance;
- b) How any such person may be identified;
- c) Where the required first aid kit and ice will be located; and
- d) Ambulance attendance procedures.

### **3.12. Lighting Standards**

3.12.1. Clubs wishing to play competition fixtures under lights must ensure that lighting complies with the guidelines as set out in the Australian Standards AS2560.2.3 - Guide to Sports Lighting Part 2.3 – Lighting for all Football codes.

### **3.13. Smoking/Drinking at Venues**

3.13.1. It is prohibited for anyone to smoke or consume alcohol within the confines of the playing barrier fence. This includes the team bench within the Technical Area and anywhere on or within ten metres of the touchline. Failure to comply with this Regulation will render a fine at the level of BR6 under Schedule 1 of these Regulations and may be further penalised by CF

3.13.2. The Club must obtain a license as required under the Liquor Licensing Act to sell alcohol and must abide by those conditions as set out in the Liquor Licensing Act. Clubs are not permitted to sell drinks in glass containers. Failure to comply with this Regulation will render a fine at the level of BR6 under Schedule 1 of these Regulations and may be further penalised by CF.

## 4. COMPETITION DETAILS

### 4.1. Duration of Matches

4.1.1. All CL fixtures will be played over two (2) periods of 45 minutes except the following:

- a) Aldi MiniRoos will play as specified in the [National Playing formats and Regulation handbook](#)
- b) JL match times vary dependent on age groups and are reflected in Schedule 2 of these Regulations.
- c) The Match Official may cut short any match if in their opinion playing conditions compromise player safety and:
  - i. To do so is in line with FIFA Regulations
  - ii. They have consulted with the coaches of each participating team.
  - iii. If the fixture will not be completed before the kick-off time for the following fixture

4.1.2. The half-time interval must be a minimum of five (5) minutes and no longer than 15 minutes in duration. The duration of the half-time interval may only be altered with the consent of the Match Official.

- a) JL fixtures will have a maximum duration of five (5) minutes in competition fixtures

4.1.3. The allowance for time lost is at the discretion of the Match Official and can only be applied to the last fixture of the day or as directed by CF. Allowance may be made in either half for all time lost through:

- a) Interchange
- b) Assessment of injury to players
- c) Removal of injured players from the field of play for treatment
- d) Wasting time
- e) Any other cause.

4.1.4. No allowance for time lost can be added to JL except to extend time for the taking of a penalty kick at the end of each half.

4.1.5. Matches will commence at the appointed time, or in the event of a match whose commencement is dependent upon the completion of the previous match, within ten minutes of the conclusion of the previous match (five (5) minutes for JL fixtures).

- a) Where a match starts after the prescribed kick off time, the playing time of the match shall be reduced if at the Match Official's discretion, the next match kick off would be delayed beyond the normal starting time. The match shall be played in two (2) equal periods.
- b) If a team fails to enter the field of play or has an insufficient number of players for the match to proceed, after fifteen minutes of the programmed starting time, the referee shall inform both teams that the game has been called off, and notify CF in writing.
- c) For U10 and U11 fixtures, the match will need to start within 10 minutes of the scheduled KO
- d) A forfeit win will be awarded to the non-offending team.
- i. Where both teams are at fault the fixture will be deemed null and void
- e) Failure to commence a fixture at the set times will result in a fine to the offending Club at level BR2 under Schedule 3 of these Regulations.

- 4.1.6. CF may start matches from 9:00am for any daytime fixture which may include Saturday, Sunday or any Public Holiday.
- a) Unless instructions have been issued by CF the last match of the day must start no later than 3:00pm for any daytime match.
  - b) All other matches prior to this kick off time must be played in two (2) periods that shall allow the last match to kick off at the scheduled kick off time.

## 4.2. Abandoned Matches

- 4.2.1. A Match Card/Team Sheet is required for abandoned matches.
- 4.2.2. Matches may only be abandoned by a decision of the Match Official. In the absence of a Match Official CF shall have the designated authority to recommend the abandoning of any fixture, competition and/or organise other fixtures or competitions as necessary in the interests of CF.
- 4.2.3. 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 unless the matter is referred to CF.
- 4.2.4. If less than 80 per cent of normal time of a match has been played before the time of abandonment, the score at the time of the abandonment is null and void. The match may be replayed in full at a time to be determined by CF, however there is no obligation to do so.
- 4.2.5. The match will be abandoned if:
- a) Any Club has its playing numbers reduced for any reason below the minimum FIFA requirement of seven players.
  - b) The lighting at the venue fails such that in the opinion of the Match Official it is impossible or unsafe to continue to play.
  - c) The Match Official determines that playing conditions have become unsafe or untenable for any reason, or
  - d) The Match Official, in consultation with security staff, CF staff and ground officials, determines that the conditions for players, coaches, Match Officials or supporters have become unsafe or untenable for any reason.
- 4.2.6. If a Match is abandoned due to a matter set out in Regulation 4.2.5 (d) and CF or the Tribunal determines that one (or both) of the competing Clubs, or its Club Associates were directly responsible for the abandonment then one of the following outcomes may be imposed:
- a) Match to be awarded as a “No Result”. In this situation, no points will be awarded to either team for that fixture
  - b) Award Match result as 0-0 draw
  - c) Award result 3–0 to the non-offending Club unless the score at the time of abandonment was greater and in favour of the non-offending Club
  - d) Match result to stand.
  - e) One or both teams involved may be expelled from the competition.
- 4.2.7. Further any Club Associate responsible for the abandonment of a game will be fined at level BR4 under Schedule 1 of these Regulations and may be guilty of misconduct and may be subject to further penalties under the CFDDR.

- 4.2.8. If the grounds are closed on Friday by ACT Sportsgrounds, then the CF Office shall publish a notice on its website and social media channels and advise the Match Officials of the cancellation of those fixtures.
- 4.2.9. Home teams at non ACT Government owned grounds where practical shall inform CF and visiting teams if their ground is closed.
- 4.2.10. In the event of all games in a competition round being cancelled, they shall be replayed on the first available wet weather allowance weekend. If no wet weather allowance weekends are available and an alternative date for these games cannot be supplied by either the Clubs or CF, no points shall be awarded to any team and the games will not be replayed.
- 4.2.11. In the event of some games being played and others not the results for the played matches shall stand and the un-played games shall be played on the first available wet weather allowance weekend.
- a) If no wet weather allowance is available it is up to the Clubs involved to organise a new venue, date and time for the un-played match in accordance with this Regulation. CF will need to approve all matches organised by clubs.
  - b) CF may at its discretion class all games as 'No Result' if there is no time available to reschedule the un-played fixtures, or if clubs cannot agree upon a reschedule.

### 4.3. Postponed Matches

- 4.3.1. Matches may only be postponed by the Match Official, CF Staff, or a venue manager.
- 4.3.2. If a match is postponed, the home Club must notify the CF by the next working day after the scheduled match.
- 4.3.3. Clubs shall be given fourteen (14) days to confirm a new date, time and venue for the match to be replayed from the date of the postponement and the match must be played prior to the final round of the regular season.
- a) If clubs cannot reach an agreement CF will determine the new time and date for playing of a postponed match. Such decision is not open to appeal or review.
  - b) Clubs are obliged to fulfil outstanding fixtures as determined by CF and any Club which fails to do so will automatically forfeit the match and may be further penalised.
  - c) Any club failing to set a postponed fixture in accordance with this Regulation will result in a fine at level BR3 under Schedule 1 of these Regulations.
- 4.3.4. Any fixture ordered by CF to be replayed must be completed by no later than one week before the conclusion of the playing season. CF may record the result of any match not completed within this time frame as a 'No-Result'.
- 4.3.5. Only CF competitions staff will be permitted to approve the schedule or reschedule of any fixture. Any Club Associate or Club found guilty of rearranging a league fixture, or requesting the appointment of Match Officials outside a set kick-off time or date, will be fined at level BR5 under Schedule 1 of these Regulations and may be subject to further penalties and CF may record the final score of any such match as a 'No Result'.
- 4.3.6. In the event of a blanket cancellation of games due to adverse ground or weather conditions in the final round of the season, no games will be replayed unless otherwise decided by CF.

#### **4.4. Forfeits/Walk Offs**

- 4.4.1. Any Club that, without just cause, fails to fulfil an engagement to play one or more fixture/s on the appointed date and time and at the prescribed venue/s shall for each and every offence forfeit that fixture/s. The offending Club shall also be liable for any reasonable expenses incurred by its opponents relative to that fixture or fixtures. The offending Club may then be dealt with by CF or Disciplinary Committee.
- 4.4.2. In the event of any team forfeiting its match the following procedure shall take effect:
- a) Full points allocated for the match shall be forfeited to its opponents and the goals recorded according to three (3) goals scored by the team getting the points to nil (0) by the team who has forfeited.
  - b) Clubs who advise CF in writing, at least five working days' notice that they will forfeit the match.
  - c) Clubs who fail to provide sufficient notice as set out in this Regulation will be fined at level BR5 under Schedule 1 of these Regulations; pay all appropriate Match Officials' fees, ground hire costs and pay compensation to opposing club as determined by CF. Please contact CF for remittance processes.
  - d) In the event of a forfeit or walk off by a team once the fixture has commenced the allocation of any goal scorers will be determined by CF.
- 4.4.3. Teams forfeiting on three (3) occasions without a satisfactory explanation shall be removed from the competition and may lose their affiliation to CF.
- 4.4.4. In the event of a walk-off by one club prior to the completion of a match, the team will be considered to have forfeited the match, and the club shall be liable to additional penalties and/or sanctions as CF sees fit.

#### **4.5. Matches Played for Double Points – Applicable to Junior League Competitions only**

- 4.5.1. Matches played for double points will only be considered under the following circumstances:
- 4.5.2. A match designated for double points shall see the Match points listed in Regulation 4.8 multiplied by two (2).
- 4.5.3. The designated remaining fixture between both teams will be deemed a No-Result.
- 4.5.4. Any recorded goal in a match played for double points will only count as one (1) goal when contributing towards a player's season tally of goals scored.
- 4.5.5. Any yellow and/or red carded shown to a player in a match played for double points will only count as one (1) card when contributing to a player's season tally of yellow and/or red card accumulation.
- 4.5.6. Matches may only be played for double points with approval by CF. Any decision made by the CF is final and is not open to appeal.

#### 4.6. Extreme Weather Conditions

4.6.1. Refer to [Capital Footballs Extreme Weather Policy](#).

#### 4.7. Restrictions on Ground Usage

4.7.1. CF may take whatever action is deemed necessary if a fixture or fixtures are affected by restrictions to the usage of grounds.

#### 4.8. Match Points

4.8.1. In all competition fixtures, match points will be awarded as follows:

| Match Points      |                        |
|-------------------|------------------------|
| Win               | Three (3)              |
| Draw              | One (1)                |
| Loss              | Nil (0)                |
| No Result/Washout | Nil (0) for both teams |
| Bye               | Nil (0)                |
| Forfeit Win       | Three (3)              |

4.8.2. CF may record any fixture as a 'No Result'.

4.8.3. At the end of the season, all teams will be ranked from highest to lowest by virtue of the total number of points received. Determination for finals positions will be decided as per Regulation 5.1.

#### 4.9. Non-Participation in CF Fixture

4.9.1. Clubs are obliged to participate in fixtures as determined by the CF. Any Club which fails to do so will be penalised as follows and may also be subject to further sanction:

- a) The Match will be awarded to the opposing team (as a 3-0 result),
- b) A fine at level BR6 under Schedule 1 of these Regulations will be served.
- c) If both teams refuse to play, CF may award a 'No Result'.

#### 4.10. Change of Fixture Requests

4.10.1. Change of venues will only be considered in exceptional circumstances. Any application for a change of venue must be submitted to CF, on Club letterhead and signed by a Club official, no less than five working days prior to the match. CF will then consider the application and notify both Clubs of its decision.

- a) If there is a safety concern for the players and/or Match Officials in regards to the condition of the field, CF is happy to work with clubs without a formal request.

4.10.2. Clubs requesting a fixture change must submit such a request to CF via the prescribed form signed by the appropriate Club officer, 14 days prior to the scheduled date of the match for consideration. The request must be supported by the opposing club. Where CF grants such a postponement the match shall be played within the Regulations governing postponed fixtures. Each team can only postpone three fixtures per season unless CF grants the Club special permission due to exceptional circumstances. CF will supply clubs with an online form for change of fixture requests.

- 4.10.3. Should an opposing Club be unable to recoup expenses resulting from a deferral, CF shall determine the amount of compensation to be paid. Such compensation shall be the responsibility of the Club granted the deferral. Clubs will not be eligible to claim compensation for lost income or expenses for reusable items.
- 4.10.4. If the request involves International football fixtures, Music Festivals, weddings, baptisms, confirmations, Milestone Birthdays or any other social events CF may reject that request without further consideration.
- 4.10.5. CF's decision in regards to rescheduling of league fixtures will be final and binding on all parties and shall not be appealable.



## **5. FINAL SERIES**

### **5.1. Determination of Champions and Premiers**

- 5.1.1. At the completion of the regular season the team which scores the highest number of points shall be declared Premiers
- 5.1.2. Should two (2) or more Teams in the same division at the completion of the regular season possess the same number of points then the team with the better goal difference shall be considered to be the higher.
  - a) Goal difference will be calculated as the number of goals scored against a team subtracted from the number of goals scored for the team. The higher positive figure goal difference shall be deemed the better the goal difference.
- 5.1.3. Where goal differences are equal, the team having scored the greater number of goals shall be considered the higher placed team.
- 5.1.4. If two (2) or more teams in the same grade or division have the same goal difference, and have scored the same number of goals, then the team which has the better head to head aggregate results during the regular season will be considered the higher
- 5.1.5. Should the teams aggregate head to head result be level after all other considerations the teams will be declared Joint Premiers
- 5.1.6. There are no Finals Series fixtures for JL competitions outside of U16 and U18 age groups. At the completion of the JL the team finishing with the highest number of points in any division shall be declared Premiers of that division and the team next highest on points shall be declared the runners-up.
  - a) Where two or more teams finish with the highest number of points at the end of the season they shall be declared joint Premiers, and no runners-up shall be declared. Where one team finishes as Premiers but two or more teams finish equal second on points, the latter teams shall be declared joint runners-up.
- 5.1.7. For competitions with uneven number of games, or those affected by re-grading CF may determine that a Points per Game Ratio will be used. This will be communicated by CF to all affected clubs once CF determines that the competition has been affected.
  - a) Capital Football's decision in regards to 5.1.7 is final.

### **5.2. Final Series Competition Format**

- (a) The finals formats can be found in Schedule 3 at the rear of these regulations
- 5.2.1. Host venues for the Finals (Championship) series will be determined at the absolute discretion of CF and is not able to be appealed.
- 5.2.2. If any finals series fixture is postponed, abandoned or cancelled, that fixture will be scheduled at an alternative day and alternative venue to be determined at the absolute discretion of CF.

### **5.3. Procedures to Determine the Winner of Matches in the Final Series**

- 5.3.1. All matches played in the finals series will be played over one leg.

- 5.3.2. If at the conclusion of any final, the scores between two (2) teams are tied, then extra time of 2 equal periods will be played.
- a) For all competitions, the play periods will be of 10 minutes
- 5.3.3. If scores are equal at the conclusion of both periods of extra time, penalty kicks will be taken to determine the winner of the Match.
- 5.3.4. The extra time and penalty kick arrangements will be consistent with those set out in the 'Procedures to determine the winner of a match' section of LOTG.
- 5.3.5. The winner of the Grand Final shall be deemed the Champions for their division and grade.

#### **5.4. Interchange Regulations**

- 5.4.1. For all matches played during the finals series, the interchange Regulation 3.6 applies.
- 5.4.2. Teams wishing to make an interchange shall inform the 4<sup>th</sup> Match Official (if appointed) of the players involved in the substitution.

#### **5.5. Player Eligibility in the Final Series**

- 5.5.1. To be qualified to play for a team in any Finals Series Match in any CL or JL competition, a Player must have played at least 5 Competition Season matches for that team. CF will communicate to clubs/teams as to which players are classified.
- a) Players are permitted to play in a Finals Series match in a higher division than the lowest division they have qualified for.
- b) Players will not be eligible to represent any team or division in the finals series below the lowest one for which they have qualified for.
- c) Players will not be eligible to represent another team from the same club in the same division during the Finals Series, regardless whether they have qualified for that other team.
- d) This Regulation also applies where a team has been withdrawn during a competition season. The player will be qualified for finals for the team they have played the most games for, outside the withdrawn team.
- e) At no stage is a Premier League Player eligible to play in the Final Series across Community and JL competitions.
- 5.5.2. A player who has qualified for more than one team or division in the finals series will be eligible to represent all teams they have qualified for.
- a) Should a player play a Finals Series match in a higher divisional rating in which they are not qualified, the player will be tied to that higher team for the remainder of the Finals Series
- b) Matches in the Finals Series do not count towards the number of matches that a player has participated in for the purposes of Regulation 5.5.1.
- 5.5.3. CF has the power to classify a player to a particular team or division if they believe it to be justified and appropriate.
- 5.5.4. A claim of player ineligibility can only be made to CF by the opposing club participating in the finals series of that division or grade. However, whilst a Match Official is not obliged to check that

all players in a game are bona fide, if they are aware that an ineligible player is either on the Match Card or is playing in the game then they may bring the issue to the attention of CF.

#### **5.6. Discipline**

- 5.6.1. For all competitions there is no system for accumulation of yellow cards which may result in a mandatory match suspension for the relevant CF Finals Series.
- 5.6.2. If a player receives a red card in the finals series, their Club will be notified of the player's suspension in writing within the terms of the CFDDR.

#### **5.7. Trophies**

- 5.7.1. Perpetual trophies awarded to Clubs are to be returned to CF as instructed by the relevant CF staff. This Regulation also applies to pre-season competition trophies. Failure to return such trophies will result in a fine at level BR4 under Schedule 1 of these Regulations and costs to replace the trophy.

## **6. MATCH OFFICIALS**

### **6.1. Fees**

- 6.1.1. The Match Official fees as set out in the CF website will apply but are subject to change at any time.
- 6.1.2. Unless otherwise stated, CF will invoice the Home team or organising club payment of all fees for Match Officials monthly after the completion of each fixture. Womens' State League are invoiced on a 50% share basis.
- 6.1.3. JL competition fixtures are paid directly to the Match Official prior to kick off. Each team pays 50% of the designated fee (including appointed Assistant Match Officials).
  - a) Where a team does not pay the designated fee for all Match Officials, the club will be subject to a fine at level BR3 under Schedule 1.

### **6.2. Appointments**

- 6.2.1. The appointment of all Match Officials for CL fixtures shall be vested in the RDM.
  - a) Where CF are unable to appoint Match Officials to CL fixtures, the onus is on the participating teams to supply an adequate Match Official
- 6.2.2. JL regular season fixtures are all club appointed.
- 6.2.3. CF will appoint Match Officials to all final series matches in both CL and JL.

### **6.3. Assistant Match Officials**

- 6.3.1. Assistant Match Officials shall be appointed to a fixture, where possible, to assist the Match Official.
- 6.3.2. If insufficient Assistant Match Officials have been appointed, each team must nominate a person associated with the team who is available to assist the Match Official as an Assistant Referee. Failure to comply as of the commencement of the match will result in a fine at level BR4 under Schedule 1 to the offending team.
  - a) Failure by a person associated with the team to assist the Match Official as an Assistant Referee for the entire duration required during the match may result in a fine at the level of BR4 under Schedule 1 of these Regulations and may be further penalized by CF

### **6.4. Non-Attendance or Unavailability of Match Official**

- 6.4.1. If the designated Match Official fails to attend an assigned game, the next most senior Assistant Match Official (replacement) will take charge of the fixture unless the Assistant Match Official is not qualified through age or ability to referee the fixture.
- 6.4.2. If the Match Official is late arriving at a fixture, the replacement will take charge for the whole match.
- 6.4.3. If no registered Match Official is present to act as the replacement, the home Club must arrange the appointment of a person to act as Match Official for the fixture Failure to comply with this

Regulation will render a fine at the level of BR4 under Schedule 1 of these Regulations and may be further penalised by CF

- 6.4.4. For JL fixtures the if the Home team is unable to provide an assistant Match Official then the Home team must invite the Away team to arrange the appointment in the first instance
- 6.4.5. It is recommended that the Club appointed Match Official should have sat a referee's information course within the last three (3) years
- 6.4.6. A Club appointed Match Official will have the power to sanction players in accordance with the Laws of the Game.
  - a) If the fixture has a club person as an Assistant Referee, it is recommended that they do not call offside, but assist with all other aspects of an Assistant Referee

#### **6.5. Decisions of a Match Official**

- 6.5.1. The decisions of the Match Official or Assistant Match Official about any incident or aspect of the game are final and cannot be disputed by any party. A Match Official may change a decision if he or she realises that decision to be incorrect, or on the advice of an Assistant Match Official, provided the play has not re-started.

#### **6.6. Duties of a Match Official**

- 6.6.1. Prior to the commencement of each match, the Match Official, or the Assistant Match Officials on behalf of the Match Official, must complete a pitch and facility inspection and then ensure that any abnormalities are reported to CF within twenty four (24) hours after kick off of the fixture.
- 6.6.2. A Match Official who has been appointed by CF to a match, shall without delay, report to CF any instance or instances of misconduct or foul play during the progress of the match which led to the dismissal of a player or players from the field of play.
  - a) The Match Official shall also report any instance of misconduct irrespective of whether such misconduct occurred before, during or after such match, and whether it shall have led to the player(s) being ordered from the field or not.
  - b) Any reports received by CF pursuant to this Regulation shall be dealt with by CF or referred by the CM to the Disciplinary Committee.

#### **6.7. Match Records**

- 6.7.1. At the conclusion of each Match, the Match Official shall consult with his or her Assistant Match Officials and confirm the correctness of all match information before completing the Match Card. The Match Official must include:
  - a) Names of the Match Officials
  - b) Result of match
  - c) Temporary Dismissals, cautions and send offs and any other match related reports.
- 6.7.2. Match Cards and any required reports must be submitted to CF as per Regulation 3.5.8
- 6.7.3. If a Club Official protests to the Match Official about the fielding of an ineligible player, the Match Official must instruct the Club official to lodge an official protest in accordance with Regulation 2.6.3.7

- 6.7.4. The Match Official must ensure Clubs do not list more than 16 Players on a Match Card.
- 6.7.5. Subject to any protest, the Match Cards received from the Match Official will be accepted as the accurate and official record of a match.

#### **6.8. Player Safety and Blood Regulation**

- 6.8.1. It is the Match Official's responsibility to ensure that all players taking the field of play are wearing equipment that is safe to themselves and any other person.
- 6.8.2. If a player is wearing any equipment which may endanger him or herself, or any other player it is the Match Official's responsibility to ensure all such equipment is removed before the player enters the field of play.
- 6.8.3. The Match Official must ensure that any player who suffers an injury or wound which results in the loss of blood leaves the ground immediately for the purpose of receiving medical attention outside the field of play.
  - a) The Match Official may allow the injured player to re-join the game only after the Match Official is satisfied that the wound has been safely covered and contained
  - b) If a Player's uniform or attire has blood spilt on it, the Match Official may require the player to change his or her attire before re-joining the game
  - c) If the injured player is required to change his or her uniform, and a shirt displaying the same number as the original shirt is unavailable, the Match Official may in his or her discretion allow the player to wear an alternative numbered shirt
  - d) Alternatively, in such circumstances, a team may replace the injured player in accordance with any applicable substitution/interchange Regulation.

#### **6.9. Referee Evaluation Reports**

- 6.9.1. The prime function of the Club Referee Evaluation Report is to assess the performance of the Match Official and Assistant Match Officials.
- 6.9.2. Completing an evaluation report is optional for all JL and CL competitions:
  - a) Referee Evaluation reports should be completed no later than Wednesday after the completion of the fixture.
  - b) All reports received by CF will be treated as strictly confidential between the person making the report and CF relevant parties

## **7. REGISTRATION**

### **7.1. General Registration**

- 7.1.1. It is the Club's responsibility to ensure that a player's registration, re-registration and/or transfer forms have been correctly completed and lodged with CF by the relevant dates and times. CF is not responsible for any late, missing or incorrectly filed lodgements. Any player whose registration, re-registration and/or transfer forms have not been received per these Regulations before a weekend fixture will be deemed an ineligible player. CF, in conjunction with FFA, will maintain a complete list of all players registered with CF.
- 7.1.2. In the event of a player registration being found invalid due to an error on the part of CF or its agent or by any person/s issuing a clearance for such a registration, and where the error was unknown to the player and the club and in no way due to their actions, CF shall notify the player and the club and the player is an unregistered player from that time. In such cases, no retrospective action may be taken against the player or the club provided that the player shall not play until such time as the player can be correctly registered, as defined in these Regulations.
- 7.1.3. Each team coach, qualified or unqualified, must be registered on Play Football prior to the start of the respective season.
- 7.1.4. Players participating in weekend matches must be registered by midnight on a Thursday night prior to the weekend's matches in order to be processed and eligible for the weekend. CF may approve registrations on a case by case basis on Friday's before weekend matches.
- i. For mid-week matches players must be registered twenty four (24) hours prior to the match kick off time.

### **7.2. Player Status**

- 7.2.1. Players who are registered with a Club shall be classified as either Amateur or Professional Players as defined below:
- a) An Amateur Player is any Player that is not a Professional Player
  - b) A Professional Player is a Player who has a written contract with a Club
- 7.2.2. The status of each Player will be available in the Player's online registration database Play Football.

### **7.3. Eligibility**

- 7.3.1. Only Amateur Players may play CL and JL competitions
- 7.3.2. A Player may only be registered with one (1) Club at any one time, in accordance with the FFA NRR and FIFA Regulations
- 7.3.3. Any player found to have knowingly signed registrations for more than one Club shall be considered an unregistered player and shall be subject to such penalties and/or sanctions as determined by CF. CF will also determine what, if any, action will be taken against the Clubs involved. In the event a Player signs registrations forms with more than one (1) Club, priority of registration shall be accorded to the Club who earliest in time obtained the Player's signature to a valid registration form.

- 7.3.4. A Player registered as a junior with a Club may only participate in senior competition at that Club or, if the two Clubs are formally affiliated by way of a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU).
- 7.3.5. Payment of the appropriate CF Player registration fee will apply each time a player registers for a club throughout a season.
- 7.3.6. No Club shall enter into any Contract or Service Agreement with any player which prevents that player from playing or training with any approved Representative squad or CF program, nor shall any Club actively prevent any Player from playing or training with any such squad.
- 7.3.7. CF may alter the Player registration fee at any point.

#### **7.4. Amateur Players**

- 7.4.1. An Amateur Player may not be paid for football activities or be paid or reimbursed for any expenses other than those set out in Regulation 7.4.2.
- 7.4.2. Clubs may pay the following expenses to an Amateur Player; not exceeding the value of \$100 per week for:
  - a) Legitimate travel expenses to participate in football activities
  - b) Hotel expenses, namely necessary meals during the day and overnight accommodation during the actual and necessary absence from home for the purposes of football activities;
  - c) Player equipment (excluding footwear and goalkeeping gloves)
- 7.4.3. Clubs must keep complete records of all such payments made to Amateur Players and provide these upon CF request.

#### **7.5. Player Registration – Season**

- 7.5.1. CF Registration Periods and other key dates for the 2019 season will be:
  - a) Opening Date – 8 January
  - b) Closing Date – 30<sup>th</sup> June
- 7.5.2. Registrations Outside Registration Periods
  - a) Exemptions may be granted outside of the aforementioned dates under the following reasons:
    - i. That player is a goalkeeper and CF have been satisfied that the Club has justifiable reason for the request and has provided appropriate evidence
    - ii. A player which has NOT been previously registered to a NPL, CL or JL package during the 2019 season.
    - iii. CF is satisfied in its absolute discretion that exceptional circumstances exists
- 7.5.3. Other registration dates:
  - a) Final date to lodge an ITC request – 31 May
  - b) Final date to de-register a player – 30 June
- 7.5.4. During the period 1 January to 31 October each year, a Player is deemed to be registered for the period, subject to these Regulations, and must abide by the FFA NRR.



- a) A Player may only be registered with one Club at any one time, unless an exemption for Dual Registration has been provided in accordance with Regulation 7.5.6
  - b) An Amateur Player or Professional Player can register for no more than three (3) Clubs in Australia and may only play matches for two (2) of those Clubs.
- 7.5.5. CF may in its absolute discretion, and only in special circumstances, provide an exemption for a Player to:
- a) Compete for a third Club during the period outlined in Regulation 7.5.4;
  - b) Hold Dual Registration
- 7.5.6. Any application for a Player registration exemption is to be requested via the Player Exemption Request Form. Player Exemption Request Forms may be submitted for:
- a) A Club seeking Deal Registration for a Player;
  - b) Any other reasonable request.
- 7.5.7. All paperwork under Regulation 7.5.6 is to be lodged to CF before the close of the period in Regulation 7.5.4.
- 7.5.8. If CF Regulations a Club becomes a Defunct Club, the following shall apply to all registered Players and any team in a CF competition from that Defunct Club:
- a) As from the date of cancellation or revocation, all Amateur Players and Professional Players registered with the Defunct Club shall be deemed registered with CF.
  - b) The Compensation Fee shall belong to CF and shall be distributed in the following order:
    - i. To offset against any monies owed to CF by the Defunct Club
    - ii. To pay any monies owed to the Players of the Defunct Club
    - iii. To pay any monies owed to any other Club by the Defunct Club
  - c) CF shall have the same rights in respect of Amateur Players changing Clubs in this circumstance.
  - d) The ability for an Amateur Player to change Clubs outside the period in Regulation 7.5.4 solely at the discretion of CF.

## 7.6. Amateur Player Registrations

- 7.6.1. Any player who does not have an FFA number must apply for an FFA number through Play Football.
- 7.6.2. An Amateur Player may register for the first time in a season with any Club at any time during the season, subject to Regulation 7.5.1 (a) and (b).
- 7.6.3. Amateur Players with an FFA number wishing to register for a Club must register through Play Football.
- 7.6.4. The registration of an Amateur Player is effective from the date the registration is processed via Play Football but is subject to Regulations 7.6.2 and 7.6.3.
- 7.6.5. Failure to complete the process outlined in Regulations 7.6.2 and 7.6.3 will result in the Player being deemed unregistered.
- 7.6.6. An Amateur Player may be de-registered upon request from a Club/Player.

## **7.7. Amateur Players Changing Clubs During the Season**

- 7.7.1. Unless otherwise stated in these Regulations, an Amateur Player is free to move to another Club during the period in Regulation 7.5.4.
- 7.7.2. The registration of such a Player via Play Football will be completed automatically once the following is finalised:
- a) The Players current Club completes the de-registration process through Play Football.
  - b) The Player registers with the new Club in Play Football
  - c) The Players current Club may seek payment by the Player of any outstanding monies which the Player owes the Club.

## **7.8. International Transfer Clearance**

- 7.8.1. An International Transfer Certificate (ITC) is required for non-registered Players who wish to register with a Club. Players will require an ITC in the event they are presently registered with a Club or Clubs outside Australia, or do not hold an Australian Passport.
- 7.8.2. The procedure for requesting an ITC is done via Play Football when registering the Player.
- 7.8.3. If an ITC has not been received within 30 days after the request through Play Football, CF may, in its complete discretion, seek a provisional clearance from FFA. Such a clearance can only be issued by FFA to CF.
- 7.8.4. No request for an ITC will be accepted by CF after the final date to lodge an ITC request as outlined in Regulation 7.5.2 (a).
- 7.8.5. If an ITC is issued after the close of the period in Regulation 7.5.4 the Player may be registered.
- 7.8.6. No Player awaiting an ITC may participate in any football activities, excluding training, until either:
- a) An ITC has been received by CF and the Player has been registered in accordance with these Regulations
  - b) A provisional ITC clearance has been granted by FFA

## **7.9. Dual Registration**

- 7.9.1. A Player can only be registered with one (1) Club at a time.
- 7.9.2. A Player registered with CF can play only for the Club nominated by that Player unless the Player is playing:
- a) For a Representative team;
  - b) For an A-League or W-League Club as a replacement Player or is an A-League or W-League Player on Loan to a Club in accordance with A-League or W-League Competition Regulations;
  - c) For a Futsal Club for which the Player is also registered;
  - d) For a school team that is not a Club;
  - e) In a benefit, testimonial or charity match if that Player has written permissions form CF or FFA, as required;
  - f) In a trial match, provided the Player has their current Clubs written permission and plays no more than two (2) trail matches or such other number of matches specified in these Regulations; or

g) Any other exceptional circumstances approved by CF or FFA in its absolute discretion.

7.9.3. Representative squads from affiliated leagues playing in CF competition do not need to be registered with CF; however, they must be registered with a Club in an affiliated league.

#### 7.10. Tours (Domestic and Overseas)

7.10.1. A Tour may consist of, but is not limited to, a one-off exhibition match, a series of friendly matches or a tournament.

7.10.2. Any Tour undertaken by a Club must be sanctioned by CF. Clubs should be guided by and adhere to the Visiting Teams policy. This applies to both Domestic and Overseas (international) Tours. For overseas Tours, sanction MUST also be provided by FFA.

7.10.3. Clubs in A.C.T. and surrounds play under the jurisdiction of CF in the defined geographical area. Where a Club wishes to play outside this area of jurisdiction, a Club must seek approval from CF.

7.10.4. Tours to another country must also be sanctioned by CF and in addition by FFA as a Club is leaving the jurisdiction of FFA.

7.10.5. For a Domestic Tour to be sanctioned, the [Capital Football Travel Sanction Form](#) needs to be completed and submitted to CF at least seven (7) days prior to the Domestic Tour, with the following;

- a) Name, Club and FFA ID number for all Players travelling
- b) Invitation /correspondence from the interstate club hosting the match or tournament
- c) If the Tour involves more than one (1) match, a schedule of matches or tournament draw
- d) For Tours involving minors, contact details for all adults travelling as coach, team manager or supervisors.
- e) For Tours involving minors, a Working with Vulnerable People (WWVP) proof must be provided for all adults travelling.

7.10.6. For an Overseas Tour to be sanctioned, the [Capital Football Travel Sanction Form](#) needs to be completed and submitted to CF at least twenty-one (21) days prior to the Overseas Tour, with the following:

- a) Name, Club and FFA ID number for all Players travelling
- b) Invitation /correspondence from the international club /association hosting the match/ tournament
- c) If the Tour involves more than one (1) match, a schedule of matches or tournament draw
- d) Contact details for all travelling party, such as the Coach, team manager or supervisors.
- e) For Tours involving minors, a Working with Vulnerable People (WWVP) proof must be provided for all adults travelling.
- f) An Insurance Certificate of Currency (Proof of Insurance for all Participants)
- g) Approval letters from the Players Club, if necessary
- h) List of accommodation & mode of travel for Tours through multiple cities, including dates

7.10.7. Domestic Tour Applications received within seven (7) days of departure will be charged a \$50.00 administration fee.

7.10.8. Overseas Tour Applications received within twenty-one (21) days of departure will be charged a \$100.00 administration fee.

7.10.9. For clubs that fail to complete the process for a Tour to be sanctioned, the following will apply;

- a) A Fine at BR4 for each team for a Domestic Tour
- b) A Fine at BR5 for each team for an Overseas Tour

#### **7.11. Registration of Coaches, Managers and Officials**

7.11.1. Coaches, managers and officials of Clubs must register in Play Football each season.

#### **7.12. Scope of CF Registration Regulations**

7.12.1. Where these Regulations are silent on any particular aspect of the game, then all Clubs shall first have regard to the FFA NRR, then to the FFA Statutes, By-Laws and Regulations, then to the CF Regulations and By-Laws and where applicable the Asian Football Confederation (AFC), and then to the latest Regulations of the game as published by FIFA.

## **8. CODES OF BEHAVIOUR**

### **8.1. Australian Sports Commission Codes**

- a) The Australian Sports Commission (ASC) has produced the following 'Codes of Behaviour', which have been adopted not only by football, but also by most sports in Australia. These codes are deemed to be incorporated into these Regulations and are outlined below. There are also FFA and CF policies in place that must be abided by.

### **8.2. General**

- a) It is vital that everyone involved in sporting activities, whether they are athletes, coaches, parents, officials or supporters, understand their responsibilities to ensure that all participants enjoy the sport.
- b) It is strongly recommended that all players, parents, officials, coaches and members be given a copy of these codes by their Club, and that each Club ensures the codes are clearly displayed in their Clubrooms.
- c) As well as reading and seeking to understand the instructions contained in the codes, CF asks all participants to recognise that there are underlying principles which extend beyond those specific instructions. No one must engage in violent acts, verbal abuse, offensive language or behaviour, or acts likely to incite others, including spectators, to engage in such behaviour, or any other conduct that is detrimental to the spirit or image of the game.

### **8.3. Players' Code of Conduct**

- a) Play by the Regulations and in the spirit of fair play and abide by the Laws of the Game.
- b) Do not argue abuse or address the Match Official.
- c) Control your temper. Verbal abuse of officials or other players, deliberately distracting or provoking another person is not acceptable or permitted in any sport.
- d) Maintain your focus and work hard for yourself and your team.
- e) Be a good sport and be prepared to acknowledge good play whether it is from your team or the opposition.
- f) Treat all players as you would like to be treated. Do not interfere with, bully or take unfair advantage of another player.
- g) Cooperate with your coach, teammates and opponents. Without them, there would be no competition.
- h) Play for your own enjoyment, and not just to please parents and coaches.
- i) Remove all jewellery prior to training and match play, as it is a hazard to you and those around you.
- j) Do not accept or use any banned or unauthorised drug(s), including the consumption of alcohol at any time.

### **8.4. Coaches' Code of Behaviour**

- a) Be reasonable in your demands on younger players' time, energy and enthusiasm.
- b) Teach your players to abide by the Regulations and Laws of the Game.
- c) Do not argue abuse or address the Match Official.
- d) Ensure that equipment and facilities meet a reasonable safety standard and are appropriate to the age and ability of the players.
- e) Develop and enhance respect between players, opposition coaches and the decisions of the Match Official.

- f) Follow the advice of a physician when determining the extent of a player's injury and beyond that, when players are returning from injury to training and match play.
- g) Keep up to date with the latest coaching practices (refer to Coach Accreditation Criteria).
- h) Remind all players to play within the spirit of the game at all times.
- i) Ensure players are good sports and ensure each team member shakes the hand of their opponents at the conclusion of every match.
- j) Do not smoke or consume alcohol from the team bench (Technical Area) or sideline.
- k) Remember the actions of yourself and your team is reflective of the perception others take away with them.

#### **8.5. Administrators' Code of Behaviour**

- a) Help coaches and officials highlight appropriate behaviour and skill development, and assist in raising the standards of coaching and officiating
- b) Ensure everyone involved in football emphasises fair play, and not winning at all costs
- c) Be tolerant and calm under pressure and approach problem solving in a supportive manner as members and players will expect you to set an example for others
- d) Make every effort to educate persons who breach these guidelines from time to time

#### **8.6. Match Officials' Code of Behaviour**

- a) The Match Official's code of behaviour is detailed in the CF Referee's Handbook

#### **8.7. Spectators' Code of Behaviour**

- a) It is important that all spectators at a CF approved fixture are able to enjoy the match in a safe and comfortable environment. Accordingly, each person present at a CF fixture must:
- b) Respect the decisions of the Match Officials
- c) Respect the rights, dignity and worth of every person regardless of their race, colour, religion, language, and political views, national or ethnic origin.
- d) Not engage in the use of violence in any form, whether it is by other spectators, team officials (including coaches) or players
- e) Not engage in discrimination, harassment or abuse in any form whether lawful or otherwise, including but not limited to the use of obscene or offensive language or gestures, the incitement of hatred or violence or partaking in indecent or racist chanting;
- f) Comply with CF's 'Conditions of Entry', at all venues, and any ticketing conditions.
- g) Not carry, light or throw flares or missiles (including on to the field of play or at other spectators)
- h) Not enter the field of play or its surrounds without lawful authority
- i) Conduct oneself in a manner that enhances, rather than injures, the reputation and goodwill of CF, Football Federation Australia (FFA), and football generally.
- j) Any person who does not comply with this Code or who in the opinion of CF causes or attempts to cause or is reasonably likely to cause a disturbance may be evicted from the venue and banned from attending future matches held on behalf of CF, for a period of up to 2 years from when the eviction occurred. Any offender who then breaches the ban order against them may be charged with trespass and subject to further penalties and sanctions, including the possibility of further legal action.
- k) Where CF receives a complaint from a member of CF or a Club (no later than 72 hours following the match) concerning the conduct of a registered member with CF and such conduct was not subject of a report to CF by the Match Official CF may call on the member to answer a charge that the conduct complained of constitutes conduct contrary to the policy or prejudicial interests, welfare or image of CF or the game

## SCHEDULE 1: FEES AND FINES

Unless otherwise specified in these Regulations, CF may impose a fine for misconduct for such amount as it sees fit.

In the case of breaches of these Regulations these fines are in addition to any penalties or consequences set out in these Regulations, the CFDDR or which are imposed as a consequence of any other charges which may arise from a breach of these Regulations.

### BREACHES OF REGULATIONS OF COMPETITION

(1 Penalty Unit shall be: \$30.00)

| Offence Code | First Offence | Second Offence | Third or Subsequent Offence |
|--------------|---------------|----------------|-----------------------------|
| BR1          | 1             | 2              | 4                           |
| BR2          | 2             | 4              | 8                           |
| BR3          | 3             | 6              | 12                          |
| BR4          | 4             | 8              | 16                          |
| BR5          | 6             | 12             | 20                          |
| BR6          | 12            | 24*            | 48*                         |
| BR7          | 20            | 40*            | 80*                         |

Notes:

\* In addition to the penalties above, CF may deduct 3 championship points from an offending team

**SCHEDULE 2: JL AND MR INFORMATION**

| <b>Open</b> | <b>Girls</b> | <b>Kick off time</b> | <b>Ball Size</b> | <b>Length of Halves</b>                 |
|-------------|--------------|----------------------|------------------|---|
| U10         | U10          | 11.30am              | Size 4           | 25 minutes                              |
| U11         | U11          | 12.30pm              | Size 4           | 25 minutes                              |
| U12         | U12          | 1.45pm               | Size 4           | 30 minutes                              |
| U13         |              | 12.30pm              | Size 4           | 30 minutes                              |
| U14         | U14          | 1.45pm               | Size 5           | 35 minutes                              |
| U15         |              | 3.10pm               | Size 5           | 40 minutes                              |
| U16         | U16          | 3.10pm               | Size 5           | 45 minutes (Open)<br>40 minutes (Girls) |
| U18         | U18          | 3.10pm               | Size 5           | 45 minutes (Open)<br>40 minutes (Girls) |



### SCHEDULE 3: FINALS SERIES

1. The following four (4) team three (3) week final series will apply to SLM1, SLM1R, SLM2, SLM3, SLM3R, SLM5, MLM2, MLM3, MLM4, MLM O45, SLW1, SLW2, SLW3. Positions are based on positions at the conclusion of the regular season.

| Week | Match | Title             | Teams                             |
|------|-------|-------------------|-----------------------------------|
| 1    | 1     | Major Semi Final  | 1 <sup>st</sup> v 2 <sup>nd</sup> |
|      | 2     | Minor Semi Final  | 3 <sup>rd</sup> v 4 <sup>th</sup> |
| 2    | 3     | Preliminary Final | Loser Match 1 v Winner Match 2    |
| 3    | 4     | Grand Final       | Winner Match 1 v Winner Match 3   |

2. The following five (5) team four (4) week final series will apply to MLM1, SLM2R, and SLW6. Positions are based on positions at the conclusion of the regular season.

| Week | Match | Title                  | Teams                             |
|------|-------|------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| 1    | 1     | Preliminary Semi Final | 2 <sup>nd</sup> v 3 <sup>rd</sup> |
|      | 2     | Elimination Semi Final | 4 <sup>th</sup> v 5 <sup>th</sup> |
| 2    | 3     | Major Semi Final       | 1 <sup>st</sup> v Winner Match 1  |
|      | 4     | Minor Semi Final       | Loser Match 1 v Winner Match 2    |
| 3    | 5     | Preliminary Final      | Loser Match 3 v Winner Match 4    |
| 4    | 6     | Grand Final            | Winner Match 3 v Winner Match 5   |

3. The following eight (8) team three (3) week final series will apply to SLM4, SLM4R. Positions are based on positions at the conclusion of the regular season.

| Week | Match | Title               | Teams  |
|------|-------|---------------------|--|
| 1    | 1     | Elimination Final 1 | 1 <sup>st</sup> v 8 <sup>th</sup>  |
|      | 2     | Elimination Final 2 | 2 <sup>nd</sup> v 7 <sup>th</sup>  |
|      | 3     | Elimination Final 3 | 3 <sup>rd</sup> v 6 <sup>th</sup>  |
|      | 4     | Elimination Final 4 | 4 <sup>th</sup> v 5 <sup>th</sup>  |
| 2    | 5     | Preliminary Final 1 | Highest ranked winner from Week 1 v Lowest ranked Winner from Week 1                                 |
|      | 6     | Preliminary Final 2 | 2 <sup>nd</sup> Highest ranked winner from Week 1 v 2 <sup>nd</sup> lowest ranked winner from Week 1 |
| 3    | 7     | Grand Final         | Winner Match 5 v Winner Match 6  |

4. The following eight (8) team four (4) week final series will apply to SLM6, SLW4, and SLW5. Positions are based on positions at the conclusion of the regular season.

| Week | Match | Title               | Teams                                |
|------|-------|---------------------|--------------------------------------|
| 1    | 1     | Qualifying Final 1  | 1 <sup>st</sup> v 4 <sup>th</sup>    |
|      | 2     | Qualifying Final 2  | 2 <sup>nd</sup> v 3 <sup>rd</sup>    |
|      | 3     | Elimination Final 1 | 5 <sup>th</sup> v 8 <sup>th</sup>    |
|      | 4     | Elimination Final 2 | 6 <sup>th</sup> v 7 <sup>th</sup>    |
| 2    | 5     | Semi Final 1        | Loser of Match 1 v Winner of Match 3 |
|      | 6     | Semi Final 2        | Loser of Match v 2Winner of Match 4  |
| 3    | 7     | Preliminary Final 1 | Winner of Match 1 v Winner Match 6   |
|      | 8     | Preliminary Final 2 | Winner Match 2 v Winner Match 5      |
| 4    | 9     | Grand Final         | Winner Match 7 v Winner Match 8      |

5. The following four (4) team two (2) week final series will apply to Junior League U16 and U18 Competitions. Positions are based on positions at the conclusion of the regular season

| <b>Week</b> | <b>Match</b> | <b>Title</b> | <b>Teams</b>                      |
|-------------|--------------|--------------|-----------------------------------|
| <b>1</b>    | 1            | Semi Final 1 | 1 <sup>st</sup> v 4 <sup>th</sup> |
|             | 2            | Semi Final 2 | 2 <sup>nd</sup> v 3 <sup>rd</sup> |
| <b>2</b>    | 3            | Grand Final  | Winner Match 1 v Winner Match 2   |