



**CAPITAL
FOOTBALL**

**COMPETITION
REGULATIONS:
2021 CHARITY SHIELD**

FEBRUARY 2021

FINAL VERSION

VERSION CONTROL

VERSION	DATE	AUTHOR	RATIONALE
V1	06/01/2021	Capital Football	Updated for 2021
Final	11/02/2021	Capital Football	Amendments made to align with Competition Regulations

CONTENTS

VERSION CONTROL	2
SECTION 1: GENERAL.....	5
1 Scope and Application	5
2 Consequences for Breach	5
3 Disciplinary Sanctions and Proceedings.....	5
4 Strict Liability of Clubs.....	5
5 Special Consideration	5
6 Unforeseeable Circumstances.....	5
7 Format and Information.....	6
SECTION 2: COMPETITION.....	7
1 Matches Played in Accordance with the Laws of the Game.....	7
2 Match Schedule and Kick Off Times.....	7
3 Duration of Match.....	7
4 Added Time.....	7
5 Extra Time.....	7
6 Determining the Winner by Penalty Kicks.....	7
SECTION 3: ELIGIBILITY & DISCIPLINARY	8
1 Player Eligibility	8
2 Disciplinary Matters.....	8
SECTION 4: REGISTRATION.....	9
1 Registration	9
2 Maximum Player Rosters.....	9
SECTION 5: MATCH DAY.....	10
1 Match Balls	10
2 Warming Up	10
3 Technical Area	10
4 Substitution Rules	11
5 Playing Strips	11
6 Ball Persons	11
7 Player Mascots	11
8 Identification.....	11
9 Team Sheets.....	11
10 Online Results Entry	12
SECTION 6: MATCH OFFICIALS	13
1 Match Official Appointments	13
2 Match Official Fees	13
3 Temporary Dismissals	13
4 Cautions and Expulsions for Team Officials	13

SECTION 7: AWARDS	14
1 Shields	14
2 Perpetual Shield Ownership	14
SCHEDULE 1: DEFINITIONS	15

SECTION 1: GENERAL

SCOPE AND APPLICATION

- 1.1 All Clubs participating in the Charity Shield are bound by the Charity Shield Competition Regulations as promulgated by CF from time to time.
- 1.2 CF will interpret and apply all articles of these Regulations and any such interpretation or application will be final and binding on all parties, and not subject to challenge or appeal.
- 1.3 If any provision of these Regulations is held invalid or unenforceable then the remainder of these Regulations shall continue to be valid and enforceable.
- 1.4 CF may from time to time make variations to these Regulations.
- 1.5 Any capitalised terms used in these Regulations will have the meaning given to them in Schedule 1.

CONSEQUENCES FOR BREACH

- 2.1 Any breach of these Regulations or failure to comply with any direction given by CF may result in the imposition of a penalty issued by CF under these Regulations or other sanctions pursuant to the CF Disputes and Disciplinary Regulations (DDR).

DISCIPLINARY SANCTIONS AND PROCEEDINGS

- 3.1 All Clubs, Players, Team Officials, Match Officials, spectators or any person participating in any manner at a Charity Shield Match, or any associated event, will submit exclusively to the jurisdiction of the DDR and the Charity Shield Competition Regulations as applicable.

STRICT LIABILITY OF CLUBS

- 4.1 Each Club shall be responsible for the conduct of its Club associates, officials and spectators at or in the vicinity of any competition match, sanctioned match, or non-CF event in which a Club is engaged or is in attendance, regardless of the responsibilities attaching to any other person or entity in respect of such match or event.
- 4.2 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.

SPECIAL CONSIDERATION

- 5.1 CF will have the power to consider special circumstances outside the prescribed limits of the Regulations should it be clear those special considerations are in the interests of the game.
- 5.2 The decision by CF to review and consider special circumstances under this section is not subject to appeal or review.

UNFORESEEABLE CIRCUMSTANCES

- 6.1 Nothing in these Regulations will prevent CF from approving a course of action to meet unforeseeable circumstances not covered by the Regulations.

FORMAT AND INFORMATION

- 7.1 CF will determine the Clubs participating in the Charity Shield each year. The below principle will be used to determine the participants each year:
- a) Team A – League Champions (NPL1 Men / NPL Women 1st Grade Champions from the season prior);
 - b) Team B – Federation Cup Winners (Men’s / Women’s from the season prior).
 - c) In the event that the outcome is that the same Club is both Team A and Team B, Team B will revert to the Federation Cup Runners Up (Men’s / Women’s from the season prior).
 - d) In the event that there is no Federation Cup to determine Team B, Capital Football will use the following method:
 - i) Team A – League Champions (NPL1 Men / NPL Women 1st Grade Champions from the season prior);
 - ii) Team B – League Champions (NPL2 Men 1st Grade Champions from the season prior) / Championship Runners Up (NPL Women 1st Grade Championship Runners Up from the season prior).
- 7.2 CF reserve the right to alter the principles outlined in Section 1, Article 7.1 as required.

SECTION 2: COMPETITION

1 MATCHES PLAYED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE LAWS OF THE GAME

- 1.1 All matches under the jurisdiction of these Regulations will be played in accordance with FA and CF regulations, codes and directives, and under the IFAB Laws of the Game 2020/21, unless otherwise stipulated in these Regulations.

2 MATCH SCHEDULE AND KICK OFF TIMES

- 2.1 CF will determine the date, kick-off time and venue for Charity Shield matches.

3 DURATION OF MATCH

- 3.1 Each Charity Shield match will consist of two (2) equal halves of forty-five (45) minutes to total a “full” regular period Match time of ninety (90) minutes, excluding any allowance for time lost as determined by the Referee.
- 3.2 The half-time break for each Charity Shield match will be fifteen (15) minutes.
- 3.3 The Referee is the sole arbiter of time, and no protest may be lodged against the time as recorded by the Referee.

4 ADDED TIME

- 4.1 Added time will be at the discretion of the Referee.

5 EXTRA TIME

- 5.1 There will be no extra time played.

6 DETERMINING THE WINNER BY PENALTY KICKS

- 6.1 If the result of a Charity Shield match is a draw after the regular period of time, alternate kicks from the penalty mark will be taken to determine the winner, in accordance with the procedures described in the IFAB Laws of the Game.

SECTION 3: ELIGIBILITY & DISCIPLINARY

1 PLAYER ELIGIBILITY

1.1 Eligible Participants:

- a) An eligible Participant is one that meets all registration requirements within these Regulations and is not ineligible according to any article of these Regulations.
- b) No player shall be permitted to play for more than one (1) Club in the Charity Shield and can only represent the Club to which he or she is currently registered.

1.2 Ineligible Participants include:

- a) A Player not registered in the National Registration System to the Club in which they have participated with;
- b) Suspended Participants;
- c) CF may decide, in its absolute discretion, whether a Suspension or part thereof may be served in an abandoned, cancelled or forfeited Match and any such decision is final and not subject to any challenge or appeal;
- d) A Player who participates in a Charity Shield match but is not listed on the team sheet;
- e) A Player who is required to stand down for receiving a suspension as a result of caution accumulation;
- f) A Participant that has been expelled from a Match on the same day as the Charity Shield match, but played early in the day;
- g) A Participant that is deemed ineligible due to any article of these Regulations or pursuant to these Regulations and/or DDR.

1.3 For clarity, it is the Clubs absolute responsibility to ensure that it fields eligible players in any Charity Shield match.

2 DISCIPLINARY MATTERS

2.1 Red Cards (Players / Team Officials):

- a) The Minimum Sanctions set out in the DDR must be applied by CF to Red Card Offences and to Expulsion Offences.
- b) Red Card suspensions incurred in a Charity Shield match are to be served in the next Competition Match in which the suspended Player's Club competes in.

SECTION 4: REGISTRATION

1 REGISTRATION

- 1.1 All Players must be registered via the National Registration System.
- 1.2 The Player must self-register via the National Registration System and the Club then approve that Player's registration.

2 MAXIMUM PLAYER ROSTERS

- 2.1 All teams must submit a squad list to CF no later than 48 hours prior to the Charity Shield match.
- 2.2 The squad list must contain no more than 20 players.
- 2.3 A maximum of 16 players are permitted to be listed on the team sheet for the match.

SECTION 5: MATCH DAY

1 MATCH BALLS

- 1.1 CF will provide match balls for the Charity Shield.

2 WARMING UP

- 2.1 During play, a maximum of five (5) players from each Team may warm up at the same time, assisted by two (2) Team Officials, without a ball (except for the goalkeeper), in the identified warm-up area within the pitch perimeter fence.
- 2.2 The identified warm-up area is located behind the goal line nearest to the Teams own technical area. Should this space be deemed not suitable at a particular ground by the Referee, the secondary identified warm-up area is located along the touch line beside the Teams technical area, provided the substitutes are wearing bibs that are clearly contrasting, in accordance with Section 5, Article 3.3.

3 TECHNICAL AREA

- 3.1 Seating will be supplied and placed in position by CF in sufficient quantity to seat nine (9) people from each Team.
- 3.2 Only currently registered and eligible Players and Team Officials are allowed in the technical area during Matches. For clarity, a Player or Team Official who is under suspension must not occupy a seat in the technical area.
- 3.3 All Players in the technical area must wear a bib that contrasts with the colours worn by players of both Teams, Match Officials and the bibs of the opposing Team.
- 3.4 All Team Officials in the technical area must wear clothing that contrasts with the kit of the Players and Match Officials on the pitch. Should their clothing clash they are required to wear a bib that does not clash with the colours of the Players and Match Officials
- 3.5 Eligible players must be listed on the team sheet specific to the Match they are in the Technical Area for.
- 3.6 Registered Team Officials must be listed on the Team Official List specific to the Match they are in the Technical Area for.
- 3.7 For the Technical Area:
 - a) A maximum of five (5) substitutes who are listed as substitutes on the team sheet for that Match;
 - b) A maximum of four (4) Team Officials (such as the coach, assistant coach, team manager, physiotherapist), who are listed on the Team Officials list for that Match;
 - c) Seating shall be supplied by CF for nine (9) persons;
 - d) All persons must remain within the technical area as per the IFAB Laws of the Game, except in special circumstances with the Match Official's permission.
- 3.8 As per Section 5, Article 2.2, substitutes are permitted to leave the Technical Area for the purposes of warming up.
- 3.9 Occupants of the technical area are subject to the authority of the Referee at all times.

4 SUBSTITUTION RULES

- 4.1 For the Charity Shield, a Club may select up to five (5) Players as substitutes including at least one (1) nominated Goalkeeper.
- 4.2 A Club may, at its discretion:
 - a) Use five (5) substitute Players at any time in a Charity Shield match (including a Goalkeeper), up until the conclusion of normal playing time.
- 4.3 A substitution can be made upon a Match Official being notified. A substitute Player must only enter the field of play:
 - a) after the Player being replaced has left the field of play;
 - b) after he receives a signal from the Referee; and
 - c) at the half-way line and during a stoppage in the Match.

5 PLAYING STRIPS

- 5.1 CF will pre-determine the playing strips to be worn by all Clubs for all Charity Shield matches.
- 5.2 All teams must wear a numbered strip with no duplication of numbers.

6 BALL PERSONS

- 6.1 Both teams must supply four (4) ball persons.
- 6.2 Ball person requirements:
 - a) Ball persons may be 12-15 years of age;
 - b) Ball persons are to wear bibs provided by CF that are distinct from those worn by the Players of both Teams and the Match Officials;
- 6.3 Where regional teams participate in the Charity Shield, they can seek assistance from CF in sourcing players to act as ball persons in accordance with Section 5, Article 6.1.

7 PLAYER MASCOTS

- 7.1 Both teams must supply eleven (11) player mascots.
- 7.2 Player mascots are to be 5-11 years of age and to wear the Club's playing strip.
- 7.3 Where regional teams participate in the Charity Shield, they can seek assistance from CF in sourcing players to act as player mascots in accordance with Section 5, Article 7.1.

8 IDENTIFICATION

- 8.1 Identification for Players and Team Officials will not be required for the Charity Shield

9 TEAM SHEETS

- 9.1 All team sheets for all Charity Shield matches are to be completed online via SportsTG.
- 9.2 Both Clubs must make their player selection in SportsTG by 2:00pm the day prior to the Match.
- 9.3 CF will be responsible for printing and providing team sheets from SportsTG on the day of the Match.

- 9.4 When making their player selection, Clubs are required to note the shirt number of each Player in SportsTG. This information will then 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.
 - b) All players must have a shirt number listed on the team sheet that corresponds with the number on their shirt.
- 9.5 Both Teams are required to double check that the information on the team sheet is correct and if required make manual amendments to the information. Once both Teams have confirmed the information is correct, they are required to hand the team sheet to the Referee at least thirty (30) minutes before the scheduled kick off time.
- 9.6 Both teams are required to complete a Team Official List (ensuring any person/s who are in the technical area are listed) and provide this to the Referee at least thirty (30) minutes before the scheduled kick off time.
- 9.7 Changes to the team sheet will be permitted any time until five (5) minutes prior to the scheduled kick-off time, at which the following shall apply:
- a) Should a listed Player be removed from the starting line-up, that Player may only be replaced by a Player listed as a substitute on the team sheet. The formerly starting Player may then be listed as a substitute. However, no other Player may be added to the team sheet to replace any Player.
 - b) Should a listed substitute Player be removed from the team sheet, the Team will not be permitted list another Player on the team sheet and the number of available substitutes will be decreased by one (1).
- 9.8 A maximum of sixteen (16) Players per Team are permitted to be listed on the team sheet.
- 9.9 On completion of the Match it is the responsibility of the CF to obtain the team sheet from the Referee.

10 ONLINE RESULTS ENTRY

- 10.1 For all Charity Shield matches CF is responsible for entering the half time and full time results of the match online into SportsTG.

SECTION 6: MATCH OFFICIALS

1 MATCH OFFICIAL APPOINTMENTS

- 1.1 The appointment of all Match Officials will be made by the Referees Development Manager (RDM). The RDM is authorised to enlist the assistance of such persons as necessary and adopt such procedures as it deems most beneficial.

2 MATCH OFFICIAL FEES

- 2.1 The Match Officials appointed to a Charity Shield match will donate their Match Official Fees to the Charity for that year.

3 TEMPORARY DISMISSALS

- 3.1 Temporary dismissals will not be in effect for any Charity Shield matches.

4 CAUTIONS AND EXPULSIONS FOR TEAM OFFICIALS

- 4.1 The Referee may take action against Team Officials who fail to act in a responsible manner and can issue a warning or a yellow card for a caution or a red card for a sending-off from the field of play and its immediate surrounds (including the technical area).
- 4.2 If the offender cannot be identified, the senior Coach present in the technical area will receive the sanction.
- 4.3 If a medical Team Official commits a sending-off offence, they may remain in the technical area if the Team has no other medical person available, and act if a Player needs medical attention.

SECTION 7: AWARDS

1 SHIELDS

- 1.1 CF will present the following shields:
 - a) Women's Charity Shield Champions:
 - i) Perpetual shield;
 - ii) Replica shield;
 - b) Men's Charity Shield Champions:
 - i) Perpetual shield;
 - ii) Replica shield;

2 PERPETUAL SHIELD OWNERSHIP

- 2.1 All perpetual shields remain the property of CF.
- 2.2 CF will retain possession of the perpetual shield immediately following the prize giving ceremony.
- 2.3 Should a perpetual shield be lost or damaged whilst under the care or custody of a Club, the latter shall refund to CF the cost of thorough repair or replacement in addition to any other penalty which CF may impose.

SCHEDULE 1: DEFINITIONS

ACT Football Federation (ACTFF) means the ACT Football Federation.

Australian Capital Territory (ACT) means the federal territory of Australia containing the Australian capital city of Canberra and some surrounding townships.

Capital Football (CF) means CF trading as ACT Football Federation which is the governing body for football (including Futsal) in the ACT and surrounding regions.

Capital Football Disputes and Disciplinary Regulations (DDR) means the CF Disputes & Disciplinary Regulations.

Club or Clubs means:

- a) a body corporate or incorporated association recognised by CF and having the following characteristics:
 - i) It organises teams to participate in competitions sanctioned by CF or FA;
 - ii) All members of its teams are entitled to club membership;
 - iii) Club members (or their parent or guardian) may vote in an election for any club officeholders; or
- b) any legal entity deemed to be a Club by CF.

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

Constitution means the ACT Football Federation Constitution as amended from time to time, and a reference to a particular article of the Constitution.

Disciplinary Committee means a Disciplinary Committee appointed by CF, in accordance with the DDR.

FA means Football Australian Limited ACN 106 478 068.

FIFA means Federation Internationale De Football Association.

IFAB Laws of the Game means the official laws of the game of football as promulgated by IFAB.

Match or Matches means any match played in a Competition, Cup, Premiership, other event or tournament under CF's control.

Match Official or Match Officials means a referee, assistant referee, fourth official, club referee coordinator or referee assessor.

National Registration, Status and Transfer Regulations (NRSTR) means the set of regulations that govern registrations throughout Football in Australia.

National Registration System (NRS) means the national database administered by FA for the purposes of registering all participants in Football in Australia.

Player or Players means any person who participates in a Match (irrespective of whether he or she is registered with FA, junior or senior or an Amateur or Professional).

Referee means the Match Official with the primary responsibility of officiating a Match in accordance with the IFAB Laws of the Game.

Regulations means these CF Competition Regulations.

Team or Teams means an individual group of Players and Officials submitted by a Club to represent the Club in a Competition.

Team Official or Team Officials means any person involved with the management, preparation or participation of a Team (whether paid or unpaid), including the coaches, managers, medical staff, other support staff or any other person acting for or on behalf of a Club.