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SECTION 1: PREAMBLE

1 INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 Football is a global sport. It is governed and regulated internationally by the Federation Internationale de Football Association (FIFA). Football operates in accordance with Laws of the Game published by the International Football Association Board (IFAB).
- 1.2 Football must have Laws, rules and regulations which keep the game 'fair', as a crucial foundation of the beauty of the 'beautiful game' is its fairness – this is a vital feature of the 'spirit' of the game. The application of those Laws, rules and regulations and ensuring compliance with them is also important to ensure the integrity of the game.
- 1.3 These Competition Regulations outline the Laws, rules and regulations applicable to the Senior League competitions under the jurisdiction of Capital Football.

2 PURPOSE

- 2.1 The purpose of these Regulations is to:
 - a) Provide a protocol which sets out procedures, guidelines and sanctions for any Participant, Club or Match Official who is involved with the activities associated with the Senior Leagues.
 - b) Ensure that all Clubs, Participants and Match Officials observe the Regulations.
 - c) Ensure that football is played competitively and fairly in accordance with principles of true sportsmanship and in accordance with the Regulations.
 - d) Provide a safe and secure environment for everyone involved in Football Related Activities.

3 AUTHORITY

- 3.1 Football Australia (FA) has granted ACT Football Federation (ACTFF) trading as Capital Football (CF) a mandate to be responsible for the organisation, promotion and regulation of football in the Australian Capital Territory (ACT) and surrounding regions.
- 3.2 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.
- 3.3 If any provision of these Regulations is held invalid or unenforceable then the remainder of these Regulations shall continue to be valid and enforceable.
- 3.4 These Regulations apply to participants in the following competitions unless stated otherwise:
 - a) State League Men's
 - b) Community League Men's
 - c) Men's Masters League
 - d) State League Women's
 - e) Women's Masters League
- 3.5 Clubs, Players and Team Officials must comply with and agree to abide by the regulations of FA and CF, including but not limited to:

- a) FA National Registration, Status and Transfer Regulations;
- b) FA National Disciplinary Regulations;
- c) FA Code of Conduct and Ethics;
- d) FA Grievance Procedure By-Law;
- e) FA Member Protection Framework;
- f) FA Integrity Framework; and
- g) CF Disputes and Disciplinary Regulations.

3.6 CF may from time to time make variations to these Regulations.

3.7 Any capitalised terms used in these Regulations will have the meaning given to them in Schedule 1.

4 MATCHES PLAYED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE LAWS OF THE GAME

4.1 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 2021/22, unless otherwise stipulated in these Regulations.

SECTION 2: COMPETITIONS

1 CONFIRMATION OF LEAGUES / DIVISIONS

1.1 CF will conduct competitions in the following Leagues and competitions:

League	Abbreviation	Divisions
State League Women's	SLW	As many as required
State League Men's	SLM	As many as required
Community League Men's	CLM	As many as required
Master's League Women's	MLW	As many as required
Masters League Men's	MLM	As many as required

1.2 Composition of the Leagues, including maximum numbers of Teams per age grade, will be determined by CF.

1.3 Teams in State League Men's must be nominated as a pairing of a first Team and reserve Team.

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 2021/22, unless otherwise stipulated in these Regulations.

2 LEAGUE FORMAT

- 2.1 All Leagues (as listed in Section 1 Article 4) will consist of two stages:
- a) Premiership:
 - i) Consisting of home and away Matches or any other League format as approved by CF.
 - b) Championship:
 - i) Consisting of knockout Matches in a format approved by CF.

3 COMPETITION CRITERIA

- 3.1 The Competition Criteria is detailed in Schedule 5 of the Regulations

4 MATCH SCHEDULE AND KICK OFF TIMES

- 4.1 CF will communicate the official Match schedule for all Leagues administered by CF.
- 4.2 CF will determine the venue, dates and kick off times of all Premiership and Championship Matches.
- 4.3 CF may start Matches from 8:30am for any daytime Match 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) equal periods that shall allow the last Match to kick off at the scheduled kick off time.
 - c) Matches may be played at night under lights, at approved venues supported by the appropriate LUX certification.
- 4.4 CF may also schedule midweek evening Matches to accommodate Premiership and Championship washed out or deferred Matches, as well as any Cup competitions.
- 4.5 Clubs will not arrange other Matches until after the official Matches are settled, nor improperly interfere with other Clubs' home competition Matches.
- 4.6 Any disputes between two (2) or more Clubs as to the arrangement of Matches will be referred to and decided by CF. Any determination made by CF is final and not subject to appeal.
- 4.7 Notwithstanding any other Regulation on the same subject matter, CF reserves the right to alter or amend any Match after it has been nominated in the official Match schedule. The alterations could be to the date, venue, kick off times or a combination of all providing the Clubs involved are given seven (7) days' prior notice from the original scheduled date.
- 4.8 Failure to commence a Match at the scheduled times may result in a fine as outlined in Schedule 4 of these Regulations.

- 4.9 Teams must be ready to begin play by the scheduled kick off time.
- a) If both Teams are not ready to begin playing fifteen (15) minutes after the scheduled kick off time, the Referee may determine the competition Match as abandoned in accordance with Section 2 Article 17.
 - b) In circumstances where both Teams, the Referee and CF representative agree, the Match may commence up to thirty (30) minutes after the scheduled kick off time, provided it does not delay the kick off of subsequent competition Matches, either at that ground, or to which the Referee is also appointed on that day.

5 DURATION OF MATCH

- 5.1 CF will communicate the official Match schedule for all Leagues.
- 5.2 Duration of Premiership Matches will be as follows for the respective age grades of the Leagues:

Age Grade	Duration of Match	Half Time
State League Women's	Two periods of 45 minutes	A maximum of 10 minutes
State League Men's	Two periods of 45 minutes	A maximum of 10 minutes
Community League Men's	Two periods of 45 minutes	A maximum of 10 minutes
Master's League Women's	Two periods of 45 minutes	A maximum of 10 minutes
Masters League Men's	Two periods of 45 minutes	A maximum of 10 minutes

- 5.3 The Referee may cut short any competition Match (including reducing the length of each half before the commencement of the competition Match) if in the Referee's opinion playing conditions compromise Player safety, or to prevent the delay to the commencement of any subsequent competition Match from its scheduled kick off time, only if:
- a) It is in line with the IFAB Laws of the Game; and
 - b) The Referee has consulted with the coaches of each participating Team before the start of the Match.
- 5.4 The Referee is the sole arbiter of time, and no protest may be lodged against the time as recorded by the Referee.

6 ADDED TIME

- 6.1 There is no added time in any SL Matches.

7 EXTRA TIME

- 7.1 There will be no extra time played in CF Premiership Matches in the event scores are equal at the conclusion of normal time.
- 7.2 Extra Time will be played in the Championship Matches in all SL competitions.
- 7.3 Should scores be equal at the conclusion of a Championship Match, extra time will be played as follows:

Age Grade	Duration of Extra Time
State League Women's	Two periods of 10 minutes
State League Men's	Two periods of 10 minutes
Community League Men's	Two periods of 10 minutes
Master's League Women's	Two periods of 10 minutes
Masters League Men's	Two periods of 10 minutes

7.4 For all Championship Matches where extra time is required:

- a) There will be an interval of a maximum of five (5) minutes before the commencement of extra time; and
- b) There will be an interval of a maximum of two (2) minutes between the whistle ending the first period of extra time and the whistle starting the second period of extra time.

8 DETERMINING THE WINNER BY PENALTY KICKS

8.1 If the result of a Championship Match is still a draw after the two (2) periods of extra 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.

9 COMPETITION POINTS

9.1 Points will be allocated as follows for all Premiership Matches:

Result	Competition Points Awarded
Win	Three (3) points
Draw	One (1) point for each Team
Loss	Zero (0) points
Bye	Zero (0) points
1 st Forfeit (Team forfeiting)	Zero (0) points and three (3) goals against and may be fined \$500
2 nd Forfeit (Team forfeiting))	Zero (0) and three (3) goals against and may be fined \$1,000 and have 3 points subtracted from the league table
3 rd Forfeit (Team forfeiting)	Zero (0) and three (3) goals against and may be fined a further \$1500, be disqualified from participating in the final's series in all age grades, be disqualified from promotion to a higher league the following season
Forfeit (Team being forfeited against)	Three (3) points and three (3) goals
No Result	Zero (0) points and zero (0) goals for each team

9.2 CF reserves the right to record a competition Match as a 'no result' if the circumstances require or as a result of a breach of these Regulations.

10 PREMIERSHIP RANKINGS IN A COMPLETED SEASON

10.1 If the Premiership is completed, CF will use the following process when determining the ranking of Teams within each age grade:

- a) Greater number of points obtained in all Premiership Matches.
- b) If two (2) or more Teams are equal on the basis of the above criteria, their place will be determined as follows:

- i) Greater goal difference resulting from all Premiership Matches;
- ii) Greater goals scored from all Premiership Matches;
- iii) Greater number of points obtained in the Premiership Matches between the Teams concerned (head to head);
- iv) Greater number of goals scored in the Premiership Matches between the Teams concerned (head to head);
- v) Greater number of goals scored in away Premiership Matches between the Teams concerned (head to head);
- vi) Team with the lowest number of Red Cards (direct and indirect) received in all Premiership Matches;
- vii) Team with the lowest number of Yellow Cards received in all Premiership Matches;
- viii) A play-off Match between the Teams concerned under arrangements approved by CF.

11 PREMIERSHIP RANKINGS IN AN ABANDONED SEASON

11.1 The Capital Football Board has the authority to decide if a Premiership season is abandoned.

11.2 If the Premiership is abandoned from round thirteen (13) or earlier, Premiers will not be awarded and promotion and relegation will not occur.

11.3 If the Premiership is abandoned from round fourteen (14) or later, CF will use the following process when determining the ranking of Teams within each age grade:

- a) Points per Match ratio considering all Matches played.
- b) If two (2) or more Teams are equal on the basis of the above criteria, their place will be determined as follows:
 - i) Greater goal difference resulting from all Premiership Matches;
 - ii) Greater goals scored from all Premiership Matches;
 - iii) Greater number of points obtained in the Premiership Matches between the Teams concerned (head to head);
 - iv) Greater number of goals scored in the Premiership Matches between the Teams concerned (head to head);
 - v) Greater number of goals scored in away Premiership Matches between the Teams concerned (head to head);
 - vi) Team with the lowest number of Red Cards (direct and indirect) received in all Premiership Matches;
 - vii) Team with the lowest number of Yellow Cards (including Temporary Dismissals) received in all Premiership Matches;
 - viii) A play-off Match between the Teams concerned under arrangements approved by CF.

12 CHAMPIONSHIP SERIES

12.1 For purposes of allocating a home Team, the Team appearing first in the format below will be considered the home Team for each respective Match in the Championship series.

12.2 The following format will be used for all Championship series Matches in the SL competitions:

Round	Match Number	Title	Teams
1	1	Semi Final 1	1st v 4th
	2	Semi Final 2	2nd v 3rd
2	3	Grand Final	Winner Match 1 v Winner Match 2

13 NOMINATIONS

13.1 Only CF affiliated Clubs are eligible to nominate a Team or Teams to participate in SL competitions.

13.2 Each year CF shall call for nominations for all competitions for the upcoming season as well as set a deadline for nominations.

13.3 All nominations are to be submitted on the official nomination form provided to Clubs by CF and Clubs must include all relevant information required in the nomination forms.

13.4 CF reserves the right to reject Team nominations.

13.5 Nominations received after the closing date will only be accepted at the discretion of CF and placed into divisions as CF determines.

14 GRADING

14.1 CF reserves the right to determine the appropriate division of each Team nomination by considering the previous season's results, playing strength of the Team, Player movements and the formation of the division.

14.2 CF will consider historic League tables, along with the skill level and competition level identified by the Club for each Team to finalise Team grading.

14.3 Any Teams that are re-graded after the season has commenced will only be moved in place of a bye, or with a swap with a Team in the respective higher/lower divisions. Regraded Teams will retain their points and goal difference.

14.4 Grading of Teams is at the discretion of CF and cannot be appealed.

15 CLUBS / TEAMS REMOVED, WITHDRAWN OR ADDED TO COMPETITIONS

15.1 In the event of any Club / Team being removed, withdrawn or added to the competitions, the following procedure will take effect to allow the altered competitions to proceed:

- a) Removed or withdrawn before the competition has started:
 - i) All Matches involving a Club / 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.
 - ii) Removed or withdrawn Clubs will be fined the prescribed amount in Schedule 2.
- b) Removed or withdrawn during first round of a competition:
 - i) For all opposing Clubs / Teams that have played the removed or withdrawn Club / Team (for the complete first round), points and goals against the withdrawn Club / Team will be deleted from their records and will be credited with a bye result.
 - ii) Clubs / Teams that have not played the removed or withdrawn Club / Team will obtain a bye result.
 - iii) A round of a competition refers to a full complement of competition Matches, where each Club / Team plays each other an equal number of times.
 - iv) Removed or withdrawn Clubs will be fined the prescribed amount in Schedule 2.
- c) Removed or withdrawn during the second or subsequent round of a competition:
 - i) All points and goals acquired will be retained by opposing Teams for the completed first round (or second round if fully completed, and a third round forms a part of the competition).
 - ii) Points and goals acquired against the withdrawn Club / Team will be lost and bye results will be credited for Matches that were played prior to the removal or withdrawal.
 - iii) For all opposing Clubs / Teams that have played the removed or withdrawn Club / Team (during a second or subsequent incomplete round), points and goals against the withdrawn Club / Team will be deleted from their records and will be credited with a bye result.
 - iv) Removed or withdrawn Clubs will be fined the prescribed amount in Schedule 2.
- d) Added before the competition has started:
 - i) Where possible, a Club / Team will be added to replace a bye to minimise the disruption to the competition.
 - ii) Where this is not possible, CF may decide to adjust the competition in some other way.
- e) Added during the first round of a competition:
 - i) Where possible, a Club / Team may be added to replace a bye to minimise the disruption to the competition.
 - ii) Where this is not possible, CF may decide to adjust the competition in some other way.
 - iii) For all opposing Clubs / Teams that have already played the bye, they will be attributed

with a win (three (3) points and three (3) goals) for that Match.

- iv) For all opposing Clubs / Teams that will play the newly added Club / Team, the result of the Match will stand once played.
- v) A round of a competition refers to a full complement of Premiership Matches, where each Club / Team plays each other an equal number of times.

15.2 Any Player or Team Official infringements (i.e. red / yellow cards) in all Matches involving a removed or withdrawn Club / Team will be upheld.

16 PROMOTION FROM 2022 TO 2023

16.1 Promotion and relegation from 2022 to 2023 is detailed in Schedule 4 of the Regulations

17 FORFEITS

17.1 A Team will be deemed to have forfeited a Match when:

- a) They fail to fulfill an engagement to play a Match on the appointed date, time or venue; or
- b) They refuse or fail to begin a Match fifteen (15) minutes after the stipulated kick off time; or
- c) They field less than seven (7) of their registered Players at the start of any Match; or
- d) At any point during the Match they cannot field at least seven (7) of their registered Players; or
- e) An ineligible Player as defined in these Regulations participates in the Match; or
- f) Any other scenario within the Regulations or the DDR that stipulates a forfeit of the Match.

17.2 In the event of any Team forfeiting its Match, the following procedure will take effect:

- a) Three (3) points and three (3) goals will be allocated for the Match to the opposition Team, with the forfeiting Team receiving zero (0) points and three (3) goals against, unless the goal difference for the Team receiving the forfeit is greater than three (3), in which case the score will remain the same, with goal scorers for the forfeiting Team to be removed. The forfeiting club may be fined \$500.
- b) Where a forfeit has been applied:
 - i) The statistics (goal scorers and Matches played) of the non-offending Team will be retained; and
 - ii) The statistics (goal scorers and Matches played) of the offending Team will be removed.
- c) The offending Team will be fined the prescribed amount as outlined in Schedule 2 of these Regulations.
- d) Where the offending Club is the away Club, they will be liable to pay compensation to the opposing Club for any reasonable expenses incurred and such compensation will be determined by CF.
- e) Where a Match is forfeited within 24 hours of the scheduled kick off time, the offending Club is required to pay all appropriate Match Officials fees, whether they were the home or away Club for the Match.

- 17.3 In the event a team should forfeit a second Match during the season, the offending team may be deducted a further three (3) competition points from the League table, the team may be fined a further \$1,000, and have 3 points subtracted from the league table, in addition to the procedure outlined in Section 2 Article 17.3
- 17.4 In the event a team should forfeit a third Match during the season in, the offending team may be fined a further \$1,500, be disqualified from participating in the final's =, be disqualified from promotion to a higher league the following season and be required to show cause to the Capital Football Board why they should be invited to compete in the Senior Leagues competitions in the following season, in addition to the procedure outlined in Section 2 Articles 17.3 and 17.4.
- 17.5 Should a Team forfeit its last scheduled Premiership Match without prior written advice from CF permitting the Match to be rescheduled, the Team that causes the Match to be forfeited will not be eligible to participate in the Championship series.
- 17.6 Should a Club forfeit all scheduled Matches in one round, the Club will be fined the prescribed amount as outlined in Schedule 2 of these Regulations and may be further sanctioned pursuant to the DDR.
- 17.7 On the competition ladder, a forfeit will count as a Match played.

18 POSTPONED MATCHES

- 18.1 Matches may only be postponed by the Referee or CF.
- 18.2 A Match may be postponed if:
- a) The lighting at the venue fails such that in the opinion of the Referee it is impossible or unsafe to continue to play;
 - b) The Referee determines that playing conditions have become unsafe or untenable for any reason; or
 - c) A significant injury occurs where a Player cannot be moved and an ambulance is required to attend, with the delay being longer than thirty (30) minutes.
- 18.3 In the event of any Match not being played over which neither Club has any control:
- a) The Match must be played within fourteen (14) days of the first postponement.
 - b) Clubs will be given forty-eight (48) hours after the postponement to determine the new date, time and venue.
 - c) If Clubs cannot reach an agreement, or fail to comply, CF will determine the new date, time and venue to play the postponed Match. Such a decision is not open to appeal or review.
- 18.4 After the commencement of the Match, should play be postponed due to any reason as outlined in Section 2 Article 18.2, and the Match cannot be completed in full, the following principles will apply:
- a) If eighty percent (80%) or more of normal time of a Match has been played, then the score at the time of postponement may stand.
 - b) If the Match is postponed prior to half time and CF has approved the Match to be rescheduled, then the Match is to be replayed in full.
 - c) If the Match is postponed at or after half time and prior to eighty percent (80%) or more of

normal time of a Match being played, and CF has approved the rescheduled Match, the Match will recommence at the minute at which play was interrupted rather than being replayed in full. In this circumstance, the following is to occur:

- i) The Match will recommence with the same Players on the pitch and substitutes available as when the Match was initially postponed, unless a Player has received a suspension in Matches conducted between the postponed Match and the rescheduling of that Match.
- ii) Should a Player have received a suspension in a Match conducted between the postponed Match and the rescheduling of that Match:
 - A. The Player will not be eligible to participate in the rescheduled Match.
 - B. The Player will not be able to count the Match as a stand down in relation to any Match suspension.
 - C. The Club will not be permitted to replace the Player on the Team sheet.
 - D. If the Player was on the field of play at the time of the postponement, the Player may be replaced by a substitute listed on the Team sheet as long as the Team has available substitutions as per the Regulations.
 - E. If the Player was a substitute, the number of available Players to substitute will decrease and the Player cannot be replaced.
- iii) No additional substitutes may be added to the list of Players on the Team sheet.
- iv) The Teams can make only the number of substitutions to which they were still entitled when the Match was postponed.
- v) Players sent off during the postponed Match cannot be replaced.
- vi) CF will endeavour to appoint the same Match Officials to the completion of the Match, however, may appoint replacements at its discretion.
- vii) The Match Official is the sole arbiter of elapsed time, and no protest may be lodged against the actual elapsed time as recorded by the Match Official.

18.5 Where a fixture is incorrectly reported as abandoned by the Referee where circumstances show clearly that the Match was actually postponed, CF will treat the Match as postponed.

19 ABANDONED MATCHES

19.1 Where a fixture is incorrectly reported as abandoned by the Referee where circumstances show clearly that the Match was actually postponed, CF will treat the Match as postponed.

19.2 Matches may only be abandoned by a decision of the Referee. In the absence of a Referee, CF shall have the designated authority to recommend the abandoning of any Matches as deemed necessary by CF.

19.3 A Match may be abandoned if:

- a) It is determined that the conditions for Players, coaches, Match Officials or supporters have become unsafe or untenable for any reason; or
- b) Both Teams refuse or fail to begin a Match fifteen (15) minutes after the stipulated kick off time.

- 19.4 In cases where a Match has been abandoned by the Referee, the Disciplinary Tribunal may investigate the circumstances of the abandonment and impose such penalties as it deems fit on Clubs, Club Officials, Players and/or spectators adjudged to be associated with the abandonment.
- 19.5 When a Match is not played or abandoned for any reason over which neither Club was responsible, the Match will be replayed on a date to be arranged at the earliest reasonable opportunity by CF, in accordance with these Regulations.
- 19.6 Should a Club, Club Official, its Players or spectators be found to have caused the abandonment of the Match, the Match will be forfeited by that Club to the opposition.
- 19.7 Should both Clubs be found to have caused the abandonment of the Match, the Match will not be replayed, and the outcome of the Match will be recorded as no result in accordance with Section 2 Article 9

20 PROTESTS

- 20.1 Protests must be lodged and received by CF no later than two (2) business days after the Match was played.
- 20.2 Protests will only be considered by CF for obvious breaches or errors of the IFAB Laws of the Game. For clarity, the decisions of the Referee regarding facts connected with play, including whether a goal is scored and the result of the Match, are final and cannot be protested.
- 20.3 No protests as to the result of a Match will be considered by CF in relation to disciplinary decisions of the Match Officials.
- 20.4 Protests must be accompanied by an administration fee as outlined in Schedule 2 in order to be considered. The administration fee must be lodged together with the written protest. A refund will apply at the discretion of CF if a protest is upheld.
- 20.5 A decision by CF in respect of a protest is final and binding on the parties and not subject to challenge or appeal.

21 EXTREME WEATHER CONDITIONS

- 21.1 Clubs should refer to the [Capital Football Extreme Weather Policy](#) for information about extreme weather conditions.

22 WET WEATHER AFFECTED MATCHES

- 22.1 In all instances, where rain preceding a Match raises fair doubt as to the possibility of play taking place, the following rules are to apply:
- a) Day/s prior to the scheduled Match day:
 - i) The home Club is to contact CF if they believe their ground will not be fit for play on the scheduled Match day.
 - b) Day of the scheduled Match:
 - i) The home Club is to inspect their ground by 7:30am and contact the CF competitions after-hours phone if they believe their ground will not be fit for play. They may also need to send photos of the affected areas of the pitch to teamsheets@capitalfootball.com.au.
 - ii) In the event that Matches are deemed fit to go ahead, the Match Official is to inspect

the ground prior to the scheduled kick off and decide whether play can take place for the first Match of the day and subsequent Matches after. They are to provide their decision to the home Club.

- iii) In the event it is deemed that Matches cannot go ahead, the home Club is required to contact the away Club and call the CF competitions after hours phone (6189 2229) to advise of the decision.
 - A. Where venues/grounds are deemed not fit for play by either the home Club, ACT Sport and Recreation, the venue operator or the Match Referee, upon notification to the CF competitions after hours phone, CF will update the Inclement Weather page on the CP website.

23 HOT WEATHER AFFECTED MATCHES

23.1 When high temperatures occur on Match day, the Referee and/or CF may determine:

- a) To play the Match under standard conditions;
- b) To play the Match with provision for 'drinks' breaks; or
- c) To delay or postpone the Match.
 - i) Should a 'drinks' break be implemented, it will be halfway through each half and each for a duration of 1 minute.

23.2 If in accordance with the [Capital Football Extreme Weather Policy](#), it is deemed that the temperature is too high for the Match to either be played or continue to be played, the Referee and Clubs will consult with CF prior to Matches being postponed.

24 RESCHEDULING OF MATCHES DUE TO ADVERSE WEATHER AND GROUND UNAVAILABILITY

24.1 Rescheduling of Matches affected by adverse weather or ground unavailability will be arranged by the relevant Clubs in the first instance.

24.2 Matches are to be rescheduled, subject to ground availability and weather conditions, to be played within fourteen (14) days of the original scheduled date.

24.3 Clubs will be given forty-eight (48) hours after the postponement to determine the new date, time and venue.

24.4 The home Club is required to submit the [Match Alteration Form](#) confirming details with the away Club.

24.5 Failure to comply with Section 2 Articles 24.2 and 24.3 may result in CF determining the new date, time and venue to play the Postponed Match. Such a decision is not open to appeal or review.

24.6 A change of grounds is to be permitted for good reason (i.e. venue becomes unavailable or adverse weather) up to the Thursday evening prior to weekend Matches, or at least two (2) days before mid-week Matches. In circumstances where such change is required, the following should occur:

- a) The home Club is to notify the away Club that a change is required;
- b) The home Club is required to submit the [Match Alteration Form](#) outlining the new Match

details; and

- c) The home Club is to contact CF to advise of the alteration.

25 MATCH DEFERMENTS

25.1 A Club may seek permission from CF to have Matches deferred in the following cases:

- a) If at least four (4) or more from one Team are unable to participate in a Match because they have tested positive for COVID-19 and/or self-isolating in accordance with ACT and NSW Public Health Orders, one day prior to the match, the affected Team's Club may, apply to Capital Football to have the Match deferred and rescheduled. The team must supply evidence of the COVID affected players, either by a letter from ACT or NSW government stating the COVID-19 positive test or a statutory declaration.
 - i) An application by a Club to defer a Match in the circumstances described in paragraph (a) above must be made by contacting the competitions team and then followed by an email and which needs to include an explanation of why the Club is unable to field a Team, including why it is not possible for the Club to select replacement Players from the broader squad and/or from lower grades.
 - ii) Capital Football will consider application for deferral submitted pursuant to paragraph (a) above and communicate its determination to the applicant Club as soon as possible. Any determination made by Capital Football on a question of deferral under this article will be made in its absolute discretion, is final and binding on all parties and is not subject to challenge or appeal.
- b) When three (3) or more Players from one (1) Team are involved in CF approved representative Matches or duties (including training camps or official training sessions) or National Team representative Matches or duties (including training camps or official training sessions).
- c) In circumstances which CF at its discretion considers of sufficient weight to merit a deferral.

25.2 Clubs seeking to defer Matches in regards to Section 2 Article 25.1 b) & c) must submit their request in writing to CF giving a minimum 14 days' notice of the date on which deferment will be sought.

26 TRIAL MATCHES

26.1 Clubs will not arrange trial Matches without first submitting the [Trial Match Request Form](#) to CF at least seven (7) business days prior to the requested trial Match date.

26.2 The Match can only be conducted upon receipt of written approval from CF.

26.3 Payment for Match Officials at trial Matches will be fifty percent (50%) of the normal fee for the highest graded Team participating.

26.4 For approved trial Matches where CF appoints the Match Officials, all Match Officials' fees will be paid by CF directly to the Match Officials and the Club who submitted the trial Match for approval will be invoiced the Match Officials' fees.

26.5 Appearance of suspended Players in trial Matches is in accordance with the DDR.

26.6 Clubs are required to submit the [Trial Match Request Form](#) for any Matches hosted against an interstate Team. For any Matches played away against interstate Teams, please refer to Section 2 Article 28.

27 OVERSEAS TOURS AND TRAVEL

27.1 This section is not applicable for the 2022 season.

28 INTERSTATE TOURS AND TRAVEL

28.1 Clubs in the ACT and surrounds play under the jurisdiction of CF within the defined geographical area. Where a Club wishes to play outside this area of jurisdiction, a Club must seek approval from CF.

28.2 Clubs wishing to arrange interstate tours and travel must obtain the written approval of CF no less than three (3) weeks prior to departure.

28.3 Interstate tours and travel should not interfere with Matches of other Clubs in CF competitions.

28.4 Any competition Matches that conflict with an interstate tour or travel must be played prior to the interstate travel and be arranged fourteen (14) days in advance by the departing Team / Club.

28.5 Failure to do so may result in the interstate tour and travel not being sanctioned by CF and where the interstate tour and travel interferes with competition Matches, forfeits will be applied to the affected Matches.

28.6 Clubs are required to submit the Interstate Tours and Travel Form in order to obtain approval from CF.

28.7 Should a Club submit the form less than three (3) weeks prior to departure, the Club will incur an administration fee as outlined in Schedule 2.

28.8 Should a Club fail to submit the form and receive approval, the Club will be fined the prescribed amount as outlined in Schedule 2.

29 REPRESENTATIVE

29.1 Any Player registered in the ACT under the FA National Registration, Status and Transfer Regulations will be eligible to represent the ACT in representative Matches, camps or tours, or be eligible to be selected to participate in any CF development program.

a) Each such Player will make themselves available for training, preparation and participation for representative Matches, camps, tours or development programs, when requested by CF.

b) All Clubs must release Players for training and preparation for, and participation in, representative Matches, camps, tours or development programs, when requested by CF.

SECTION 3: ELIGIBILITY & MOVEMENT

1 AGE ELIGIBILITY & PLAYER EXEMPTIONS

- 1.1 State League Women's, State League Men's and Community League Men's:
 - a) The minimum age to participate in SL competitions is 16 years of age or over by 31 December in the calendar year of the competition.
 - b) Clubs / Teams are permitted to request an age exemption by completing the [Exemption Form](#).
 - c) Each Team is permitted up to two (2) underage Players, in accordance with Section 3 Article 1.1 a). Should exceptional circumstances permit, CF may provide approval to exceed this number.
- 1.2 Masters League Women's and master's League Men's - O35's competitions:
 - a) Teams shall consist of Players who are 35 years of age or over by 31 December in the calendar year of the competition.
 - b) Clubs / Teams are permitted to request an age exemption by completing the Exemption Form
 - c) Each Team is permitted up to two (2) underage Players, in accordance with Section 3 Article 1.2 a). Should exceptional circumstances permit, CF may provide approval to exceed this number.
- 1.3 Masters League Men's - O45's competitions:
 - a) Teams shall consist of Players who have turned 45 years of age by 31 December in the calendar year of the competition.
 - b) Clubs / Teams are permitted to request an age exemption by completing the [Exemption Form](#).
 - c) Each Team is permitted up to two (2) underage Players, in accordance with Section 3 Article 1.3 a). Should exceptional circumstances permit, CF may provide approval to exceed this number.
- 1.4 Masters League Men's – O55's competitions:
 - a) Teams shall consist of Players who have turned 55 years of age by 31 December in the calendar year of the competition.
 - b) Clubs / Teams are permitted to request an age exemption by completing the [Exemption Form](#).
 - c) Each Team is permitted up to four (4) underage Players, in accordance with Section 3 Article 1.4 a). Should exceptional circumstances permit, CF may provide approval to exceed this number.

2 ELIGIBILITY AND INELIGIBILITY OF PARTICIPANTS

- 2.1 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.

2.2 Ineligible Participants include:

- a) A Participant not registered in the National Registration System to the Club in which they have participated with.
- b) Suspended Participants.
- c) A Player who plays without an ITC (International Transfer Certificate) where one is required, unless communicated otherwise.
- d) A Participant who is required to stand down for receiving a suspension as a result of caution accumulation.
- e) A Participant that has been expelled from a Match or suspended as a result of caution accumulation on the day/s prior to a Match, but prior to receiving their Notice of Suspension in accordance with the DDR.
- f) A Participant that has been expelled from a Match on the same day as the Match that occurred earlier in the day.
- g) A Player that is deemed ineligible due to any Article of these Regulations or pursuant to the DDR.

2.3 A Team will automatically lose a Match on forfeit if an ineligible Player participates in the Match.

2.4 Additionally, the Club, Team Official/s and/or Player may be further sanctioned in accordance with the DDR.

2.5 Any Player who knowingly plays as an ineligible Player may be suspended for up to four (4) Matches and further sanctions may be applicable under the DDR.

2.6 For clarity, it is the Club's absolute responsibility to ensure that it fields eligible Players in any Match.

2.7 Where a Club plays an ineligible Player:

- a) Any participating Club can make a claim on Player ineligibility to CF.
- b) Any claims of ineligibility must be received within two (2) business days of the final whistle of the Match in question.
- c) If CF finds that a Club has played an ineligible Player outside of the timeline in Section 3 Article 2.7 b), then the Club and Player can still be sanctioned in accordance with the DDR and Section 3 Articles 2.3, 2.4 and 2.5 of these Regulations.

2.8 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.

3 PLAYER MOVEMENT IN PREMIERSHIP MATCHES

3.1 Player movement between National Premier Leagues (NPL) and SL:

- a) At no stage can any NPL Player participate in any division across the SL competitions.
- b) At no stage can any SL Player participate in any division across the NPL competitions unless the player is a goalkeeper and has received an exemption from CF in writing.
 - i) A Goalkeeper in SL who participates in any division across the NPL competitions who

plays more than nine (9) NPL matches will have their status reclassified to an NPL player.

- 3.2 Player movement between Junior League (JL) and SL:
- a) At no stage can any registered SL Player participate in any division across the JL competitions, regardless of age eligibility.
 - b) JL Players are able to play up into SL competitions as long as they are age eligible.
 - c) Clubs playing JL Players up into SL must notify the CF Competitions team at least one (1) business day prior to the Match.
 - d) Any Player playing more than nine (9) SL Matches will have their status reclassified to a bona fide SL Player.
- 3.3 Permitted Player movement within SL competitions is defined in Schedule 3.
- 3.4 Player Reclassification:
- a) Upon playing their tenth (10th) competition Match in a division higher than their registered Team, as outlined in Schedule 3, that Player will be reclassified to the Team where the tenth (10th) competition Match was played.
 - b) Should Section 3 Article 3.4 a) occur, the Player will only be permitted to play in any lower rated Team for the remainder of the season, in conjunction with Schedule 3.
- 3.5 If a Club is found to have breached Section 3 Article 3.3, they will be deemed to have played an ineligible Player and will lose that Match on a forfeit and Section 2 Article 14 will be applied.
- 3.6 Where two (2) Teams from the same Club are in the same division, Players must be assigned to one particular Team.
- 3.7 Where two (2) Teams from the same Club are in the same division, no Player can play for the other Team in any Match.

4 ELIGIBILITY OF PLAYERS IN CHAMPIONSHIP MATCHES

- 4.1 To be qualified to play for a Team in any Championship Match, the Player must have played in five (5) Premiership Matches for that Team. CF will communicate all eligible Players to the respective Clubs.
- a) Should a Club question the number of games a Player has participated in, they are to send through Team Sheets to CF to show five (5) Premiership Matches have been participated in by the Player.
- 4.2 A Player who has qualified for more than one Team or division in the Championship Series will be eligible to represent all Teams they have qualified for. Players may participate in any division higher than the division they have qualified for.
- 4.3 Should Clubs wish to seek an exemption, they will need to do so via email to the CF Competitions team explaining why the Player should be eligible to play. CF will then make a final determination on eligibility.

SECTION 4: REGISTRATION

1 PLAYER STATUS

- 1.1 All Players in SL competitions must be registered as Amateur Players.
- 1.2 Clubs are required to ensure each Player has self-registered on the National Registration System as an Amateur.

2 REGISTRATION PERIODS

- 2.1 Any Player Registration may only occur within the registration periods. CF Registration periods for the 2022 season will be as follows:

Competition	Open	Close
State League Women's	14 January 2022	30 June 2022
State League Men's	14 January 2022	30 June 2022
Community League Men's	14 January 2022	30 June 2022
Master's League Women's	14 January 2022	30 June 2022
Masters League Men's	14 January 2022	30 June 2022

3 REGISTRATION PROCESSES

- 3.1 Players:
 - a) A Player may only be registered with one (1) Club in each form of the game (i.e. eleven-a-side football) at any one time, in accordance with the NRSTR.
 - b) A Player registered with CF can play only for the Club nominated by that Player unless the Player is playing:
 - i) For a Representative team;
 - ii) For a Futsal Club for which the Player is also registered;
 - iii) For a school team that is not a Club;
 - iv) In a benefit, testimonial or charity Match if that Player has written permissions from their Club, CF or FA, as required;
 - v) In a trial Match, provided the Player has their current Club's written permission and plays no more than two (2) trial Matches or such other number of Matches specified in these Regulations; or
 - vi) Any other exceptional circumstances approved by CF or FA in its absolute discretion.
 - c) A Player can register for no more than three (3) Clubs in Australia and may only play Matches for two (2) of those Clubs during that season, in each form of the game.
- 3.2 Amateur Players:
 - a) All Amateur Players must be registered via the National Registration System.
 - b) The Player must self-register via the National Registration System and the Club shall then approve that Player's registration.

- c) The registration of an Amateur Player with a Club is effective from the date the individual is made active by the Club.
- d) If a Player is registering to any Club for the first time, that Player must provide the Club with evidence of name and age, by producing an original birth certificate, passport, drivers licence or similar form of identification. It is the Club's responsibility to ensure this process is adhered to, including that the Player is eligible to play in the age grade to which they have been registered.

3.3 International Players:

- a) An International Transfer Certificate (ITC) is required for all Players over the age of 10 who wish to register with a Club:
 - i) Who were last registered with a Club outside of Australia (current or otherwise); and
 - ii) Where CF is satisfied that an ITC should be requested for the Player, based on the standard of Club the Player intends to register with or the level of competition.
- b) For the avoidance of doubt, Section 4 Article 3.3 a) i) applies to Australian and non-Australian citizens.
- c) An ITC is requested by the Player at the time of registration in the National Registration System.
- d) ITC for minors:
 - i) This process applies to any minor Player, being a Player aged 10 to 18 years seeking to register to play football in Australia at any level, who is:
 - A. A foreign national (including refugees) seeking to register in Australia, irrespective of whether they were registered to play football in their previous country or not.
 - B. An Australian minor who is returning to Australia after having played abroad.
 - C. A minor born in a country other than Australia who is registering to play football for the first time.
 - ii) There are six application forms that address the specific requirements of each Minor ITC Application type. These forms must be fully completed and returned to CF, together with all necessary documents supporting the application. For more information on the application forms and relevant documentation, please refer to the "2022 Guide to International Transfer Certificates".
- e) ITC for Amateur Adults:
 - i) A scanned copy of the Player's passport must be submitted to CF in order for the ITC to be requested.
 - ii) If an ITC has not been received within thirty (30) days after it was requested by FA, CF may, in its complete discretion, seek a provisional ITC from FA, and clearance may only be issued by FA to CF.
- f) All ITC requests must only be submitted once a Player has finished their playing commitments overseas.
- g) A Player awaiting an ITC may not participate in any football activities, except training, until an ITC has been received by CF.

- h) If an ITC is requested prior to the registration period closing date, the Player may be registered outside of the registration period.
 - i) It is the Club's responsibility to ensure that the relevant documentation required to obtain an ITC for a minor has been correctly submitted, and until such time as an ITC has been received, the Player must not participate in any Match.
- 3.4 Dual registration:
- a) Should a Club wish to submit a request for dual registration, they are to contact CF, who will provide guidance on the process and the lodgement of the application to FA.
 - b) No Player is permitted to dual register unless prior approval has been issued by FA and CF.
- 3.5 Club and Team Officials:
- a) All Club and Team Officials (including but not limited to coaches, managers, physiotherapists, and Club committee members), are required to register via the National Registration System.
 - b) The Club and Team Officials must self-register via the National Registration System and the Club then approve that individual's registration.
 - c) All Club and Team Officials must ensure they meet the relevant child protection requirements.

4 SUBMISSION OF REGISTRATIONS

- 4.1 All registrations must be submitted via the National Registration System within the communicated registration periods.
- 4.2 All Clubs must submit registrations for all Players, Club Officials or Team Officials as listed in these Regulations.
- 4.3 All registrations during advertised registration dates must be submitted to CF no later than 11:59pm on the Wednesday prior to the weekend's Matches, in order to be eligible for that weekend.
- 4.4 Registrations must be lodged by no later than 11.59pm of the specified closing date of the registration period.

5 PRIORITY OF REGISTRATION

- 5.1 In the event of a Player signing registration for more than one (1) Club, priority of registration will be accorded to the Club who earliest in time, all things being equal, obtained the Player's signature to a valid registration form.
- 5.2 If a Player has self-registered through the National Registration System, the first registration recorded in that system will be granted priority.
- 5.3 Any Player found to have wilfully registered or signed registration forms for more than one (1) Club, or a Club found to have knowingly induced a Player to register or sign a registration form with that Club, in the knowledge that the Player has previously registered or signed a registration form with another Club, may be sanctioned in accordance with the DDR.

6 PLAYER REGISTRATION IN THE CASE OF AMALGAMATION OF CLUBS

- 6.1 Where an amalgamation or merger takes place between two Clubs, the following will apply to registered Players of such Clubs:
- Amateur Player registrations will automatically cease, and the Club will be required to re-register Amateur Players within the applicable squad maximums.
 - Should an amalgamation occur post the registration period, CF will decide on a solution, in its absolute discretion, to be in the best interests of the competition.
 - All disciplinary cautions incurred by Players will be carried forward if Players move to another Club.
 - All suspensions incurred by Players will be carried forward if Players move to another Club.

7 PLAYER DEREGISTRATION

- 7.1 Unless otherwise stated in these Regulations, an Amateur Player is free to move to another Club during the Registration Period, in accordance with Section 4 Article 2.
- 7.2 An Amateur Player may be deregistered by applying to deregister via the National Registration System, which will notify the Club of the Player's intention to deregister.
- 7.3 If a Club no longer wants an Amateur Player to play for their Club, that Club must apply to deregister that Player via the National Registration System, which will notify the Player of the Club's intention to deregister the Player.
- 7.4 The deregistration is effective:
- When the other party (i.e. Club or Player as the case may be) has confirmed the cancellation via the National Registration System, and CF has processed the cancellation via the National Registration System; or
 - After seven (7) days from the date the Player or Club requested the deregistration via the National Registration System, CF can process the cancellation via the National Registration System, unless a grievance has been initiated with CF in accordance with DDR, then the Amateur Player will not be deregistered until the processes promulgated by the DDR have been exhausted or terminated.

8 TEAM LISTS

- 8.1 For the 2022 season, the following are the recommended maximum number of Players for each Competition and age grade:

Competition	Total Players
State League Women's	25
State League Men's	25
Community League Men's	25
Master's League Women's	25
Masters League Men's	25

- 8.2 The Team list must list all currently registered Players, and it must be updated and sent to CF any time changes occur.
- 8.3 Initial Team lists are required to be supplied when Team nominations are submitted.

8.4 Players can only be assigned to one Team at any one time.

SECTION 5: MATCH DAY

1 MATCH BALLS

- 1.1 Each Team (both home and away) will supply one (1) football for all Premiership Matches. At the conclusion of the game, the Match balls will be returned to the relevant Team.
- 1.2 Clubs are to ensure that Match balls provided are of a suitable quality and any Match balls damaged during a Match are to be immediately replaced by the Club who provided the damaged Match ball.
- 1.3 Match balls are to be provided to the Match Officials no later than ten (10) minutes before kick off.
- 1.4 Failure to supply Match balls will result in a fine in accordance with Schedule 2.
- 1.5 CF will supply footballs for all Championship Matches.
- 1.6 CF may from time to time stipulate a particular make of football to be used in a particular League or age grade.
- 1.7 The following sizes of footballs are applicable to the different age grades:

Competition	Size
State League Women's	5
State League Men's	5
Community League Men's	5
Master's League Women's	5
Masters League Men's	5

2 WARMING UP

- 2.1 The home Club, in conjunction with the Referee and/or CF Representative, where applicable, may determine if warm-up on the pitch is to be allowed as well as the location of the warm-up. This decision must consider time constraints, the weather and ensure such action does not cause detrimental impact to the quality of the playing surface for the Match.
- 2.2 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.
- 2.3 The identified warm-up area is located behind the goal line nearest to the Team's 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 Team's 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 For Matches, in all competitions, the home Club must clearly mark out the technical area as stipulated in the IFAB Laws of the Game.

- 3.2 Only currently registered and eligible Players, Coaches 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 Registered Team Officials must be listed on the Team sheet specific to the Match they are in the Technical Area for.
- 3.6 For the Technical Area:
 - a) A maximum of five (5) substitutes who are listed as substitutes on the Team sheet for that Match are permitted.
 - b) A maximum of four (4) Team Officials (such as the coach, assistant coach, Team manager, physiotherapist), who are listed on the Team sheet for that Match are permitted.
- 3.7 As per Section 5 Article 2.2, substitutes are permitted to leave the Technical Area for the purposes of warming up.
- 3.8 Occupants of the technical area are subject to the authority of the Referee at all times.

4 INTERCHANGE

- 4.1 For all SL competitions unlimited interchange applies.
- 4.2 The following is the procedure and rules for the unlimited interchange of Players:
 - a) The “interchange zone” will be an area one (1) metre either side of the half-way line.
 - b) An interchange is one which is made when the ball is out of play, and for which the following conditions will be observed:
 - i) The Referee gives permission;
 - ii) The Player leaving the field will do so from the touch line, crossing over at the sector called the interchange zone;
 - iii) The Referee may request that the Player leaving the field do so by the nearest boundary line rather than the interchange zone. If the Player leaving the field does not comply the Referee will then caution the Player;
 - iv) The Player entering the field will also do so from the interchange zone, but not until the Player leaving the field has passed completely over the touch line;
 - v) A named substitute will be subject to the authority and jurisdiction of the Match Official whether called upon to play or not; and
 - vi) The interchange is completed when the Player who was off the field, enters the field.
 - c) The number of interchanges made during a Match is unlimited. A Player who has been replaced may return to the field for another Player.

- d) If during an interchange, an interchange Player enters the field before the replaced Player has completely left it, the Match Official will ensure the replaced Player leaves the field, caution the interchange Player and then restart the Match.
- e) If during an interchange, an interchange Player enters the field from a place other than the interchange zone, the Referee will caution the offending Player.
- f) The interchanging of Players will cease at the completion of normal and extra time.
- g) With the exception of an interchange for a goalkeeper who is unable to continue, only Players who are on the field of play or are temporarily off the field of play (e.g. injury or adjusting equipment) at the end of the Match are eligible to take penalty kicks.
- h) A goalkeeper who is unable to continue during the penalty kicks is able to be replaced.
- i) Interchange Players cannot be used to replace any Player who has been dismissed from the Match by the Referee.
- j) A Referee may decline the interchange of Players in the last ten (10) minutes of the Match, if they deem that a Club is contravening the spirit of the game by deliberately delaying play.

5 PLAYING STRIPS / CLASH OF COLOURS

5.1 Playing strips:

- a) The playing strips of a Club in CF competitions shall be as nominated by the Club prior to the commencement of the competition and endorsed by CF.
- b) All Teams are to nominate two (2) entirely different main and alternate playing strips to avoid any potential colour clashes. Clubs may only play in their nominated Club strips, unless otherwise approved by CF.

5.2 Clash of colours:

- a) In the event that the Referee deems there to be a clash of colours with the predetermined strip, the away Team is required to change into an alternate strip. Away Teams may be required to wear a combination of their main and alternate strips to ensure the clash is resolved.
- b) In the case of goalkeeper's colours clashing with either the opponent's field Players, goalkeeper or the Match Official's kit, the Referee will determine which keeper will change, always keeping in mind the principle that the away Team should change.
- c) In the case of a combination of main and alternate strip colours of both Teams clashing with the Match Officials, the Referee will determine the final colours to be worn by all Players and Match Officials.

6 CLUB VESTED OFFICIALS (CVO)

- 6.1 Clubs must provide the following minimum number of Club Vested Officials (CVO) for each Premiership and Championship Match:

Competition	Quantity
State League Women's	N/A - Venue Manager will be CVO
State League Men's	One (1) per Match
Community League Men's	One (1) per Match
Master's League Women's	N/A – Venue Manager will be CVO
Masters League Men's	N/A – Venue Manager will be CVO

- a) Should a Club be found not to provide the specified number of CVO for a Match, they will incur a fine in accordance with Schedule 2.

6.2 The CVO must:

- a) Wear the identifiable vests supplied by CF and be visible at all times.
- b) Work together with the CVO from the opposing Club to deal with any disturbances that may arise, assist with the welfare of the Match Officials and escort dismissed Players from the pitch exclusion zone.
- c) Ensure that the FA Spectator Code of Behaviour is being adhered to by their own Club Associates. If a Club Associate is not behaving in accordance with this code, the CVO may approach the person/s 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 may take the appropriate action, including stopping the Match until the incident has been dealt with satisfactorily.
 - ii) Where intervention from the CVO or Match Officials may escalate a situation, the CVO should contact the Australian Federal Police or NSW Police.
- d) Take responsibility for the Match Officials, from the time the Match Officials arrive at the venue until the time the Match Officials depart the venue.
- i) The CVO must escort the Match Officials to and from the field of play prior to the game, and at both half and full time, unless a Match commissioner or security are appointed to the Match.
 - ii) The CVO must make sure unauthorised personnel are kept out of the Match Officials change room.
- e) Must have their name correctly and clearly printed on the Electronic Team sheet.
- f) Must not remain in or around the technical area/s, or inside the pitch perimeter fence, unless directed by the Match Officials.

6.3 CVO may report incidents to CF as necessary.

7 VENUE MANAGERS

- 7.1 CF may appoint venue managers to scheduled Premiership and Championship Matches.
- 7.2 A venue manager is an independent person who is appointed to organise the venue and Matches.
- 7.3 A venue manager is required to submit a report to CF on the Club's compliance with the Regulations and ground compliance.

- 7.4 Should a venue manager report non-compliance, the Club may be sanctioned in accordance with the DDR.

8 IDENTIFICATION

- 8.1 Where a Club suspects an abnormality that involves the identity of a Player participating in a Match, prior to the commencement of the Match, the Club shall:
- a) Bring the matter to the attention of the Match Official or CF representative. The Match Official or CF Representative 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 CF representative or Match Official shall be liable to a penalty as determined by CF.
- 8.2 Where a Club suspects any abnormality that involves the identity of a Player participating in a Match after a Match has been completed, the Club shall:
- a) Make notification on the bottom of the Team sheet of their intention to report the matter; and
 - b) Submit a written report to CF within twenty-four (24) hours of the conclusion of the Match for CF to investigate.

9 ELECTRONIC TEAM SHEETS

- 9.1 For all competition matches, Capital Football will use Electronic Team Sheets (ETS).
- 9.2 All ETS for all Matches are to be completed online using the competition management system.
- 9.3 Each team must submit their Player and Team Official selection 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 as outlined in Schedule 4.
- 9.4 When making their Player selection, Clubs are required to confirm the shirt number of each Player in the competition management system. This information will then appear automatically on the ETS next to the Player's 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 ETS that corresponds with the number on their shirt.
- 9.5 Both Team are required to double check, that their Player and Team Official selection information in the ETS is correct, and if required make amendments to the information on the ETS at least thirty (30) minutes before the scheduled kick off time.
- 9.6 Each Team is required to review and confirm the opposition Team's Player and Team official selection information in the ETS is correct at least thirty (30) minutes before the scheduled kick off time.
- 9.7 Changes to the ETS will be permitted any time until ten (10) minutes prior to the scheduled kick off time, at which time 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 ETS. The formerly starting Player may then be listed as a substitute. However, no other Player may be added to the ETS to

replace any Player.

- b) Should a listed substitute Player be removed from the ETS, the Team will not be permitted to list another Player on the ETS 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 in the ETS.
- 9.9 A team official from each team is required to review the ETS at the completion of the Match to confirm the information listed is correct, including;
- a) Half time and full-time scores
 - b) Goal scorers are marked against the correct Player.
 - c) Disciplinary sanctions listed are marked against the correct Player.
- 9.10 Regardless of the competition, no Player is permitted to be listed on more than two (2) Team sheets on any Match Day. Goalkeepers are exempt from this rule.

10 PAPER TEAM SHEETS

- 10.1 The home, or first listed, team will be responsible for printing and providing paper Team sheets and Team official lists in the event that ETS are not available for any reason.
- 10.2 A team official from each team is required to sign the paper team sheet at the completion of the Match to confirm the information listed is correct, including:
- a) Half time and full time scores
 - b) Goal scorers are marked against the correct Player.
- 10.3 Disciplinary sanctions listed are marked against the correct Player.
- 10.4 Paper team sheets for all age grades, signed by the respective Team officials, must be emailed to teamsheets@capitalfootball.com.au to arrive no later than 5:00pm Monday following the weekend's Match, or 24 hours following a mid-week Match.
- a) If CF does not receive the Paper Team Sheets as specified in Section 5, Article 12, the team will be fined as outlined in Schedule 2.
 - b) If CF does not receive the Paper Team Sheets within seven (7) days of the Match, the team will be deemed to have forfeited those matches, in accordance with Section 2, Article 15.
 - c) Where a Paper team sheet is not provided to CF in accordance with Section 5, Article 12, the club is deemed to have forfeited the Match in accordance with Section 2, Article 15.
- 12.5 Each team is required to submit their own paper Team Officials list via email to teamsheets@capitalfootball.com.au to arrive no later than 5:00pm Monday following the weekend's Match, or 24 hours following a mid-week Match. If CF does not receive the paper Team officials list as specified above, the Team will be fined as outlined in Schedule 4.

11 RESULT OF THE MATCH

- 11.1 The Referee will complete the ETS at the conclusion of the Match. A Team Official from each

team is then required to check the information listed on the ETS and enter the full-time score on the ETS signifying that the result of the match is correct.

- 11.2 In the event that the Referee is unable to complete the ETS immediately after the match due to internet connectivity issues, the Referee must complete the ETS as soon as possible no later than 10:00pm on the day of the Match was played.
- 11.3 The home, or first listed, team will be responsible for completing the ETS at the conclusion of the match in the event that a person has been appointed to act as the Referee for the match in the absence of the registered Referee.
- 11.4 If the Team Officials disagrees with any details on the ETS (either their own or their opposition's), the must;
 - a) Check with the Referee to confirm if an error was made in inputting the information onto the ETS.
 - b) If unable to be resolved with the Match Officials, the team official must submit a 'Raise a Dispute' request via the ETS.
- 11.5 Only the following information on a ETS can be disputed in accordance with Section 5, Article 13.3:
 - a) Goal scorers.
 - b) Substitutions
 - c) Yellow cards (only reference to who the yellow card was issued to).
 - d) Temporary dismissal (only in reference to who the temporary dismissal was issued to).
 - e) Red card (only in reference to who the red card was issued to).
 - f) Half-time/full time score.
 - g) Player Eligibility
- 11.6 Team sheet disputes will only be investigated by CF in the following circumstances:
 - a) The team sheet and the Club Incident Report are submitted in accordance with the timelines specified in Section 5, Article 11, Section 5, Article 12 and Section 5, Article 13 of these Regulations; and
 - b) The following evidence is submitted by the Club in support of its request for an investigation:
 - i) Video and/or photographic evidence;
 - ii) Statutory declaration; and
 - iii) Any other information accepted from the Club at the discretion of CF
- 11.7 CF reserves the right to amend the ETS and it will only amended if CF is satisfied that there was no malice or intent to gain an advantage.
- 11.8 CF's decision on a ETS dispute is final and not appealable

12 CAUTIONS AND EXPULSIONS

- 12.1 Clubs will receive the following automatic fines (as outlined in Schedule 2):
 - a) When five (5) or more Players or Team Officials from the same Team receive a caution or temporary dismissal in the same Match.

- b) When three (3) or more Players or Team Officials from the same Team are sent off in the same Match.

12.2 For the avoidance of doubt, these fines are payable in addition to any sanctions imposed against Clubs or their Players pursuant to the DDR.

13 GROUND, FACILITIES AND PITCH REQUIREMENTS

13.1 It is the responsibility of all Clubs to:

- a) Provide a venue that complies with the minimum requirements for CF competitions.
- b) Provide a safe environment for Players, Match Officials, Club Officials and spectators.
- c) Ensure that the facilities and equipment are clean and fit for purpose.
- d) Ensure that all applicable State/Territory government statutory and other requirements have been met in respect of their facilities, including but not limited to:
 - i) Legitimate approved use of the facility by the owner or land manager.
 - ii) Requirements under the Planning and Environment Act 1987, Food Act 1984 and Building Act 1993.

13.2 All Clubs will be required to nominate to CF a suitable ground/s to be used by their Teams for the season. All grounds are subject to approval by CF.

- a) Should any ground be deemed unacceptable for use for any reason during a season, CF reserves the right to set the most appropriate course of action to conclude the season, including but not limited to rescheduling Matches to the “away Club” venue, setting Matches to a neutral venue, or forfeiting the Matches against the home Club.
- b) In all instances covered by Section 5 Article 13.2, any costs incurred in the rescheduling of Matches will be the responsibility of the original home Club.
- c) Unavailability of any ground due to neglect, non-payment of accounts or any other reason for which the home Club is responsible will result in a forfeit against the home Club.

13.3 Ground Set Up:

- a) Line markings must be clear, accurate and within the dimensions specified below.
 - i) For SL Matches a minimum length of 90 metres and a minimum width of 45 metres is required.
- b) In all SLM and CLM Matches sanctioned by CF, the home Club shall dress and undress the ground and ensure adequate line-marking, the nets are attached to the goals and the ground behind the goal and that corner flags are in place. All equipment needs to remain in place for the day.
- c) In all Matches sanctioned by CF and played at cluster venues, CF will provide a roster advising which Team shall dress and undress the ground and who is to provide and set up and pack up the nets for each field.
- d) A home Club whose Match is postponed or abandoned due to failing to have the ground line marked or dressed appropriately will forfeit the Match.

13.4 Goals:

- a) All football goals that are installed as a permanent structure on a football pitch must be

properly secured, installed at the regulation width and height as per the IFAB Laws of the Game, and should have no sharp edges protruding that may cause injury.

- b) If a Club uses portable goals for competition, it must ensure that the goals conform to the current Standards Australia Handbook [“Portable Football Goalposts – Manufacture, use and storage”](#). The manufacturer of portable goals should provide the Club with a certificate of conformity.

13.5 Property damage and ground cleanliness:

- a) 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.
- b) 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 into the supplied hopper or they shall pay cleaning costs and any further applicable sanction.

14 SMOKING AND DRINKING AT VENUES

14.1 Smoking:

- a) Participants and spectators must adhere to the smoking guidelines for individual venues where they exist.
- b) Alternatively, it is prohibited for anyone to smoke within 10 metres of the field of play, change rooms, spectator amenities and canteen facilities.

14.2 Drinking:

- a) The following conditions will apply to Clubs seeking permission to sell alcoholic beverages at fixtures under the auspices of CF:
 - i) The Club must obtain a license as required under the Liquor Licensing Act to sell alcohol, abide by those conditions as set out in the Liquor Licensing Act and supply to CF a copy of their license.
 - ii) The point of sale must be separate to other food or beverage, and to an area in which minors are restricted.
 - iii) Consumption must be restricted to an area that is not in the vicinity of the Player’s race or Team benches.
 - iv) Under no circumstances must alcohol be served to people who are intoxicated.
 - v) Clubs are not permitted to sell any drinks (including alcohol) in glass containers.
 - vi) No Club is entitled to sell alcohol or to allow it to be consumed at their ground without the consent, in writing, of CF.
 - vii) The sale, provision of, or consumption of alcohol is not permitted during any U18’s Matches or younger under the control of CF.
 - viii) No Club may permit the sale or consumption of alcohol at their ground where the conditions listed above have not been met in their entirety.
 - ix) Clubs are obligated to adhere to all items above regardless of any conflicting allowance granted within the liquor license.

b) Participants and spectators must adhere to any alcohol guidelines for individual venues where they exist.

14.3 Should any person not adhere to any part of Section 5 Article 14 of these Regulations, both the individual and if the person is a Club Official, that person's Club, may be fined in accordance with Schedule 2 of these Regulations, and face disciplinary action under the DDR.

15 MEDICAL

15.1 Medical requirements for 2022 are detailed in Schedule 6 of the Regulations.

SECTION 6: MATCH OFFICIALS

1 MATCH OFFICIAL APPOINTMENTS

- 1.1 The appointment of all Match Officials officiating at CF fixtures shall be vested in the Referee 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 POWERS, DUTIES AND OBLIGATIONS

- 2.1 The Match Officials are required to carry out all duties, responsibilities and obligations as contained within the IFAB Laws of the Game.
- 2.2 Unless otherwise stated, the Referee shall be the sole arbiter as to whether a game will proceed, having regard to the condition of the ground, the weather at the time of inspection and the projected weather forecast.
- 2.3 The Referee may postpone or abandon a Match in accordance with the relevant articles of these Regulations.
- 2.4 At the conclusion of each Match, the Referee shall consult with their other Match Officials, where appointed, and confirm the accuracy of all Match information before completing and signing the Team sheet.
- 2.5 Match Officials are required to submit the necessary send-off reports and incident reports as per the DDR.

3 MATCH OFFICIAL FEES

- 3.1 Prior to the commencement of a competition, CF will communicate to all Clubs and Referees the approved Match Officials fees for that particular season. These fees will come into effect immediately and are subject to change at any time.
- 3.2 Unless otherwise stated, for Premiership Matches, CF will invoice the home Team for all fees for Match Officials monthly after the completion of each round.
- 3.3 Match Officials fees for all Championship Matches will be paid directly by CF to the Referees.
- 3.4 In the case of abandonments, where a Team is deemed to be at fault, the Match Officials fees will be due and payable by that Team.
- 3.5 Match Officials are entitled to receive one hundred percent (100%) of their Match fee if they submit a Match Official claim form in the event that:
 - a) Match Officials attend the ground to find the Match postponed prior without being notified by CF;
 - b) Match Officials attend the ground and prior to the commencement of the Match, the Match is forfeited, postponed or abandoned; or
 - c) After the commencement of the Match, the Match is abandoned.

4 ATTENDANCE OF MATCH OFFICIALS

- 4.1 Match Officials must arrive at the ground no later than ten (10) minutes prior to the scheduled kick off of their first appointment.

5 NON-ATTENDANCE OF MATCH OFFICIALS

- 5.1 If the Referee fails to honour their appointment, the next most senior Match Official (Replacement) will take charge of the Match.
- 5.2 If the Referee is late arriving at a Match, the Replacement will take charge until the Referee is ready to take over.
- 5.3 If the home Club is unable to provide a registered Match Official, the home Club must invite the away Club to provide a registered Match Official.
- 5.4 If neither Club can provide a registered Match Official, the home Club must arrange for a person to act as a Match Official for the fixture.
- 5.5 A Club appointed Match Official will have the power to sanction Players in accordance with the IFAB Laws of the Game. They will need to submit any relevant send off and incident reports if required.
 - a) If the fixture has a Club person as an Assistant Match Official, it is recommended that they do not call offside, but assist with all other aspects of an Assistant Match Official.
- 5.6 If Assistant Match Officials have not been appointed, each Team must provide an Assistant Match Official.
- 5.7 All Clubs must fulfill all Matches, regardless of whether or not the CF appointed Referee is present to take charge.

6 TEMPORARY DISMISSALS

- 6.1 Temporary dismissals will be in effect in all SL Matches.
- 6.2 A temporary dismissal is when a Player commits dissent towards a Match Official and is punished by an immediate 'suspension' from participating in the next part of the Match.
- 6.3 Temporary dismissals apply to all Players (including goalkeepers) but not for cautionable offences (YCs) committed by a substitute or substituted Player.
- 6.4 The Referee will indicate a temporary dismissal by showing the yellow card and clearly pointing with both arms to the temporary dismissal area.
- 6.5 The temporary dismissal period is 10 minutes, which begins when play restarts after the Player has left the field of play.
- 6.6 The temporary dismissal area is the Player's own technical area for the duration of the dismissal period, unless 'warming up' (under the same conditions as a substitute).
- 6.7 Once the temporary dismissal period has been completed, the Player can return from the touchline with the Referee's permission, which can be given while the ball is in play. The Referee has the final decision as to when the Player can return.
- 6.8 A temporarily dismissed Player cannot be substituted until the end of the temporary dismissal period.
- 6.9 If a temporary dismissal period has not been completed at the end of the first half (or the end of the second half when extra time is to be played), the remaining part of the temporary dismissal period is served from the start of the second half (start of extra time).

- 6.10 If a Player receives a temporary dismissal in a Championship series Match during extra time and the final whistle occurs prior to the dismissal period elapsing, that Player will be allowed to participate in kicks from the penalty mark.
- 6.11 A temporarily dismissed Player who commits a cautionable or sending-off offence during their temporary dismissal period will take no further part in the Match and may not be replaced or substituted.
- 6.12 A Player who has received a caution and then receives a temporary dismissal can continue playing after the end of the temporary dismissal period.
- 6.13 A Player who receives a second temporary dismissal in the same Match will serve the temporary dismissal period and will take no further part in the Match.
- a) After the end of the second temporary dismissal period, the Player may be replaced by a named substitute.
 - b) A Player who has also received a caution in the same Match may not be replaced or substituted.
- 6.14 A Player who receives a second caution in the same Match will be sent off and takes no further part in the Match and may not be replaced or substituted.

7 CAUTIONS AND EXPULSIONS FOR TEAM OFFICIALS

- 7.1 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 surroundings (including the technical area).
- 7.2 If the offender cannot be identified, the senior Coach present in the technical area will receive the sanction.
- 7.3 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 TROPHIES, MEDALS AND SHIELDS

1.1 CF will present the following medals, trophies and shields:

- a) Premiership winners:
 - i) Perpetual trophy for all competitions.
 - ii) Replica trophy for all competitions.
 - iii) 18 medals for all competitions.
 - iv) Any requests for medals above the allocated number may be purchased at a cost to the Club.
- b) Championship winners:
 - i) Perpetual trophy for all competitions.
 - ii) Replica trophy for all competitions.
 - iii) 18 medals for all competitions.
 - iv) Any requests for medals above the allocated number may be purchased at a cost to the Club.
- c) Championship runners up:
 - i) 18 medals for all competitions.
 - ii) Any requests for medals above the allocated number may be purchased at a cost to the Club.
- d) Grand final Match Officials:
 - i) 3 medals for each competition.
- e) Club Championship winners (SLW/MLW, SLM/CLM, MLM):
 - i) Perpetual shield for each League.
 - ii) Plaque for winners.

2 PERPETUAL TROPHY OWNERSHIP

2.1 All perpetual trophies and shields remain the property of CF.

2.2 CF will retain possession of the perpetual trophy and shield immediately following the prize giving ceremony.

2.3 Should a perpetual trophy or 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.

3 AWARD CALCULATIONS AND CRITERIA

3.1 Club Championship:

- a) The Club Championship award is presented to the Club in each League (SLW/MLW, SLM/CLM, MLM), based on the total number of points accumulated by each of their teams
- b) If a club has more than one team in each division of the league (i.e. SLW 2, 2 teams), only the top seeded team in that division will be counted towards the club championship
- c) SLW and MLW Club Championship points are attributed as follows:

Competition	Points Multiplier
SLW – all divisions	Premiership points x 1 (if multiple teams in the division only the top seeded team will be counted)
MLW – all divisions	Premiership points x 1

- d) SLM and CLM Club Championship points are attributed as follows:

Competition	Points Multiplier
SLM – all divisions	Premiership points x 1 (if multiple teams in the division only the top seeded team will be counted)
CLM – all divisions	Premiership points x 1 (if multiple teams in the division only the top seeded team will be counted)

- e) MLM Club Championship points are attributed as follows:

Competition	Points Multiplier
MLM – all divisions	Premiership points x 1 (if multiple teams in the division only the top seeded team will be counted)

SECTION 8: GENERAL

1 CONSEQUENCES FOR BREACH

- 1.1 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).

2 DISCIPLINARY SANCTIONS AND PROCEEDINGS

- 2.1 All Clubs, Players, Team Officials, Match Officials, spectators or any person participating at a CF Match or event will submit exclusively to the jurisdiction of the DDR.

3 MONIES OWING TO CF

- 3.1 Monies owing by a Club:
 - a) All amounts owed by a Club to CF must be paid within 30 days of the date of the invoice being issued by CF.
 - b) For monies still owing after 30 days from the date of invoicing, a reminder notice will be sent to the Club.
 - c) 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 age grade or League.
 - i) Clubs may request a payment plan with CF to pay back those debts that remain unpaid

beyond 90 days from invoicing. Where a payment plan is agreed to by CF:

- A. The Club entering the agreement will be determined to be financial and may continue to play for points provided they abide by the terms of the agreement .
 - B. Where an agreement is not complied with, any points accumulated by the Club (in any age grade or League) from 90 days from the date of the invoice/s to which the agreement relates will be deducted and removed.
- ii) A Club subjected to this penalty will be notified in writing as to when the deduction of points will take effect.
 - iii) Clubs who are unfinancial, and have not entered into an agreement with CF, will be ineligible for finals and unable to participate in any Cup competitions.
- d) Notwithstanding Section 8 Article 3.1 a) & b), CF may, in its absolute discretion, either offset any transfer or compensation fees owed to CF by an unfinancial Club to the extent of the amounts owing or expel a Club if it does not comply with these Regulations.
 - e) Clubs who are in debt to CF, where any of the debt amount is outstanding at any time after 31 October each year:
 - i) May at the absolute discretion of CF, be suspended from all competitions in which that Club competes.
 - ii) 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.
 - f) Where a Club has been suspended under Section 8 Article 3.1 e) i), the opposing Team will be awarded a forfeit and the score will be recorded as 3-0.

3.2 Monies owing by an Individual:

- a) All amounts owed by an individual to CF must be paid within 30 days of the date of the invoice issued by CF in relation to that amount.
- b) For monies still owing after the expiry of 30 days from the date of invoicing, individuals will be deemed ineligible for participation in any CF competitions.

4 MONIES OWING TO ACT SPORTSGROUNDS

4.1 Monies owing by a Club:

- a) All amounts owed by a Club to ACT Sportsgrounds must be paid in line with the due date of the invoice being issued by ACT Sportsgrounds.
- b) For monies still owing after the due date of invoicing, a reminder notice may be sent to the Club.
- c) For monies still owing after a period of 90 days from the due date of invoicing, a notice may be sent by CF to the Club by stating they are un-financial and will be unable to accumulate any regular season points from that time, in any age grade or League.
 - i) Clubs may request a payment plan with ACT Sportsgrounds to pay back those debts
 - A. The Club entering the agreement will be determined to be financial and may continue to play for points provided they abide by the terms of the agreement.

- B. Where an agreement is not complied with, any points accumulated by the Club (in any age grade or League) from 90 days from the date of the invoice/s to which the agreement relates will be deducted and removed.
- ii) A Club subjected to this penalty will be notified in writing as to when the deduction of points will take effect.
 - iii) Clubs who are unfinancial and have not entered into an agreement with ACT Sportsgrounds, will be ineligible for finals and unable to participate in any Cup competitions.
 - iv) Clubs who are in debt to ACT Sportsgrounds, where any of the debt amount is outstanding at any time after 31 October each year:
 - v) May at the absolute discretion of CF, be suspended from all competitions in which that Club competes.
 - vi) 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.
- d) Where a Club has been suspended under Section 8 Article 4.1 e) i), the opposing Team will be awarded a forfeit and the score will be recorded as 3-0.
- 4.2 Monies owing by an Individual:
- a) All amounts owed by an individual to ACT Sportsgrounds must be paid within 30 days of the date of the invoice issued by ACT Sportsgrounds in relation to that amount.
 - b) For monies still owing after the expiry of 30 days from the date of invoicing, individuals will be deemed ineligible for participation in any CF competitions.

5 STRICT LIABILITY OF CLUBS

- 5.1 A Club is liable for the misconduct of its participants under the DDR.

6 PROTECTION OF IMPORTANT FIXTURES

- 6.1 Where an international, interstate or A-Leagues Match is scheduled for the ACT or surrounding region, CF may determine that no competition fixture or sanctioned Match shall take place at the same time.

7 SPECIAL CONSIDERATION

- 7.1 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.
- 7.2 The decision by CF to review and consider special circumstances under this section is not subject to appeal or review.
- 7.3 Nothing in these Regulations will prevent CF from approving a course of action to meet unforeseeable circumstances not covered by the Regulations, including but not limited to promotion, relegation, number of divisions and composition of Teams.

8 UNFORESEEABLE CIRCUMSTANCES

- 8.1 Nothing in these Regulations will prevent CF from approving a course of action to meet unforeseeable circumstances not covered by the Regulations, including but not limited to promotion, relegation, number of divisions and composition of Teams.

SCHEDULE 1: DEFINITIONS

A-Leagues means the national men's and women's football competitions conducted in Australia under the control of FA.

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

Amateur means any Player that is not a Professional.

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 and Disciplinary Regulations.

Championship means the final series conducted at the completion of the Premiership in accordance with the Capital Football Competition 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, committee members and volunteers.

Club Vested Officials (CVO) means a person nominated by a Club to assist the Club in meeting its Match day obligations.

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

Cup means a tournament or event conducted by CF which includes, but not limited to, the Federation Cup.

Disciplinary Tribunal means a Disciplinary Tribunal 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.

Junior League (JL) means the junior grassroots competitions delivered by CF.

Leagues means a competition conducted by CF in a specific age grade.

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, game leader, Club referee coordinator or referee assessor.

MiniRoos (MR) means the U5 – U11 age grades of competitions delivered by CF and Clubs.

National Premier Leagues (NPL) means the premier competitions delivered by CF.

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

National Registration System (NRR) 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 as an Amateur or Professional).

Premiership means the round robin Matches (both home and away) that a Team competes in during a Season in accordance with the CF Competition Regulations.

Professional means a Player registered with a football Club under a written contract to play football for reward other than payment for sundry expenses such as traveling to and from a football activity. Every other Player is an Amateur Player.

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.

Senior League (SL) means the senior grassroots competitions delivered by CF.

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.

SCHEDULE 2: PENALTIES AND FEES

1 OFFENCES AND PENALTIES

- 1.1 Set out below are the range of penalties which may be imposed by CF in relation to breaches of these Regulations.
- 1.2 CF may exercise its discretion as it deems fit in relation to the imposition of the penalty. The decision of CF will be final and there is no right of appeal.

Section	Article	Offence	Sanction	
2	3.8	Failure to commence a Match at the scheduled time	\$100	Per offence
2	13.1 a)	Team being removed/withdrawing or being added into a competition prior to competition commencement	\$100	Per offence
2	13.1 b)	Team being removed/withdrawing or being added into a competition prior to completion of 1 whole round	\$250	Per offence
2	13.1 c)	Team being removed/withdrawing or being added into a competition after completion of 1 whole round	\$200	Per offence
2	14.2 d)	Team forfeiting its Match	\$500	1 st offence
			\$1000	2 nd offence
			\$1500	3 rd offence
2	24.4	Failure to submit Overseas Tours and Travel Form and receive CF approval	\$100	Per offence
2	25.5	Failure to submit Interstate Tours and Travel Form and receive CF approval	\$50	Per offence
5	1.4	Failure to supply Match balls	\$25	Per offence
5	6.1	Failure to provide the specified number of CVO for a Match	\$100	Per offence
5	9.2	Failure to enter Player selection in ETS by specified deadline	\$50	Per offence
5	9.8	Failure to submit Team sheets to CF by specified deadline	\$50	Per offence
5	9.8 a)	Failure to submit Team sheets to CF by specified deadline	\$50	Per offence
5	9.9	Failure to submit Team Official list to CF by specified deadline	\$50	Per offence
5	9.14	Failure to list a Player as stood down on the Team sheet	\$50	Per offence
5	9.15	Failure to list a Player on the Team sheet	\$50	Per offence
5	10.3	Failure to enter Match results online into ETS as specified	\$50	Per offence
5	12.2 a)	When five (5) or more Players or Team Officials from the same Team receive a caution, temporary dismissal or send off in the same Match	\$100	Per offence
5	12.2 b)	When three (3) or more Players or Team Officials from the same Team are sent off in the same Match	\$100	Per offence
5	14.3	Failure to adhere to smoking and drinking requirements as specified	\$100	Per offence

2 ADMINISTRATION FEES

- 2.1 Set out below are the administration fees as outlined in these Regulations:

Section	Article	Administration Requirement	Sanction	
2	17.4	Administration fee for protest	\$150	Per protest
2	24.3	Administration fee for lodging Overseas Tours and Travel Form less than eight (8) weeks prior to departure	\$100	Per lodgement

2	25.4	Administration fee for lodging Interstate Tours and Travel Form less than three (3) weeks prior to departure	\$50	Per lodgement
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SCHEDULE 3: PERMITTED PLAYER MOVEMENT

1 STATE LEAGUE WOMEN'S REGISTERED PLAYERS

Competition Player is Registered To							
	SLW1	SLW2	SLW3	SLW4	SLW5	SLW6	MLW
SLW1	N/A	✓	✓*	✓*	✓*	✓*	✓*
SLW2	✓	N/A	✓	✓*	✓*	✓*	✓*
SLW3	✗	✓	N/A	✓	✓*	✓*	✓*
SLW4	✗	✗	✓	N/A	✓	✓*	✓*
SLW5	✗	✗	✗	✓	N/A	✓*	✓*
SLW6	✗	✗	✗	✗	✓	N/A	✓*
MLW	✓#	✓#	✓#	✓#	✓#	N/A	N/A
✓ permitted to play							
✓* permitted to play pending re-classification criteria							
✗ not permitted to play							
✓# pending age eligibility requirements							

2 STATE LEAGUE MEN'S REGISTERED PLAYERS

Competition Player is Registered To								
	SLM1	SLM1R	SLM2	SLM2R	SLM3	SLM3R	SLM4	SLM4R
SLM1	N/A	✓	✓*	✓*	✓*	✓*	✓*	✓*
SLM1R	✓	N/A	✓	✓*	✓*	✓*	✓*	✓*
SLM2	✗	✗	N/A	✓	✓*	✓*	✓*	✓*
SLM2R	✗	✗	✓	N/A	✓	✓*	✓*	✓*
SLM3	✗	✗	✗	✗	N/A	✓	✓*	✓*
SLM3R	✗	✗	✗	✗	✓	N/A	✓	✓*
SLM4	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	N/A	✓
SLM4R	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✓	N/A
CLM1	✗	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
CLM2	✗	✗	✗	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓
CLM3	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✓	✓
CLM4	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✓	✓

MLM (All)	✓#	✓#	✓#	✓#	✓#	✓#	✓#	✓#
✓ permitted to play								
✓* permitted to play pending re-classification criteria								
✗ not permitted to play								
✓# pending age eligibility requirements								

3 COMMUNITY LEAGUE MEN'S REGISTERED PLAYERS

Competition Player is Registered To				
	CLM1	CLM2	CLM3	CLM4
CLM1	N/A	✓	✓*	✓*
CLM2	✓	N/A	✓	✓*
CLM3	✗	✓	N/A	✓
CLM4	✗	✗	✓	N/A
SLM1	✓	✓	✓	✓
SLM1R	✓	✓	✓	✓
SLM2	✓	✓	✓	✓
SLM2R	✓	✓	✓	✓
SLM3	✗	✓	✓	✓
SLM3R	✗	✓	✓	✓
SLM4	✗	✗	✓	✓
SLM4R	✗	✗	✓	✓
MLM (All)	✓#	✓#	✓#	✓#
✓ permitted to play				
✓* permitted to play pending re-classification criteria				
✗ not permitted to play				
✓# pending age eligibility requirements				

4 MASTERS LEAGUE MEN'S REGISTERED PLAYERS

Competition Player is Registered To					
	MLM1	MLM2	MLM3	MLMO45	MLMO55
MLM1	N/A	✓	✓*	✓*	✓*
MLM2	✓	N/A	✓	✓*	✓*
MLM3	✗	✓	N/A	✓	✓*
MLMO45	✓#	✓#	✓#	N/A	✓
MLMO55	✓#	✓#	✓#	✓#	N/A
SLM (All)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓

CLM (All)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
✓ permitted to play					
✓* permitted to play pending re-classification criteria					
✗ not permitted to play					
✓# pending age eligibility requirements					

SCHEDULE 4: PROMOTION AND RELEGATION

1 OVERVIEW

- 1.1 The following Capital Football Leagues are connected by promotion and relegation:
- National Premier League Women's and State League Women's Division 1.
 - National Premier League Girls and Junior League Girls Division 1.
 - National Premier League Men's, Capital Premier League Men's and State League Men's Division 1.
 - National Premier League Boys, Capital Premier League Boys and Junior League Open Division 1.
- 1.2 Promotion and relegation between Leagues will be governed by the following factors:
- Club commitment to play in the Leagues.
 - Sporting merit (i.e. on-field performance).
 - Football Australia Club Licencing Framework.
- 1.3 The methods of promotion and relegation represent the sporting merit category by which Clubs are identified for movement between Leagues.
- 1.4 The methods for promotion and relegation are included in these Regulations, for application from the 2022 to 2023 football seasons.

2 ABBREVIATIONS

- 2.1 Abbreviations used throughout this Schedule include:

Abbreviation	Definition
1GLT – First Grade League Table	The process to identify Clubs eligible for promotion or relegation, using aggregate points of the First Grade Team
CPL – Capital Premier League	The second highest level of men's (CPLM) and boys' (CPLB) football
NPL – National Premier League	The highest level of women's (NPLW), men's (NPLM), girls' (NPLG) and boys' (NPLB) football
JLG – Junior League Girls	The second highest level of girls' football

Abbreviation	Definition
JLO – Junior League Open	The third highest level of football, primarily participated in by boys, but open for girls to also participate
NWCC – Non-weighted Club Championship	The process to identify Clubs eligible for promotion or relegation using the aggregate scores of all age grades, with the subsequent total used to identify positions on a Club Championship table
P/R – Promotion and Relegation	The process of movement by Clubs between the levels of football, determined by sporting merit and Club licencing
SLW – State League Women’s	The second highest level of women’s football, underpinned by a number of other divisions
SLM – State League Men’s	The third highest level of men’s football, underpinned by a number of other divisions
WCC – Weighted Club Championship	The process to identify Clubs eligible for promotion or relegation using a weighted Club Championship, where a multiplier is applied to the aggregate scores of separate age grades, with the subsequent total used to identify positions on a Club Championship table

3 METHOD OF PROMOTION AND RELEGATION FOR WOMEN’S LEAGUES

3.1 The following table sets out the methods for promotion and relegation between National Premier League Women’s and State League Women’s Division 1:

Action	Mechanism	Regulation
Relegation from NPLW to SLW1	First Grade League Table	<p>a) The Club that finishes in 8th position on the NPLW First Grade League Table in 2022 may be relegated to SLW1 in 2023; and</p> <p>b) Relegation applies to the Club’s Teams in First Grade and Reserve Grade; and</p> <p>c) The CUA is excluded from relegation, and the Matches Clubs play against the CUA contribute to the League tables; and</p> <p>d) If the CUA finishes in 8th position on the First Grade League Table in 2022 there will be no promotion into or relegation from NPLW in 2023; and</p> <p>e) Relegation is contingent upon promotion of a Club from SLW1. Where promotion does not occur, relegation will not be applied.</p> <p>f) A relegated Club may be offered positions in the SLW1 and SLW2 competitions in 2023.</p>
Promotion from SLW1 to NPLW	First Grade League Table	<p>a) The Club that finishes in 1st position on the SLW1 League table in 2022 may be promoted to NPLW in 2023; and</p> <p>b) The Club must have fielded at least one Team in the SLW1 and a second Team in either the SLW1 or SLW2 competitions for the duration of the 2022 season in order to be eligible for promotion to NPLW in 2023; and</p>

		c) The Club cannot have Teams already competing in the NPLW. If the Club in 1 st position on the SLW1 League table in 2022 already competes in the NPLW, there will be no promotion or relegation from the 2022 to 2023 season.
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4 METHOD OF PROMOTION AND RELEGATION FOR MEN'S LEAGUES

4.1 The following table sets out the methods for promotion and relegation between National Premier League Men's, Capital Premier League Men's and State League Men's Division 1:

Action	Mechanism	Regulation
Relegation from NPLM to CPLM	First Grade League Table	<p>a) The Club that finishes in 8th position on the NPLM First Grade League Table in 2022 may be relegated to CPLM in 2023; and</p> <p>b) Relegation applies to the Club's Teams in First Grade and U23; and</p> <p>c) Relegation is contingent upon promotion of a Club from CPLM. Where promotion does not occur, relegation will not be applied.</p>
Promotion from CPLM to NPLM	First Grade League Table	<p>a) The Club that finishes in 1st position on the CPLM First Grade League Table in 2022 may be promoted to NPLM in 2023; and</p> <p>b) Promotion applies to the Club's Teams in 1st Grade and U23.</p>
Relegation from CPLM to SLM1	First Grade League Table	<p>a) The Club that finishes in 8th position on the CPLM First Grade League Table in 2022 may be relegated to SLM in 2023; and</p> <p>b) Relegation applies to the Club's Teams in 1st Grade and U23; and</p> <p>c) Relegation is contingent upon promotion of a Club from SLM. Where promotion does not occur, relegation will not be applied.</p> <p>d) A relegated Club may be offered positions in the SLM1 and SLM1 Reserves competitions in 2023.</p>
Promotion from SLM1 to CPLM	First Grade League Table	<p>a) The Club that finishes in 1st position on the SLM1 League table in 2022 may be promoted to CPLM in 2023; and</p> <p>b) The Club cannot have Teams already competing in the NPLM or CPLM. If the Club in 1st position on the SLM1 League table in 2022 already competes in the NPLM or CPLM, there will be no promotion or relegation from the 2022 to 2023 season.</p>

4.2 Capital Football will use the following process when determining the ranking of First Grade Teams in the NPLM and CPLM competitions:

- a) Greater number of points obtained in all First Grade Premiership Matches.
- b) If two (2) or more Teams are equal on the basis of the above criteria, their place will be determined as follows:

- i) Greater number of Premiership League table points of the Club's U23 Teams.
- c) If the U23 points are also equal, the First Grade Team placing will be determined as follows:
 - i) Greater goal difference resulting from all First Grade Premiership Matches;
 - ii) Greater goals scored from all First Grade Premiership Matches;
 - iii) Greater number of points obtained in the First Grade Premiership Matches between the Teams concerned (head-to-head);
 - iv) Greater number of goals scored in the First Grade Premiership Matches between the Teams concerned (head-to-head);
 - v) Greater number of goals scored in away First Grade Premiership Matches between the Teams concerned (head-to-head);
 - vi) Team with the lowest number of Red Cards (direct and indirect) received in all First Grade Premiership Matches;
 - vii) Team with the lowest number of Yellow Cards (including TDs) received in all First Grade Premiership Matches;
 - viii) A play-off Match between the Teams concerned under arrangements approved by Capital Football.

5 METHOD OF PROMOTION AND RELEGATION FOR GIRLS' LEAGUES

5.1 The following table sets out the methods for promotion and relegation between National Premier League Girls and Junior League Girls:

Action	Mechanism	Regulation
Relegation from NPLG to JLG1	Non-weighted Club Championship	a) The Club that finishes in 8 th position in the NPLG Club Championship in 2022 may be relegated to JLG1 in 2023; and b) Relegation applies to the Club's NPLG Teams in U14, U15 and U17 age grades; and c) The CUA is excluded from relegation, and the Matches Clubs play against the CUA contribute to the League tables and Club Championship; and d) If the CUA finishes in 8 th position in the Club Championship in 2022 there will be no promotion into or relegation from NPLG in 2023; and e) Relegation is contingent upon promotion of a Club from JLG1. Where promotion does not occur, relegation will not be applied. f) The Club Championships will be determined using a non-weighted Club Championship, which aggregates the points of the U14, U15 and U17 Premiership Matches.
Promotion from JLG1 to NPLG	Weighted Club Championship	a) The Club that finishes in 1 st position in the JLG1 Club Championship in 2022 may be promoted to NPLG in 2023; and

Action	Mechanism	Regulation
		<p>b) The Club must have fielded a Team in the U12, U14 and U16 age grades of JLG1 in 2022; and</p> <p>c) The Club cannot have Teams already competing in the NPLG. If the Club in 1st position in the JLG1 Club Championship in 2022 already competes in the NPLG, there will be no promotion or relegation from the 2022 to 2023 season.</p> <p>d) The Club Championship will be determined using a weighted Club Championship, with:</p> <p>i. A multiplier of 1 applied to the highest positioned Team from each Club in the U14 and U16 age grades.</p> <p>ii. Where a Club has more than one Team in an age grade, only the points of the highest ranked Team will contribute to the Club Championship.</p> <p>iii. Points from the U12 age grade will not contribute to the Club Championship.</p>

6 METHOD OF PROMOTION AND RELEGATION FOR BOYS' LEAGUES

6.1 The following table sets out the methods for promotion and relegation between National Premier League Boys, Capital Premier League Boys and Junior League Open:

Action	Mechanism	Regulation
Relegation from NPLB to CPLB	Non-weighted Club Championship	<p>a) The Club that finishes in 8th position in the NPLB Club Championship in 2022 may be relegated to CPLB in 2023; and</p> <p>b) Relegation applies to the Club's NPLB Teams in U13, U14, U16 and U18 age grades; and</p> <p>c) Relegation is contingent upon promotion of a Club from CPLB. Where promotion does not occur, relegation will not be applied.</p> <p>d) The Club Championships will be determined using a non-weighted Club Championship, which aggregates the points of the U13, U14, U16 and U18 Premiership Matches.</p>
Promotion from CPLB to NPLB	Non-weighted Club Championship	<p>a) The Club that finishes in 1st position in the CPLB Club Championship in 2022 may be promoted to NPLB in 2023; and</p> <p>b) The Club must have fielded a Team in the U13, U14, U16 and U18 age grades of the CPLB in 2022.</p> <p>c) The Club Championship will be determined using a non-weighted Club Championship method, which aggregates the points of the CPLB U13, U14, U16 and U18 Premiership Matches.</p>
Relegation from CPLB to JLO1	Non-weighted Club Championship	<p>a) The Club that finishes in 8th position in the CPLB Club Championship in 2022 may be relegated to JLO1 in 2023; and</p> <p>b) Relegation applies to the Club's CPLB Teams in U13, U14, U16 and U18 age grades; and</p>

Action	Mechanism	Regulation
		<p>c) Relegation is contingent upon promotion of a Club from JLO1. Where promotion does not occur, relegation will not be applied.</p> <p>d) The Club Championship will be determined using a non-weighted Club Championship, which aggregates the points of the U13, U14, U16 and U18 Premiership Matches.</p>
<p>Promotion from JLO1 to CPLB</p>	<p>Weighted Club Championship</p>	<p>a) The Club that finishes in 1st position in the JLO1 Club Championship in 2022 may be promoted to CPLB in 2023; and</p> <p>b) The Club must have fielded a Team in the U12, U13, U15 and U16 age grades of JLO1 in 2022; and</p> <p>c) The Club cannot have Teams already competing in the NPLB or CPLB. If the Club in 1st position in the JLO1 Club Championship in 2022 already competes in the NPLB or CPLB, there will be no promotion or relegation from the 2022 to 2023 season.</p> <p>d) The Club Championship will be determined using a weighted Club Championship method, with:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. A multiplier of 1 applied to the highest positioned Team from each Club in the U13, U15, and U16 age grades. ii. Where a Club has more than one Team in an age grade, only the points of the highest ranked Team will contribute to the Club Championship. iii. Points from the U12 age grade will not contribute to the Club Championship.

SCHEDULE 5: COMPETITION CRITERIA

1 OVERVIEW

- 1.1 The National Premier League Competition Criteria (the **Criteria**) sets out the standards required by Clubs seeking to participate in the following Leagues:
- National Premier League (NPL) for Women, Men, Girls and Boys.
 - Capital Premier League (CPL) for Men and Boys.
- 1.2 Criteria are also listed for the community competitions underpinning the NPL and CPL Competitions. These Criteria are provided as a guide to assist aspiring Clubs that compete in these Leagues prepare for possible promotion to the NPL and CPL Competitions.
- 1.3 Clubs in the community senior and junior Leagues are not required to meet the Criteria to play in the community Leagues. They are however strongly encouraged to achieve the listed standards if they aspire to play in the NPL and CPL Competitions, as promotion to the NPL and CPL Competitions is contingent upon Clubs meeting the competition Criteria.

2 ABBREVIATIONS

- 2.1 Abbreviations used throughout this Schedule include:

Abbreviation	Definition
CPL – Capital Premier League	The second highest level of men’s (CPLM) and boys’ (CPLB) football
NCL – National Club Licencing Framework	The system being developed by Football Australia to set criteria for Clubs competing in the A-League, W-League, National Second Division and National Premier League competitions
NPL – National Premier League	The highest level of women’s (NPLW), men’s (NPLM), girls’ (NPLG) and boys’ (NPLB) football
JLG – Junior League Girls	The second highest level of girls’ football
JLO – Junior League Open	The third highest level of football, primarily participated in by boys, but open for girls to also participate
N/A – Not Applicable	Information that does not apply to the situation
SLW – State League Women’s	The second highest level of women’s football, underpinned by a number of other divisions
SLM – State League Men’s	The third highest level of men’s football, underpinned by a number of other divisions

3 SPORTING CRITERIA

- 3.1 Teams:
- Clubs are not required to field Teams in all Leagues (i.e., Clubs do not have to participate in senior and youth competitions, or female and male competitions).

- b) Clubs are required to field Teams in each age grade of the League they participate in, except for JLO1 and JLG1 Teams who are required to fields Teams in the age grades identified in the table to be eligible for promotion (noting they are not required to compete as a Club for promotion).
- i) Clubs in WSL1 only need to enter a second Team in either WSL1 or WSL2 if they aspire to promotion to NPLW.
- c) The following Criteria is mandatory for Clubs in 2022:

League	Tier 1 (highest level)	Tier 2 (second highest level)	Tier 3 (third highest level)
Women's	National Premier League 1 st Grade Reserve Grade	Women's Senior League Division 1 – 1 st Grade Division 2 – 1 st Grade	N/A
Men's	National Premier League 1 st Grade U23	Capital Premier League 1 st Grade U23	Men's Senior League 1 1 st Grade Reserve Grade
Girls	National Premier League U17 U15 U14	Junior League Division 1 U18 U16 (required) U14 (required) U12 (required)	N/A
Boys	National Premier League U18 U16 U14 U13	Capital Premier League U18 U16 U14 U13	Junior League U18 U16 (required) U15 (required) U14 U13 (required) U12 (required)

3.2 Youth Development:

- a) Youth Development Criteria are applicable to Clubs in the NPLG, NPLB and CPLB.
- b) The mandatory Youth Development plan for the 2023 NPLG, NPLB and CPLB season is due for submission to Capital Football by 30 June 2022. This enables Capital Football to understand compliance to the requirement ahead of the Declaration of Leagues being made.
- c) The following Criteria is recommended for Clubs in 2022 and mandatory for Clubs in 2023:

Category	General Criteria
Youth Training Plan	At a date determined by Capital Football annually, Clubs are required to submit their Youth Development Plan for the upcoming season. The plan is to include at a minimum: Engaged Technical Director and Coaches Periodised Training Program Process for Player identification and selection Training field access and allocation

Category	General Criteria
	Football equipment used Medical support provided Other support provided (i.e. psychology, nutrition)
Training Plan Duration	The Club Training Plan in place for Players spans a 40-week period inclusive of pre-season, the Premiership and the Championship
Player Pathway Advancement	Clubs must not obstruct or otherwise dissuade Players selected in the Talent Support Program or ACT State Teams from attending scheduled training, friendly matches, elite matches or tournaments

3.3 Medical:

- Category 1 Criteria is applicable to Clubs in NPLW and NPLM.
- Category 2 Criteria is applicable to Clubs in the CPLM, NPLG, NPLB and CPLB.
- Category 3 Criteria is recommended for Clubs in SLW1, JLG1, SLM1 and JLO1, and will not be mandatory in 2023.
- The following Criteria is recommended for Clubs in 2022 and mandatory for Clubs in 2023, except Category 3 Criteria as outlined above:

Criteria	Category 1 Criteria	Category 2 Criteria	Category 3 Criteria
Match Day Medical Coverage	Physiotherapist at all Matches	Level 1 Sports Trainer at all Matches	Level 1 Sports Trainer at all Matches
First Aid Kit	First aid kit available for all Matches	First aid kit available for all Matches	First aid kit available for all Matches
Stretchers	Stretcher that meets Australia Standards available for all Matches	Stretcher that meets Australia Standards available for all Matches	Stretcher that meets Australia Standards available for all Matches
Defibrillator	Defibrillator available for all Matches		
Medical Room / Treatment Table	Treatment room and table for all Matches	Undercover treatment area and table for all Matches	

3.4 Registration of Players:

- The following Criteria is mandatory for the Clubs in the Leagues defined below in 2022 with the exception of PPS which is recommended:

Category	General Criteria
Registration	

Category	General Criteria
	The Clubs in all Leagues must ensure all its members are registered on PlayFootball, including Players, coaches, managers, medical staff, committee members, administrators, and volunteers
Player Points System	Clubs participating in the NPLM must register Players in compliance with the Player Points System
Integrity Education	Players in any League that is broadcast, or live streamed must complete the Football Australia e-learning integrity education workshops prior to playing any League Matches

3.5 Child Protection and Welfare:

- a) Child Protection and Welfare Criteria applies to all Clubs and Leagues.
- b) Clubs are required to provide details of their compliance with Child Protection and Welfare Criteria by 31 January annually.
- c) The following Criteria is mandatory for Clubs in 2022:

Category	General Criteria
Child Protection	Clubs are required to comply with the safeguarding requirement relevant to the region in which they are located. In the ACT, it is the Working with Vulnerable People (WWVP) registration . In NSW, it is the Working with Children Check
Member Protection Information Officer	Clubs are required to appoint a Member Protection Information Officer that has completed the relevant training (i.e. Play by the Rules online module)
Record of Office Holders	<p>Clubs are required to keep a record of their office holders' WWVP Cards and/or Working with Children Check numbers</p> <p>An office holders list must include all Committee Members, Coaches, Managers and volunteers engaged by the Club</p> <p>Clubs are required to provide the register to Capital Football before the season commences, at a date prescribed by Capital Football, and inform Capital Football of any changes to the register during the season</p>

4 INFRASTRUCTURE

- 4.1 Category 1 Criteria is applicable to Clubs in NPLW and NPLM.
- 4.2 Category 2 Criteria is applicable to Clubs in the CPLM, NPLG, NPLB and CPLB.
- 4.3 Category 3 Criteria is applicable to Clubs in SLW1, JLG1, SLM1 and JLO1.
- 4.4 Capital Football will work with the Government and Clubs to identify Criteria that will be considered mandatory from 2023.
- 4.5 The following Criteria that is highlighted is mandatory for Clubs in 2022 and the Criteria that is

not highlighted is recommended for Clubs in 2022:

Criteria	Category 1 Criteria	Category 2 Criteria	Category 3 Criteria
Safety, Security and Access			
Fencing	The venue must be enclosed, with an external fence restricting entry to the venue, and an internal pitch perimeter fence separating the field of play and spectator areas	The venue must have a pitch perimeter fence separating the field of play and spectator areas	No requirements
Emergency Exit Plan	The venue must have an emergency exit plan prominently displayed	No requirements	No requirements
Emergency Services Access	Stretcher that meets Australia Standards available for all Matches	Stretcher that meets Australia Standards available for all Matches	Stretcher that meets Australia Standards available for all Matches
Fire Prevention	The venue must be equipped with all fire prevention devices as required by Government and Australian Standards	The venue must be equipped with all fire prevention devices as required by Government and Australian Standards	The venue must be equipped with all fire prevention devices as required by Government and Australian Standards
Risk Assessment	Clubs must have completed, documented, and submitted to Capital Football a risk assessment for their home Matches ahead of the season commencing	CPLM only - Clubs must have completed, documented, and submitted to Capital Football a risk assessment for their home Matches ahead of the season commencing	No requirements
Field of Play			
Field Dimensions	The field must be within the FIFA range for football fields (100m to 110m long, 64m to 75m wide)	The field must be within the FIFA range for football fields (100m to 110m long, 64m to 75m wide)	The field must be a minimum length of 90m and a minimum width of 45m
Playing Surface	The playing surface must be even and flat with a complete coverage of grass and comply with the laws of the game. Either natural playing surface (100% natural grass), reinforced natural grass (hybrid) or FIFA Quality approved artificial turf grass pitches may be used	The playing surface must be even and flat with a complete coverage of grass and comply with the laws of the game. Either natural playing surface (100% natural grass), reinforced natural grass (hybrid) or FIFA Quality approved artificial turf grass pitches may be used	No requirements
Line Markings	Line markings must be white and must not exceed 12cm in	Line markings must be white and must not exceed 12cm in width per the FIFA Laws of the Game	The fields must be marked

Criteria	Category 1 Criteria	Category 2 Criteria	Category 3 Criteria
	width per the FIFA Laws of the Game		
Corner and Halfway Flags	Corner and halfway flags must be used and must adhere to the FIFA Laws of the Game	Corner and halfway flags must be used and must adhere to the FIFA Laws of the Game	Corner flags at a minimum must be used
Goal Posts	Goals must meet the specifications of the FIFA laws of the game, be white, round, fixed to the ground and not have dual rugby post extensions	Goals must meet the specifications of the FIFA laws of the game, be white, round, fixed to the ground and not have dual rugby post extensions	Goals must meet the specifications of the laws of the game. Properly secured portable goal posts and dual rugby posts are acceptable
Technical Area	A technical area must be marked and equipped with enough seats to accommodate 9 individuals for each Team, and a table and chair for the 4th official (where one is appointed)	A technical area must be marked and equipped with enough seats to accommodate 9 individuals for each Team	No requirements
Player and Referee Facilities			
Player Dressing Rooms	The venue must have 2 permanent structures capable of accommodating 16 people in each dressing room, with a minimum of 2 showers and one toilet	The venue must have 2 permanent structures capable of accommodating 16 people in each dressing room, with a minimum of 2 showers and one toilet	No requirements
Referee Dressing Rooms	The venue must have a separate, permanent structure capable of accommodating 4 people, with a minimum of 1 shower and 1 toilet	The venue must have a separate, permanent structure capable of accommodating 4 people, with a minimum of 1 shower and 1 toilet	No requirements
Players Race	The venue must provide for direct access for Players and Referees from their dressing room to the field of play. The Players race needs to separate the Players and Referees from the spectators. The Players race can be temporary	CPLM only - The venue must provide for direct access for Players and Referees from their dressing room to the field of play. The Players race needs to separate the Players and Referees from the spectators. The Players race can be temporary	No requirement
Lighting	Venues must have a maintained average horizontal floodlighting luminance of 200 lux to host night Matches	Venues must have a maintained average horizontal floodlighting luminance of 100 lux to host night Matches	No requirements

Criteria	Category 1 Criteria	Category 2 Criteria	Category 3 Criteria
Spectator Facilities			
Canteen	The venue must have a canteen in a clean condition that meets Government standards and health regulations	The venue must have a canteen in a clean condition that meets Government standards and health regulations	No requirements
Seating	The venue must have seating to accommodate 200 people	The venue must have seating to accommodate 100 people	No requirements
Toilets	The venue must have adequate public toilets made available for female, male and disabled spectators. As a guide there should be 1 toilet for every 100 potential spectators	The venue must have adequate public toilets made available for female, male and disabled spectators. As a guide there should be 1 toilet for every 100 potential spectators	The venue must have adequate public toilets made available for female, male and disabled spectators. As a guide there should be 1 toilet for every 100 potential spectators
Media Facilities	Where a venue has undercover stadium seating, there must be a designated area for media to accommodate 2 journalists	No requirements	No requirements
Broadcast Camera Positions	Venues must have an elevated, central position for broadcast cameras, with adjoining space for 2 commentators. The camera position must have access to power	No requirements	No requirements
Medical			
Medical Room	The venue must have a permanent structure equipped as a medical room	No requirements	No requirements
Medical Supplies	The venue must have a first aid kit that complies with Australia Standards	The venue must have a first aid kit that complies with Australia Standards	The venue must have a first aid kit that complies with Australia Standards
Stretchers	The venue must have two stretchers that comply with Australia Standards	The venue must have two stretchers that comply with Australia Standards	No requirements
Other Stadium Facilities			
Scoreboard	The venue must have a scoreboard	No requirements	No requirements

Criteria	Category 1 Criteria	Category 2 Criteria	Category 3 Criteria
Public Address System	The venue must have a public address system with sufficient speakers to ensure messages can be heard from all sections of the stadium	No requirements	No requirements

5 ADMINISTRATION

5.1 Key Administration Personnel:

- Key Administration Personnel Criteria applies to all Clubs in all Leagues.
- Clubs are required to provide details of their compliance with Administration Criteria by 31 January annually.
- The following Criteria is mandatory for Clubs in 2022:

Category	General Criteria
Management Structure	Clubs will submit their management structure and key positions at a date prescribed by Capital Football. Key administration positions to be included in the management structure must include at a minimum: Club President Club Vice President Club Treasurer Club Member Protection and Information Officer

5.2 Key Coaching Personnel:

- Category 1 Criteria is required by Clubs in NPLW and NPLM.
- Category 2 Criteria is required by Clubs in the CPLM, NPLG, NPLB and CPLB (in the relevant age grades).
- Category 3 Criteria is recommended for Clubs in SLW1, JLG1, SLM1 and JLO1 (in the relevant age grades).
- There is an allowance for coaches for one season who have registered or commenced the required course but have not yet completed the course.
- The following Criteria is mandatory for Clubs in 2022, except for Category 3 Criteria:

Criteria	Category 1 Minimum Standard Required for NPLW & NPLM	Category 2 Minimum Standard Required for CPLM, NPLG, NPLB & CPLB	Category 3 Minimum Standard Recommended for SLW1, JLG1, SLM1 & JLO1
General			
Goal Keeping Coach	Level 1 GK Licence	GK Certificate	GK Certificate
Women's			
1st Grade Head Coach	B-Licence	N/A	C-Licence
Reserve Grade Head Coach	C-Licence	N/A	Enrolled in C-Licence

Criteria	Category 1 Minimum Standard Required for NPLW & NPLM	Category 2 Minimum Standard Required for CPLM, NPLG, NPLB & CPLB	Category 3 Minimum Standard Recommended for SLW1, JLG1, SLM1 & JLO1
Men's			
1st Grade Head Coach	B-Licence	C-Licence	C-Licence
U23 Head Coach	C-Licence	C-Licence	Enrolled in C-Licence
Girls			
Technical Director	N/A	B-Licence	C-Licence
U17	N/A	C-Licence	Enrolled in C-Licence for U16, U14 and U12 Junior League Division 1
U15	N/A	C-Licence	
U14	N/A	C-Licence	
Boys			
Technical Director	N/A	B-Licence	C-Licence
U18	N/A	C-Licence	Enrolled in C-Licence for U16, U15 and U13 Junior League Division 1
U16	N/A	C-Licence	
U14	N/A	C-Licence	
U13	N/A	C-Licence	

6 LEGAL

6.1 Legal Criteria applies to all Clubs in all Leagues.

6.2 The following Criteria is mandatory for Clubs in 2022:

Category	General Criteria
Annual General Meeting	Clubs are required to hold Annual General Meetings Clubs are required to submit minutes of their Annual General Meetings within 3 months of the meeting being held
Contracting of Players	Clubs are not permitted to reimburse Amateur Players at a rate higher than the limits prescribed in the Football Australia National Registration, Status and Transfer Regulations
Declaration of Participation in Capital Football Competitions	Clubs must not deliver football training programs, intra or inter Club competitions outside of the competitions and programs delivered or otherwise approved by Capital Football
Disciplinary Procedures	Clubs must comply with the requests of Capital Football Disciplinary, Appeals and Special Tribunals
Code of Conduct	Clubs and their Members must act in accordance with the Football Australia Code of Conduct and Capital Football Reduce Abuse initiatives
Agents and Academies	

Category	General Criteria
	Club Committee Members are required, on an annual basis, to disclose the existence and terms of any contractual, financial, or other relationship with a private academy, overseas club, or player agent

7 FINANCE

7.1 Finance Criteria applies to all Clubs in all Leagues.

7.2 The following Criteria is mandatory for Clubs in 2022:

Category	General Criteria
Financial Records	Clubs must keep financial records and must make financial information available to Capital Football within 10 business days of the information being requested
Audited Financial Statements or Proof of Financial Viability	Clubs must provide audited financial statements, or proof of financial viability in a format to Capital Footballs satisfaction, at a date prescribed by Capital Football annually
Transparency of Fees	<p>Clubs must, at a date prescribed by Capital Football, submit a list of fees it will charge Players for the upcoming football season</p> <p>The list must include all fees payable by the Player for the calendar year, and must separately itemise the Football Australia NRF, Capital Football registration fee and Club registration fee</p> <p>The list must also identify what the Player receives in return for the Club component</p> <p>The list must disclose any other fees charged separately to the registration fees, including but not limited to additional costs for apparel, extra coaching, attendance at additional development programs, academies, or camps</p> <p>The Club list of fees must be posted to the Club's website</p> <p>Capital Football will consolidate the submitted fees and post League fee ranges to its website</p>
Overdue Accounts	Clubs must not have overdue accounts with Capital Football (not paid within 30 days of the invoice date), or the Government or council in which they are located