



FFSA Competition Rules and Regulations

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DEFINITIONS

In these Regulations:

The 'CEO' means the Chief Executive Officer employed by the Football Federation South Australia. [FFSA]

The 'Competition' means all games and tournaments that are played by the Member Clubs that are organised and sanctioned by the FFSA.

The Clubs ', means all clubs playing football at either the Elite level or Amateur Level, which shall include Open Age , Male & Female, Junior Boys & Girls competitions or any other league or Cup Competitions organised and sanctioned by the FFSA.

The 'Football Federation of South Australia' [FFSA] means the governing body of the sport in South Australia.

The 'Federation' means the Football Federation of South Australia.

The 'Tribunal' means a sub-committee appointed by the FFSA.

THE CLUBS

1. Team Names

- (1) Each Club shall register its Team Name and logo with the FFSA.
- (2) No Club shall register or use any Team Name or logo which has not been approved by the FFSA.
- (3) All teams of a Club shall use, and be known by, the Club's registered Team Name.
- (4) No Club shall have a Team Name or logo which consists or contains the name of any race or any overseas nation, country, place or club or which in the opinion of the FFSA refers to, or connotes, any race or overseas nation, country, place or club or has any ethnic or political connotation.
- (5) Any Club which in the opinion of the FFSA has a Team Name or logo which does not comply with the preceding Clause shall change its Team Name or logo within two calendar months of being required so to do by the FFSA.
- (6) Each Club shall submit an application for registration on the prescribed form to the competition administrator, and immediately notify the competition administrator of any club detail change.
- (7) Each club and affiliated association shall abide by the FFSA financial obligations as determined by the FFSA.

- (8) All membership fees and any outstanding accounts due to the FFSA shall be paid by the due date.
- (9) A club or affiliated association that does not pay its fees or other outstanding accounts to the FFSA within 30 days of the due date shall be deemed unfinancial and shall be suspended from the competition and a forfeit of match points may also be imposed.

2. Club Colours and Uniforms.

- (1) All Clubs shall register their uniforms with the FFSA.
 - (a) Each Club shall register its colours, logo and the design of its first choice playing uniform and its alternative playing uniform with the FFSA.
 - (b) The alternative playing uniform shall not clash with the home team playing uniform in accordance with rule 2(6), to avoid a clash of home and visiting teams. A club's alternative playing uniform must include a change of colour for shirts, shorts and socks.
 - (c) The registration of Club uniforms shall be subject to the prior approval of the FFSA.
 - (d) Priority of registration shall determine the exclusive right to wear the uniform.
 - (e) Any Club which desires to change either of its uniforms or to change the colours or design of either of its uniform shall apply to the FFSA giving full details of the proposed new uniform or alterations.
 - (f) The FFSA shall refuse its approval if in the opinion of the Committee the proposed new, or changed, uniform is not sufficiently different from the uniform of any other Club.
- (3) If so required by the FFSA, Clubs playing in any competition shall wear on their uniforms the name, logo, emblem or other mark of any sponsor of the FFSA or the competition.
- (4)
 - (a) The goalkeeper's shirts or uniforms must be clearly distinguishable from, and not contain any of the basic colours of, the shirts or uniforms of the other players of his team or the opposing team.
 - (b) The goalkeeper may wear shorts and socks of the same colour and design as his own team.
- (5) Clubs which are not playing at home shall take their first choice uniforms and their alternative uniforms to the ground where the match will be played.
- (6) If, in the opinion of the Referee of any match, the uniforms of the teams or goalkeepers taking part are not sufficiently different, the Referee shall direct the away team, or the goalkeeper of the away team as the case may be, to change to its or his alternate uniform or to make such other change as the Referee may consider appropriate for the match; no direction under this clause shall affect the right of the home team to play in its registered uniform.

- (7) Any club that breaches the club colours and uniform rules shall be guilty to a level two fine.

3. Insurance

- (1) All Clubs shall ensure at all times they take out and keep in force at all times policies of insurance providing benefits for their members including players and officials who are injured and such other policy or policies of insurance as the FFSA may from time to time prescribe or approve.
- (2) All players, and club officials including club volunteers shall be covered by a personal accident insurance provided by the FFSA as part of their membership application and registration.
- (3) Each Club secretary or delegate shall act as coordinator with the FFSA and the Insurance provider on any related claims lodged or queries with the policy cover.
- (4) All clubs shall ensure at all times they have current public liability, directors & officers insurance policies and other insurance coverage as the FFSA may prescribe from time to time. Failure to comply may result in the club's deregistration by the FFSA.

4. Clubs to Field Teams

- (1) Subject to sub-Clause (3) in fielding a team in an FFSA Competition, the team and club agree to abide by the FFA Statutes, including the National Registration Regulations, the National Disciplinary Regulations, the National Code of Conduct, the Grievance Resolution Regulations and all the related FFSA Rules, Regulations & Competition Operating Guidelines.
- (2) All clubs in the Senior Men's Competition IE Super, Premier & State Leagues shall field Senior, Reserve, under 19, in their respective divisions or as, determined by the FFSA on a season to season basis.
- (3) All clubs in the Senior Men's Competition in the Greater Adelaide metropolitan areas shall field a Youth (under 17) and at least one other Junior team in their respective divisions and grades of the Leagues or in such other competitions as the FFSA may determine.
- (4) No Club shall play in more than one division in any season.
- (5) Clubs may call players to play in a higher division or age group in the Senior Men's Competition. However, once a player has played in that higher division on any match round, he shall become ineligible to play in a lower division on the same match round. For example if a Senior or Reserves team plays Friday night and the player participates (crosses the line) the player shall be ineligible to play in a lower division ie Reserves or Under 19 the following day of the scheduled date & times of that round match. It must be noted that if a player plays for the higher grade team in any particular round, the player can not play in a lower grade team in that same round even if it is not played on the same weekend. Goalkeepers are exempt from this ruling.
- (6) The South Australian Sports Institution (SASI) which is deemed as a representative team for registration purposes may enter team/s into the FFSA competitions following approval by the FFSA Board.

5. School Football

Where a junior player is selected to play for a team of his school in a school Football competition the player shall have a first obligation to play in his school team except where the player is a registered professional player and is selected to play for his Club's senior or reserve team or such other team as may be agreed between the school, the Club and the FFSA.

6. Remuneration of Players-Senior Men's League Competitions

- (1) The total remuneration paid or provided by Leagues Clubs to their players in any financial year shall not exceed the following amounts:
 - (a) \$90,000 for a (Super League) Club, or
 - (b) \$60,000 for a (Premier League) Club, or
 - (c) \$35,000 for a (State League) Club, orThe amounts will be reviewed by the FFSA on an annual basis.
- (2) Each Super, Premier and or State League Club shall keep proper books and records of all remuneration paid to its players and shall make the books and records available for inspection by any inspector appointed by the FFSA at such times as it may require.
- (3) The FFSA may at any time and from time to time appoint an inspector to inspect the books and records of the Leagues Clubs or any of them relating to the remuneration paid to their or its players.
- (4) An inspector appointed under the preceding sub-Clause shall be an Accountant or an accountant who is a registered company auditor or a member of the Australian Society of Certified Practising Accountants or The Institute of Chartered Accountants in Australia.
- (5) In this Clause, "remuneration" includes:
 - (a) signing-on fees, salaries, wages and other money paid by a Club to its players or any of them,
 - (b) the amount or value of any gift, prize or award given or made by the Club to its players or any of them,
 - (c) the value of any other benefit provided or given by a Club to its players or any of them (including, for example, the provision of accommodation or the use of a motor vehicle or other thing at no charge or less than a fair market rent or charge), and
 - (d) any such payment made, or benefit provided, by the Club to any person who is related to, or resides with, any of its players but does not include the reimbursement to the player of expenses actually incurred by the player, or the payment by the Club of expenses actually incurred by it, for:
 - (i) the player's travel and accommodation necessarily incurred through the player's participation in a match, or
 - (ii) the player's equipment, training and insurance.

Penalty:

A Level 4 fine, loss of 50% of senior team points, deregistering of professional players to bring the club under the remuneration threshold.

7. Player/Club Relations

- (1) Each club shall have at its club-rooms and shall make available to players at all reasonable times copies of:
 - (a) FIFA laws of the game, FFA national registration regulations, FFA statutes, FFSA competition rules, FFSA regulations and by-laws,
 - (b) the Constitution rules and Clauses of the Club from time to time in force including the rules of the Club setting out the duties and obligations of players to the Club (herein called "the players rules"), and
 - (c) the player's professional contract with the club.
- (2) Subject to Clause 2, each Club may make and from time to time repeal and amend players rules setting out the duties and obligations of players to the Club.
- (3) The players rules may without limiting the generality thereof relate to:
 - (a) the obligation of players with regard to:
 - (i) training and general team obligations,
 - (ii) playing in all club matches,
 - (iii) maintaining medical and hospital insurance and membership of an ambulance service,
 - (iv) the endorsement of commercial products and relations with the media,
 - (v) playing football or Futsal for any other team or participating in any activity that may cause players to be unavailable for selection in teams of the Club, and
 - (vi) the behaviour of the players in relation to the reputation of the Club,
 - (b) the right of the Club to fine and suspend players,
 - (c) the conditions under which matches are played and players' conduct on match days,
 - (d) the procedure to be followed in the reporting and treatment of injuries,
 - (e) the entitlement (if any) of players to equipment, reserved seats and membership of the Club, and,
 - (f) the code of dress within the Club and at official functions.
- (4) Each Club shall publish and either have on display within the players' rooms or supply to each player and at all times have available for inspection by its players a summary of:
 - (a) the players rules of the Club,
 - (b) the duties and obligations of players -
 - (i) under their contracts with the Club,
 - (ii) under the rules & regulations and related policies and guidelines of the FFSA and the Club,
 - (iii) with regard to medical and hospital insurance and membership of an ambulance service, and
 - (iv) with regard to the reporting and treatment of injuries,

- (c) the duties of the Club to provide for the treatment of injuries,
 - (d) the obligation of that Club to provide insurance for players,
 - (e) the duty of the Club to provide medical and hospital care where necessary over and above the amounts by the Medical and Hospital Benefits Funds, and
 - (f) the entitlements of, Registered Youth players and surplus players, and
 - (g) the entitlement (if any) of players to equipment, reserved seats and membership of the Club.
- (5) Subject to compliance by the Club with the terms of the players contracts with their Clubs, the players rules shall be deemed to form part of those contracts.

Penalty: Level 3 fine.

8. Termination of Contracts by Players

Refer to FFA National Registration Regulations Part 7.1

9. Suspension of players by Clubs

Refer to FFA National Registration Regulations

10. Appeals

Refer to FFA Grievance Resolution Regulations

GROUNDS

11. Ground Registration

- (1) All Clubs and affiliated associations shall register their playing grounds with the FFSA.
- (2) Clubs must be committed to the development of their grounds and facilities to at least the minimum standards specified in the following Clauses.
- (3) Not later than the 31st day October in each year the FFSA shall publish:-
 - (a) a list of the minimum facilities that must be provided at all grounds to be used for Senior League Football in the next following league season, and
 - (b) a list of the additional facilities that must be provided at all grounds to be used for Senior League Football in the next following league season.
- (4) All grounds will be inspected annually and the FFSA will notify the Clubs not later than the 31st day of December of any deficiencies at the Club's ground that must be remedied before the commencement of the next league season.
- (5) The FFSA shall require any Club that does not remedy any deficiency specified in a notice under sub-paragraph (3)(a)(b) at least 30 days before the commencement of the league

season to play its home matches at the ground of another Club until the deficiencies have been remedied and the ground has been inspected and passed by the FFSA.

- (6) Clubs seeking promotion must submit plans to the FFSA for the development of their grounds and facilities.

12. Ground Facilities & Club Signage

Clubs and affiliated associations should provide appropriate and suitable playing facilities to a minimum standard.

- (1) A maximum of 10 people shall be permitted at 1 time in their team's technical area which contains the substitute's bench. This includes a coach, assistant coach, trainer, doctor/physiotherapist, team manager and no more than 5 substitute players.
- (2) Clubs shall prominently display appropriate signage:
 - (a) on spectator fences surrounding the field of play, stating that it is an offence for unauthorised persons to be inside the fence;
 - (b) on the entrance to all dressing rooms, stating that it is an offence for unauthorised persons to enter the dressing rooms; and
 - (c) indicating the location of the First Aid areas for players, officials and the general public during training and competitions.
 - (d) To Promote such FFSA Sponsors as the FFSA may determine from time to time

Any club who breaches the signage rules shall be subject to a Level 2 fine.

Any club who breaches the sponsor's signage rules may incur a loss of league points and be subject to a Level 4 fine minimum.

For more information on required ground facilities Refer to the relevant FFSA Competitions Operating Guidelines.

13. Super & Premier League Grounds

(Refer to the FFSA Competition Operating Guidelines for the Ground Criteria/Inspection Report)

14. State or other League Grounds

(Refer to the FFSA Competition Operating Guidelines for the Ground Criteria/Inspection Report)

15. Change of Grounds

- (1) No Club or affiliated association shall change its playing ground without the permission of the FFSA.
- (2) Any Club which desires to change its ground shall apply to the FFSA giving full particulars of the proposed new ground.

The FFSA shall not refuse its permission unless in its opinion the proposed new ground, its facilities or accommodation do not comply with the Clauses in this Section that apply to the Club's division or is not in an appropriate geographic area.

16. Match Venue

The venue of any match shall not be changed by the competing Clubs without the prior permission of the CEO provided that the FFSA may change the venue of any match at any time.

17. Marking Field of Play

- (1) Each Club shall keep and maintain its grounds in the best possible condition.
- (2) The Club on whose ground a match is to be played shall mark and equip the field of play in accordance with the Laws of the Game and any by-laws or directions of the FFSA and shall re-mark the field of play during the interval if so directed by the Referee.
- (3) Where a match is played on a ground of a Club which is not playing in the match, each of the Clubs which take part in the match shall pay to the Club on whose ground the match is played a fee fixed by the FFSA from time to time for the use of the ground and the expenses involved.
- (4) Where a match is to be played on a ground which is not a ground of any Club, each of the Clubs which are to play in the match shall be jointly responsible for marking and equipping the ground.

18. FFSA Use of Club Grounds

- (1) The FFSA may from time to time use the ground or grounds of any Club for any special match or matches except where such use is not permitted under the terms of a Club's lease of the ground.
- (2) In default of agreement, the FFSA shall determine the amount to be paid to the Club for the use of its ground or grounds provided that the amount shall not be less than the prescribed amount for an enclosed ground in good condition.

MATCHES

19. Laws of the Game

All Football matches organised or authorised by the FFSA or any affiliated associations and all matches played by any Club, Affiliated Association or any Affiliated Association shall be played under and in accordance with:

- (a) the Laws of the Game of Association Football as laid down by the Federation Internationale de Football Association [FIFA] and all additions, alterations and amendments thereto from time to time of which notice is given by the FFSA to Clubs, members and Affiliated Associations, and
- (b) the rules & regulations ,related policies and guidelines of the FFSA.

20. Control of Competitions & Matches

- (1) No person other than the participating players, team officials, match officials, & ground stewards shall be permitted inside the spectator fence or boundary line as per clause 17 (3) while a match is in progress.
- (2) Each team shall provide at each match a minimum of one (1) ground steward per team, for senior and reserve matches in the Men's League a minimum of Three(3)) ground stewards are required for all other games refer to the rules specific to that competition as prescribed by FFSA.

- (3) Subject to clause 21, no person other than the participating players, and the match officials shall enter the field of play while a match is in progress.
- (4) The substitutes, manager, coach and trainer or physiotherapist shall occupy their team's substitutes bench.
- (5) The manager, coach and trainer or physiotherapist shall wear their official identification cards.
- (6) The ground stewards shall:
 - (a) wear such uniform as the FFSA may determine from time to time,
 - (b) be fully instructed in their duties and responsibilities, by the clubs chief ground steward and on duty match officials.
 - (c) be not less than 18 years of age and be of suitable fitness to carry out their duties,
 - (d) carry out the instructions of the chief steward appointed by the home team, and
 - (e) report to the Competition Administrator the name of any person who offends against the rules & regulations related policies and guidelines of the FFSA.
 - (f) ground stewards are not permitted to smoke or drink alcohol while acting in the capacity of a ground steward.
- (7)
 - (a) Subject to paragraph (b), no person shall coach a team from within the spectator fence or boundary line as the case may be.
 - (b) the FFSA may provide, in the by-laws governing any specified senior competition or any specified senior grade of any competition, that the coaches of the competing teams may coach their players from their club's technical area.
 - (c) In this Clause, a club's technical area means the area in front of the club's substitutes' bench plus one meter on either side of the bench and extending to a distance one metre from the touch line.
- (8)
 - (a) No person other than team members/officials shall enter the teams dressing rooms.
 - (b) No person other than the match officials shall enter the Referee's dressing room except with the permission of the Referee.
- (9) Clubs shall display prominent notices:
 - (a) on spectator fences on both sides and at both ends of the field of play to the effect that it is an offence for unauthorised persons to be inside the fence;
 - (b) on the doors of all dressing rooms to the effect that it is an offence for unauthorised persons to enter the dressing rooms.
 - (c) In the absence of an appointed referee for all senior, reserve, under 19 and under 17 competitive league and cup matches, the match shall be abandoned.

21. Attendance of Trainers

- (1) Each Club shall ensure that at least one trainer or physiotherapist is present at the ground throughout all matches of the Club's teams.
- (2) No trainer or physiotherapist shall enter the field of play except with the permission of the Referee and for the purpose of attending an injured player.

22. Unauthorised Matches and Tours

- (1) No Club, team or players from any Club shall take part in any match whether in the State of South Australia or elsewhere other than in competitions organised by the FFSA unless the Club has first obtained the permission of the CEO in writing.
- (2) No Club or team or players from any Club shall take part in any pre-season trial or practice match against another club unless:
 - (a) all players taking part in the match are registered with the Club for which they play or are on trial with that club with the written permission of the club with which they are registered,
 - (b) the match is played under and in accordance with the Laws of the Game and the FFSA Rules, & Regulations and related policy guidelines and under the control of a registered Referee,
 - (c) each club taking part in the match prepares a detailed team sheet and submits to the match officials at least 30 minutes prior to kick off in accordance with clause 35, and
 - (d) the team sheets are completed by the Referee and forwarded to the FFSA within 48 hours of the end of the match.
- (3) Any player who plays in an unauthorised match or in any match which contravenes paragraph (a) of sub-Clause (2) shall be suspended for such period as the Disciplinary Committee may determine and shall not be eligible for any accident insurance benefits.
- (4) If any team or player plays in an unauthorised match or in any match which contravenes sub-Clause (2), the Club to which the team or player belongs shall be liable to such penalty as the Disciplinary Committee may determine.

23. Match Results - Inducements

No Club or official, player or member of any Club shall give or receive, or attempt to give or receive, any inducement to or from any person to wrongfully affect or influence the result of any match. Any Club who breaches this match rule shall be subject to a Level 1 fine minimum or as determined by the FFSA.

24. Match Result - Protests

- (1) Any protest against the result of a match shall be in writing and shall be delivered to the FFSA during normal business hours on the Monday following the weekend games. Where a game is played mid-week the protest shall be submitted within 24 hours of the end of the match to which the protest relates.
- (2) The Club making the protest shall deliver a copy of the protest on the opposing Club within 48 hours of the end of the match to which the protest relates.
- (3) No protest may be made with regard to a decision of a Referee. The decision of the Referee is a decision of fact. No admitted or proved error can lead to the questioning of the result of the match which remains confirmed.

- (4) Protests shall be heard and determined by the FFSA Board or such Committee or person as the FFSA Board may appoint.

25. Abandoned Matches

- (1) If any fixture is abandoned or terminated before the completion of the time specified in the Laws of the Game for any reason whatsoever, the Clubs whose teams took part in the fixture shall within 48 hours submit a full report in writing to the Competition Administrator.
- (2) The FFSA shall have discretionary power to allow the result of an abandoned match to stand as long as at least 75% of the game has been completed.
- (3) If a match is abandoned, all match officials are entitled to receive 100% of their normal match fee.

26. Disturbances

- (1) If any match is abandoned or terminated before the completion of the time specified in the Laws of the Game because of a disturbance involving players, officials or spectators, the case shall be referred to the FFSA or such committee or person as it may appoint for determination.
- (2) The home Club shall be responsible for taking all possible measures to ensure the orderly behaviour of the crowd and the safety of the Referees, players and the officials of the participating teams
- (3) All Clubs and affiliated associations shall be responsible for the behaviour of their players, members and supporters whether at their home ground, at their opponent's ground or at a neutral ground.
- (4) (a) If at any game, a club official or a spectator:
 - (i) uses abusive, threatening or insulting language,
 - (ii) interferes with the referee in any way, or
 - (iii) enters the field of play,

the referee may :

- (i) stop the game,
 - (ii) confer with the officials of the teams participating in the game, and
 - (iii) require the exclusion of the official or spectator from the ground before re-starting the game.
 - (b) If the official or spectator fails or refuses to leave the ground, the referee may abandon or terminate the game.
- (5) Where a match is abandoned or terminated under this rule or the Referee stops a game under this rule, the Referee shall include details of the matter in his match report.

27. Walk Offs

No Club shall walk off, or refuse to allow play to continue for the full duration of the time specified in the Laws of the Game.

28. Abandoned Matches and Walk offs - Penalties

If any match is abandoned or terminated before the completion of the time specified in the Laws of the Game because of a disturbance involving players, officials or spectators for which a Club is responsible or because a team of a Club walks-off or refuses to allow play to continue:

- (1) Any points allocated for the match shall be forfeited to the Club's opponent which shall be deemed to have won the match by a score of three goals to nil,
- (2) The Club and the players and officials of the Club shall be deemed guilty of serious misconduct and shall be liable to such further penalty as the FFSA or the committee it appoints to hear the matter may determine.

29. Match Officials

- (1). The Football Federation SA shall establish a Referee Appointments Committee that is responsible for appointing all match officials in that competition.. The appointments committee shall allocate suitably qualified match officials to FFSA Sanctioned games as available.
- (2). All requests for match officials by clubs shall be made to the Competition Administrator at least 5 days prior to a competition.
- (3). Payment conditions and any inconvenience fees related to standard matches, postponed or abandoned matches) for match officials shall be approved by the Football Federation SA prior to the commencement of each season. A detailed copy of the seasons match fees, method of payment shall be distributed to all relevant clubs and officials prior to the commencement of the season or related competition.
- (4). The home or hosting club shall make agreed payments to all match officials in the referee dressing room no later than 30 minutes prior to the scheduled commencement of each game, or with alternative arrangements as approved by the Competition Administrator, Failure to do so will result in disciplinary action against the club or team. A level 1 fine will apply.
- (5). The FFSA may support interstate exchange programs for match officials, as recommended by the FFSA and or the Referees Standing Committee.
- (6). Nominations of match officials for interstate competitions and fixtures shall be made to the FFSA, and or the FFSA Referee Standing Committee, except for appointments made by the FFA.
- (7). In the absence of an appointed referee for all Senior, Reserve, Under 19 & Under 17 competitive league, cup or finals matches in the Senior Men' League and Junior Premier League the match shall be abandoned. Refer to other specific competition guidelines for additional details.

COMPETITIONS.

30. Competitions

- (1) The FFSA shall organise and all Clubs and affiliated associations are required by the FFSA shall take part in league competitions and such other special competitions as the FFSA may determine from time to time.
- (2) No player shall play for more than one Club in any competition, except that a player whose registration is transferred in accordance with the FFA National Registration Regulations these may play for more than one Club in a league competition.
- (3) No player whose registration is transferred during the continuance of a league competition shall play in a semi-final or final of the competition unless he played or was named as a reserve on the team sheet of the team in question and was present and available to play for the Club to which his registration was transferred in at least one match in an earlier round in the competition.

31. Competitions- Leagues

- (1) In each season, the FFSA shall conduct such competitions including Men's, Women's & Junior Competitions both Amateur and Professional status based on nominations received.
- (2) Until otherwise determined by the FFSA under clause 48: Senior Men's Competitions shall consist of;
 - (a) A Super League shall consist of ten (10) Clubs, and
 - (b) A Premier League shall consist of ten (10) Clubs, and
 - (c) A State League shall consist of up to ten (10) Clubs
 - (d) Any other related competitions.
- (3) The FFSA may from time to time seek and consider applications for admission to the Elite Level Senior Men's Competition the State League from any clubs not currently participating in FFSA Competitions.

32. Fixtures & Match Forfeits

- (1) The FFSA shall prepare and publish lists of fixtures for the various games and tournaments that are organised by the FFSA.
- (2) All matches in any competition shall be played on the dates and at the times fixed in the FFSA's official list of fixtures unless abandoned or postponed by the match official in accordance with the Laws of the Game. The Football Federation SA has the authority to change dates and times of scheduled matches by giving reasonable notice to cater for International Matches, State Team Matches, Sponsorship & Marketing purposes, venue unavailability or any other reason.
- (3) Any Club whose team or teams fail to play or complete any league or cup match on the date and at the time fixed by the FFSA, shall:
 - (a) be deemed to be guilty of serious misconduct and any points allocated for the match shall be forfeited to the Club's opponent which shall be deemed to have won the match by a score of three goals to nil,
 - (b) be fined the prescribed amount, and

- (c) be liable to such further punishment as the FFSA or the committee it appoints to hear the matter may determine.
- (4) In this Clause, "the prescribed amount" means -
 - (a) In respect of a Super, Premier & State League Senior Teams a minimum **level 4 fine**,
 - (b) in respect of any other team as determined by the FFSA

33. Announcement of Teams

Each Club shall announce, make available for publication, and notify the FFSA of, their Senior and reserve team squads for each match on Thursday evenings or as directed by the FFSA

Penalty Level 1 Fine

34. Notification of Results

Unless the FFSA directs otherwise, the home Club shall report the result of each match to the FFSA by telephone, facsimile transmission or via an email not later than 30 minutes after the end of the match. Any Club who breaches this ruling shall be subject to a **Level 1 fine**.

35. Team Sheets & Match Reports

- (1) Before the start of any match, each Club shall hand to the Referee a completed team sheet containing the correct names and initials in block letters, the registered numbers and shirt numbers of the club's players taking part in the match, the club's nominated substitutes for the match and the names of the club coach, manager and ground stewards. No game is to commence prior to the Referee receiving the team sheets from both teams.
Penalty: Level 2 fine.
- (2) A Club shall not play in any match a player who is not named on the team sheet for the match. If a player is not named on the team sheet and plays in the game, the team will be issued with a Level 2 fine.
- (3) The Referee shall enter the relevant information on the team sheets and dispatch them to the Competition Administrator on the Monday following the weekend games. Where a game is played mid-week the match sheets shall be submitted within 24 hours of the end of the match to which the team sheets relate. At the completion of each match, an official from each competing Club shall attend the Referee's room and shall:
 - (a) record on the team sheet any injuries to players of his Club,
 - (b) note any cautions or send off of players of their Club,
 - (c) receive any reports of players of his Club, and
 - (d) initial the team sheet.
- (4) The post mark on the envelope containing the team sheet shall be taken as proof of the time of dispatch.

- (5) Players may not be entitled to accident insurance benefits if their injuries are not noted on the team sheet.
- (6) Team Sheets and any related match reports from match officials, or clubs shall be submitted to the FFSA within 48 hours of the completion of the match. Fines and or disciplinary action may be imposed as determined by the FFSA Competition Administrator for late submission.

36. Balls

- (1) Before the start of each match in all competitions, or any other competition organised and sanctioned by the FFSA, the home team shall present to the Referee at least two balls of a type and brand approved by the FFSA from time to time. In the Senior Men's League competition a FIFA approved match ball shall be used for all matches.
- (2) The Referee shall select one of the balls for use in the match.
- (3) The ball selected by the Referee shall be used during the entire match unless it is lost, is not returned promptly after being kicked out of touch or becomes unfit for play.
- (4) The home team shall keep the second ball presented to the Referee before the match at the substitute bench and shall supply it to the Referee immediately upon request by him.
- (5) Any club that breaches the balls rules shall be subject to a level 2 fine or as determined by the FFSA.

37. Players Bleeding (Refer to the FIFA Laws of the Game)

If a player on the field of play is bleeding or has blood on his body or clothing the referee shall order the player to leave the field of play until the bleeding has stopped and any blood on the player's body or clothing has been removed.

38. Substitution of Players

Unless the rules, regulations and or FFSA policies and guidelines relating to a particular competition otherwise provide:

- (1) A team may only use in a match, substitutes named on the team sheet.
- (2) Clubs shall not nominate more than five substitutes on their team sheets.
- (3) No team shall use more than three substitutes in any league match. (Unless specified in cup rules or competition guidelines allowing for any additional substitutions)

Penalty: Level 2 fine.

39. Interchange of Players

The rules, regulations and/or related policies and guidelines relating to a competition may permit the interchange of players where:

- (a) the players playing in the competition are junior players, or players participating in a masters/social competition or out of season trial games or events. In all cases refer to the FFSA Rules, Regulations or related guidelines for that competition or event.

40. Interchange procedure

In matches in which interchange is used, the following provisions shall apply:

- (a) An "interchange zone" shall be marked on the touch-line on one side of the field of play.
- (b) The interchange zone shall extend for one metre on either side of the halfway line and shall be marked by lines at right angles to the touch line off the field of play.
- (c) A team may only use an interchange player who is named on the team's team sheet.
- (d) A player nominated as an interchange player shall be subject to the authority and jurisdiction of the referee whether called upon to play or not,
- (e) An interchange may only be made at a stoppage of play and with the permission of the referee...
- (f) When making an interchange, the following conditions shall be observed:
 - (i) the player leaving the field shall do so by crossing over the interchange zone,
 - (ii) the player entering the field ("the interchange player") shall not enter the field until the player leaving the field has passed completely over the interchange zone,
 - (iii) the interchange player shall enter the field by crossing over the interchange zone,
 - (iv) when the interchange is complete, the interchange player becomes a player and the player who was replaced ceases to be a player
- (g) The number of interchanges that may be made during a match is unlimited; a player who has been replaced may return to the field by being interchanged for another player.
- (h) The referee shall caution any player who:
 - (i) enters the field of play as an interchange player before the player being replaced has completely left the field, and
 - (ii) leaves or enters the field from a place other than the interchange zone.

41. Gate Takings

- (1) Where appropriate the FFSA shall fix the maximum admission charges and charges for season tickets for all competition matches conducted by the FFSA.
- (2)
 - (a) The gate takings of any day on which a semi-final or final match of a cup or other special competition is played firstly, in payment of the FFSA's match expenses and, secondly, in such manner as the FFSA may determine from time to time.
 - (b) The match expenses include:
 - (i) Referees' fees,
 - (ii) rental of the ground, and
 - (iii) any other expenses approved by the FFSA.
 - (c) Unless otherwise determined by the FFSA, payment shall be made within 7 days of the conclusion of the competition.

- (3) If no entrance fee is charged or if the gate takings are not sufficient to pay all the FFSA's match expenses, the participating Clubs shall pay the match expenses or the deficiency, as the case may be, in such manner as the FFSA may determine.
- (4) The rental charge shall be the prescribed amount.
- (5) The FFSA may fix the maximum admission charges and charges for season tickets for all matches of teams in each division in competitions conducted by the FFSA at all grounds.

42. Prize Money

- (1) The FFSA may allocate prize money for Cup and other competitions based on funds available from sponsorship.
- (2) The FFSA shall announce the amount of the prize money for Cup and other competitions before the commencement of the competition.
- (3) Prize money shall be presented within 2 months of the conclusion of the competition for which it is awarded.
- (4) Every Club which wins a prize shall be represented at the presentation by any one of its officials President, Chairman, Vice-Chairman or Secretary.
- (5) If a Club is not represented at the presentation, the FFSA may withhold payment of the prize money until the Club has appeared before the FFSA to explain its reason for its non-appearance at the presentation.
- (6) Prize money may be paid by crediting the money or any part of the money against any money due to the FFSA by the Club.
- (7) Prize money shall only be presented to clubs who have been deemed financial with the FFSA for that period.

43. League Points

- (1) Subject to sub-clause (2), in competitions conducted on a league points basis, the number of points awarded to the teams shall be:
 - (a) for a win - three points,
 - (b) for a draw - one point, and
 - (c) for a loss - no points.
- (2) The FFSA may provide in the rules, regulations or related policies and guidelines for any particular competition the manner in which points will be awarded in the competition.
- (3) Where two or more teams have the same number of points, the team with the better goal difference shall hold the higher position.

44. Goal difference

- (1) Goal difference shall be determined by subtracting the number of goals scored against a team in the competition from the number of goals scored by the team in the competition.
- (2) Where two or more teams have the same number of points:
 - (a) the team with the HIGHER positive goal difference shall be deemed to have the better goal difference,
 - (b) the team with a positive goal difference shall be deemed to have a better goal difference than a team with a negative goal difference,
 - (c) the team with the LOWER negative goal difference shall be deemed to be the better goal difference,
 - (d) where goal differences are the same, the team which scored the greater number of goals shall be deemed to have the better goal difference,
 - (e) where goal differences are equal and the teams scored the same number of goals, their positions shall be determined by lot Provided that where the position of the teams may affect qualification for finals or promotion or relegation, the FFSA may direct the teams to play off on a neutral ground to decide which of the teams will be placed in the higher position.

45. Postponed Matches

- (1) If a match is postponed because of the weather or any other cause over which the Clubs have no control or the teams are ordered to re-play a match, the match shall, if practicable, be played within 14 days of the date of the original fixture.
- (2) The match shall be played at a time and place agreed between the Clubs with the approval of the Competition Administrator.
- (3) If the Clubs do not agree within 48 hours of the starting time of the original fixture, the Competition Administrator may,
 - (a) direct that the match be played at a time and place fixed by the CA or
 - (b) cancel the match and give any directions he may think fit with regard to the result of the match and the allocation of points for the match.
- (4) If a match is postponed prior to it being commenced, all match officials are entitled to receive an inconvenience fee of 50% of their normal match fee. This fee is only to be paid if the match officials were present at the ground when the match was postponed.

46. Inability to Field Teams

- (1) If a Club is unable to field a team because of illness or any other reason beyond its control:
 - (a) the Club may apply to the Competition administrator for approval for the postponement of the match, and
 - (b) if the Competition Administrator approves the postponement of the match, the match shall be played at a time and place fixed in the manner provided in the preceding rule.
- (2) If a Club does not field a team except because of illness or any other reason beyond its control:
 - (a) the competition administrator shall refer the matter to the Disciplinary Committee,

- (b) the Committee shall determine:
 - (i) whether any compensation shall be paid by the Club which did not field a team to the opposing Club, and
 - (ii) if it decides that compensation shall be paid, shall fix the amount of such compensation, and
- (c) if the Committee decides that compensation shall be paid, the Club which did not field a team shall pay the amount of compensation fixed by the Committee to the opposing Club in the manner and at the time directed by the Committee.

47. Casual Vacancies in Competitions

The FFSA may fill any casual vacancy in any competition in such manner as it thinks fit.

PROMOTION, RELEGATION AND ADMISSION OF CLUBS

48. League Competitions

- (1) The FFSA shall determine the number of teams to play in each competition in any particular season.

49. Number of teams to be Promoted and Relegated

- (1) The FFSA shall determine the manner and the number of teams to be promoted and relegated for any particular season.
- (2) Where no determination is made under this clause, two teams shall be promoted to the Super League, and two teams shall be relegated from the Super League. Two teams may be promoted from the State League and two teams shall be relegated from the Premier League.

50. Qualification for Promotion and Relegation

- (1) When a team or teams are to be relegated from a division, the team or teams which were lowest in the league table of that division in the previous season shall be relegated.
- (2) When a team or teams are to be promoted to a higher league, the team or teams which were highest in the next lowest League in the previous season shall be eligible for promotion to the next highest League subject to the provisions of clause 51.
- (3) Where the number of Clubs eligible to play in the State League in any season is less than the number determined under the preceding Clauses, the FFSA shall invite applications for admission into the State League from such Football clubs or bodies as it may think fit.
- (4) If the FFSA determines not to admit to the State League and the number of teams necessary to make up the number determined under the preceding Clauses, the FFSA may reduce the number of teams in the State League in the relevant season.
Refer to the Final 5 Series for specific details on Promotion to a higher division.

51. Admission to Competitions organised or sanctioned by FFSA

- (1) Admission to any competition organised or sanctioned by FFSA shall be by annual application to the FFSA which shall determine whether to admit the applicant to its competitions or to refuse the application. (See also clause 52.)

- (2) Applications under this Clause shall be made before the 31st day of October, or any date determined by the FFSA, preceding the season to which the application relates.
- (3) In considering whether an applicant should be admitted, the FFSA may take into account :
 - (a) any recommendation or submission that may be made by the relevant Standing Committee,
 - (b) whether the applicant has a ground which provides the facilities required for the relevant competition clauses 12 to 14.
 - (c) the location of the applicant's ground and its proximity to the grounds of other Clubs,
 - (d) whether the applicant was financial at the 31st October in the current year,
 - (e) whether the applicant has Senior, reserves, under 19, Youth and Junior teams,
 - (f) whether the applicant forfeited any fixtures of its Senior, reserves, under 19 or Youth teams in the preceding two years, except under unavoidable circumstances,
 - (g) whether there were any disturbances at any of the club's fixtures in the preceding two years for which the applicant was responsible whether because of lack of supervision or otherwise,
 - (h) whether the applicant has a team name, uniform and logo that are clearly different and distinctive from the existing member Clubs and that comply with the rules and Clauses and if it is willing to change any part of its name, uniform and logo which is not clearly different and distinctive from the existing member Clubs or that does not comply with the rules and Clauses, and
 - (i) any other matters that the FFSA considers relevant.
- (4) The FFSA may decide to admit an applicant upon or subject to any terms or conditions it may think fit.

52. Admission of New Clubs

- (1) The FFSA may admit any new applicant club on any terms and conditions that the FFSA sees fit and may refuse any application in its absolute discretion.
- (2) The FFSA may inform itself about any applicant in any manner it sees fit and may request any person to appear before it to give information about the applicant.
- (3) When considering the application for a new club, the FFSA shall take into account the matters set out in clause 51 and any other matters that it may consider relevant.

REGISTRATION

PART 1 - REGISTRATION OF CLUBS, MANAGERS, TRAINERS AND COACHES

53. Definitions

In this Section, unless there is something in the subject or context inconsistent therewith or the context otherwise requires:-

"Association" means a Member Association or an Affiliated Association;

"club" means any club playing football in any competition organised or sanctioned by the FFSA or any affiliated association.

"present club" means the club with which a player is registered;

"former club" means the club with which a player was registered before his registration was transferred;

"new club" means the club to which either:

- (i) a player desires to transfer his registration, or
- (ii) a player's registration has been transferred.

54. Register of Clubs

The FFSA shall keep and maintain a register of clubs and affiliated associations.

55. Annual returns

- (1) Each Club and affiliated association shall execute and deliver to the FFSA together with its annual application for registration the following:
 - (a) a declaration form
 - (b) an annual return, and
 - (c) a copy of the club's or affiliated association audited profit and loss account and balance sheet for the club's previous financial year.
- (2) The registration of any Club or affiliated association which does not comply with this Clause on or before the 31st day of October in any year may be suspended.
- (3) Club and affiliated association declaration forms and annual returns shall be in the form prescribed by the FFSA from time to time.

56. Register of Managers, Coaches, Doctors, Physiotherapists and Trainers –

- (1) The FFSA shall keep and maintain a register of all managers, coaches, trainers, doctors and physiotherapists employed or engaged by Clubs participating in the Super League, Premier League, State League and any other division or competitions as determined by the FFSA..
- (2) No manager, coach, trainer or physiotherapist shall act as manager, coach, trainer, doctor or physiotherapist at any match: Any Club who breaches this registration ruling shall be subject to a Level 3 fine.
 - (a) unless he is registered with the FFSA and has been issued with a certificate of registration, or
 - (b) if his registration is suspended or cancelled.
- (3) No club shall permit any person to coach or manage or act as trainer, doctor or physiotherapist for a team unless the person is registered in accordance with these Clauses.
- (4) No person shall occupy the team bench as a manager, coach, trainer, doctor or physiotherapist unless the person is registered in accordance with these Clauses.
- (5) Unless the FFSA shall otherwise determine, the registration of all managers, coaches, doctors, physiotherapists and trainers shall expire on the 30th November in each year. Any club that breaches these registration rules shall be subject to a **Level 3 fine**.

57. Registration of Managers and Coaches

An application for registration as a coach or manager by a club shall be made by delivering to the FFSA the following documents duly completed:

- (a) a Registration Form,

- (b) a police check as per the FFSA Security Clearance Policy.
- (c) in the case of a coach, a copy of the applicant's FFA Coaching qualification in accordance with the FFA National Coaching Accreditation Scheme (NCAS).

58. Registration of Trainers, Doctors and Physiotherapists

An application for registration as a trainer, doctor or Physiotherapist shall be made by delivering to the FFSA the following documents duly completed:

- (a) a Registration Form.
- (b) a police check as per the FFSA Security Clearance Policy.
- (c) a current Level 1 Sports Trainers Accreditation Certificate, Senior First Aid Certificate or a certificate of registration as a doctor or physiotherapist.

59. Coaches Registration Fee

- (1) All coaches shall pay the FFSA an annual registration fee to be fixed by the FFSA prior to the commencement of each season.
- (2) Unless the FFSA otherwise determines, managers, coaches, trainers, doctors and physiotherapists shall be registered each year and the registration of managers, coaches, trainers, doctors and physiotherapists shall expire on the 30th day of November in each year.

60. Unregistered Managers, Coaches, Trainers, Doctors and Physiotherapists

- (1) All Clubs, managers, coaches, trainers, doctors and physiotherapists shall comply with the provisions of Clauses 57 to 59 inclusive.

Penalty: Level 1 fine.

- (2)
 - (a) The Competition Administrator shall refer any contravention of these Clauses which he/she considers deliberate and serious or any second, subsequent or continued contravention of these Clauses by the same Club or person to the Disciplinary Committee for its consideration.
 - (b) Where the Disciplinary Committee finds that the contravention was deliberate and serious or that the contraventions were repeated or continued deliberately or negligently it may impose a **penalty not exceeding a level 4 fine.**

61. Change in Registered information

If any change occurs in the information registered with the FFSA under this Section, the Club or person to whom the information relates shall notify the FFSA of the change within 72 hours of the change occurring.

PART 2 - REGISTRATION AND TRANSFER OF PLAYERS

62. Register of Players

- (1) The FFSA shall keep and maintain a register of all players (including amateur, professional, woman, junior and indoor Football or Futsal players and players who play in competitions conducted by the FFSA, or any club or Affiliated Association and shall record on the register the name, age and status of each player and the Association and club with which the player is registered to play.

63. Registration Procedure

- (1) Both the FFSA and participating clubs shall abide by the FFA National Registration Regulations and related FFA statutes.
- (2) For all player registrations, clubs must lodge a signed prescribed form with the Competition Administrator during business hours and at least 48 hours prior to the any scheduled match.
- (3) The registration of an amateur player wishing to participate in the senior men's league competitions shall not be accepted after the 30th of June for that season.
- (4) The registration of a professional player shall be in the 12 week period prior to the commencement of the season, and from the 1st to 30th June for that season.
- (5) Players shall not register with a new club unless their financial obligations with their previous clubs have been met. Clubs that determine that a player is unfinancial must notify the Football Federation SA in writing.
- (6) Professionally contracted players shall not play or train with another club without the written approval of both clubs.

Refer to FFA National Registration Regulations**64. Unregistered, Ineligible and Suspended Players**

- (1) No player shall play in any competition conducted by the FFSA or any Affiliated Association or in any match authorised by the FFSA or any Affiliated Associations unless he/she is registered with the FFSA and he/she has been issued with a registration number by the FFSA.
- (2) If, in any match, a club plays an unregistered, ineligible or suspended player, a player who is not registered with it or a player who is ineligible or suspended for a particular match or period, or a player whose registration has been suspended:
 - (a) the club shall forfeit the match to its opponent which shall be deemed to have won the match by a score of three goals to nil,
 - (b) if the match was played in a league competition, any points that were awarded to the club that played an unregistered, ineligible or suspended player will be deducted and the forfeit result will be applied.
 - (c) the club shall be fined the prescribed amount for each unregistered, ineligible or suspended player who played in the match, and
 - (d) if the player is a registered player, the FFSA may suspend or cancel the player's registration.
- (3) In this Clause, "the prescribed amount" means -
 - (a) in respect of a senior team, a level 2 fine, and
 - (b) in respect of other teams as determined by the FFSA..

65. Ring-Ins (Playing players under assumed or false names)

- (1) If a club knowingly or willingly plays a player in any match under a false or assumed name:
 - (a) the Club shall be deemed guilty of serious misconduct,
 - (b) the Club shall forfeit the match to its opponent which shall be deemed to have won the match by a score of three goals to nil,
 - (c) if the match was played in a league competition, the points awarded to the Club in the competition shall be reduced by the number of points awarded for a win in the competition, and
 - (d) the Club shall be liable to such further penalty as the FFSA, or the committee it appoints to hear the matter, may determine.
- (2) The player and any club official or member who knowingly or willingly authorised a player to play in a match under a false or assumed name shall be liable to such penalty as the FFSA or the committee it appoints to hear the matter, may determine.

66. Visa Players and Guest Players

- (1) Professional Visa Players permissible -a maximum of three (3) Visa Players per club who hold one of the following visa or work permits and submitted to the Competition Administrator within the registration period. Business Visa (Long Stay/Work Permitted)
- (2) Amateur Visa Players permissible –unlimited number of Players per Club who hold one of the following visas: Temporary Holiday Visa (no Work) Student Visa (no Work)

Refer to FFA National Registration Regulations No 5 annexed.

67. Registers Prima Facie Evidence

Entry on a register maintained by the FFSA shall be prima facie evidence of the facts and matters contained therein.

PART 3 - STATUS OF PLAYERS –AMATEUR & PROFESSIONAL

68. Status of Players

As per the FFA National Registration Regulations

- (1) A Player participating in football is either an Amateur or a Professional.
- (2) A Professional is a Player who has a written contract with a Club, under which he or she is paid to play football for that Club.
- (3) An Amateur is any player that is not a professional.
- (4) A Club may pay or reimburse a Player any expenses incurred by that Player without affecting the amateur status, including for travel, kit, equipment or insurance premiums. If however, an Amateur is paid or reimbursed more than \$100 a week by a Club, the onus is on that Club to satisfy the Competition Administrator that the amount paid accurately reflects the expenses incurred by that Amateur. If the Club fails to satisfy this onus, that player will be deemed to be a Professional.

A Player may only be registered with one club at any one time in line with the FFA National Registration Regulations (NRR) and FIFA.

69. Juniors

Refer to FFA National Registration Regulations 3.2 for age restrictions.

- (1) A junior player is a player who is under the age of 16 years on the 1st day of January in the playing year.
- (2)
 - (a) Junior players who are amateurs shall be registered each year,
 - (b) The registration of junior players who are amateurs expires on at midnight on the day of last league match in each year.
- (3) A junior player may play in any junior or senior team of his Club.
- (4)
 - (a) The registration form of a junior player must be endorsed with the signed consent of a parent or guardian of the player.
 - (b) A recent passport sized photograph (4 cm. x 3 cm.) of the player shall be delivered to the FFSA with the player's first registration form and every second year thereafter or at such other intervals as the Junior Football Standing Committee may determine.
- (5) No player under the statutory school leaving age may sign a professional player's contract. (refer to FFA National Registration Regulations 3.2(b))
- (6) A transfer certificate is not required for the transfer of a player who is under the age of 14 years.
- (7) Refer to Clause 102 for rules specific to the FFSA Junior Premier League

70. Intensive Training Centre South Australian Sport Institute (SASI) Squad

The South Australian Sports Institute (SASI) shall be deemed a representative team for registration purposes and may enter team/s into the competitions following approval by the Competition Administrator. Players shall be registered in accordance with FFA National Registration Regulations and local competition guidelines.

71. Permission to Interview

Refer to FFA National Registration Regulations annexed hereto

72. Offers to Players

Refer to FFA National Registration Regulations annexed hereto

73. New contracts with Professionals

Refer to FFA National Registration Regulations Annexed hereto

74. Compensation, Training Fees and Solidarity Contribution

Refer to item 10 of FFA National Registration Regulations annexed hereto.

DISCIPLINARY PROVISIONS

- 75.** Refer to FFA National Disciplinary Regulations Annexed hereto. & the FFSA Competition Operating Guidelines.
- (1) The Competition Administrator shall inform the player's club when a player is suspended under this clause.
 - (2) Each Club should keep a record of their players' cautions to ensure that it does not play a suspended player.
- 76 Suspensions**
Refer to FFA National Disciplinary Regulations Annexed hereto & the FFSA Competition Operating Guidelines.
- 77 Identity of Offender**
If the Disciplinary Committee or the Disciplinary Appeals Committee is satisfied that a report or complaint does not correctly identify the offender, the Committee or the Committee may:
- (a) direct that no penalty be imposed or no cautions be recorded against the person named in the report or complaint, and
 - (b) if the identity of the offender is established, impose on the offender the penalty that would have been imposed if he had been correctly identified and reported.
- 78 Disciplinary Committee**
The Disciplinary Committee shall inquire into, hear and determine and where appropriate impose penalties in respect of:
- (a) any report, charge or matter referred to the Disciplinary Committee under or pursuant to the rules, Clauses or by-laws
 - (b) any report or charge made by a Referee against a player or registered official of a Club or player or official of an Affiliated Association on the following grounds :-
 - (i) assaulting or attempting to assault a Referee,
 - (ii) using abusive, threatening, indecent or insulting language towards a Referee,
 - (iii) misconduct towards a Referee, or
 - (iv) acting in any way which is harmful to or derogatory of a Referee, or
 - (c) any other report, charge or matter referred to the Disciplinary Committee by the FFSA.
- 79 . Procedure at Hearings (Refer to FFA Grievance Resolution Regulations)**
- (1) If a player or official does not appear before the Disciplinary Committee at the time and place appointed for the hearing, the Disciplinary Committee may -
 - (a) determine report, charge or matter in the absence of the person, or
 - (b) adjourn the hearing of the report, charge or matter, in which case, the player or official shall be suspended until he appears before the Disciplinary Committee and the report, charge or matter is heard and determined.
 - (2) Subject to sub-clause (3), the Referee who reported a person –

- (a) shall, if so required, attend and give evidence at the hearing of the report,
 - (b) may call witnesses to give evidence in respect of the report, and
 - (c) may question all witnesses who give evidence at the hearing.
- (3) (a) At the hearing of a report, charge or matter, any player, member of a Club or a Club may be represented by a member of the executive committee of the Club and a Referee may be represented by a nominated person/s which may include a member of the executive committee of the referee group and or relevant standing committee or any other person.
- (b) Where a player, member of a Club, Club or a Referee is represented under paragraph
- (a) The calling and questioning of witnesses shall be done by the committee member on behalf of the person charged or the Referee (as the case may be).

80. Appeals from Disciplinary Committee

An appeal against any decision of the Disciplinary Committee may be made in accordance with FFA Grievance Resolution Regulations annexed hereto.

CONTRAVENTION OF RULES AND PENALTIES

81. Reports of Contravention of Rules and Regulations

- (1) Match officials, registered Club officials and prescribed officials of the FFSA shall report in writing to the Competition Administrator any contravention of any rule or regulation which they observe or at which they are present on the Monday following the weekend games. Where a game is played mid-week the report shall be submitted within 24 hours of the end of the match to which the contravention relates.
- (2) Any Club or person affected by any contravention of any rule or regulation may report the contravention to the Competition Administrator on the Monday following the weekend games. Where a game is played mid-week the report shall be submitted within 24 hours of the end of the match to which the contravention relates.
- (3) If the Competition Administrator observes any contravention of any rule or regulation or is present when any such contravention occurs, they may prepare a report on the contravention and act on that report as if it was a report lodged under sub-rule (1).
- (4) The Football Federation SA may at any time in their discretion extend the time limits specified in sub-rules (1) and (2).
- (5) In this rule:
"match officials" means the Referees, Referees inspectors and match stewards;
"registered Club officials" means the persons registered under the rules and regulations as being officers of the Club
"prescribed officials of the FFSA" means the Board members and the administrative officers of the FFSA and such other persons as the Board may from time to time appoint.

82. Action on reports

Subject to the following rule, Competition Administrator shall refer reports lodged with them under the preceding rule to the appropriate tribunal for determination Provided that before referring a report to the appropriate tribunal, the Competition Administrator may, in their discretion, investigate, or direct an officer of the FFSA to investigate, the alleged contravention and upon the completion of the investigation the Competition Administrator shall either -

- (a) refer the report to the appropriate tribunal for determination, or
- (b) recommend to the FFSA that the report be dismissed if the Competition Administrator is not satisfied that a contravention of the rules or regulations can be proved or that any contravention that can be proved warrants the imposition of a penalty.

Where any penalty is specified at the foot of any rule, regulation or by-law or any part thereof, any contravention of the rule, regulation or by-law or part thereof shall be punishable by the penalty so specified.

83. Scale of Penalties

Unless a contrary intention is indicated, in any rule, regulation or related policy guidelines in which an expression in the left hand column below appears, that expression has the meaning appearing opposite it in the right hand column:

Level 1 fine	A fine not exceeding \$100.00 for the first offence and not exceeding \$200.00 for a second offence within 12 months.
Level 2 fine	A fine not exceeding \$250 for a first offence and a fine not exceeding \$500 for a second offence within 12 months.
Level 3 fine	A fine not exceeding \$500 and \$1,000 for the second offence within 12 months.
Level 4 fine	A fine of \$1,000.
Level 5 fine	A fine of \$5,000

Appeal/protest of a an appeal fee of \$250 shall apply.

Disciplinary Committee Decision

Refer to the FFSA Competition Operating Guidelines for additional fines for Minor & Serious Infringements

84 Aiding, Abetting and Attempts

- (1) A person who aids, abets, counsels or procures, or by any act or omission is in any way directly or indirectly concerned in or a party to, any contravention of any rule or regulation shall be taken to have committed the contravention and shall be liable for the penalty for the contravention.
- (2) Any person who attempts to contravene any rule or regulation shall be punishable as if the attempted contravention had occurred.

85 Contravention by Clubs and their officers

- (1) If a Club or Association contravenes a rule or regulation each officer of the Club or Association shall be taken to have contravened the rule or regulation and shall be liable for the penalty for the contravention if he knowingly authorised or permitted the contravention.

- (2) If an officer or member of a Club or Association contravenes a rule or regulation the Club or Association shall be taken to have contravened the rule or regulation and shall be liable for the penalty for the contravention if it authorised or permitted the contravention.

86. Offences

- (1) No club, Affiliated Association, life member, officer, player, Referee or official of:
 - (a) the FFSA,
 - (b) any club or Affiliated Association, or
 - (c) any member of any member or Affiliated Association shall:
 - (i) fail, refuse or neglect to observe and comply with the rules, regulations and by-laws or any directions of the FFSA,
 - (ii) use abusive, threatening or insulting language to, or interfere with, or assault any Referee, officer, life member, player, official or employee of the FFSA or of any club or Affiliated Association.
 - (iii) obtain or attempt to obtain admission to any Soccer stadium or ground without producing a proper entrance pass or paying the proper admission charge,
 - (iv) engage in any conduct which is, or in the opinion of the FFSA is:
 - (A) in contravention of the FFSA Code of Conduct,
 - (B) prejudicial to the welfare, spirit, image or the interests of the game of Football [Soccer] or the FFSA, or
 - (C) likely to bring the game or the FFSA into disrepute.
 - (v) make any public comment that is prejudicial to the welfare, spirit, image or the interests of the game of Football [Soccer] or the FFSA.
- (2) Any report or complaint under this Clause:
 - (a) may be made by any member or person who or which is or may be affected by the contravention, dispute or question or by the CEO.
 - (b) shall be heard and determined by the Disciplinary Committee.

87. Expulsion Disqualification and Suspension of Clubs

- (1) The FFSA will determine if a club should be expelled or disqualified from any competition or suspended. The CEO shall report the matter to the FFSA Board and recommend that the Club be expelled, disqualified from the competition or suspended (as the case may be).
- (2) Where any committee empowered to impose any penalty under the rules or the regulations is of the opinion that a Club should be expelled, disqualified from any competition or suspended:
 - (a) the committee shall report the matter to the FFSA and recommend that the Club be expelled, disqualified from the competition or suspended (as the case may be), and
 - (b) that the report and recommendation be submitted to the FFSA Board and that the FFSA Board have final discretionary power over the expulsion, disqualification or suspension of the club.
 - (c) If the FFSA Board resolves that the Club should not be expelled, disqualified or suspended the FFSA Board may -
 - (i) impose such other penalty on the Club as he/she deem fit; or

- (ii) refer the matter back to the Committee for it to impose such other penalty on the Club as it deems fit.
- (3) Where any matter is reported to the FFSA Board under this rule, the FFSA Board may -
 - (a) expel, disqualify or suspend the Club in accordance with the recommendation,
 - (b) impose any other penalty on the Club or
 - (c) resolve that the Club should not be expelled, disqualified or suspended and refer the matter back to the CA or committee for it to impose such other penalty on the Club as they deem fit.

88. Penalties

- (1) Any Club or Affiliated Association which or any of whose officials, players or members contravenes any of the rules, regulations or related policy guidelines unless the particular rule, regulation or policy guidelines specifies a penalty, shall be liable to any one or more of the following:
 - (a) expulsion,
 - (b) disqualification from any competition,
 - (c) suspension,
 - (d) a fine of an amount not exceeding the prescribed amount,
 - (e) a reprimand,
 - (f) the deduction of premiership points, and
 - (g) the refusal of registration or cancellation of its registration.
- (2) Any person who contravenes any of the rules, regulations or related policy guidelines unless the particular rule, regulation or related policy guidelines specifies a penalty, shall be liable to any one or more of the following:
 - (a) expulsion, if he is a member,
 - (b) disqualification from any competition,
 - (c) suspension,
 - (d) a fine of an amount not exceeding the prescribed amount,
 - (e) a reprimand, and
 - (f) the refusal of registration or cancellation of his registration.
- (3) Any natural person, other than a player, who is suspended shall be refused admission to the grounds of the FFSA and of all Clubs and Affiliated Associations for the term of his suspension.

89. Bonds

- (1) In addition to or in lieu of any penalty which may be imposed under the rules, regulations or by-laws in respect of any contravention of the rules, regulations or related policy guidelines or the Laws of the Game, any Club or person found to have committed the contravention may be required to enter into a bond in an amount not exceeding the prescribed amount.
- (2) The bond shall be for such period, in such form and contain such terms and conditions as may be decided by the tribunal that requires the bond.

90. Hearing and Grievance Resolution

Refer to FFA Grievance Resolution Regulations annexed hereto

91. Powers of Tribunals

Every tribunal shall have power to:

- (a) summon any person to appear and give evidence at the hearing of a complaint/ appeal,
- (b) admit or reject any evidence given or tendered at the hearing of a complaint or appeal,
- (c) adjourn the hearing of a complaint or appeal from time to time as may be convenient,
- (d) dismiss any complaint as being trivial or as not having been proved or upon not finding the person charged guilty of the offence charged against him.
- (e) extend the time appointed by the rules, regulations or related policy guidelines for doing any act or taking any proceeding in any matter.
- (f) make any order, direction or decision on, or subject to, any terms and conditions the tribunal may think fit.
- (g) punish by way of censure, fine or suspension from playing or exercising any official function or by way of suspended penalty any player, official or member of the Federation or any Club or Affiliated Association who is found to have:
 - (i) knowingly and with intent to mislead made any false statement at the hearing of any complaint/appeal in respect of any matter material to that complaint/appeal, or
 - (ii) insulted or acted disrespectfully to the tribunal during the hearing of any complaint or appeal.

92. Constitution of Tribunals

Refer to FFA National Disciplinary Regulation and National Grievance Regulations Annexed hereto

93. State Team Officials

- (1) The FFSA shall appoint suitably qualified selectors, managers and coaches of State teams.
- (2) Unless the FFSA appoints any selector, manager or coach for a fixed period, selectors, managers and coaches shall hold office during the pleasure of the FFSA.
- (3) The selectors shall:
 - (a) Select all State teams and training squads and appoint the captains and vice-captains of State teams, and
 - (b) Report and make recommendations to the FFSA on:
 - (i) the appointment of managers, coaches and other officials of State teams,
 - (ii) the preparation, training and other matters concerning the State teams and squads, and the costs and expenses thereof.
- (4) The manager shall be responsible to the FFSA for:
 - (a) the implementation of any approved training programme,
 - (b) the preparation and conduct of State selection and training squads and of State teams.
- (5) Subject to the direction and control of the FFSA, the Junior Football Committee shall exercise the powers of the FFSA under this Clause with respect to junior State and junior representative teams.

94. Control of State teams

The coaches, players and officials of any State team or squad shall comply with the directions of the manager in all matters relating to the team or squad including directions concerning:

- (a) attendance at training and matches
- (b) attendance for, or in relation, to photographs, publicity, sponsorship and endorsements,
- (c) travel and accommodation, and
- (d) dress, behaviour and discipline.

95. National and State Representative Teams

- (1) Clubs shall release players selected to play in representative teams of Football Federation of Australia [FFA] and the FFSA or the State Federation for the State for which the player is eligible to play.
- (2) The player shall be released for a period that includes travelling time and time for training as set down by the body which selects the player.
- (3) This Clause applies to all representative teams of Football Federation of Australia [FFA] and not more than 6 State representative matches and 4 State friendly matches per calendar year.
- (4) If two or more players from any Club team are selected to play in a representative team, any match arranged for the Club team during the period that the players are released under this Clause shall be postponed until such time as the FFSA may determine.
- (5) A Club which releases a player under this Clause shall not be entitled to any financial or other compensation for the release of the player.
- (6) The body which selects a player shall -
 - (a) notify the player and his Club in writing of the selection of the player not less than 14 days before the date of the match for which the player is selected.
 - (b) pay the cost incurred by the player for travel as a result of his selection,
 - (c) pay the cost of insurance cover for the player against sickness and injury during the entire period of his release including insurance against injury sustained in training or in the match or matches for which he is released.
- (7) Players selected to play in representative teams shall not fail or refuse to play in the match or matches for which they are selected.
- (8) A player who is unable to play because of injury or illness shall if so required by the body which selected him, undergo a medical examination by a medical practitioner nominated by that body.
- (9)
 - (a) A player who is selected to play in a representative team shall not be eligible to play for his Club during the period for which he is, or should be, released under this Clause and, if the player fails, refuses or is unable to play in the match for any reason whatsoever, during the 5 days immediately after the end of that period.

(b) A Club which plays a player who is not eligible to play for it under this Clause shall be deemed to have played an unregistered player.

(10) Any Club which does not comply with this Clause shall be liable the penalties set out in the rules, regulations and/or related policy guidelines.

96. Enforcement of Rules

All Clubs and Affiliated Associations shall be bound by and shall observe these rules and regulations.

The Football Federation SA is responsible for the governance of the FFSA competitions, the enforcement and determination of the rules is at the discretion of the Football Federation SA.

Each Club and Affiliated Association shall be responsible for the actions of its officials, players and members and shall enforce these rules on its officials, players and members.

97. Rules of FIFA and the FFA

Subject to these rules, the FFSA and all Clubs and Affiliated Associations shall comply with the statutes, regulations, memorandum, articles and rules of the Federation Internationale De Football Association and the Football Federation of Australia.

98. Hot Weather Policy -Training/Competitions in Hot Weather

Refer to the Football Federation SA Hot Weather Policy

99. Rules Specific to the FFSA Senior Men's League

Refer to the FFSA Competition Operating Guidelines for the complete details.

100. Final 5 Series –Super ,Premier & State Leagues -In Summary

(a) The Competition

The Final 5 Series Competition shall be contested between teams finishing first to fifth at the conclusion of their respective home and away season in the Super ,Premier & State Leagues and shall involve Seniors, Reserves and Under 19 teams.

(b) Super League

In the Super League the senior team finishing in first place at the end of the Home and Away season shall be declared Minor Premiers and receive an allocation of prize money. The winner of the Final 5 Series shall be declared the league champions for that season. Teams finishing in both Ninth & Tenth positions at the end of the Home & away season shall be relegated from the Super League in accordance with clauses 48 to 50 hereof.

Reserve & Under 19 teams finishing in first place at the end of the Home & away season shall be declared Minor Premiers then shall contest the Final 5 series to determine the overall league champions.

The Final 5 Series Competition in the Super League shall determine the League Champions.

(c) Premier & State Leagues

In the Premier & State Leagues the senior teams finishing in first place at the end of the home and away season shall be deemed Minor Premiers, they shall be eligible for promotion to the higher division subject to compliance provisions of clause 51 and receive an allocation of prize money.

The second league promotion will come from the highest ranked team following the final series. If it is the same team as the minor premier the runner up of the finals series shall be eligible for promotion. Teams finishing in both Ninth & Tenth positions at the end of the Home & away season shall be relegated from the Premier League.

Note :No relegation presently from the State League.

- (d) Reserve & Under 19 teams finishing in first place at the end of the Home & away season shall be declared Minor Premiers then shall contest the Final 5 series to determined the overall league champions.
The Final 5 Series Competition in the Premier & State Leagues shall determine the League Champions.

Refer to the FFSA Competition Operating Guidelines for the complete details

101. FFSA Cup Competition In Summary

An annual knock out competition formally known as the Federation Cup will involve All senior men's football teams from within South Australia teams participate as part of their FFSA membership by application or by invitation by the FFSA. Naming rights to the competition on a season to season basis shall be determined by the FFSA and announced accordingly. The competition shall include Senior, Reserve & Under 19 teams from each club the teams shall be drawn from a hat for each round of matches. Where the Senior team is drawn to play at home if their Reserves and/or Under 19's are still in the competition, where possible they shall play at home.

Refer to the FFSA Competition Operating Guidelines for the complete details

102. Rules Specific to the FFSA Junior Premier League

Refer to the FFSA Competition Operating Guidelines.

103. Definitions

In these rules & regulations unless there is something in the subject or context inconsistent therewith or the context otherwise requires:-

- (a) "Rules means the rules contained in the FFSA Rules & Regulations and related policies and guidelines"