

GIPPSLAND SOCCER LEAGUE



RULES OF COMPETITION 2011

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Gippsland Soccer League

RULES OF COMPETITION

1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1. These rules shall incorporate and apply to all levels of Competition administered by the Gippsland Soccer League (GSL)
- 1.2. The levels of Competition include all Senior Men's (Seniors, reserves & 2nd Division & Senior Women's Divisions, Youth Division, Junior competitive (Under 11 to Under 16) competitions, and Junior non-competitive (Under 6 to Under 10) competitions (unless otherwise specified in non-competitive Guidelines).
- 1.3. These Rules should be read in conjunction with the following documents:
 - FIFA Official Laws Of The Game
 - FFA National Registration Regulations
 - FFA/FFV National Disciplinary Regulations
 - GSL Constitution
 - GSL Disciplinary Policy
 - GSL Codes Of Conduct

2. PARTICIPATING CLUBS

- 2.1. The Competitions shall consist of registered teams from affiliated Clubs as determined by the GSL Board of Management each season.
- 2.2. These rules of competition will be circulated to all Affiliated Clubs prior to the start of each season.
- 2.3. These rules of competition are to be prominently displayed by Affiliated Clubs and each member of the club and coach/manager made aware of their contents.
- 2.4. Any Club or member of the GSL Board of Management shall be entitled to submit proposals to revise the rules of competition. Such proposals should include an explanation as to why the change is deemed necessary. Any alterations as determined by the GSL Board of Management will come into effect prior to the commencement of a season.

3. COMPETITION STRUCTURE

3.1. The GSL may conduct any competitions it deems necessary to complete a season.

3.2. The GSL may abandon or restructure any competition.

3.3. The Competition will be played in the following age groups / divisions:

Non-Competitive juniors- Small Side Football (SSF)

- Under 6's
- Under 7's
- Under 8's
- Under 9's
- Under 10's

Competitive Juniors

- Under 11's
- Under 12's
- Under 13's
- Under 14's
- Under 15's
- Under 16's
- Under 17's
- Under 18's

Senior Competitions

- Senior Men
- Reserve Men
- Senior Women
- 2nd Division Men

3.4. The age group in which a player is eligible to play shall be determined by his/her age at the beginning of the first day of January of the year of play.
For example, a player who is 12 years old at 31 December is eligible to play in the Under 13 age group in the preceding year, and cannot play in a younger age group except as provided for under Item 7.1.6.

3.5. JOINT TEAM NOMINATIONS

3.5.1. Where a Club has insufficient numbers to nominate a junior team in an age group, they may apply for nomination as a joint team.

3.5.2. Teams may be made up from different Clubs to form one or more teams in an age group/division.

3.5.3. Player's playing in "joint teams" will remain members of that Club to which they first registered and will be due any such benefits from that Club.

3.5.4. Each Club having members in a "joint team" may take turns in hosting the Home games of the team.

3.5.5. Team colours will be designated by the GSL Board of Management.

3.6. TEAM WITHDRAWALS

3.6.1. Should a team withdraw prior to the start of the competition season (and cannot be replaced), then a "BYE" will be inserted in the league fixture.

3.6.2. Should a team withdraw once the competition season has commenced, the following will apply:

(a) If a team withdraws prior to the conclusion of half of the Championship series competition (each team has not played each other once), then a BYE will be inserted to replace the withdrawn team in the fixture, and all points along with goals scored (for & against) will be erased.

(b) If a team withdraws after the conclusion of half of the Championship series competition (each team has played each other once), then a BYE will be inserted to replace the withdrawn team in the fixture. All points along with goals scored (for & against) received up to the conclusion of half of the Championship series competition (each team has played each other once) will stand. However all points along with goals scored (for & against) received from the conclusion of half of the Championship series competition onwards will be erased.

4. COMPOSITION OF LEAGUES

4.1. GENERAL

4.1.1. The GSL Board of Management will determine the composition of age groups/divisions each season.

4.1.2. The GSL will have control over all matches in which its affiliated Clubs participate and will arrange matches as it deems fit.

4.1.3. The GSL will stage a Home and Away series for all competitive age groups/divisions (per Item 3.1) each season. Senior and junior Cup competitions maybe played depending on ground availability and conditions Games will be played at venues and times nominated by the GSL.

4.1.4. All coaches must be accredited coaches. For details relating to the appropriate level of coach accreditation refer to www.footballaustralia

4.1.5. The GSL shall provide the final Home & Away Series competition draw fourteen (14) days prior to the first round of the Series competition. This will only occur where all clubs have met the deadlines set down by the GSL regarding the entry of teams and player registrations, and there are no adverse weather conditions which affects the allocation of game to limited grounds.

4.2. TEAM ENTRY

4.2.1. Clubs may enter a number of teams in any age group from Under 7's to Under 16's

4.2.2. Only one (1) team can compete in the Women's Division, unless the GSL Board of Management has given approval. **This may occur where there are insufficient teams to fill the existing competition**

4.2.3. All team application forms submitted after the advised date is received will be entered only subject to the approval of the League.

- 4.2.4. All teams must nominate a Manager and Coach for all team entries, which need to register as non playing members of the GSL if they are not registered as a player of their Club.
- 4.2.5. Where insufficient entries are received to form a competition in any age group/division, the GSL reserves the right to not accept those team entries or not offer that age group/division.
- 4.2.6. Team entry fees and fees for players in all competitions will be fixed by the GSL.

4.3. NEW CLUB TEAM ENTRY CRITERIA

- 4.3.1. The club must field at least one team in the GSL competition, unless otherwise directed by the GSL.
- 4.3.2. New applicants for Affiliate membership must make a formal application via in writing and by completing the New Club Application, to the Committee of Management, no later than its March meeting of the year prior to that for which Affiliate membership is sought demonstrating that their admission to the GSL will benefit football in the area in which they propose to establish and will not impact unduly adversely on the membership of any existing club in that area.
- 4.3.3. The club must have accredited coaches or ensure accreditation is gained prior to the season starting.
- 4.3.4. The club must present names of the officials, who can be interviewed by the GSL regarding their qualifications and suitability for these positions.
- 4.3.5. The club must present a letter from its local council, controlling body or organization granting permission to use the playing field(s) and other facilities such as dressing rooms and toilets.
- 4.3.6. The GSL will receive all new team applications and will then forward this information to the GSL Board of Management for consideration.
- 4.3.7. The Club must be incorporated and provide a current Certificate of Incorporation.
- 4.3.8. Each new club shall, upon affiliation, be supplied with a copy of the League Constitution and Rules of Competition.

4.4. CHAMPIONSHIP SERIES

- 4.4.1. Teams entered in all competitive age groups/divisions (per Item 3.1) will play each other in a Home & Away competition. The GSL will determine the number of rounds to be played each season in all age groups / divisions. Where practical teams will play each other on a "Home" and "Away" basis, all depending on the number of teams entered in each age group/division.
- 4.4.2. Each team finishing in first place in their respective competitive age group / division at the end of the Home & Away series competition will be crowned " League Champions"
- 4.4.3. Where two or more teams have equal points in the junior competitions 11's – 16's, then they will be declared "Dual League Champions"

4.5. CUP SERIES

4.5.1 Junior Cup Series

4.5.1.1 At the end of the Championship season, a Knockout Cup may be staged in all competitive age groups / divisions (per Item 3.1), depending on ground availability and conditions. The top eight placed teams in each junior age group / division will automatically be entered into this competition.

4.5.1.2 Drawn Knockout Cup Matches

- If at the conclusion of any Knockout Cup fixture the scores are level, the teams shall play two equal periods of extra time.
- For Senior Competitions, the extra time periods shall be fifteen (15) Minutes.
- For Junior Competitions, the extra time periods shall be Five (5) minutes 11's and 12's (10) minutes 13's – 16's.
- If the scores are still level at the conclusion of extra time, the match shall be determined by the Penalty Kick method as described in the International Football Association Board Laws of the Game for all age groups

4.5.1.3 PLAYER ELIGIBILITY

(a) Junior Cups Series - Player Qualification

- i. At the completion of the Junior Home & Away competition, any player that has played at a higher level for (5) matches or more cannot drop down to a lower level for his or her club for the "Junior Cup Finals Series" Players who can prove to the league that they have only been fill ins in the higher grade will be exempt from this rule. Clubs will be required to completed exemption forms ***(Please note Goalkeepers are excluded from the Cup tied player's rule)***
- ii. At the conclusion of the Home & Away season a player must have played a total of (5) of the seasons matches in their allocated age group to be eligible to compete in the Junior Cup Finals Series (Central) and Finals Series (South Division) Players who compete regularly in an age group will not be tied to that age group for finals

A club may use players from lower age groups during finals as long as they have met the qualification criteria for their respective grade

(b) Senior Cup Series – Player Qualification (refer appendix 2)

- i. Cup tied players applies to all Senior, Reserve & 2nd Division Team Players only if they take the field of play. **Goal Keepers to be excluded from any cup tie rule**
- iii. Regular Reserve or 2nd Division Goal Keeper is genuinely unavailable than any Senior or Reserve Player may be brought down ONLY to play in Goals.
- iv. If all senior teams of a club are playing in each of these cup competitions on the same day then this cup-tie rule will not apply.
- v. A player will be cup tied if he has played in either competition for one Gippsland Soccer League Club and then has transferred to another Gippsland Soccer League club.
- vi. In the event clubs are found to have breached this requirement, they will be disqualified from the competition and subject to further disciplinary action.

NOTE: *The GSL may reverse the outcome of cup results if it deems that a club has deliberately strengthened a lower grade to gain an advantage.*

4.5.1.4. The GSL shall determine the venue for all Cup Series matches.

4.6. TROPHIES

- 4.6.1. The winning team in each age group/division of a season's Home & Away series, Premiership series or Cup competition, shall be awarded a Medal/Trophy at the discretion of the League.
- 4.6.2. Where a trophy is in existence for annual competitions it shall be handed to the winning teams or runner up teams at the conclusion of the competition or the League's Annual Presentation Night or as soon thereafter as practical.
- 4.6.3 All such trophies should be returned to the League Secretary or League nominated person, duly engraved and in good clean condition, not later than 20th July in the preceding year or earlier if the competition is held earlier in the season.
- 4.6.4. Clubs not returning trophies by the due date or returning trophies in a damaged condition shall be responsible for paying to the League the cost of replacement.

5. MATCH POINTS

- 5.1. In all competitive League Home & Away series fixtures, match points will be awarded as follows:
 - WIN** - Three (3) Points
 - DRAW** - One (1) Point
 - LOSS** - Nil Points
 - BYE** - 3 Points
 - FORFEIT** – winning team (3) points and (3) goals
 - FORFEIT** –Loosing tem (0) points
- 5.2. In all other competitions, the GSL Board of Management will notify all participating clubs of the match points to be awarded, where applicable, prior to the commencement of the competition.
- 5.3. The GSL Board of Management reserves the right to record any fixture as a **NO RESULT**. In this situation, no points will be awarded to either team for that fixture.
- 5.4. The GSL Board of Management reserves the right to record any outstanding fixtures that have not been completed by **NO LATER THAN** one (1) week after the conclusion of the League Home & Away season, as a **NIL-ALL DRAW**.

6. PLAYER REGISTRATION

- 6.1. Registration of Players needs to be read in conjunction with the with the FFA /FFV National Registration Regulations.
- 6.2. Prior to the beginning of the season, Football Federation Victoria (FFV) will outline to all clubs the registration process for the upcoming season. GSL Board of Management will utilise the same Registration procedure as FFV/FFA, unless otherwise directed.
- 6.3. Each Player must be registered with the FFV/FFA MyfootballClub (MFC) system in order to be considered registered with the GSL, and to participate in any sanctioned GSL fixture.
- 6.4. Any player not registered with the GSL in line with the registration process outlined by FFV, will be considered ineligible and is not authorised to participate in any sanctioned GSL fixture.

- 6.5. The GSL are not responsible for any late, missing or incorrectly filled lodgements. Any player whose re-registration, registration and/or transfer forms have not fully completed prior to the day of the fixture shall be deemed an ineligible player.
- 6.6. GSL is not responsible for player registrations, re-registrations and/or transfer forms lost or destroyed by post.
- 6.7. Any player who does not appear on the list of registered players that clubs can access on the MFC system is deemed an ineligible player.
- 6.8. Only original birth certificates or official Government documents shall be accepted as proof of verification of age for any player. The onus is on the Club to verify the date of birth of a player.
- 6.9. At all times, it is the club's responsibility to ensure that all players listed on the team sheet are registered and eligible to play.
- 6.10. These rules do not prevent a player registering and playing in school, college or university competition.

7. ELIGIBILITY / NON-ELIGIBILITY OF PLAYERS

7.1 ELIGIBLE PLAYERS

- 7.1.1. A player is considered eligible to play in his or her team, provided he or she has been registered with the GSL, is not under suspension by the League and meets the team's age group guideline as stated in Item 3.1 above or has GSL approval per Item 7.1.6.
- 7.1.2. A player will not be prevented from playing above his or her age group.
- 7.1.3. A player who is participating above his or her age group, will not be prevented from returning to play in his or her rightful age group unless that player is suspended (see Item 7.2.2) or ineligible per the documentation regarding Eligibility for Cup fixtures.
- 7.1.4. No player shall play in any age group below his/her actual age group, except with the permission of the GSL Board of Management per Item 7.1.6.
- 7.1.5. A club wishing to play a player in an age group below his/her actual age group shall submit grounds for the request on club letterhead to the GSL. The grounds will be typically be medical or physical, but the GSL may approve requests based on other grounds at its discretion.
- 7.1.6. In considering requests submitted under Item 7.1.6, the GSL shall have regard to the following principles:
 - a. Whether the player has an ongoing disability or impairment that renders him/her uncompetitive in his/her actual age group.
 - b. That a medical certificate from a register Medical officer and submitted by the club a request on club letter head
 - c. That no unfair advantage should accrue to a club through the granting of a request.

- 7.1.7.** Approval of a request under Item 7.1.6 by the GSL shall be for the current playing year only and shall be subject to renewal in any subsequent year. Failure to seek such approval may result in the imposition of a financial penalty and loss of points to a club and/or suspension of the player.
- 7.1.8.** Where a club has more than one team entered in the same age group, a player shall play in that age group only with the one team.
- 7.1.9.** In the event of a team being found guilty of fielding a player who is not eligible to play in that team, the opposing team shall be awarded the normal competition points. Regardless of the result of the game, a three goals to nil result or if the offending team lost by more than three goals the score-line will stand, whichever ever the higher will be the official result of the fixture. The offending club shall be subject to a penalty as determined by the GSL Board of Management and/or suspension of the offending player.

7.2 INELIGIBLE PLAYERS

- 7.2.1.** Any player who is not registered for the current season in line with the registration process, (Item 6) is considered ineligible and is not permitted to participate in any GSL competition until the registration process has been completed
- 7.2.2.** Any player under suspension by the GSL, or Football Federation Victoria (FFV) or any of its affiliated bodies, or clubs/leagues located within Victoria, outside Victoria or overseas, will be deemed ineligible, and are not permitted to participate in any GSL fixture until that suspension is served, as directed by the League.
- 7.2.3.** Any player found to be playing below his or her correct age group without League permission per Item 7.1.6, will be deemed ineligible.
- 7.2.4.** Any player that is found to be in breach of Item 7.1.1, will be deemed ineligible.
- 7.2.5.** Players found to be in breach of the documentation regarding Eligibility for Cup fixtures will be deemed ineligible.

7.3 PROTEST - PLAYING INELIGIBLE PLAYER

- 7.3.1.** For a formal protest to be considered legitimate, the following must apply:
- a.** Any club is permitted to lodge a letter of protest regarding the fielding of an ineligible player.
 - b.** No other protest can be accepted or will apply; remembering that all decisions of the match referee are final and binding as far as the result of the match is concerned.
 - c.** The protest must be in writing under club letterhead and must be lodged with the GSL within 72 hours of the completion of the fixture.
 - d.** A protest fee of \$250.00 will apply and must be paid within the specified time. In the event that the protest fee is not paid within the specified time, then the protest will be deemed to be a complaint and will be dealt with accordingly
- 7.3.2.** The GSL reserves the right to, at any stage; investigate any club for fielding ineligible players. Such investigation will be considered a protest and actioned accordingly.

7.4 PROTEST - PENALTIES & OUTCOMES

- 7.4.1.** In the event that the protest is upheld, then the following will apply:
- a. 50% of the protest fee will be refunded to the presenting club.
 - b. The club found guilty shall forfeit any goals scored and points gained in that match and the points and match will be awarded to the opposing club.
 - c. The game will be recorded as a 3-0 win in favour of the opposition club, unless the final result was of a greater margin in favour of the opposition club.
 - d. The appointed Disciplinary Committee, Investigative and Hearings Committee or Appeals Committee may impose a fine (maximum \$2000.00 per offence) or take any disciplinary action it deems necessary against the offending club and/or player.
- 7.4.2.** In the event that the protest is dismissed, then the following will apply:
- a. The protesting club will forfeit the protest fee.
 - b. The match result will stand.

7.5 COMPLAINTS - PLAYING INELIGIBLE PLAYER

- 7.5.1.** A complaint is not a protest and has the following characteristics:
- a. A letter and/or protest fee received from a club outside of the 72-hour period.
 - b. A letter received from any other party regarding the fielding of an ineligible player.
 - c. A referee's report alleging the fielding of an ineligible player will be investigated as a complaint (unless the opposing club lodges a protest that meets the requirements of item 6.3.1).

7.6 COMPLAINTS - PENALTIES & OUTCOMES

- 7.6.1.** In the event that the complaint is upheld, then the following will apply:
- a. The match result will stand
 - b. The Disciplinary Committee, Investigative and Hearings Committee or Appeals Committee, may impose a fine or take any disciplinary action it deems necessary against the offending club and/or Player.

8. LOAN PLAYERS

- 8.1.** Under no circumstances are clubs permitted to sign players on Loan agreements or any other agreements to this effect.
- 8.2** The GSL reserves the right to accept written applications from clubs with junior's teams to loan players from an opposing club where they do not have an appropriate age group for the player to compete in based on his /her date of birth.

9. PLAYER CONTRACTS / AGREEMENTS

- a. Clubs are not permitted to enter into contractual agreements with players.

10. CLUB RESPONSIBILITIES

10.1 FACILITIES/GROUND ARRANGEMENTS

10.1.1. The home club must provide a ground that meets the following dimensions for competitive age groups:

- Maximum dimension of 105m x 68m; and,
- Minimum dimension of 90m x 45m.

10.1.2 Clubs with grounds available for junior and senior fixtures that do not meet these specifications, should make application to the GSL for dispensation.

10.1.3. The home club must ensure it has:

- the ground correctly marked, including the technical area,
- Suitable goal nets and corner flags safely fastened or pegged to the ground,
- Toilet facilities and dressing room facilities that are adequate and clean,
- A safe environment for players, officials and spectators,
- A clearly nominated timeslot, whereby Female teams will have sole access to the change rooms.
- Benches within the Technical Area for both clubs substitute players and other personnel.

10.1.4. A club whose facilities do not meet the requirements specified will be fined \$200.00, and may face further disciplinary action unless they apply in writing to the GSL seeking dispensation for a specified period.

10.2 TEAM SHEETS

10.2.1. For all age groups/divisions (per Item 3.1), both teams must complete an official team sheet, **NOT LESS THAN**, Fifteen (15) Minutes prior to the commencement of any match.

10.2.2. For all Competitive divisions / age groups, each player shall have their valid FFA Player Identification Number entered in the appropriate area on the Team Sheet and Misconduct Summary Form given to the referee.

10.2.3. It is the responsibility of the Team Manager to ensure that all details on the Team Sheet and Misconduct Summary Form are correct, and that the players taking the field are the same as those listed on the Team Sheet and Misconduct Summary Form. Upon receipt of the Team Sheet and Misconduct Summary Form by the referee, the Team Manager (or Coach) implicitly makes an assurance to the GSL that this is the case

10.2.4. Should any listed player in any competitive division / age group, fail to submit a valid FFA Player Identification Number, by the conclusion of the half-time interval and participates in the fixture then that player will be deemed to be in breach of GSL rules and the club will be disciplined as follows:

- a. If it is established that the player was legitimately registered and eligible to play, then the club will not be fined for each offence, and the match result will stand.
- b. If it is established that the player was not legitimately registered and/or ineligible to play, then the club and player will be charged with Misconduct and summoned to

appear before the Disciplinary Committee, Investigative and Hearings Committee or Appeals Committee.

- i. If the club and/or player are found guilty of the charge, the GSL Disciplinary Committee, Investigative and Hearings Committee or Appeals Committee, reserves the right to fine, suspend, expel or take whatever disciplinary action it deems necessary against the offending club or player.
- ii. In this situation, the result of the match will stand, unless a club lodges a formal protest. In which case then Item 7.4 will apply.

The referee must note the details of any disputed player(s) and send this together with a misconduct/incident report to the GSL. It is recommended that both teams only sign the team sheet once the match official has recorded all outstanding details on the team sheet, at the conclusion of the fixture. Once the details of the match have been recorded on the team sheet and have been signed off by all parties, each club will receive a copy of their opponent's team sheet duly completed by the appointed match official.

10.2.5. It is the club's responsibility to ensure:

- a. It has the minimum number of seven (7) players to commence the match,
- b. All players participating in any competition must have a valid FFA Player Identification Number, the veracity of which is confirmed by the Team Manager.
- c. All players taking the field are eligible to play and not under suspension,
- d. All players taking the field of play are correctly listed on the team sheet in legible writing,
- e. All players are ready to commence the fixture at the scheduled kick-off time,
- f. All players wear the appropriate apparel, including shin guards before taking the field of play.

10.2.6. Should it be found that a club failed to list and fielded an eligible player on the team sheet and that player participates in a league fixture, then the club will be fined \$150.00 for each offence and the match result will stand?

10.2.7. Home clubs that have appointed a club referee to a fixture must ensure that both sets of team sheets, match reports and best player vote forms are sent to the GSL. Clubs who fail to lodge completed team sheets, match reports and best player vote forms within five (5) days since the completion of the match, will be fined \$25.00 for each offence.

10.2.8 With the exception of Small Sided Football (SSF), team sheets incorrectly filled in: Penalty is \$2.00 each offence

10.2.9 With the exception of Small Sided Football (SSF), team sheets not arriving at the League Office within 72 hours of the scheduled match the club will receive a penalty \$15.00, second and subsequent offences; the fine will be compounded and doubled.

10.3 GROUND MARSHALS

10.3.1. Each "Home" Club must provide a minimum of Two (2) Ground Marshal for Senior Men's, Youth and Reserve Men's dressed in clearly identifiable fluorescent vest at all competitive age group games and Under 11's – 16's Senior Women's and 2nd Division must supply one (1) Marshal). They must be present at their ground prior to, during and after each match. Refer marshal's policy and procedure document

- 10.3.2.** The Ground Marshal must identify them to the appointed Match Official 10 minutes prior to Kick-Off of each fixture.
- 10.3.3** A Ground Marshal must be visible at all times and are to provide an escort to all Match Officials at Half Time and Full Time.
- 10.3.4.** The GSL reserves the right to increase the minimum number of Ground Marshals for any fixture at any time.
- 10.3.5** Clubs who fail to provide a Ground Marshal or sufficient Ground Marshals for a fixture will be fined \$150.00 for each offence.
- 10.3.6** Ground marshals are to assist referees, assistant referees, and team, club or GSL officials in the enforcement of these rules of competition.
- 10.3.7.** Ground marshals are in no way to place themselves in a position where physical violence could result.
- 10.3.8.** Ground Marshals should write a report to their club secretary on any incident that may be investigated by the GSL.
- 10.3.9.** Ground Marshals must be at least 18 years old.

10.4 MATCH BALLS

- 10.4.1.** The "Home" Club shall provide the appointed Referee with two (3) match balls, NO LATER THAN Fifteen (30) minutes prior to the commencement of the scheduled fixture.
- 10.4.2.** At the conclusion of the game, the Referee will return the two (2) match balls to the Team Manager of the "Home" team.
- 10.4.3.** The following match ball sizes will be applicable for all levels of Competition:
- Under 6's - Under 8's Size 3
 - Under 9's - Under 12's (inclusive) Size 4
 - Under 13's - Seniors (inclusive) Size 5

10.5 PLAYERS STRIP/EQUIPMENT

- 10.5.1.** All clubs must nominate a "Home" strip and can nominate an "Alternative" strip annually to the League. Changes too team colours must be in writing to the GSL Board of management.
- 10.5.2.** All first named Clubs will be deemed the "Home" team and therefore will play in their nominated colours as provided to the GSL.
- 10.5.3.** In the event there is a clash of colours with the visiting team, it will be the responsibility of the visiting team to change into an alternative strip. Team managers are urged to check the apparel worn by their opponents on a weekly basis so as to avoid the likelihood of a clash of strips.
- 10.5.4.** Goalkeepers shall wear any colour, apart from black, provided it does not clash with either team or match official.

10.5.5. In the event the referee because of a clash of colours abandons a game, the game will be awarded (3-0 win) in favour of the home club, and the opposing club will be subject to further disciplinary action.

10.5.6. Any playing strip that is predominantly black will not be permitted.

10.5.7 If a colour or style change occurs to either the "Home" or "Alternate" strip, clubs shall supply a photograph of the change for League endorsement.

10.5.8. Where more than one Club seeks to register the same or similar colours, preference will be given to the Club which participated in the previous season's competition, provided the same colours are retained.

10.5.9. Team shirts should be numbered for all age groups/divisions.

10.5.10. Players must wear approved footwear and shin pads and must not wear anything dangerous.

10.6 RESULTS OF MATCHES

10.6.1 It is the responsibility of the "Home" team or club to ensure all final results and all player information including cards, goals and substitution (seniors & reserves Men) for each respective age group are completed on the resultsvault system:

- Under11's to 16's – No later than 2 hours following the conclusion of the fixtures match.
- Senior, Youth, Reserves, women's and 2nd Division No later than 2 hours following the conclusion of the fixtured match.
- Youth, Women's, Men's Media report e-mailed to GSL nominated Media Officer by 8am on each Monday.

10.6.2. Clubs who fail to update or advise the GSL of their results by the specified times will be fined \$25.00 per offence.

10.7 CORRESPONDENCE / COMMUNICATION

10.7.1. All GSL correspondence shall be deemed to have been sent and received by clubs. It is the responsibility of club representatives to ensure that club nominated mailboxes and email addresses are regularly checked and that information is forwarded on to the relevant parties.

10.7.2. All correspondence received by the GSL must be under club letterhead and signed by a club official. Email correspondence will only be accepted from clubs by nominated club delegates.

10.8 CHANGE OF FIXTURE REQUEST

10.8.1 Change of venues will only be considered in exceptional circumstances. All applicants must submit a letter, on the home's teams letterhead, requesting any venue change to the GSL no less than 7 working days prior to the match, and must be signed by an official from both participating teams. The application will then be considered by the League and both clubs notified. **The GSL Board and Staff reserve the right to refuse a request to change a fixture.**

10.9 CODES OF BEHAVIOUR

It is the Clubs responsibility to ensure that all Players, Parents, Coaches, Administrators, Officials and Spectators are made aware of, and adhere to the League's Codes of Behaviour – which is available of the website.

10.10 SMOKING / DRINKING AT LEAGUE VENUES

Smoking and/or the consumption of alcohol within the confines of the playing area is strictly prohibited. This includes the team bench within the Technical Area and all of its occupants, including players, coaching staff, club marshals and officials.

Each club is requested to ensure smoking and the consumption of alcohol is contained to legitimate public areas and a safe distance from playing fields. Smoking and the consumption of alcohol on or near the touchline is prohibited.

The GSL reserves the right to take further disciplinary action against the club or individuals, should any such breaches occur.

Note 1: No alcohol is permitted to be served or consumed at junior matches. Clubs who breach this rule will face penalties as determined by the GSL Board of Management

10.11 Lighting of flares or other flammable objects

10.11.1 The lighting of flares or other flammable objects is strictly prohibited in all GSL sanctioned fixtures.

10.11.2 Clubs whose supporters, members or patrons have been found to be in breach will be held fully accountable for the actions of their supporters, members or patrons.

a. Club found to be in breach, will be fined \$250.00 for every item lit.

10.11.3 It is therefore imperative that each club take steps to ensure that their supporters, members and patrons are made aware of this prohibition and do not breach this requirement, regardless of whether the club is playing home or away.

10.11.4. The League reserves the right to take further disciplinary action if it deems that it is necessary.

10.12 First aid and ambulance attendance at game

10.12.1. It shall be mandatory for clubs to have a first aid kit and ice available at all playing venues.

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

10.12.3. Advice to the ambulance service of the best entry strategy to the complex; and

10.12.4 The deployment of personnel to guide the attending ambulance to the ambulance gateway and the position of the injured person.

10.13 Entering the field of play

No person may enter the field of play for the purpose of rendering first aid or medical assistance until summoned by the officiating referee. Officials found guilty by the GSL of breaching this rule shall be subject to penalties as the GSL sees fit.

11 REFEREE'S INFORMATION

11.1 DUTIES

11.1.1 Referees Pitch & Facility Report

11.1 Prior to the commencement of each match, the appointed match official must complete the Referees Pitch & Facility Report and then ensure all relevant match documentation is lodged with the League within two (2) working days.

11.2 A referee may refuse to officiate on an insufficiently marked ground or one that they consider dangerous to the player/s. This will then be reported to the League for action on the appropriate form.

11.1.2 Team Sheets and Misconduct Summary Forms

- a. At the conclusion of each match, the Referee shall consult and confirm with his or her assistants where applicable, prior to completing both Teams Sheet and Misconduct Summary forms.
- b. It is crucial that the appointed Referee forward to the GSL by **NO LATER THAN two (2) working days**, the original Team Sheet and Misconduct Summary forms, misconduct /Incident reports, Best player votes form (Refer Item 30) and Pitch Facility Reports.
- c. In the event a club official approaches the match referee seeking to protest the fielding of an ineligible player, then the referee must mark the original team sheet to indicate that a protest will be made. The match referee will then send the team sheets along with a detailed Misconduct/Incident Report to the GSL.
- d. A referee can lodge a report alleging a club has used an ineligible player. If a formal protest is not lodged by a club according to the guidelines outlined in Item 6.3.1, then any such report will be considered a complaint (Item 6.4) and investigated accordingly.
- e. Referees must ensure that clubs **DO NOT LIST more than 16 players** for any age group/division, on any given Team Sheet and Misconduct Summary form for any fixture.
- f. The GSL wishes to point out that the Team Sheet and Misconduct Summary form received from the appointed match official will be accepted transcript. The GSL may investigate any make alterations to this transcript if it is confirmed that an error has been made.

11.1.3. Player's Equipment

- a. It is the match official's responsibility to ensure that all players taking the field of play are wearing equipment that is safe to themselves and any other person. Refer to Item 12 – Jewellery for further details.

11.2. REFEREE FEES

11.2.1. Referee fees will be determined each season by the GSL Board of Management

11.3 ASSISTANT REFEREES

11.3.1. Assistant Referee fees will be determined each season by the GSL Board of Management

11.3.2 In circumstances where a referee's assistant has not be appointed, each team is obliged to provide a club linesperson to assist the match referee.

11.4 DECISIONS OF THE MATCH OFFICIAL

11.4.1. All decisions of the match referee, including the club appointed referees are final and binding as far as the result of a match is concerned, and no protest can be lodged.

11.5 NON-ATTENDANCE OR UNAVAILABILITY OF MATCH OFFICIAL

11.5.1. Should the appointed match official fail to honour their appointment, then the next most senior match official will be appointed to take charge of the fixture.

11.5.2. In the event the appointed match official is late on arrival, then the replacement match official will take charge of the fixture until the appointed match official is ready to take over.

11.5.3. In the event no registered match official is present to take charge of the fixture, then the designated "Home" club shall appoint a match official to take charge of the fixture.

11.5.4. All match officials appointed by "Home" clubs (i.e. Club Officials are deemed to be officials of the game and will be required to complete the necessary Misconduct/Team Sheet Forms and Best Player Vote Forms. All paperwork should be handed to the home club /team secretary to complete the necessary results process

11.5.5. All clubs are obligated to fulfil all fixtures regardless of whether the appointed match official is present to take charge.

11.5.6. Should any team(s) fail or refuse to participate in any GSL fixture on the above grounds, then:

11.5.7. That the match will be awarded to the opposing team (as a 3-0 result),

11.5.8. The team(s) will be fined \$500.00 per offence, and will be subject to further disciplinary action,

11.5.9. In the event both teams refuse to play, the GSL reserves the right to award a **NO RESULT**, fine both clubs \$500.00 and recommend further disciplinary action.

11.6 EXTREME WEATHER CONDITIONS

11.6.1. In extreme weather conditions (including high temperatures and inclement weather), the League or the appointed match official reserves the right to postpone, delay or abandon any fixture that in their opinion compromises player safety.

11.6.2. If the appointed match official postpones, delays or abandons any fixture due to extreme weather conditions, he must outline his reasons in writing within 48 hours of the conclusion of the fixture.

11.6.3. If conditions are considered extreme by the match referee, they have the discretion to allow a 2-minute break during the course of each half.

11.6.4. The GSL will endeavour to announce any fixtures postponed, delayed or abandoned due to extreme weather conditions on a nominated radio station as early as reasonably possible on the morning of games. Clubs will be notified of the nominated radio station.

11.7 BEST & FAIREST VOTES

11.7.1 At the conclusion of each fixture, the match official is required to submit Best Player Votes for the Senior, Reserve & 2nd Division Men's and Senior Women's Home & Away series by filling in the relevant vote forms supplied by the GSL.

11.7.2 All votes must be treated with the highest confidentiality, and forwarded to the League within two (2) working days after the completion of the fixture.

11.7.3 All voting cards must be completed in full, including the name and club of three (3) players on a 3, 2 and 1 basis. Name ID number and Club must be clearly marked on the card for the votes to be deemed Valid. Vote incorrectly completed will not be accepted

12 JEWELLERY

12.1 In accordance with FIFA 'Laws of the Game', a player is forbidden to wear equipment (including jewellery) that is dangerous to himself or another player.

12.2 Referees are requested to use common sense when applying this rule, particularly with respect to items of jewellery that cannot be removed, such as a medallion, crucifix, chain and wedding band or another item of religious significance.

12.3 Despite Law 4 being quite specific about the wearing of jewellery, it would seem that there are still a number of variances in the application of the law. In order to gain greater consistency the following is offered as qualification of the law and is National Policy.

Earrings

- No earrings are acceptable. The practice of taping earrings is not acceptable.

Watches

- Players (not referees) must remove all watches.

Facial rings

- Any kind of jewellery around the eyes must be removed.
- Jewellery in any part of the face must be removed.

Necklaces

- All necklaces must be removed. Medical alert necklaces only may be worn but they must be taped securely to the chest.

Bracelets

- All bracelets (including metal, rope, fabric, etc) must be removed.

- Medical alert bracelets only may be worn but must have all but the medical information covered by tape.

Body Piercing

Any piercing not visible to the referee is not of concern. Should the piercing become visible the referee will ensure its removal.

Tongue Piercing

Rings / studs through the tongue are discouraged for the players own safety. Should the referee detect a tongue piercing, the referee will ensure its removal.

Rings

For the purposes of this interpretation wedding bands are not considered jewellery and may be worn. Under the safety provisions they must be made safe by taping. Only flat wedding bands will be allowed all other rings must be removed.

Beaded Hair

If a player has beads in the hair it must be tied in a bun or covered by a hair net. Loose beaded hair will not be allowed.

Referees

Within the spirit of these guidelines, referees are expected to conform to the standards set for players (except for watches).

13 INTERCHANGE / SUBSTITUTION OF PLAYERS

13.1. INTERCHANGE

- 13.1.1.** In League fixtures for teams between Under 11's to Under 16's, Senior Women's and Men's Division 2 the **Interchange Rule shall apply**.
- 13.1.2.** Each team can make an unlimited amount of interchanges in any given fixture.
- 13.1.3.** The Youth Division, Women's Division, and Men's Division 2 are allowed to only have up to five (5) interchange players permitted be named on the Team Sheet.
- 13.1.4.** To avoid the wasting of time, the interchange of players in the last five (5) minutes of normal time in any League fixture will be only permitted at the discretion of the match referee.
- 13.1.5.** Where a player is sent-off the field of play, no interchange can be made for that player.
- 13.1.6.** The Team Sheet must be clearly marked by the referee to show that all players named on the interchange actually took the field of play during the game.
- 13.1.7.** Where a player's name is on the Team Sheet as an interchange player, but they do not take the field of play, they will not be deemed to have played in that team in that match.

13.2. SUBSTITUTIONS

- 13.2.1.** For Senior and Reserve Men's, the **Substitution Rule shall apply**.
- 13.2.2.** No more than five (5) substitutes are permitted to be named on the Team Sheet
- 13.2.3.** Clubs may use up to three (3) substitutes in any one fixture

- 13.2.4. Once a player has been substituted, that player may take no further part in the match
- 13.2.5. All substitutes, coaching and medical staff are to be seated within the Technical Area.
- 13.2.6. Where a player is sent-off the field of play, no substitution can be made for that player.
- 13.2.7. The Team Sheet must be clearly marked by the referee to show the substitutes that took place in the match.
- 13.2.8. Where a player's name is on the Team Sheet as a substitute, but they do not take the field of play, they will not be deemed to have played in that team in that match.

13.3. Players Warming Up

- 13.3.1. Interchange / substitution players are permitted to warm up outside of the Technical Area, provided that they are wearing an alternative coloured strip to the game in progress.
- 13.3.2. When warming up, players are requested to choose an area furthestmost from the opposing team.

14 TECHNICAL AREA

- 14.1 Each club must clearly mark out the Technical Area on grounds used for all competitive age groups (per Item 3.1) as stipulated by FIFA guidelines.
- 14.2 The Technical Area shall extend no greater than One (1) metre either side (left or right) of the substitute's bench, and forward up to One (1) metre from the touchline.
- 14.3 A maximum of nine (9) persons are permitted to be within the confines of the Technical Area. This can only include the coach and assistant coach, team manager, the substitutes and a trainer, physio or doctor. The coach, players and other officials must remain seated within the confines of the Technical Area, except in special circumstances, for example, a trainer enters the field of play, with the referee's permission, to assess an injured player.
- 14.4 The coach or team manager is permitted to move forward and relay technical information to their players at any time, however, must then return to their position on the bench.
- 14.5 Smoking and alcohol consumption is prohibited within the Technical Area as per Item 9.10.

15 KICK-OFF TIMES / DURATION OF MATCHES

15.1 GENERAL

- 15.1.1. The GSL has fixed kick off times for all Senior and Junior Home & Away Competitions the GSL board of management reserves the right to alter/change fixture times for any fixture match as it deems fit. Clubs will be given 7 days notice if changes to fixtures after the official and final copy has been submitted are required. Clubs will not have the right to refuse any games altered or fixture by the GSL
- 15.1.2. The kick off times is specified below for those Divisions:
 - Senior Men: 3pm, 8pm -or as determined by the GSL
 - Reserve Men: 1pm, Evenings 6pm -or as determined by the GSL

- Senior Women: 11am, Evenings 4pm -or as determined by the GSL
- 2nd Division: 11am, Evenings 4pm -or as determined by the GSL

15.1.3. Where clubs have only three Divisions, kick off times shall be 11:00am, 1:00pm and 3:00pm – irrespective of which Division is not, represented

15.1.4. The kick-off times may be changed to accommodate playing at different times, venues or days. The GSL board reserves the right to change or alter playing times to accommodate fixturing requirements.

15.1.5. The duration of matches specified for each age group are as follows:

Age Groups Duration of Matches

Small Sided Football Refer to FFA / FFV Documentation

Under 11's 2 x 30 min halves (=60 mins)

Under 12's 2 x 30 min halves (=60 mins)

Under 13's 2 x 35 min halves (=70 mins)

Under 14's 2 x 35 min halves (=70 mins)

Under 15's 2 x 40 min halves (=80 mins)

Under 16's 2 x 40 min halves (=80 mins)

Under 17's 2 x 40 min halves (=80 mins)

Under 18's 2 x 40 min halves (=80 mins)

Youth Division 2 x 45 min halves (=90 mins)

Senior Women's 2 x 45 min halves (=90 mins)

2nd Division 2 x 45 min halves (=90 mins)

Senior Men 2 x 45 min halves (=90 mins)

Reserve Men 2 x 45 min halves (=90 mins)

15.2 FIXED KICK-OFF TIMES

15.2.1. It is the responsibility of the "Home" club to ensure that they have the appropriate number of playing fields to accommodate all teams playing at home on any given match day at the specified time.

15.2.2. Apart from an officer of the League, No Club Official or Team Representative is permitted to contact the Referees Appointment Officer in order to request, alter or defer a referee's appointment to any League fixture, regardless of the reasons.

15.2.3. All matches must commence NOT MORE THAN Fifteen (15) Minutes after the scheduled kick-off time.

15.2.4. In the event a fixture commences after the set kick-off time but not later than the maximum time allowed (15 minutes), then the appointed match official may at their discretion reduce the playing time of the match in line with FIFA Regulations, but only after having consulted the captains of both participating teams.

15.2.5. In the event a fixture is officially abandoned under these circumstances, then:

15.2.6. The team that was ready to play will be awarded the match with a 3-0 margin

15.2.7. The Offending team(s) will be subject to further disciplinary action. If neither team was ready to take the field of play then a **NO RESULT** will be recorded for the fixture.

15.2.8. In the event that all parties (that is, both clubs and the match official) agree to commence the fixture after the Fifteen (15) Minute maximum time period has elapsed, and then the final match result will stand. In this instance, the match official may at their discretion reduce the playing time in line with FIFA regulations, but only having consulted the captains of both participating teams.

15.3. DURATION OF MATCHES

15.3.1 After normal time of each half, the appointed Match Official may make an allowance for lost time through:

- Substitution(s) / interchange(s)
- Assessment of injury to players
- Removal of injured players from the field of play for treatment
- Wasting time
- Any other cause

15.3.2. The allowance for time lost is at the discretion of the match official.

15.3.3. The appointed match official reserves the right to curtail any match if in the referee's opinion playing conditions compromise player safety.

15.3.4. The appointed match official may at his/her discretion reduce the playing time of a match in line with FIFA Regulations, only after having consulted the captains of both participating teams.

15.3.5 If a penalty kick has to be taken or retaken, the duration of either half is extended until the penalty kick is completed.

16 NON-PARTICIPATION IN GSL FIXTURE

16.1. Any affiliated club which fails to fulfil any of its fixturing obligations, including cup matches and home and away series and finals matches, arranged by the League shall be penalised as follows:

16.2 The match will be awarded to the opposing team (as a forfeit 3-0 result + 3 goals)

16.3 The team(s) will be **fined \$500.00** per offence, and may be subject to further disciplinary action.

16.4 In the event both teams refuse to play, the GSL reserves the right to award a **NO RESULT, fine both clubs \$500.00**, and recommend further disciplinary action.

16.5 Visiting clubs who wish to forfeit any games must notify the GSL office in writing and the home club team, within 72 hours before the scheduled match. Failure to do so will incur a \$250 fine per forfeiting team for juniors and Seniors. (This is aimed at covering loss of income and payment for referees)

17 POSTPONED MATCHES

17.1. Matches may only be postponed by the appointed Match Official or by an officer of the Gippsland Soccer League.

17.2. Should any matches be deferred on any given match day, it is the responsibility of the home club to notify the GSL Office, by 12pm, the next day. Early notification to the GSL will ensure that the fixture is rescheduled in accordance with the season calendar.

17.3. All outstanding League Championship fixtures or League Championship fixtures ordered to be replayed must be completed by **NO LATER THAN** one (1) week after the conclusion of the League Championship season. Should matches remain outstanding after this time, the League reserves the right to record those matches as a **NIL-ALL DRAW**.

- 17.4. League Home & Away series fixtures ordered to be replayed must be completed by **the date specified by the GSL Board of Management**, which may include a mid week or night game.
- 17.5. The League reserves the right to dictate the time and date postponed matches will be replayed. Each club is obligated to fulfil all outstanding fixtures as determined by the GSL, otherwise matches will be forfeited and clubs will be subject to further disciplinary action.
- 17.6. **No person** apart from an officer of the GSL is permitted to schedule (or reschedule) any league fixture.
- 17.7. Clubs found guilty of rearranging any league fixture, or requesting the appointment of referees outside of the set kick-off time or date will be **fined \$150.00** (per offence). In this situation, the GSL reserves the right to record the final score as a **NO RESULT**, whereby, no points will be awarded, with all parties subject to further disciplinary action. Clubs that are repeat offenders will risk expulsion from the competition.

18 ABANDONED MATCHES

18.1 **On or after 25th Minute of Second Half**

- 18.1.1 In the event a championship series, knockout series, or premiership series competition fixture is abandoned on or after the 25th minute of the second half, then the match result will stand as final unless:
- a. One or both of the competing clubs requests the fixture to be replayed.
 - b. Clubs are advised that all requests for a replay must be in writing on club letterhead, received by the GSL Secretary via mail, e-mail or hand delivery within 72 hours of the fixture being concluded.
 - c. Any requests received by the GSL Secretary after this time will be disregarded and the match result will stand.
 - d. At the discretion of the GSL, they reserve the right to refer the matter to the Disciplinary or Investigative and Hearings Committee for determination.
- 18.1.2 If the allegation is proven, the Disciplinary Committee or Investigative and Hearings Committee or GSL Committee of Management may decide to direct one or more of the following outcomes:
- a. Fixture to be replayed
 - b. Award result 3-0 to a participating club
 - c. Match result to stand
- 18.1.3. And determine whether the fixture counts as a match served for any players who may be under suspension.
- 18.1.4. The GSL reserves the right to apply penalties and/or automatic misconduct penalties against any indiscretions.

18.2. Prior to 25th Minute of Second Half

- 18.2.1 Should the match referee abandon a cup, championship series or premiership series competition fixture at any time prior to the 25th minute of the second half, and then the match result will stand, unless:
- a. One or both of the competing clubs requests the fixture to be replayed.
 - b. Clubs are advised that all requests for a replay must be in writing on club letterhead, received by the GSL Secretary via mail, e-mail or hand delivery within 72 hours of the fixture being concluded.
 - c. Any requests received by the GSL Secretary after this time will be disregarded and the match result will stand.
 - d. At the discretion of the GSL, they reserve the right to refer the matter to the Disciplinary Committee or Investigative and Hearings Committee for determination.

- 18.3. The Disciplinary Committee or Investigative and Hearings Committee or GSL Committee of Management shall take into consideration the following factors when considering each such request:

- a. Reasons why the fixture was abandoned;
- b. Result of the game at the time of abandonment:
- c. The impact on the final standing (in relation to placing's on the Ladder) of this fixture.

and determine whether the fixture counts as a match served for any players who may be under suspension.

- 18.4. The Disciplinary Committee or Investigative and Hearings Committee or GSL Committee of Management reserves the right to apply penalties and/or automatic misconduct penalties against any indiscretions.
- 18.5. If any club has its playing numbers reduced below the minimum FIFA requirement (7 players), then the match will be abandoned and awarded to the opposing club. The final score will be recorded as a 3-0 result in favour of the opposing club, unless the match result was greater in favour of the opposing club when the game is abandoned.
- 18.6. When a game is abandoned, a club that has a player serving a suspension in that age group/division, if it is found that the match was abandoned by their club, then the game will not count as a match served on their suspension.

19 ADMITTANCE TO FIXTURES

- 19.1. Admittance Fees
- a. Admittance to all junior competition matches will be free, except for the Grand Final of the junior Cup or Premiership Series. The GSL reserves the right to charge a fee for entry into these fixtures. A fee of \$3 per Adult and Pensioners 18 and under will be Free

- b. Admittance to all senior competition matches will be set by the GSL Board of Management and clubs notified prior to the start of the season, Home & Away season gate fees will be collected and retained by the home club, except for the Cup and Home Away finals Series, which will be collected and retained by the GSL. The GSL reserves the right to charge a fee for entry into these fixtures and set the fee. The current admittance fee is \$6.00 per adult \$3.00 Pensioners, students and concession card holders. Children 16 and under Free

20. INSURANCE

- 20.1. Every GSL affiliated club must take insurance cover with the appointed insurer. Insurance of players, club officials and office bearers, will be the responsibility of the club with which the players are registered, and will not be the responsibility of the League.
- 20.2. Insurance cover for all registered players and affiliated clubs will be compulsory.
- 20.3. No affiliated club may participate in any GSL sanctioned match if that club has an outstanding insurance account with the League and/or appointed insurance company. The club will be suspended from all competition until such dues and charges are paid in full.
- 20.4. In the event that the said club participates in any championship, premiership or cup fixture or competition, none of that clubs' teams shall receive points in any competition, until the outstanding insurance account is paid, and will be asked to show cause in writing why it should not be expelled as an affiliated club of the League.

21. NON-GSL ORGANISED MATCHES

- 21.1. Affiliated clubs wishing to stage any out of season non-sanctioned matches, events or tournaments, requiring the participation of match officials, must supply a Certificate of Currency of Insurance, not less than 7 days prior to the scheduled start of the event or tournament.
- 21.2. In the event no Certificate of Currency is provided, the GSL will not approve the appointment of match officials to such non-sanctioned matches, events or tournaments.
- 21.3. If clubs require further clarification, they are advised to contact the GSL for further details.
- 21.4. The participation of clubs in any non-sanctioned matches, events or tournaments shall not in any way compromise the GSL competition season.
- 21.5. No club travelling overseas or interstate shall claim to be a GSL representative team.

22. REPRESENTATIVE TEAMS

- 22.1. All players of Affiliated Clubs who are registered with the League shall be eligible to represent the GSL in representative games or competitions.
- 22.7. Where a club has three (3) or more players from one team participating in a GSL, FFA, FFV approved representative match, it may seek the postponement of a fixture that coincides with the unavailability of those players for a Club fixture. GSL home and Away and Cup finals will not be subject to this rule.
- 22.3. This will apply at any level or age group (senior or junior), and any failure by the affiliated club to do so may incur a \$200.00 fine per player, and may result in further disciplinary action.

- 22.4. All registered players of Affiliated Clubs, shall when requested by the League, make their services available for training, preparation and participation for representative matches.
- 22.5. This will apply to any level or age group (senior or junior), and any failure to make him or herself available may result in suspension or further disciplinary action.
- 22.6. The League will ensure that all selected players, coaching staff and officials chosen in the representative party are insured accordingly.
- 22.7. Where a club has three (3) or more players from one team participating in a GSL approved representative match, it may seek the postponement of a fixture that coincides with the unavailability of those players for a Club fixture.

23. STRETCHERS / FIRST AID

- 23.1. It is compulsory that all clubs allocate one stretcher suitable for first aid and emergency use at all fixtures. Clubs who fail to provide this equipment will be fined \$50.00 per offence.
- 23.2. Clubs must ensure that stretchers are placed inside the fence/spectator line in a safe and accessible position to first aid/trainer staff.
- 23.3. All stretchers must be of an approved Australian Standard. No wooden or canvas stretchers are permitted to be used. Clubs who utilise any other form of equipment without the consent of the League, may be fined up to \$100 per offence, and be subject to further disciplinary action.

24. NATIONAL FLAGS, SLOGANS & EMBLEMS

- 24.1. No club is permitted to display any national flags or slogans at home venues under any circumstances, except for the Australian flag.
- 24.2. Clubs who are in breach of this requirement will be subject to disciplinary action.
- 24.3. Clubs will be allowed to decorate/dress their respective social venues (internally) as they see fit.
- 24.4. The League reserves the right to request the removal of any national flags or slogans at any time.
- 24.5. The incorporation of national flags, slogans or emblems on any part of the player's attire or the uniform worn by a club official is strictly prohibited. If any club is found to be in breach, it will be subject to disciplinary action.

25. BLOOD RULE

- 25.1. In the event a player from either team suffers an injury or wound which results in the loss of blood, the appointed match official will request that the injured player receive attention outside the field of play.
- 25.2. Only when the appointed match official is satisfied that the injury or wound has been safely covered and contained, will the player be permitted to rejoin the game.
- 25.3. In the event the player's uniform or attire is splattered with blood, the referee will instruct the player to change his attire before being permitted to rejoin the game.
- 25.4. Should the injured player be required to change his uniform, then the appointed match official will show discretion in allowing the player to wear an alternative numbered shirt if another shirt of the same number is unavailable.

26. COACH ACCREDITATION CRITERIA

- 26.1. The GSL wishes to advise that it has developed a set of criteria to be applied to all levels of coaching (senior men's and women's, youth, junior boys and girls). These accreditation guidelines outlined in Item 26.2 reflect recommended minimum levels of accreditation that must be attained by all coaches prior to taking up coaching positions.
- Under 7 Minimum: Grassroots Certificate
 - Under 8s to U11s Minimum: Junior Licence
 - Under 12s to U15s Minimum: Youth Licence
 - Youth Division Minimum: Senior Licence
 - 2nd Division & Women's Division Minimum: Senior Licence
 - Seniors & Reserves Minimum: Senior Licence
- 26.2. The GSL may impose sanctions against clubs and coaches who fail to meet the minimum accreditation requirements.
- 26.3. The GSL will arrange for all of the above courses to be conducted annually for all Clubs to enable persons interested to undertake them and all clubs will be informed about the dates and locations of these courses.
- 26.4. All coaches must have current Working with Children Cards to be eligible to coach at any level in the GSL. Clubs that fail to provide evidence that a coach has the WWC will be fined a maximum of \$50 and that coach will be suspended from all football activities until the GSL is satisfied that the necessary requirement have been fulfilled

27. RESTRICTIONS ON GROUNDS

- 27.1. The GSL reserves the right to take whatever action is deemed necessary in the event that League Competitions are affected by restrictions to the usage, conditions and availability of grounds. Actions may include cancelling, postponing or transferring fixtures and/or competitions.

28. TRANSFER OF PLAYERS

- 28.1. The League shall adopt the rules and resolutions of the Football Federation Australia and Gippsland Soccer League relating to the transfer of amateur players with such amendments as may be made from time to time by the GSL Board.
- 28.2. An amateur player is free to transfer to another Club during the approved transfer period only. The Transfer season for players wishing to transfer between clubs both within the GSL and from outside Leagues into the GSL, **will operate between 1st December - 30th June inclusive.**
- 28.3. No transfers are to be permitted after 6pm on the 30th of June each season, without GSL Board of Management approval. The GSL Board of Management reserves the right to alter the transfer period as it deems necessary from time to time.

29. UNFORESEEABLE CIRCUMSTANCES

- 29.1 Nothing in the Rules of Competition shall prevent the GSL from approving a course of action to meet unforeseeable circumstances not covered by these rules.

30. CODES OF BEHAVIOR

FFA National Code of Conduct and the FFA National Spectator Code of Behaviour and the Victorian Code of Conduct for Community Sport. -These codes are deemed to be incorporated into these Rules of Competition and are outlined below.

30.1 Overview

It is vital that everyone involved in Football, whether they are athletes, coaches, parents, officials or supporters, understand their responsibilities to ensure that all participants enjoy the sport.

It is strongly recommended that all players, parents, officials, coaches and members be given a copy of these codes by their Club, and that each Club ensures the codes are clearly displayed in their Clubrooms.

As well as reading and seeking to understand the instructions contained in the codes, FFV asks all participants to recognise that there are underlying principles which extend beyond those specific instructions.

30.2 General Principles for all persons involved in sport

- Operate within the Rules and spirit of Football, promoting fair play over winning at any cost.
- Encourage and support opportunities for people to learn appropriate behaviours and skills.
- Support opportunities for participation in all aspects of the sport.
- Treat each person as an individual.
- Display control and courtesy to all involved with the sport.
- Respect the rights and worth of every person regardless of their gender, ability, cultural background or religion.
- Respect the decisions of officials, coaches and administrators in the conduct of the sport.
- Wherever practical, avoid unaccompanied and unobserved one-on-one activity (when in a supervisory capacity or where a power imbalance will exist) with people under the age of 18 years.
- Adopt appropriate and responsible behaviour in all interactions.
- Adopt responsible behaviour in relation to alcohol and other drugs.
- Act with integrity and objectivity, and accept responsibility for your decisions and actions.
- Ensure your decisions and actions contribute to a safe environment.
- Do not tolerate harmful or abusive behaviours.
- Do not bring the game of Football into Disrepute, by engaging in discriminatory, offensive or criminal behaviour.
- Ensure your decisions and actions contribute to a harassment free environment.
- Do not bring the game into Disrepute by engaging in harassment, including sexual harassment or any unwelcome sexual conduct which makes a person feel offended, humiliated and/or intimidated.

- Do not bring the game into Disrepute by provoking or inciting hatred or violence, including crowd violence.
- Do not bring the game into Disrepute by engaging in corruption, forgery or falsification, or by abusing a position to obtain a personal benefit.
- Do not bring the game into Disrepute by the throwing or fixing of a match, by accepting bribes, or by any conduct intended to unfairly effect the result of a match;
- Do not bring the game into Disrepute by any other conduct that materially injures the reputation and goodwill of Football.

(NB for the purposes of this code of behaviour 'Disrepute' means conduct, statement or appearance in public that is damaging to reputation).

30.3 Players' Code of Behaviour

- Give your best at all times.
- Participate for your own enjoyment and benefit.
- Play by the Rules.
- Do not argue with the Match Official. If you disagree, have your captain or coach approach the Match Official during a break in play or after the Match is concluded.
- Control your temper. Verbal abuse of officials or other players, deliberately distracting or provoking another person is not acceptable or permitted in any sport.
- Be a good sport and be prepared to acknowledge good play whether it is from your team or the opposition.
- Treat all players as you would like to be treated. Do not interfere with, bully or take unfair advantage of another player.
- Co-operate with your coach, teammates and opponents. Without them, there would be no competition.
- Remove all jewellery prior to training and Match play, as it is a hazard to you and those around you.
- Do not accept or use any banned or unauthorised drug(s), including the consumption of alcohol at any time.

30.4 Coaches' Code of Behaviour

- Place the safety and welfare of the athletes above all else.
- Help each person (athlete, official etc) reach their potential - respect the talent, developmental stage and goals of each person and compliment and encourage with positive and supportive feedback.
- Any physical contact with a person should be appropriate to the situation and necessary for the person's skill development.
- Be honest and do not allow your qualifications to be misrepresented.
- Be reasonable in your demands on younger players time, energy and enthusiasm
- Teach your players to abide by the rules and Laws of the Game
- Ensure that equipment and facilities meet a reasonable safety standard and is appropriate to the age and ability of the players

- Modify your approach to suit the skill levels and needs of players
- Develop and enhance respect between players, opposition coaches and the decisions of the Match Official
- Follow the advice of a physician when determining the extent of a player's injury and beyond that, when players are returning from injury to training and Match play
- Keep up to date with the latest coaching practices (refer to Coach Accreditation Criteria)
- Take time out to teach players (& others) the Laws of the Game, hence raising their awareness
- Remind all players to play within the spirit of the game at all times
- Ensure players are good sports and ensure each team member shakes the hand of their opponents at the conclusion of every Match
- Do not smoke or consume alcohol from the team bench (Technical Area) or sideline
- Remember the actions of yourself and your team is reflective of the perception others take away with them

30.5 Administrators' Code of Behaviour

- Act honestly, in good faith and in the best interests of the sport as a whole.
- Ensure that any information acquired or advantage gained from the position is not used improperly.
- Conduct your responsibilities with due care, competence and diligence.
- Do not allow prejudice, conflict of interest or bias to affect your objectivity.
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- Help coaches and officials highlight appropriate behaviour and skill development, and assist in raising the standards of coaching and officiating.
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- Ensure everyone involved in football emphasises fair play, and not winning at all costs.
- Be tolerant and calm under pressure and approach problem solving in a supportive manner as members and players will expect you to set an example for others.

30.6 Match Officials' Code of Behaviour

- Place the safety and welfare of the athletes above all else.
- Be consistent and impartial when making decisions.
- Address unsporting behaviour and promote respect for all people.
- Modify your approach to suit the skill levels and needs of players.
- Praise and encourage all participants.
- Be consistent, objective and courteous when making decisions.
- Do not tolerate unsporting behaviour and promote respect for all opponents.
- Emphasise the spirit of the game rather than focus on negative aspects.
- Encourage and promote rule changes to all players and members.
- Be a good sport yourself, as actions speak louder than words.
- Keep up to date with the latest trends in refereeing.

- Remember that you set the example on the park, therefore, your behaviour and comments should always be positive and supportive.

30.7 Parents Code of Behaviour

- Encourage children to participate and have fun.
- Focus on the child's effort and performance rather than winning or losing.
- Never ridicule or yell at a child for making a mistake or losing a competition.

30.8 Spectators' Code of Behaviour

It is important that all spectators at a Football Federation Victoria (FFV) approved fixture are able to enjoy the Match in a safe and comfortable environment. Accordingly, each person present at a FFV fixture must:

- Respect the decisions of the Match Officials, and teach children to do the same;
- Never ridicule or unduly scold a child for making a mistake;
- Respect the rights, dignity and worth of every person regardless of their race, colour, religion, language, political views, national or ethnic origin;
- Not engage in the use of violence in any form, whether it is by other Spectators, Team Officials (including coaches) or Players;
- Not engage in discrimination, harassment or abuse in any form whether lawful or otherwise, including but not limited to the use of obscene or offensive language or gestures, the incitement of hatred or violence or partaking in indecent or racist chanting;
- Comply with FFV's '**Conditions of Entry**', at all venues, and any ticketing conditions (Premier League and State League 1 only);
- Not carry, light or throw flares or missiles (including on to the field of play or at other spectators);
- Not enter the field of play or its surrounds without lawful authority; and
- Conduct them self in a manner that enhances, rather than injures, the reputation and goodwill of FFV, Football Federation Australia (FFA), and football generally.

Any person who does not comply with this Code or who in the opinion of FFV causes or attempts to cause or is reasonably likely to cause a disturbance **may be evicted** from the venue and banned from attending future matches held on behalf of FFV, for a period of up to 2 years from when the eviction occurred. Any offender who then breaches the ban order against them may be charged with trespass and subject to further penalties and sanctions, including the possibility of further legal action.

It is the host Club's responsibility to ensure this Spectator Code of Behaviour is implemented and enforced against all spectators.

30.9 Victorian Code of Conduct for Community Sport

Every person in Victoria has the right to participate in community sport which is safe, welcoming and inclusive. Equally everyone plays a part in ensuring their actions and behaviours are supportive of these values.

The Victorian Government's Respect Agenda is about ensuring that respect for ourselves, others and the community, is at the centre of what it means to be Victorian. As part of this Agenda, the Government is committed to enabling every person, in any capacity, to have the

opportunity to participate in community sport without fear of abuse, intimidation and harassment.

State Sporting Associations and clubs also have a responsibility to ensure participation in any community sport event is free of any anti-social behaviour both on and off the field which prevents others from taking part and getting active.

The Victorian Code of Conduct for Community Sport outlines behaviours which are expected to be followed by every person involved in community sport, as well as identifying the behaviours which must not be tolerated.

The Code supports A Right to Respect: Victoria's Plan to Prevent Violence against Women by taking a zero tolerance stance towards violence against women. The Code also aims to encourage cultural and behavioural change to prevent it happening in the first place. Acts of violence, discrimination and vilification are illegal acts within Victoria.

It is a club's responsibility to not only report these to the appropriate legal authorities but to ensure these acts are not tolerated by the sport or club. State Sporting Associations and clubs will have the responsibility of adhering

Code of Conduct

Every person: spectator, player, club member, official, participant, administrator, coach, parent or member of the community involved with the sport, should work to ensure:

- inclusion of every person regardless of their age, gender or sexual orientation
- inclusion of every person regardless of their race, culture or religion
- opportunities for people of all abilities to participate in the sport and develop to their full potential
- respect is shown towards others, the club and the broader community
- a safe and inclusive environment for all
- elimination of violent and abusive behaviour
- Protection from sexual harassment or intimidation.

This Code applies to community sport, training and club sanctioned activities.

Breaches of the Code

Penalties will be issued once the breach has been confirmed through an appropriate assessment process by the relevant State Sporting Association or club. The following behaviours are considered breaches of the Code:

- Violent or abusive behaviour towards another person.
- Vilification of any kind towards another person.
- Discrimination against another person based on their age, gender or sexual orientation.
- Discrimination against another person based on their race, culture, religion or any other irrelevant personal characteristic.
- Sexual harassment or intimidation of another person.
- Victimisation of another person for exercising their rights through the Code of Conduct.
- Failure to maintain a safe environment.

State Sporting Association responsibility

- The responsibility of a State Sporting Association through the Code of Conduct is to:
- promote the Code of Conduct to all persons involved in the sport or club

- ensure reporting and assessment processes are in place to identify and penalise breaches of the Code
- report on the implementation of the Code to the State Government on an annual basis
- Ensure that every person involved in the sport is able to exercise their rights without fear of victimisation.

Implementation of the Code

In 2011 all State Sporting Associations (SSAs) will be required to sign onto the Code and pledge their support by confirming the following actions:

- Ensure all components of the Code are included in an existing SSA code or through the creation of a new code for the SSA.
- Develop appropriate reporting and assessment processes for issuing penalties for breaches of the Code.
- Identify what penalties they will put in place for any breaches of the Code.
- Inform all affiliated clubs of their obligations under the Code, their expectations for reporting, assessing and acting upon breaches.

Any SSA or club applying for funding through Sport and Recreation Victoria (SRV) from 2010/11 will need to demonstrate their adherence and enforcement of the Code in order to be eligible for funding. SSA's and clubs who don't adhere to and enforce the Code will not be eligible for funding through any SRV grants programs. Councils applying for funding from SRV, must ensure that sporting associations and clubs who are tenants at the site of the project are enforcing the code. Sports Associations and clubs not aligned to an SSA will still be required to adhere to and enforce the Code in order to be eligible for funding from Sport and Recreation Victoria, if not any existing funding will cease.

Definitions

Person: spectator, player, official, club member, participant, administrator, coach, parent or member of the community involved with the sport.

State Sporting Association: the peak body for a particular sport in the state and affiliated with its National Sporting Organisation. The SSA is responsible for the development of the sport and the management and communication of the sport's rules and regulations to its affiliated clubs and members.

Appendix 1 – Gippsland Soccer League

Junior Cup Series - refer rule 4.5

1. Junior Cups Series - Player Qualification

- i. At the completion of the Junior Home & Away competition, any player that has played at a higher level for (5) matches or more cannot drop down to a lower level for his or her club for the "Junior Cup Finals Series" Players who can prove to the league that they have only been fill ins in the higher grade will be exempt from this rule. Clubs will be required to completed exemption forms **(Please note Goalkeepers are excluded from the Cup tied player's rule)**
- ii. At the conclusion of the Home & Away season a player **must have played a total of Five (5)** of the seasons matches in their allocated age group to be eligible to compete in the Junior Cup Finals Series (Central) and Finals Series (South Division) Players who compete regularly in an age group will not be tied to that age group for finals

A club may use players from lower age groups during finals as long as they have met the qualification criteria for their respective grade

2. Home Team/Team Colours

- i. The First named team is the 'home team". If strips clash the away team is change.
- ii. Payment of Referees for Cup Rounds will be paid by the Club in which games are being played at/ or Home named team. Based on the structure of the Cup games this may change and clubs will be advised by the league as to the payment system

Payment of Referees for Junior Cup Finals will be paid by the GSL

3. Match Ball

- i. Each team is to supply a match ball.

4. EXTRA TIME – Cup Rounds

- i. Normal time as played in home & away matches with the following extra time;
 - a. Under 11 & 12 5 minutes each way
 - b. Under 13, 14 & 16 10 minutes each way
 - c. For teams up to U12"s where there is still no result after normal time then corners will be counted in extra time to determine a result. If no result is reached after corners are counted the teams must return to replay the match the following day at the same venue at an agreed time by both clubs.
 - d. Under 13, 14, 15, 16&18 teams will go to penalty shoot out after extra time.

5. CUP FINALS

Normal time as played in home and away matches with the following extra time;

- i. Under 11, 12 & 13 - 10 minutes each way
- i. Under 14, 15, 16 & 18 - 10 minutes each way

- ii. If there is still no result then both teams will be declared joint winners for teams up to U13"s.
- iii. The Under U14, U15, U16 & U18"s will have a penalty shoot out to determine the winner.

Appendix 2- Gippsland Soccer League Inc. - Senior Cup series –refer rule 4.5

BATTLE OF BRITAIN CUP, SHOPWELL TROPHY, NAN BOSMA CUP & BROWNE/HUIZER TROPHY - RULES OF COMPETITION

A schedule of dates for competitions shall be determined by the GSL Board.

1. **HOME TEAM** -First named team is the home team, if colors clash the away team must change.
2. **MATCH BALL** -Each team to supply a GSL/FFV approved match ball.
3. **REFEREES FEES** -Each team club for Rounds 1 & 2 and the semi finals will pay ½ of the referee's fees.
4. **MATCH DURATION**
 - i. All matches (including qualifying games) to be played over 90 minutes.
 - ii. Should scores be level after Normal Time, Extra Time will be played.
 - iii. Extra Time shall consist of 2 x 10 minute periods.
 - iv. If scores are level after Normal Time and Extra Time, Penalty Kicks will be taken in accordance with the Laws of the Game to determine the eventual winner.
5. **KICK-OFF TIMES**

All Kick off times will be determined by the GSL Board closer to the event Consideration will be given to both night and day matches and is at the discretion of the GSL board and Staff

6. PARTICIPATION CRITERIA

- ii. Cup tied players applies to all Senior, Reserve & 2nd Division Team Players only if they take the field of play. **Goal Keepers to be excluded from any cup tie rule**
- NOTE: The GSL may reverse the outcome of cup results if it deems that a club has deliberately strengthened a lower grade to gain an advantage.*
- iii. Regular Reserve or 2nd Division Goal Keeper is genuinely unavailable than any Senior or Reserve Player may be brought down ONLY to play in Goals.
 - iv. If all senior teams of a club are playing in each of these cup competitions on the same day then this cup-tie rule will not apply.
 - v. A player will be cup tied if he has played in either competition for one Gippsland Soccer League Club and then has transferred to another Gippsland Soccer League club.
 - vi. In the event clubs are found to have breached this requirement, they will be disqualified from the competition and subject to further disciplinary action.

Appendix 3 Gippsland Soccer League – GSL Shield

The GSL Shield will be determined by a final 4 competitions which is determined by the final placing of all senior grades with position 1 v position 4 and position 2 v position 3

A schedule of dates for competitions shall be determined by the GSL Board

1. HOME TEAM

First named team is the home team, if colors clash the away team must change.

2. MATCH BALL

Each team to supply a GSL/FFV approved match ball.

3. REFEREES FEES

The host club will be responsible for the referee's fees for Elimination Finals

The Gippsland Soccer League will supply the fees for the Grand Final.

3. MATCH DURATION

- i. All matches (including Elimination games) to be played over 90 minutes.
- ii. Should scores be level after Normal Time, Extra Time will be played.
- iii. Extra Time shall consist of 2 x 10 minute periods.
- iv. If scores are level after Normal Time and Extra Time, Penalty Kicks will be taken in accordance with the Laws of the Game to determine the eventual winner.

4. KICK-OFF TIMES

All Kick off times will be determined by the GSL Board closer to the event Consideration will be given to both night and day matches and is at the discretion of the GSL board and Staff

5. PARTICIPATION CRITERIA

The qualifying for all seniors Reserves 2nd Division and Women's finals will be

- i. That a player must have played /taken the field in ½ or more of the home and away season this will include any bye in the competition in which the player played the previous scheduled match.
- ii. Players will be tied to the club team that they have played/taken the field in the most home and away games during the current season. In the event that all teams are competing in finals on the same day players will be permitted to move between all grades. i.e. 7 games seniors, 5 games reserves therefore the player is tied to Seniors team

Appendix 4 Gippsland Soccer League – GSL SOUTH DIVISION

1. TOP 4 FINALS- RULES OF COMPETITION

The South Division finals for all senior age groups/divisions will be determined by a final 4 competitions which is determined by the final placing of all senior grades with position 1 v position 4 and position 2 v position 3. A schedule of dates for competitions shall be determined by the GSL Board

2. HOME TEAM

First named team is the home team, if colors clash the away team must change.

3. MATCH BALL

Each team to supply a GSL/FFV approved match ball.

4. REFEREES FEES

- i. The host club will be responsible for the referee's fees for Elimination Finals
- ii. The Gippsland Soccer League will supply the fees for the Grand Final

5. MATCH DURATION

- i. All matches (including Elimination games) to be played over 90 minutes.
- ii. Should scores be level after Normal Time, Extra Time will be played.
- iii. Extra Time shall consist of 2 x 10 minute periods.
- iv. If scores are level after Normal Time and Extra Time, Penalty Kicks will be taken in accordance with the Laws of the Game to determine the eventual winner.

6. KICK-OFF TIMES

All scheduled games will be determined by the GSL Board

7. PARTICIPATION CRITERIA

Juniors Finals Series - Player Qualification South Division

- iii. At the completion of the South Division Junior Home & Away competition, any player that has played at a higher level for (5) matches or more cannot drop down to a lower level for his or her club for the "Junior Cup Finals Series" Players who can prove to the league that they have only been fill ins in the higher grade will be exempt from this rule. Clubs will be required to completed exemption forms (***Please note Goalkeepers are excluded from the Cup tied player's rule***)

- iv. At the conclusion of the Home & Away season a player must have played a total of Five (5) of the seasons matches in their allocated age group to be eligible to compete in the Junior Cup Finals Series (Central) and Finals Series (South Division) Players who compete regularly in an age group will not be tied to that age group for finals.

A club may use players from lower age groups during finals as long as they have met the qualification criteria for their respective grade.

1. Home Team/Team Colours

- iii. The First named team is the 'home team". If strips clash the away team is change.
- iv. Payment of Referees for all finals will be paid by the Club in which games are being played at/ or Home named team. Based on the structure of the junior games this may change and clubs will be advised by the league as to the payment system

2. Match Ball

- ii. Each team is to supply a match ball.

3. EXTRA TIME – Junior Semi Finals

- ii. Normal time as played in home & away matches with the following extra time;
 - e. Under 11 & 12 5 minutes each way
 - f. Under 13, 14 & 16 10 minutes each way
 - g. For teams up to U12"s where there is still no result after normal time then corners will be counted in extra time to determine a result. If no result is reached after corners are counted the teams must return to replay the match the following day at the same venue at an agreed time by both clubs.
 - h. Under 13, 14, 15, 16&18 teams will go to penalty shoot out after extra time.

Senior Finals Series – Player Qualification South Division

PARTICIPATION CRITERIA

The qualifying for all seniors Reserves 2nd Division and Women's finals will be

- iii. That a player must have played /taken the field in ½ or more of the home and away season this will include any bye in the competition in which the player played the previous scheduled match.
- iv. Players will be tied to the club team that they have played/taken the field in the most home and away games during the current season. In the event that all teams are competing in finals on the same day players will be permitted to move between all grades. i.e. 7 games seniors, 5 games reserves therefore the player is tied to Seniors team
- ii. In the event clubs are found to have breached this requirement, they will be disqualified from the competition and subject to further disciplinary action.

4. Match Durations Finals

Normal time as played in home and away matches with the following extra time;

Junior Matches

- ii. Under 10, 11, 12 & 13 10 minutes each way
- v. Under 14, 15, 16 & 18 10 minutes each way
- vi. If there is still no result then both teams will be declared joint winners for teams up to U13"s.
- vii. The Under U14, U15, U16 & U18"s will have a penalty shoot out to determine the winner.

Senior matches

- viii. All senior men's and women's matches (including Elimination and semi finals games) to be played over 90 minutes.
- ix. Should scores be level after Normal Time, Extra Time will be played.
- x. Extra Time shall consist of 2 x 10 minute periods.
- xi. If scores are level after Normal Time and Extra Time, Penalty Kicks will be taken in accordance with the Laws of the Game to determine the eventual winner.