



# SUMMARY OF CHANGES TO COMPETITION OPERATING REGULATIONS 2016



## **GENERAL CHANGES**

1. Update of the minimum requirements for each of the leagues in line with the new licence period as provided to all clubs.
2. Format and presentation of the minimum requirements changed to make it more reader friendly.
3. Amended names of the competitions as agreed to by the clubs and FFSA. National Premier League, State League 1 and State League 2.

## **COMPETITION OPERATIONS**

### **1. Admission Charges and Season Passes**

#### **Clause 1a.**

Inclusion of a State League 2 Admission Charge.

State League 2

\$5.00 Adults

\$2.00 Concession

Under 16 Free

\* The above Admission Charges for State League 2 will come into effect at venues which can conduct a gate

### **2. Kick-off Times and Duration of Matches**

#### **Clause 2d.**

Removal of reference to standard kick-off times being 11.00am, 1.00pm and 3.00pm.

#### **Rationale**

This reflects current process as clubs nominate their preferred kick-off times and there is no requirements that they nominate a particular kick-off time. This is at the discretion of the club.

### **7. Player Points System and Player Remuneration**

#### **Clause 7h**

Implementation and clarification of Adelaide United Youth Team's participation requirements in the competition.

The salary cap conditions will not be applied to an A-League Club Youth League Team (Adelaide United Football Club - AUFC) that participates in the competition.

Where a Youth League Team (AUFC) participates in the competition the following requirements will be applied;

- I. *AUFC will be permitted to play any player that is aged 20 years of age or under as of the 30 December of that year. No overage field player is permitted to register with the Adelaide United Youth Team.*
- II. *Adelaide United may make an application to register an overage goalkeeper. Football Federation SA will review the application. In reviewing the application consideration will be given to the number of A-League games that the goalkeeper has played. Any decision is at the sole and absolute discretion of the FFSA.*
- III. *Adelaide United will be required to name a squad of 20 players and submit it to FFSA as of 31 January each year. In addition, an overage age goalkeeper may be permitted on application in accordance with clause II. All players must be registered in myfootballclub registration system in accordance with clause 61 of the FFSA Competition Rules and Regulations.*

*NOTE: AUFC may request an alteration be made to the squad based on injury or other exceptional circumstances. Any decision is at the sole and absolute discretion of the FFSA.*

- IV. *In the event that the Adelaide United Youth Team is crowned League Premiers, the team is not eligible to represent South Australia in the FFA National Premier League Finals Series. The qualifier will be the second placed team.*
- V. *Adelaide United will be eligible to participate in a final series conducted for the National Premier League SA.*
- VI. *Adelaide United will be eligible to be promoted and/or relegated from any competition in which it participates.*
- VII. *AUFC will not be eligible to receive prize money.*

*Penalty: In accordance with the National Registration Regulations and FFSA Competition Rules and Regulations clause 61-62.*

## **9. Online Team Squads**

Update of timeframe for the notification of online team squads for both NPL and State Leagues.

*Each NPL Club is required to submit their on line team lists through Fox Sports Pulse by 12.00 noon Thursday prior to the weekend game.*

*Each State League Clubs is required to submit their on line team lists through Fox Sports Pulse by 9.00am Friday prior to the weekend game.*

## **11. Ground Stewards**

### **Clause 11c**

Inclusion of clause 11c relating to the requirements of Ground Stewards where the field is not fenced.

*Where the field of play is not fenced, the home team is responsible for providing a minimum of 5 ground stewards for the senior grade game.*

## **Final Series**

### **3. Kick-off Times & Duration of Matches**

#### **Clause 3a**

Removal of standardised kick off times and the implementation of the clause that reflects current process;

*Fixtures for the final series will be set by Football Federation SA in conjunction with the hosting club.*

## **Cup Competition**

### **2. Kick off Times and Duration of Matches**

Removal of standardised kick off times and the implementation of the clause that reflects current process;

*Football Federation SA in conjunction with the host club will set kick off times for all matches*

### **3. Eligibility of Players**

#### **Clause 3a.**

The change to the ruling clarifies that players must be registered through the myfootballclub registration system, which is the current process.

*All players must be registered with their club in the myfootballclub registration system.*

#### **Clause 3d.**

The change to the ruling clarifies that a player is ineligible to play in the Under 18s or Reserve Cup Competitions if they have participated in the WFFA Cup. This is consistent with the ruling relating to the movement of players from a higher grade teams.

*A player that has played for their club in the WFFA Cup Preliminary Rounds, is ineligible to play in the Under 18s or Reserves Federation Cup for their club.*

## **Penalties and Fines**

### **Summary of Fines**

Implementation of penalties based on the level of competition that a team participates in, NPL and State Leagues.

Level 1 fine	A fine of \$100.00 for the first offence and \$200.00 for a second offence within 12 months.
Level 2 fine	A fine of \$250 for a first offence and a fine of \$500 for a second offence within 12 months.
Level 3 fine	A fine of \$500 for the first offence and a fine of \$1,000 for the second offence within 12 months.
Level 4 fine	A fine of \$1,000.

Level 5 fine      A fine of \$5,000

### Summary of Fines

Full sanctions relating to breaches of Football Federation SA Competition Rules and Regulations and Operating Regulations are stipulated at the end of each rule or regulation where a penalty is applicable. The above scale of penalty is to be implemented unless otherwise stated.

The information below only provides a summary of the fine to be implemented for the breach, in some cases the breach may also result in the team forfeiting the game. For full details of the sanction please refer to the relevant ruling in the Competition Rules and Regulations and/or Competition Operating Regulations.

#### a. Forfeit of Games

Senior NPL League Team	Level 4 fine,
Reserve League Team	Level 3 Fine.
Under 18 League Team	Level 2 Fine.
Senior State League Teams	Level 3 fine,
Reserve League Team	Level 2 Fine.
Under 18 League Team	Level 1 Fine.

#### b. Playing of an Unregistered, Ineligible and Suspended Player

NPL League Team	Level 3 Fine
State Senior League Teams	Level 2 Fine
All other teams	Level 1 Fine

#### c. Playing a player under a false name

NPL League Team	Level 4 Fine
State Senior League Teams	Level 3 Fine
All other teams	Level 2 Fine

#### d. Teams Sheets

##### Incomplete Team Sheets

NPL Senior Team	\$100.00 per offence
State Senior Teams	\$50.00 per offence
All other teams	\$25.00 per offence

##### Altering a team sheet once a game has commenced

NPL League Team	Level 3 Fine
State Senior League Teams	Level 2 Fine
All other teams	Level 1 Fine

Playing a registered player not listed on the team sheet

All Senior Grades	Forfeit and Level 2 Fine
All other teams	Forfeit and Level 1 Fine

#### e. Use of Incorrect Match Balls

All teams a Level 2 Fine

#### f. Ground Stewards

Not providing the required number of Ground Stewards and/or not fulfilling roles and responsibilities

All Senior Grades

Level 2 Fine

All other teams

Level 1 Fine

**g. Announcement of Team**

Not providing Senior Team List within required timeframe

Level 1 Fine

**h. Yellow and Red Card Fines**

Accumulation of 5, 8 and 11 Yellow Cards

\$25.00

Accumulation of 14 and 17 Yellow Cards

\$50.00

(No fine is to be paid if 5 cards are not received)

Red Card issued to player or official

\$50 for each offence

**i. Appeals**

A club may appeal a decision of the FFSA or Disciplinary Committee. If the appeal is successful, that is the Disciplinary / Appeal Committee finds that there has been no breach of Competition Rules and Regulations and imposes no sanctions, FFSA will reimburse 100% of the appeal fee.

**Example 1**

A club appeals the findings of the Competition Department, a player is issued with a three match suspension for a R1 offence. The Appeal Committee on hearing the evidence reduces the sanction to two matches. This would not constitute a reimbursement of the Appeal Fee as a sanction is recorded.

**Example 2**

A club appeals the findings of a Disciplinary Committee who implemented a \$1000.00 fine for breach of spectator code of conduct. The Appeal Committee on hearing the evidence finds that the club undertook every possible action to prevent the breach and is found not guilty. The club would be entitled to a refund of the Appeal Fee.

Appeal Fee

\$500.00