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Documents found by sourcing as appropriate from either FFNC, NNSWF or FFA websites, include (but are not limited to):-

1. FFNC Constitution
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Cover Photo:

(Top) Long serving Rovers stalwart Jill Hepburn was named Volunteer of the Year after receiving a Volunteer of the month Award in June from Newcastle Permanent Building Society who were represented by Jessie White and Andrew Virtue.

(Bottom) Bangalow SC won their first Men's Premier Division title by defeating Goonellabah FC in a pulsating 2016 grand final



Tom Rehbach was recognised with a Newcastle Permanent Coach of the month award for his commitment and enthusiastic work at Eureka FC

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RESULTS

HOME club to submit results for weekend games online by 11pm each Sunday (but at latest before 8am each Monday). Results are locked and published to the website each Monday morning preventing clubs to enter or change results online.

(A penalty of \$30 per result not entered may apply)

Results from mid-week games to be entered online by HOME club before 8am on the next working day after the completion of match

MATCH SHEETS

ORIGINAL match sheets are to be received within 10 working days of any electronic copies that have been lodged.

If original match sheets are not received at the FFNC office (by mail/delivery) by 1pm each Wednesday or within 48 hours of the completion of the match, a initial submission of match sheets must be made via fax/electronically to the FFNC office by 1pm each Wednesday following all weekend matches.

A penalty of \$30 per set of match sheets not received on time will be imposed on the HOME club.

Club Contacts (as at 19th January 2017)

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WET WEATHER PROCEDURE

It is assumed that fields are OPEN unless notification is specifically given by club, council, FFNC or Referee that they have been closed. Play should not proceed if lightning exists in the immediate vicinity of the ground. The Referee has the primary authority in such instances to make this judgement.

Fields CLOSED cannot be re-opened on the same day without express approval of FFNC. This includes postponing junior fixtures in preference to senior fixtures.

Fixtures CANNOT be moved to another location (or field) without specific approval from FFNC.

PROCEDURE FOR NOTIFICATION OF FIELD CLOSURE

MONDAY TO FRIDAY

- **BEFORE 1.00pm** (for fixtures scheduled for that day)
Clubs **MUST** phone **0434 856 992** or email operations@ffnc.net.au if home ground is closed
- **BEFORE 1.00pm Friday** (for Friday night and weekend fixtures)
Clubs **MUST** phone **0434 856 992** or email operations@ffnc.net.au if home ground is closed
Football Far North Coast will advise all visiting teams, match officials and the media, as well as updating the information on our website at www.footballfarnorthcoast.com.au (where possible).
- **AFTER 1.00pm Mon-Fri.** – (for mid-week evening fixtures)
If the home club's ground is deemed unsuitable for play after 1.00pm, the home club will be responsible for the following:

1. Advise all visiting clubs of the ground closure **immediately by telephone**.
Refer to this publication under "Affiliated Clubs" for contact details.
2. Contact the FFNC Referees mobile 0434 856 992.

WEEKEND FIXTURES

If the home club's ground is deemed unsuitable for play after 1.00pm FRIDAY, the home club will be responsible for advice to all opposition teams and to the FFNC Referees mobile

FITNESS OF GROUNDS

Refer "Fitness of Grounds" (Competition Regulations and Procedures (9) (e).

We do NOT need to know if a field is doubtful, **ONLY** when it is closed.

LIABILITY FOR PAYMENT TO MATCH OFFICIALS

The HOME club will be liable for the FULL cost of appointed match officials if insufficient notification of a postponement is given. FFNC will issue an invoice in such circumstances.

NEUTRAL VENUES

Where a fixture is scheduled at a neutral venue the host club shall contact the FFNC Referees mobile on 0434 856 992. Clubs affected will be advised of ground closure by FFNC.

Venues and Field Name Abbreviations

Bang.....	Bangalow Sports fields	Potts.....	Koala Beach fields, Pottsville
BB.....	Byron Bay Recreation fields	Rec 3.....	Blair Oval, Lismore
Burr.....	Burringbar Sports fields	Rec 12.....	Richards Oval, Lismore
Cas.....	Colley Park, Casino	R'view.....	Riverview Pk, South Lismore
CP.....	Crawford Park, Alstonville	Sk Hd.....	Skennars Head
Croz.....	Crozier Field, Lismore	Shores.....	New Brighton Oval
Dun.....	Balzer Park, Dunoon		North Ocean Shores
E1 to E6.....	Nelson Park, East Lismore	SL.....	Caniaba Street, South Lismore
Eur.....	Eureka Sports Ground	SP.....	Beech Drive, Suffolk Park
Ewing.....	Ewingsdale Rd, Byron Bay	Stars.....	Barrow Lane, North Lismore
GW1 to GW6.....	Geoff Watt Oval, A'ville	S1 to S7.....	Saunders Oval, Ballina
JSF.....	Jeff Schneider Field Bangalow	SCU.....	Southern Cross University
KyH.....	Kyogle High School	T1 to T3.....	Thistles Park, East Lismore
Mull.....	Pine Ave. Mullumbimby	TEB.....	Power Drive, Cumbalum
NH.....	Nimbin Headers Field, Nimbin	T'gum.....	Bawden St, Tumbulgum
Oakes.....	Oakes Oval, Lismore	Uki.....	Uki Sports Ground
		W'burn.....	Woodburn Oval, Woodburn
		WP1 to WP3.....	Weston Park, Goonellabah

CLUBS HOME GROUND LOCATIONS

ALSTONVILLE FC – Crawford Park, Freeborn Place & Geoff Watt Oval, Deegan Drive, Alstonville

BALLINA SOCCER CLUB - Saunders Oval, Tamar Street, Ballina

BANGALOW SOCCER CLUB - Bangalow Sports Ground, Bangalow Road, Bangalow
Jeff Schneider Field Bangalow

BYRON BAY SOCCER CLUB INC. - Byron Rec Grounds, Cnr. Carlyle and Cowper St, Byron Bay

CASINO RSM COBRAS FC - Colley Park, Cnr Farley and West St, Casino

DUNOON - Balzer Park, Cowley Road, Dunoon

EUREKA - Eureka Rd., Eureka (Eureka Public School Grounds)

GOONELLABAH FC - Weston Park, Reserve St. (off Rous Rd) Goonellabah

ITALO STARS FC - Barrow Lane, North Lismore (adjacent to Italo Club)

KYOGLE FC - High School ground, Kyogle

LENNOX HEAD FC – Skennars Head Road, Skennars Head.

LISMORE RICHMOND ROVERS FC – Walker & Neilson Sts., East Lismore

LISMORE THISTLES SOCCER CLUB – Thistles Park, Military Road, East Lismore

LISMORE WORKERS FOOTBALL CLUB - Richards Oval (Rec12), Brewster Street, Lismore

MULLUMBIMBY BRUNSWICK VALLEY FC - Pine Avenue, Mullumbimby

NIMBIN HEADERS - Cecil Street, Nimbin

POTTSVILLE BEACH SOCCER CLUB - Koala Beach fields, Tom Merchant Drive, Pottsville

SHORES UNITED SOCCER CLUB - New Brighton Oval, Park Street, New Brighton (JUNIOR fields)
Shara Boulevard, North Ocean Shores (SENIOR field)

SOUTH LISMORE CELTIC FC - Nesbitt Park, Caniaba Street, South Lismore

SOUTHERN CROSS UNIVERSITY – SCU Football Centre Crawford Road East Lismore

SUFFOLK PARK PHOENIX FC – Suffolk Park Field, Beech Drive, Suffolk Park

TINTENBAR EAST BALLINA FC - Cumbalum Fields, Power Drive, Cumbalum

TUMBULGUM RANGERS SPORTS CLUB - Bawden Street, Tumbulgum

UKI PYTHONS FC - Uki Sports Ground, Kyogle Road, Uki

WOODBURN WOLVES FC - Wagner Street, Woodburn



Action from a men's premier match between Byron Bay FC and Lismore Workers FC



The Cyril Mayo trophy being held by Cyril's twin granddaughters Kasey and Ella Basso, while Terry Mayo watches on proudly



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2017 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Tursa Employment and Training ANZAC CUP:

Men's Round Robin pre-season competition, to be played on Friday nights or Sundays.
Finals to be played at Oakes Oval, Lismore (unless otherwise advised).

Tursa Employment and Training CALLAN McMILLAN MEMORIAL SHIELD:

Women's Round Robin pre-season competition to be played on Friday nights or Sundays.
The Finals to be played at Oakes Oval, Lismore (unless otherwise advised).

SENIOR DIVISIONS:

All Senior Men's Divisions begin on weekend of 24/25/26 March.

JUNIOR POINTSCORE COMPETITION:

Grade 12 to 16 competitions consisting of 10 teams will begin on weekend of 24/25/26 March.

All other Grade 12 to 16 competitions will begin on weekend of 28/29/30 April.

MINIROOS:

Grade 6 to 11 commence on 29th April

F.F.N.C Senior AWARDS night:

26th August

Lismore Workers Club, Keen Street, Lismore



Grand FinalSeries: *

From 8th to 17th September TBC

- Subject to competition schedule and availability of venues

MINIROOS CARNIVALS have been confirmed for 2017 as follows;

12th March MBVFC Girls Gala Day

18th June Lismore Thistles

2nd April Goonellabah

25th June Ballina

7th May South Lismore

25th June Casino

28th May Tintenbar East Ballina

6th August Alstonville

2016 AWARD WINNERS

	<u>Pointscore Champions</u>	<u>Grand Final Winners</u>
Grade 12 Div. 1	Ballina	Byron Bay
Grade 12 Div. 2 North	Pottsville Beach	Pottsville Beach
Grade 12 Div. 2 South	Alstonville Lightning	Alstonville Lightning
Grade 12 Div. 3	Dunoon United	Dunoon United
12 Girls	Alstonville Hot Shots	Alstonville Hot Shots
Grade 13 Div. 1	Alstonville	Joint: Alstonville & MBVFC
Grade 13 Div. 2 North	Alstonville Vipers	Ballina
Grade 13 Div. 2 South	Casino Cobras	Casino Cobras
Grade 14 Div. 1	Alstonville	Alstonville
Grade 14 Div. 2	Lismore Richmond Rovers	Lismore Richmond Rovers
Grade 15 Div. 1	MBVFC	Lismore Thistles
Grade 15 Div. 2	Casino United	Casino United
15 Girls	Alstonville Red Devils	Alstonville Red Devils
Grade 16 Div. 1	Alstonville	Alstonville
Grade 16 Div. 2	Goonellabah	Goonellabah
16 Girls	Pottsville Beach	Pottsville Beach
Women Div. 5	Lismore Richmond Rovers	Lismore Richmond Rovers
Women Div. 4	Casino	TEBFC
Women Div. 3	Lismore Workers	Lismore Workers
Women Div. 2	Goonellabah	Pottsville Beach
Women's Premier	Bangalow	Bangalow
Mens Div. 7	Lennox Head	Lennox Head
Mens Div. 6	Lismore Thistles	Lismore Thistles
Mens Div. 5	MBVFC	Lennox Head
Mens Div. 4	Ballina	Lismore Thistles
Mens Div. 3	Alstonville	Alstonville
Mens Div. 2	MBVFC	MBVFC
Mens First Div.	Suffolk Park	Ballina
Premier Reserves	Byron Bay	Byron Bay
Premier Division	Goonellabah	Bangalow

2016 AWARD WINNERS

ANZAC CUP

Premier Division -	Lismore Richmond Rovers
Open A -	Lismore Richmond Rovers
Open B -	Italo Stars
Grade 16 -	Alstonville

CALLAN McMILLAN

A Division -	Bangalow
B Division -	Byron Bay

Summer Youth League Male: Lismore Richmond Rovers

Summer Youth League Female: Lismore Thistles

Club Championship: Lismore Richmond Rovers

Men's Premier Player of the Year: Joel Rudgley - Bangalow

Women's Premier Player of the Year: Hollie Jarrett - Bangalow

Men's Premier Coach of the Year: Brendan Logan - Goonellabah

Women's Premier Coach of the Year: Mick Smith – Lennox Head

Terry Greedy Medalist: Rory Devlin - Bangalow

Lisa Casagrande Medalist: Hollie Jarrett - Bangalow

Golden Boot –Men's Premier Div: Aaron Walker - Byron Bay 23 goals

Golden Boot - Men's Open Div: Adam Church - MBVFC 30 goals

Golden Boot – Women's Premier Div: Hollie Jarrett - Bangalow 21 goals

Golden Boot – Women's Open: Tara Bayles - Italo Stars 33 goals

Birmingham Dedication to Football Award: The Hanigan Family - Bangalow

2016 MATCH OFFICIAL AWARD WINNERS

FFNC Referee of the Year (*Glen Gibbs Trophy*): Anthony Smith

FFNC Female Referee of the Year: Courtney Jameson

Rookie of the Year (*Corey New Trophy*): Benjamin Simmonds

Assistant Referee of the Year: Isaac Peachey

Most Improved Junior Referee (*Allistair Watts Trophy*): Samantha Lucas

Most Improved Senior Referee (*Bob Beaumont Memorial Trophy*): Connor Johnston

Most Consistent Referee (*Joe Pisani Trophy*): Mick Smith

Commitment to Refereeing: Brock Smith

Referee's Referee (*Deen Mohammed Trophy*): Anthony Smith

FFNC WOMEN'S

PREMIER TEAM OF THE YEAR 2016

Karoline Verral	Lennox Head FC
Karina Young	Lismore Thistles SC
Isabelle Braly	Bangalow SC
Brooke Sheehan	Alstonville FC
Claudia Hewett	Lismore Thistles SC
Hollie Jarrett	Bangalow SC
Elsa Mangan	Lismore Thistles
Laani Winkler Harding	Bangalow SC
Jade Bianchetta	Bangalow SC
Emily Mccann	Alstonville FC
Chelsea Coleman	Lennox Head FC

FFNC MEN'S

PREMIER TEAM OF THE YEAR 2016

Brad Robertson	Goonellabah FC
Matt Graham	Goonellabah FC
Jay Keevers	Lismore Workers FC
Shane Smith	Lismore Richmond Rovers FC
James Tomlinson	Byron Bay FC
Joel Rudgley	Bangalow SC
Russell Dent	Lismore Richmond Rovers FC
Kurt Stephens	Goonellabah FC
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Junior Carnival Procedures

These procedures are to be adopted for all carnivals approved by Football Far North Coast.

All teams participating are bound by the Competition Regulations of The Zone, which includes MINIROOS (Grade 6 to 11). Host Clubs are required to adhere to these regulations except where written approval has been received from FFNC to amend any item.

- **REMEMBER, THE GAME IS FOR ALL CHILDREN TO ENJOY.**
- **There shall be no POOL or OVERALL winners declared and no points awarded.**
- **Carnivals are primarily for the purpose of fun and participation.**
- **Medallions or Certificates can be presented if made to all participants.**

Players participating must be currently registered with the Club and age appropriate grade for which they are playing with at the carnival. and not over the age limit for the age division in which they are playing unless specifically approved by FFNC.

Nominations may only be accepted from Club teams (no representative or composite teams).

Clubs nominating more than one (1) team in any age group must also include the distinct team name on nomination.

In the event of excess nominations being received for any age group, a ballot will determine the participating teams.

Teams eliminated by ballot will have their nomination fee refunded. Teams withdrawing after the draw has been completed will forfeit their nomination fee.

A listing all players per team must be handed in at the recording table before the first game.

Number of players per team on the field shall be as follows, plus three (3) interchange players for Grade 6 and 7, and four (4) interchange players for Grade 8, 9, 10 and 11;

Grade 6 and 7 = 4

Grade 8 and 9 = 7

Grade 10 and 11 = 9

Each team is to provide a regulation Match ball. (6-9 Size 3) (10-11 Size 4)

All matches will consist of 10 minute halves, with no half time break.

NO protest will be entered into based only on results or how the draw was constructed.

All queries must be taken directly to the Carnival Organiser whose decision will be final. Issues of serious misconduct are to be directed in writing to The Zone.

No other Club or person may conduct any fundraising during the carnival other than the host Club.

ALDI MiniRoos Club Football

UNDER 6 & 7

Playing Formats

The table below summarises the national playing formats for boys and girls aged Under 6 & 7:

The number of players	4-a-side with <u>no</u> goalkeeper Maximum of three substitutes
The field of play	30m x 20m
Goal size	2m wide x 1m high
Ball size	Size 3
Duration of the game	15 min halves Minimum 5 min half-time break
Penalty area	No penalty area required

Goal type

It is preferable that pop-up style portable goals are used where possible however, the use of poles or markers as goals is also suitable.

To comply with Australian Safety Standards, portable goals must be anchored securely to the ground. The use of sandbags or pegs is recommended when using pop-up style portable goals.

For more information on Australian Safety Standards please visit the Product Safety Australia website: www.productsafety.gov.au.

Goalkeeper

There are no goalkeepers in ALDI MiniRoos Under 6 & 7.

It is the responsibility of the Game Leader to discourage children from permanently standing in front of the goal.

Ball crossing the touch line

There is no throw in.

A player from the opposing team to the player that touched the ball last before crossing the touch line will place the ball on the touch line and pass or dribble the ball into play. Opponents must be at least 5m away from the ball until it is in play. The ball must touch a team mate before a goal can be scored.

Ball crossing the goal line

There is no corner kick.

Regardless of which team touched the ball last, a player from the team whose goal line the ball has crossed will place the ball anywhere along the goal line and pass or dribble the ball into play. Opponents must retreat to the half way line and can move once the ball is in play. The ball must touch a team mate before a goal can be scored.

Offside

There is no offside rule in ALDI MiniRoos Under 6 & 7.

Game Leaders should strongly discourage children from permanently standing in blatant offside positions.

Fouls and misconduct

Indirect free kicks are awarded for all acts of handball or fouls and misconduct. Opponents must be at least 5m away from the ball when the indirect free kick is taken. (An indirect free kick is where a goal can be scored only if the ball subsequently touches another player before it enters the goal).

Most acts of handball or fouls and misconduct at this level are caused by a lack of coordination, with no intent. In this case try and give the advantage to the attacking team and continue play. If you decide a deliberate or serious act of handball, foul or misconduct has occurred, explain to the child they have done the wrong thing and that they should not do this again. Free kicks should be awarded as appropriate.

Match results and points tables

The recording of match results should be conducted for the purpose of assigning teams to appropriate leagues, ensuring the most enjoyable experience for all players.

Under no circumstances will match results be published publicly by Member Federations, Local Associations or local clubs.

Points tables are not applicable in Under 6 & 7 football and do not exist.



ALDI MiniRoos Club Football

UNDER 8 & 9

Playing Formats

The table below summarises the national playing formats for boys and girls aged Under 8 & 9:

The number of players	7-a-side including a goalkeeper Maximum of four substitutes
The field of play	Minimum: 40m long x 30m wide Best Practise: 45m long x 35m wide Maximum: 50m long x 40m wide
Goal size	3m wide x 2m high
Ball size	Size 3
Duration of the game	20 min halves Minimum 5 min half time break
Penalty area	5m deep x 12m wide

Goal type

It is preferable that portable goals are used where possible however, the use of poles or markers as goals is also suitable.

To comply with Australian Safety Standards, portable goals must be anchored securely to the ground. The use of sandbags or pegs is recommended when using portable goals.

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Offside

There is no offside rule in ALDI MiniRoos Under 8 & 9.

Game Leaders should strongly discourage children from permanently standing in blatant offside positions.

Goalkeeper

The goalkeeper is allowed to handle the ball anywhere in the penalty area. To restart play after a save or gathering the ball with their hands, the ball must be thrown or rolled from the hands or played from the ground with their feet, within 6 seconds.

The goalkeeper is not allowed to kick or drop kick the ball directly from their hands. Opponents must be at least 5 metres outside the penalty area and cannot move inside the penalty area until the ball is in play. The ball is in play once it moves out of the penalty area.

An indirect free kick is awarded if the goalkeeper touches the ball with their hands after it has been deliberately kicked to them by a team mate.

Ball crossing the touch line

Throw in.

Player faces the field of play, has part of each foot on the ground either on or behind the touch line, uses both hands and delivers the ball from behind and over his or her head. The thrower must not touch the ball again until it has touched another player. Opponents

must be at least 5 metres away from the ball until it is in play. The ball is in play once it enters the field of play.

A goal cannot be scored directly from a throw in.

Ball crossing the goal line after touching the defending team last

Corner kick.

A player from the attacking team places the ball inside the corner arc nearest to the point where the ball crossed the line. Opponents must be at least 5 metres away from the ball until it is in play. The ball is in play when it is kicked and moves.

A goal may be scored directly from a corner kick.

Ball crossing the goal line after touching the attacking team last

Goal kick from anywhere within the penalty area. Opponents remain at least 5 metres outside the penalty area until the ball is in play. Game Leaders should not restart play until they are satisfied all opposition players are at least 5 metres outside the penalty area. The ball is in play once it is kicked directly out of the penalty area.

Fouls and misconduct

Indirect free kicks are awarded for all acts of handball or fouls and misconduct. Opponents must be at least 5 metres away from the ball when the indirect free kick is taken. An indirect free kick is where a goal can be scored only if the ball subsequently touches another player before it enters the goal.

For deliberate or serious acts of handball or fouls and misconduct in the penalty area, a penalty kick is awarded from an 8 metre penalty mark with only a goalkeeper in position. All other players must be outside the penalty area and be at least 5 metres behind the penalty mark.

Fouls and misconduct are:

- kicks or attempts to kick an opponent;
- trips or attempts to trip an opponent;
- jumps at an opponent;
- charges at an opponent;
- strikes or attempts to strike an opponent;
- pushes an opponent;
- tackles an opponent from behind to gain possession of the ball;
- makes contact with the opponent before touching the ball;
- holds an opponent;
- spits at an opponent;
- handles the ball deliberately;
- plays in a dangerous manner; and
- impedes the progress of a player.

Match results and points tables

The recording of match results should be conducted for the purpose of assigning teams to appropriate leagues, ensuring the most enjoyable experience for all players.

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Points tables are not applicable in Under 8 & 9 football and do not exist.

ALDI MiniRoos Club Football

UNDER 10 & 11

Playing Formats

The table below summarises the national playing formats for boys and girls aged Under 10 & 11:

The number of players	9-a-side including a goalkeeper Maximum of five substitutes
The field of play	Maximum: 70m long x 50m wide Best Practise: 65m long x 45m wide Minimum: 60m long x 40m wide
Goal size	Maximum: 5m wide x 2m high
Ball size	Size 4
Duration of the game	25 min halves Minimum 5 min half time break
Penalty area	5m deep x 12m wide

Goal type

It is preferable that portable goals are used where possible however, the use of poles or markers as goals is also suitable.

To comply with Australian Safety Standards, portable goals must be anchored securely to the ground. The use of sandbags or pegs is recommended when using portable goals.

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Goalkeeper

The goalkeeper is allowed to handle the ball anywhere in the penalty area. To restart play after a save or gathering the ball with their hands, the ball must be thrown or rolled from the hands or played from the ground with their feet, within 6 seconds. The goalkeeper is not allowed to kick or drop kick the ball directly from their hands. Opponents must be at least 5 metres outside the penalty area and cannot move inside the penalty area until the ball is in play. The ball is in play once it moves out of the penalty area or when the goalkeeper places the ball on the ground.

An indirect free kick is awarded if the goalkeeper touches the ball with their hands after it has been deliberately kicked to them by a team mate.

Ball crossing the touch line

Throw in.

Player faces the field of play, has part of each foot on the ground either on or behind the touch line, uses both hands and delivers the ball from behind and over their head. The thrower must not touch the ball again until it has touched another player. Opponents must be at least 5 metres away from the ball until it is in play. The ball is in play once it enters the field of play.

A goal cannot be scored directly from a throw in.

Ball crossing the goal line after touching the defending team last

Corner kick.

A player from the attacking team places the ball inside the corner arc nearest to the point where the ball crossed the line. Opponents must be at least 5 metres away from the ball until it is in play. The ball is in play when it is kicked and moves.

A goal may be scored directly from a corner kick.

Ball crossing the goal line after touching the attacking team last

Goal kick from anywhere within the penalty area. Opponents remain at least 5 metres outside the penalty area until the ball is in play. Game Leaders should not restart play until they are satisfied all opposition players are at least 5 metres outside the penalty area. The ball is in play once it is kicked directly out of the penalty area.

Offside

The official offside rule (Law 11, FIFA Laws of the Game) does not apply to ALDI MiniRoos Under 10 & 11. Goals can be scored from the offside position.

Game Leaders should direct players permanently standing in blatant offside positions to move into onside positions.

Children should be made aware of the official offside rule during training and be encouraged to adopt this philosophy during the game at all times.

Fouls and misconduct

Indirect free kicks are awarded for all acts of handball or fouls and misconduct. Opponents must be at least 5 metres away from the ball when the indirect free kick is taken. (An indirect free kick is where a goal can be scored only if the ball subsequently touches another player before it enters the goal).

For deliberate or serious acts of handball or fouls and misconduct in the penalty area, a penalty kick is awarded from an 8 metre penalty mark with only a goalkeeper in position. All other players must be outside the penalty area and be at least 5 metres behind the penalty mark.

Fouls and misconduct are:

- kicks or attempts to kick an opponent;
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- pushes an opponent;
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Points tables are not applicable in Under 10 & 11 football and do not exist.

Effective from 1 January 2015

ALL AGE GROUPS

The following aspects of ALDI MiniRoos Club Football are common across all age groups from Under 6 to Under 11.

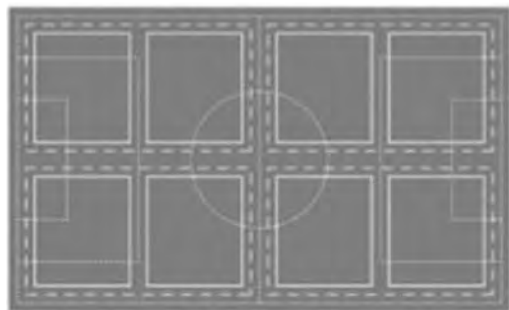
Field Layouts

ALDI MiniRoos fields are easy to set-up and only take a few minutes.

The below diagrams outline how ALDI MiniRoos pitches should look when set-up on a full-size football field:

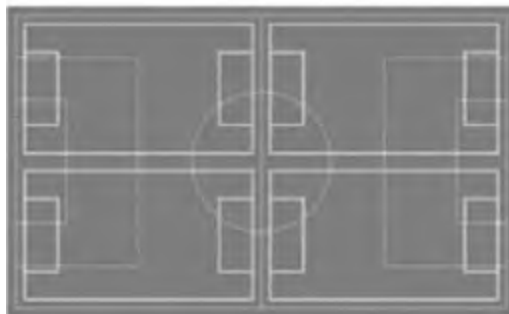
Under 6 & 7

Up to 8 pitches on a full-size football pitch



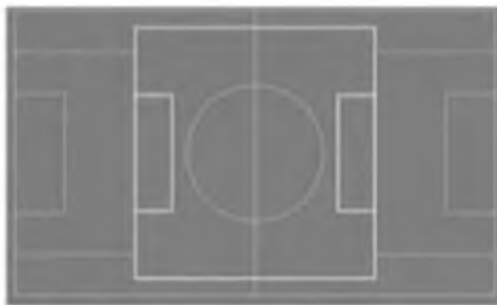
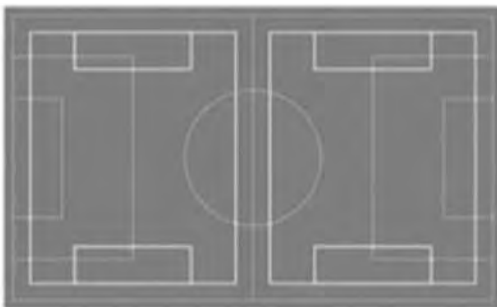
Under 8 & 9

Up to 4 pitches on a full-size football pitch



Under 10 & 11

Maximum of 2 pitches on a full-size football pitch. Alternatively 1 pitch can be set-up penalty box to penalty box.



Field Markings

Cones, markers or painted line markings are suitable. Club Coordinators can order FREE ALDI MiniRoos cones via the website: www.miniroos.com.au.

This includes the penalty areas in the U8 – U11 age categories.

Equipment

Appropriate branded equipment can be purchased via the ALDI MiniRoos on-line store located at www.miniroos.com.au.

Start of play and re-start after a goal

Pass forward to a team mate from the middle of the half way line. All players must be in their own half of the field of play. Opponents must be at least 5 metres away from the ball until it is in play. The ball must touch a team mate before a goal can be scored.

Ball in and out of play

The ball is out of play when it has wholly crossed the goal line or the touch line on the ground or in the air, or when play has been stopped by the Game Leader.

Method of scoring

A goal is scored when the whole of the ball passes over the goal line, between the goalposts and under the crossbar. When goal posts are not available and cones are used for goals, a goal is scored when the ball passes between the cones without touching them, below shoulder height of the player.

Shin guards

Shin guards must be worn by all players without exception.

Concussion

Any player suspected of suffering from concussion should be examined by a medical practitioner before returning to play. As a general rule; "If in doubt, sit it out".

Substitutes

Substitutes may rotate during the entire game. The coach or parent is allowed to make the substitutions while the ball is in play, but must wait until the substituted player has left the field.

Substitute players are to wear ALDI MiniRoos bibs provided free of charge by FFA. Club Coordinators can order these bibs via the website: www.miniroos.com.au.

Every effort should be made to ensure all players, regardless of age, gender, and ability, are given equal playing time.

Game Leaders

Each game is to be controlled by one Game Leader.

The main role of the Game Leader is to keep the game moving fluently, limit stoppages and assist players with all match re-starts. Most importantly, they must make every effort to create an environment that ensures that all players have fun, are learning the game and have maximum involvement.

The Game Leader can be a club official, parent, older child/ player or beginner referee and should always be enthusiastic and approachable. Most importantly, remember the children are learning the game – be flexible and patient.

The Game Leader should:

- Encourage all children to have fun and different children to take re-starts;
- Ensure the correct number of players are on the field;
- Discourage players from permanently over-guarding the goal;
- Check all players are wearing shin guards;
- Use a "Ready, Set, Go" prompt to encourage quick decisions when restarting play;
- Encourage children to dribble or pass ball to team mates rather than kick the ball long;
- Ensure the opposing team is at least 5 metres outside the penalty area for all goal line restarts;
- Ensure team officials and parents create a safe, enjoyable and positive playing environment for the children;
- Encourage children to be involved in all aspects of the game, attacking and defending;
- Award free kicks as appropriate to help children learn the rules and consequences of committing fouls;
- Explain the rules to players and why a free kick has been awarded;
- Let the game flow and give instruction to all players on the run where you can;
- Praise and encourage both teams; and
- Be enthusiastic and approachable.

Game Leaders are encouraged to undertake a free FFA Grassroots Coaching Course prior to start of the season.



IMPORTANT INFORMATION on the following items can be found online at
www.footballfrnorthcoast.net.au

Refer **CLUB HEADQUARTERS** to find important information that includes;

- Working with Children guidelines
- Lightning Policy
- Wet Weather procedures
- Concussion in Sport guidelines
- Insurance policy and claim procedure
- Grants and Funding information
- Duty Officer requirements
- Club contacts
- Club Accreditation procedures
- Club resource website
- Club resource Manual
- Match Officials fees information
- FFNC Constitution
- Newcastle Permanent incentives and awards information
- Recruitment resources
- General forms

Refer **COACH HEADQUARTERS** to find important information that includes;

- Community Coaching information
- Laws of the Game

Refer **PLAYER HEADQUARTERS** to find important information that includes;

- Player participation levies (FFA, NNSWF, FFNC components)

Refer **VOLUNTEER HEADQUARTERS** to find important information that includes;

- Volunteer resources

Refer **REFEREE HEADQUARTERS** to find important information that includes;

- Becoming a Match Official
- Referee course information

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2017 Competition Regulations and Procedures

The Zone has the authority at any time to introduce, amend or delete any Regulation or Procedure as and when it sees fit, and the same shall be binding on all Members.

RESULTS

HOME club to submit results for weekend games online **before 11pm each Sunday**

(A penalty of \$30 per result not entered may apply)

Results from mid-week games to be entered online by HOME club before 8am on the next working day after the completion of match.

MATCH SHEETS

If original match sheets are not received at the FFNC office (by mail/delivery) by 1pm each Wednesday or within 48 hours of the completion of the match, a initial submission of match sheets must be made via fax/ electronically to the FFNC office **by 1pm each Wednesday** following all weekend matches.

ORIGINAL match sheets are to be received within 10 working days in addition to any electronic copies lodged. A penalty of \$30 per set of match sheets not received on time to apply to HOME club.

1. Competitions (Sanctioned Events)

(a) **ANZAC Cup** (Mens) - This will be played on a round robin basis prior to the pointscore competition. Nominations will be called for from Clubs in the following divisions – Premier, Open A, Open B and Grade 16 mixed.

The final to be played on ANZAC Day where possible (or where otherwise scheduled).

(b) **Callan McMillan Shield** (womens) - This will be played on a round robin basis prior to the pointscore competition. Nominations will be called for from Clubs for A Division and B Division.

2. Player eligibility (Anzac Cup or Callan McMillan)

Anzac Cup

Players graded in Men's Premier Division and Premier Reserve Division from the previous season are **ONLY** eligible to participate in Premier Division, however a concession exists for a maximum of FOUR (4) players graded (and confirmed as being premier RESERVE players from the previous season, to participate in Open A.

Players graded in Men's Divisions 1, 2 and 3 (or lower senior divisions and junior males aged at least 14 years) from the previous season are eligible to participate in Open A.

Players graded in Men's Divisions 4, 5, 6 and 7 (or lower senior divisions and junior males aged at least 14 years) from the previous season are eligible to participate in Open B.

Players (male or female) aged at least 14 years are eligible to participate in Grade 16.

Callan McMillan A.

Players graded in Women's Premier Division and Division Two from the previous season are **ONLY** eligible to participate in Callan McMillan A.

Players graded in Women's Division 3, 4 or 5 from the previous season are **ONLY** eligible to participate in Callan McMillan B.

Junior female players aged at least 14 years are eligible to participate in either (but not both) competition if registered in a respective team for this competition.

3. Scheduling

The Anzac Cup Finals will ordinarily be played on ANZAC Day where possible (but may be scheduled otherwise if required).

The Callan McMillan Finals will ordinarily be played immediately prior to ANZAC Day where possible (but may be scheduled otherwise if required).

(c) **Pointscore** – Played on a home and away basis (subject to various factors determined by the Zone).

(d) **Finals Series**

(1) Senior Competitions: The five teams with the highest point scores will play off to decide the Grand Final Winner for that Division. (*Or FOUR teams where such competitions exist of four teams only).

(2) Junior Competitions: The four teams with the highest point scores will play off to decide the Grand Final Winner for that Division.

(e) **Summer Youth League** – Competition consists of one full round, no final series, for players 14 to 20 years of age.

(f) **6-a-side** – As per NNSWF “Special Competition” regulations

(g) **FFA Cup** – As per NNSWF direction or FFA “FFA Cup” regulations

(h) **Other competitions**: Shall be conducted as and when the Zone may determine from time to time.

(i) **Trials**: All friendlies or non-competition fixtures played between players from more than one club.

Non-Sanctioned events

Indemnity cannot be assumed for events or activities that are not reasonably considered as normal club football activities. This may include training, fixtures or events that are consistent with regular activity for member clubs or individuals. Member clubs (and individuals) should seek specific written approval (sanctioning) in such instances from FFNC and in the absence of such approval, conclude that indemnity is not provided.

2.Registrations

Applies to All players, All ages, All competitions, EVERY YEAR

Applies to ALL Team Officials

Applies to ALL Match officials

(a) No child may be registered unless they are turning at least five (5) in the year of registration.

(b) All players must be registered ONLINE at myfootballclub.com.au

(c) Any Junior player being registered for the first time, must provide the Club (and FFNC where requested to do so) with evidence of name and age, by providing an original (or certified copy) of the child's birth certificate.

(d) All accredited Match Officials must be registered ONLINE at myfootballclub.com.au.

(e) All Team Officials who will occupy the Technical Area for any team must be registered ONLINE at myfootballclub.com.au (MFC)

(f) A 1pm Thursday deadline exists each week and applies to eligibility for ALL fixtures scheduled within the next 7 days. All player registration requirements must be completed before a player will be eligible to participate in any fixture.

(g) Clubs are required to provide the Zone with an ORIGINAL Team List of all players in each competitive team.

(h) All Team Lists for Grade 15 to Senior must contain the signature of all players listed.

(i) An initial Team List for ALL competitive teams must be submitted to the Zone office at least seven (7) working days prior to the commencement of each respective competition.

(j) A player can only be registered with one Club at a time. FFA regulations enable application for exemption under “exceptional circumstances” and is subject to specific criteria.

(k) The deadline for player registrations, cancellations and transfer is 30th June of each season.

(l) Players found to be playing below their standard can be regraded at the discretion of the Zone.

(m) The Zone has the discretion to refuse the specific terms of participation of a player for any reason that is assessed by FFNC as contrary to the terms within competition or relevant regulations, including applications to play below their skill level.

(n) Cancellation of registration for players in competitive grades/divisions can occur where participation has NOT occurred (ie player has been named on the match sheet) or where the application to de-registration is submitted not later than 1pm Thursday 26th May.

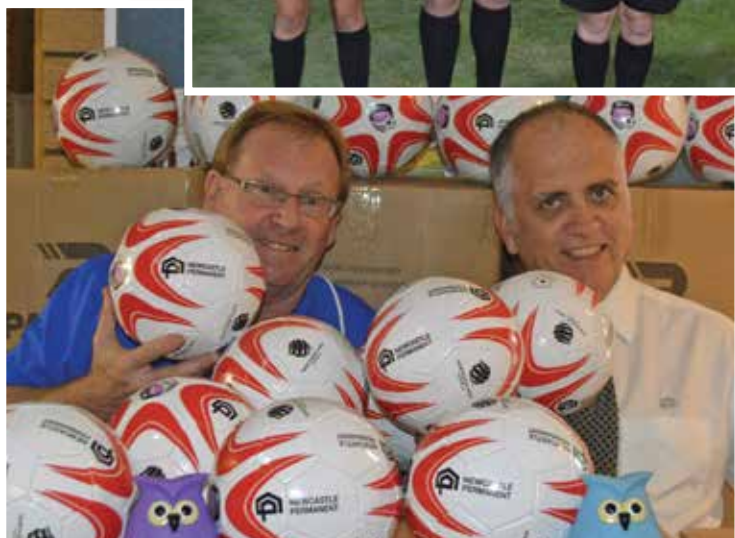
(o) Cancellation of registration for non-competitive (Miniroos) players will only be considered where application to cancel registration from MFC is made within 10 days of the registration being initially approved by a club.

(p) Failure to comply with any of the above Regulations may incur fines and/or penalties.



Jeff Wingfield and his wife Wendy were presented with a Newcastle Permanent Volunteer of the Month award for their continuing contribution to the game at Goonellabah FC

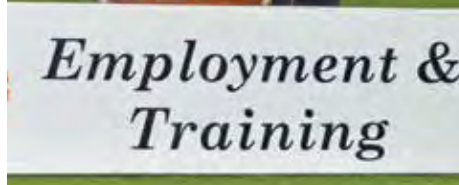
The contribution of Match Officials to the game is appreciated every season



Newcastle Permanent again supplied footballs for Entry Level players as part of their support for community football



Lismore Richmond Rovers Summer Youth League captain Dan Flynn holds the Tursa Employment and Training trophy after his team won the male competition in 2016



Lismore Richmond Rovers captain Russell Dent accepts the 2016 Tursa Employment and Training ANZAC Cup from Tursa representative Greg McMahon



Byron Bay FC won the Callan McMillan B competition with the trophy presented by Mrs McMillan and Janelle Perry



Bangalow stars Joel Rudgley and Hollie Jarrett were named respective Player of the Year in Men's Premier Division and Women's Premier Division in a huge year for the Blue dogs

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3. Eligibility

All participating players must be registered in accordance with Competition Regulations and must not be serving a suspension.

The following eligibility conditions apply for **JUNIOR** players (and competitions);

(a) Age

- (1) (i) A Junior player's grade eligibility will be determined by the age they turn during the calendar year, i.e., if a player turns 12 from January through to December of the current year, they will play in Grade 12.
- (ii) Contrary to the above, in exceptional circumstances, Clubs may apply for a child to play down an age grade. Each application will be judged on its own merits. Determination of approval will be based on the following: (at the discretion of The Zone)
 - (a) Maximum of two over age players per team.
 - (b) No more than six months over age (unless medical support provided).
 - (c) If the Club has more than one team in the division or age grade, the over age players are to be registered in the highest graded team, unless specific evidence and approval exists to the contrary.
 - (d) If a child is registered in an age group older than that for which they are eligible (i.e., a child that turns 10 this year is registered in a Grade 11 team) they are not eligible to play in their normal eligible age group without being officially transferred to that age group (i.e., cannot play Grade 10).
 - (e) A junior player up to the age of fourteen (14) may not play up more than two years above their eligible age.

(b) Across Divisions/Grades

- (1) Non-competitive players in Grades 6 to 11 may play for their Club in any team in their correct age division or a higher age division, subject to Regulation 3 (Eligibility) (a) (4).
- (2) A junior player may not play across the divisions within the one age grade, i.e. from Grade **12/2nd** Division to Grade **12/1st** Division, or vice versa.
- (3) (i) A junior female player may register in ONE of either the junior mixed grade or junior girls grade within their club for which their date of birth makes them eligible. Eg, a girl turning 14 may register in either the Grade 14 mixed or Grade 14 girls but subject to regulations criteria, can participate in both competitions.
- (ii) A junior female (aged at least 14 years) is eligible to participate in the women's competition subject to relevant regulations criteria

The following eligibility conditions apply for **SENIOR** competitions;

(a) Age

- (1) Over 35's - Players must have turned 35 prior to registration to participate.
- (2) Over 40's - Players must have turned 40 prior to registration to participate. Each squad is permitted to register up to two underage players who must be at least 38 years of age on 1st January in the year of competition.
- (3) A junior player aged at least 14 years of age can participate in SYL or senior football (subject to regulations on frequency and other relevant issues).
- (4) Application for any of the above exceptions **MUST** be lodged with the Zone with the Team Nominations or on registration of the player. Players may NOT participate until written approval is received from the Zone.

Following initial submissions, further applications will be considered on an individual basis. Such applications will not be considered after 30th June.

- (5) A junior female (aged at least 14 years) is eligible to participate in the women's competition subject to relevant regulations criteria.
- (6) (i) From season to season a senior player cannot drop more than two divisions without specific approval from FFNC.
- (ii) FFNC reserves the right to review any grading approval in instances where a player displays superior skill inconsistent with participation in a lower division.
- (7) (i) Premier Division: Players registered in a Premier Division squad are free to play in either the

reserve grade or higher grade pointscore matches subject to Regulation 3 (Eligibility) (f) but only during the pointscore competition.

- (ii) Other Senior Divisions: Any senior player who is listed on the match sheet in the same higher grade ~~more than~~ six times during a pointscore competition (finals series is a separate competition) will be re-registered to the higher division team.
- (iii) Any player who has been re-registered to the higher division as a result of the above cannot be transferred back to a lower division/grade.
- (8) (i) Any junior player who plays in any part of a match in the same higher junior age grade more than six times during the pointscore competition (finals series is a separate competition) will be re-registered to that higher junior age grade team.
- (ii) Any junior who plays in any part of a match in the same senior division (first half for Premier Division) more than six times during the pointscore competition (finals series is a separate competition) will be re-registered to that senior division team.
- (iii) Any player who has been re-registered to the higher division as a result of the above cannot be transferred back to a lower division/grade.
- (iv) No senior team may play more than THREE (3) junior registered players in any given match.
- (9) Any player playing in a higher grade and/or division than his/her registered team, must have his/her registered grade and division noted on the team sheet (against their name).
- (10) Participation is deemed to be "name of the match sheet", except men's premier division, which is deemed to be "takes the field in the FIRST half".
- (11) If a club has more than one team in any division/grade, players are not permitted to play across from one team to the other within the one division/grade.

(c) Suspensions

Players must not be subject to the terms of any applicable sanction notification.

(d) Number of Teams

No player may be registered in more than one team.

(e) Eligibility for Junior Finals Series

(Subject to specific regulations for SENIOR competitions)

Players shall be eligible to participate in the final series in:-

- (1) The team in which they are registered.
- (2) Any higher grade (age) team as well as their own eligible division.
- (3) Players eligible to play in the finals series in any division must be correctly registered in accordance with the provisions of these Regulations.
- (4) There is NO minimum number of games (ie participation) to establish eligibility for a Finals Series, however participation should be considered within the spirit of fair and reasonable participation. This means that more skilled players should not participate in an older competition at the expense of players registered within the team.

(f) Eligibility for Senior Finals Series

(Subject to specific regulations for SENIOR competitions) Also refer specific criteria for Men's Premier and Men's Premier Reserve competitions for eligibility for those competitions.

- (1) There is NO minimum number of games (ie participation) to establish eligibility for a Finals Series, however participation should be considered within the spirit of fair and reasonable participation. This means that more skilled players should not participate in a more senior competition at the expense of players registered within the team or junior players over senior players eligible from a lower division.
- (2) Players eligible to play in the finals series in a senior division must be correctly registered in accordance with the provisions of these Regulations.
- (3) A junior player (aged 14 years or older) is eligible to participate in any senior division (unless specifically excluded due to regulation or FFNC notification).
- (4) Any player whose name has not been crossed off the match sheet (with the consent of the Referee following the match) will be deemed to have played in that match.
- (5) Players shall be eligible to participate in the final series in:-
 - (ii) Any higher division team as well as their own eligible division (once eligibility is determined).

(g) Eligibility for Senior Final Series (Men's premier reserve)

(1) Players shall be eligible to participate in the Men's Premier Reserve grade finals series providing that they have participated in more matches in that division than premier division (in their last five matches played in the pointscore competition). Consideration of the player's season participation will be taken in account to determine fairness of grading upon application.

(ii) Men's Premier Division as well as their own eligible division (once eligibility is determined).

(2) If the player has participated in an equal number of matches out of the last five pointscore matches in two divisions, the player will be deemed to be a higher division player.

(h) All participating players must be registered in accordance with Competition Regulations and must not be subject to a current suspension.

Failure to comply with any of the above Regulations may incur fines and/or penalties as per Appendix A.

4. Teams

(a) All Clubs must supply the Zone with a Team List of all competitive players who will participate in each Club team nominated for each new season.

(b) All Team Lists must be lodged with The Zone office not less than 7 working days prior to the commencement of each respective competition.

(c) A service fee as outlined in Appendix A may be charged for late lodgement of Team Lists.

(d) No Club may register more than the following number of players in any one team, without written application to and approval from The Zone, in the following divisions:

Grade 6 – squad of 7 players;

Grade 7 –squad of 7 players;

Grade 8 –squad of 11 players;

Grade 9 - squad of 13 players;

Grade 10 and 11 –squad of 13 players;

Grade 12 to 14 – 14 players;

Grade 15 to Senior - 16 players; (Refer (e) & (g))

Over 35 & 40 - 18 players.

(e) Each Club may register up to a maximum of 18 players in the lowest grade senior team.

(f) Each Club may register up to a maximum of 18 players in Over 35's and Over 40's.

(g) Clubs competing in Premier/ Premier Reserve shall be required to register a minimum of 22 players for the squad. (no maximum)

(h) A maximum of 14 players (Grades 12-14) and 16 players (Grade 15–Senior) are eligible to participate in any fixture regardless of the number of registered players in a given team.

(i) Changes to team listings require approval of the Zone, refer to Competition Regulation 6(b) Internal Transfers.

(j) All competitive teams must register a minimum of eleven players per team.

(k) Any Club registering more than one team in a non-competitive age division (Grade 6 to Grade 11) shall only be required to submit a list of all players in each age division rather than per team.

(l) No Club shall be represented by more than one squad in any Premier/Premier Reserve Divisions.

(m) If any Club withdraws a nominated team from any competition, they will be fined as per Appendix A.

5.Divisions

The Zone shall from time to time determine the number, size and composition of all Divisions:-

(a) On the basis of a ranking of individual Clubs by means of a formal application and assessment process; taking into consideration:-

(i) the number of Clubs capable of competing at any level; or

(ii) having the potential to do so within a reasonable time frame;

(iii) the need for strong viable and attractive competitions;

(iv) the need to adequately cover the major population centres of the Zone and surrounding areas; and

(v) any other factors which the Zone deems relevant in the circumstances

(b) Promotion and relegation shall apply to senior divisions in the following format:

(i) The Club finishing in last position in the Men's Premier Division pointscore shall automatically be relegated to First Division for the following season unless that club has a First Division team that also wins the pointscore competition in the same season.

- (ii) Automatic relegation will only apply to the Premier and Reserve squads, based on the Premier Division pointscore at the completion of the season.
- (iii) The Club finishing in first place in First Division shall be automatically promoted to Premier and Premier Reserve Division in the following season.
- (c) Where a vacancy occurs in Premier Division (for any reason other than promotion/regulation) the Zone may accept applications from interested member clubs.
Those applications will be assessed for suitability based on the FFNC facilities standard, previous competitive history (previous/current season), club membership and any factors considered by FFNC as being relevant to the best interest of football in the zone.
Clubs who have their application approved by the Zone may be required to participate in a play off to determine the successful applicant. The format of such play-offs and eligibility of players to participate will be determined by FFNC.

6. Transfers

(a) International Transfers

- (1) If the player's last registration was with a Club outside of Australia, an International Transfer Certificate (ITC also known as "International Clearance") will be required before registration can take effect. ITC applications are initiated as part of the MFC registration process.
- (2) A written interim clearance will be provided after 30 calendar days if an ITC is not received earlier.
- (3) The club will be notified when the ITC is received. The player is NOT permitted to participate in any fixture, except trial fixtures, until a clearance is received.
- (4) Applications for players between the age of 12 and 18 may be subject to specific criteria mandated by FFA..
- (5) Players under the age of 12 do not require an international clearance.

(b) Internal Transfers

- (1) Transfers within a Club, from one Senior or Junior division to another, will only be accepted on the official Zone transfer form and must be submitted to the Zone by 1pm Thursday for the transfer to apply for ANY fixtures scheduled within the next 7 days.
- (2) FFNC will administer the regrading records in FSP and Team Lists upon approval of club applications submitted.
- (3) Clubs continually transferring players may be called before the Zone to explain their actions.
- (4) Internal Transfers will not be accepted after 30th of June in each season.

(c) Mid-Season Movement

- (1) Any player who wishes to change Clubs during the season needs to be approved by The Zone **before 30th June**.
- (2) If a Club no longer wants a player to be registered with their Club, an application for de-registration is made on MFC. Approval of de-registration is subject to criteria such as participation and confirmation of whether the player is transferring to another Zone club.
- (3) The de-registration is effective immediately when approved by the Zone.
- (4) If the player then wishes to register with another Club he/she must register on myfootballclub.com.au and be approved through the normal process.
- (5) The Zone shall not be responsible for payments made by a player to any club. The liability for all player payments due to the Zone shall exist with the Club to which the player is deemed registered as at 30th June.

(d) Failure to comply with the above regulations may result in a fine as per Appendix A.

7. Match Sheets

(a) Pre-Match

- (1) Each Team Manager shall fill in a Match Sheet with the correct player details of their team, completing all details on the match sheet header in full. FFA numbers where specifically required are to be shown.
- (2) A maximum of fourteen names for junior teams up to and including Grade 14 and sixteen names for Gr. 15 to senior teams may be listed.
- (3) Players' shirt numbers must correspond with the number next to their name and signature on the

Match Sheet for all competitive divisions.

- (4) All names shall be printed in block letters and show FIRST name and LAST name.
- (5) Each individual player must SIGN the relevant place on the match sheet for Grade 15 to senior fixtures.
- (6) All junior and senior players playing up from a lower division or age group must have their registered division noted next to their name on the match sheet.
- (7) A senior team may play a maximum of three (3) junior players in any given match.
- (8) Players whose names are listed on the Match Sheet before the match commences are able to take the field. Names cannot be added to the match sheet after play has commenced, however players may sign the match sheet if their name has been written on the match sheet.
- (9) Any player taking the field who was unable to sign the Match Sheet prior to the commencement of the match may do so at half-time. Players who have not signed the Match Sheet by the end of half time are permitted to take part in the match if specifically approved by the referee. A player who has still not arrived before the second half but is listed on the match sheet, can participate and sign the match sheet AFTER the match. All reasonable requests should be approved, however a player who is NOT listed on the match sheet is NOT permitted to participate.
- (10) (i) **Premier Division only** - The Team Manager shall tick the starting line-up.
(ii) **The Team Manager shall** hand the Match Sheet to the appointed Match Official ten minutes prior to the commencement of the match.
- (11) The name of each suspended player MUST be written in the appropriate section of the Match Sheet to indicate that they are standing down from that particular match or they will be deemed to have not stood down for that match and will not have decreased their term of suspension.
- (12) Failure to comply with any of the above Regulations may incur fines and/or penalties as per Appendix A.

(b) Post-Match

- (1) All players listed on the Match Sheet unless crossed out, will be deemed to have played. Cross off all players who did not participate in the match with the permission of the centre official.
- (2) All Match Sheets are to be handed in to the Canteen at the ground or given to the home team.
- (3) At the completion of Senior matches the Team Manager shall confer with the Match Official on the match sheet details and both shall sign the match sheet.
- (4) The original white copy of the Grade 15 to Senior Match Sheet shall be handed in to the Canteen at the HOME venue.
- (5) The Team Manager shall retain the carbon copy (in the match sheet booklet) of the Grade 15 to Senior Match Sheet for the Club's records.
- (6) All Match Sheets are then to be delivered to the Zone office at Suite 5, 32 Gumtree Drive, Goonellabah, no later than 1pm (Wed) (after weekend fixtures) or within 48 hours after other fixtures.
- (7) Failure to comply with any of the above Regulations may incur fines and/or penalties as per Appendix A.

Match Results

Results will be recorded on the Zone website, www.footballfarnorthcoast.com.au, and will form the official record of each competition.

It shall be the responsibility of the home club to submit results online before 11 pm each Sunday night (after weekend matches) or by 8am the next working day for mid-week games.

The HOME club shall ensure that match sheets are submitted to the Zone office no later than 1pm (Wed) (after weekend fixtures) or within 48 hours after other fixtures.

9. Field of Play

(a) Field markings and set up shall be as per FIFA Laws of the Game.

(b) Oakes Oval

- (1) All teams are to use the change rooms at half time (where instructed).
- (2) The bench area is to be occupied by up to a maximum five substitutes (senior teams) and two registered team officials only (3 for Premier Men and Reserve Grade).
- (3) Non-compliance with directives issued for tunnel and bench areas at Grand Finals may incur a

penalty and/or fine as per Appendix A.

(c) Player Interchange

- (1) Interchange of players is permitted in matches where:-
 - (i) the competition is for players competing in grade eighteen or under
 - (ii) all men's divisions other than Premier Division
 - (iii) all women's divisions
 - (iv) all Miniroos fixtures.
- (2) Interchange Procedure:-
 - (i) All player interchanges shall take place upon the approval the referee.
 - (ii) A player interchange is made when the ball is out of play and for which the following conditions shall be observed:
 - a) the player leaving the field shall do so from the touch line at the halfway line.
 - b) the player entering the field shall only do so when the player leaving the field has passed completely over the touch line.
 - c) a player nominated for interchange shall be subject to the authority and jurisdiction of the Referee whether called upon to play or not.
 - d) the player interchange is completed when the player who was off the field enters the field.
- (3) The number of player interchanges made during a match is unlimited. A player who has been replaced may return to the field for another player.
- (4) There is no time added on or allowance made to a match duration regardless of how many interchanges are made or when they occur.

(d) Technical Areas

- A technical area must be designated for all competitive age teams, both of which are to be on the same side of the field.
- The technical area is defined as the length of the bench plus one metre each side of the bench and the area in front of the bench up to a "minimum" of one metre away from and parallel to the touch-line. It can extend "beck" behind the bench area as far as necessary.
- Only substitutes listed on the Match Sheet and a maximum of **TWO (2)** team officials who are Registered in Myfootballclub are permitted in the Technical Area (Note that a total of **THREE (3)** for Men's Premier Division and Premier Reserve only).
- The players and officials in the Technical Area are subject to the jurisdiction of the Referee, Assistant Referees and 4th Official for the duration of the match. Regulations and authority of FFNC also specifically apply to all persons within the vicinity of the Technical Area.
- All players and team officials must conduct themselves in a responsible manner at all times.
- All players and team officials must be addressed appropriate to their role. This includes the wearing of covered footwear and appropriate clothing. Players leaving the Technical Area for the purpose of changing into non-playing gear, are NOT entitled to subsequently return to the Technical Area.
- Team Officials are required to wear any identification lanyards where supplied and instructed by FFNC relevant to any sanctioned competition fixture.
- Players shall be entitled to take liquid refreshments at the touchline and goal lines. Players cannot leave the field of play for this purpose.
- All competitive age (and senior teams) interchange players/substitutes must remain in the technical area (except where warming up) and must wear interchange bibs at all times unless they take the field of play to participate.
- A Team Official may convey tactical instructions to players during the match, however the coach and other team officials must remain within the confines of the technical area.
- Suspended players/officials and players/officials sent from the field during the match are not permitted in the technical area of any sanctioned match until the full suspension is served. Further, a suspended player or Team Official is prohibited from acting in a role or positioning themselves in a manner that may influence or give input to any player or team or the opposition team.
- A maximum of **ONE (1)** Team Official is permitted to stand in the Technical Area at any time. Other team Officials and inter-change/substitute players are to remain seated unless required to take the field or leaving the TA to warm-up.

(e) Fitness of Grounds

- (1) The Referee shall have the right to decide upon the fitness of the ground for the purpose of cancelling a match, but in the case of severe conditions, the Zone may decide on the condition of the playing fields where required.
- (2) A decision to determine that a match shall not proceed as per schedule due to the fitness of the field can be determined by any of the following (not necessarily in order or priority):-
 - Match Referee
 - Referee Executive
 - Home Club
 - Council
 - The Zone

The authority does not exist to force or insist that a match proceeds where a genuine concern exists about the field or weather conditions, however the match referee has the primary authority to determine if a match does proceed.

- (3) It should be noted that ONLY the Zone shall have the discretion to transfer or reschedule any match, including transferring the match to an alternate field.
- (4) The Zone will advise all affected Clubs of any transfers or cancellations that may be necessary due to closures notified by 12pm Friday for weekend scheduled matches, and up to 12pm on the day of mid-week matches, and will also post such alterations on the Zone website at www.footballfarnorthcoast.com.au where possible.
- (5) If a Club/Council ground controller finds it necessary to close grounds the day preceding weekend matches or up to 12pm on the day of a mid-week match the Club must notify the Zone immediately.
- (6) If a Club/Council ground controller finds it necessary to close grounds after 12pm the day preceding weekend matches it shall be the home Club's responsibility to immediately advise by telephone all opposing Clubs and the Referees contact of the ground closure.
- (7) Where a club makes a decision to close their field(s) after 12pm M-F or on weekends, they are to phone -
 - (i) all opposition club's primary club contact person
 - (ii) Referee mobile on 0434 856 992
- (8) Matches that are deferred due to wet weather, or for any reason, shall be rescheduled for play by the Zone wherever possible. If the matches are not able to be played, they shall be classed as a 0-0 draw.
- (9) Particular caution should be taken with storm activity, noting that fixtures can be delayed for a short period and recommence when a danger has passed. The referee shall determine if a match is abandoned (ie does not proceed as scheduled).

(f) Grade 12 Goal and Corner Kicks

- (i) Goal kicks are to be taken from a point level with the penalty spot and parallel to the goal line in that side of the field where the ball went out.
- (ii) Corner kicks are to be taken on the goal line at a point 3 metres from the junction of the goal line and the penalty box (16.5 metres line) and towards the corner on that side of the field in which the ball went out.

10. Facilities and Equipment

(a) Playing Grounds

- (1) Ground markings must be clear and accurate and within the dimensions as specified in the Laws of the Game.
- (2) Nets and corner posts must be provided and conform to the Laws of the Game for all competitive matches.
- (3) All goalposts or portable equipment must be adequately and securely fastened to the ground.
- (4) Clubs shall, on seeking affiliation/membership to the Zone, submit details of their playing fields and the Zone shall have the discretion to require any alterations to the playing venue (eg, location of technical areas, quality of field surface).
- (5) There should be available at each Club an area in which the Referees can rest and leave their belongings while on the pitch. This area should contain some seating as well as being lockable.

- (6) All grounds must be roped, or a suitable barrier provided along the full length of the field containing the technical area. The barrier or rope should be located a minimum of 2 metres from the touchline.

(b) Club Colours

- (1) All strips, including alternate strips, are to be registered with and approved by the Zone each season. (Refer to Fees, Fines and Penalties)
- (2) All competitive team shirts shall be individually numbered and the number of the shirt worn by each player must correspond with the name and number on the Match Sheet.
- (3) All players taking the field shall be in full Club/team strip, including shirt (with clearly visible number), shorts and socks.
- (4) If colours clash the Visiting Team shall be required to wear an alternate approved club strip. The Referee shall have the discretion to enforce this.
- (5) If a team finds it necessary to wear a strip that is not registered with and approved by the Zone for their club (eg, borrows an alternate strip) approval is required from the Zone and the Match Official.
- (6) If a dispute cannot be resolved between either team and the referee on this matter, resulting in the match not being played, the recorded result of the match shall be subject to the determination of the Zone.
- (7) Where a "Home" club refuses to lend an alternative strip to a visiting team, a forfeit against the visiting team may be enforced if no suitable alternative strip is forthcoming, however it is still the primary responsibility of the visiting side to have an alternative strip available

(c) Players Equipment

- (1) All Match Balls shall be of materials approved by FIFA. The following sizes will apply:
Grade **6 to 9** inclusive = size 3
Grade **10 to 13** inclusive = size 4
Grade 14 to All Age inclusive = size 5
- (2) All boots shall comply with Law Four of the FIFA Laws of the Game.
- (3) Shin Guards - In accordance with FIFA Laws of the Game the wearing of shin guards is compulsory for all players as part of players equipment (Law Four).
- (4) Undergarments/Skins – In accordance with Law Four of the FIFA Laws of the Game, which states that undergarments must be the same colour as the most prominent colour of the playing shorts/ shirt (as applicable). Garments worn under the shorts may not extend further than the knee, otherwise they will be deemed to breach the Laws of the Game.
- (5) Goalkeepers may wear track pants, shorts or socks similar or different in colour to the rest of his team.
- (6) All participating women players must wear supporting bras or crop tops under their playing shirts.
- (7) The numbers on the back of shirts must be one solid colour in complete contrast to the basic colours of the shirt, and where the shirt pattern may impair clear identification of the number from a distance of 100 metres, then the number must be placed on a plain coloured panel.
- (8) All player shirts (including the goalkeeper) **MUST** have a number on the back of the shirt.
- (9) In regard to glasses, players are permitted to wear prescription glasses subject to the lenses being "sports/safety" design and frames being assessed by the Referee as not creating an undue risk to the player or other participants. The referee has the authority to exclude any player wearing spectacles considered to be a risk to themselves or another player.
- (10) Plaster casts – a player with a plaster cast is **NOT** permitted to participate regardless of any additional wrapping used to soften the hardness of the cast.

(d) First Aid

Each individual club (team) shall be responsible for the primary care and treatment of minor injuries (including the provision of ice). A player suspected of having a serious injury should not be moved. An ambulance should be called (000) in such instances.

11. Duration of Matches and Number of Players

A match must be of two equal periods as indicated below:

(a) Grade	No. of Players	Match Duration
Grade 6 & 7	4	2 x 15 min. halves
Grade 8 & 9	7	2 x 20 min. halves
Grade 10 & 11	9	2 x 25 min. halves
Grade 12	11 a side	25 mins each way
Grade 13 & 14	11 a side	30 mins each way
Grade 15 & 16	11 a side	35 mins each way
Grade 17 & 18	11 a side	40 mins each way
All Age	11 a side	45 mins each way

(b) In the event of a match commencing after the scheduled time, the referee shall reduce the total duration of the match by the time lost and divide both halves equally. The Referee shall then advise each team to this effect before the commencement of play. This shall not apply to Premier Division matches or final series matches unless extraordinary circumstances are deemed to exist.

(c) Injury or other stoppage time will only apply in Men's Premier Division.

(d) Substitutes/Interchange

Grade 6 to 11 – no interchange limit

Grade 12 to 14 – maximum of 3 with unlimited interchange

Grade 15 to 18 – maximum of 5 with unlimited interchange

Over 35 and Over 40 – maximum of 5 with unlimited interchange

Women's Divisions – maximum of 5 with unlimited interchange

Premier Men's Division only – maximum of five substitutes.

All other seniors – maximum of five with unlimited interchange.

All junior divisions – half time 5 minutes

All senior divisions – half time 10 minutes

12. Home Team Responsibilities

The team whose name appears first in the draw shall be considered to be the Home Team.

(a) The Duty Officer must present himself to the Match Official of all senior matches 15 minutes prior to kick off, and for all junior matches 5 minutes prior to kick off.

(b) The Home Team shall supply the Match Ball/Balls.

(c) Premier to First Division - the Home Team Manager shall supply THREE (3) Match Balls to the Match Official 10 minutes prior to kick-off.

(d) Duty Officers

(1) Every Club shall appoint a minimum of one Duty Officer per field for HOME fixtures regardless of grade or division of fixture.

(2) All MEN'S PREMIER clubs shall appoint at least one Duty Officer for ALL fixtures in which they are playing.

(3) The Duty Officer MUST wear a vest at all times, and be very visible.

(4) The Duty Officer MUST be at least 18 years of age and cannot be involved in any other activity (i.e., coach, manager, canteen, etc.) whilst acting in this capacity.

(5) The Duty Officer shall not consume alcohol whilst performing these duties nor prior to doing so.

(6) The Duty Officer should duties may include:-

(i) If an official referee is not present, ensure that a referee is arranged either by the Club or by consent of the two teams playing.

(ii) Escort the designated match officials to and from the playing field and ensure their safety at all times.

(iii) Check with the equipment officer that an alternate strip is available if required.

(iv) Encourage spectators to comply with the Spectator's Code of Behaviour.

(v) Direct and assist an ambulance if called to attend a player or any other person.

(vi) Be of assistance wherever possible to encourage appropriate behaviour at the venue.

(e) All clubs involved in the sale of alcohol shall comply with all liquor licensing laws and any further requirements of the Zone. FFNC recommends a designated area to be nominated for the consumption

- of alcohol and specifically prohibits the consumption of alcohol within ten (10) metres of the proximity of the Technical Area.
- (f) Failure to comply with any of the above regulations may incur fines/penalties as per Appendix A or prosecution by regulatory authorities.

13. Match Officials

- (a) The Match Official shall receive the match sheets prior to the commencement of the match.
- (b) The Match Official shall record all other players who take the field (or are substituted) during the first half of Men's Premier Division matches.
- (c) The Match Official shall record the Player of the Match points in Men's and Women's Premier Divisions and e-mail the player names and points to the Zone office no later than 9am Monday or alternatively within 48 hours of the match in other instances.
- (d) The Match Official shall ensure that any send-Off Reports and/or Misconduct Reports are lodged electronically with the Zone office by 9am each Monday or otherwise the second working day following the match.
- (e) Junior match officials shall not act as a centre official unless specifically approved by FFNC.
- (f) Failure to comply with the above regulations may result in a fine as per Appendix A.
- (g) Match Officials are NOT to take match sheets from the ground for any purpose. The Home Club has the responsibility to submit match sheets to the Zone office. The referee is to submit completed match sheets to the home team.

14. Forfeits

A forfeit is typically a match in which one team is unable to field seven players for the match (however, is not limited to this example).

- (a) In the event of seven players per team being present the match must commence at the scheduled kick-off time.
- (b) In the event of a team failing to take the field within fifteen minutes of the scheduled starting time, the opposing team, if on the field of play, will be awarded the match on a forfeit.
- (c) There is no specific allowance for travel and time is deleted from the match duration after the scheduled kick-off time elapses
- (d) In the event that extraordinary circumstances prevent one or both teams (or the match officials) being able to take the field within 15 minutes of the scheduled time, the match may be deemed to be a forfeit (but requires the authority of the Zone).
- (e) (1) If the offending team has not notified the Zone by 4.30pm the day prior to the match that they will not be able to field a team, their Club will be fined as per Appendix A.
- (2) If the Club receiving the un-notified forfeit is the home team, they may be reimbursed reasonable expenses including Match Official fees to a maximum of \$150.00 on receipt of an invoice to the Zone office.
- (f) Teams that advise the Zone by 1pm the day prior that they are unable to fulfil a scheduled match will be charged an administration fee as per Appendix A.
- (g) If an ineligible player participates in a match, the team which included the ineligible player/s shall forfeit their points and goals. All goals scored by their opponents shall be recorded, with a minimum of 3 goals and 3 match points being awarded to the opposing team.
- (h) A forfeit is classified as a match, and as such a suspension may be served by a player (but only in the team receiving the forfeit), provided that a match sheet showing same is provided to the Zone office as per Regulation 7 (Match Sheets) (b) (6).
- (i) Any team which forfeits a match in the finals series shall take no further part in the series, and will be fined as per Appendix A.
- (j) Any team that forfeits an ANZAC Cup match will be fined as per Appendix A.
- (k) Any club which forfeits either a Premier or Premier Reserve match due to a lack of numbers must forfeit both divisions on that day.
- (l) The enforcement of a forfeit for any reason including the absence of match officials or dispute between teams shall be referred to the Zone for determination.
- (m) The Zone shall have the sole discretion to determine if a match shall be played or considered a forfeit in the event of a dispute occurring

15. Abandoned Matches

- (a) The Referee must abandon a match under the following circumstances:
 - (1) A violent incident occurs on the field of play involving four or more players engaging in violent conduct.
 - (2) One or more persons invade the pitch and engage in or promote violent, offensive or threatening conduct.
 - (3) A match official is physically assaulted.
 - (4) Any circumstances where grave danger or threat to any person may be suspected in the vicinity of the fixture/venue.
- (b) In the event of a match being abandoned by the match official(s) for reasons of violence, the team or teams reported by the match official(s) shall be suspended from their next competition round.
- (c) Where both teams are held responsible by the Competition Administrator, the abandoned match shall be voided and not replayed.
- (d) Where one team is held responsible by the Competition Administrator, the abandoned match shall be classified as a forfeit and the match points shall be awarded to the opposition team.
- (e) If the Competition Administrator decides that the match will be replayed, the match officials will be paid again for the match.
- (f) If a match is abandoned, cancelled or forfeited, a suspension is only considered to be served if the team to which the suspended player belongs is not responsible for the facts that led to the abandonment, cancellation or forfeiture.
- (g) A yellow card issued during an abandoned match will be annulled if that match is replayed and upheld if that match is not replayed.
- (h) A direct red card issued during an abandoned match will be upheld, regardless of whether the match is replayed or not.
- (i) If a match is abandoned due to light failure, storm, player injury, etc, the Zone shall determine if the score will be recorded as it was at the time of the abandonment, recorded as a NIL all draw or if the match will be replayed, taking into consideration the duration of play, score line and the Referee's Report and any other matters considered relevant.
- (j) The definition of a fixture as an abandoned match will ultimately be determined by FFNC.

16.Points

- (a) WIN: 3 points;
- (b) DRAW: 1 point;
- (c) DEFEAT: Nil points;
- (d) FORFEIT: 3 pts plus 3 goals.
- (e) BYE: 0 points

17.Determination of Pointscore Champions

- (a) The team with the highest pointscore will be the particular Division Pointscore Champion.
- (b) In the event of two or more teams finishing equal on points in the pointscore competition, the better goal difference will decide the higher placing.
- (c) In the event of two or more teams finishing equal on goal difference, the most goals for will decide the higher placing.
- (d) In the event of two or more teams finishing equal on most goals scored, the team with the lesser number of yellow/red cards issued to a team will decide the higher placing.
- (e) Joint premiers if no distinction in results can be determined.

18.Final Series

- (a) Final Series matches will be allocated to the home ground of the competing team that finished highest on the pointscore (where reasonable and at the discretion of the Zone)
- (b) **Junior Finals** - The four teams with the highest point score will play-off to decide the Grand Final Winners and Runners-up for that Division in accordance with the following formula:

Week 1 - Match A - 3 v 4 - Loser out
- Match B - 1 v 2 - Winner to Grand Final (Match D)

Week 2 - Match C - Loser B v Winner A (Loser Out)

Week 3 - Match D - Winner B v Winner C

Matches A, B & C: If the matches are drawn at full time there will be 10 minutes extra time each way for the Grade 12 to 18 age groups inclusive. If the match is still drawn the team which finished highest on the point score shall advance (for grades 12-14). A penalty shoot-out will apply to determine the winner in grades 15 and above.

Match D: Grand Final: If the match is drawn at full time there will be 10 minutes extra time each way for the Junior age groups. If the match is still drawn at the end of extra time, Joint Premiers will be declared for Grades 12 to 14. There will be a penalty shoot-out to determine the Grand Final Winner for Grade 15 and above.

(c) **Senior Finals** - The five teams (or four if such completion exists in which case the junior format shall apply) with the highest pointscore will play off to decide the Grand Final Winner for that Division in accordance with the following formula:

Week 1 - Match A - 4 v 5 (Loser out)

- Match B - 2 v 3

Week 2 - Match C - Loser B v Winner A (Loser Out)

- Match D - 1 v Winner B

Week 3 - Match E - Loser D v Winner C (Loser Out)

Week 4 - Match F - Winner D v Winner E
Matches A, B, C, D, E & F: If the matches are drawn at full time, there will be 10 minutes extra time each way. If matches are still drawn there will be a penalty shoot-out to determine the winner.

19. Zone Representative and Development Players

If FOUR or more players registered in a Club team are unavailable for competition due to Football Far North Coast SAP/GTP commitments, under the jurisdiction of affiliated bodies, including representative school football, the Club may apply to have the match deferred. The application must be received by the Zone office at least 10 days prior to the match. If approved, the Zone will designate a time and place for the match to be scheduled.

20. Pregnancy

- (a) A player who is pregnant must take full responsibility for themselves. No blame or responsibility shall be accepted for that player or their unborn child/children by the Zone, affiliated Clubs or registered players in the event of an injury which causes complications or the termination of that pregnancy.
- (b) If a player is pregnant there shall be no manipulation verbally by the opposing team or her own team concerning the condition of that player.
- (c) The Zone advises players against playing after pregnancy has been confirmed.

21. Accounts Receivable

- (a) All accounts not paid by the due date are subject to a recovery fee of \$50 (incl. GST).
- (b) Overdue accounts may render the club ineligible to receive further competition points during the period the account remains unpaid in full.
- (c) FFNC reserves the right to impose further penalty where financial obligations of members are not fulfilled in accordance with reasonable terms.

22. Accounts Payable

- (a) Accounts rendered upon FFNC must be submitted within a maximum of 30 days of supply (unless otherwise specified) to be deemed valid. No liability will be accepted for late lodgement of accounts.



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APPENDIX "A" - Fines and Penalties (GST not applicable)

Any fine or penalty imposed may also incur a Disciplinary Sanction as and when deemed necessary by the Competition Administrator

Team Withdrawal (per team)

a) After grading finalised	
- Minirooms	\$22.00
- junior	\$55.00
- senior	\$55.00
b) After draw completed	
- Minirooms	\$55.00
- junior	\$110.00
- senior	\$165.00
c) After competition has commenced	
- Minirooms	\$77.00
- junior	\$165.00
- senior	\$220.00
d) Anzac Cup / Callan McMillan & Summer Youth League	
(i) after draw compiled	\$110.00
(ii) less than 1 week prior to and after start of comp, per round	\$110.00
Late lodgement of Team Lists or online team data entry, per team	\$22.00

Participation of Ineligible Players (per match)

a) Win or draw - junior, forfeit of points and/or fine	\$50.00
Win or draw, senior, forfeit of points and fine	\$75.00
b) Match lost junior	\$60.00
senior	\$90.00
c) Anzac Cup/Callan McMillan/SYL	
Win or draw - loss of pts & fine	\$90.00
Match lost	\$110.00
Semi-final - forfeit plus fine	\$210.00
Grand Final - forfeit plus fine	\$320.00

Home Team Responsibilities

Failure to comply	\$50.00
Failure to provide Duty Officer	\$50.00

Club Colours

Failure to register a new strip with Zone.	\$220.00
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Forfeits

Match awarded to opposition (3 points, 3 goals)	
a) Minimum 24 hrs notification	
- Senior	\$55.00
- Junior	\$55.00
b) Day of fixture or no notification	
- Senior	\$220.00
- Junior	\$110.00
c) Forfeit in a final series	\$550.00
d) Anzac Cup/Callan McMillan or SYL forfeit	\$165.00

Match Sheet Infringements

a) No signature on Match Sheet	\$50.00
b) Forged Signature	\$90.00
c) Missing registration numbers where required	\$30.00
d) Incorrect reg. number or surname	\$30.00
e) Insufficient information on Match Sheet header	\$30.00
f) Conflicting shirt numbers	\$30.00
g) Late lodgement of Match Sheets, per incident	\$50.00

Annual General Meeting

Non-attendance	\$55.00
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Oakes Oval

Non-compliance with Grand Final requirements	\$210.00
Abuse of official	\$420.00

Trophies

a) Not returned	Cost of replacement
b) Damage to trophies	Cost of repair or replacement

Inducement of Junior Match Official

To act as a centre official	\$95.00
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Disciplinary Appeals -

First appeal	\$220.00
Second appeal	\$440.00
Third appeal	\$880.00



Talented match officials Blake Penhey, Davis Whitney and Aiden Downes who attended the Talented Officials Program in Coffs Harbour



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Red and Yellow Cards

Yellow Card Offences

- **Y1** Unsporting behaviour
- **Y2** Dissent by word or action
- **Y3** Persist infringement of the Laws of the Game
- **Y4** Delaying the restart of play
- **Y5** Failing to respect the required distance when play is restarted with a corner kick, free kick or throw-in
- **Y6** Entering, re-entering or deliberately leaving the field of play without the referee's permission
- **Y7** Deliberately leaving the field of play without the referees permission

Red Card Offences

- **R1** Serious foul play
- **R2** Violent conduct
- **R3** Spiting at an opponent or any other person
- **R4** Denying the opposing team a goal or an obvious goal-scoring opportunity by deliberately handling the ball (except a goalkeeper within their own penalty area)
- **R5** Denying an obvious goal-scoring opportunity to an opponent moving towards the opponents' goal by an offence punishable by a free kick (unless otherwise outlined in the FIFA laws of the game)
- **R6** Using offensive, insulting or abusive language and/or gestures
- **R7** Receiving a second caution in the same match





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2017 Disciplinary Procedures

These procedures are supplementary to the FFA National Disciplinary Regulations and should any conflict arise the FFA National Disciplinary Regulations shall take precedence.

1. OBJECTS OF THE ZONE DISCIPLINARY PROCEDURES:

- (a) In the first instance, the Competition Administrator shall receive and determine the process for all written reports received by the Zone, which relate to matters of offence or misconduct, under the authority of the Zone.
- (b) The Competition Administrator (or Nominee) and/or the Zone Disciplinary Panel have the authority to impose a penalty on any Zone Member or any other person or Organisation.
- (c) The determining authority needs only to be satisfied from the available evidence that the Laws of the Game, the Procedures of the Zone, the National Disciplinary Regulations and Code of Conduct or the FFNC Spectators Code of Behaviour in force at that time have been breached. Where breaching of the Laws and/or Procedures, the National Disciplinary Regulations or Code of Conduct or the FFNC Spectators Code of Behaviour has been to gain an unfair advantage, is considered dangerous, brings the game of Football or the Objects of The Zone into disrepute, by any action or deed, physical or verbal, or other method which offends the Zone, or the Objects of the Zone, notwithstanding that the Member may not be participating in a game of Football when the breach occurred.
- (d) Penalties imposed by these Procedures also apply to Members or Registered Participants seeking to participate in a competition sanctioned by the Zone or any other Football organisations which are responsible to the authority of FIFA.
- (e) A HEARING is deemed to exist when a person is given an opportunity to make a submission to any disciplinary or Code of Conduct matter. This can be done verbally, in writing or in person and is considered as part of the outcome, notwithstanding providing no obligation upon the administrator to make a determination contingent upon any submission.

2. DETERMINING AUTHORITY:

- (a) Competition Administrator or nominee;
- (b) Association Zone Disciplinary Panel;
- (c) Association Zone Appeals Panel;
- (d) The Zone Committee of Football Far North Coast Inc.;
- (e) A Member may appeal the decision of the Zone Committee to the next higher authority to which Football Far North Coast is deemed responsible. This appeal must be lodged through the Football Far North Coast Zone office.
- (f) The Zone may at its discretion initiate and follow the process from any level of authority it deems necessary to ensure that the objects and Procedures are adhered to.
- (g) The Determining Authority shall have the full power to vary, modify or set aside the decisions and findings of previous Determining Authority. The Determining Authority also has the power to set aside, increase or decrease any penalty imposed by previous Determining Authority.

3. DISCIPLINARY PROCESS SUMMARY

- Match Official decision
- Match Official Report (Send-Off or Conduct)
- Zone delegate considers report, verbal and written submissions (ie Definition of a HEARING is an opportunity for a player to be Heard)
- Sanction imposed (summarily)

- Sanction communicated to club
- Optional Appeal if above minimum sanction

4. LAWS OF THE GAME:

Are the Laws as laid down from time to time by Federation Internationale de Football Association, as amended by FIFA from time to time.

5. ZONE PROCEDURES:

Are the Constitution and Procedures of Football Far North Coast Inc., which are in force at that time.

6. MEMBER:

Is any person or organisation, as defined in the Constitution of Football Far North Coast Inc. Part 2 - Membership.

7. MATCH:

A match is a game of Football, or competition match game conducted by, or under the control of the Zone, where points or a trophy has been or is awarded.

8. AUTHORITY OF COMPETITION ADMINISTRATOR:

- (a) The Competition Administrator is authorised to review all official's reports received by the Zone, or matters referred to the Zone and the Competition Administrator may, at it's discretion and without limiting the circumstances in which the Competition Administrator may do so, proceed as follows;
 - (i) Review the report and, if the Competition Administrator considers a determination is possible without the Zone Disciplinary Panel, then advise the Member's Club of the determination in writing. Should the Member's Club accept the Competition Administrator's decision the matter is concluded. However, if the Member declines the Competition Administrator's decision, they must do so within 7 days of receiving the decision and the report shall be referred to the Zone Disciplinary Panel and the Competition Administrator shall not be a Member of the panel, or
 - (ii) If the Competition Administrator considers a report (other than Send Offs) is frivolous or mischievous, the matter will be considered concluded and report to the Zone.
 - (iii) Convene a Panel to hear the matter.
- (b) The Competition Administrator may at it's discretion and without limiting the circumstances in which the Competition Administrator may do so, convene The Zone Disciplinary Panel in the event that any of the following occurs:-
 - (i) If the Zone Committee refers a complaint or item to the Competition Administrator for determination.
 - (ii) On receipt of a written report or complaint, signed and dated, from a Zone Member or other Zone empowered organisation Member or official if deemed necessary.
 - (iii) Multiple (two or more), repeats of similar misconduct by the same Member, and brought to the attention of The Zone by report.
 - (iv) If a Member is reported to this Zone by another Football Association, or a member Referee of the Zone, for any breach of Procedures or misconduct, the Competition Administrator is empowered to proceed as per Procedure 7, from which the Member may then appeal, in accordance with Disciplinary Procedures. The Competition Administrator shall consider any penalty imposed by the other Association.
 - (v) The Competition Administrator may impose additional disciplinary sanctions on a Club Member for the misconduct of a team, including when:
 - 1) a specified number of Players are cautioned during one match;
 - 2) a specified number of Players are sent off during one match; or
 - 3) several Players together make threats or show force against a Match Official.

- (c) The Competition Administrator, may, at its discretion, attend hearings of the Zone Disciplinary Panel or the Zone Disciplinary Appeals Panel as an observer, but shall not take part in proceedings except to answer questions, if any, from the Panel Chairpersons, and may take Minutes of the proceedings to assist.

8. MATCH CAUTIONS:

- (a) Cautionable Offences
- Y1. Unsporting behaviour
 - Y2. Shows dissent by word or action
 - Y3. Persistently infringes the Laws of the Game
 - Y4. Delays the restart of play
 - Y5. Fails to respect the required distance when play is restarted with a corner kick or free kick.
 - Y6. Enters or re-enters the field of play without the Referee's permission.
 - Y7. Deliberately leaves the field of play without the Referee's permission.
- (b) A Member shall be cautioned during the course of a Zone match for any offence under the Laws and Procedures of Association Football as is deemed necessary by the Referee.
- (c) The Referee may reprimand a player/participant during the course of play without the showing of a yellow card.
- (d) An official booking (or Caution) is administered by the Referee, recording a player/ participant's name and number and the offence committed on the Zone Match Sheet at the conclusion of the match or any abandoned match.
- (e) The only appeal allowed against a caution is for mistaken identity.

9. CUMULATIVE CAUTIONS AND PENALTIES

- (a) In any one game a player receiving a yellow card and then a direct Red Card will have recorded against his/her name ONE (1) Caution which will be counted in the player's accumulation of yellow cards, plus the penalty imposed for the Red Card offence.
- (b) The accumulation of yellow cards will be reset at the end of the last Match of the pre-season, the main season competition, finals series or any other competition respectively. This means that yellow cards accumulated in a pre-season competition do not carry over to the competition proper and yellow cards accumulated in a main season competition do not carry over to any finals series. Match suspensions incurred as a result of the accumulation of yellow cards will not, however, be cancelled and shall be served in the final series if required.
- (i) Should any player accumulate three (3) Cautions during a pre-season competition, the player shall serve a ONE (1) MATCH SUSPENSION. Should the player accumulate a further two (2) Cautions during pre-season competitions, the player shall serve a further ONE (1) MATCH SUSPENSION.
 - (ii) Should any Player accumulate four (4) Cautions during a Main season competition, the player shall serve a ONE (1) MATCH SUSPENSION.
 - (iii) Should any Player accumulate a further two (2) Cautions, (i.e., a total of six (6) Cautions) during a Main season competition the player shall serve a further ONE (1) MATCH SUSPENSION.
 - (iv) For every additional two (2) cautions accumulated during the Main season competition, the Player shall serve a further TWO (2) MATCH SUSPENSION, however the Zone may apply an additional penalty if the player's record or circumstances of the cautions is considered to justify such action.
 - (v) Should any Player accumulate three (3) Cautions during the Finals series, the player shall serve a ONE (1) MATCH SUSPENSION.
 - (vi) Should any player accumulate three (3) Cautions during Summer Youth League competition, the player shall serve a ONE (1) MATCH SUSPENSION. Should the player accumulate a further two (2) Cautions during Summer Youth League competition, the player shall serve a further TWO (2) MATCH SUSPENSIONS.
 - (vii) Championship and Other Competition Cautions shall be dealt with at the discretion of the Competition Administrator or nominee.
- (c) The Zone shall maintain the official record of Players Cautions. The Zone will advise the Member's Club

in writing when the Member has accumulated the required number of Cautions to serve a suspension HOWEVER it will be the responsibility of the player's club to stand a player down when they cumulative cards have been received requiring a suspension to be served. A player or club cannot rely on "lack of notification" from the Zone as a defence for not standing a player down where cumulative cards have been issued.

- (d) The requirement to stand a player down for match caution offences shall apply in the next match designated for the players nominated team, as per Disciplinary Procedure 13.

10. SEND OFF:

A player will be sent from the field for the following offences as prescribed in the Laws of the Game:-

- R1** Serious Foul Play
- R2** Violent Conduct
- R3** Spits at an opponent or any other person
- R4** Denies an opponent a goal or an obvious goal-scoring opportunity by deliberately handling the ball (this does not apply to the goalkeeper within his/her own penalty area)
- R5** Denies an obvious goal-scoring opportunity to an opponent moving towards the player's goal by an offence punishable by a free kick or a penalty kick.
- R6** Using Offensive, Insulting or Abusive Language and/or gestures.
- R7** Receives a second Caution in the same match

11. MEMBERS SENT FROM THE FIELD:

- (a) (i) A Member who accumulates the following number of red cards during the pre-season competition, main season competition or Finals Series, must serve the following immediate mandatory match suspensions:
- 1) First red card - 1 match suspension
 - 2) Second red card - 2 match suspension
 - 3) Third red card - 3 match suspension
 - 4) Fourth red card - 4 match suspension
- plus any further penalty determined by the Competition Administrator or nominee.
- (ii) Any penalty imposed by the Competition Administrator or any higher authority will be inclusive of the mandatory match suspension.
- (iii) A Member sent from the field shall not participate in any other game or match until the Send-Off Report has been reviewed in accordance with Procedure 7.
- (iv) A Team Official who has been expelled from the field of play by a Referee must serve a mandatory one (1) match suspension plus any further penalty determined by the Competition Administrator or nominee.
- (v) Suspended players/officials and players/officials sent from the field during the match are not permitted in the Technical area until the full suspension is served and cannot have any active role in coaching of team activities during a fixture.
- (b) The Competition Administrator shall advise the Club's nominated person which of the Procedure 7 processes shall apply within three working days of the match when the Send-Off occurred. If after four working days the Member's Club has not been contacted, then the Club nominee may contact the Competition Administrator.
- (c) In cases of urgency, the Member's Club may contact the Competition Administrator within the three working day period, to seek priority for the process of determination.
- (d) The only appeal allowed against the mandatory match suspension is for mistaken identity.
- (e) All sanctions will be applied in accordance with the FFA schedule, noting minimum sanctions exist for each offence and may be applied at or above this schedule.

12. PENALTIES AND LIMITATIONS:

- (a) The Determining Authority is empowered to impose penalties on persons or Members within the Zone, in any combination of the listed penalty limits, as is determined necessary to ensure compliance with the Disciplinary Procedures, and the Regulations of the Zone.
- (b) Penalty Limits available to the Determining Authority:
 - (i) **Zone Membership.** The Determining Authority may terminate or suspend for a stated time period any type of Membership.
 - (ii) **Fines.** The Determining Authority is empowered to impose monetary fines on Zone Members only, up to an amount not exceeding one thousand one hundred dollars (\$1100 inclusive of GST) for any one offence. The time limit for the payment of fines will be fourteen days from the date of written notification by The Zone Secretary.
 - (iii) **Bond:** (Suspended penalty until enforced). A Bond is an imposed penalty, which is held over for a time period or number of matches. A Member under bond may participate during the period of the Bond, or until the Member re-offends, by way of similar or more serious offence, at which time the penalty/s of the Bond will be enforced by the Determining Authority and this penalty plus any further penalty for the re-offence must be served before further participation.
 - (1) Any one Bond shall be limited to:-
 - (1.1) Monetary Bond, up to but not exceeding one thousand one hundred dollars (\$1100, inclusive of GST) and/or;
 - (1.2) Match Suspension Bond
 - both of which will be enforceable until a specified date, not exceeding a period of twenty four (24) months.
 - (2) A Member shall not be awarded another Bond while the Member is currently under Bond.
 - (3) The Determining Authority will enforce the imposed Bond if the Member has re-offended by way of a similar or more serious offence within the time frame of the bond.
 - (4) A Bond being enforced on a Member, if monetary, becomes payable by the Member or the Member's Club on receipt of written advice from Competition Administrator.
 - (5) Monetary Bonds must be paid to the Zone prior to the next Zone match, before the Member is allowed further participation. Match Bonds enforced, will be served from the next Zone match after the Zone has notified the Member or Member's Club. Verbal notifications will be confirmed in writing.
 - (6) The Bond expires, and cannot be enforced, from the end of the applied time. A time limit expires at midnight on the nominated date.
 - (7) The sanction of placement on a bond can be imposed only on first time offenders.

(iv) Match Suspensions

The Determining Authority may suspend a player Member for any NUMBER OF MATCHES (from playing only) or any TIME PERIOD (may be from involvement in all activities) up to a life ban.

(v) Reprimand

The sanction of reprimand can only be considered under the terms of the FFA Disciplinary Regulations.

- (vi) The Determining Authority may impose additional sanctions on a club or team, including:
 - (1) loss of competition points;
 - (2) suspension or expulsion from the competition;
 - (3) playing matches without spectators;
 - (4) loss of home ground matches
 - (5) a ban from attending matches
 - (6) a ban on taking part in any football related activity
 - (7) any other sanctions deemed appropriate

These penalties can only be imposed in very serious or repeated circumstances.

13. SERVING OF SUSPENSIONS:

- (a) (i) Match suspensions, whether from accumulation of cautions, send-off or misconduct, must be served in the competition received in. However, if there are insufficient matches for the suspension to be served in that competition, the suspension must be served in the next match scheduled for the player's nominated team, whether it be Anzac Cup, pointscore, midweek, finals series or Summer Youth League, following written notification from the Zone. The suspended person may not participate in any other match until the full suspension has been served.
- (ii) A match suspension determined in accordance with these regulations will take effect across Australia.
- (iii) Suspensions cannot be served in trial matches, however a player is eligible to participate in trial match unless a time suspension has been imposed..
- (iv) Suspensions cannot be served in competitions not conducted by FFNC.
- (v) A player is not eligible to participate in a competition match until a suspension has been fully served, regardless of when or where it was imposed.
- (b) All penalties not able to be served in a current season will be carried forward and served from the first match in the next season, in the grade in which the player is registered.
- (c) A match suspension is served at the completion of an appropriate match for which The Zone Match Sheet has been correctly endorsed in accordance with Match Procedures 4 and 11.
- (d) If a match is abandoned, cancelled or forfeited, a suspension is only considered to be served if the team to which the suspended player belongs is not responsible for the facts that led to the abandonment, cancellation or forfeiture.
- (e) Members are not permitted to serve more than one (1) match suspension on any one day, nor serve a one (1) match suspension then participate on the same day.
- (f) A suspension received in a Club match makes a player ineligible for selection in representative matches or participation in Football NSW Champion of Champions and does not serve as a suspension. Suspensions received in representative matches or Football NSW Champion of Champions are to be served in the next match, whether it is representative, Football NSW Champion of Champions or Club, unless this clause is contradictory to the Procedures of the competition where the suspension occurs.
- (g) (i) A suspension imposed in terms of Matches on a Player participating in eleven-a-side football only affects that Player's participation in eleven-a-side football competition.
- (ii) A suspension imposed in terms of time (such as days, weeks, months) affects a Player's participation in all FFA sanctioned football.
- (h) (i) A player who has received a suspension from the Competition Administrator and has denied the determination may request permission from the Competition Administrator to play before the Zone Disciplinary Panel convenes.
- (ii) If permission is granted, they may only participate in the grade in which they are registered after they have served the mandatory match suspension.

14. MISTAKEN IDENTITY

Appeals for mistaken identity for Procedures 8 and 10, must be submitted in writing to the Zone within two (2) working days from the end of the match in which the mistake allegedly occurred. Details of the person alleged to be the person who should have been identified in the specific incident is to be provided.

15. THE REFEREE

- (a) Must provide to a team official, within ten (10) minutes of the termination of the match, the duplicate of the Match Sheet, showing all charges which have been recorded against their Members for that match. The Referee must submit any Send-Off Reports electronically to the Zone by 9am Monday after the match or within 48 hours in other circumstances.
- (b) If the Send-Off or Misconduct Report proceeds to a Zone Disciplinary Panel, the Referee may be required to attend the hearing, and other match officials or representatives involved in the incident shall attend if requested.

16. NOTIFICATION AND TIME FRAMES

- (a) The Competition Administrator will send a Disciplinary Infringement Notice notifying the Player or Team Official (through his or her Club) of the sanction imposed or the requirement to appear before a Disciplinary Panel.
- (b) If after four working days the Member's Club has not been contacted, then the Club nominee may contact the Competition Administrator for instructions.
- (c) The Zone Disciplinary Panel will convene at an appropriate location and time nominated by the Competition Administrator, which will be notified to the Player or Team Official's club in writing at least 5 working days prior to the Hearing, unless precluded by exceptional circumstances. The notice will advise all persons required to attend the Hearing.
- (d) The Referee's body or Member who submitted the report will also be notified in writing at least 5 working days prior to the Hearing, unless precluded by exceptional circumstances. The notice will advise all persons required to attend the Hearing.

17. PANEL

- (a) Each Member of a Disciplinary/Appeals Panel is bound by Part V of the FFA Statutes (Judicial bodies and Disciplinary Sanctions) which dictate the independence and impartiality of a Disciplinary Committee.
- (b) Members of the Panel shall maintain confidentiality on hearing matters.
- (c) It shall not be the obligation of the Competition Administrator or its nominee to inform the Zone Disciplinary/ Appeals Panel of the details of the case or cases they are to hear, or enter into discussion on any case before the time of meeting of The Panel.
- (d) Quorum for a Zone Panel shall be Three (3).
- (e) In the event of insufficient Panel members being available, then the Competition Administrator may call upon a Zone Committee Member to act as a Member of the Appeals Panel.
- (f) The Competition Administrator shall appoint an employee of the Zone to act as a Member of an Investigative Panel.
- (g) If a scheduled Panel Member is delayed or fails to appear at the designated hearing venue at the scheduled time, the hearing may proceed with a Panel of two with the agreement of all parties.
- (h) The Panel Chairperson may refuse entry to any person who is not directly involved in the hearing.

18. EVIDENCE:

- (a) The evidence shall comprise written evidence, and oral presentation by way of;
 - (i) Reports, Referees or other accepted by the Chairperson;
 - (ii) Players' written deposition, signed and dated;
 - (iii) Witnesses' written depositions, signed and dated, from witnesses who may be called upon by the Panel if required.
- (b) The Member must provide to the Competition Administrator a copy of any written submissions, materials or documents it intends to rely on in the hearing, as well as the names of any persons who will be attending to represent them, at least 2 business days before the start of that hearing. If it fails to do so, the Panel Chairperson may refuse to submit them into evidence at the hearing.

19. DISCIPLINARY PANEL PROCEDURE:

- (a) The Panel will convene at the appointed time and place.
- (b) The Panel shall have placed before it, reports, any written depositions that are signed and dated, and clarification from the Referee if required.
- (c) A party may attend in person or by phone.
- (d) If a party fails to attend, the case can be heard and determined in that party's absence, including as to determination of the charge and/or sanction.
- (e) The following is a guide only to the manner in which proceedings are conducted and may be altered to suit the individual circumstances of each case:

- (i) On entry to the APPEAL everyone present (i.e. Panel, Referee, Referee Representative, Club Representative, Player/Official and Witnesses) will be introduced.
- (ii) Charges will be read, and then maximum and minimum suspensions will be stated for persons found guilty.
- (iii) Witnesses will temporarily retire, to await being called upon.
- (iv) Reports will be read aloud and Players/Officials will identify themselves as the person in question. The option is then given of pleading guilty or not guilty. (The panel has the right to question the Referee/Member)
- (v) Club Representative will be asked to speak on behalf of Player/Official. (The Panel will be allowed to question Player/Official)
- (vi) Player/Official will be asked to submit evidence in relation to the incident. (questioning is allowed by the Panel.)
- (vii) Witnesses will be called individually to supply their evidence then once again, asked to retire. (Panel has the right to question the witness)
- (viii) Player/Official will be asked for any further comment. The Panel may call upon any person seen previously.
- (ix) Player/Official, Club Representative, Referee and Referee Representative will all be asked to leave whilst a decision by the panel is considered.
- (f) If the Panel determines that the party is guilty, they may consider the following when determining an appropriate sanction:
 - (i) the nature and severity of the infringement
 - (ii) the offenders past record and whether or not this a repeated offence
 - (iii) the culpability of the offender (including whether or not the infringement was intentional, negligent or reckless)
 - (iv) any reasons prompting the offender to commit an infringement
 - (v) the remorse of the offender
 - (vi) any extenuating circumstances
- (g) Once the Panel has reached a decision the Member and/or the Member's representative will be given a copy of the findings of the Panel.
- (h) In the event that the Panel requires time to consider its decision, they shall reserve their decision for no longer than three (3) working days, whereupon the Competition Administrator shall advise the Member's Club of the decision of the Panel.
- (i) Suspensions imposed by The Panel are inclusive of any applicable mandatory match suspension as set out in 11 (a) (i).
- (j) All decisions of a Disciplinary Committee remain in force unless reversed by the Appeals Panel.
- (k) The Panel shall prepare Minutes of all hearings and provide a summary of evidence presented, oral and/or written, the reasons for their rulings and penalties imposed, to the Zone within two (2) working days of the conclusion of the hearing.

20. CONDUCT OF PARTIES AT HEARINGS

- (a) Hearings are to be conducted in an orderly and respectful manner by all parties in attendance and without either overt or covert intimidation, aggression or any disruptive behaviour that may hinder the Panel in performing their duty.
- (b) Where any member of the Panel forms the opinion that any person(s) are failing to comply with this Procedure, the Panel Members may require that the person(s) retire from the proceedings, either for the remainder of the hearing or for a period of time only. Failure to retire on request may result in the Panel filing a misconduct report against the person in respect of it.

21. MISLEADING OF PANEL:

If after a hearing has concluded, the Zone or the Zone Panel Members become aware that a Member or witness may have misled the Panel, then the Competition Administrator may re-convene the Hearing. Previous decisions and/or penalties may be set aside, and new determinations made and penalties imposed as required by the Procedures.

Witnesses or players/participants considered to have misled the Panel may have penalties imposed at this or a subsequent hearing, if it is within the Zone's jurisdiction to penalise the Member, Organisation or persons.

22. INVESTIGATIVE PANEL

- (a) Where, in the opinion of the Competition Administrator, a reported incident appears likely to be particularly complex or be expected to give rise to a large number of persons wishing to give evidence or where the identity of any person cited in the referee's report is unknown or disputed for any reason, the Competition Administrator may, prior to the Hearing by a Zone Disciplinary Panel of the substantive matters raised in the referee's or Member's report, convene an Investigative Panel to hear witnesses and/or make the necessary findings in respect of any matters requiring determination prior to the hearing.
- (b) The terms of Disciplinary Procedures 16 to 21 in their entirety shall apply to the Investigative Panel.
- (c) The Investigative Panel shall provide a written report of their findings to the Disciplinary Panel.

23. THE ZONE APPEALS PANEL:

- (a) The terms of Disciplinary Procedures 16 to 21 in their entirety shall apply to the Zone Appeals Panel.
- (b) No member of the Appeals Panel may have presided on the Disciplinary Panel of the case before the Panel.
- (c) The Chairperson of the Zone Disciplinary Panel, or the acting Chairperson, MUST appear to give to the Zone Appeals Panel an explanation of the basis of the decision of the Zone Disciplinary Panel.

24. APPEALS:

- (a) Any aggrieved Persons or Organisations dissatisfied with the Zone Disciplinary Panel finding or decision may lodge an Appeal, which will be heard by the Zone Appeals Panel. The Zone office must receive this appeal within office hours, within 7 days of the Club being notified of the Zone Disciplinary Panel decision.
Appeals must be submitted in writing, signed and dated, stating full grounds for the appeal, and enclosing the appropriate fee as per Appendix 'A'.
- (b) Any aggrieved Persons or Organisations dissatisfied with the Zone Appeals Panel finding or decision may lodge an Appeal, which will be heard by the Zone Committee.
The Competition Administrator must receive this appeal during office hours, within 7 days of the Club being notified in writing of the Zone Appeals Panel decision.
- (c) If an appeal is upheld, the appeal fee will be refunded to the appellant. If the appeal is dismissed, the Zone retains the appeal fee.
- (d) Appeals against the decision of the Zone Committee shall be in accordance with Procedure 2(e), and the Procedures of the Appeal as laid down by that higher Authority.

25. ABUSE OF APPEAL PROCEDURES:

If the Zone Appeals Panel considers that the appeal was made to circumvent Competition Regulations, or make penalty ineffective, or allow a player to take part in any match, it may apply an additional fine not exceeding two hundred and twenty dollars (\$220) including GST, or apply an additional penalty to that imposed by the Zone Disciplinary Panel.

Zone Disciplinary Sanctions

(as determined by FFA)

Suspensions—if more than six (6) months, times are defined as whole years.

Offence No.	Offence	Minimum Sanction
1 (R4 or R5 for players)	Denying the opposing team a clear goal-scoring opportunity	The Mandatory Match Suspension
2 (R6 for players)	Use of offensive, insulting or abusive language and/or gestures	The Mandatory Match Suspension
3 (R1 for players)	Serious Foul Play (e.g. when challenging for the ball)	1 additional match plus the Mandatory Match Suspension
4 (R2 for players)	Assault on a Player (e.g. violent conduct when not challenging for the ball)	1 additional match plus the Mandatory Match Suspension
5 (R6 for players)	Serious Unsporting Conduct	1 additional match plus the Mandatory Match Suspension
6 (R6 for players)	Use of discriminatory language and/or gestures, including racist, religious, ethnic or sexist	4 additional matches plus the Mandatory Match Suspension
7 (R3 for players)	Spitting at a player	5 additional matches plus the Mandatory Match Suspension
8 (R2 or R6 of players)	Inciting a brawl	5 additional matches plus the Mandatory Match Suspension
Specific Offences Against a Match Official		
9 (R6 for players)	Use of offensive, insulting or abusive language and/or gestures against a match official	The Mandatory Match Suspension
10 (R6 for players)	Unsporting conduct toward a match official	3 additional matches plus the Mandatory Match Suspension
11 (R2 for players)	Assault of a match official	6 months including the Mandatory Match Suspension
12 (R3 for players)	Spitting at a match official	12 months including the Mandatory Match Suspension

NOTE: The Offences and sanctions listed above apply against players or any other person whether on or off the field of play.



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