

BENDIGO AMATEUR SOCCER LEAGUE INC.



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1. GENERAL MATTERS APPLICABLE TO ALL COMPETITIONS

1.1 Application and definitions

- 1.1.1 These rules shall apply to all levels of BASL Competition as defined in rule 2.1 and administered under the auspices of FFV.
- 1.1.2 If any provision of these Rules is held invalid or unenforceable by a Court of competent jurisdiction then the remainder of these Rules and the application thereof shall not be affected thereby and shall continue to be valid and enforceable to the fullest extent permitted by law.
- 1.1.3 Terms defined in the BASL Constitution, 2013 FFV Registration Regulations or the GDT shall have the same meaning in these Rules unless otherwise stated.
- 1.1.4 Notwithstanding rule 1.1.3 in these Rules, unless the context otherwise requires:

BASL means Bendigo Amateur Soccer League.

BASL Committee means the BASL Committee of Management.

Club means a football club which is registered with FFA and complies with 23(1) of the FFV Constitution

Club Affiliation Criteria means any written criteria published by FFV relating to the affiliation, amalgamation or merger of Clubs including but not limited to these Rules.

Club Associate(s) means one or more of the following, whether individually or collectively:

- (i) Club Office Bearers (president, vice president, senior co-ordinator, junior co-ordinator, treasurer, public officer, secretary);
- (ii) Club Officials (coach, team manager, anyone who is officially associated with the Club).
- (iii) Players of a Club;
- (iv) Members of a Club;
- (v) Supporters of a Club;
- (vi) a Club; or
- (vii) a person connected with an FFV representative team in the capacity of official or volunteer who is bound by any of the rules regulations policies or by laws of FFV

GDT means the BASL Grievance Disciplinary and Tribunal By-Law.

FFV means Football Federation Victoria – Governing body of football in Victoria.

Tribunal means the BASL Tribunal established under the GDT

1.2. Consequences of breach

- 1.2.1 In addition to any consequences stated in these Rules any proven breach of or failure to comply with an obligation or requirement set out in these Rules will amount to Misconduct and may be subject to the provisions of the GDT
- 1.2.2 To avoid doubt where these Rules do not specify the consequences of a breach or failure to comply with these Rules such breach or failure to comply will still amount to Misconduct and may be subject to the provisions of the GDT

1.3. Amalgamations, mergers, affiliation of Clubs

1.3.1 Where two or more Clubs wish to amalgamate they shall: -

- (a) Apply to BASL in writing for its approval for such amalgamation. The letter is to be signed for and on behalf of the amalgamating Club's Committees.
- (b) Submit the name of the proposed new amalgamated Club and provide;
 - (i) A copy of the notice of General Meeting of both Clubs
 - (ii) A copy of the signed record of attendance at the General Meetings of both Clubs,
 - (iii) A copy of the minutes of the General Meetings of both Clubs, signed by the Office Bearers of the Club which confirms the approval by Club members of the amalgamation
- (c) Submit a copy of the proposed Constitution, or, if the proposed new Club is intending to become an Incorporated Association, the proposed Statement of Purpose and Rules
- (d) Submit the names of the proposed Office Bearers.
- (e) Upon incorporation registration of any new entity to run the amalgamated Club, if any, provide to FFV a copy of a certificate of incorporation or other such documentation as FFV may require in respect of that new entity.

1.3.2 Amalgamating Clubs may nominate the League or Division in which they wish to participate provided it is a League or Division in which one of the amalgamating Clubs would be eligible to participate in the season immediately following.

1.3.3 Before amalgamation is approved all outstanding financial obligations and playing commitments of both Clubs to FFV, and BASL must be fulfilled.

1.3.4 On approval, all Players of amalgamating Clubs shall be deemed to be Players registered by FFV as players of the newly formed Club.

1.3.5 The newly amalgamated Club must fulfill its commitments and be responsible for all the terms and conditions of any Players' agreements with each of the amalgamating Clubs current at the time of amalgamation.

1.3.7 Where two or more Clubs intend to amalgamate FFV and BASL is to be advised prior to any formal meetings of the respective Club Members being convened and FFV and BASL may be represented at such Meetings.

Affiliations

- 1.3.8 (a) FFV will consider Club Affiliation applications. Clubs wishing to enter into affiliated relationships with another Club(s) must lodge their formal application in accordance with FFA's Club Affiliation Criteria.
- (b) All affiliation applications must be lodged by no later than 1st December. FFV may accept applications after this date.
- (c) FFV may refuse any application without reason or may terminate any previously sanctioned Club affiliation at any time without reason. Any such decision or determination by FFV will be final and binding on all parties.

New Clubs

- 1.3.9 The club must field at least one team in the BASL competition, unless otherwise accepted by the BASL.
- 1.3.10 New applicants for Affiliate membership must make a formal presentation, in writing and orally, to the Committee, no later than its AGM meeting of the year prior to that for which Affiliate membership is sought demonstrating that their admission to the BASL will benefit soccer in the area in which they propose to establish and will not impact unduly adversely on the membership of any existing club in that area.
- 1.3.11 The club preferred to have accredited coaches or ensure accreditation is gained prior to the season starting.
- 1.3.12 Each club must demonstrate a firm financial base to cover all costs in managing the club. In addition, each club must provide a copy of the club's Annual General Meeting (AGM) Minutes, by **NO LATER THAN 1st March** or as allowed by the BASL.
- 1.3.13 The club must present names of the officials, who can be interviewed by the BASL regarding their qualifications and suitability for these positions.
- 1.3.14 The club must present a letter from its local council, controlling body or organization granting permission to use the playing field(s) and other facilities such as dressing rooms and toilets.
- 1.3.15 The BASL will receive all new team applications and will then forward this information to the BASL Committee of Management for consideration. The application lodged should include a list of players, which the club wishes to register, including the player's address and dates of birth. The application must be lodged by no later than **1st March**, or as permitted by the BASL.
- 1.3.16 The Club must be incorporated and provide a current Certificate of Incorporation.
- 1.3.17 Each new club shall, upon affiliation, be supplied with a copy of the League Constitution and Rules of Competition.

1.4 Lighting standards

- 1.4.1 Clubs wishing to play competition fixtures under lights must ensure that lighting for those fixtures complies with the FFV Lighting Policy set out in Schedule 2 of these Rules of Competition.

1.5 Monies owing to BASL

- 1.5.1 Subject to this Rule all amounts owed by a Club to FFV or BASL must be paid within 30 days of the date of the invoice issued, failing which
- (a) the Club will be sent a 30 day Reminder Notice; and,
 - (b) The Club is required to bring its accounts into order within that 60 day period;
- 1.5.2 (a) If a Club fails to comply with paragraph 1.5.1(b) any team in respect of which the monies are owed (whether directly or indirectly) will not be eligible to earn any competition points from any of its Matches following the deadline for compliance with paragraph 1.5.1(b) unless and until all outstanding monies are owed.
- (b) To avoid doubt if the outstanding monies or any part thereof are not referable to any particular team or teams all teams of the Club will be ineligible to earn championship points until all monies are paid.
- 1.5.3 In the case of repeated failure to pay outstanding monies BASL may in its absolute discretion remove a Clubs voting rights.

1.6 Protection of important fixtures

- 1.6.1 No Club may stage or take part in any tournament in the Melbourne Metropolitan area on a day on which an A-League fixture is scheduled to take place in Victoria except with the consent of FFV.
- 1.6.2 Where an International or an Inter-State match is scheduled for the Melbourne Metropolitan Area, FFV may direct that for any one or more FFV competitions no matches shall take part on that day.

1.7 Non scheduled matches

- 1.7.1 (a) Any Club staging or taking part in any BASL competition, tournament, friendly match, or other match which does not form part of BASL schedule of matches, or which is not played under the jurisdiction of FFV, shall notify BASL in writing and complete and lodge the relevant documentation as required by FFV if any.
- (b) Any Club or Affiliated League or organisation which organises or takes part in any competition, tournament, friendly match, or other match, which does not form part of FFV's schedule of matches, must ensure that appropriate insurance and Workcover arrangements are made to provide coverage for players, Match Officials, and officials involved in these matches.
- 1.7.2 No Club shall promote or permit a team to play in any competition or with anybody not affiliated directly or indirectly with a FIFA-approved league, association or federation.
- 1.7.3 Any Club or Association wishing to participate in any Interstate or International matches, tournaments or events, must apply in writing to the FFV for prior approval.

1.8 Insurance

- 1.8.1 FFV will negotiate and as it sees fit, appoint insurance companies to provide cover for all Club officials and Players registered with FFV provided Clubs are incorporated at all times.

Insurance of Players

- 1.8.2 All Players taking the field of play (or training) must be insured through FFV's Insurer (or as otherwise allowed by FFV). The Player's insurance will be collected by FFV at the time of player registration (refer to the Summary of Cover as posted on FFV Website for policy details).
- (a) Players who participate in competition fixtures without having their registration details updated relevant to their Club will be deemed ineligible.
- (b) The FFV insurance policy will be null and void unless all players participating in football are legitimately registered or otherwise eligible to play competition matches.

Insurance of Club Officials

- 1.8.3 In addition to compulsory player insurance, FFV shall provide through its insurance scheme insurance known as 'Not for Profit Organisation Liability' for Club officials.

1.9. Strict liability of Clubs

- 1.9.1 Each Club shall be responsible for the conduct of Club Associates at or in the vicinity of any Match or event in which a Club is engaged or is in attendance regardless of the responsibilities attaching to any other person or entity in respect of such a Match or event.

1.10. Media comment

- 1.10.1 Clubs and Club Associates must not make derogatory comment(s) to the media or in any public forum whether verbally or in writing including any form of electronic communication (i.e Facebook, Twitter and all forms of Social Media) about BASL, FFV or the performance of Match Officials. Any such complaints should be made in writing to BASL.
- 1.10.2 Match Officials are prohibited from making any comment to the Media or in any public forum whether orally or in writing (including any form of electronic communication i.e Facebook, Twitter and all forms of Social Media) in regard to any fixture of BASL or FFV at any time.
- 1.10.3 A breach of this Rule may result in disciplinary action as set out in the GDT

1.11. Change of Club name

- 1.11.1 Any Club that wishes to change its registered Club name must provide the information in rule 1.11.3 in writing to FFV, which will then be considered by FFV.
- 1.11.2 All applications for a Change of Club Name must be made outside of the winter season, but not later than 1 December unless otherwise allowed by FFV.
- 1.11.3 This application will be assessed in 2 parts outlined below, and it is imperative all aspects of these requirements are adhered to when applications are lodged.

Part A – Prior to FFV Ratification

- (a) The Club must submit on letterhead its request for change of Club name.
- (b) Provide full disclosure of information including the reasons for the request.
- (c) The 'name' should be representative of the broader geographic area within which the Club is located and shall not make any reference to any ethnic name, slogan, sponsor or business. In addition, the 'name' shall not contain initials of any type that can be interpreted as non-representative of the geographic area.
- (d) It is imperative that the application for change of name includes an alternative name that can be assessed, again with full disclosure as per item (a) and (b).

Part B – Once the Change of Name has been ratified by the Club it will provide to FFV

- (a) A copy of the Minutes of Special General Meeting of the Club, approving the Change of Name,
- (b) Evidence of Registration of the new Club (Business) Name with the appropriate entity,
- (c) Payment to FFV of the fee set out on the FFV website.

FFV will assess all change of name applications only when all of the above information has been lodged with FFV and it may reject any application for a change of name as it sees fit.

1.12. Security at Home Grounds

- 1.12.1 The Home Club is responsible for providing appropriate arrangements to ensure the orderly behaviour of spectators and provide for the protection of Match Officials, players and officials at BASL fixtures as reasonably practicable as directed by BASL.
- 1.12.2 Each Home Club is required to provide security in the form of a Club marshal or as directed by BASL. BASL reserves the right to require any club involved in a match to contribute towards its security requirements.
- 1.12.3 BASL Tribunal will take into account the security measures implemented by Clubs, when assessing any Misconduct charges that may be brought before them.
- 1.12. Each Club is responsible for the valuables of its players and valuables that are left in change rooms are done so at their own risk

1.13. Representative Teams

- 1.13.1 Any Player registered in Victoria under the FFA National Registration rules will be eligible to represent Victoria in representative games, camps or tours and each such player must make themselves available for training, preparation and participation for representative matches, camps or tours when requested by FFV.
- 1.13.2 All Clubs must release Players for training and preparation for, and participation in, representative matches, camps or tours, when requested by FFV or BASL.
- 1.13.3 FFV will ensure that all selected Players, coaching staff and officials chosen in the representative party are insured to cover their participation.
- 1.13.4 Players selected for a Representative Team that are under the age of 18 years will be required to supply FFV with a letter of consent from their parent/guardian
- 1.13.5 Where a Club has three (3) or more outfield players from the same team participating in a FFV/FFA approved representative match, camp or tour which conflicts with a BASL Competition

Fixture in which that Club or Team is the participate, the club may seek postponement of the competition fixture. Approved representative matches may include but not limited to

- a. FFV National Championship
- b. FFV State Teams

1.13.6 All requests pursuant to Rule 1.13.5 must be received no less than 10 days prior to the competition fixture in question, unless the player is called up within the 10 day period. BASL shall determine the outcome of any request under this rule at its absolute discretion and that decision cannot be appealed or reviewed

1.14. Lighting of Flares or Other Flammable Objects/Throwing Objects

- 1.14.1 The lighting of flares or other flammable objects and or the throwing of objects is strictly prohibited in all BASL sanctioned fixtures.
- 1.14.2 Clubs whose Club Associates are in breach will be held fully accountable for the actions of their Club Associates.
- 1.14.3 Each Club must take steps to ensure that its Club Associates are made aware of this prohibition and do not breach this requirement, regardless of whether the Club is playing at home or away.
- 1.14.4 Clubs or Club Associates who are in breach of this Rule may be subject to disciplinary action under the GDT. In addition, BASL may deduct points from a team or teams or take further disciplinary action if it sees fit.

1.15. Racial and Religious Vilification Code

- 1.15.1 FFV has endorsed a Racial and Religious Vilification Code for all Clubs and its players (referred to in these Rules as **Racial and Religious Vilification Code**) which forms part of these Rules. The Racial and Religious Vilification Code is displayed on the FFV web site <http://www.footballfedvic.com.au>
- 1.15.2 Racial and Religious Vilification includes any act, otherwise than in private, which;
 - (a) is reasonably likely, in all circumstances, to offend, insult, humiliate, or intimidate another person or a group of people; and,
 - (b) is done because of the race, colour or national or ethnic origin of the other person or of some or all of the people in the group.
- 1.15.3 The Racial and Religious Vilification Code requires Clubs to:
 - (a) ensure that players and Club Associates do not engage in Racial and Religious Vilification against any person,
 - (b) continuously educate their Players and Club Associates about Racial and Religious Vilification,
 - (c) publish information on the subject of racial and religious vilification to players and Club Associates; and
 - (d) use their best endeavors to ensure that all Club Associates act in a manner which is consistent with the objectives of the Racial and Religious Vilification Code.
 - (e) adopt an action plan, which is contained in the Racial and Religious Vilification Code
- 1.15.4 Any person wishing to lodge a letter of complaint under the Racial and Religious Vilification Code, must address their correspondence to the Chief Executive Officer of FFV within 7 days after the date of the alleged offence.
- 1.15.5 A conciliation hearing will then be convened to discuss and resolve the matter.
- 1.15.6 If conciliation is not achieved, then FFV may lay charges of Misconduct against those alleged to be responsible and refer the matter to the Tribunal.

1.16 Loan Players

Under no circumstances are clubs permitted to sign players on Loan agreements or any other agreements to this effect

1.17 Player Contracts/Agreements

Clubs are not permitted to enter into contractual agreements with players. As per FFV' 2017 Registration regulations, Amateur players are not allow to be paid except for items set out in section 3.2 of these regulations, which state:

Clubs may pay the following expenses to an Amateur Player:

- (a) Legitimate travelling expenses to participate in Matches and attend training;
- (b) Hotel expenses (namely necessary meals and overnight accommodation during necessary absence from home for the purpose of playing in a Match);
- (c) A Player's equipment (excluding footwear and goalkeeping gloves);
- (d) A Player's insurance.

2. COMPETITION STRUCTURE

2.1 General Information

- 2.1.1 These rules shall apply to all BASL competition, unless otherwise stated.
- 2.1.2 All BASL fixtures are played under the FIFA Laws of the Game, unless otherwise specified in these Rules.
- 2.1.3 If a team withdraws prior to the start of the competition season and cannot be replaced, a "BYE" will be inserted into the relevant fixture.

If a team withdraws after the start of the competition season, the following will apply:

- (a)
- (i) a 'BYE' will be inserted in the fixture to replace the team withdrawn;
 - (ii) all points (including goals scored for and against) for that team, and all League Best and Fairest votes involving that team will be erased.

2.2 Age groups/competitions

- 2.2.1 The Competition will be played in the following age groups / divisions:

Mini Roos - Refer to Schedule 5

- Under 6's
- Under 7's
- Under 7's (Girls Only)
- Under 8's
- Under 9's
- Under 9's (Girls Only)
- Under 10's
- Under 11's
- Under 11's (Girls Only)

Competitive Juniors

- Under 12
- Under 14
- Under 16

All Competitive juniors teams will be graded into A,B,C divisions pending team numbers either by Club Nomination, Grading Competition or at BASL discretion.

Senior Competition

- Youth (Under 18's) ** - See Section 2.2.4 for 2017
- Senior Men Division 1 and Division 2
- Senior Women ** - See Section 2.2.4 for 2017
- Open (Social)

- 2.2.2 BASL may conduct any competition it deems necessary to complete a season.
- 2.2.3 BASL may abandon or restructure any competition
- 2.2.4 For season 2017 the following is noted for Senior Women and Youth Competitions:

- (a) fixtures and team entries should proceed with games to be modified based on the team with the lesser number of players (minimum of 7) where necessary.

- (b) Each club is expected to advise BASL of the expected number of players they will be playing in advance (midnight Monday before the game) for both Youth and Women's Divisions. The team with the lesser number of players expected will determine the format of the game to be played ie. one team can only provision the minimum 7, the game will be played as 7 v 7 on full field. The team without the minimum limitation will be allowed to have a full complement of players (bench), up to the maximum 16. Any club unable to field 7 players will forfeit the round.
- (c) BASL will make the final decision on game format once information is to hand and will advise clubs involved accordingly
- (d) The team with the minimum number of players may request that the game be amended to a higher number of players on the day only if agreed with the opposition, but it must not be a lesser number ie. team advised 9 available, now only 7 show up, game will be played as 7 v 9.
- (e) The objective of this decision is to ensure maximum participation of clubs and avoid the lack of fun associated with an 11 v 7 game.
- (f) This change for 2017 is a temporary measure to preserve the competition and will be reviewed at seasons end

Note: The league expects clubs to continue with recruitment initiatives to maximise participants through the season and as such minimise the need to hold modified fixtures.

2.3. Eligibility of Players

2.3.1 A Player is eligible to play in his or her team provided he or she:

- (i) has been registered in line with FFA National Registration Regulations,
- (ii) is not under suspension by FFV or BASL,
- (iii) meets the team's age group guideline as stated in clause 2.3.2

- 2.3.2 The age group in which a player is eligible to play shall be determined by his/her age at the beginning of the first day of January of the year of competition. For example, a player who is 12 years old at 31 December is eligible to play in the Under 14 age group in the following year, and cannot play in a younger age group except as provided for in these rules.
- 2.3.3 A Player will not be prevented from playing above his or her age group.
- 2.3.4 Female players are eligible to play in boys divisions up to and including the Youth Division and Open (Social)
- 2.3.5 All female teams may in BASL's sole discretion be permitted to enter in an age group one year below that to which their oldest player would otherwise be eligible.
- 2.3.6 A Player who is participating above his or her age group, will not be prevented from returning to play in his or her rightful age group unless that Player is suspended, except where other rules apply (eg Cup Competitions or Grading).
- 2.3.7 If a Club has two teams in any Junior Competition age division, then the players are team-tied after the completion of their third championship fixtured match. Any new player joining a team must be allocated to only one team after the third Championship fixture match.
- 2.3.8 A Player may in BASL's sole discretion be permitted to play down one age group in the following circumstances:
- (a) if the Player has not previously been registered with FFA or FFV; or
 - (b) if the Player has previously been registered with FFA or FFV and the Player's Club provides satisfactory evidence that the Player is not capable of competing at the higher level including but not limited to the following:
 - (i) Club Official to submit a formal request in writing either on Club letterhead or from an official club email account outlining the request
 - (ii) Supporting evidence in writing or email from the players parent(s)/guardian(s)
 - (iii) Medical Certificate outlining the players condition and reason(s) for needing to play in a younger age group
- 2.3.9 Players who are listed on the Match Record will be deemed to have participated in the fixture regardless of whether they take the field or not, unless otherwise noted by the Match Official.
- 2.3.10 For Division 1 matches, Players who are listed on the Match Record will not be deemed to have participated until they take the field.
- 2.3.11 Any Club or Player who in the opinion of BASL is in breach of Item 2.3 will be ineligible and subject to disciplinary action pursuant to the GDT.

Grading Competition

- 2.3.12 Under 12/14/16 Competitive Juniors teams must be nominated by their club as either A / B /C grade prior to the formation of a Grading Competition.
- 2.3.13 All teams will be entered in a pre-season Grading Competition where each team will play a minimum of 6 other teams in 2 x 15 min halves (30 min) grading matches over a number of weeks. Performance over the course of the competition will be used to determine final grading.
- 2.3.14 Final grading of teams will be at the sole discretion of BASL.

Junior Grading Player Eligibility

- 2.3.12 Players nominated by their club to play in a higher grade in any age group will be ineligible to play in a lower grade team of that same age group at any time in the season, unless the team they are nominated to is moved to a lower grade, or by prior agreement of BASL.
- 2.3.13 Players are taken to be nominated to a team by their listing in the first 11 players on the first grading or championship game match sheet.

2.4 Movement of Players

- 2.4.1. During the first 5 matches of any Competitive Junior or Senior Championship season, a Club may move any number of players between its teams in the same competition, except where other restrictions apply.
- 2.4.2. During the remainder of the Championship season:
- (a) No more than 3 players who played in the Clubs Division 1 side can play in the clubs Division 2 side. For clarification, this assessment for movement of players is based on who played in the teams most recent Division 1 game regardless of how long ago it was.
 - (b) a Club who has more than one team in any Division or age group, cannot move players between those teams, except where other rules apply (i.e a player will never be prevented from playing up an age group).
- 2.4.3. Any contravention of these rules will result in the Club being sanctioned under the GDT.
- 2.4.4. The Statutes and Regulations of Football Federation Australia and FFV relating to the transfer of amateur players with such amendments as may be made from time to time shall govern all competitions to which these rules apply.

2.5 Transfer of Players between BASL Clubs (This section is still under review and will be changed when decision is made)

- 2.5.1 Under normal circumstances up to three (3) players only will be allowed to transfer into any one team in a particular junior age group (Under 12's to Under 16's), from clubs within the BASL competition. BASL reserves the right to adjudicate on what it deems special circumstances in regard to this Rule.
- 2.5.2 Under normal circumstances up to three (3) players only will be allowed to transfer into any one team into a Youth Division or Women's Division, from clubs within the BASL competition. BASL reserves the right to adjudicate on what it deems special circumstances in regard to this Rule.

2.5.3 Under normal circumstances up to five (5) players only will be allowed to transfer into any one club in the Open Men's (Division 1 & 2) competitions, from teams within the BASL competition. The BASL reserves the right to adjudicate on what it deems special circumstances in regard to this Rule.

2.6 Championship Competition

2.6.1 Teams entered in all competitive age groups/divisions will play each other in a Championship competition. BASL will determine the number of rounds to be played each season in all age groups/divisions. Where practical teams will play each other on a "Home" and "Away" basis, depending on the number of teams entered in each age group / division.

2.6.2 Where "Home and Away" games does not provide for each team to play each other twice, the BASL reserves the right to reschedule the remaining fixtures after all teams have played each other once. This rescheduling will ensure teams at the top of the league play each other twice before they play teams in the bottom half.

2.7 Cup Competitions (when held)

2.7.1 At the end of the Championship season, a Cup Competition may be staged in all competitive age groups / divisions, depending on ground availability and conditions. All teams in each age group / division will automatically be entered into this competition and be required to participate until knocked out

2.7.2 Drawn Cup Competition Matches

- If at the conclusion of any Cup fixture the scores are level, the teams shall play two equal periods of extra time.
- For Senior competitions, the extra time periods shall be fifteen (15) minutes
- For Junior competitions, the extra time periods shall be ten (10) minutes.
- If the scores are still level at the conclusion of extra time, the match shall be determined by the Penalty Kick method as described in the FIFA Laws of the Game.

2.7.3 Eligibility of Players for Cup Competition Series in Schedule 4.

2.7.4 BASL shall determine the venue for all Cup Competition Series matches

2.8 Trophies

2.8.1. The winning team in each age group/division of a season's Championship, Premiership or Cup competition, shall be awarded a trophy at the discretion of BASL.

2.8.2. Where a trophy is in existence for annual competitions it shall be handed to the winning teams or runner up teams at the conclusion of the competition or at the BASL Annual Presentation Night or as soon thereafter as practical.

2.8.3. All such trophies should be returned to BASL, duly engraved and in good clean condition, not later than 30th August in the following year or earlier if the competition is held earlier in the season.

2.8.4. Clubs not returning trophies by the due date or returning trophies in a damaged condition shall be responsible for paying to BASL the cost of replacement.

2.9 Joint Team Nominations

- 2.9.1. Where a Club has insufficient numbers to nominate a team in an age group and / or division, they may apply for nomination as a joint team.
- 2.9.2. Teams may be made up from different Clubs to form one or more teams in an age group/division.
- 2.9.3. Player's playing in "joint teams" will remain members of that Club to which they first registered and will be due any such benefits from that Club.
- 2.9.4. Each Club having members in a "joint team" will take turns in hosting the Home games of the team.
- 2.9.5. Team colours will be designated by BASL.

2.10. Composition of Leagues

General

- 2.10.1 BASL will stage a Championship series for all competitive age groups/divisions each season. Premiership series and Cup competitions may be played depending on ground availability and conditions. Games will be played at venues and times nominated by BASL.
- 2.10.2 BASL shall provide the final Championship Series competition draw fourteen (14) days prior to the first round of the Championship Series competition. This will only occur where all clubs have met the deadlines set down by the BASL regarding the entry of teams and player registrations, and there are no adverse weather conditions which affects the allocation of games to limited grounds.

Team Entry

- 2.10.3 Clubs may enter a number of teams in any age group from Under 6's to Under 16 inclusive.
- 2.10.4 Only one (1) team from each club can compete in the Women's, Mens 2nd & Mens 1st Divisions and Youth Division, unless the BASL has given prior approval. Multiple Open (Social) teams are allowed.
- 2.10.5 Any Club taking part in BASL Senior Competition must enter at a minimum 3 teams, of which two must be a Division 1 Men's team and a Women's team, unless BASL has given prior approval.
- 2.10.6 All team application forms submitted after the advised date are received subject to the approval of BASL.
- 2.10.7 All teams must nominate a Manager and Coach for all team entries.
- 2.10.8 Where insufficient entries are received to form a competition in any age group/division, BASL reserves the right to not accept those team entries or not offer a competition in that age group/division.
- 2.10.9 Team entry fees and fees for players in all competitions will be fixed by BASL.

3. FIXTURE REQUIREMENTS

3.1. Facilities/Ground Arrangements

3.1.1 It is the responsibility of all Clubs to:

- (a) provide a venue suitable to the level at which a Match is to be played;
- (b) provide a safe environment for Players, Match Officials, Club Officials and spectators;
- (c) ensure that their facilities and equipment are clean and fit for purpose;
- (d) ensure that all applicable State and local government statutory and other requirements have been met in respect of their facilities including but not limited to:
 - (i) legitimate approved use of the facility by the owner or land manager
 - (ii) requirements under the Planning and Environment Act 1987, Food Act 1984 and Building Act 1993; and,
 - (iii) any local laws

3.1.2 Each Club must ensure that its teams are provided with facilities that are in accordance with Schedule 1.

3.1.3 Prior to a season a Club which advises BASL that it will not or cannot provide facilities in accordance with these Rules or is found by BASL to not comply with these requirements will:

- (a) have their home games fixture by BASL at its absolute discretion to other venues. These games may still count as home fixtures for the affected.;

3.1.4 Subject to this rule upon written request from a Club BASL may in its sole discretion grant a temporary dispensation from compliance with these requirements to a Club which:

- (i) is in the process of upgrading its facilities to BASL's requirements or
- (ii) due to circumstances beyond its reasonable control the Club cannot comply with these requirements.

BASL will not grant dispensation pursuant to this rule from compliance with any requirement that relates to matters of safety or legislative compliance.

3.1.5 During the course of a season if any Club's facilities do not meet these requirements that Club may:

- (a) be suspended from playing home matches until these requirements have been met
- (b) have their remaining home fixtures played away
- (c) be deemed to have forfeited any match which has not been able to be played due to the failure to meet these requirements

3.2. Technical Area

3.2.1 Each Club must clearly mark out the Technical Area as stipulated by FIFA guidelines.

- 3.2.2 (a) A maximum of 9 persons are permitted to be within the Technical Area.
- (b) This can only include the coach and assistant coach, the team manager, the substitutes and either a doctor or physiotherapist.
- (c) All persons must remain seated within the confines of the Technical Area, except in special circumstances. For example, a physiotherapist or doctor entering the field of play, with the Match Official's permission, to assess an injured player or to give instruction.

- 3.2.3 The Match Official may expel any person from the bench at any time if they are breaking the laws of the game. The game will not recommence until that person has left the playing field to the Match Official's satisfaction.
- 3.2.4 A Player or team official who is under suspension must not be present in the Technical Area.

3.3. Match Records (formerly Team Sheets)

- 3.3.1 (a) Clubs must print the official match record from the online system linked to player registrations and must provide it to the Match Official, not less than 15 minutes before the commencement of any Match. Manual amendment of the printed record is allowed but the online system must be updated prior to results entry.
- (b) If:
- (i) a player listed on the Match Record is ineligible; and, or
 - (ii) a player who takes the field is not listed on the Match record
- then that player's Club will be guilty of Misconduct.
- 3.3.2 (a) If there is a dispute about any player(s), the Match Official must note the details and send these to BASL together with the Match Report.
- (b) Any Club that wishes to lodge an official protest must do so in accordance with GDT
- 3.3.3 Both teams must ensure the Match Official completes a Match Record after the game.
- (a) Representatives from each team must sign the Match Record at the conclusion of the fixture and should do so only after the appointed Match Official has recorded all outstanding details.
- (b) Once signed by all parties at the conclusion of the fixture, the match official must make a copy of the Match Record available to each team.
- (c) Both teams must scan, copy or photograph the match sheet and submit to BASL electronically by email to results@basl.com.au
- (d) The original match record must be retained by the match official and submitted electronically to results@basl.com.au. If the match official is a club appointed official, the club submitted record is sufficient.
- 3.3.4 Both teams must enter the Match Record into the online match record system designated by BASL in Accordance with Rule 3.9

3.4. Player Numbers and substitution/interchange

Interchange

- 3.4.1. In all BASL fixtures for teams between Under 6's to Under 16's, Youth Division, Women's Division, Men's Division 2 and Open (Social) the Interchange Rule shall apply.
- (a) Each team can make an unlimited amount of interchanges in any given fixture.
- (b) The Youth Division, Women's Division, and Men's Division 2 are allowed to only have up to five (5) interchange players permitted to be named on the Team Sheet.
- (c) For all other Competitions where the interchange rule is used, any number of player are permitted to be named on the Team Sheet

- (d) To avoid the wasting of time, the interchange of players in the last five (5) minutes of normal time in any Championship fixture, will be only permitted at the discretion of the Match Referee.
- (e) Where a player is sent-off the field of play, no interchange can be made for that player.
- (f) The Team Sheet must be clearly marked by the referee to show that all players named on the interchange actually took the field of play during the game.

Substitutions

3.4.2. For Men's Division 1, the Substitution Rule shall apply.

- (a) No more than five (5) substitutes are permitted to be named on the Team Sheet
- (b) Clubs may use up to three (3) substitutes in any one fixture
- (c) Once a player has been substituted, that player may take no further part in the match
- (d) Where a player is sent-off the field of play, no substitution can be made for that player.

Players

3.4.3 A Match is to be played by two teams, each consisting of not more than eleven players, one of whom is the goalkeeper. A Match may not start if either team consists of fewer than seven players.

3.4.4 Division 1

Each team may make up to 3 substitutions in any given fixture, with no more than 5 substitutes permitted to be named on the Match Record.

Division 2, Open (Social), Women's and Youth Division

Each team may make an unlimited number of substitutions, with no more than 5 substitutes permitted to be named on the Match Record

Junior Competition

Each team may make an unlimited number of substitutions with no limit on the number of players allowed on the Match Record.

3.4.5 All substitutes must be seated within the Technical Area.

3.4.6 Substitutes may warm up outside of the Technical Area, provided they are wearing an alternative coloured uniform to the team strip or wearing a bib.

3.4.7 When warming up, substitutes must choose an area furthest from the opposing team or as advised by the appointed Match Official

3.5. Ground Marshals / Security / Police

3.5.1 Clubs must provide a minimum of 1 Ground Marshal to each home fixture or otherwise as directed by BASL.

3.5.2 Ground Marshals must:

- (a) be in clearly identifiable uniform,

- (b) Be at least 18 years old
- (c) be visible at all times, and
- (d) escort the Match Official and Assistant Match Officials to and from the field of play at half time and full time

- 3.5.3 Match Officials should not leave their dressing rooms to enter the field of play, or leave the field to return to their rooms, until identifiable Ground Marshals are present
- 3.5.4 Each team is responsible for the safety of their own Players' property. Anything left in a change room is done so at the owner's risk.
- 3.5.5 BASL may at time to time due to extenuating circumstances increase the minimum Ground Marshal arrangements for any fixture at any time.
All associated costs must be met by such parties as FFV sees fit.
- 3.5.6 A failure by a Club Associate to comply with rule 3.5 shall receive a written warning on the first offence, however may be subject to disciplinary action under the GDT for every offence thereafter.

3.6. Match Balls

- 3.6.1 For all Senior matches, the Home Club shall provide the appointed Match Official with 2 BASL approved Match balls (size 5) no later than 15 minutes prior to the start of the scheduled fixture.
- 3.6.2 At the conclusion of the game, the Match Official will return the 2 Match balls to the Team Manager of the Home Club.
- 3.6.3 All Clubs must use a licensed Match ball from BASL Approved Ball Manufacturers.
- 3.6.4 The following match ball sizes will be applicable for the following levels of Competition:
- Under 6's - Under 9's Size 3
 - Under 10's - Under 12's (inclusive) Size 4
 - Under 14's - Division 1 (inclusive) Size 5
- 3.6.5 A failure to comply with this rule may result in disciplinary action under the GDT.

3.7. Players Strip/Apparel

3.7.1 Clothing and Protective Gear

- (a) All Senior Teams (Div 1, Div 2, Women and Youth) teams must nominate a "Home" and any other "Alternate" playing strips which are to be approved by BASL prior to the start of the season.
- (b) If a colour or style change occurs to either the "Home" or "Alternate" strip, clubs shall supply a photograph of the change for League endorsement.
- (c) Where more than one Club seeks to register the same or similar colours, preference will be given to the Club which participated in the colours in the previous season's competition, provided the same colours are retained.
- (d) Predominantly black playing shirts will not be permitted under any circumstances.
- (e) Once nominated strips are approved by BASL, each Club's home and alternate strips must be entered in to the online system.
- (f) All teams named first on the fixture shall be deemed the Home Team and will therefore play in their home strip.

- (g) If there is a clash of colours at any Match, it is the visiting team's responsibility to change into an alternate strip. Visiting Clubs may be required to wear a combination of their home and alternate strips to ensure the clash is resolved. If a club does not have an alternative strip they are to obtain a loan strip from BASL. Note: Castlemaine will always wear its alternate strip when playing Colts United until either Castlemaine or Colts significantly change their normal playing top so that a strip clash no longer exists
- (h) Team managers must check the apparel worn by their opponents on a yearly basis to avoid the likelihood of a clash in colour of playing of strips.
- (i) A Club may be penalised pursuant to the GDT if:
 - (i) a Match does not commence due to an inability to resolve a clash of strips, and it can be established that such Club or team did not comply with rule 3.7.1 (e)
 - (ii) a Club changes their home or alternate playing strip without BASL's prior written approval, and this change results in a Match being postponed,
- (j) Goalkeepers may wear any colour except black, provided it does not clash with either team or the Match Official
- (k) All players are required to wear approved shin guards at all times whilst on the field of play.
- (l) All players must be identified by a different shirt number.
- (m) All Players are to follow FFVs policies in relation to the wearing of visible undergarments and headwear (except when otherwise stated). The Policies can be obtained on the FFV website
- (n) Players undergarments (i.e. Skins) must be either the same colour as the team shorts, or can be neutral tones.

3.7.2 Jewellery/Eyewear

- (a) FIFA 'Laws of the Game' state that players are forbidden to wear any equipment that may be dangerous to either the player him or herself, or to another player. This includes, but is not limited to, jewellery and spectacles.
- (b) All jewellery, including wedding bands and any studs, rings, bars or other body-piercing jewellery must be removed before a player enters the field of play. No taping of any type is permitted.
- (c) Any player wearing jewellery will be cautioned and removed from the field of play until the Match Official is satisfied that the player has removed the item in question. There are no exceptions to this rule.
- (d) Any player requiring vision correction must wear contact lenses, or wear spectacles that:
 - (i) are firmly secured with a sports band or adjustable strap,
 - (ii) have purpose-designed and closely fitted curled ends on the arms, or
 - (iii) are specially designed protective sports glasses constructed of plastic with rubberised cushioning and no metallic parts.

3.8 Stretchers / First Aid

- 3.8.1 Each Home Club must allocate one stretcher suitable for first aid and emergency use at all fixtures. Matches will not commence unless a stretcher is present.
- 3.8.2 The requirements for stretchers are set out in schedule 1
- 3.8.3 It is recommended that Clubs have a person trained in first aid present during all matches.

3.9. Results of Matches

- 3.9.1 Subject to this rule results of each Match must be communicated to BASL by the time and method as directed below BASL.
 - (a) Home Team must enter the following information of each match by no later than 7:00pm on the Sunday following the match using the online results system;
 - (i) Team Lists
 - (ii) Substitutions (Mens Division 1 only)
 - (iii) Scores (Half Time and Full Time Scores, plus cards received through match)
 - (iv) Home Team Goal Scorers
 - (iv) Home Team Yellow/Red Cards
 - (v) Home Team Best Players
 - (vi) Match Media Report (using Match Comments Box) (Mens Division 1 and Womens Division only)
 - (b) Away Team must enter the following information of each match by no later than 10.00am on the Monday 7.00pm on the Sunday following the match using the online results system;
 - (i) Team List
 - (ii) Away Team Goal Scorers
 - (ii) Away Team Yellow/Red Cards
 - (iii) Away Team Best Players
 - (c) The Away Team must confirm or dispute the results by the Home Team by no later than 10:00am on the Monday following the match using the online results system.
- 3.9.2 Clubs which fail to notify BASL of the results of any Match by the time and manner stipulated above will incur a warning on first offence. Second and subsequent offences will be subject to disciplinary action under the GDT (Refer to MP8).
- 3.9.3 If no Match Official is appointed or present then the home team must communicate Match results to BASL.

3.10. Correspondence/Communication

- 3.10.1 All correspondence by BASL to Clubs shall be deemed to have been received by Clubs:
 - (a) in the case of email or fax communication immediately;
 - (b) in the case of communication sent by mail 3 days after such communication was posted

- 3.10.2 Clubs must ensure that postal mailboxes, specified email accounts and the FFV Website is checked regularly, and that any information received is forwarded to the addressee or relevant parties.
- 3.10.3 All correspondence received by BASL from Clubs must be on Club letterhead and signed by a Club official, or if sent by email, from the Club's email address as registered with FFV.
- 3.10.4 All Clubs must have an active email address and ensure that this address and all other relevant details are current and up to date in MyFootballClub.

3.11. Smoking / Drinking at League Venues

- 3.11.1 It is prohibited for anyone to smoke or consume alcohol within the confines of the playing barrier fence. This includes the team bench within the Technical area and anywhere on or within 3 metres of the touchline.
- 3.11.2 Clubs are responsible for ensuring that smoking and drinking alcohol are confined to legitimate public areas at a distance no less than 3 metres from the playing field.
- 3.11.3 If any person is in breach of this rule, both the individual and if the person is a Club Associate, that person's Club, may be fined at level BR6 and face disciplinary action under the GDT and any relevant council by-law.

3.12. National Flags, Slogans & Emblems

- 3.12.1 It is strictly prohibited to display any national flags, slogans, emblems or other material, with the exception of the Australian flag or emblem, at any Match.
- 3.12.2 It is strictly prohibited to incorporate any national flags other than the Australian flag, slogans or emblems on any part of the players' attire or any uniform worn by Club officials.
- 3.12.3 No Club may distribute, disseminate, broadcast or publish by any means whatsoever whether electronically or otherwise any material in a language other than English, without the prior written consent of FFV to do so.
- 3.12.4 All Clubs must have the prior written approval of FFV and BASL before introducing or incorporating any design, emblem or slogan onto any Club logo or name, product or medium, including but not limited to playing strips, promotional material, Club letterhead, banners, advertisements, public announcements, website or any other form of communication.
- 3.12.5 FFV or BASL may request the immediate removal of any offending material without notice at any time.
- 3.12.6 If any person is in breach of this rule, both the individual and any Club of which that person is associated may face disciplinary action under the GDT

4. FIXTURE DETAILS

4.1 General Information

- 4.1.1. It is the responsibility of the Home club to ensure that it has the appropriate number of playing fields to accommodate all teams playing at home on any given match day at the specified time.
- 4.1.2. No Club Official or Team Representative is permitted to contact the Referees Appointment Officer in order to request, alter or defer a referees appointment to any Fixture, regardless of the reasons.
- 4.1.3. All Matches must commence NO MORE THAN 15 minutes after the scheduled kick-off time.
- 4.1.4. If a fixture commences after the set kick-off time but not later than the maximum time allowed 15 minutes, then the appointed Match Official may at his/her discretion reduce the playing time of the match in line with FIFA Regulations, but only after having consulted the captains of both participating teams.
- 4.1.5. In the event a fixture is officially abandoned under these circumstances, then:
- (a) The team that was ready to play will be awarded the match with a 3-0 margin,
 - (b) The Offending team(s) will be subject to further disciplinary action.
 - (c) If neither team was ready to take the field of play then a NO RESULT will be recorded for the fixture.
- 4.1.6. If all parties (that is, both clubs and the Match Official) agree to commence the fixture after the 15 minute maximum time period has elapsed, then the final match result will stand. In this instance, the Match Official may at his/her discretion reduce the playing time in line with FIFA regulations, but only having consulted the captains of both participating teams.

4.2 Duration of Matches

Miniroos Football (BASL Juniors)

Refer to Schedule 5

Junior Competitions

- Under 12
2 x 30 min halves (=60 mins)
- Under 14's
2 x 35 min halves (=70 mins)
- Under 16's
2 x 40 min halves (=80 mins)

Senior Competitions

- All Divisions
2 x 45 min halves (=90 mins)
 - Open (Social)
2 x 30 min halves (=60 mins)

4.3. Periods of play

- 4.3.1 (a) Subject to this rule all Senior fixtures will be played over two equal periods of 45 minutes, unless agreed otherwise between the Match Official and the two participating teams prior to commencement.
- (b) The Match Official may cut short any Match if in the Match Official's opinion playing conditions compromise player safety or otherwise only if:
- (i) it is in line with FIFA rules; and
 - (ii) he or she has consulted with the captain of each participating team.

4.3.2 Half time interval

The half-time interval must be a minimum of 5 minutes and no longer than 15 minutes in duration. The duration of the half-time interval may only be altered with the consent of the Match Official.

4.3.3 Allowance for time lost

- (a) Allowance is made in either half for all time lost through:
- (i) substitution(s)
 - (ii) assessment of injury to players
 - (iii) removal of injured players from the field of play for treatment
 - (iv) wasting time
 - (v) any other cause
- (b) The allowance for time lost is at the discretion of the Match Official.

4.3.4 Penalty kick

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

4.4. Abandoned Matches

4.4.1 Matches in any BASL fixture may only be abandoned by a decision of the Match Official.

4.4.2 If 80% or more of the normal time of a Match has been played then the score at the time of abandonment will stand, unless the matter is referred to the BASL Tribunal.

Mini Roos Football

Refer to Schedule 5

Junior Competitions

- Under 12's
2 x 30 min halves (=60 mins) – 80% = 48minutes
- Under 14's
2 x 35 min halves (=70 mins) – 80% = 56 minutes
- Under 16's
2 x 40 min halves (=80 mins) – 80% = 64 minutes

Senior Competitions

- All Divisions
2 x 45 min halves (=90 mins) – 80% = 72 minutes
- Open (Social)
2 x 30 min halves (=60 mins) – 80% = 48 minutes

- 4.4.3 If less than 80% of the normal time of a match has been played before abandonment then the match result will stand as final unless:
- (a) one or both of the competing clubs requests in writing on club letterhead the fixture to be replayed, and
 - (b) all requests for a replay are received by BASL via mail, email or hand delivered within 48 hours of the fixture being concluded, or
 - (c) At the discretion of BASL, the matter is referred to the BASL Tribunal for determination
 - (d) BASL shall take into consideration the following factors when considering each such request:
 - (i) reasons why the fixture was abandoned;
 - (ii) result of the game at the time of abandonment;
 - (iii) the impact on the final standing (in relation to placing on the Ladder) of this fixture.

4.4.4 A Match will be abandoned if:

- (a) any Club has its playing numbers reduced for any reason below the minimum FIFA requirement of seven Players.
- (b) the lighting at the venue fails such that in the opinion of the Match Official it is impossible or unsafe to continue to play
- (c) the Match Official determines that playing conditions have become unsafe or untenable for any reason, or
- (d) the Match Official, in consultation with security staff and ground officials, determines that the conditions for players, coaches, Match Officials or supporters have become unsafe or untenable for any reason

4.4.5 If a Match is abandoned due to a matter set out in rule 4.4.4 and BASL refers the matter to the Tribunal which determines that one (or both) of the competing Clubs, or its Club Associates were directly responsible for the abandonment then one of the following outcomes may be imposed:

- (a) Match to be awarded as a "No Results". In this situation, no points will be awarded to either team for that fixture;
- (b) Match result is a 0-0 draw
- (c) Match result 3-0 to either Club unless the score at the time of abandonment was greater and in favour of the non-offending Club;
- (d) Match to be replayed in full;
- (e) Continue the Match from the time at which the original match was abandoned provided a suitable time and venue to do so can be found;
- (f) Match result to stand.

In addition, the Tribunal shall determine whether the fixture counts as a match served for any players who may be under suspension.

4.4.6 Further any Club Associate responsible for the abandonment of a game may be guilty of Misconduct and may be subject to further penalties under the GDT.

4.4.7 When a Match is abandoned, all Match Officials are entitled to receive 100% of their normal Match fee.

4.5 Postponed/Rescheduled Matches

- 4.5.1 Matches may only be postponed/rescheduled by the Match Official, Council Grounds person or by BASL.
- 4.5.2 If a Match is postponed, the Home Club must notify BASL within 48 hours after the scheduled Match.
- 4.5.3 BASL will determine the new time and date for playing of a postponed/rescheduled Match. Such decision is not open to appeal or review. Clubs are obliged to fulfill outstanding fixtures as determined by BASL and any Club which fails to do so will automatically forfeit the Match and may face action under the GDT
- 4.5.4 Any fixture ordered by BASL to be replayed must be completed by no later than one week after the conclusion of the relevant season, unless otherwise approved or directed by BASL in writing. BASL may record the result of any Match not completed within this time frame as a 'no-result'.
- 4.5.5 Only BASL are permitted to schedule or reschedule any fixture. Any Club Associate or Club found guilty of rearranging a BASL fixture, or requesting the appointment of Match Officials outside a set kick-off time or date, may be subject to further penalties under the GDT

In addition to the above, BASL may record the final score of any such Match as a 'no result' or 3 – 0 win to the opposing team if the team is found guilty.

- 4.5.6 When a Match is postponed, all Match Officials are entitled to receive 50% of their normal Match fee if the Match Official was present at the ground when the Match was postponed.
- 4.5.7 All Clubs must notify BASL as soon as they have reasonable grounds to suspect that a ground may be unsuitable for play in an upcoming fixture.

4.6. Extreme Weather Conditions

- 4.6.1 BASL and/or the Match Official may postpone, delay or abandon any fixture due to extreme weather conditions that may endanger participants such as but not limited to excessive heat/humidity or poor weather.
- 4.6.2 If the Match Official postpones delays or abandons any fixture due to extreme weather conditions, he or she must outline the reasons in writing and forward to BASL within 48 hours of the conclusion of the fixture.
- 4.6.3 If 30 minutes before kick off the temperature at the venue is 32° or above, water bottles must be made available to enable any player to take a drink during the course of the game. Permission of the Match Official to take a drink is not required.
- 4.6.4 If conditions are considered extreme by the Match Official, he or she may
 - a. allow a 2 minute break during the course of each half.
 - b. allow additional drinks break in accordance with rule 4.6.3
 - c. abandon the Competition Fixture, if in his or her opinion it is unsafe to continue

4.7. Restrictions on Ground Usage

- 4.7.1 BASL may take whatever action is deemed necessary if a fixture or fixtures are affected by restrictions on the usage of grounds.

4.8. Match Points

4.8.1 In all competition fixtures, Match points will be awarded as follows:

WIN	-	Three Points
DRAW	-	One Point
LOSS	-	Nil Points
NO RESULT	-	Nil Points for either team

4.8.2 BASL may record any fixture as a 'no result'.

4.8.3 (a) At the end of the championship season, all teams will be ranked from highest to lowest by virtue of the total number of points received.

(b) If one or more teams finish the championship season on the same number of points, their final position will be determined as follows:

(i) the team with the greatest Goal Difference will finish higher.

(ii) if Goal Difference is the same, then the team that has scored the most Goals FOR will be deemed to have finished higher.

(iii) if Goal Difference is the same and Goals FOR is the same, then the final order will be determined by the results of matches played between the teams.

(iv) if the aggregate scores between the teams are the same, then away goals will count as double.

(c) If one or more teams have the identical number of Championship Points, Goal Difference, Goals Scored & Conceded, and the results between the teams is the same, then those teams will be deemed to have tied.

4.9. Non-Participation in BASL Fixture

4.9.1 Clubs are obliged to participate in fixtures as determined by BASL. Any Club which fails to do so will be penalised as follows and may also be subject to further sanction under the GDT:

(i) the Match will be awarded to the opposing team (as a 3-0 result),

(ii) Subject to further action under the GDT.

(iii) if both teams refuse to play, BASL may award a 'no result', and take such further disciplinary action as it sees fit.

4.9.2 If a Club does not have sufficient players to field a reserve and senior team, the senior team shall take priority.

4.10. Change of Fixture Requests

4.10.1 All clubs wishing to request a fixture change may do so, by completing a fixture request form (or email) and submitting it to BASL no later than 5 days prior to the scheduled match. The form (or email) must also be endorsed by the opposition club who must also approve to the fixture change.

4.11. Admittance to fixtures

4.11.1 Admittance prices for the 2016 season will be as follows:

(a) Admittance to all competition matches will be free, including car parking, except for the Grand Final of a Cup Competition or Premiership Series, where BASL reserves the right to charge a fee for entry into these fixtures.

5. MATCH OFFICIALS

5.1 Match Official Fees

5.1.1 2017 Match Official Fee Structure in Schedule 3.

5.1.2 (a) Unless otherwise stated, payment of all fees for Match Officials will be made on behalf of the Home team by BASL on the conclusion of each fixture and on receipt of signed match records (and votes if applicable) to results@basl.com.au, unless otherwise requested.

(b) The Home Club will be responsible for reimbursing BASL on receipt of monthly invoice. In the event of delay or failure to pay, the Club may be subject to disciplinary action under the GDT

5.1.3 If a Match is abandoned or postponed, all Match Officials are entitled to receive Match fees in accordance with rules 4.4.7 and 4.5.6 respectively.

5.2. Assistant Match Officials

5.2.1 A maximum of 4 Assistant Match Officials may be appointed to a fixture to assist the Match Official.

5.2.2 If insufficient Assistant Match Officials have been appointed, each team must provide a linesperson to assist the Match Official. Failure to comply will result in a 3-0 loss to the offending team.

5.3. Non-Attendance or unavailability of Match Official

5.3.1 If the Match Official fails to honour his or her appointment, the next most senior Match Official ('Replacement') will take charge of the fixture.

5.3.2 If the Match Official is late arriving at a fixture, the Replacement will take charge until the Match Official is ready to take over.

5.3.3 If no registered Match Official is present to act as the Replacement, the Home Club must appoint a person to act as Match Official for the fixture. The Club is responsible to ensure Match Reports and votes are submitted to results@basl.com.au in these circumstances. Failure to do so may result in disciplinary action under the GDT.

5.3.4 All Clubs must fulfill all fixtures, regardless of whether or not the Match Official is present to take charge. Failure to do so may result in disciplinary action under the GDT.

5.3.5 If the Competition Fixture does not kick off within 20 minutes of the scheduled kick off time due to the absence of a Match Official, the Home Club will be deemed to have forfeited the Competition Fixture

5.4. Decisions of the Match Official

5.4.1 The decisions of the Match Official or Assistant Match Official about any fact connected with the play are final and cannot be disputed by any party. A Match Official may change a decision if he or she realises that decision is incorrect, or on the advice of an Assistant Match Official, provided the play has not re-started.

5.5. Duties of the Match Official

Pitch & Facility Report

- 5.5.1 Prior to the commencement of each Match, the Match Official must complete a Pitch Inspection and ensure all subsequent match documentation is lodged with BASL by COB Monday.

5.6. Match Records and Misconduct Reports

- 5.6.1 At the conclusion of each Match, the Match Official shall consult with his or her Assistant Match Officials and confirm the correctness of all Match information before completing both Match Records.
- 5.6.2 If a Club official protests to the Match Official about the fielding of an ineligible Player, the Match Official must instruct the Club official to lodge an official protest in accordance with the BASL GDT.
- 5.6.3 The Match Official must ensure Clubs do not list more than 16 Players (this excludes Junior matches) on a Match Record for any fixture.
- 5.6.4 Subject to any Protest the Match Records received from the Match Official will be accepted as the accurate and official record of a Match.
- 5.6.5 Misconduct Reports must be submitted in accordance with the requirements set out in the GDT

5.7. Player Safety and Blood Rule

- 5.7.1 It is the Match Official's responsibility to ensure that all players taking the field of play are wearing equipment that is safe to themselves and any other person.
- 5.7.2 If a player is wearing any equipment which may endanger him or herself, or any other player (see Rule 3.7) it is the Match Official's responsibility to ensure all such equipment is removed before the player enters the field of play.
- 5.7.3 The Match Official must ensure that any player who suffers an injury or wound which results in the loss of blood leaves the ground immediately for the purpose of receiving medical attention outside the field of play.
- 5.7.4 The Match Official may allow the injured player to rejoin the game only after the Match Official is satisfied that the wound has been safely covered and contained.
- 5.7.5 If a player's uniform or attire has blood spilt on it, the Match Official may require the player to change his or her attire before rejoining the game.
- 5.7.6 If the injured player is required to change his or her uniform, and a shirt displaying the same number as the original shirt is unavailable, the Match Official will allow the player to wear an alternative numbered shirt.
- 5.7.7 Alternatively, in such circumstances, a team may replace the injured player in accordance with any applicable interchange rule

5.8. Best and Fairest Votes

- 5.8.1 At the conclusion of each Senior Championship Match, the Match Official must complete the Best and Fairest Votes by COB Monday via the Results Vault. If the Referee is unable to submit votes via Results Vault, then the Referee must submit to BASL by email to results@basl.com.au by COB Monday.
- 5.8.2 All votes must be treated with the highest confidentiality.
- 5.8.3 All votes must be completed in full, including the players' name, Club and Identity Number.
- 5.8.4 A failure to comply with this rule may result in a Match Official being suspended from officiating or demoted to a lower division
- 5.8.5 *Best and Fairest Voting and Eligibility*
- (a) The Best and Fairest Award shall be voted on in each Senior Championship Match by the Match Official in accordance with Rule 5.8.
 - (b) Votes shall be cast in a 3-2-1 format with 3 votes given for the player adjudged by the Match Official to be the best and fairest in each Match.
 - (c) A Player who receives a Suspension as defined in the GDT shall be ineligible to win the award.
 - (d) A Player who has a Direct Red Card revoked shall be eligible to win the award.

6. REGISTRATION

- 6.1 The Registration Process is set out in the 2017 FFV Registration Regulations

7. CODES OF BEHAVIOUR

The following Codes of Behaviour incorporate the Australian Sports Commission Template Code of Behaviour, the FFA National Code of Conduct and the FFA National Spectator Code of Behaviour. - These codes are deemed to be incorporated into these Rules of Competition and are outlined below.

7.1. Overview

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

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

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

7.2. General Principles for all persons involved in sport

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

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

7.3 Players' Code of Behaviour

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

7.4 Coaches' Code of Behaviour

- place the safety and welfare of the athletes above all else.
- help each person (athlete, official etc) reach their potential - respect the talent, developmental stage and goals of each person and compliment and encourage with positive and supportive feedback.
- any physical contact with a person should be appropriate to the situation and necessary for the person's skill development.
- be honest and do not allow your qualifications to be misrepresented.
- Be reasonable in your demands on younger players' time, energy and enthusiasm
- Teach your players to abide by the rules and Laws of the Game
- Ensure that equipment and facilities meet a reasonable safety standard and is appropriate to the age and ability of the players
- Modify your approach to suit the skill levels and needs of players
- Develop and enhance respect between players, opposition coaches and the decisions of the Match Official
- Follow the advice of a physician when determining the extent of a player's injury and beyond that, when players are returning from injury to training and Match play
- Keep up to date with the latest coaching practices (refer to Coach Accreditation Criteria)
- Take time out to teach players (& others) the Laws of the Game, hence raising their awareness
- Remind all players to play within the spirit of the game at all times
- Ensure players are good sports and ensure each team member shakes the hand of their opponents at the conclusion of every Match
- Do not smoke or consume alcohol from the team bench (Technical Area) or sideline
- Remember the actions of yourself and your team is reflective of the perception others take away with them

7.5 Administrators' Code of Behaviour

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

7.6 Match Officials' Code of Behaviour

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

7.7 Parents Code of Behaviour

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

7.8 Spectators' Code of Behaviour

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

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

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

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

7.9 Victorian Code of Conduct for Community Sport

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

The Victorian Government's Respect Agenda is about ensuring that respect for ourselves, others and the community, is at the centre of what it means to be Victorian. As part of this Agenda, the Government is committed to enabling every person, in any capacity, to have the opportunity to participate in community sport without fear of abuse, intimidation and harassment.

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

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

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

Acts of violence, discrimination and vilification are illegal acts within Victoria. It is a club's responsibility to not only report these to the appropriate legal authorities but to ensure these acts are not tolerated by the sport or club.

State Sporting Associations and clubs will have the responsibility of adhering to and enforcing the code through sport specific penalties. State Sporting Associations and clubs who don't adhere to and enforce the Code will not be eligible for funding from Sport and Recreation Victoria, and any existing funding will cease.

The Code provides the opportunity to make a positive impact on community participation in sport and recreation by encouraging appropriate behaviour at all times. Implementation of the Code will ensure that community sport remains safe and inclusive for all.

Code of Conduct

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

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

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

Breaches of the Code

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

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

State Sporting Association responsibility

The responsibility of a State Sporting Association through the Code of Conduct is to:

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

Implementation of the Code

In 2010 all State Sporting Associations (SSAs) will be required to sign onto the Code and pledge their support by confirming the following actions:

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

Any SSA or club applying for funding through Sport and Recreation Victoria (SRV) from 2010/11 will need to demonstrate their adherence and enforcement of the Code in order to be eligible for funding.

SSAs and clubs who don't adhere to and enforce the Code will not be eligible for funding through any SRV grants programs.

Councils applying for funding from SRV, must ensure that sporting associations and clubs who are tenants at the site of the project are enforcing the code.

Sports Associations and clubs not aligned to an SSA will still be required to adhere to and enforce the Code in order to be eligible for funding from Sport and Recreation Victoria, if not any existing funding will cease.

Definitions

Person:

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

State Sporting Association:

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

8. Schedule

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SCHEDULE 1

Minimum Requirements for Each BASL Competition Venue – Existing Facilities

*Note that all current facilities have been approved by BASL. However, new facilities must meet the following requirements.

Heading	Rule #	Class	Requirement
Section 1 - Field of Play and Environments			
General	1.1	All	The field of play and related equipment including goals and corner flags must be compliant with the Laws of the Game.
Pitch size	1.2.1	Senior	Length - Minimum 95 metres Width - Minimum 55 metres
	1.2.2	Junior	Length - Minimum 80 metres Width - Minimum 50 metres
Run offs	1.3	All	A minimum runoff area of 3 metres to any solid obstruction, including fences and team benches, must be provided.
Goals	1.4.1		Goalposts and nets must be in accordance with the Laws of the Game. The goalposts and crossbar must be made of wood, metal or other approved material. They may be square, rectangular, round or elliptical in shape and must not be dangerous to players. The distance between the posts is 7.32 m and the distance from the lower edge of the crossbar to the ground is 2.44 m. Both goalposts and the crossbar have the same width and depth, which do not exceed 12 cm. The goalposts and crossbars must be white.
	1.4.2	All	Goals must conform to Australian Standard AS 4866.1-2007 - Playing field equipment- Soccer goals Part 1: Safety aspects and be properly installed and secured. They must not have sharp edges protruding that may cause injury.
Corner posts and flags	1.5	All	Corner posts and flags must be in accordance with the Laws of the Game. Posts must not be metal or spring loaded. They must be plastic or wood and stand a minimum of 1.5 metres above the ground with a non-pointed top. Corner flags must not feature nationalistic emblems or reference,
Pitch surface	1.6.1	All	The field of play must be safe and even without trip hazards.
	1.6.2	All	The field of play should preferably have an even grass coverage of at least 85%. No important area of the field, including goal areas, should preferably be significantly without grass.
Pitch Surface Cont.	1.6.3	All	If a hard-based cricket wicket is present on the field of play it must be covered with a material similar to grass. The edges of the wicket must not protrude from the ground or in any way cause a tripping hazard.

	1.6.5	All	Matches may be played on a pitch with a synthetic surface provided it has been constructed and maintained to FIFA 1 star standard.
Line Marking	1.7.1	All	The playing pitch must be clearly marked in accordance with Law 1. The goal lines must be of the same width as the goalposts and the crossbar. All lines must be of the same width, which must be not more than 12 cm.
	1.7.2	Note	The playing pitch must be marked in accordance with Law 1. However, Matches may be played on fields with some minor additional markings as follows: a) Law 1 markings must be in a colour that contrasts the pitch and no less than 100 mm in width b) extraneous markings must not be in same colour and must not be perceived as brighter than white and must not be greater than 50 mm in width c) the location and extent of extraneous markings must not be such as to be likely to cause significant risk of confusion to the referee in the officiating of the Match.
	1.7.3	All	Only products such as agricultural limestone or water based spray paint or other similar material which will not endanger ground users or damage turf grasses may be used for line marking. Limil, Herbicides and other products such as 'Round Up' that are harmful to a person's health can cause damage to the playing surface are not to be used under any circumstances.
Stretcher	1.8	All	One stretcher suitable for first aid and emergency use must be placed at the half way line prior to the commencement of each Match. The stretcher must remain inside the barrier/fence, in a safe and accessible position to first aid staff, for the duration of the Match. Wooden or canvas stretchers are not suitable.
Pitch Fence	1.9.1	All	A permanent chain wire fence around the pitch meshed to the ground, with a minimum height of 1.1 metres, and at minimum 3 metres in distance from the side lines and goal lines,
	1.9.2	All	Where a pitch fence is not in place at least a rope or a painted line around the pitch at a minimum 3 metres in distance from the side lines and goal lines must be in place to provide a clear indication of segregation of the playing area to the spectator area.
Technical Area	1.10	All	The technical area may be marked by crushable cones. If marked by lines they must be in accordance with the line marking requirements in line with FIFA laws.
Team Benches	1.11.1	Senior	Two covered team benches or equivalent seating with adequate seating for 5 people must be provided.

Section 2 - Player and Officials Amenities

Players change rooms	2.1	All	Two (one for each opposing club) players' lockable dressing rooms must be provided. Each room must have access to hot and cold showers and to toilet facilities within or adjacent to the building structure
Officials Room	2.2.	All	A Match Official must have exclusive access to a dressing room. Each room must have access to hot and cold showers and to toilet facilities within or adjacent to the building structure

Section 3 - Spectator Amenities

Public Toilets	3.1	All	Access to male and female public toilets must be available.
Access	3.2	All	The venue must be accessible by emergency services vehicles.

SCHEDULE 2

Minimum Requirements for Each BASL Competition Venue – New Facilities

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Heading	Rule #	Class	Requirement
Section 1 - Field of Play and Environments			
General	1.1	All	The field of play and related equipment including goals and corner flags must be compliant with the Laws of the Game.
Pitch size	1.2.1	Senior	Length - Minimum 100 metres Width - Minimum 60 metres
	1.2.2	Junior	Length - Minimum 100 metres Width - Minimum 60 metres
Run offs	1.3	All	A minimum runoff area of 3 metres to any solid obstruction, including fences and team benches, must be provided.
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	1.4.2	All	Goals must conform to Australian Standard AS 4866.1-2007 - Playing field equipment- Soccer goals Part 1: Safety aspects and be properly installed and secured. They must not have sharp edges protruding that may cause injury.
Corner posts and flags	1.5	All	Corner posts and flags must be in accordance with the Laws of the Game. Posts must not be metal or spring loaded. They must be plastic or wood and stand a minimum of 1.5 metres above the ground with a non-pointed top. Corner flags must not feature nationalistic emblems or reference,
Pitch surface	1.6.1	All	The field of play must be safe and even without trip hazards.
	1.6.2	All	The field of play should preferably have an even grass coverage of at least 85%. No important area of the field, including goal areas, should preferably be significantly without grass.
Pitch Surface Cont.	1.6.3	All	If a hard-based cricket wicket is present on the field of play it must be covered with a material similar to grass. The edges of the wicket must not protrude from the

			ground or in any way cause a tripping hazard.
	1.6.4	All	The field of play must not include a hard-based cricket wicket.
	1.6.5	All	Matches may be played on a pitch with a synthetic surface provided it has been constructed and maintained to FIFA 1 star standard.
Line Marking	1.7.1	All	The playing pitch must be clearly marked in accordance with Law 1. The goal lines must be of the same width as the goalposts and the crossbar. All lines must be of the same width, which must be not more than 12 cm.
	1.7.2	Note	The playing pitch must be marked in accordance with Law 1. However, Matches may be played on fields with some minor additional markings as follows: a) Law 1 markings must be in white and no less than 100 mm in width b) extraneous markings must not be in white and must not be perceived as brighter than white and must not be greater than 50 mm in width c) the location and extent of extraneous markings must not be such as to be likely to cause significant risk of confusion to the referee in the officiating of the Match.
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Pitch Fence	1.9.1	All	A permanent chain wire fence around the pitch meshed to the ground, with a minimum height of 1.1 metres, and at minimum 3 metres in distance from the side lines and goal lines,
Technical Area	1.10	All	The technical area may be marked by crushable cones. If marked by lines they must be in accordance with the line marking requirements in line with FIFA laws.
Team Benches	1.11.1	Senior	Two covered team benches with adequate seating for 8 people must be provided.

Section 2 - Player and Officials Amenities

Players change rooms	2.1	All	Four (two for each opposing club) players' lockable dressing rooms must be provided. Each room must have access to hot and cold showers and to toilet facilities within or adjacent to the building structure
Officials room	2.2.	All	A Match Official must have exclusive access to a lockable dressing room. Each room must have access to hot and cold showers and to toilet facilities within or adjacent to the building structure

Section 3 - Spectator Amenities

Public Toilets	3.1	All	Access to male and female public toilets must be available.
Access	3.2	All	The venue must be accessible by emergency services vehicles.

SCHEDULE 3

Football Lighting Policy 2017

This policy sets out the mandatory requirements for competition lighting at football venues used by Clubs competing in competitions managed by Football Federation Victoria (FFV).

The primary reason for the requirements is the health and safety of participants. Additional reasons include the enabling of higher quality play, providing a satisfactory experience for spectators and ensuring that football venues are “good neighbours” in residential areas.

Mandatory Requirements for Competition Lighting

These requirements apply to Matches between FFV clubs, including friendlies and practice matches.

This document:

- explains the background to the requirements;
- specifies the standards to be met for each level of competition; and
- details the process which must be followed to gain approval for Matches to be fixtured at night;
- details the conditions under which approval for night fixtured Matches may be retained by clubs.

1 Background

The International governing body for football the Federation Internationale de Football Association (FIFA) does not mandate specific lighting standards for competitions of the type managed by FFV.

Australia's governing body Football Federation Australia (FFA) has not mandated specific lighting standards for competitions of the type managed by FFV.

Therefore, FFV has adopted Standards Australia's published standard AS2560.2.3-2007, Sports Lighting - Lighting for All Football Codes (**Standard**) as the basis for lighting requirements for FFV Matches.

The Standard applies to football (soccer) as well as other codes played in Australia. The Standard varies for different levels of play and training.

While FFV supports Clubs wishing to expand their audiences or provide better opportunities through holding Matches at night under lights, Clubs need to be aware that compliance with these requirements is a precondition of FFV's approval of such night fixturing.

2 Requirements

The requirements detailed below are enforceable under FFV's Rules of Competition for each league operated by FFV and must be read in conjunction with the Rules of Competition. They are mandatory for Matches which clubs wish to be played under lights.

It should be noted that these standards are the MINIMUM required for FFV competitions. Achievement of higher levels of lighting is both allowed and encouraged by FFV.

The Standard identifies several levels of competition and specifies lighting standards for each. The levels are:

- amateur;
- semi-professional;
- professional.

Therefore, the following is the minimum requirements for competition lighting.

Competition	Minimum Lux ¹	Uniformities ²		Maximum Glare Rating
		U ₁	U ₂	
Amateur competitions	100	0.5	0.3	50

Note that the minimum Lux refers to the maintained average as measured in field audits, not initial design.

3 Process

Where a Club wishes Matches to be scheduled at times requiring lighting, FFV requires certification by a suitable independent lighting consultant (**Certification**) that:

- the lighting requirements are being delivered by the system installed and operating at the venue; and
- the system is sufficiently reliable to enable Matches to be scheduled with reasonable confidence there will not be a fear of disruption to the lighting.

The Certification must be based on an audit of the lighting system by a suitable consultant.

The Club or ground manager must pay the cost of the audit.

The identity of the lighting consultant must be confirmed as suitable to FFV in advance of the audit being conducted. Suitability is based on the qualifications and experience of the consultant in floodlighting for sports purposes, especially football. Suitable lighting consultants will include but are not limited to Members of the Illuminating Engineering Society of Australia and New Zealand Limited (IES - The Lighting Society).

For the required audit the lighting consultant must:

- undertake a review of the installed equipment to assess its characteristics and current potential for compliance with the Standard;

make such calculations as are necessary to assess compliance with the required Glare Rating;

¹ Maintained average horizontal illuminance

² Minimum horizontal uniformities

- undertake an on-field audit using appropriate equipment measuring lux at a minimum of 50 points on the field, including at critical points³ and assess compliance with the lux levels and their uniformity;
- identify any issues of concern regarding the uniformity of vertical illuminance affecting illumination of the ball on medium and high trajectory paths;
- identify any issues of concern relating to the lighting system's reliability, including a check of the switchboard/lighting control systems to confirm that they are able to fully secured and are in good working order; and
- report to FFV in detail on compliance with the Standard or otherwise.

The lighting consultant's report to FFV must include details of the installation, measurements obtained in the on-field audit and the calculation of maintained average lux, uniformities and glare along with comments on uniformity of vertical illuminance and reliability. Certification is subject to satisfactory compliance with the Australian Standard and acceptable reliability.

Certification will be accepted by FFV for a period of two years, after which another audit must be undertaken and Certification provided if the Club wishes to continue to hold Matches at times requiring lighting. The lighting consultant's report to FFV must include details of the installation, measurements obtained in the on-field audit and the calculation of lux, uniformities and glare.

FFV will not approve fixtures that require lighting without the Certification.

4 Ongoing compliance

The Club must ensure that the Standard is always met for Matches.

Where a Club becomes aware that lighting for a Match is likely not to meet the Standard it must immediately notify FFV in writing of that fact in which case FFV will arrange a change of fixture.

Where a referee has made a report in relation to the adequacy of the lighting at a venue or FFV has concerns that a venue may not currently meet the Standard, FFV may engage a suitable lighting consultant to undertake a field audit to test compliance as detailed above. If the lighting is found to meet the Standard FFV will bear the cost of the audit.

If the lighting is not found to meet the Standard the club is responsible for the costs of the audit and FFV approval for fixtures requiring lighting at the venue will be removed until the lighting is maintained, repaired or modified to comply with the Standard.

If a Match is halted temporarily or abandoned due to the failure of the lighting to meet the Standard or failure to function at all during a Match the Club must provide evidence to FFV as to the causes of such failure.

If the lighting failure was due to circumstances beyond the control of the Club, including network system failure, weather or accidental damage or offsite equipment failure no penalty will be imposed and subject to FFV being satisfied that the lighting for the club's subsequent night fixtures will meet the Standard those fixtures will remain as scheduled.

If the lighting failure was the fault of the home club due to any other reason:

- (a) the Club will be liable to a penalty of 4 Penalty Units; and,

³ Measurement points are shown at attachment A.

(b) if the Match is required to be rescheduled it will be scheduled at the home ground of the opposition team on a date to be set by FFV; and,

(c) the Club may be required to pay for a further audit in accordance with the process detailed in section 3 above; and

(d) the Club may be required to postpone or reschedule night Matches at the venue until the audit demonstrates compliance with the Standard.

If the lighting fails to meet the Standard on a second occasion within two seasons for any reason FFV may in its discretion impose a Fine of up to 8 Penalty Units and/or not accept that venue for subsequent night fixtures.

SCHEDULE 4

2017 Match Official Fee Schedule

BASL – Senior Competition

	Match Referee (completed paperwork)	Match Referee (Non- completed paperwork)	Assistant Referee
Division 1 Men	\$100.00	\$88.00	\$50.00
Division 2 Men	\$70.00	\$61.00	\$35.00
Women	\$70.00	\$61.00	\$35.00
Youth	\$70.00	\$61.00	\$35.00
Open (Social)	\$40.00	\$33.00	\$20.00

BASL – Junior Competition

	Match Referee (completed paperwork)	Match Referee (Non- completed paperwork)	Assistant Referee
U/12	\$25.00	\$24.00	\$12.50
U/14	\$30.00	\$26.50	\$15.00
U/16	\$40.00	\$33.00	\$20.00

BASL – Referee Travel Allowance

Journey	Travel Allowance
Bendigo to Castlemaine	\$36.00
Bendigo to Kyneton	\$57.00
Castlemaine to Kyneton	\$25.00
Bendigo to Moama	\$82.00
Moama to Swan Hill	\$135.00
Bendigo to Swan Hill	\$157.00

- please note all trips are considered to be return trips. Km rate for other journeys not listed above is based on \$0.85 per km one-way

SCHEDULE 5

Cup Competitions - Rules of Competition

Senior Fixtures

All fixtures - 45 minutes each way.

- Extra time (if required) - 15 minutes each-way.
- Penalties (if required) as per FIFA protocol

Junior Fixtures

Under 16 - 40 minutes each way

Under 14 - 35 minutes each way

Under 12 - 30 minutes each way.

- Extra time (if required) - 10 minutes each-way.
- Penalties (if required) as per FIFA protocol

The Championship Season Interchange rule will apply in all divisions, with the exception of Mens Division 1.

All players must be eligible to participate in BASL fixtures in line with the 2016 BASL Rules of Competition.

Disciplinary Matters

In addition to the rules applied in the Championship Season GDT

Serving of Suspensions

- Players who are suspended during the Championship season, whose suspension extends beyond the Championship season, will serve their suspension in the relevant Cup Competition.
- Players who are suspended during either the Championship season or the Cup Competition, whose suspension extends beyond the Cup Competition, will serve their suspension in the current or following year Championship Season.

Accumulation of Yellow Cards

- As per the National Disciplinary Regulations, accumulation of Yellow Cards will be reset for the Cup Competition.
 - Yellow Cards accumulated during the Championship season will not be counted with Yellow Cards received during the Cup Competition.
- Once a player accumulates 2 Yellow Cards during the Cup Competition, they will be suspended for an automatic game.

Players Suspended in the Previous Season

- Any player who is suspended during the Cup Competition will be subject to - where applicable - item 5.3 of the Disciplinary Policy.

Eligibility of Players - Principles

- Cup Competition teams should be representative of the players that have played in the team during the course of the Championship season.
- Players will always have the ability to move up a division, to aid their development.
- There should be no loophole that allows players who have – for example – primarily played Mens Division 1 football during the Championship season, to play in Youth

Division or Under 16 A Division during the Cup Competition.

- The Club is solely responsible for making sure that their players are to play in the Cup Competition, failure to do so will incur a penalty under the GDT.

Eligibility of Players - Rules

Qualifying for a Single Division

- Once a player **plays five (5)** games during the Championship season in the **ONE** division they **qualify** for that division.

Qualifying for Multiple Divisions

- The **lower/younger** divisions
 - Once a player **plays in half** of the games contested by that team during the Championship season in the **ONE** division they **qualify** for that division.
 - Should the number of games contested by that team be an odd number, half the number of games will be rounded up – to the next whole number (eg 15 game season, 8 games are needed to qualify)
 - Junior grade restrictions in the same age group apply to all games, including Cups played during the season, including finals.
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- Any **highest/oldest** division
 - Once a player **plays five (5)** games during the Championship season in a division they **qualify** for that division.

NOTE - Mens Division 1 & Women Division cannot be a “lower division”

- Players who **qualify** for multiple divisions may move **freely across these divisions only** for all weeks of the Cup Competition **without restriction**.
- Players **may** play in a division **other** than the one for which they **qualify**, however a player will then be bound by the following restrictions.
 - The **other division** must be **higher/older** than the highest division for which the player has **qualified**.
 - Players who **qualify** for multiple divisions – with a **division between**, will be **unable** to play in the **division between**.
 - §□ eg Players who have qualified for both Youth Division and Mens Division 1 will not be eligible to play in Mens Division 2 at any stage/in any capacity
 - Once a player plays in a division **other** than the one for which they have **qualified**, they will be eligible for that division only.
 - Players in this situation will still have the ability to again play in a **higher/older division**
 - Example
 - Should a player who has qualified for both Under 16A Division and Youth Division play in a Division 2 game, he will be eligible for Division 2 only. He is now ineligible to play Under 16 and Youth.
 - He still has the ability to play Mens Division 1, however should he do this he will be bound to Mens Division 1.
 - Players who appear as a substitute in Mens Division 1 will not be considered to have played in Mens Division 1 for the above purposes.

Eligibility of Players -

Dispensation

- Clubs requesting dispensation to play ineligible players in the Cup Competition, must submit their request in writing 10 days prior to the first scheduled Cup match.

- Dispensation may be sought for the following reasons:
 - Long Term Injury
 - Missed Matches which would have seen the player qualify
 - Junior Player playing up into Senior Competition.

SCHEDULE 6

Mini Roos (BASL Juniors) – Rules of Competition

Introduction

As part of its National Development Plan, Football Federation Australia implemented Mini Roos Football for all leagues/competitions within Australia. For more details on The Development Plan, please refer to the FFA website or Miniroos.com.au

Mini Roos Football Rules

For all Rules and Regulations regarding Mini Roos Football, please refer to the files located on the FFV website (www.footballfedvic.com.au) or www.miniroos.com.au/club/club resources - following the Club Resources tab

Please note that these Rules and Regulations have been provided by the FFA, and includes details for age groups up to and including Under 10's.

The variance to these rules that will be implemented by BASL are;

- 1 Playing time of the Under 6 and Under 7 age groups will be 2 x 20 minutes – instead of the FFA prescribed 2 x 15 minutes.

Age Qualification:

- Under 6 Players must turn either 5 or 6 years of age in the current season
 - Under 7 Players must turn either 6 or 7 years of age in the current season
 - Under 8 Players must turn either 7 or 8 years of age in the current season
 - Under 9 Players must turn either 8 or 9 years of age in the current season
 - Under 10 Players must turn either 9 or 10 years of age in the current season
- It is the club's responsibility to ensure players do not participate below their rightful age group.
 - Please refer to the BASL Rules of Competition regarding Age Eligibility and Special Requests for players playing outside the above Rules.

Age Groups

- Under 6 & Under 7 Play 4 v 4 Mini Roos – No Goal Keeper
- Under 8 & Under 9 Play 7 v 7 Mini Roos – Including Goal Keeper
- Under 10 Play 9 v 9 Mini Roos – Including Goal Keeper

Eligibility of Players

- To be eligible to participate in BASL, each player must be registered with FFV via an affiliated club.
- Please refer to the 2017 FFV Registration Regulations

A summary of playing formats is included on the table below.

Age Group	Numbers	Pitch Size	Ball Size	Venue	Playing Time	Goal Keeper	Referee
Under 6	4 v 4	20m x 30m	Size 3	Epsom/Huntly	2 X 20 min	No	Game Leader
Under 7	4 V 4	20m x 30m	Size 3	Epsom/Huntly	2 X 20 min	No	Game Leader
Under 8	7 V 7	45m long x 35m wide	Size 3	Home Club	2 x 20 min	Yes	Instructing Referee
Under 9	7 V 7	45m long x 35m wide	Size 3	Home Club	2 x 20 min	Yes	Instructing Referee
Under 10	9 V 9	65m long x 45m wide	Size 4	Home Club	2 x 25 min	Yes	Instructing Referee

Codes of Behaviour

- In accordance with the 2017 BASL Rules of Competition, players, officials, administrators, parents, spectators are bound by the Codes of Behaviour.
- In the event any party breaches the Codes of Behaviour referred to above, BASL reserves the right to take disciplinary action as it sees fit.
- All clubs are encouraged to ensure that the Codes of Behaviour are distributed and displayed to all members, players and interested parties.

Blood Rule

- If a player is found to be bleeding during the course of the game, he or she will be escorted from the field of play to an area where the player can receive attention.
- The game will re-commence once the injured player is off the playing field.
- That player will only be permitted to return to the field of play when the bleeding has stopped and the player's uniform has been changed or cleaned to an appropriate level as determined by the match official.

SCHEDULE 7

Open (Social) Competition – Rules of Competition

The aim of the Open (Social) Competition is to provide a social opportunity for past players, and those players new to the game a structured environment to play football.

The minimum age for participation is 16.

The 2016 BASL Rules of Competition and 2016 BASL GDT will be adhered to with the following exceptions.

Match Duration and format

All Open (Social) matches shall be 2 x 30 minute halves.

The format of the game will be 7v7 on half pitch, but this may be varied depending on the numbers of players available on game day, i.e. 5v5 or 6v6 and the field size may be adjusted accordingly.

Social Competition

The Open (Social) competition shall be deemed a Social Competition. Players must be prepared to participate in a spirit of fun and fitness with all clubs entering teams taking steps to ensure their teams are instructed to take part with good intent at all times. Players who disregard this intent will be asked to leave the ground immediately and may face disciplinary action including exclusion from future Open (Social) Competitions. The code of FIFA FAIR PLAY is to be observed at all times. Overly aggressive play will not be tolerated. This is a Social Competition NOT Grade.

Substitutions/Interchange

Unlimited Interchange. Teams do not need the Referees permission to enact an interchange, but the oncoming Player cannot enter the field of play until the outgoing Player has completely left the field of play. All interchanges must be made at or near the halfway point on the same side of the field.

Referee Appointments

A referee shall be appointed by the Central Victorian Referees Branch to any Open (Social) fixture. Where no official referee is available, BASL may appoint a registered FFV club member to referee in their place. This person's decisions will be accepted as official, and no protest or complaint against his decisions will be accepted.

Player Eligibility

Once a player starts in a BASL Competitive Seniors fixture in the 2016 season, they will then become ineligible to play in an Open (Social) fixture in the 2016 season

All players must have signed the team registration form approved by BASL and the team fee must have been paid to be eligible to play.

It is the responsibility of any team who feels that their opposition is not abiding by the rules, in terms of the age and eligibility of the opposition players, to raise any objects directly with the referee and that team at the time.

Play at own risk

All players accept they play at their own risk and should seek their own insurance.

Team Requirements

Teams may be entered by clubs or the general public and entries will be accepted on completion of a valid team entry form and payment of the applicable team entry fee. Players may register as individuals and be entered to a team organized by BASL.

Pitch format

The format of the game will be 7v7 on half pitch, but this may be varied depending on the numbers of players available, i.e. 5v5 or 6v6 and the field size adjusted accordingly.

Ladder position

Points are 3 for a win, 1 for a draw and 0 for a loss. Ladder position will be determined by Points, then Goal Difference, then most goals scored, then head to head results, then a toss of the coin.

A forfeited game will result in a 3-0 loss.

Ladder position will be used to determine talking points in between games, and for no other purpose. There will be no finals and finishing top of the ladder will risk ineligibility for the following seasons competition at the sole discretion of all the other teams that didn't finish first.

Play at own risk

All players will need to accept they play at their own risk and should seek their own insurance. Yes, this is here twice, it is that important!

Minimum equipment

Studded boots either screw in or molded including Blades are allowed. 'Sports' type footwear with multiple molded rubber studs is acceptable. Referees will make sure that correct footwear and shin-guards are worn before play commences and at all times during the game.

Foul play

In all cases where players breach these rules and are removed from the field of play, their Team may use a substitute. The player will be punished, not the Team.

All players are to have respect for the Referee and to accept the decisions made without dissent. Referees are instructed to Sin Bin offenders.

Repeated foul play and/or abusive language may result in a player being either sent to the Sin Bin for a period of time determined by the Referee, or sent off permanently. Any player sent off permanently will not be allowed to play again for the remainder of the season.

Tackling

Players MUST remain on their feet to make a tackle. Slide tackles or those made on one knee will be penalised with a free kick.

Players are reminded that all tackles from behind are illegal. A slide tackle from behind will result in the offender being sent to the Sin bin for 2 minutes.

Other

Kick offs must be taken from the centre of the pitch. A Player may score directly from the kick off.

No Offside rule.

Defenders must retreat a minimum of 3 metres from free kicks and kick offs.

Penalties will be taken from a point 5 meters from the goal line, central to the goal.