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## **1 Definitions**

In these Rules the following words, terms and phrases shall have the following meanings:

"Board" shall mean the Board of Directors of FFT.

"By Laws" shall mean the By Laws promulgated by Football Federation Tasmania in accordance with the Constitution.

"Club" shall have the same meaning as defined in the Constitution and in addition include unincorporated bodies entered into FFT competitions.

"Chief Executive Officer" shall mean the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) from time to time of the Company.

"Company" shall mean FFT.

"Competition", unless otherwise stated, shall mean any competition that is administered by FFT.

"Constitution" shall mean the Constitution of FFT

"Disciplinary Code" means the disciplinary code contained within the Competition Rules of FFT.

"FFA" shall mean Football Federation Australia Ltd.

"FFT" shall mean Football Federation Tasmania Ltd.

"FIFA" shall mean Federation Internationale de Football Association (International Federation of Association Football).

"Home team" shall mean the team named first in any match fixture published by the Company..

"Match" shall mean any match played in any competition conducted by or under the auspices of the Company

"Member" shall have the same meaning as defined in the Constitution

"National Disciplinary Regulations" shall mean the disciplinary regulations published by FFA from time to time.

"National Registration Regulations shall mean the registration regulations published by FFA from time to time.

"Offences" shall mean behaving contrary to or not in accordance with these Rules or the Constitution or By Laws.

"Official" shall mean any Official registered with FFT in accordance with the registration requirements published by FFT from time to time.

"Participant" shall have the same meaning as Participant Members and Registered Participants as defined in the Constitution and include Clubs, Registered Players and Officials.

"Playing year" shall mean period of twelve months between the 1st day of November and the 31st day of October the following year.

"Registered Player" or "Player" shall mean a player competing in an FFT competition and registered in accordance with the National Registration Regulations

"Rules" shall mean these competition rules of FFT.



## **2 Commencement of Rules**

These Rules shall come into effect on the date on which the Board shall resolve to adopt them and they shall replace all other rules, which prior to that date had been adopted by the Company.

### **3 Compliance with Rules**

These Rules are to be read in conjunction with the National Registration Regulations, National Disciplinary Regulations, FFA Code of Conduct and FFA Grievance Resolution Regulations. Where there is any inconsistency between the Rules and the National Regulations, the National Regulations will apply to the extent of the inconsistency.

Each Club of FFT shall comply with these Rules and such other rules and directions as from time to time may be adopted or made by the Company.

Subject to the Constitution and By-Laws, any Club competing in a Company competition that shall breach or fail to comply with any of these Rules, or such other rule or direction adopted or given by the Board, shall be liable to disciplinary action as may be determined by the Board.

If it is considered that Clubs, registered players and or officials have breached or failed to comply with FFT Rules, By Laws or Constitution, they may be charged accordingly and a hearing may be held as appropriate to deal with the alleged charge(s).

## 4 Status of Participants

All players and team officials shall be registered with the Company as per the National Registration Regulations in one of the following categories;

- a) **Senior:** a player who is over 18 years of age at commencement of the calendar year in which the competition is played.
- b) **Youth:** a player who is under 16 years as at the commencement of the calendar year in which the competition is played and is playing in an FFT administered competition.
- c) **Under 17 & Under 18:** a player who has turned 16 years of age but has not yet turned 18 years of age at the commencement of the calendar year in which the competition is played.
- d) **Team Officials:** deemed to be coaches, trainers, team managers.
- e) **Match Officials.**

## **5 Registration of Players and Age Criteria**

- a) The National Registration Regulations govern the registration of all players, and subsequent clauses are in addition to the National Registration Regulations.
- b) A player registration and registration fee must be received by FFT before midday on Thursday in order for the player to be eligible to play in that weekend's games.
- c) The transfer deadline for currently registered players is the last Thursday prior to 31 May. A new player (ie not previously registered in the current year) may not be registered after the second Thursday in August.
- d) If any Club shall play an unregistered player or a player registered by another Club in any match it shall be deemed to have lost that match by a score of three (3) goals to nil (0) plus any further penalty imposed by the Company in accordance with these Rules.
- e) Any junior player registered with a Club can complete a supplementary registration with their local junior association to enable the player to compete within the association's competitions.
- f) To be eligible to play in senior competitions, a player must be at least fifteen (15) years of age. Junior players younger than 15 may apply to FFT for permission and be assessed according to the Player Age Policy.
- g) Under the Player Age Policy, a player may play, without approval from FFT, a maximum two years above his/her age group. Any player wishing to play more than two years above his/her age group must, unless covered by Rule 5(f), apply to FFT for permission and be assessed according to the Player Age Policy.

## **6 Registration Fees**

- a) Prior to the commencement of the playing season, the Company shall determine the registration fees to be paid by participants in the following categories;
  - i) Senior players
  - ii) Youth players
  - iii) Under 17 & Under 18 players
  - iv) Team Officials
  - v) Match Officials

## 7 Managers

### 7.1 Match Managers

- a) All Clubs shall nominate a match manager who shall perform such duties as listed below and as shall be directed from time to time by the Company.
- b) The match manager must be present at all Men's Premier League , Women's Premier League, Southern League 1 and State-wide Cup matches and be responsible to perform the duties as defined in section 7.3.
- c) The match manager must be aged at a minimum of 18 years.
- d) The match manager must not consume alcohol whilst performing the duties of match manager.

### 7.2 Match day requirements

- a) A match manager will be provided by the home club and identified to the referee prior to the commencement of the match.
- b) The match manager must at all times wear an identifying jacket.
- c) The match manager must be identifiable and visible to the match officials and spectators at matches.

### 7.3 The Duties of the Match Manager

The match manager shall:

- a) Ensure that the team manager is provided with balls that meet the standard and requirements as laid down in the duties of the team manager.
- b) Ensure that an appropriate stretcher is readily available and that the stretcher complies with any relevant by-law or health regulation as may be laid down from time to time.
- c) Ensure that the technical area is properly defined as laid down in the Laws of the Game and these Rules.
- d) Ensure that all gate personnel and other persons assisting at the venue are fully conversant with their duties.
- e) Have available to them a means of summoning the police or ambulance or other such civic personnel as may be required in the event of an emergency. (eg burst water main, loss of electricity supply, loss of keys).
- f) Be responsible for the good order and behaviour of spectators.
- g) Assist match officials where required (eg organise assistant referees) and assist with the security of the match officials whilst at the venue.

### 7.4 Team Managers

All Clubs shall nominate a team manager for each team who shall perform such duties as listed below and as shall be directed from time to time by the Company. This requirement applies to all Club teams in all Company competitions.

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## **7.5 The Duties of the Team Manager**

The team manager shall:

- a) Ensure that match balls, which comply with the requirements of the Laws of the Game and Rules, are provided to the referee at least 15 minutes prior to scheduled kick-off time.
- b) Ensure that the fully completed team sheet is provided to the referee at least 15 minutes prior to the scheduled kick-off time.
- c) As soon as practical at the conclusion of the match, report the score and goal scorers to the Company via text message, email or directly via the Sporting Pulse system.
- d) If no match manager is present, the home team manager will assume the duties of the match manager and ensure that all home team responsibilities are fulfilled.
- e) If no referee is appointed to the match, the home team manager is to ensure the match record is completed and forwarded to the Company by close of business on the Tuesday following the match.
  - i) The match record consists of the completed Club Match Report to which is attached the team sheets for both the home and away teams on the day.
  - ii) The Club Match Report may be forwarded
    - by post to PO Box 371, Glenorchy, 7010 or
    - by fax to (03) 6272 8868 or
    - by email to [results@footballfedtas.com.au](mailto:results@footballfedtas.com.au).

## **7.6 Breaches of Rule 7**

- a) Failure of a team manager to fulfil the requirements of Rule 7.5 will result in a fine of \$100 being imposed on the team manager's Club.
- b) Failure of a match manager to fulfil the requirements of Rule 7.3 will result in a fine of \$300 being imposed on the match manager's Club.

## **8 Officials**

- a) Where at any match there is an absence of either a referee or assistant referee, the home team shall be required to provide a referee or assistant referee as the case may be for that match.
- b) In the case where two assistant referees are required, it is the responsibility of both teams competing to provide an assistant referee.
- c) In the case where a referee and two assistant referees are required the home team is responsible for providing the referee and one assistant referee, and the away team one assistant referee.



## 9 Grounds

- a) No matches shall be played on grounds which have not first been approved by the Company and it shall be the responsibility of each Club to make available at all times during a playing year at least one ground which has been approved by the Company.
- b) Notwithstanding that a ground has been approved by the Company that ground may at any time during a playing year be deemed unplayable either by the Company or the Club to whom it belongs.
- c) If a ground is deemed unplayable by the Club to whom it belongs at any time before a match is scheduled to be played on it, the Club shall immediately notify the Company of its decision to deem the ground unplayable, and if possible, the match shall be rescheduled to another ground.
- d) The Company may at any time appoint a person or persons as ground inspectors and assign such duties and powers in respect of grounds to that person or persons as it may from time to time determine.
- e) Any breach of these rules may result in fines being imposed on the offending parties.

### 9.1 Team benches

- a) Only currently registered players and team officials are allowed to sit on the bench during matches. All must be named on the team sheet submitted to the referee.
- b) A maximum of nine (9) persons only are allowed to sit on the bench at any one time. These nine (9) persons to be five (5) substitutes and four (4) other registered team officials, as named on the team sheet.
- c) Seating shall be supplied and placed in position by the home team in sufficient quantity to seat nine(9) persons from each side.
- d) Smoking is prohibited on the team bench and in the technical area.

### 9.2 Pitch exclusion zone

- a) All persons apart from those named on the relevant team sheets, referees or assistant referees, must be behind fences surrounding enclosed pitches or a minimum of two (2) metres away from all sidelines or four (4) metres from all goal lines at all matches. Such an area shall be termed the “pitch exclusion zone”
- b) Those grounds that are not enclosed are required to have marked a secondary line outside the field of play, preferably in an alternate colour identifying the pitch exclusion line.

### 9.3 Ground marking, goals and dressing rooms

- a) In all matches sanctioned by the Company the home team Club is responsible to ensure that the ground markings as per FIFA Regulations are precise and clear and in paint –no lime product is to be used for line marking.
- b) All portable goals must be secured as per the Standards Australia guidelines, HB227-2003 Portable Football Goalposts Safety Handbook. All fixed goals must be properly secured and not have any sharp edges.

- c) Corner posts must be provided and conform to the Laws of the Game.
- d) All Clubs should aim to have two dressing rooms and a separate referee's dressing room each equipped with showers and toilets that must be maintained at an adequate standard of hygiene and convenience.

#### **9.4 Ground size**

- a) Premier, Premier Reserves, Southern League 1 and Premier Women grounds have to be a minimum of 90 metres in length and 60 metres in width and maximum of 120 metres in length and 90 metres in width.
- b) For all other competitions, grounds must meet the minimum and maximum standards as set by FIFA Regulations.

## **10      Laws of the Game**

All matches shall be played in accordance with the Laws of the Game as decided by the International Football Association Board and distributed by FIFA, and the Rules of FFT.

## 11 Uniforms and Badges

- a) No Club shall permit any of its teams to wear any uniform in any match, which has not first been approved by the Company. The colour of the shirts and socks of a Club's away strip shall be different to that of its home strip.
- b) In the event of there being a colour clash at a match, the away team shall change its strip, the only exception to this rule is if the "home" team changes from its designated "home" strip, then it is the responsibility of the "home" team to change.
- c) In the event of a goalkeeper's shirt colour clashing with the referee it is the responsibility of the goalkeeper to change.
- d) All Clubs are required to advise the Company in writing thirty (30) days prior to the season commencing their designated "home" and "away" playing strips for the upcoming season
- e) The Company shall make available to Clubs prior to the roster season commencing a full list of team "home" and "away" playing strips.
- f) When named as the "home" team, the "home" team must wear the Clubs registered "home" strip, unless otherwise arranged with FFT.
- g) It is the responsibility of the "away" Club to ensure that at all times that there is no clash of colours to the "home" team designated "home" strip, the only exception to this rule is if the "home" team changes from its designated "home" strip, then it is the responsibility of the "home" team to change.
- h) Any breach of these Rules may result in fines being imposed on the offending parties.
- i) For the purposes of Rule 11(b) there shall be deemed to be no colour clash by reason only of opposing teams wearing the same coloured shorts in a match.
- j) All players' uniforms, including the goalkeepers, shall show legible numerals at least 23cm high on the back of the playing shirt, and such numerals shall correspond with the name of the player wearing the uniform and that player's name on the team sheet.
- k) No Club shall permit any of its teams to wear any badge or logo on its uniform in any match, which has not first been approved by the Company.
- l) The Company may in its absolute discretion refuse to approve any uniform, badge or logo submitted to it by a Club for approval but shall advise the Club of its reason or reasons for any such refusal.
- m) Except with the prior written approval of the Company a Club shall not permit any form of advertising on its teams' playing uniform other than the distinguishing mark, badge or emblem of the manufacturer of that uniform.
- n) Each Club shall ensure that its Players shall wear on their uniforms such Company sponsor's badge as shall from time to time be directed by the Company.

If thermal undergarments are worn under playing shorts and are visible, they must be the same colour as the playing shorts. Also, they may extend beyond the knee. Also, they may extend beyond the knee and be full length, but must be the same colour as the playing shorts.

- o) Undershirts, if they extend beyond the shirt sleeves must have sleeves the same colour as the playing shirt sleeves.
- p) Shinguards must provide 'a reasonable degree of protection'. To fulfill their protective function, shinguards must cover the shins, that is, the portion of the leg from the ankle to the knee. The most vulnerable section of the leg in Football is the lower part of the shin, so the shin guard must start there. Shinguards for adults should be a minimum of 18 cm long. Referees will ensure that the players' shinguards are providing adequate protection.

## **12 Team Nomination, Payment of Fees and Fines**

- a) Subject to these Rules each Club shall pay to the Company a team nomination fee. The Company may prescribe such team nomination fees as from time to time it deems appropriate. Such team nomination fees to be payable within the time specified by the Company.
- b) Any Club withdrawing a team from the competition that has been entered and accepted for that competition by the Company shall lose all or part of its nomination fee as the Board may determine and shall be liable to such fine or other penalty as the Board may prescribe.
- c) The Company will advise Clubs of the payment requirements of team nomination fees prior to the season commencing
- d) Except as may be otherwise prescribed in these Rules all monies due and payable to the Company by a participant shall be paid within thirty (30) days of being invoiced. All accounts that are sixty (60) days or more overdue shall incur an interest charge at the rate of 10% per annum as per the Company Credit Policy.
- e) Once outstanding debts to FFT reach 90 days, all teams in the Club will no longer accrue points for any further games, until such time that the debt has been paid.
- f) The Australian Government has confirmed that GST is payable on all team nominations, player registrations, and player insurance imposed by the Company. GST shall be included in all invoices.

## 13 Substitutes

- a) A maximum of sixteen (16) players shall be named on the team sheet in any competition.
- b) In Men's Premier, Premier Reserves, Southern Women's Premier League and Southern League 1, five (5) players: four (4) outfield and one (1) designated goalkeeper, may be named as substitutes. Any three players of the five may be used as substitutes.
- c) In all other competitions, including Northern Women's Premier League interchange of players will be permitted and Players named on the team sheet shall be deemed to have played, with a maximum of 5 players being interchanged
- d) Clubs who contravene Rule 13 will be subject to disciplinary action which may include loss of points, forfeit of the game and/or fine at the Company's discretion.
- e) During all Statewide Cup competitions, five (5) players: four (4) outfield and one (1) designated goalkeeper, may be named as substitutes. Any three players of the five may be used as substitutes.
- f) During the Forestry Tasmania Finals Series and the State Final Series for Women five (5) players: four (4) outfield and one (1) designated goalkeeper, may be named as substitutes. Any three players of the five may be used as substitutes.

## 14 Player Restrictions

### 14.1 Player Eligibility

Players are eligible to participate in any Company competition match provided all the following are met

- a) they are currently registered with the Company and
- b) the Company has received the prescribed registration fee and
- c) they are not under suspension and
- d) they meet all the age requirement qualifications and
- e) they have no outstanding debt greater than 60 days with the Company and
- f) they are listed on the team sheet prior to the commencement of the match and
- g) the team stacking rule 14.2 is not contravened.

### 14.2 Team Stacking

The following restrictions apply only to players who are not regular players for the team. A regular player for a team is defined as any player who has played the majority of their games in the playing year for that particular team.

#### a) Premier Leagues:

- i) A player who has played for their club's Premier League Team (defined as being either the Seniors, Reserves or Under 18/19 team) is unable to play for a social team (as defined in 14.2 (b) ) for their club during that weekend's fixtures.

A player who was listed as a substitute player but did not take the field in a Senior or Reserves match will be eligible to play for another team from their club on that weekend.

#### b) Social Leagues:

- i) A player may play for any Social League Team (defined as being League 1, 2, 3, 4 or Over 35 team) in any weekend's fixtures as long as they have not played for their club's Premier League Team as defined in 14.2 a). Teams may only use a maximum of three (3) players who are not regular players in that team.
- ii) **Over 35 Competition.** The Over 35s Competition is open to players who are over the age of 35, however a team may have a maximum of 3 players over the age of 30. No player under the age of 30 shall be permitted to play in any match in this League.



c) **Youth Leagues:**

- i) All players must be eligible under the Player Age Policy as developed by the FFT Technical Director and Game Development Officer.
- ii) A team may use a maximum of three(3) players who are not regular players in that age group.

### **14.3 Clubs with two teams in same League**

In the case where Clubs have two teams in the same League, any player who played for team A in that League and intends to play for team B in that League is regarded as one of the 3 players who are not regular players for that team.

### **14.4 Special Circumstances**

Players returning from injury are eligible to play for any team without restriction in any competition as long as they have missed a minimum of one game due to injury. A Premier League player as defined in 14.2 a) may play for a Social Team when returning from injury, however they shall be ineligible to play for both a Premier League and Social League in the same weekend of roster matches.

### **14.5 Penalty for Breach of Player Restriction Rules**

Where a Club is found to be in breach of the Player Restriction Rules the offending team will be deemed to have lost the match by forfeit and will be fined \$200 per offence.

## 15 Fixtures and Forfeits

### 15.1 Fixtures

- a) A fixture list for each Company competition will be published and, whenever practicable, finalised by the Company no later than six (6) weeks prior to the commencement of each competition, but the Company may at its discretion change any fixture list at any time.

### 15.2 Match Duration

The duration of League matches for in each age group are outlined in the table below:

Age Group	Each Half	Half Time break
Seniors Under 19 Under 18	45 minutes	15 minutes
Under 17 Under 16	40 minutes	10 minutes
Under 15 Under 14	35 minutes	5 minutes
Under 13	30 minutes	5 minutes

### 15.3 Forfeits

- a) Any Club that, without just cause, fails to fulfil an engagement to play the fixture/s or any of them on the appointed date, time or venue/s shall forfeit that fixture/s. The offending Club shall also be liable for any reasonable expenses incurred by its opponents relative to that fixture or fixtures. The Company Disciplinary Committee may then deal with the offending Club.
- b) Matches shall start within fifteen (15) minutes of the stipulated starting time. Any team that refuses to begin a match after this period shall have forfeited the match. When a match starts later than the stipulated time, short time shall be played. Two (2) equal halves shall be played at all times.
- c) Teams must field at least seven (7) of its registered players at the start of any match. Failure to do so will result in the offending team forfeiting the match.
- d) In the event of a match being called off or abandoned due to insufficient numbers of players on one team as per FIFA Regulations, then the team responsible for the match being called off or abandoned shall be deemed to have forfeited the match
- e) If a team fails to enter the field of play or has insufficient players for the match to proceed after fifteen (15) minutes of the scheduled starting time the referee shall inform team officials present that the game has been called off. The team responsible for the match being called off shall be deemed to have forfeited the match

## **15.4 Penalties for Forfeits**

- a) In the event that a team forfeits its match, then full points shall be awarded to their opponent and the goals recorded according to three (3) goals scored by the team getting the points to nil (o) by the team who has infringed the Rule.
- b) Clubs must advise the Company in writing that they will be forfeiting a match by no later than 12.00 pm on the Friday prior to fixtures.
- c) If a Club fails to provide sufficient notice as set out in 15.4(b), the following penalties may be imposed on the offending Club: -
  - i) Will be fined \$200.
  - ii) Pay all appropriate referee and assistant referees fees and ground hire costs.
  - iii) Pay compensation to opposing Clubs as determined by the Company.
- d) Teams forfeiting on three (3) occasions without a satisfactory explanation provided in writing to the Company shall be removed from the competition.
- e) In the event of a walk-off by one Club prior to the completion of a match the team will be considered to have forfeited the match and the Club shall be liable to penalties under Rule 15.3(a), in addition to other penalties and/or sanctions as the Company sees fit.
- f) Youth Competition forfeits- If a Club fails to provide sufficient notice as set out in 15.4(a) & 15.4(b), the following penalties may be imposed on the offending Club: -
  - iv) Will be fined 50% of the fee for forfeiting a senior match.
  - v) Pay all appropriate referee and assistant referees fees should the notice of forfeit not be received prior to the match officials attending the ground.

## **15.5 How Forfeits Affect Suspensions**

- a) When the forfeiting Club has a player suspended in that division, the match forfeited by their Club, will not count as a match served on their suspension.
- b) When a Club receives a forfeit, any player under suspension in that division will have one match deducted from their suspension.

## **15.6 Postponed Matches/ Weather Conditions**

- a) In the event of any match not being played owing to weather, either due to ground closure or a decision taken by the referee under Law 5 of the Laws of the Game, or other cause over which neither Club has any control, on being ordered to be replayed, it shall be at a time and place decided by the Company.
- b) The Company shall determine a new venue and date as soon as possible.
- c) When the home team's ground is closed, it shall, where practical, promptly inform visiting teams and the Company of the closure.
- d) If the grounds are closed by Friday by the relevant Councils, the Company shall notify the local radio stations and the appropriate referee's co-ordinators of the cancellation of those League games and place a message on the FFT website.
- e) In the event of all games in the league round being cancelled, they shall be replayed on the first available weekend. If, however, no weekend is available, and

an alternative date for these games cannot be supplied by either the Clubs or the Company, no points shall be awarded to any team and the games will not be replayed.

- f) In the event of some games being played and others not when the Company has not cancelled the games and the Councils have not closed the grounds (or the game(s) are at grounds not under the Council's control), the results for the played matches shall stand and the unplayed games shall be played on the first available date. In the event that not all rostered games can be played in the playing year (generally as a consequence of ground unavailability), the Company, at its discretion, will determine which games are to be played and which are not. Games that the Company considers important in determining the outcome of a competition will be given priority.
- g) Clubs may request the postponement of any fixture if the Company receives such a request fourteen (14) days prior to the scheduled date of the match. Whilst the Company shall endeavour to accommodate such requests, they will not be automatically granted.
- h) Where the Company grants such a postponement the match shall be played at a date and a time suitable to the opposing team not requesting the postponement and a new date has to be agreed prior to any postponement being granted.
- i) Each team can only postpone one (1) match per season, after which any further requests will be deemed as forfeits.

## **16 Match Balls**

For all matches, the home team is responsible for providing three Competition approved match balls from the following list of balls: Nike Sietiro, Nike Premier Team FIFA, Nike Strike Nike Total 90 Tracer A-League (FIFA approved), T90 Premier Team FIFA (FIFA Approved), Nike T90 Strike

Breach of rule 16 will result in a fine of \$50 for each offence.

## 17 Match Results

- a) All match results and goals scored in matches shall be recorded by the CEO or his appointee from the official Match Report submitted to the Company at the conclusion of each match. The Match Report will be submitted by the appointed referee. Where no referee has been appointed, the Match Report must be submitted by the home team manager.
- b) It is the responsibility of the referee officiating in any game in the Northern and Southern Men's Premier Leagues to advise the Company by phone or text message of the half time score and full time score, within thirty (30) minutes of completion of the game. The Company shall advise the contact number prior to the start of the rostered fixtures each year.
- c) Clubs are required to provide to the Company on a weekly basis no later than 11.00 am on the Monday following the weekend games results for all teams at the Club, regardless of playing home or away. This notice may be provided
  - via the Online System through the Company website, or
  - by Fax (03 6272 8868), or
  - by e-mail (results@footballfedtas.com.au) or
  - by hand.

Notification by telephone is not acceptable.

- d) Breach of Rule 17(c) will result in a fine of \$50 for each offence.

## **18 Admission Fees**

Admission fees to all matches shall be determined by the Company prior to the commencement of each season and no Club shall charge a fee greater than that which has been determined by the Company.

Adults \$6

Concession \$3

Children Under 14 free

## **19 Ladder Positions, Final Series and Promotion & Relegation**

### **19.1 Ladder Positions**

- a) In all roster competitions conducted by the Company, ladder placing shall be decided by awarding three (3) points for a win, one (1) point for a draw and zero (0) points for a loss.
- b) The team finishing first on the table shall be deemed the League Champions.
- c) Goals difference shall be decided by deducting the number of goals scored against a team from the number of goals scored by that team and goal difference will be applied to decide a team's placing where its points are equal to the points scored by another team.
- d) In the event that the goals difference is also equal, the team scoring the greatest number of goals shall be deemed the better team for placing purposes.
- e) If still equal, the position on the ladder shall be decided by the team that has scored the greater number of away goals. If teams are still equal, a playoff match between the equal teams shall take place. If this is not possible the position will be decided by drawing lots.

### **19.2 Eight Team Final Series**

- a) In a final series in which eight teams are competing (ie top 4 from both the Northern Premier League (NPL) and Southern Premier League (SPL) at the completion of the home and away roster) for both men and women shall play as follows:

Round 1 (8 teams)

Game 1 - 1st SPL v 4th NPL (SPL home)

Game 2 - 2nd SPL v 3rd NPL (SPL home)

Game 3 - 1st NPL v 4th SPL (NPL home)

Game 4 - 2nd NPL v 3rd SPL (NPL home)

Round 2 (4 teams)

Game 5 - winner game 1 v winner game 4 (highest placed winner home)

Game 6 - winner game 2 v winner game 3 (highest placed winner home)

Round 3 final (2 teams)

Game 7 - winner game 5 v winner game 6

- b) The Company shall decide where the games will be played and the team finishing in the highest finishing position in their respective league shall be designated the home team. The loser of a game shall be eliminated from the final series. The Company shall decide on the venue for the Grand Final and the winner of game 5 shall be designated the home team.

### **19.3 Eligibility to Enter the Finals Series**

- a) A Club that has forfeited a State wide Finals Series match in the preceding year will not be eligible to play in that year's State wide Finals Series.



## **19.4 Drawn Match**

- a) If at the end of full time in a final series match the opposing teams have scored the same number of goals extra time shall be played under the FIFA Law 10 – Method of Scoring: With regard to the method for determining the winner of a match; of extra-time, consisting of two periods of no more than 15 minutes each, followed by kicks from the penalty mark.

## **19.5 Promotion and Relegation**

- a) After the completion of the rostered fixtures there will be automatic promotion and relegation between the Southern Premier League and Southern League 1
  - i) The team finishing in last position in the Southern Premier League competition will be relegated to Southern League 1.

The team finishing in first position in the Southern League 1 competition will be promoted to Southern Premier League, provided they meet the minimum youth team entry requirements for promotion to the Premier League. In the event that the team finishing first in Southern League 1 failing to meet these requirements then there will be no promotion or relegation in that year.

Should a Premier League club not comply with the minimum youth team entry requirements to be eligible to be a Premier League club then that club will face sanctions including a monetary fine and possible loss of competition points.

## **20 Abandoned Matches**

- a) Should a match be abandoned after 65 minutes of play, the score shall stand unless the abandonment of the match is the consequence of disciplinary or similar action taken by the referee, and in such case the Company shall determine whether the score shall stand.
- b) If the match is abandoned on or before the 65th minute of play, the match shall be replayed, unless the abandonment of the match is the consequence of disciplinary or similar action taken by the referee. In such case the Company shall determine whether or not the match shall be replayed.
- c) In such cases as prescribed in Rules 20(a) and 20(b) the home team Club shall be responsible for the payment of match fees to all referees assigned to the match in any capacity.

## **21 Intrastate , Interstate and Overseas Matches**

At all times during a playing year a Club shall make its players available for such interstate, intrastate or representative matches as may from time to time be conducted, organised or controlled by the Company.

### **21.1 Overseas Matches**

- a) If a Member wishes to send a team overseas, such Member shall provide the Company with full details of its proposed itinerary together with supporting letters from the governing body proposed to be visited, and upon receipt of such material written permission for the visit shall be sought by the Company from FFA in accordance with FIFA Rules and Regulations.

### **21.2 Interstate Matches**

- a) No Member shall send a team to play any match interstate without first obtaining the written consent of the Company.
- b) The Company may in its absolute discretion refuse to give its approval for a member to send a team interstate and shall not be required to give any reason for such refusal.
- c) No Member shall host a match against an interstate team without first obtaining the written consent of the Company. Written consent will only be given to matches or tournaments that adhere to FIFA Laws of the Game. No variations to the FIFA Laws of the Game will be approved.
- d) The Company may in its absolute discretion refuse to give approval for a Member to host a match or competition against any opposition and shall not be required to give any reason for such refusal.

### **21.3 Intrastate Matches**

This rule pertains to any game which is not a match in a Company approved competition.

- a) No Member shall send a team to play intrastate without first obtaining written consent from the Company.
- b) The Company may in its absolute discretion refuse to give its approval for a member to send a team intrastate and shall not be required to give any reason for such refusal.

## 22 Disciplinary System

For the purposes of this Rule, the term “Company” does not include either the Tribunal or Appeals Board.

### 22.1 General (all competitive leagues)

Any breach of the FIFA Laws of the Game, Constitution, By Laws or Rules shall be dealt with, where applicable, with the imposition of either:

- a) Caution (yellow card)
- b) Expulsion (red card)
- c) Misconduct charge against a participant in accordance with the provisions of these Rules.

### 22.2 Caution (Yellow Card Offences)

- b) A caution (yellow card) is a warning from the referee to a player during a match to sanction unsporting behaviour of a less serious nature (Law 12 of the FIFA Laws of the Game).
- c) A player receiving two cautions during the same match will incur an expulsion (indirect red card and, consequently, automatic suspension from the next match). The two cautions that incurred the indirect red card are rescinded.
- d) If a player is guilty of a sending off offence as defined in Law 12 of the FIFA Laws of the Game and is sent off, any other caution he has previously received in the same match is upheld. The only exception to this is for the case of an indirect red card as per 22.2 (b).

### 22.3 Administration of Cautions

The Company will regulate and record cautions (yellow cards) as follows:

- a) When a player accumulates five (5) cautions during the same season, they will receive a one-match suspension, as determined by the Company. The Company will also impose a fine of \$ 50 on the player’s Club.
- b) The Company will notify Clubs whose players are suspended before the next rostered match.
- c) If any player receives an additional three (3) cautions (that is, eight (8) cautions in the same season), they will receive a further one (1) match suspension. The Company will also impose a fine of \$100 on the player’s Club
- d) If any player receives an additional two (2) cautions (that is, ten (10) cautions in the same season) they will receive a further one (1) match suspension and be required to appear before the Tribunal. The Tribunal will decide whether to suspend the player for the rest of the season. The Company will also impose a fine of \$200 on the player’s Club

## **22.4 Expulsion (Red Card Offences)**

- a) An expulsion is the order given by the referee to someone to leave the field of play and its surroundings, including the substitutes' bench, during a match.
- b) Expulsion takes the form of a red card for players. The red card is regarded as direct if it sanctions serious unsporting behaviour as defined by Law 12 of the FIFA Laws of the Game; it is regarded as indirect if it is the result of an accumulation of two yellow cards.
- c) A player shall be deemed to have served a suspension in full when the team in which the player was playing when suspended has played the equal amount of games as the player's suspension allocated, and the round of matches for that week has been fully completed, even if served in a match that is later abandoned and/or cancelled. The player may not play in any other games sanctioned by the Company during the period of their suspension.
- d) The match referee shall record the player's identification number and lodge the send-off report and/or misconduct form with the Company.
- e) The Company will impose a Club fine for send-off offences in the competition. For each player sent from the field of play, the amount of the fine shall be \$50 for the first, \$100 for the second and \$200 for the third send off offence. Any subsequent offences shall incur a fine determined by the Company.
- f) Any player sent off the field of play on two (2) occasions in the same season, will incur an additional one (1) match suspension. This suspension cannot be appealed and must be served immediately after the automatic game suspension as defined in the Fixed Penalty System.
- g) Any player sent off the field of play on three or more occasions in the same season will incur an additional two (2) match suspension, on top of the fixed penalty handed down by the Company. This suspension cannot be appealed and must be served immediately after the automatic game suspension. The player will be required to appear before the Tribunal. The Tribunal will decide whether to suspend the player for the rest of the season.
- h) Expulsions (red cards) will be governed by the Fixed Penalty System.

### **Fixed Penalty System**

A Fixed Penalty System shall apply to all expulsions (red card offences) incurred during the Company competition season.

The Company reserves the right to refer any send-off report to the Tribunal for determination, which may result in the penalty being increased above the fixed penalty suspension specified.

A player who receives a red card in a Company fixture shall be subject to the suspensions at Schedule 1.

## **22.5 Team Misconduct**

- a) An additional sanction will be imposed on a Club for the misconduct of a team, including when
  - i) Five players are cautioned or sent off in one match

- ii) Three players are sent off in one match; or
- iii) Several players together make threats or show force against a match official
- iv) Its participants engage in a melee or brawl.

In the event of a team receiving 5 or more cautions in a game and the official match referee submitting a match report to that effect, FFT will issue the offending club with the prescribed fine for the MFP.

Should a club wish to challenge the MPF finding then it must do so under the process prescribed in section 22.11

## **22.6 Tribunal request against fixed penalty (Player send-offs)**

- a) A Club whose player has been expelled (red card) and suspended in accordance with the Fixed Penalty System may lodge a Tribunal Request. The Tribunal Request may only relate to the severity of the additional fixed penalty. The Tribunal cannot dismiss the expulsion (red card) and/or automatic one (1) game suspension from the player's record.
- b) The Tribunal Request will give the Club and player an opportunity to present to the Tribunal a case for the reduction of the fixed penalty (except for the automatic game suspension).
- c) The Club must lodge with the Company within five (5) business days of notification of the fixed penalty:
  - ii) a letter under Club letterhead and signed by the Club secretary outlining the intention of the Tribunal Request;
  - iii) a payment of a fee of \$150.00 (GST incl).
- d) Any Tribunal Request that is successful in reducing the penalty, partly, or wholly, will have 50% of the fee being refunded to the Club.
- e) The Company will not accept a Tribunal Request that fails to meet all the requirements as specified under 22.6(c).
- f) Once a Player has served the automatic one game suspension, then the Player will be eligible to play pending the outcome of the Tribunal decision.

## **22.7 Match suspensions**

- a) A suspension from a match is a ban on taking part in a future match or competition or to attend it in the area immediately surrounding the field of play.
- b) The suspension is imposed in terms of matches/games, days, months or years.
- c) Suspensions incurred by Players shall be served in consecutive fixtures, until such time as those suspensions are completed (and may carry over to the subsequent Playing Year).
- d) Should a Player be suspended in another competition and/or with another affiliated organization (excluding International and Representative Teams), that Player will serve the suspension accordingly in the Company competition.

## **22.8 Misconduct**

- a) The Company may initiate an investigation into any matter considered relevant to whether a Participant may have committed an offence.
- b) The investigation may be initiated on the basis of a match official's report, a Club complaint, video evidence that may be available, a report from any other relevant person or on the initiative of the Company administration.
- c) Where there has been a report or a matter, which could constitute a serious breach of FIFA Laws of the Game, the Constitution, By Laws or Rules, the Company may appoint an Investigating Officer.
- d) Participants shall comply with all reasonable requests made to them by the Investigating Officer or the Company for the purposes of an investigation. A failure or refusal to comply with a request, without reasonable excuse, shall constitute misconduct and hence be capable of being heard, upon charge, before the Tribunal.
- e) The Company reserves the right to decide whether any alleged breach of the FIFA Laws of the Game, the Constitution, By Laws, Rules or registration and transfer procedures is to be referred to the Tribunal as a Misconduct Charge or dealt with by the Misconduct Fixed Penalty System or whether no action is to be taken.

## **22.9 Misconduct Charges**

The Company reserves the right to charge Participants with misconduct or with behaviour prejudicial to the interests of the game and/or the Company, which shall be heard and determined by the Tribunal. The alleged misconduct or behaviour prejudicial to the interests of the game may include, but shall not be limited to breaches of the FIFA Laws of the Game, the Constitution, By Laws, Rules or registration and transfer procedures.

## **22.10 Misconduct Fixed Penalties**

- a) The Company has adopted a Misconduct Fixed Penalty System that may be applied to allegations of misconduct.
- b) The Misconduct Fixed Penalty System sets out minimum penalties for each breach and are detailed in Schedule 2 of these Rules.
- c) The Company shall investigate alleged breaches detailed in a Misconduct Report, Incident Report and/or any other relevant evidence presented. The Company may then issue any one of or a combination of Misconduct Fixed Penalties.
- d) A Misconduct Fixed Penalty Notice shall clearly particularise the alleged conduct upon which the Notice is based.
- e) The Company reserves the right to refer any misconduct charge to the Tribunal but reserves the right to withdraw any charge on the basis of insufficient evidence.

## **22.11 Tribunal request against Misconduct Fixed Penalty**

- a) The Misconduct Fixed Penalties outline the minimum penalty for each offence. Parties that have been issued with a Misconduct Fixed Penalty cannot request a Tribunal hearing against the severity of the penalty under any circumstances.
- b) Parties that have been issued with a misconduct fixed penalty can lodge a Tribunal Request against the finding of guilt only. Accordingly, such parties must enter a

not guilty plea. There shall be no leniency or reduction in the penalty by the Tribunal or the Company for a guilty plea or a guilty finding. If the Tribunal finds the Club guilty of the charge, then the tribunal may only confirm or increase the initial penalty.

- c) A Tribunal Request against the Misconduct Fixed Penalty must be lodged with the Company within five (5) business days of notification of the penalty. The Tribunal Request must be on Club letterhead, must clearly outline the basis for pleading not guilty to the charge(s), and be signed by the Club secretary. A payment of \$250 must accompany each Tribunal Request.
- d) The payment of \$250 shall be fully refundable when a Tribunal Request against the Misconduct Fixed Penalty is successful.
- e) Once a Club formally lodges a Tribunal Request against the misconduct fixed penalties, no penalties issued under the Misconduct Fixed Penalty System shall be imposed while the Tribunal decision is pending.

## **22.12 Tribunal**

- a) A Tribunal will be convened to determine issues referred to it by the Company.
- b) The procedures used by the Tribunal in hearing an issue will be consistent with the procedures mandated in the FFA Grievance Resolution Regulations.
- c) The Tribunal shall consist of at least two (2) persons appointed by the Board, one (1) of whom shall be chair. Employees of the Company and members of the Appeals Board may not be appointed to the Tribunal.
- d) Participants summoned to appear before the Tribunal must attend when advised, otherwise the charge will be determined in their absence. The Tribunal reserves the right to fine a Participant that fails to appear.
- e) Pursuant to 22.12(d) a participant may write to the Company outlining a valid reason for not appearing before the Tribunal and agreeing to the charge being determined in their absence. In this situation the participant must present a plea (guilty or not guilty) and may outline a defence to the charge.
- f) Participants shall comply with all reasonable requests made to them by the Tribunal. Failure to do so will constitute misconduct.

## **22.13 Appeals Board**

- a) The Company will appoint an Appeals Board to hear appeals against the decisions of the Tribunal.
- b) The procedures used by the Appeals Board in hearing an issue will be consistent with the procedures mandated in the FFA Grievance Resolution Regulations.
- c) The Appeals Board shall consist of at least two (2) persons appointed by the Board, one (1) of whom shall be chair. Employees of the Company and members of the Tribunal may not be appointed to the Appeals Board.
- d) Legal practitioners shall not act as advocates for respondents or the Company.
- e) Participants summoned to appear before the Appeals Board must attend when advised, otherwise the appeal will be determined in their absence. The Appeals Board reserves the right to fine a participant that fails to appear.
- f) Pursuant to 22.13(e) a participant may write to the Company outlining a valid reason for not appearing before the Appeals Board and agreeing to the appeal



being determined in their absence. In this situation the participant must outline the reasons the appeal should be upheld.

- g) Participants shall comply with all reasonable requests made to them by the Appeals Board. Failure to do so will constitute misconduct.
- h) The decisions of the Appeals Board shall be final and binding on all parties.

#### **22.14 Procedure for lodging an appeal**

- a) A Club must lodge with the Company within five (5) business days of notification of the Tribunal decision.
  - i) A letter under Club letterhead and signed by an authorised officer of the Club outlining the basis for the appeal;
  - ii) A payment of a fee of \$500.00 (GST incl)
- b) The Company will not accept an Appeal that fails to meet all the requirements as specified under 22.14(a).
- c) Any appeal that is upheld, or is successful in reducing the penalty, partly, or wholly, will result in 50% of the fee being refunded to the Club.
- d) All applications for appeal must state the grounds of the appeal as well as include supporting documentation.
- e) Appeals may only be initiated by Clubs or the Company.
- f) No matter from the Tribunal may be brought to the Appeals Board unless:
  - i) The disciplinary process has not been complied with or;
  - ii) Procedural fairness has been denied to the appellant or;
  - iii) The Tribunal's decision is in breach of the Constitution, By Laws or FFA Statutes and Regulations or;
  - iv) The Tribunal's penalty is either manifestly inadequate or excessive.

#### **22.15 Misbehaviour by Supporters/Fans**

- a) Clubs are responsible for the behaviour of their supporters.
- b) The home team's Club has responsibility for evicting supporters or fans that do not adhere to the conditions of entry to the ground, especially with respect to the possession or consumption of alcohol.
- c) The possession and/or lighting of flares or other flammable objects or the throwing of objects is strictly prohibited at all fixtures.
- d) Any behaviour that creates danger, nuisance, serious annoyance or is of offensive nature is strictly prohibited at all fixtures.
- e) The home team's Club is responsible for admission into the ground or entry to the ground precinct. The home team Club may prevent entry to the ground and may evict any person suspected of being in possession or to have been in possession of flares, flammable objects or other items that are capable of creating danger, nuisance or serious annoyance at a fixture.

- f) Any Club whose supporters, members or patrons have been found to be in breach of (b), (c) or (d) above, will be held fully accountable for the actions of their supporters, members or patrons. Clubs found to be in breach of (b), (c) or (d) shall be fined \$500 for each offence.
- g) If the home team Club is found to have not reasonably carried out its responsibilities in this Rule 22.15, it shall be fined \$500.
- h) Each Club must take steps to ensure that their supporters, members or patrons are made aware of these prohibitions and do not breach these requirements, regardless of whether they are playing at home or away.
- i) The Company reserves the right to take further disciplinary action if it deems that it is necessary.

## **22.16 Payment of Fines**

All fines imposed for breaches of the disciplinary system will be invoiced to and be payable by the Club for which the participant who has breached the Rules is registered.

## **23 Youth Cup Rules**

FFT offers a Knockout Competition in the same age groups that youth teams play roster competitions for both

- Girls
- Boys

These competitions will comprise the Youth Cup.

The FFT Competition Rules shall apply to all Youth Cup games. Where there is any inconsistency between the Competition Rules and the Youth Cup Rules, the Cup Rules shall apply.

### **23.1 Eligibility to Enter a Youth Cup Competition**

- Participation in each competition is open to teams from Clubs competing in FFT competitions.
- All teams entered in Youth premiership leagues will be automatically entered into the equivalent Youth Cup competition
- Losers from the round of 16 will be entered into the Youth Plate. Matches in this competition will run in parallel with the Youth Cup.
- In the event that a Club forfeits a Youth Cup match, they will be required to pay the prescribed fine as per rule 15.4 g) and will be ineligible to play in the Youth Plate for their competition.

### **23.2 Matches**

- The schedule of matches within each competition shall be determined by a random draw.
- All matches will be played at a date and time to be advised by FFT. Teams will provide team sheets for each match.
- All games will be normal duration as per the FFT competition Rules.
- When scores are equal at the end of NORMAL time, the match will be decided by the taking of kicks from the penalty mark as per the FIFA Rules and Regulations.

### **23.3 Match Balls**

The Home Team ( i.e. the Team listed first on the draw ) is to supply two (2) match balls of the appropriate size on the day.

### **23.4 Referees**

FFT will endeavour to supply referees for all matches at no cost to the Clubs. However teams should be aware that they may be asked to provide Assistant Referees on the day.

### **23.5 Player Eligibility**

- All players must be registered players with FFT.

- b) Players are Cup tied to the highest Cup Competition for their club that they play in.
- c) All players within a team shall be subject to the FFT Player Age Policy.

### **23.6 Cautions, Expulsions and Suspensions**

Any yellow cards that are received in the Knockout Cups will NOT carry over into the League competitions. Suspensions imposed for red card offences WILL carry over into the League competitions.

### **23.7 Code of Conduct**

All Clubs, players and Team Officials must adhere to the Football Federation Australia Code of Conduct as adopted by FFT

### **23.8 Amendment of Rules**

FFT reserves the right to alter or amend these rules from time to time as deemed expedient

## 24 Summer Cup Rules

### 24.1 Participants

**Men's Premier Summer Cup** is open to teams from Premier League and Southern League 1 and the Tasmanian NTC.

**Men's Reserve Summer Cup** is open to teams from Premier Reserve and Southern League 1 Reserves.

**Men's Social Summer Cup** is open to teams from Southern Leagues 2, 3, 4, Over 35 League and Youth Development Squads.

**Women's Premier Summer Cup** is open to teams from Women's Premier League and the Tasmanian NTC.

**Women's Social Summer Cup** is open to teams from Women's Premier Reserves, Division 1 and 2.

### 24.2 Groupings

The format of competition will depend upon the number of teams entered into each section. Wherever possible, leagues will be divided into two groups.

In the group stage competition each team will play the other teams in their group in a round robin stage.

Group winners of the Men's Premier, Men's Reserve, Women's Premier and Men's and Women's Social Summer Cups will play in their respective Grand Final.

### 24.3 Duration of matches

All round robin matches for will consist of two halves as follows

Competition	Each half	Half time break
Men's Premier Summer Cup Men's Reserve Summer Cup Women's Premier Summer Cup	45 minutes	10 minutes
Men's Social Summer Cup Women's Social Summer Cup	30 minutes	10 minutes

If, at the end of full time in round robin phase matches, the scores are equal, the match will be decided by kicks from the penalty mark, in accordance with FIFA Rules.

The Grand Finals of the Men's Premier, Men's Reserve and Women's Premier Summer Cups shall consist of two halves of 45 minutes each. Half time interval will be a maximum of 15 minutes. If scores are equal at the end of normal time, extra time will be played.

The Grand Finals of the Social Summer Cups will consist of two halves of 30 minutes each. If scores are level at the end of normal time, extra time will be played.

For all Summer Cup competitions, extra time will consist of two periods of 10 minutes each. If at the end of extra time, no goals or an equal number of goals by each team have been scored, the match shall be decided by the taking of penalty kicks.

#### **24.4 Kicks from the penalty mark**

If at the end of full time in round robin phase matches the score is drawn kicks from the penalty mark shall take place in accordance with F.I.F.A. Rules.

The goals scored or conceded in the kicks from the penalty mark are not recorded in the table of results. The tables will use the end of normal time scores for goals for and against.

#### **24.5 Points**

In all Round Robin Matches points shall be awarded as follows:

- 3 points for a win, in normal time
- 2 point for a draw at full time and a win in kicks from the penalty mark
- 1 point for a draw at full time and a loss in kicks from the penalty mark
- 0 points for a loss, in normal time

#### **24.6 Final Positions**

In the event of two teams having equal number of points at the completion of the round robin phase the team with the better goal difference shall be placed higher in the group.

If goal difference is also equal the team who has scored the highest number of goals shall be deemed the higher placed finisher.

the number of goals scored is also equal, the highest placed finisher shall be decided on the result of the match when the two tied teams met

If it is not possible to determine the order of finishing by the above method, the finalists will be determined by the drawing of lots.

#### **24.7 Team Numbers and Interchange**

In all matches of the Summer Cup including the Grand Finals a maximum of sixteen (16) players shall be permitted to be named on the team sheet, per game.

All players must be listed on the team sheet. The team sheet is to be presented to the referee fifteen (15) minutes prior to the advertised kick off time.

The substitution rule is not used in the Premier Summer Cup. Interchange will be used for all games in the competition.

In the event of a team not having or naming sixteen (16) players on the team sheet, this shall not prevent the opposing team from using their sixteen (16) players; these players can be interchanged throughout the game.

All interchanges shall take place at the half way line and players to be interchanged must leave the field of play before the replacement player can enter the field of play.

There is no limit to the number of interchanges that can take place in the game. The referee's must be informed and give permission before the interchange can take place. Interchanges are only permitted at stoppages in play.

## **24.8 Player Eligibility**

All players must be registered in accordance with Football Federation Tasmania Limited Rules and Regulations.

Players who have participated in any Premier League or Premier Reserves Summer Cup match are not eligible to play in any Social Summer Cup match.

To be eligible to compete in an Final, a player must have played at least one of the round robin matches.

## **24.9 Disciplinary**

All players in this competition are subject to Football Federation Tasmania Limited Disciplinary Rules and Regulations.

Any player who receives two (2) yellow cards in the Summer Cup competition, shall receive an automatic one (1) match suspension

Any player who receives four (4) yellow cards in the Summer Cup competition, shall receive an automatic two (2) match suspension

Suspensions for accrued yellow cards are to be served in the section in which the last card is received. If the suspension is not served before the completion of the competition the suspension will be served in the following season's Summer Cup.

All yellow cards that are received in the Summer Cup do not carry over into the home and away roster competitions, Players will start the roster season with a "clean slate."

All players who receive red cards during the Summer Cup competition must serve the allotted suspension before being able to play again. For the avoidance of doubt, if the suspension exceeds the number of games remaining in the Summer Cup the player is required to serve the remainder of the suspension in the roster season before being allowed to play again.

## **24.10 Team Fees**

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| a) Premier Summer Cups | \$75 per game  |
| b) Reserve Summer Cup  | \$ 75 per game |
| c) Social Summer Cups  | \$ 60 per game |

## **24.11 Admission to Grounds**

The following admission charges have been set for the Premier Summer Cups and the Reserve Summer Cup matches in 2012- Adults \$5 – Concession \$3 - Children under 14 Free.

All Premier and Reserves Summer Cup players/officials named on the team sheet list forwarded to Football Federation Tasmania Limited prior to the game (maximum 16 players, plus 1 coach, manager and sports trainer 19 in total), will be admitted to the ground for free. If no team list is forwarded to the gate staff all will be required to pay the admission charge.

FFT reserves the right to charge admission at the rates stated above, to the Grand Finals for the Men's and Women's Premier Summer Cups and the Men's Reserves Summer Cup.

## **24.12 Trophies and Medallions**

### ***Men's Premier Summer Cup***

Winners receive \$1,000, trophy and medallions

Runners Up receive \$375

### ***Men's Reserves Summer Cup***

Winners receive \$350, trophy

Runners Up receive \$175

### ***Men's Social League***

Winners receive a trophy

### ***Women's Premier League***

Winners receive \$1000, trophy and medallions

Runners Up receive \$375

### ***Women's Social League***

Winners receive a trophy



## **25 Statewide Cups Rules**

The Statewide Cup shall include competitions as follows:

- a) Lakoseljac Cup
- b) Statewide Under 19 Cup
- c) Women's Statewide Cup
- d) Statewide Vase

### **25.1 Application of Rules**

The FFT Competition Rules apply to all Statewide Cup fixtures. Where there is any inconsistency between the Competition Rules and the Statewide Cups' Rules, the Statewide Cups Rules shall apply.

### **25.2 Eligibility to Enter the Cups**

- b) A Club that has forfeited a Statewide Cup match in the preceding year will not be eligible for entry in that year's Statewide Cup competition.
- c) The Lakoseljac Cup shall be open to one team from each Club that enters a team in senior male competitions organised by FFT.
- d) The Statewide Women's Cup shall be open to one team from each Club that enters a team in senior female competitions organised by FFT.
- e) The Statewide Under 19 Cup shall be open to one team from each Club that enters a team in any senior male competition.
- f) The Statewide Vase shall be open to teams from each Club that enters a team in the following senior male competitions
  - i) Southern Leagues 2,3,4,5
  - ii) Northern League 1
  - iii) Over 35s

### **25.3 Determination of Matches and Venues**

- a) The schedule of matches shall be organised through the drawing of lots. The first team drawn shall be declared the home team in each allotted match. FFT shall advise the entrants of the result of such draws as soon as is practicable.
- b) FFT will decide the date for all matches following the drawing of lots for each round and distribute accordingly.
- c) The home team, with the exception of the Final, shall have the option of using their regular home ground as the match venue. If this is unavailable, FFT shall decide on the venue for the match.

## **25.4 Extra Time and Penalty Shoot Out**

- a) When scores are equal at the end of normal time, extra time shall take place. Extra time shall consist of two halves of 15 minutes each, with the team scoring the greater number of goals being declared the winner.
- b) If at the end of extra time, no goals have been scored, or the same number of goals have been scored by each team, the match shall be decided by the taking of penalties as per the F.I.F.A. Rules and Regulations.

## **25.5 Player Eligibility**

Players are Cup tied to the highest Cup Competition for their club that they play in.

No individual shall be allowed to play in any Statewide Vase match if they have taken the field of play in more than one rostered match at the Premier League Level as defined in rule 14.2 a).

## **25.6 Cautions, Expulsions and Suspensions**

- a) All yellow cards that are received in the Statewide Cups carry over into the home and away roster competitions.
- b) Any player who is under suspension from the normal home and away roster must serve that suspension before being eligible to play in the Statewide Cups.
- c) Suspensions imposed for red cards that are received in the Statewide Cup competitions will carry over into the home and away roster competitions only if the sent off player's team is eliminated from the Cup Competition.

## **25.7 Cup Final Venues**

- a) FFT reserves the right to designate where the Statewide Cup Finals will be played.

## **25.8 Amendment of Rules**

- a) The Board of FFT shall have the power to alter or add to these Rules, as they from time to time deem expedient.

## 26 Best and Fairest Awards

A Best and Fairest Award will be awarded to the best player in the following competitions:

- Northern and Southern Premier Leagues for Men and Women
  - Northern and Southern Premier Reserves Leagues for Men and Women
  - Northern and Southern Premier Under 18/ 19 League for Men
  - Southern League 1 for men
- a) The match official for each fixture will award votes. Three votes will be awarded to the best player, two votes to the next best player and one vote awarded to the third best player.
  - b) The player who receives the most votes over the course of the season will win the Fairest and Best prize for the competition.
  - c) If two or more players receive the same number of votes, the prize will be split and joint winners announced.
  - d) If a player receives a suspension as a result of being shown a red card, or as a result of a sanction imposed for accumulating five or more cautions in a season, he/she will be ineligible to win the Fairest and Best Award for that season.

## Schedule 1 – Fixed penalty suspensions

Item	Offence	Minimum Penalty
R1	Serious foul play (e.g. when challenging for the ball)	Auto + 1 match
R2(a)	Violent conduct (e.g. assault on a player when not challenging for the ball)	Auto + 1 match
R2(b)	Violent conduct – serious nature causing or potentially causing significant bodily harm to any person	Auto + 4 matches
R2(c)	Violent conduct – premeditated or prolonged assault or inciting a brawl	Auto + 5 matches
R3(a)	Spitting at an opponent	Auto + 5 matches
R3(b)	Spitting at a Match Official	Auto + 12 months
R4	Denies the opposing team a goal or an obvious goal scoring opportunity by deliberately handling the ball	Auto
R5	Denies an obvious goal scoring opportunity to an opponent moving towards the player's goal by an offence punishable by a free kick or penalty kick.	Auto
R6(a)	Uses offensive, insulting or abusive language and/or gesture not directed at a match official.	Auto
R6(b)	Uses offensive, insulting or abusive language and/or gesture against a match official	Auto + 2 matches
R6(c)	Use of discriminatory language and/or gestures, including racist, religious, ethnic or sexist	Auto + 4 matches
R7	Receives a second caution during the same match	Auto

## Schedule 2 – Misconduct fixed penalties (MFP)

### Participant Misconduct

The following constitute misconduct prejudicial to the objects and/or interests of the Company and the sport of football. The following sanctions represent the minimum penalty that shall be imposed. The Company reserves the right to refer any misconduct charges directly to the Tribunal.

Item	Offence	Penalty
MFP 1	When Participants use Offensive, Insulting or Abusive language towards the match official/s during and/or after a fixture	\$200.00
MFP 2	When Participants use intimidating behaviour towards match official/s during and/or after a fixture	\$200.00
MFP 3	When Participants use Threatening language and/or behaviour towards the match official/s during and/or after a fixture	\$300.00
MFP 4	When Participants enter the field of play without the permission of the match official during a fixture	\$200.00
MFP 5	When a Club fails to take all reasonable steps to control participants during and/or after the fixture	\$500.00
MFP 6	When Club fails to complete team sheets and/or match report as per the Rules of Competition in a fixture	\$25.00
MFP 7	When several players together are involved in a melee during and/or after a fixture	\$300.00
MFP 8	When several players together use intimidating, offensive, insulting or abusive language against the match official/s after a fixture	\$300.00
MFP 9	When a team is guilty of Team Misconduct.	\$300.00

### **Player Misconduct**

<b>Item</b>	<b>Offence</b>	<b>Penalty</b>
MFP 10	When player uses threatening language, intimidating behaviour and/or gesture/s , offensive, insulting or abusive language against the match official/s after being sent-off and/or after a fixture	Suspended for three (3) additional games in addition to any fixed penalty relating to the send off in Schedule 1.
MFP 11	When player uses obscene gesture/s against the match official/s after being sent-off and/or after a fixture	Suspended for one additional game to any fixed penalty relating to the send off in Schedule 1
MFP 12	When player fails when instructed by the match official/s to leave the field of play and the area immediately surrounding the field of play.	Suspended for one (1) game in addition to any fixed penalty relating to the send off in Schedule 1.