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TABLE OF ASSOCIATED DOCUMENTS

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

1. FFNC Constitution
2. FFNC Grievance Policy and Procedure
3. Insurance Policy
4. Insurance Information Handbook and Information Sheet
5. Insurance Claim Form
6. Forms for various competitions and application for special approval
7. FFA Statutes and Regulations

Front Pictures: *Kyogle FC won their first ever senior trophy, winning the Men's Third Division grand final.....Newcastle Permanent Building Society will again present FREE shinpads and soccer ball to all players in 6 and 7 year old competitions"*



FOOTBALL FAR NORTH COAST INC

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Brian Breckenridge, Garry Butts, Julie Clifford, Jim Devine (Deceased), Doug Edwards, Michael Gaertner, Brian Harding (Deceased), Fay Mudge, Fay Mudge, Armin Sandmann, Terry Walker

2013 Committee (as at 5th February 2013)

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RESULTS

HOME club to submit results online **before 8am each Monday (to avoid penalty)**.

MATCH SHEETS

All match sheets to be faxed/delivered/posted/emailed to The Zone office to be received **by 9am each Wednesday** following all weekend matches and within 48 hours of other matches (to avoid penalty).

Original match sheets must be submitted to the zone office in **ALL** cases regardless of being lodged electronically.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

I am pleased to report another successful year of results from football activity in the Football Far North Coast Zone. Participation increased 3.4%, defying the trend in many regions, with participation fees for junior players able to stay within affordable levels. The public profile of our sport continues to be visible and promoted in a positive way.

The influence football has within our communities provides benefits that incorporate many stakeholders and makes Football Far North Coast an important sporting body in the area. Although participation is mitigated by a changing landscape, economic challenges and competition from new forms of entertainment, Football Far North Coast remains committed to implementing the change necessary to remain a viable and relevant sporting organisation. The completion and adoption of a Strategic Plan is an important step in forward planning providing accountability to members.

Our relationship with the Peak Body for football in our State, Northern NSW Football Federation, remains strong. Through the leadership of David Eland, we are confident that NNSWF can leverage football across the seven zones, as an increasingly marketable product.

Another sound financial result has been reported for the Zone in 2012. Through prudent financial management, Football Far North Coast will be able to operate in a manner that adequately responds to the demands of commercial influence. Ensuring a secure financial position will enable football in the zone to advance and give greater protection from an exposure to risk.

On behalf of the Zone Committee and staff, I wish to thank the member clubs, particularly the many volunteers, for their tireless work. Thanks also to sponsors, supporters and match officials. This is my final term as Zone President and member of the Board, however I will continue to look with interest and expectation about how football proceeds. Let us all hope for a positive 2013 season.

Paul Parry

Yours in Sport,
Paul Parry
Zone President
Football Far North Coast



FOOTBALL FAR NORTH COAST INC

Club Members

ALSTONVILLE FC (FFA Level One Accredited Club)

Crawford Park, Freeborn Place and Geoff Watt, Deegan Drive, Alstonville

Postal Address: PO Box 61, ALSTONVILLE 2477

PRIMARY CONTACT: Jan Priddle (Secretary) 6628 3084 0412 803 024

Email: secretary@alstonvillefc.com.au

Website: www.alstonvillefc.com.au

Wet Weather: Paul Jarrett 0427 247 818

Strip: Shirt – black/red stripes; shorts – black; socks – (jnr) red, black trim, (snr) black

BALLINA SOCCER CLUB

Saunders Oval, Tamar Street, Ballina

Postal Address: PO Box 732, BALLINA 2478

PRIMARY CONTACT: Tony Dunn 0435 282 370

Email: info@ballinasoccer.com.au

Wet Weather: Tony Dunn 0435 282 370

Strip: Shirts, shorts & socks – sky blue, black and white trim

BANGALOW SOCCER CLUB (FFA Level One Accredited Club)

Jeff Schneider Field, Bangalow Road, Bangalow

Postal Address: PO Box 237, BANGALOW 2479 Clubhouse: 6687 1314

PRIMARY CONTACT: Sherese Hanigan (Secretary) 0434 559 700

Email: info@bangalowbluedogs.com.au

Website: www.bangalowbluedogs.com.au

Wet Weather: Paul Hanigan 0422 827 338

Strip: Shirt – blue with black trim; shorts – black; socks – blue, white & black trim

BORDER RIVERS FC

PRIMARY CONTACT: Michelle Ramsay 07 4653 5163

Email: girraweenfarm@bigpond.com

BRUNSWICK HEADS JUNIOR SOCCER CLUB INC

Stan Thompson Oval, Old Pacific Highway, Brunswick Heads

Postal Address: PO Box 285, BRUNSWICK HEADS NSW 2483

PRIMARY CONTACT: Susan Nakkam (Secretary) 6685 0252

Email: bhjsc@ffnc.net.au **Website:** www.brunswickheadsjnrssoccerclub.com.au

Wet Weather: Gary Osbiston 0428 637 176

Strip: Shirt – green, gold & black trim; shorts – black; socks – green, gold trim

BURRINGBAR BANDITS SOCCER CLUB

Burringbar Field, Fourth Avenue, Burringbar

Postal Address: PO Box 55, BURRINGBAR 2483

PRIMARY CONTACT: Chris Wetherall (Secretary) 6677 1176

Email: burringbarbandits@ffnc.net.au

Wet Weather: Jim Robertson 6677 1128

Strip: Shirt – white, red & black trim; shorts & socks – black, red & white trim

BYRON BAY FC.

1. Byron Rec Grounds, Carlyle Street, Byron Bay (BB1 and BB2)

Postal Address: PO Box 1482 BYRON BAY NSW 2481

PRIMARY CONTACT: Rae Stanton (Secretary) 0411 193 464

Email: secretary@byronbayfc.com.au

Website: www.byronbayfc.com.au

Wet Weather: Menno Koopmans 0431 096 027

Strip: Shirts - white and black; shorts and socks - black with white trim

CASINO RSM COBRAS FC INC

Colley Park, Kyogle Road, Casino

Postal Address: PO Box 532, CASINO 2470

PRIMARY CONTACT: Sarah Lines (Secretary) 0435 329 937

Email: committee@casinocobrasfc.com

Website: www.casinocobrasfc.com

Wet Weather: Jason Lines 0425 837 057

Strip: Shirts and shorts - maroon with blue trim; socks - blue with maroon trim

DUNOON UNITED FC

Balzer Park, Cowley Road, Dunoon **Clubhouse:** 6689 5444

Postal Address: C/- PO, DUNOON 2480

PRIMARY CONTACT: Andrew Bain (President) 0427 942 184

Email: dunoonunitedfc@ffnc.net.au

Website: www.dunoonclub.org.au

Wet Weather: Andrew Bain 0427 942 184

Strip: Shirt and socks - bottle green and gold; shorts - bottle green

EUREKA FC

Eureka Rec Grounds, 438 Eureka Road, Eureka (behind school)

Postal Address: PO Box 73, FEDERAL 2480

PRIMARY CONTACT: James Mayson (President) 6688 4079

Email: eureka@ffnc.net.au

Website: www.eureka@ffnc.net.au

Wet Weather: Simon Pearce 6688 4264 0413 209 367

Strip: Shirt - purple & gold, black trim; shorts - black; socks - black with gold trim

GOONELLABAH FC.

Western Park, Reserve Road, Goonellabah **Clubhouse:** 6624 4011

Postal Address: PO Box 4122, GOONELLABAH 2480

PRIMARY CONTACT: Bruce Towner (President) 6624 4798 0427 066 096

Email: football@goonellabahfc.com.au

Website: www.goonellabahfc.com.au

Wet Weather: Clubhouse 6624 4011

Strip: Shirts and shorts - gold with black & white trim; socks - black with gold trim

ITALO STARS FC

Stars Field, Barrow Lane, North Lismore **Clubhouse:** 6621 4677

Postal Address: 24 Barrow Lane, NORTH LISMORE NSW 2480

PRIMARY CONTACT: Mark Maslen (President) 0404 057 703

Email: secretary@italostarsfootball.com.au

Website: www.italostarsfootball.com.au

Wet Weather: Mark Maslen 0404 057 703

Strip: Shirts & shorts - white with emerald green & red trim; socks - red, white trim

KYOGLE FC

Don Gully Oval & High School Ground, Chauvel Street, Kyogle

Postal Address: 17 Caddie Avenue, KYOGLE 2474

PRIMARY CONTACT: Glenn Rose (Secretary) 0418 264 968

Email: kyoglefc@ffnc.net.au

Wet Weather: Michael Barnard 0429 488 922

Strip: Shirts and shorts - blue with red and white trim; socks - red with white trim

LENNOX HEAD FC

Skennars Head Fields, Skennars Head Road, Skennars Head

Postal Address: PO Box 64, LENNOX HEAD 2478

PRIMARY CONTACT: Christine Greiner (Secretary) 0414 877 148

Email: secretary@lhfc.com.au

Website: www.lennoxheadfootball.com

Wet Weather: Ballina Shire Hotline 6687 1488

Strip: Shirt – orange, white/black trim; shorts - black; socks - orange, black stripes

LISMORE RICHMOND ROVERS FC

Neilson Park, Oakley Avenue, East Lismore

Clubhouse: 6622 1974

Postal Address: PO Box 5112, EAST LISMORE 2480

PRIMARY CONTACT: Jill Hepburn (Secretary) 6624 2398

Email: roversfc@roverslismore.org

Website: www.roverslismore.org

Wet Weather: Clubhouse (after 7am) 6622 1974

Strip: Shirts – white, black & red trim; shorts - black; socks - black, red & white trim

LISMORE THISTLES SOCCER CLUB

Thistles Park, 191 Military Road, East Lismore

Clubhouse: 6622 5983

Postal Address: PO Box 384, LISMORE 2480

PRIMARY CONTACT: Paul Albertini (President) 0419 639 151

Email: lismorethistlescc@ffnc.net.au

Website: www.lismorethistles.com.au

Wet Weather: Paul Albertini 0419 639 151

Strip: Shirts, shorts and socks - royal blue with white trim

LISMORE WORKERS FC

Richards Oval, Brewster Street, Lismore

Clubhouse: 6621 6866

Postal Address: PO Box 6400, SOUTH LISMORE 2480

PRIMARY CONTACT: Brian Sharkey (Secretary) 0419 246 438

Email: admin@lismoreworkersfc.org.au

Website: www.lismoreworkersfc.org.au

Wet Weather: Soren Hjorth 0410 512 046

Strip: Shirts and shorts - red with white trim; socks - white with red trim

MULLUMBIMBY BRUNSWICK VALLEY FC

Pine Avenue Fields, Pine Avenue, Mullumbimby

Postal Address: PO Box 715, MULLUMBIMBY NSW 2482

PRIMARY CONTACT: Stefan Tober 0413 853 012

Email: info@mbvfc.com.au

Website: www.mbvfc.com.au

Wet Weather: Chris Chandler 0400 849 060

6684 6438

Strip: Shirts, shorts and socks - royal blue with gold trim

NIMBIN HEADERS SPORTS CLUB (FFA Level One Accredited Club)

Nimbin Headers Field, 40 Cecil Street, Nimbin

Postal Address: PO Box 20101, NIMBIN 2480

PRIMARY CONTACT: Damian McDonald 0447 067 205

Email: nhsc@ffnc.net.au

Wet Weather: Recorded Message 0409 608 664

Strip: Shirts – green, gold & white trim; shorts – black; socks – green, white trim

POTTSVILLE BEACH FC

Koala Beach Fields, Tom Merchant Drive, Pottsville

Postal Address: PO Box 64, POTTSVILLE BEACH NSW 2489

PRIMARY CONTACT: Tony Robinson 0419 464 115

Email: pottsvillebeachfc@ffnc.net.au

Website: www.pottsvillebeachfootballclub.com.au

Wet Weather: Zane Nichol 0439 226 924

Strip: Shirts – purple, white & black trim; shorts – black; socks – black, white trim

SHORES UNITED SOCCER CLUB

New Brighton Oval, River Street, New Brighton

Postal Address: PO Box 17, NEW BRIGHTON NSW 2483

PRIMARY CONTACT: Marc Patten 6680 5898 0405 619 076

Email: shoresunitedfc@ffnc.net.au

Wet Weather: Ted Kabbout 6680 4423 or Mick Hardie 0431 569 678

Strip: Shirts – red with black trim; shorts – black; socks – black, red & white trim

SOUTH LISMORE FC

Nesbitt Park, Caniaba Street, South Lismore

Clubhouse: 6622 4233

Postal Address: PO Box 6036, SOUTH LISMORE 2480

PRIMARY CONTACT: Steve Towner (President) 0413 200 641

Email: southlismorecelticfc@ffnc.net.au

Website: www.southlismore.org

Wet Weather: Jason Halliday 0414 471 100 OR Michael Elliott 0437 293 254

Strip: Shirts – white with green trim; shorts and socks – green with white trim

SUFFOLK PARK FC

Suffolk Park Field, Beech Drive, Suffolk Park

Postal Address: PO Box 37, SUFFOLK PARK NSW 2481

PRIMARY CONTACT: Paul Scharka 0411 546 544

Email: suffolkparkfc@ffnc.net.au

Wet Weather: Paul Scharka 0411 546 544

Strip: Shirts – fluoro green with black hoops; shorts and socks – black

TINTENBAR-EAST BALLINA FC

Chickiba Estate, Chickiba Drive, East Ballina

Postal Address: PO Box 7110, EAST BALLINA 2478

PRIMARY CONTACT: Darren Roberts (President) 0438 118 040

Email: tebfc@ffnc.net.au

Website: www.tebfc.com

Wet Weather: Darren Roberts 0438 118 040

Strip: Shirts & socks – maroon, sky blue trim; shorts – sky blue, maroon trim

UKI PYTHONS FC

Uki Sports Ground, Main Street, Uki

Clubhouse: 6679 5818

Postal Address: PO Box 312, UKI 2484

PRIMARY CONTACT: Ena Scriven (Secretary) 0409 147 756 6679 7185

Email: updsc.secretary@hotmail.com

Website: www.ukipythons.com

Wet Weather: Ena Scriven 0409 147 756

Strip: Shirts – green & gold with white trim; shorts and socks – green with gold trim

WOODBURN WOLVES FC

Woodburn Oval, Wagner Street, Woodburn

Postal Address: PO Box 82, WOODBURN 2472

PRIMARY CONTACT: Donna Watts (President) 0408 080 319

Email: woodburnwolves@ffnc.net.au **Website:** www.woodburnwolves.com.au

Wet Weather: Steve McClure 0422 029 390

Strip: Shirts - gold with red trim; shorts and socks - red with gold trim

Competition Members

FOOTBALL FAR NORTH COAST REFEREES INC.

Website: www.ffncreferees.com.au

Contact: admin@ffncreferees.com.au

Wet Weather notification to 0434 856 992 (e-mail if advice known more than 72 hours before fixture)

GLASS BOTTLES ARE BANNED ON ALL SPORTING FIELDS. IT IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE HIRER OF THE GROUND TO MONITOR & ENFORCE THIS RULE. SMOKING AT SPORTING FIELDS IS RESTRICTED ACCORDING NSW STATE GOVERNMENT REGULATIONS.

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Wet Weather Procedure

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

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

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

PROCEDURE FOR NOTIFICATION OF FIELD CLOSURE

MONDAY TO FRIDAY

- **BEFORE 12.00pm** (for fixtures scheduled for that day)

Clubs **MUST** phone Football Far North Coast on 6625 1444 if home ground is closed

- **BEFORE 12.00pm Friday** (for Friday night and weekend fixtures)

Clubs can phone OR e-mail Football Far North Coast on 6625 1444 if home ground is closed

Football Far North Coast will advise all visiting teams, referees and the media, as well as updating the information on our website at www.footballfarnorthcoast.com.au (**where possible**)

- **AFTER 12.00pm Mon-Fri.** – (for mid-week evening fixtures)

If the home club's ground is deemed unsuitable for play after 12.00pm, the home club will be responsible for the following:

1. Advise all visiting clubs of the ground closure **immediately by telephone.** Refer to this publication under "Affiliated Clubs" for contact details.
2. Contact the Referee's Contact **immediately by telephone** 0434 856 992. Advice to this number will subsequently be communicated to FFNC.

WEEKEND FIXTURES

If the home club's ground is deemed unsuitable for play after 12.00pm FRIDAY, the home club will be responsible for advice to all opposition teams and to the Referee phone contact.

FITNESS OF GROUNDS

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

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

PAYMENT TO MATCH OFFICIALS

Match Officials shall be paid at the scheduled fee by the HOME club if insufficient notification of a postponement is given.

NEUTRAL VENUES

WHERE A FIXTURE IS SCHEDULED AT A NEUTRAL VENUE THE HOST CLUB SHALL CONTACT THE REFEREES CONTACT ON 0434 856 992 WHO WILL THEN CONTACT THE TEAMS INVOLVED.

Field Name Abbreviations for Weekly Draw

Bang	Bangalow	Oakes	Oakes Oval, Lismore
BB	Byron Bay	Potts	Koala Beach, Link Rd, Pottsville
BH	Brunswick Heads	Rec 3	Blair Oval, Lismore
Burr	Burringbar	Rec 12	Richards Oval, Lismore
Cas	Colley Park, Casino	R'view	Riverview Pk, South Lismore
Chick	Chickiba Estate, East Ballina	Sk Hd	Skennars Head
CP	Crawford Park, Alstonville	Shores	New Brighton Oval
Croz	Crozier Field, Lismore	SL	Caniaba Street, South Lismore
Dun	Balzer Park, Dunoon	SP	Beech Drive, Suffolk Park
E1 to E6	Neilson Park, East Lismore	Stars	Barrow Lane, North Lismore
Eur	Eureka Sports Ground	S1 to S7	Saunders Oval, Ballina
GW1 to GW6	Geoff Watt Oval, A'ville	T1 to T3	Thistles Park, East Lismore
JSF	Jeff Schnieder Field, Bangalow	Uki	Uki Sports Ground
K'cliff	Reg Dalton Field, Kingscliff	W'burn	Woodburn Oval, Woodburn
Ky	Don Gully Oval, Kyogle	WP1 to WP3	Weston Park, Goonellabah
KyH	Kyogle High School		
Mull	Pine Ave. Mullumbimby		
NH	Nimbin Headers Field, Nimbin		

Clubs Home Ground Locations

- ALSTONVILLE** – Freeborn Place, Alstonville
BALLINA SOCCER CLUB – Saunders Oval, Tamar Street, Ballina
BANGALOW SOCCER CLUB – Bangalow Sports Ground, Bangalow Road, Bangalow
BRUNSWICK HEADS JUNIOR SOCCER – Lofts Oval & Stan Thompson Oval, Brunswick Heads
BURRINGBAR BANDITS SOCCER CLUB – Broadway St., Burringbar
BYRON BAY FC – Byron Rec Grounds, Cnr. Carlyle and Cowper St, Byron Bay
CASINO RSM COBRAS FC – Colley Park, Cnr Farley and West St, Casino
DUNOON SPORTS CLUB – Balzer Park, Cowley Road, Dunoon
EUREKA & DIST. SPORTS CLUB – Eureka Rd., Eureka (Eureka Public School Grounds)
GOONELLABAH FC – Weston Park, Reserve St. (off Rous Rd.), G'bah
ITALO STARS FC – Barrow Lane, North Lismore (adjacent to Italo Club)
KYOGLÉ FC – Don Gully Oval and High School ground, Kyogle
LENNOX HEAD FC – Skennars Head Road, Skennars Head.
LISMORE RICHMOND ROVERS FC – Walker & Neilson Sts., East Lismore
LISMORE THISTLES SOCCER CLUB – Thistle Park, Military Road, East Lismore
LISMORE WORKERS FC – Richards Oval (Rec12), Brewster Street, Lismore
MULLUMBIMBY BRUNSWICK VALLEY FC – Pine Avenue, Mullumbimby
NIMBIN HEADERS SPORTS CLUB – Cecil Street, Nimbin
POTTSVILLE BEACH FC – Koala Beach fields, Tom Merchant Drive, Pottsville
SHORES UNITED FC – New Brighton Oval
SOUTH LISMORE CELTIC FC – Nesbitt Park, Caniaba Street, South Lismore
SUFFOLK PARK PHOENIX FC – Suffolk Park Field, Beech Drive, Suffolk Park
TINTENBAR-EAST BALLINA FC – Chickiba Drive, East Ballina
UKI PYTHONS FC – Uki Sports Ground, Kyogle Road, Uki
WOODBURN WOLVES FC – Wagner Street, Woodburn (behind shopping centre)

2013 Calendar of Events

Tursa Employment and Training: Men's Round Robin pre-season competition, to be played on Friday nights or Sundays.
Finals to be played on Anzac Day, 25th April.

Tursa Employment and Training CALLAN MCMILLAN MEMORIAL SHIELD: Women's Round Robin competition, to be played on Friday nights or Sundays.
Finals to be played on Anzac Day, 25th April.



MEN'S DIVISIONS:

All Senior Men's Divisions begin on weekend of 5th to 7th April.

WOMEN'S PREMIER DIVISION

All Women's Divisions begin on weekend of 5th to 7th April.



JUNIOR POINTSCORE COMPETITION:

Grade 12 to 16 competitions consisting of 10 teams will begin on weekend of 5th to 7th April.

All other Grade 12 to 16 competitions will begin on weekend of 4th May.

SMALL SIDED FOOTBALL

Grade 6 to 11 commences on 4th May

F.F.N.C Senior Presentation Dinner: Lismore Workers Club Keen Street
Lismore 31st August

Junior Grand Finals:	13th to 15th September
Girls Grand Finals:	13th to 15th September
Women's Grand Finals:	19th to 22nd September
Men's Grand Finals:	19th to 22nd September

• **Subject to competition schedule and availability of venues**

Junior Carnivals

Ballina	26th May
Byron Bay	2nd June
Pottsville	16th June
Lismore Thistles	23rd June
Casino	21st July
Alstonville	4th August

2012 Award Winners

Pointscore Champions

Grand Final Winners

Grade 12 Div. 1	Alstonville	Italo Stars
Grade 12 Div. 2 North	Mullumbimby	Mullumbimby
Grade 12 Div. 2 South	South Lismore	South Lismore
Grade 13 Div. 1	Lennox Head	Lennox Head/Alstonville
Grade 13 Div. 2 North	Shores Sharks	Shores Sharks
Grade 13 Div. 2 South	Alstonville	Woodburn
Grade 13 Div. 1 Girls	Dunoon	Dunoon
Grade 13 Div. 2 Girls	Alstonville	Alstonville
Grade 14 Div. 1	Lennox Head	Lennox Head
Grade 14 Div. 2	Goonellabah	Pottsville
Grade 14 Girls	Lismore Thistles	Lismore Thistles
Grade 15 Div. 1	Richmond Rovers	Mullumbimby
Grade 15 Div. 2	Tintenbar East Ballina	Lennox Head
Grade 15 Girls	Byron Bay	Byron Bay
Grade 16 Div. 1	Bangalow	Bangalow
Grade 16 Div. 2 North	Lennox Head	Bangalow
Grade 16 Div. 2 South	Goonellabah	Goonellabah
Grade 16 Div. 1 Girls	Lismore Thistles	Dunoon
Grade 16 Div. 2 Girls	Goonellabah	Alstonville
Women Div. 4	Bangalow	Bangalow
Women Div. 3	Goonellabah	Italo Stars
Women Div. 2	Casino	Italo Stars
Women's Premier	Alstonville	Alstonville
Mens Div. 6	Eureka	Eureka
Mens Div. 5	South Lismore	South Lismore
Mens Div. 4	Richmond Rovers	Richmond Rovers
Mens Div. 3	Ballina	Kyogle
Mens Div. 2	Byron Bay	Lismore Workers
Mens First Div.	Bangalow	Bangalow
Premier Reserves	Richmond Rovers	Richmond Rovers
Premier Division	Richmond Rovers	Lismore Workers

2012 Award Winners

ANZAC CUP	Premier Division -	Lismore Workers
	Open A -	South Lismore
	Open B -	Goonellabah
CALLAN McMILLAN	A Division -	Alstonville
	B Division -	Italo Stars

Summer Youth League: Byron Bay

Club Championship: Goonellabah

Men's Player of the Year: Martin Kelleher (Lismore Workers)

Women's Player of the Year: Hollie Jarrett (Bangalow)

Men's Coach of the Year: Troy Taylor (Alstonville)

Women's Coach of the Year: David Weaver (Ballina)

Referee of the Year: Stuart Bradley

Golden Boot - Premier Div: Martin Kelleher (Lismore Workers) 18 Goals

Golden Boot - Open Div: Phil Courtney (Nimbin Headers 5th Division) 39 Goals

Golden Boot - Women's Premier Div: Jade Bianchetti (Bangalow) 23 Goals

Golden Boot - Women's Open: Tiaharna Close (Casino 2nd Division) 37 Goals

Birmingham Dedication to Soccer Award: Paul Albertini (Lismore Thistles)

FFNC Men's Team of the Year: Eamon Banks (Alstonville), Richard Hanna (Alstonville), Max Hospers (Lismore Thistles), Martin Kelleher (Lismore Workers), Luke McWaide (Richmond Rovers), Wayne Mortimer (Lismore Workers), Baithok Ring (Goonellabah), Sam Robson (Byron Bay), Joel Saye (Richmond Rovers), Bryce Walley (Casino), Kurt Walker (Lismore Workers)

FFNC Women's Team of the Year: Jade Bianchetti (Bangalow), Kendall Brazendale (Lennox Head), Chelsea Coleman (Alstonville), Ellie Fryer (Alstonville), Abbie Heffernan (Richmond Rovers), Hollie Jarrett (Bangalow), Georgia Keen (Alstonville), Brooke Sheehan (Alstonville), Sophie Thomson (Ballina), Laani Winkler-Harding (Lismore Thistles), Kim Wraight (Lismore Thistles)



FOOTBALL FAR NORTH COAST INC

Junior Carnival Procedures

The Zone Committee has the power at any time to introduce, amend or delete all Procedures as and when it sees fit, and the same shall be binding on all Members

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

JUNIOR CARNIVALS 2013

Ballina	26th May
Byron Bay	2nd June
Pottsville	16th June
Lismore Thistles	23rd June
Casino	21st July

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

- There shall be no POOL or OVERALL winners declared and no points awarded. Carnivals are primarily for the purpose of fun and participation.
- Medallions or Certificates can be presented if made to all participants.

Players participating must be currently registered with the Club and age appropriate grade for which they are playing with at the carnival, and not over the age limit for the age division in which they are playing (as per Competition Procedure 3(a)(4)).

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

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

In the event of excess nominations being received for any age group, a ballot will determine the participating teams. Teams eliminated by ballot will have their nomination fee refunded. Teams withdrawing after the draw has been completed will forfeit their nomination fee.

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

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

Grade 6 and 7 = 4 Grade 8 and 9 = 7 Grade 10 and 11 = 9

REMEMBER, THE GAME IS FOR ALL CHILDREN TO ENJOY.

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

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

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

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

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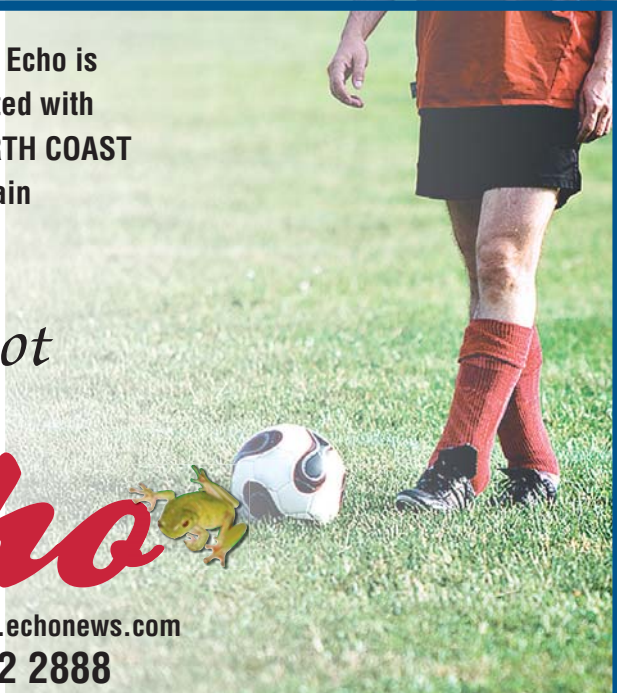
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Laws of Optus Small Sided Football – All Age Groups

(Effective from 1 January 2013)

The following aspects of Optus Small Sided Football are common across all age groups from Under 6 to Under 11.

Markings

Markers or painted line markings.

Start of play & Re-start after a goal

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

Ball in and out of play

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

Method of scoring

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

The field of play

Under 6 & 7s	Under 8 & 9s	Under 10 & 11s
30 metres x 20 metres	Maximum: 50m x 40m Minimum: 40m x 30m ¼ full size pitch - when converting a full size pitch into Optus Small Sided Football fields	Maximum: 70m x 50m Minimum: 60m x 40m ½ full size pitch - when converting a full size pitch into Optus Small Sided Football fields

For the Under 11 age group, the final stage of development in the Optus Small Sided Football formats before players commence 11 v 11 football, it is recommended that clubs where facilities and scheduling allows, set-up the field from penalty box to penalty box and adjust the width of the field with use of markers to meet the maximum specified width.

Goal size

Under 6 & 7s	Under 8 & 9s	Under 10 & 11s
Minimum: 1.5m wide x .9m high Maximum: 2m wide x 1m high	Minimum: 2.5m wide x 2m high Maximum: 3m wide x 2m high	Minimum: 4.5m wide x 2m high Maximum: 5m wide x 2m high

For the Under 8 & 9 age groups, it is recommended that clubs that wish to and have the capacity to do so use 3m x 2m goals. Should a club not be able to do this in the first instance, the 5m x 2m goal is most acceptable for use on fields for the Under 8 and 9 age groups as well as the Under 10 and 11 age groups.

The ball

Under 6 & 7s	Under 8 & 9s	Under 10 & 11s
Size 3	Size 3	Size 4

Penalty area

Under 6 & 7s	Under 8 & 9s	Under 10 & 11s
No penalty area	Rectangular – 5m depth x 12m width	Rectangular – 5m depth x 12 m width

For the Under 8 to 11 age groups the penalty area can be marked through use of marked lines, flat or soft markers or cones.

Duration of the game

Under 6 & 7s	Under 8 & 9s	Under 10 & 11s
2 x 15-20 minutes (plus half time break)	2 x 20 minutes (plus half time break)	2 x 25 minutes (plus half time break)

This may be flexible depending on the implementation format i.e. hub setting, maximum substitutes.

The number of players

Under 6 & 7s	Under 8 & 9s	Under 10 & 11s
4 v 4 - no goalkeeper Maximum of three substitutes	7 v 7 - inc. goalkeeper Maximum of four substitutes	9 v 9 - inc. Goalkeeper Maximum of four substitutes

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

Game Leader – Under 6 & 7s

The main role of the game leader is to keep the game moving fluently, limit stoppages and assist players with all match re-starts. Most importantly, they must make every effort to create an environment that ensures that all players have fun and have maximum involvement. The game leader can be a club official, parent, older child / player or beginning referee and should always be enthusiastic and approachable. Most importantly, remember the children are learning the game, be flexible and patient.

Instructing Referee – Under 8s to 11s

The main role of the instructing referee is to control the game to ensure it is played fluently and instruct and correct the players (with minimal blowing of the whistle) on how to behave and what the rules are, e.g. what a foul is, what a free kick is and how to throw in etc. Should these indiscretions happen a second time the referee should stop the game and apply the appropriate action and decisions. This person can be a club official, capable parent, older child or player, beginning or official referee from the Federation or Association.

Goal type

It is preferable that pop up style or portable goals are used where possible however, the use of poles and markers as the goals particularly in the Under 6 to 9 age groups is also suitable.

Goalkeeper

No Goalkeeper

The game leader, coaches and managers should continually discourage children from permanently and/or persistently standing in front of the goal.

Ball crossing the touch line

There is no throw in. A player from the opposing team to the player that touched the ball last before crossing the touch line will place the ball on the touch line and pass or dribble the ball into play. Opponents must be at least 5m away from the ball until it is in play. The ball must touch a team mate before a goal can be scored.

Ball crossing the goal line

There is no corner kick. Regardless of which team touched the ball last, a player from the team whose goal line the ball has crossed will place the ball anywhere along the goal line and pass or dribble the ball into play. Opponents must retreat to the half way line and can move once the ball is in play. The ball must touch a team mate before a goal can be scored.

Offside

No offside

Fouls and misconduct

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

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

Point's tables and finals

To ensure that Optus Small Sided Football is played in the correct spirit and give all players the best possible chance to develop, FFA advises that Member Federations, zones, associations and clubs adopt and promote the following advice and recommendation:

Under 6 & 7 FFA advises that the keeping of point's tables and playing of finals must not be done.

Goalkeeper

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

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

Ball crossing the touch line

Throw-in: Player faces the field of play, has part of each foot on the ground either on or behind the touch line, uses both hands and delivers the ball from behind and over his or her head. The thrower must not touch the ball again until it has touched another player. Opponents must be at least 5m away from the ball until it is in play. The ball is in play once it enters the field of play. A goal cannot be scored directly from a throw in.

Ball crossing the goal line after touching the defending team last

Corner kick. A player from the attacking team places the ball inside the corner arc nearest to the point where the ball crossed the line. Opponents must be at least 5m away from the ball until it is in play. The ball is in play when it is kicked and moves. A goal may be scored directly from a corner kick.

Ball crossing the goal line after touching the attacking team last

Goal kick from anywhere within the penalty area. Opponents remain at least 5m outside the penalty area until the ball is in play. The ball is in play once it is kicked directly out of the penalty area.

Offside

No offside

Note: In the Under 8 - 11 age groups, team coaches and managers should strongly discourage children from permanently and/or persistently standing in blatant offside positions. Instructing referees should direct players permanently and/or persistently standing in blatant offside positions to move into onside positions.

Fouls and misconduct

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

Fouls and misconduct are:

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

Point's tables and finals

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

*** Goalkeeper Progression**

The developmental progression of the game becoming "live" when the goalkeeper places the ball on the ground provides the necessary learning phase for players transitioning to the 11 v 11 format of football.

Ball crossing the touch line

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Ball crossing the goal line after touching the attacking team last

Goal kick from anywhere within the penalty area. Opponents remain at least 5m outside the penalty area until the ball is in play. The ball is in play once it is kicked directly out of the penalty area.

Offside

No offside

Note: In the Under 8 - 11 age groups, team coaches and managers should strongly discourage children from permanently and/or persistently standing in blatant offside positions. In the Under 10 & 11 age groups children should be made aware of the offside rule during training and be encouraged to adopt this philosophy during the game at all times. Instructing referees should direct players permanently and/or persistently standing in blatant offside positions to move into inside positions.

Fouls and misconduct

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Point's tables and finals

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Under 10 & 11 FFA advises that the keeping of point's tables and playing of finals must not be done. It is also advised, the keeping of point's tables and playing of finals will only commence when children are playing 11 v 11 football on a full size pitch in the Under 12 age group.



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2013 Competition Procedures

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

*HOME club to submit results online **before 8am each Monday (to avoid penalty).***

MATCH SHEETS

*All match sheets to be faxed/delivered/posted/emailed to The Zone office to be received by **9am each Wednesday** following all weekend matches and within 48 hours of other matches (to avoid penalty).*

Original match sheets must be submitted to the zone office in ALL cases regardless of being lodged electronically.

1. Competitions (Sanctioned Events)

(a) **Anzac Cup (mens)** - This will be played on a round robin basis prior to the pointscore competition. Nominations will be called for from Clubs in various divisions, with the final to be played on Anzac Day where possible. Please also refer to the Round Robin Competition Procedures.

(b) **Callan McMillan Shield (womens)** - This will be played on a round robin basis prior to the pointscore competition. Nominations will be called for from Clubs in various divisions, with the final to be played on Anzac Day where possible. Please also refer to the Round Robin Competition Procedures.

(c) **Pointscore Championship** - This will be played on a home and away basis, (where reasonable to do so), dependant upon field availability.

(d) **Final Series**

(1) Senior Competitions: The five teams with the highest point scores will play off to decide the Grand Final Winner for that Division.

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

(e) **Summer Youth League** - Competition consists of one full round, no final series, 15 to 20 years of age.

(f) **6-a-side** - As per NNSWF "Special Competition" regulations.

(g) **Northern NSW Football Champion of Champions** - As determined by NNSWF

(h) **NNSW State Cup** - As per NNSWF "State Cup" regulation

(i) Any other competitions: Shall be conducted in such divisions as The Zone from time to time may decide. The teams to play in such divisions to be decided by grading by The Zone.

2. Registrations

All players, all ages, all competitions, EVERY YEAR

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

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

(c) Any Junior player registering for the first time, must provide the Club with evidence of name and age, by providing an original birth certificate.

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

(e) All Team Officials who will occupy the Technical Area for any team must also register with The Zone by completing a Team Official Registration Form with their club.



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(f) All Player Registrations, team lists and registration data must be at The Zone office as no later than 1pm Thursday before a player participates.

(g) All players registering must be registered with myfootballclub by 1pm each Thursday before they will be eligible to participate in matches scheduled for the coming weekend or two working days prior to midweek matches.

All players and match officials must register online with My Football Club each season.

Clubs are required to provide the Zone with a ORIGINAL Team List of all players in each competitive team.

All Team Lists for Grade 15 to Senior teams must contain the signature of all players listed thereon.

All Team Lists must be at the Zone office at least two weeks prior to the commencement of the competition.

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

(i) No new registrations will be accepted after 30th June of each season.

(j) Players found to be playing below their standard can be regraded at the discretion of The Zone up to 30th June.

(k) The Zone has the discretion to refuse the registration of a player for any reason, including applications to play below their skill level.

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

3. Eligibility

All participating players must be registered in accordance with Procedure 2 (Registrations), must not be serving a suspension and must meet the following eligibility conditions;

(a) Age

(i) Junior players' grade eligibility will be determined by the age they turn during the calendar year, i.e., if a player turns 12 from January through to December of the current year, they will play in Gr. 12.

(ii) Contrary to the above, in exceptional circumstances, Clubs may apply for a child to play down an age grade. Each application will be judged on its own merit. Determination of approval will be based on the following: (at the discretion of The Zone)

- No more than two over age players per team.
- Special conditions apply for Grade 16 and allow up to eight (8) players to participate in Grade 16 competition who turn 17 in the year of competition.
- No more than six months over age (unless medical support provided).
- If the Club has more than one team in the division or age grade, the over age players will be registered in the highest graded team.

(iii) If a child is registered in an age group older than that for which they are eligible (i.e., a child that turns 10 this year is registered in a Grade 11 team) they are not eligible to play in their normal eligible age group without being officially transferred to that age group (i.e., cannot play

Grade 10).

(2) Over 35's - Players must have turned 35 prior to registration to participate.

(3) Over 40's - Players must have turned 40 prior to registration to participate. Each squad is permitted to register up to two underage players who must be at least 38 years of age on 1st January in the year of competition.

Players of the Year 2012



FFNC Women's Player of the Year Hollie Jarrett (Bangalow SC)



Martin Kelleher from Lismore Workers FC who was the Men's Premier Player of the Year and also Golden Boot winner



General Manager Melbourne Heart John Didulica, Craig Foster and John Tsatsimas Football Manager Western Sydney Wanderers in Lismore August 2012



Melbourne Heart squad that spent a week in Lismore in August 2012



FFNC had a strong representation of players and coaches in the NNSWF State Country teams, including talented goalie Jackson Boyd



Female football continues to be popular with participants



Lismore Workers young gun Max Harlen was outstanding for the premiers.



FFNC participated in the Queensland Junior Premier League for several years until that program was dissolved at the end of 2012.



Volunteers like Susan Johnston and Lee Morgan from Lismore Richmond Rovers are vital to the existence of grassroots sport.



Football brings out desire and competitive spirit.



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Even Men's 6th Division can still produce plenty of exciting football.



Lismore Workers FC young goalkeeper Simon Cleaver with Melbourne Heart custodian Clint Bolton



Noah Stokes showing super skills at Woodlawn Coaching Camp in January



Bangalow Soccer Club president Paul Hanigan receives a certificate recognising the attainment of FFA Level One Club Accreditation from NNSWF deputy chairman Michael Gaertner

- (4) (i) A junior player up to the age of fourteen may not play up more than two years above their eligible age.
- (ii) A junior player aged at least 14 years of age can participate in Grade 18 or senior football. There will be no exceptions.
- (iii) Contrary to 3(a) (4) (i) once a player has turned 14 the player is permitted to register and participate in Grade 18 or senior football.
- (5) Application for any of the above exceptions MUST be lodged with the Zone with the Team Nominations or on registration of the player. Players MAY NOT participate until written approval is received from the zone.
- Following initial submissions, further applications will be considered on an individual basis. Such applications will not be considered after 30th June.

(b) Across Divisions/Grades

- (1) Non-competitive players in Grades 6 to 11 may play for their Club in any team in their correct age division or a higher age division, subject to Procedure 3 (Eligibility) (a) (4).
- (2) A junior player may not play across the divisions within the one age grade, i.e. from Grade 12/2nd Division to Grade 12/1st Division, or vice versa.
- (3) (i) (a) A junior female player may register in ONE of either the junior mixed grade or junior girls grade within their club for which their date of birth makes them eligible. Eg, a 14 year old girl may register in either the Grade 14 juniors or Grade 14 Girls however subject to a limit of 6 games, can participate in both competitions.
- (b) A junior female is eligible to participate in the ladies competition subject to clause 3 (a) (4).
- 3 (a) (4). (ii) Contrary to 3 (b) (3) (i) and subject to 3 (b) (6) (i), the youngest Girls team in each Club may apply for approval to have a maximum of two females, who are registered with their Club in a junior grade competition team, participate in matches for that youngest Girls team, provided:
- They are eligible by age to compete in the Girls team.
 - They state the name, age and experience of the two players.
 - That approval will give them no more than 14 available players for the season.
- Approval will be at the discretion of The Zone.
- (4) From season to season a senior player cannot drop more than two grades.
- (5) (i) Premier/First Division: Players registered in a Premier or First Division squad are free to play in either the reserve grade or higher grade pointscore matches subject to Procedure 3 (Eligibility) (e). Any senior player from a lower division who plays in any part of the first half in Premier Division more than six times during a pointscore competition (final series is a separate competition) will be re-registered to the higher division.
- (ii) Other Senior Divisions: Any senior player who plays in any part of a match in the same higher grade than that for which they are registered more than six times during a pointscore competition (final series is a separate competition) will be re-registered to the higher division team.
- (iii) Any player who has been re-registered to the higher division as a result of the above cannot be transferred back to a lower division/grade.
- (6) (i) Any junior player who plays in any part of a match in the same higher junior age grade than that for which they are registered more than six times during the pointscore competition (final series is a separate competition) will be re-registered to that higher junior age grade team.
- (ii) Any junior who plays in any part of a match in the same senior division (first half for Premier Division) more than six times during the pointscore competition (final series is a separate competition) will be re-registered to that senior division team.
- (iii) Any player who has been re-registered to the higher division as a result of the above cannot be transferred back to a lower division/grade.
- (iv) No senior team may play more than three (3) junior players in any given match.
- 7) Any player playing in a higher grade and/or division than his/her registered team, must have his/

her registered grade and division noted on the team sheet.

8) If extenuating circumstances are considered to exist, the Club Secretary may apply to The Zone for consideration of approval to the contrary of Procedures 3 (b).

9) If a club has more than one team in any division/grade, players are not permitted to play across from one team to the other within the one division/grade.

(c) Number of Teams

No player may be registered in more than one team.

(d) Eligibility for Junior Final Series

Refer to Procedure 3 (Eligibility) (a) and (b).

(e) Eligibility for Senior Final Series

(1) Players eligible to play in the finals series in any division must be correctly registered in accordance with the provisions of these Procedures.

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

(i) The team in which they are registered, providing that they participate in more matches in that division (in the last five matches of that pointscore competition) than any individual higher division. Being the players last five matches played.

(ii) A higher division team as well as their own division (once eligibility is determined).

(iii) Any player whose name has not been crossed out (with the consent of the Centre Official) following the match will be deemed to have played.

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

(f) Eligibility for Representative/Development Squads

(1) In representative and development matches, a player must play in the age division that their date of birth qualifies them for, irrespective of what division or age grade they are registered in, subject to written approval from The Zone.

(2) Any player who is participating in The Zone competition (or is domiciled within the Zone area) is eligible to trial for a Zone representative or development squad.

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

4. Teams

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

(b) All team lists must be lodged with The Zone office at least two weeks prior to the commencement of the competition.

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

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

Grade 6 - 7 players;

Grade 7 - 7 players;

Grade 8 - 11 players;

Grade 9 - 11 players;

Grade 10 and 11 - 13 players;

Grade 12 to 14 - 14 players;

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

Over 35 & 40 - 18 players.

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

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

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

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

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

- (j) All competitive teams must register a minimum of eleven players per team.
- (k) Any Club registering more than one team in a non-competitive age division (Grade 6 to Grade 11) shall only be required to submit a list of all players in each age division.
- (l) No Club shall be represented by more than one squad in any Premier/Premier Reserve Divisions.
- (m) No Club shall be represented by more than one squad in any First/First Reserve Divisions.
- (n) If any Club withdraws a nominated team from any competition, they will be fined as per Appendix A.
- (o) Participating in Senior graded teams is gender based for each of the male and female competitions

5. Divisions

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

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

- (1) the number of Clubs capable of competing at any level; or
- (2) having the potential to do so within a reasonable time frame;
- (3) the need for strong viable and attractive competitions;
- (4) the need to adequately cover the major population centres of the Zone and surrounding areas; and
- (5) any other factors which The Zone deems relevant in the circumstances

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

- (1) The Club finishing in last position in the Premier Division pointscore shall automatically be relegated to First Division for the following season unless that club has a First Division team that also wins the pointscore competition in the same season.
- (2) Automatic relegation will only apply to the Premier and Reserve squads, based on the Premier Division pointscore at the completion of the season.
- (3) The Club finishing in first place in First Division shall be automatically promoted to Premier and Premier Reserve Division in the following season, subject to Procedure 4 (k) and (l).

(c) Where a vacancy occurs in Premier Division the Zone will accept applications from interested member clubs, subject to Competition Procedure 4 (k) and (l).

Those applications will be assessed for suitability based on the FFNC Facilities Standard, previous competitive history (previous/current season) and club membership and ranked accordingly.

Clubs who have their application approved by the Zone may then be entered into a play off in accordance with FFNC Round Robin Competition Procedure (17) to determine the successful applicant.

6. Transfers

(a) International Transfers

- (1) If the player's last registration was with a Club outside of Australia, an International Transfer Certificate (ITC also known as "International Clearance") will be required before registration can take effect.
- (2) The player's registration form, must be submitted to The Zone office along with the FFNC "Application for International Clearance". They will then be forwarded to FFA for processing. An interim clearance will be provided after 30 days.
- (3) The player and club will be notified when the ITC is received and the player's registration is effective. The player is NOT permitted to participate in any fixture, including trials until a clearance is received.
- (4) Players between the age of 12 and 18 cannot get an international clearance except in exceptional circumstances.
- (5) Players under the age of 12 do not require an international clearance.

(b) Internal Transfers

- (1) (i) Transfers within a Club, from one Senior or Junior division to another, will only be accepted

on the official transfer form available from The Zone, and must be presented to The Zone three working days prior to the match.

- (ii) Players who have been re-registered to a higher age grade or senior division by The Zone cannot be transferred back to a lower division without written approval from The Zone.
- (2) Clubs continually transferring players may be called before The Zone to explain their actions.
- (3) Internal Transfers will not be accepted after 30th of June in each season.

(c) Mid-Season Movement

- (1) A(1) Any player who wishes to change Clubs during the season needs to be approved by The Zone before 30th June.
- (2) If a Club no longer wants a player to be registered with their Club, they must apply to The Zone office but only if the player has not participated.
- (3) The de-registration is effective:
 - (i) Immediately when approved by the zone.
- (4) (i) If the player then wishes to register with another Club he/she must register on myfootballclub.com.au and be approved through the normal process.
- (5) The Zone shall not be responsible for payments made by a player to any club. The liability for all player payments due to the zone shall exist with the Club.
- (d) Failure to comply with the above procedures may result in a fine as per Appendix A.

7. Match Sheets

(a) Pre-Match

- (1) Each Manager shall fill in a Match Sheet with the correct player details and registration numbers of their team, completing all details on the match sheet header in full.
- (2) A maximum of fourteen names for junior teams up to and including Grade 14 and sixteen names for **Gr. 15** to senior teams may be listed.
- (3) Players' shirt numbers must correspond with the number next to their name on the Match Sheet for all competitive divisions.
- (4) All names shall be printed in block letters.
 - (i) All junior and senior players playing up from a lower division or age group must have their registered division noted next to their name on the match sheet.
 - (ii) No senior team may play more than three (3) junior players in any given match.
- (5) All players listed on Grade 15 to Senior Match Sheets must then sign the Match Sheet next to their name.
- (6) Only players whose names are listed on the Match Sheet before the match commences are able to take the field. **Names cannot be added to the match sheet after play has commenced, however players may sign the match sheet if their name has been written on the match sheet.**
- (7) Any player taking the field who was unable to sign the Match Sheet prior to the commencement of the match may do so at half-time. Players who have not signed the Match Sheet by the end of half time are not permitted to take any part in the match unless specifically approved by the match official (NO later than half-time), who should be asked by the team manager if a player who has still not arrived and listed on the match sheet, can participate and sign the match sheet AFTER the match. All reasonable requests should be approved.
- (8) (i) **Premier Division only** - The Team Manager shall tick the starting line-up.
 - (ii) **The Team Manager shall** hand the Match Sheet to the appointed Match Official fifteen minutes prior to the commencement of the match.
- (9) Suspended player's names **MUST** be written in the appropriate section of the Match Sheet to indicate that they are standing down from that particular match or they will not have been deemed to have stood down for that match and will not have decreased their term of suspension.
- (10) If a team official has omitted to record a suspended player on the match sheet, the Club Secretary may email The Zone office before the next scheduled match for that team to have the

suspension recorded.

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

(b) Post-Match

(1) Cross off all players who did not participate in the match with the permission of the centre official. All players listed on the Match Sheet unless crossed out, will be deemed to have played.

(2) All Junior Match Sheets (including non-competitive) are to be handed in to the Canteen at the ground.

(3) At the completion of Senior matches the Team Manager shall confer with the Match Official on the events of the match and both shall sign the match sheet.

(4) The original white copy of the Match Sheet shall be forwarded to The Zone by 9am on the second working day following the match.

(5) The Team Manager shall retain the yellow copy of the Match Sheet for the Club's records.

(6) All Match Sheets are then to be delivered to The Zone office at Suite 5, 32 Gumtree Drive, Goonellabah, no later than 9am (Wed) (after weekend fixtures) on the second working day following other fixtures.

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

8. Match Results

All available weekend results will be available on The Zone website, www.footballfarnorthcoast.com.au, as results are submitted.

9. Field of Play

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

(b) Oakes Oval and Crozier Field

(1) All teams are to use the change rooms at half time.

(2) The bench area is to be occupied by up to a maximum five substitutes (senior teams) and three registered team officials only.

(3) Non-compliance with directives issued for tunnel and bench areas at Grand Finals may incur a penalty and/or fine as per Appendix A.

(c) Player Interchange

(1) Interchange of players is permitted in matches where:-

(i) the players concerned are amateur

(ii) the competition is for players competing in grade eighteen or under

(iii) all men's divisions other than Premier Division

(iv) all women's divisions

(v) the matches are non-competitive or purely social matches

(2) Interchange Procedure:-

(i) In matches where player interchange is to be used, an area one metre either side of the half-way line shall be marked off the field of play.

(ii) This area shall be known as the interchange area.

(iii) All player interchanges shall take place within this area and are at the discretion of the referee.

(iv) A player interchange is made when the ball is out of play and for which the following conditions shall be observed:

a) the player leaving the field shall do so from the touch line crossing over at the sector called the interchange area.

b) the player entering the field shall do so from the interchange area but not until the player leaving the field has passed completely over the touch line.

c) a player nominated for interchange shall be subject to the authority and jurisdiction of the Referee whether called upon to play or not.

d) the player interchange is completed when the player who was off the field enters the field.

(3) The number of player interchanges made during a match is unlimited. A player who has been replaced may return to the field for another player.

(4) If during the interchange, an interchange player enters the field before the replaced player has completely left it, the Referee shall ensure the replaced player leaves the field, caution the interchange player and then restart the match

(5) If during the interchange, an interchange player enters the field or a replaced player leaves it, from a place other than the interchange area, the Referee shall caution the offending player.

(d) Bench Areas

(1) A technical area must be designated for all competitive age teams, both of which are to be on the same side of the field.

(2) The technical area is defined as the length of the bench plus one metre each side of the bench and the area in front of the bench up to one metre away from and parallel to the touchline.

(3) Only substitutes listed on the Match Sheet and three team officials registered with The Zone are permitted to enter the technical area.

(4) The players and officials on the bench come under the control and jurisdiction of the Referee, Assistant Referees and 4th Official for the duration of the match .

(5) The coach may convey tactical instructions to players during the match. However, the coach and other officials must remain within the confines of the technical area.

(6) All players and team officials must conduct themselves in a responsible manner at all times.

(7) Players shall be entitled to take liquid refreshments at the touchline and bylines. Players cannot leave the field of play for this purpose.

(8) Suspended players/officials and players/officials sent from the field during the match are not permitted in the bench area of any sanctioned match until the full suspension is served.

(e) Fitness of Grounds

A decision to determine that a match shall not proceed as per schedule due to the fitness of the field can be determined by any of the following (this applies only where a match is not to proceed. The authority does not exist to force or insist that a match proceeds where a genuine concern exists about the field or weather conditions):-

Referee Executive

Appointed Centre Match Official

Home Club

Council

The Zone

It should be noted that ONLY the Zone shall have the discretion to transfer or reschedule any match, including transferring the match to an alternate field.

(1) The Referee shall have the right to decide upon the fitness of the ground for the purpose of cancelling a match, but in the case of severe conditions, The Zone may decide on the condition of the playing fields.

(2) If a Club/Council ground controller finds it necessary to close grounds the day preceding weekend matches or up to 5pm on the day of a mid-week match the Club must notify The Zone immediately.

(3) The Zone will advise all affected Clubs of any transfers or cancellations that may be necessary due to closures notified by 5pm Friday for weekend scheduled matches, and up to 5pm on the day of mid-week matches, and will also post such alterations on The Zone website at www.footballfarnorthcoast.com.au where possible.

(4) If a Club/Council ground controller finds it necessary to close grounds after 5pm the day preceding weekend matches it shall be the home Club's responsibility to immediately advise by telephone all opposing Clubs and the Referees contact of the ground closure.

(5) Contact with the Zone after 5pm can be made on 0438 215 593 and the Referees contact on 0434 856 992.

(6) Matches that are deferred due to wet weather, or for any reason, shall be rescheduled for play by The Zone wherever possible. If the matches are not able to be played, they shall be classed as a draw.

(7) Where a club makes a decision to close their field(s) after 12pm M-F or on weekends, they are to ring

(a) all opposition clubs (secretary)

(b) Referee Association on 0434 856 992

(f) Grade 12 Goal and Corner Kicks

(1) Goal kicks are to be taken from a point level with the penalty spot and parallel to the goal line in that side of the field where the ball went out.

(2) Corner kicks are to be taken on the goal line at a point 3 metres from the junction of the goal line and the penalty box (16.5 metres line) and towards the corner on that side of the field in which the ball went out.

10. Facilities and Equipment

(a) Playing Grounds

(1) Ground markings must be clear and accurate and within the dimensions as specified in the Laws of the Game.

(2) Nets and corner posts must be provided and conform to the Laws of the Game for all competitive matches.

(3) All goalposts or portable equipment must be adequately and securely fastened to the ground.

(4) Clubs shall, on seeking affiliation/membership to The Zone, submit details of their playing fields and The Zone shall have the discretion to require any alterations to the playing venue (eg, location of technical areas, quality of field surface).

(5) There should be available at each Club an area in which the Referees can rest and leave their belongings while on the park. This area should contain some seating as well as being lockable.

(6) All grounds must be roped, or a suitable barrier provided along the full length of the field containing the technical area. The barrier or rope should be located a minimum of 3 metres from the touchline.

(b) Club Colours

(1) All strips, including alternate strips, are to be registered with and approved by The Zone each season. (Refer to Fees, Fines and Penalties)

(2) All competitive team shirts shall be individually numbered and the number of the shirt worn by each player must correspond with the name and number on the Match Sheet.

(3) All players taking the field shall be in full Club/team strip, including shirt, shorts and socks.

(4) If colours clash the Visiting Team shall be required to wear an alternate approved club strip. The Referee shall have the discretion to enforce this.

(5) If a team finds it necessary to wear a strip that is not registered with and approved by The Zone for their club (eg, borrows an alternate strip) approval is required from The Zone and the Match Official.

(6) If a dispute cannot be resolved between either team and the referee on this matter, resulting in the match not being played, the result of the match shall be subject to the determination of the Competition Administrator.

(7) Where a "Home" club refuses to lend an alternative strip to a visiting team, a forfeit against the visiting team will be enforced if no suitable alternative strip is forthcoming.

(c) *Players Equipment*

(1) All Match Balls shall be of materials approved by FIFA. The following sizes will apply:

Grade **6 to 9** inclusive = size 3

Grade **10 to 13** inclusive = size 4

Grade 14 to All Age inclusive = size 5

(2) All boots shall comply with Law Four of the FIFA Laws of the Game.

(3) Shin Guards - In accordance with FIFA Laws of the Game the wearing of shin guards is compulsory for all players as part of players equipment (Law Four).

(4) Long Thermal Pants (cycle pants or tights) - Many players wear knee-length tight black or coloured pants under their shorts. They must be the same colour as the teams' shorts and not extend further than the knee, otherwise they will be deemed to breach the Laws of the Game.

(5) Goalkeepers may wear track pants, shorts or socks similar or different in colour to the rest of his team.

(6) All participating women players must wear supporting bras or crop tops.

(7) The numbers on the back of shirts must be one solid colour in complete contrast to the basic colours of the shirt, and where the shirt pattern may impair clear identification of the number from a distance of 100 metres, then the number must be placed on a plain coloured panel.

11. Duration of Matches and Number of Players

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

(a) Grade	No. of Players	Match Duration
Grade 6 & 7	4	2 x 15 min. games
Grade 8 & 9	7	2 x 20 min. games
Grade 10 & 11	9	2 x 25 min. halves = 1 game
Grade 12	11 a side	25 mins each way
Grade 13 & 14	11 a side	30 mins each way
Grade 15 & 16	11 a side	35 mins each way
Grade 17 & 18	11 a side	40 mins each way
All Age	11 a side	45 mins each way

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

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

(d) *Substitutes/Interchange*

Grade 6 to 11 – no interchange limit

Grade 12 to 14 – maximum of 3 subs to be listed with unlimited interchange

Grade 15 to 18 – maximum of 5 subs listed with unlimited interchange

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

Women's Divisions – maximum of 5 subs listed with unlimited interchange

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

All other seniors – maximum of five subs listed with unlimited interchange.

All age divisions – half time 5 minutes

12. Home Team Responsibilities

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

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

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

(c) Premier to First Reserve Division - the Home Team Manager shall supply three (3) Match Balls to the Match Official 15 minutes prior to kick-off.

(d) *Ground Officials*

- (1) Every Club shall appoint a minimum of one ground official per field regardless of grade or division of fixture.
- (2) The ground official MUST wear a vest at all times, and be very visible.
- (3) The ground official MUST be at least 18 years of age and cannot be involved in any other activity (i.e., coach, manager, canteen, etc.) whilst acting in this capacity.
- (4) The ground official shall not consume alcohol whilst performing these duties nor prior to doing so.
- (5) The ground official should:-
 - (i) If an official referee is not present, ensure that a referee is arranged either by the Club or by consent of the two teams playing.
 - (ii) Escort the designated match officials to and from the playing field and ensure their safety at all times.
 - (iii) Check with the equipment officer that an alternate strip is available if required.
 - (iv) Encourage spectators to comply with the Spectator's Code of Behaviour.
 - (v) Direct and assist an ambulance if called to attend a player or any other person.
 - (vi) Be of assistance wherever possible.
 - (vii) Submit a report via their club to the Zone office of any misconduct or inappropriate behaviour by any spectators, players or officials.
- (e) All clubs involved in the sale of alcohol shall comply with all liquor licensing laws and any further requirements of the Zone.
- (f) Failure to comply with any of the above procedures may incur fines/penalties as per Appendix A.

13. Match Officials

- (a) The Match Official shall collect the match sheets prior to the commencement of the match and ensure that the starting eleven (11) are ticked.
- (b) The Match Official shall tick all other players who take the field during the first half. (Men's Premier Division)
- (c) The Match Official shall record the Player of the Match points in nominated divisions. (Men's and Women's Premier Division)
- (d) The Match Official shall ensure that any send-Off Reports and/or Misconduct Reports are lodged with The Zone office by 9am of the second working day following the match.
- (e) Junior match officials shall not act as a centre official if not approved by their governing body.
- (f) Failure to comply with the above procedures may result in a fine as per Appendix A.
- (g) The Home club shall ensure that match sheets are submitted to the Zone office within 48 hours.

14. Forfeits

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

- (a) A period of 15 minutes from the scheduled starting time is considered to include a tolerance for "travel time". In the event of a team failing to take the field within fifteen minutes of the scheduled starting time, the opposing team, if on the field of play, will be awarded the match on a forfeit.
- (b) In the event of seven players per team being present the match must commence at the scheduled kick-off time.

In the event that extraordinary circumstances prevent one or both teams (or the match officials) being able to take the field within 15 minutes of the scheduled time, the match will not be deemed to be a forfeit (but requires the authority of the Zone)

- (c) (1) If the offending team has not notified The Zone by 5pm the day prior to the match that they will not be able to field a team, their Club will be fined as per Appendix A.
- (2) If the Club receiving the un-notified forfeit is the home team, they may be reimbursed reasonable expenses including Match Official fees to a maximum of \$150.00 on receipt of an invoice by The Zone office.

- (d) Teams that advise The Zone by 5pm the day prior that they are unable to fulfil a scheduled match will be charged an administration fee as per Appendix A.
- (e) If an ineligible player participates in a match, the team which included the ineligible player/s shall forfeit their points and goals. All goals scored by their opponents shall be recorded, with a minimum of 3 goals and match points being awarded to the opposing team.
- (f) A forfeit is classified as a match, and as such a suspension may be served by a player (but only in the team receiving the forfeit), provided that a match sheet showing same is provided to The Zone office as per Procedure 7 (Match Sheets) (b) (6).
- (g) Any team which forfeits a match in the finals series shall take no further part in the series, and will be fined as per Appendix A.
- (h) Any team that forfeits an Anzac Cup match will be fined as per Appendix A.
- (i) Any club which forfeits either a Premier or Premier Reserve match **due to a lack of numbers** must forfeit both grades on that day.
- (j) The enforcement of a forfeit for any reason including the absence of match officials or dispute between teams shall be referred to the Zone for determination.
- (k) The Zone shall have the sole discretion to determine if a match shall be played or considered a forfeit in the event of a dispute occurring.**

15. Abandoned Matches

(a) to (h) as per FFA Regulations

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

16. Points

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

17. Determination of Pointscore Champions

- (a) The team with the highest pointscore will be the particular Division Pointscore Champion.
- (b) In the event of two or more teams finishing equal on points in the pointscore competition, the better goal difference will decide the higher placing.
- (c) In the event of two or more teams finishing equal on goal difference, the most goals for will decide the higher placing.

18. Final Series

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

Week 1 - Match A - 3 v 4 - Loser out

- Match B - 1 v 2 - Winner to Grand Final (Match D)

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

Week 3 - Match D - Winner B v Winner C

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

Match D: Grand Final: If the match is drawn at full time there will be 10 minutes extra time each way for the Junior age groups. If the match is still drawn at the end of extra time, Joint Premiers will be declared for Grades 12 to 14. There will be a penalty shoot-out to determine the Grand Final Winner for Grade 15 to 18.

- (c) **Senior Finals** - The five teams with the highest pointscore will play off to decide the Grand Final Winner for that Division in accordance with the following formula:

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

- Match B - 2 v 3

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

- Match D - 1 v Winner B

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

Week 4 - Match F - Winner D v Winner E

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

19. Zone Representative and Development Players

- (a) Players selected in a Football Far North Coast Development Team who refuse or fail to attend/participate in training sessions or matches for that team shall not be available to play for their Club in the round which conflicts with the development matches. If the match has been played, it will be the next match scheduled for that team. All criteria for development exemption will be at the discretion of The Zone.

(b) If two or more players registered in a Club team are unavailable for competition due to Football Far North Coast Development Team commitments, including Development Team Coaches and Managers who are players, under the jurisdiction of affiliated bodies, including representative school football, the Club may apply to have the match deferred. The application must be received by The Zone office at least 10 days prior to the match. If approved, The Zone will designate a time and place for the match to be played.

20. Pregnancy

(a) A player who is pregnant must take full responsibility for themselves. No blame or responsibility shall be accepted for that player or their unborn child/children by The Zone, affiliated Clubs or registered players in the event of an injury which causes complications or the termination of that pregnancy.

(b) If a player is pregnant there shall be no manipulation verbally by the opposing team or her own team concerning the condition of that player.

(c) The Zone advises players against playing after pregnancy has been confirmed.

21. Overdue Accounts

(a) All fines and other accounts are due for payment within 30 days unless otherwise specified.

(b) All accounts not paid by the due date will incur a surcharge of 10% per annum charged monthly.

(c) All overdue accounts plus surcharge must be paid within 14 days from the date of the surcharge notice, otherwise no further competition points will be awarded to the Club until the account is paid and may be withheld subject to the circumstances if deemed particularly serious.



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Appendix A – Fees, Fines and Penalties (inclusive of GST) Any fine or penalty imposed may also incur a Disciplinary Sanction as and when deemed necessary by the Competition Administrator

<p>Team Withdrawal (per team)</p> <p>a) After closing date for nominations</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - junior \$55.00 - senior \$110.00 <p>b) After draw completed</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - junior \$110.00 - senior \$220.00 <p>c) After competition has commenced</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Full team fee</p> <p>d) Anzac Cup / Callan McMillan & Summer Youth League</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) after draw compiled \$110.00 (ii) 1 week prior to and after start of comp, per round \$110.00 <p>Late lodgement of Team Lists or online team data entry, per team \$22.00</p> <p>Participation of Ineligible Players (per match)</p> <p>(a) Win or draw - junior, forfeit of points and/or fine \$50.00</p> <p>Win or draw, senior, forfeit of points and fine \$75.00</p> <p>b) Match lost junior \$60.00</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">senior \$90.00</p> <p>c) Anzac Cup/Callan McMillan/Knockout/SYL</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Win or draw - loss of pts & fine \$90.00 Match lost \$110.00 Semi-final - forfeit plus fine \$210.00 Grand Final - forfeit plus fine \$320.00 <p>Match Sheet Infringements</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) No signature on Match Sheet \$50.00 b) Forged Signature \$90.00 c) Missing registration numbers - \$50.00 d) Incorrect reg. number or surname \$50.00 e) Insufficient information on Match Sheet header \$27.50 f) Conflicting shirt numbers \$27.50 g) Late lodgement of Match Sheets, per incident \$50.00 (h) Late lodgement of Send-Off or Misconduct Reports, per Incident \$20.00 	<p>Home Team Responsibilities</p> <p>Failure to provide ground controller \$50.00</p> <p>Club Colours</p> <p>Failure to register a new strip with Zone, maximum \$220.00</p> <p>Forfeits</p> <p>Match awarded to opposition, 3 points, 3 goals</p> <p>a) Minimum 24 hrs notification</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Senior \$165.00 - Junior \$55.00 <p>b) Failure to notify - Senior \$220.00</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Junior \$110.00 <p>c) Forfeit in a final series \$550.00</p> <p>d) Anzac Cup/Callan McMillan, Summer Youth League or Knockout forfeit \$165.00</p> <p>Annual General Meeting</p> <p>Non-attendance \$55.00</p> <p>Protest and Disputes - \$155.00</p> <p>Oakes Oval</p> <p>Non-compliance with Grand Final requirements \$210.00</p> <p>Abuse of official \$420.00</p> <p>Trophies</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Not returned Cost of replacement b) Damage to trophies Cost of repair <p>Inducement of Junior Match Official</p> <p>To act as a centre official \$95.00</p> <p>Disciplinary Appeals -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> First appeal \$220.00 Second appeal \$440.00 Third appeal \$880.00 Abuse of Appeal Rules, fine up to \$220.00
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FOOTBALL FAR NORTH COAST INC

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FFA FNC Referees 2013 Fees and Levy Schedule

15% of Levies to be withheld by clubs. This amount is to be submitted to the Referees Assoc. upon receipt of an invoice from them.

Anzac Cup & Callan McMillan Grade	Full Fee Payable			*No Levies Deducted*			Payment on the Day		
	Centre	Line x 2	4th	Centre	Line x 2	4th	Centre	Line x 2	4th
Premier	\$75	\$35	\$20				\$75	\$35	\$20
Open A	\$60	\$30					\$60	\$30	
Open B	\$50	\$25					\$50	\$25	
Callan McMillan A	\$60	\$30					\$60	\$30	
Callan Millan B	\$40	\$20					\$40	\$20	

* Each participating team will pay half the "Full Fee Payable" to Match Officials on the day for all Anzac Cup and Callan McMillan round robin and semi-final matches (no levies deducted)

* FFNC will pay Match Official Fees for the following:- Anzac Cup Finals & Callan McMillan Finals

Pointscore Competition Grade	Full Fee Payable			Levies Deducted			Payment on the Day		
	Centre	Line x 2	4th	Centre	Line x 2	4th	Centre	Line x 2	4th
Premier League	\$75	\$35	\$20	\$11	\$5	\$3	\$64	\$30	\$17
Premier Reserve	\$60	\$30		\$9	\$5		\$51	\$25	
First Division	\$60	\$30		\$9	\$5		\$51	\$25	
Other Snr Men Divisions	\$50	\$25		\$8	\$4		\$42	\$21	
Womens Premier League	\$60	\$30		\$9	\$5		\$51	\$25	
Womens Second Division	\$42	\$21		\$6	\$3		\$36	\$18	
Womens Third & Fourth	\$38	\$20		\$6	\$3		\$32	\$17	
Grade 15 & 16/17	\$30	\$15		\$5	\$2		\$25	\$13	
Grade 13 & 14	\$22	\$12		\$3			\$19		
Grade 12	\$20	\$11		\$3			\$17		

* Each participating team will pay half the "Full Fee Payable" to Match Officials for ALL semi-finals and finals (no levies deducted).

* FFNC will pay Match Official Fees for the following:- All Pointscore Competition Grand Finals

* Instructing Referee's

No Levies Deducted - appointments organised by clubs

Payment only applicable where instructing referee has completed Instructing Referees Course

Grade 8, 9, 10 & 11	\$10
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Summer Youth League	Full Fee Payable			*No Levies Deducted*			Payment on the Day		
	Centre	Line x 2	4th	Centre	Line x 2	4th	Centre	Line x 2	4th
SYL	\$60	\$30	\$20				\$60	\$30	\$20

PLEASE NOTE

Each participating team will pay half the Match Official fees ON THE DAY

2013 Disciplinary Procedures

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

1. OBJECTS OF THE ZONE DISCIPLINARY PROCEDURES:

- (a) In the first instance, the Competition Administrator shall receive and determine the process for all written reports received by The Zone, which relate to matters of offence or misconduct, under the authority of The Zone.
- (b) The Competition Administrator (or Nominee) and/or The Zone Disciplinary Panel have the authority to impose a penalty on any Zone Member or any other person or Organisation.
- (c) The determining authority needs only to be satisfied from the available evidence that the Laws of the Game, the Procedures of The Zone, the National Disciplinary Regulations and Code of Conduct or the FFNC Spectators Code of Behaviour in force at that time have been breached. Where breaching of the Laws and/or Procedures, the National Disciplinary Regulations or Code of Conduct or the FFNC Spectators Code of Behaviour has been to gain an unfair advantage, is considered dangerous, brings the game of Football or the Objects of The Zone into disrepute, by any action or deed, physical or verbal, or other method which offends The Zone, or the Objects of The Zone, notwithstanding that the Member may not be participating in a game of Football when the breach occurred.
- (d) Penalties imposed by these Procedures also apply to Members or Registered Participants seeking to participate in a competition sanctioned by The Zone or any other Football organisations which are responsible to the authority of FIFA. Hence a Zone clearance is required before a Member or Registered Participant under penalty may participate elsewhere.

2. DETERMINING AUTHORITY:

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

3. LAWS OF THE GAME:

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

4. ZONE PROCEDURES:

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

5. MEMBER:

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

6. MATCH:

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

7. AUTHORITY OF COMPETITION ADMINISTRATOR:

- (a) The Competition Administrator is authorised to review all official's reports received by The Zone, or matters referred to The Zone and the Competition Administrator may, at its discretion and without limiting the circumstances in which the Competition Administrator may do so, proceed as follows;
 - (i) Convene a Panel to hear the matter, or;

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

8. MATCH CAUTIONS:

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

9. CUMULATIVE CAUTIONS AND PENALTIES

- (a) In any one game a player receiving a yellow card and then a direct Red Card for any offence other than receiving a second caution in the same match will have recorded against his/her name one (1) Caution which will be counted in the player's accumulation of yellow cards, plus the penalty imposed by the Determining Authority for the Red Card offence.
- (b) The accumulation of yellow cards will be reset at the end of the last Match of the pre-season, the main season competition, finals series or any other competition respectively. This means that yellow cards accumulated in a pre-season competition do not carry over to the competition proper and yellow cards accumulated in a main season competition do not carry over to any finals series. Match suspensions incurred as a result of the accumulation of yellow cards will not, however, be cancelled and shall be served

in the final series if required.

(i) Should any player accumulate three (3) Cautions during a pre-season competition, the player shall serve a ONE (1) MATCH SUSPENSION. Should the player accumulate a further two (2) Cautions during pre-season competitions, the player shall serve a further ONE (1) MATCH SUSPENSION.

(ii) Should any Player accumulate four (4) Cautions during a Main season match, the player shall serve a ONE (1) MATCH SUSPENSION.

(iii) Should any Player accumulate a further two (2) Cautions, i.e., a total of six (6) Cautions, during a Main season match Competition the player shall serve a further ONE (1) MATCH SUSPENSION.

(iv) For every additional two (2) cautions during the Main season match, the Player shall serve a further TWO (2) MATCH SUSPENSION, however the Zone may apply an additional penalty if the player's record or circumstances of the cautions is considered to justify such action.

(v) Should any Player accumulate three (3) Cautions during the Finals series, the player shall serve a ONE (1) MATCH SUSPENSION.

(vi) Should any player accumulate three (3) Cautions during Summer Youth League competition, the player shall serve a ONE (1) MATCH SUSPENSION. Should the player accumulate a further two (2) Cautions during Summer Youth League competition, the player shall serve a further TWO (2) MATCH SUSPENSIONS.

(vii) Championship and Other Competition Cautions shall be dealt with at the discretion of the Competition Administrator or nominee.

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

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

10. SEND OFF:

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

R1 Serious Foul Play

R2 Violent Conduct

R3 Spits at an opponent or any other person

R4 Denies an opponent a goal or an obvious goal-scoring opportunity by deliberately handling the ball (this does not apply to the goalkeeper within his/her own penalty area)

R5 Denies an obvious goal-scoring opportunity to an opponent moving towards the player's goal by an offence punishable by a free kick or a penalty kick.

R6 Using Offensive, Insulting or Abusive Language and/or gestures.

R7 Receives a second Caution in the same match

11. MEMBERS SENT FROM THE FIELD:

(a) (i) A Member who accumulates the following number of red cards during the pre-season competition, main season competition or Finals Series, must serve the following immediate mandatory match suspensions:

1) First red card - 1 match suspension

2) Second red card - 2 match suspension

3) Third red card - 3 match suspension

4) Fourth red card - 4 match suspension

plus any further penalty determined by the Competition Administrator or nominee.

(ii) Any penalty imposed by the Competition Administrator or any higher authority will be inclusive of the mandatory match suspension.

(iii) A Member sent from the field shall not participate in any other game or match until the Send-Off Report has been reviewed in accordance with Procedure 7.

(iv) A Team Official who has been expelled from the field of play by a Referee must serve a mandatory one (1) match suspension plus any further penalty determined by the Competition Administrator or nominee.

(v) Suspended players/officials and players/officials sent from the field during the match are not permitted in the Technical area until the full suspension is served and cannot have any active role in coaching of team activities during a fixture.

(b) The Competition Administrator shall advise the Club's nominated person which of the Procedure 7 processes shall apply within two working days of the match when the Send-Off occurred. If after three working days the Member's Club has not been contacted, then the Club nominee may contact the Competition Administrator.

(c) In cases of urgency, the Member's Club may contact the Competition Administrator within the three working day period, to seek priority for the process of determination.

(d) The only appeal allowed against the mandatory match suspension is for mistaken identity.

(e) All sanctions will be applied in accordance with the FFA schedule, noting minimum sanctions that exist for each offence.

12. PENALTIES AND LIMITATIONS:

(a) The Determining Authority is empowered to impose penalties on persons or Members within The Zone, in any combination of the listed penalty limits, as is determined necessary to ensure compliance with the Disciplinary Procedures, and the Procedures of The Zone.

(b) Penalty Limits available to the Determining Authority:

(i) **Zone Membership.** The Determining Authority may terminate or suspend for a stated time period any type of Membership.

(ii) **Fines.** The Determining Authority is empowered to impose monetary fines on Zone Members only, up to an amount not exceeding one thousand one hundred dollars (\$1100 inclusive of GST) for any one offence. The time limit for the payment of fines will be fourteen days from the date of written notification by The Zone Secretary.

(iii) **Bond:** (Suspended penalty until enforced). A Bond is an imposed penalty, which is held over for a time period or number of matches. A Member under bond may participate during the period of the Bond, or until the Member re-offends, by way of similar or more serious offence, at which time the penalty/s of the Bond will be enforced by the Determining Authority and this penalty plus any further penalty for the re-offence must be served before further participation.

(1) Any one Bond shall be limited to:-

(1.1) Monetary Bond, up to but not exceeding one thousand one hundred dollars (\$1100, inclusive of GST) and/or;

(1.2) Match Suspension Bond

both of which will be enforceable until a specified date, not exceeding a period of twenty four (24) months.

(2) A Member shall not be awarded another Bond while the Member is currently under Bond.

(3) The Determining Authority will enforce the imposed Bond if the Member has re-offended by way of a similar or more serious offence within the time frame of the bond.

(4) A Bond being enforced on a Member, if monetary, becomes payable by the Member or the Member's Club on receipt of written advice from Competition Administrator.

(5) Monetary Bonds must be paid to The Zone prior to the next Zone match, before the Member is allowed further participation. Match Bonds enforced, will be served from the next Zone match after The Zone has notified the Member or Member's Club. Verbal notifications will be confirmed in writing.

(6) The Bond expires, and cannot be enforced, from the end of the applied time. A time limit expires at midnight on the nominated date.

(7) The sanction of placement on a bond can be imposed only on first time offenders.

(iv) **Match Suspensions**

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

(v) **Reprimand**

The sanction of reprimand can be imposed only on first time offenders.

(vi) The Determining Authority may impose additional sanctions on a club or team, including:

(1) loss of competition points;

(2) suspension or expulsion from the competition;

(3) playing matches without spectators;

(4) loss of home ground matches

(5) a ban from attending matches

(6) a ban on taking part in any football related activity

(7) any other sanctions deemed appropriate

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

13. SERVING OF SUSPENSIONS:

- (a) (i) Match suspensions, whether from accumulation of cautions, send-off or misconduct, must be served in the competition received in. However, if there are insufficient matches for the suspension to be served in that competition, the suspension must be served in the next match scheduled for the player's nominated team, whether it be Anzac Cup, pointscore, midweek, finals series or Summer Youth League, following written notification from The Zone. The suspended person may not participate in any other match until the full suspension has been served.
 - (ii) A match suspension determined in accordance with these regulations will take effect across Australia.
- (b) All penalties not able to be served in a current season will be carried forward and served from the first match in the next season, in the grade in which the player will be registered.
- (c) A match suspension is served at the completion of an appropriate match for which The Zone Match Sheet has been correctly endorsed in accordance with Match Procedures 4 and 11.
- (d) If a match is abandoned, cancelled or forfeited, a suspension is only considered to be served if the team to which the suspended player belongs is not responsible for the facts that led to the abandonment, cancellation or forfeiture.
- (e) Members are not permitted to serve more than one (1) match suspension on any one day, nor serve a one (1) match suspension then participate on the same day.
- (f) A suspension received in a Club match makes a player ineligible for selection in representative matches or participation in Football NSW Champion of Champions and does not serve as a suspension. Suspensions received in representative matches or Football NSW Champion of Champions are to be served in the next match, whether it is representative, Football NSW Champion of Champions or Club, unless this clause is contradictory to the Procedures of the competition where the suspension occurs.
- (g) (i) A suspension imposed in terms of Matches on a Player participating in:
 - (a) eleven-a-side football only affects that Player's participation in eleven-a-side football; or
 - (b) futsal only affects that Player's participation in futsal(ii) A suspension imposed in terms of time (such as days, weeks, months) affects a Player's participation for both that Player's eleven-a-side or futsal Team, regardless of whether the infringement was committed in eleven-a-side or futsal.
- (h) (i) A player who has received a suspension from the Competition Administrator and has denied the determination may request permission from the Competition Administrator to play before The Zone Disciplinary Panel convenes.
 - (ii) If permission is granted, they may only participate in the grade in which they are registered after they have served the mandatory match suspension.
 - (iii) There shall be no appeal against the decision of the Competition Administrator.

14. MISTAKEN IDENTITY

Appeals for mistaken identity for Procedures 8 and 10, must be submitted in writing to The Zone within two (2) working days from the end of the match in which the mistake allegedly occurred.

15. THE REFEREE

- (a) Must provide to a team official, within ten (10) minutes of the termination of the match, the duplicate of the Match Sheet, showing all charges which have been recorded against their Members for that match. The Referee must submit any Send-Off Reports by 5pm on the first working day after the match electronically to The Zone.
- (b) If the Send-Off or Misconduct Report proceeds to a Zone Disciplinary Panel, the Referee required to attend the hearing, and other match officials or representatives involved in the incident shall attend if requested.

16. NOTIFICATION AND TIME FRAMES

- (a) The Competition Administrator will send a Disciplinary Infringement Notice notifying the Player or Team Official (through his or her Club) of the sanction imposed or the requirement to appear before a Disciplinary Panel.
- (b) If after three working days the Member's Club has not been contacted, then the Club nominee may contact the Competition Administrator for instructions.
- (c) If the Member declines the sanction imposed by the Competition Administrator's, and a hearing by The Zone Disciplinary Panel has been requested, that request shall be binding on all Parties and will be held within 14 days of the request being received.

- (d) The Zone Disciplinary Panel will convene at an appropriate location and time nominated by the Competition Administrator, which will be notified to the Player or Team Official's club in writing at least 5 working days prior to the Hearing, unless precluded by exceptional circumstances. The notice will advise all persons required to attend the Hearing.
- (e) The Referee's body or Member who submitted the report will also be notified in writing at least 5 working days prior to the Hearing, unless precluded by exceptional circumstances. The notice will advise all persons required to attend the Hearing.

17. PANEL

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

18. EVIDENCE:

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

19. HEARING PROCEDURE:

- (a) The Panel will convene at the appointed time and place for the hearing.
- (b) The Panel shall have placed before it, reports, any written depositions that are signed and dated, and clarification from the Referee if required.
- (c) A party may attend in person or by phone.
- (d) If a party fails to attend a hearing, the case can be heard and determined in that party's absence, including as to determination of the charge and/or sanction.
- (e) The following is a guide only to the manner in which proceedings are conducted and may be altered to suit the individual circumstances of each case:
 - (i) On entry to the Panel Hearing everyone present (i.e. Panel, Referee, Referee Representative, Club Representative, Player/Official and Witnesses) will be introduced.
 - (ii) Charges will be read, and then maximum and minimum suspensions will be stated for persons found guilty.
 - (iii) Witnesses will temporarily retire, to await being called upon.
 - (iv) Reports will be read aloud and Players/Officials will identify themselves as the person in question. The option is then given of pleading guilty or not guilty. (The panel has the right to question the Referee/Member)
 - (v) Club Representative will be asked to speak on behalf of Player/Official. (The Panel will be allowed to question Player/Official)
 - (vi) Player/Official will be asked to submit evidence in relation to the incident. (questioning is allowed by the Panel.)
 - (vii) Witnesses will be called individually to supply their evidence then once again, asked to retire. (Panel has the right to question the witness)

(viii) Player/Official will be asked for any further comment. The Panel may call upon any person seen previously.

(ix) Player/Official, Club Representative, Referee and Referee Representative will all be asked to leave whilst a decision by the panel is considered.

- (f) If the Panel determines that the party is guilty, they may consider the following when determining an appropriate sanction:
 - (i) the nature and severity of the infringement
 - (ii) the offenders past record and whether or not this a repeated offence
 - (iii) the culpability of the offender (including whether or not the infringement was intentional, negligent or reckless)
 - (iv) any reasons prompting the offender to commit an infringement
 - (v) the remorse of the offender
 - (vi) any extenuating circumstances
- (g) Once the Panel has reached a decision the Member and/or the Member's representative will be given a copy of the findings of The Panel.
- (h) In the event that The Panel requires time to consider its decision, they shall reserve their decision for no longer than three (3) working days, whereupon the Competition Administrator shall advise the Member's Club of the decision of The Panel.
- (i) Suspensions imposed by The Panel are inclusive of any applicable mandatory match suspension as set out in 11 (a) (i).
- (j) All decisions of a Disciplinary Committee remain in force unless reversed by the Appeals Panel.
- (k) The Panel shall prepare Minutes of all hearings and provide a summary of evidence presented, oral and/or written, the reasons for their rulings and penalties imposed, to The Zone within two (2) working days of the conclusion of the hearing.

20. CONDUCT OF PARTIES AT HEARINGS

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

21. MISLEADING OF PANEL:

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

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

22. INVESTIGATIVE PANEL

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

23. THE ZONE APPEALS PANEL:

- (a) The terms of Disciplinary Procedures 16 to 21 in their entirety shall apply to the Zone Appeals Panel.
- (b) No member of the Appeals Panel may have presided on the Disciplinary Panel of the case before the Panel.

(c) The Chairperson of The Zone Disciplinary Panel, or the acting Chairperson, MUST appear to give to The Zone Appeals Panel an explanation of the basis of the decision of The Zone Disciplinary Panel.

24. APPEALS:

(a) Any aggrieved Persons or Organisations dissatisfied with The Zone Disciplinary Panel finding or decision may lodge an Appeal, which will be heard by The Zone Appeals Panel. The Zone office must receive this appeal within office hours, within 7 days of the Club being notified of The Zone Disciplinary Panel decision.

Appeals must be submitted in writing, signed and dated, stating full grounds for the appeal, and enclosing the appropriate fee as per Appendix "A".

(b) Any aggrieved Persons or Organisations dissatisfied with The Zone Appeals Panel finding or decision may lodge an Appeal, which will be heard by The Zone Committee.

The Competition Administrator must receive this appeal during office hours, within 7 days of the Club being notified in writing of The Zone Appeals Panel decision.

(c) If an appeal is upheld, the appeal fee will be refunded to the appellant. If the appeal is dismissed, The Zone retains the appeal fee.

(d) Appeals against the decision of The Zone Committee shall be in accordance with Procedure 2(c), and the Procedures of the Appeal as laid down by that higher Authority.

25. ABUSE OF APPEAL PROCEDURES:

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

26. WITHDRAWAL OF THE APPEAL:

The appellant or aggrieved party may withdraw an appeal within two working days of it's lodgment, otherwise the decision to appeal shall be binding on all parties. If the appeal is withdrawn within the time frame allowed, the Appeal Fee will be returned.



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Zone Disciplinary Panel Penalties

(as determined by FFA)

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

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

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



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