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SECTION 1: GENERAL

1 - SCOPE AND APPLICATION

1.1 - Football New South Wales (FNSW) under Football Australia has granted Southern Tablelands Football Association (STFA) a mandate to be responsible for the organisation, promotion and regulation of football in its surrounding regions (Goulburn, Crookwell, Marulan and Gunning).

1.2 - STFA will interpret and apply all articles of these Regulations and any such interpretation or application will be final and binding on all parties, and not subject to challenge or appeal.

1.3 - If any provision of these Regulations is held invalid or unenforceable then the remainder of these Regulations shall not be affected and shall continue to be valid and enforceable.

1.4 - These Regulations apply to participants in the following Competitions, Leagues and/or Divisions unless stated otherwise:

- a) MiniRoos
- b) Junior League
- c) Matilda's
- d) STFA Colts/YRC (Youth Reserve Comp)
- e) STFA All Age Women (AAW) and STFA All Age Men (AAM)

1.5 - Clubs, Players and Team Officials must comply with and agree to abide by the regulations of FA, FNSW and STFA, including but not limited to:

- a) FA National Registration, Status and Transfer Regulations;
- b) FA National Disciplinary Regulations;
- c) FA Code of Conduct;
- d) FA Grievance Resolution Regulations;
- e) FA Member Protection Framework;
- f) FA Integrity Framework;
- g) STFA Disputes and Disciplinary Regulations.

1.6 - STFA may from time to time make variations to these Regulations.

2 - CONSEQUENCES FOR BREACH

2.1 - Any breach of these Regulations or failure to comply with any direction given by the STFA may result in the imposition of a penalty issued by STFA under these Regulations or other sanctions pursuant to the STFA Disputes and Disciplinary Regulations (DDR).

3 - DISCIPLINARY SANCTIONS AND PROCEEDINGS

3.1 - All Clubs, Players, Team Officials, Match Officials, spectators or any person participating at a STFA Match or event will submit exclusively to the jurisdiction of the STFA DDR.

4 - CONFIRMATION OF LEAGUES / DIVISIONS

4.1 - STFA will conduct competitions in the following Competitions, Leagues and Divisions (where possible):

League	Age Grades	Competition	Referee	Association
MiniRoo's Girls	U6, U8, U10	Non-Competitive	Game Leader/Cadet	STFA
MiniRoo's Boys	U6, U7, U8, U9, U10, U11	Non-Competitive	Game Leader/Cadet	STFA
Matilda's	U12, U14, U16	Competitive	Cadet/Referee	STFA
Junior League	U12, U13, U14, U15, U16	Competitive	Cadet/Referee	STFA
Youth/YRC	U18 (+3 Over 30 Players)	Competitive	Referee	STFA
AAW	Open Women (15+)	Competitive	Referee	STFA
AAM	Open Men (16+)	Competitive	Referee	STFA

4.2 - Composition of the Leagues, including maximum numbers of Teams per division, will be determined by STFA.

5 - MONIES OWING TO STFA

5.1 - Monies owing by a Club:

- a) All amounts owed by a Club to STFA must be paid within 30 days of the date of the invoice being issued by STFA.
- b) For monies still owing after 30 days from the date of invoicing, a reminder notice will be sent to the Club.
- c) For monies still owing after a period of 90 days from the date of invoicing, a notice will be sent to the Club stating they are un-financial and will be unable to accumulate any regular season points from that time, in any age grade or League or participant in any club voting situation.
- d) Clubs may request a payment plan with STFA to pay back debts that remain unpaid beyond 90 days from invoicing. Where a payment plan is agreed to by STFA;
 - A. The Club entering the agreement will be determined to be financial and may continue to play for points provided they abide by the terms of the arrangement.
 - B. Where an agreement is not complied with, any points accumulated by the Club (in any age grade or League) from 90 days from the date of the invoice/s to which the agreement relates will be deducted and removed.
- e) A Club subjected to this penalty will be notified in writing as to when the deduction of points will take effect.
- f) Clubs who are unfinancial, and have not entered into an agreement with STFA, will be ineligible for finals and unable to participate in any Cup competitions.
- g) Notwithstanding Section 1, Article 5.1 a) & b), STFA may in its absolute discretion, either offset any transfer or compensation fees owed to STFA by an unfinancial Club to the extent of the amounts owing or expel a Club if it does not comply with these Regulations.
- h) Clubs who are in debt to STFA, where any of the debt amount is outstanding at any time after 31 October each year:
 - i) May at the absolute discretion of STFA, be suspended from all competitions in which that Club competes;
 - ii) Have any rights or privileges in the activities of STFA relating to that Club's participation suspended until all debts and obligations have been discharged, except where a dispute over fees remains unresolved.
 - iii) Where a Club has been suspended under Section 1, Article 5.1 the opposing team will be awarded a forfeit and the score will be recorded as 3-0.

5.2 - Monies owing by an Individual:

- a) All amounts owed by an individual to STFA must be paid within 30 days of the date of the invoice issued by STFA in relation to that amount.
- b) For monies still owing after the expiry of 30 days from the date of invoicing, individuals will be deemed ineligible for participation in any STFA competitions.

6 - CHANGE OF CLUB PLAYING NAME OR CLUB LOGO

6.1 - Change of Club Playing Name:

- a) Any Club that wishes to change its registered Club playing name must seek approval by providing the information required under Section 1, Article 6.1 b) in writing to STFA.
- b) Prior to STFA ratification the Club must:
 - i) Submit on Club letterhead its request for a change of Club playing name;
 - ii) Provide full disclosure of the reasons for the requested change;
 - iii) Ensure the 'name' is consistent with the 'FA Inclusivity Principles for Club Identity';
 - iv) Provide a copy of the minutes of the meeting (general or committee) of the Club during which the change of playing name was discussed.
- c) STFA will assess a change of name application only when all of the information required under Section 1, Article 6.1 b) has been provided. Where this information is provided, STFA reserves the right to reject any application for a change of playing name as it sees fit and will provide the Club with reasons as to why their playing name change application was rejected.

6.2 - Change of Club Logo:

a) Any Club that wishes to change its Club logo must seek approval by providing the information required under Section 1, Article 6.2 b) in writing to STFA.

b) The logo change application process will be as follows:

- i) Submit on Club letterhead its request for a change of Club logo;
- ii) Provide full disclosure of the reasons for the requested change;
- iii) Provide the current Club logo along with the proposed new Club logo.

7 - AMALGAMATION OF CLUBS

7.1 - Clubs must advise, and apply to, STFA where two or more Clubs are proposing to amalgamate.

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

- a) Apply to STFA in writing for approval to amalgamate. The letter is to be signed by the amalgamating Clubs' committees.
- b) Submit the name of the proposed new amalgamated Club and provide:
 - i) A copy of the notice of general meeting of both Clubs;
 - ii) A copy of the signed record of attendance at the general meetings of both Clubs;
 - iii) A copy of the minutes of the general meetings of both Clubs, signed by the office bearers of the Club which confirms the approval by Club members of the amalgamation.
- c) Submit a copy of the proposed Constitution, or, if the proposed new Club is intending to become an incorporated association, the proposed statement of purpose and rules.
- d) Submit the names of the nominated office bearers.
- e) Upon the registration of an incorporation of any new entity to run the amalgamated Club, if any, provide to STFA a copy of a certificate of incorporation or other such documentation as STFA may require in respect of that new entity.

7.3 - Before amalgamation is approved, all outstanding financial obligations and playing commitments of both Clubs to STFA must be fulfilled.

7.4 - On approval, all Players of amalgamating Clubs shall be deemed to be Players registered by STFA as Players of the newly formed Club.

7.5 - Any newly amalgamated Club must fulfil its commitments and be responsible for all the terms and conditions of any Player agreements, current at the time of amalgamation, previously made by any of the amalgamating Clubs in regards to any Player of the newly formed Club.

8 - STRICT LIABILITY OF CLUBS

8.1 - Each Club shall be responsible for the conduct of its Club associates, officials and spectators at or in the vicinity of any competition match, sanctioned match, or non-STFA event in which a Club is engaged or is in attendance, regardless of the responsibilities attaching to any other person or entity in respect of such match or event.

8.2 - Where the terms "Team" or "Teams" are used, it is implied that the Team or Teams involved are under the control of and are the responsibility of their Club, and therefore any sanctions or penalties applied to a Team or Teams may also be applied to the Club.

9 - PROTECTION OF IMPORTANT FIXTURES

9.1 - Where an international, interstate, A-League / Westfield W-League or inter-association Match is scheduled for surrounding region, STFA may determine that no competition fixture or sanctioned match shall take place at the same time.

10 - SPECIAL CONSIDERATION

10.1 - STFA will have the power to consider special circumstances outside the prescribed limits of the Regulations should it be clear those special considerations are in the interests of the game.

10.2 - The decision by STFA to review and consider special circumstances under this section is not subject to appeal or review.

11 - UNFORESEEABLE CIRCUMSTANCES

11.1 - Nothing in these Regulations will prevent STFA from approving a course of action to meet unforeseeable circumstances not covered by the Regulations, including but not limited to promotion, relegation, number of divisions and composition of teams.

SECTION 2: COMPETITION

1 - MATCHES PLAYED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE LAWS OF THE GAME

1.1 - All matches under the jurisdiction of these Regulations will be played in accordance with FA, FNSW and STFA regulations, codes and directives, and under the International Football Association Board (IFAB) Laws of the Game, unless otherwise stipulated in these Regulations.

1.2 - MiniRoos matches are to be played in line with the MiniRoos National Playing Formats and Rules.

2 - LEAGUE FORMAT

2.1 – Competitions, Leagues and/or Divisions administered by STFA will include a home and away Premiership, or other league format communicated by STFA to accommodate the number of teams entered into a division.

2.2 - The league format for MiniRoos age grades of U6 to U11 held at Crookwell will be determined by the Crookwell Soccer Club to administer those leagues

3 - MATCH SCHEDULE AND KICK OFF TIMES

3.1 - STFA will communicate the official match schedule for all Competitions, Leagues and/or Divisions administered by STFA.

3.2 - STFA will determine the venue, dates and kick off times of all Competitions, Leagues and/or Divisions matches.

3.3 - STFA may start matches from 9:00am for any daytime Match which may include Saturday, Sunday or any Public Holiday.

a) Unless instructions have been issued by STFA, the last Match of the day must start no later than 3:20pm for any daytime Match.

b) All other Matches prior to this kick off time must be played in two (2) equal periods that shall allow the last Match to kick off at the scheduled kick off time.

c) Matches may be played at night under lights, at approved venues supported by the appropriate LUX certification.

3.4 - STFA may also schedule midweek evening Matches to accommodate Competitions, Leagues and/or Divisions washed out or deferred matches.

3.5 - Clubs will not arrange other Matches until after the official Matches are settled, nor improperly interfere with other Clubs home competition Matches.

3.6 - Any disputes between two (2) or more Clubs as to the arrangement of Matches will be referred to and decided by STFA. Any determination made by STFA is final and not subject to appeal.

3.7 - Notwithstanding any other Regulation on the same subject matter, STFA reserve the right to alter or amend any Match after it has been nominated in the official Match schedule. The alterations could be to the date, venue, kick-off times or a combination of all providing the Clubs involved are given seven (7) days prior notice from the original scheduled date.

3.8 - Failure to commence a Match at the scheduled times may result in a fine as outlined in Schedule 1 of these Regulations.

3.9 - Teams must be ready to begin play by the scheduled kick off time.

a) If both teams are not ready to begin playing fifteen (15) minutes after the scheduled kick off time the Referee may determine the competition Match as abandoned in accordance with Section 2, Article 16.

3.10 - For purposes of allocating a home Team, the Team appearing first on the draw will be considered the home Team for each respective Match in the Competitions, Leagues and/or Divisions series.

4 - DURATION OF MATCH

4.1 - Duration of Premiership Matches will be as follows for the respective age grades of the

League	Age Grade	Game Duration	Half Time Period
MiniRoo's	U6, U7 (Girls & Boys)	40 mins (2 equal 20 mins halves)	5 mins Maximum
MiniRoo's	U8, U9 (Girls & Boys)	40 mins (2 equal 20 mins halves)	5 mins Maximum
MiniRoo's	U10, U11 (Girls & Boys)	50 mins (2 equal 25 mins halves)	5 mins Maximum
Matilda's	U12	50 mins (2 equal 25 mins halves)	5 mins Maximum
Matilda's	U14	60 mins (2 equal 30 mins halves)	5 mins Maximum
Junior Leagues	U13	60 mins (2 equal 30 mins halves)	5 mins Maximum
Junior Leagues	U15	70 mins (2 equal 35 mins halves)	5 mins Maximum
Youth/YRC	U18 (+3 Over 30 players)	90 mins (2 equal 45 mins halves)	8 mins Maximum
AAW	Open Women (15+)	90 mins (2 equal 45 mins halves)	8 mins Maximum
AAM	Open Men (16+)	90 mins (2 equal 45 mins halves)	8 mins Maximum

4.2 - The Referee may cut short any competition Match (including reducing the length of each half before the commencement of the competition Match) if in the Referee's opinion playing conditions compromise Player safety or to prevent the delay to the commencement of any subsequent competition Match from its scheduled kick off time only if:

- a) It is in line with the IFAB Laws of the Game;
- b) the Referee has consulted with the coaches of each participating Team before the start of the Match.

4.3 - The Referee is the sole arbiter of time, and no protest may be lodged against the time as recorded by the Referee.

5 - ADDED TIME

5.1 - There is no added time in any MiniRoo's matches.

6 - EXTRA TIME

6.1 - There will be no extra time played in STFA Competitions, Leagues and/or Divisions Matches in the event scores are equal at the conclusion of normal time.

6.2 - Extra Time will only be played in the Competitions, Leagues and/or Divisions Matches in finals series.

6.3 - Should scores be equal at the conclusion of Competitions, Leagues and/or Divisions Final Series match, extra time will be played as follows:

League	Extra Time Duration
Matilda's U13, U15	2 periods of 5 mins
Junior League U13, U15	2 periods of 5 mins
Youth/YRC	2 periods of 10 mins
AAW	2 periods of 15 mins
AAM	2 periods of 15 mins

6.4 - For all Competitions, Leagues and/or Divisions Matches where extra time is required:

- a) There will be an interval of a maximum of five (5) minutes before the commencement of extra time;
- b) There will be an interval of a maximum of two (2) minutes between the whistle ending the first period of extra time and the whistle starting the second period of extra time.

7 - DETERMINING THE WINNER BY PENALTY KICKS

7.1 - If the result of a Competitions, Leagues and/or Divisions Final Series Match is still a draw after the two (2) periods of extra time, alternate kicks from the penalty mark will be taken to determine the winner, in accordance with the procedures described in the IFAB Laws of the Game.

8 - COMPETITION POINTS

8.1 - Points will be allocated as follows for all Competition Matches:

Result	Competition Points Award
Win	3 points
Lose	0 points
Draw	1 point each
Bye	0 points
Forfeit (Team Forfeiting)	0 points
Forfeit (Team being Forfeited against)	3 points plus 3 goals
No Result	0 points

8.2 - STFA reserves the right to record a Competitions, Leagues and/or Divisions Match as a 'no result' if the circumstances require or as a result of a breach of these Regulations.

9 - PREMIERSHIP RANKINGS

9.1 - STFA will use the following process when determining the ranking of Teams within each age grade:

- a) Greater number of points obtained in all Competitions, Leagues and/or Divisions Matches;
- b) If two (2) or more Teams are equal on the basis of the above criteria, their place will be determined as follows:
 - i) Greater goal difference resulting from all Competitions, Leagues and/or Divisions matches;
 - ii) Greater number of points obtained in the Premiership Matches between the Teams concerned (head to head);
 - iii) Greater number of goals scored in the Premiership Matches between the Teams concerned (head to head);
 - iv) Team with the lowest number of Red Cards (direct and indirect) received in all Premiership Matches;
 - v) Team with the lowest number of Yellow Cards received in all Premiership Matches;
 - vi) A play-off Match between the Teams concerned under arrangements approved by STFA

10 - CHAMPIONSHIP SERIES

10.1 - For purposes of allocating a home Team, the Team appearing first in the format below will be considered the home Team for each respective Match in the Competitions, Leagues and/or Divisions of the final series.

10.2 - Either following formats will be used for all Matches that require a final series:

Style	Semi – Finals	Final	Grand Final
Top 4	(A) 1 v 2 = Winner to Grand Final (D) = Loser to (C)	(C) Loser A v Winner B	(D) Winner A v Winner of Final
	(B) 3 v 4 = Winner to (C) = Loser Eliminated		

Style	Minor Semi	Major Semi	Final	Grand Final
Top 5	Minor Premiers week off	(C) Minor Prens v Winner A. = Winner to (GF)	(E) Loser C v Winner D = Winner to (GF)	Winner C v Winner E

		= Loser to (E)	= Loser Eliminated	
	(A) 2 v 3 = Winner to (C) = Loser to (D)	(D) Loser A v Winner B. = Winner to (E) = Loser Eliminated		
	(B) 4 v 5 = Loser Eliminated			

11 - NOMINATIONS

11.1 - Only STFA affiliated Clubs are eligible to nominate a team or teams to participate in Competitions, Leagues and/or Divisions.

11.2 - Each year STFA shall call for nominations for all Competitions, Leagues and/or Divisions for the upcoming season as well as set a deadline for nominations.

11.3 - All nominations are to be submitted on the official nomination form provided to Clubs by STFA and Clubs shall include all relevant information required in the nomination forms.

11.4 - STFA reserves the right to reject team nominations.

11.5 - Nominations received after the closing date will only be accepted at the discretion of STFA and placed into divisions as they might determine.

12 - TEAM AND PLAYER ALLOCATIONS

12.1 - STFA reserves the right to determine the appropriate division of each team or player nomination by considering the previous season's results, playing strength of the Team or Player movements and the formation of the division.

12.2 - Divisions that are run in competitions will be run under a numbering process (i.e. Division 1, Division 2, etc.), as required for the number of teams in an age grade.

12.3 - STFA may conduct a pre season (or similar) to assist with the team or player allocation process.

12.4 - STFA will consider historic league tables and observations from the grading rounds, along with the skill level and competition level identified by the Club for each Team to finalise Team and player gradings.

12.5 - Any teams that are re-allocated after the season has commenced will only be moved in place of a bye, or with a swap with a team in the respective higher/lower divisions. Reallocated teams will retain their points and goal difference.

12.6 - Allocations of teams is at the discretion of STFA and cannot be appealed.

12.7 – Requests for Team or Player exemptions must be completed on the STFA Player/Team Exemption form and returned to STFA for final approval and grading.

12.8 – Relative Age Effect (RAE) – Players whose birthdates fall in the last three months of the year may be eligible to play for a team in the age group below their birth year and be given status as an RAE player with approval from the STFA

13 - CLUBS / TEAMS REMOVED, WITHDRAWN OR ADDED TO COMPETITIONS

13.1 - In the event of any Club / Team being removed, withdrawn or added to the competitions, the following procedure will take effect to allow the altered competitions to proceed:

a) Removed or withdrawn before the competition has started:

i) All Matches involving a Club/Team that has been withdrawn before the competition has started will be treated as a bye unless STFA decides to adjust the competition in some other way.

ii) Removed or withdrawn Clubs may be fined the prescribed amount in Schedule 1.

b) Removed or withdrawn during first round of a competition:

i) For all opposing Clubs/Teams that have played the removed or withdrawn Club/Team (for the complete first round), points and goals against the withdrawn Club/Team will be deleted from their records and will be credited with a bye result;

ii) Clubs/Teams that have not played the removed or withdrawn Club/Team will obtain a bye result;

- iii) A round of a competition refers to a full complement of competition Matches, where each Club/Team plays each other an equal number of times.
- iv) Removed or withdrawn Clubs may be fined the prescribed amount in Schedule 1.
- c) Removed or withdrawn during the second or subsequent round of a competition:
 - i) All points and goals acquired will be retained by opposing Teams for the completed first round (or second round if fully completed and a third round forms a part of the competition); or
 - ii) Points and goals acquired against the withdrawn Club/Team will be lost and bye results will be credited for Matches that were played prior to the removal or withdrawal;
 - iii) For all opposing Clubs/Teams that have played the removed or withdrawn Club/Team (during a second or subsequent incomplete round), points and goals against the withdrawn Club/Team will be deleted from their records and will be credited with a bye result.
 - iv) Removed or withdrawn Clubs may be fined the prescribed amount in Schedule 2.
- d) Added before the competition has started:
 - i) Where possible a Club/Team may be added to replace a bye to minimise the disruption to the competition;
 - ii) Where this is not possible STFA may decide to adjust the competition in some other way.
- e) Added during first round of a competition:
 - i) Where possible a Club/Team may be added to replace a bye to minimise the disruption to the competition;
 - ii) Where this is not possible STFA may decide to adjust the competition in some other way.
 - iii) For all opposing Clubs/Teams that have already played the bye, they will be attributed with a win (three (3) points and three (3) goals) for that match;
 - iv) For all opposing Clubs/Teams that will play the newly added Club/Team, the result of the match will stand once played;
 - v) A round of a competition refers to a full complement of competition Matches, where each Club/Team plays each other an equal number of times.

13.2 - Any Player or Team Official infringements (i.e. red / yellow cards) in all Matches involving a removed or withdrawn Club / Team, will be upheld.

14 - FORFEITS

14.1 - A Team will be deemed to have forfeited a Match when:

- a) They fail to fulfill an engagement to play a Match on the appointed date, time or venue; or
- b) They refuse or fail to begin a Match fifteen (15) minutes after the stipulated kick-off time; or
- c) They field less than seven (7) of their registered Players at the start of any Match; or
- d) At any point during the Match they cannot field at least seven (7) of their registered Players; or
- e) An ineligible Player as defined in these Regulations participates in the Match; or
- f) Any other scenario within the Regulations or the DDR that stipulates a forfeit of the Match.

14.2 - In the event of any Team forfeiting its Match, the following procedure will take effect:

- a) Three (3) points and three (3) goals will be allocated for the Match to the opposition Team, with the offending team receiving zero (0) points and zero (0) goals, unless the goal difference for the Team receiving the forfeit is greater than three (3), in which case the score will remain the same, with goal scorers for the offending team to be removed;
- b) Where a forfeit has been applied:
 - i) the statistics (goal scorers and Matches played) of the non-offending Team will be retained; and
 - ii) the statistics (goal scorers and Matches played) of the offending Team will be removed;
- c) Where a forfeit has been applied, red cards issued during the match will be retained and yellow cards issued during the match will be removed;
- d) The offending Team will be fined the prescribed amount as outlined in Schedule 2 of these Regulations;
- e) Where the offending Clubs is the away Club, they may be liable to pay compensation to the opposing Club for any reasonable expenses incurred and such compensation will be determined by STFA;

f) Where a Match is forfeited within 48 hours of the scheduled kick off time, the offending Club is required to pay all Match Officials fees, whether they were the home or away Club for the Match.

14.3 - In the event a Team should forfeit a second Match during the season, the offending team will be deducted a further three (3) competition points, in addition to the procedure outlined in Section 2, Article 14.2.

14.4 - In the event a Team should forfeit a third Match during the season, the Club involved will be required to show cause as to why they should not be removed from the competition, in addition to the procedure outlined in Section 2, Article 14.2 and 14.3, any Club without a satisfactory explanation may also lose their affiliation to STFA.

14.5 – If a Team should forfeit a third Match during the season, the Team involved will not be able to play in their Competitions, Leagues and/or Divisions Final Series.

14.6 On the competition ladder, a forfeit will count as a Match played.

15 - POSTPONED MATCHES

15.1 - Matches may only be postponed by the Referee or STFA.

15.2 - A Match may be postponed if:

- a) the lighting at the venue fails such that in the opinion of the Referee it is impossible or unsafe to continue to play;
- b) the Referee determines that playing conditions have become unsafe or untenable for any reason;
- c) A significant injury occurs where a Player cannot be moved and an ambulance is required to attend, with the delay being longer than thirty (30) minutes.

15.3 - In the event of any Match not being played over which neither Club has any control:

- a) The Match must be played within fourteen (14) days of the first postponement;
- b) Clubs will be given forty-eight (48) hours after the postponement to determine the new date, time and venue;
- c) If Clubs cannot reach an agreement, or fail to comply, STFA will determine the new date, time and venue to play the postponed Match. Such decision is not open to appeal or review.

15.4 - After the commencement of the Match, should play be postponed due to any reason as outlined in Section 2, Article 15.2, and the Match cannot be completed in full, the following principles will apply:

- a) If eighty percent (80%) or more of normal time of a Match has been played, then the score at the time of postponement may stand;
- b) If the Match is postponed prior to half time and STFA has approved the Match to be rescheduled, then the Match is to be replayed in full;
- c) If the Match is postponed at or after half time and prior to eighty percent (80%) or more of normal time of a Match being played, and STFA has approved the rescheduled Match, the Match will recommence at the minute at which play was interrupted rather than being replayed in full. In this circumstance, the following is to occur:

- i) The Match will recommence with the same Players on the pitch and substitutes available as when the Match was initially postponed unless a Player has received a suspension in Matches conducted between the postponed Match and the rescheduling of that Match.
- ii) Should a Player have received a suspension in a Match conducted between the postponed Match and the rescheduling of that Match that Player:
 - A. Will not be eligible to participate in the rescheduled Match;
 - B. Will not be able to count the Match as a stand down in relation to any Match suspension;
 - C. The Club will not be permitted to replace the Player on the team sheet;
 - D. If the Player was on the field of play at the time of the postponement the Player may be replaced by a substitute listed on the team sheet as long as the team has available substitutions as per the Regulations;
 - E. If the Player was a substitute the number of available Players to substitute will decrease and the Player cannot be replaced.
- iii) No additional substitutes may be added to the list of Players on the team sheet;

- iv) The Teams can make only the number of substitutions to which they were still entitled when the Match was postponed;
- v) Players sent off during the postponed Match cannot be replaced;
- vi) STFA will endeavour to appoint the same Match Officials to the completion of the Match, however may appoint replacements at its discretion;
- vii) The Match Official is the sole arbiter of elapsed time, and no protest may be lodged against the actual elapsed time as recorded by the Match Official.

15.5 - Where a fixture is incorrectly reported as abandoned by the Referee where circumstances show clearly that the Match was actually postponed, STFA will treat the Match as postponed.

16 - ABANDONED MATCHES

16.1 - Matches may only be abandoned by a decision of the Referee. In the absence of a Referee, STFA shall have the designated authority to recommend the abandoning of any Matches as deemed necessary by STFA.

16.2 - A Match may be abandoned if:

- a) It is determined that the conditions for Players, coaches, Match Officials or supporters have become unsafe or untenable for any reason;
- b) Both teams refuse or fail to begin a Match fifteen (15) minutes after the stipulated kick-off time.

16.3 - In cases where a Match has been abandoned by the Referee, the Disciplinary Committee of the STFA may investigate the circumstances of the abandonment and impose such penalties as it deems fit on Clubs, Club Officials, Players and/or spectators adjudged to be associated with the abandonment.

16.4 - When a Match is not played or abandoned for any reason over which neither Club was responsible, the Match will be replayed on a date to be arranged at the earliest reasonable opportunity by STFA, in accordance with these Regulations.

16.5 - Should a Club, Club Official, its Players or spectators be found to have caused the abandonment of the Match, the Match will be forfeited by that Club to the opposition.

16.6 - Should both Clubs be found to have caused the abandonment of the Match, the Match will not be replayed, and the outcome of the Match will be recorded as no result in accordance with Section 2, Article 8.

17 PROTESTS

17.1 - Protests must be lodged and received by STFA no later than two (2) business days after the Match was played.

17.2 - Protests will only be considered by STFA for obvious breaches/errors of the IFAB Laws of the Game. For clarity, the decisions of the Referee regarding facts connected with play, including whether a goal is scored and the result of the Match, are final and cannot be protested.

17.3 - No protests as to the result of a Match will be considered by STFA in relation to disciplinary decisions of the Match Officials.

17.4 - Protests must be accompanied by an administration fee as outlined in Schedule 1, in order to be considered. The administration fee must be lodged together with the written protest. A refund will apply at the discretion of STFA if a protest is upheld.

17.5 - A decision by STFA, in respect of a protest is final and binding on the parties and not subject to challenge or appeal.

18 - EXTREME WEATHER CONDITIONS

18 – If games are to be cancelled due to Extreme Weather Conditions the STFA will post the cancellation on Social Media outlets no later than 8:00am on game day. We will also notify Club officials at this time.

19 - WET WEATHER AFFECTED MATCHES

19.1 - Should wet weather affect the possible match day the following should take place;

- a) Day/s prior to the scheduled Match day:
 - i) The home Club (Cookbundoon, Crookwell, Marulan and Gunning),
 - A. Contact STFA if they believe their ground will not be fit for play on the scheduled Match day, contact the STFA Competition Adim Officer via email or FaceBook.
- b) Day of the scheduled Match/es:
 - i) The home Club (Cookbundoon, Crookwell, Marulan and Gunning) is to:
 - A. Inspect their ground before 8:00am and should they believe the ground is not fit for play, contact the STFA Competition Adim Officer via email or FaceBook.
 - B. STFA will advise the home Club of the appropriate next steps.
 - ii) Should Section 2, Article 19.1 come into affect:
 - A. The STFA or Club Official is to inspect the ground prior to the scheduled kick off and decide whether the Match can take place.
- c) Where venues/grounds are deemed not fit for play by either the Goulburn Mulwaree Council or the home club the venue operator will notification to the STFA and the STFA will update the Social Media page.

20 - HOT WEATHER AFFECTED MATCHES

20.1 - When high temperatures occur on Match day, the Referee and/or STFA may determine:

- a) To play the Match under standard conditions;
- b) To play the Match with provision for 'drinks' breaks; or
- c) To delay or postpone the Match.
 - i) Should a 'drinks' break be implemented, it will be halfway through each half and each for a duration of 1 minute.

20.2 - If the STFA deems that the temperature is too high for the Match to either be played or continue to be played, the Referee and STFA will consult with the clubs prior to Matches being postponed. In accordance with FNSW policy.

21 - RESCHEDULING OF MATCHES DUE TO ADVERSE WEATHER AND GROUND UNAVAILABILITY

21.1 - Rescheduling of Matches affected by adverse weather or ground unavailability will be arranged by the relevant Clubs in the first instance.

- a) Any other reasons for an alteration will be granted on a case by case basis.

21.2 - Matches are to be rescheduled, subject to ground availability and weather conditions, to be played within fourteen (14) days of the original scheduled date.

21.3 - Clubs will be given forty-eight (48) hours after the postponement to determine the new date, time and venue.

21.4- Failure to comply with Section 2, Article 21.2 & 21.3, may result in STFA determining the new date, time and venue to play the Postponed Match. Such decision is not open to appeal or review.

21.5 - A change of grounds is to be permitted for good reason (i.e. venue becomes unavailable or adverse weather) up to the Thursday evening prior to weekend Matches, or at least two (2) days before mid-week Matches. In circumstances where such change is required, the following should occur:

- a) The home Club is to notify the away Club that a change is required;
- b) The home Club is required to submit the Match Alteration Form, outlining the new Match details;
- c) The home Club is to contact STFA to advise of the alteration.

22 - MATCH DEFERMENTS

22.1 - A Club may seek STFA permission to have Matches deferred in the following cases:

- a) When an epidemic affects the availability of Players;
- b) When three (3) or more Players from one (1) Team are involved in STFA approved representative Match/duties (including training camps or official training sessions) or National Team representative Match/duties (including training camps or official training sessions);

c) In circumstances which STFA at its discretion consider of sufficient weight to merit a deferral.
22.2 - Clubs seeking to defer Matches in regards to Section 2, Article 22.1 b) & c), must submit their request in writing to STFA giving a minimum 14 days' notice of the date on which deferment will be sought.

23 - TRIAL MATCHES

23.1 - Clubs will not arrange trial Matches without notifying the STFA at least seven (7) business days prior to the requested trial Match date via email to the Football Manager or Comp Admin Officer.

23.2 - The Match then can only be conducted upon receipt of written approval from STFA.

23.3 - Payment for Referees at trial Matches will be at the normal fee for the highest graded Team participating. And to be paid by the participating teams prior to the match starting.

23.4 - Appearance of suspended Players in trial Matches is in accordance with the DDR.

23.5 - Clubs are required to submit the Trial Match Request Form for any Matches hosted against an international or interstate team or inter-Association team. For any Matches played away against interstate teams, please refer to Section 2, Article 2.

24 – OVERSEAS, INTERSTATE OR INTER-ASSOCIATION TOURS, TRAVEL AND TRIALS

24.1 - Clubs in the surrounds geographical areas play under different associations from the STFA. Where a Club wishes to play from outside our association, a Club must seek approval from STFA.

24.2 - Clubs wishing to arrange international or interstate tours, travel or trials must obtain the written approval of STFA no less than three (3) weeks prior to departure.

a) The international or interstate tours and travel should not interfere with Matches of other Clubs in the STFA competitions.

b) Any competition Matches that conflict with an international or interstate tour or travel, must be played prior to the international or interstate travel and be arranged fourteen (14) days in advance by the departing Team/ Club.

c) Failure to do so may result in the international or interstate tour and travel not being sanctioned by STFA and where the international or interstate tour and travel interferes competition Matches, forfeits will be applied to the affected Matches.

24.3 - Clubs are required to submit an email request for International or Interstate Tours and Travel in order to obtain approval from STFA to the Football Manager.

24.4 - Should a Club submit the form less than three (3) weeks prior to departure, it may incur an administration fee as outlined in Schedule 2.

24.5 - Should a Club fail to submit the form and receive approval, the Club may be fined the prescribed amount as outlined in Schedule 2.

25 - REPRESENTATIVE

25.1- Any Player registered in the STFA will be eligible to represent the STFA in representative Matches, camps or tours, or be eligible to be selected to participate in any STFA development program.

a) Each such Player will make themselves available for training, preparation and participation for representative Matches, camps, tours or development programs, when requested by STFA.

b) All Clubs must release Players for training and preparation for, and participation in, representative Matches, camps, tours or development programs, when requested by STFA.

25.2 – As under current FNSW regulations players registered under different associations but reside within the STFA region may also be eligible to represent the STFA in representative Matches, camps or tours, or be eligible to be selected to participate in any STFA development program.

SECTION 3: ELIGIBILITY & MOVEMENT

1 - AGE ELIGIBILITY

- 1.1 The birth dates applicable to the age the player is turning after the 1st January.
- 1.2 A participant who registers themselves or another person(s) in the incorrect age grade is deemed to have committed Misconduct and may be sanctioned in accordance with the DDR.
- 1.3 A Club may be held vicariously liable for an offence committed under Section 3, Article 1.2 by one of its Officials or Players and may be sanctioned in accordance with the DDR.
- 1.4 The minimum age of AAM players is 18 years, for AAW is 17 years, therefore when applying the two (2) year guideline, anyone male under 16 years old and any female under 15 should be assessed. And then approved by the governing bodies.
- 1.5 Female players are approved to play Boys/Mixed leagues up until the age of 12 as per FNSW guidelines and regulations.

2 - ELIGIBILITY AND INELIGIBILITY OF PARTICIPANTS

- 2.1 Eligible Participants:
 - a) An eligible Participant is one that meets all registration requirements within these Regulations and is not ineligible according to any article of these Regulations.
- 2.2 Ineligible Participants include:
 - a) A Participant not registered in the National Registration System to the Club in which they have participated with;
 - b) Suspended Participants;
 - c) A Player who plays without an ITC (International Transfer Certificate) where one is required, unless communicated otherwise;
 - d) A Participant who is required to stand down for receiving a suspension as a result of caution accumulation;
 - e) A Participant that has been expelled from a Match or suspended as a result of caution accumulation on the day/s prior to a Match but prior to receiving their notice of suspension in accordance with the DDR;
 - f) A Participant that has been expelled from a Match on the same day as the Match that occurred earlier in the day;
 - g) A Player that is deemed ineligible due to any article of these Regulations or pursuant to the DDR.
- 2.3 A Team will automatically lose a Match on forfeit if an ineligible Player participates in the Match.
- 2.4 Additionally, the Club, Team Official/s and / or Player may be further sanctioned in accordance with the DDR.
- 2.5 Any Player who knowingly plays as an ineligible Player may be suspended for up to four (4) matches and further sanctions may be applicable under the DDR.
- 2.6 For clarity, it is the Clubs absolute responsibility to ensure that it fields eligible Players in any Match.
- 2.7 Where a Club plays an ineligible Player:
 - a) Any participating Club can make a claim on Player ineligibility to STFA. Any claims of ineligibility must be received within two (2) business days of the final whistle of the match in question.
 - i) If STFA finds that a Club has played an ineligible Player outside of the timeline in Section 3, Article 2.6 a) then the Club and Player can still be sanctioned in accordance with the DDR and Section 3, Article 2.3, 2.4 and 2.5 of these Regulations.
- 2.8 Where a Club can prove to the satisfaction of STFA that an administrative error resulted in rendering a Player ineligible, STFA may deem the Player eligible.

3 - ELIGIBILITY AND PLAYER MOVEMENT IN PREMIERSHIP MATCHES

- 3.1 Clubs can seek an exemption from STFA for a Player to play one (1) year below their actual age group, by submitting the age exemption form.
 - a) Players are not permitted to play below their actual age group unless STFA approval has been granted.
 - b) Female Players playing in boys Mini-roo's teams are exempt from Section 3, Article 3.1. For clarity, female Players playing in will be permitted to play one (1) year below their age group without seeking an exemption.

c) Each team is permitted up to two (2) overage Players, in accordance with Section 3, Article 3.1. Should exceptional circumstances permit, STFA may provide approval to exceed this number.
3.2 Clubs may seek an exemption from STFA for a Player to play three (3) or more years above their correct age group or for a Player younger than the age of 10 to play up into order to seek this exemption, the Club must submit the age exemption form, attaching the following documentation:

a) A statement by a representative from the Club, assessing whether the Players' skill level and mentality is appropriate for playing in the older age group, indicating that the request is for the development of the Player and advising that the nominated age group is the most appropriate one for this purpose;

b) A statement from the Players parent/s acknowledging that they have been informed by the Club of the physical, skill and emotional demands of playing in the higher age group, and consenting to their child playing in the nominated higher age group; and

c) Upon request by STFA, a medical assessment completed by a qualified medical practitioner or physiotherapist stating that in the assessor's opinion, the Player is physically capable of playing in the higher age group.

3.3 A Player is not allowed to participate in more than two (2) matches in a day.

4 - ELIGIBILITY OF PLAYERS IN CHAMPIONSHIP MATCHES

4.1 For competitions divisions:

a) To be qualified to play for a team in any Championship Match the Player must have played a minimum of five (5) Premiership Matches for that team or 25% of completed matches in an interrupted regular season. STFA will communicate all eligible Players to the respective Clubs.

b) A Player who has qualified for more than one team or division in the Championship Series will be eligible to represent all teams they have qualified for.

c) Should Clubs wish to seek an exemption, they will need to do so via email to the Junior League Coordinator explaining why the Player should be eligible to play. STFA will then make a final determination on eligibility.

SECTION 4: REGISTRATION

1 - PLAYER STATUS

1.1 All Players in STFA competitions must be registered as Amateur Players.

1.2 Clubs are required to ensure each Player has self-registered on the National Registration System as an Amateur.

2 - REGISTRATION PERIODS

2.1 Any Player Registration may only occur within the registration periods. STFA Registration periods for the regular season will be as follows: Clubs can open registration in January of that current season as long as the STFA and FNSW have set the registration package fees.

2.2 Players requiring to be registered after the close date of 30th June of the current season will need to seek STFA approval before doing so.

3 - REGISTRATION PROCESSES

3.1 Players:

- a) A Player may only be registered with one (1) Club in each form of the game (i.e. Outdoor Football, FUTSAL) at any one time, in accordance with the FNSW
- b) A Player registered with STFA can play only for the Club nominated by that Player unless the Player is playing:
 - i) for a Representative team;
 - ii) for a Futsal Club for which the Player is also registered;
 - iii) for a school team that is not a Club;
 - iv) in a benefit, testimonial or charity Match if that Player has written permissions from their Club, STFA, FNSW or FA, as required;
 - v) in a trial Match, provided the Player has their current Clubs written permission and plays no more than two (2) trial Matches or such other number of Matches specified in these Regulations; or
 - vi) any other exceptional circumstances approved by STFA, FNSW or FA in its absolute discretion.
- c) A Player can register for no more than three (3) Clubs in Australia and may only play Matches for two (2) of those Clubs during that season, in each form of the game.

3.2 Amateur Players:

- a) All Amateur Players must be registered via the National Registration System.
- b) The Player must self-register via the National Registration System and the Club then approve that Player's registration.
- c) The registration of an Amateur Player with a Club is effective from the date the individual is made active by the Club.

4 - SUBMISSION OF REGISTRATIONS

- 4.1 All registrations must be submitted via the National Registration System within the communicated registration periods.
- 4.2 All Clubs must submit registrations for all Player's, Club Official's or Team Official's as listed in these Regulations.
- 4.3 All registrations during advertised registration dates must be submitted to STFA no later than 11:59pm on Wednesday prior to the weekends Matches, in order to be eligible for that weekend.
- 4.4 On the Closing Date of the registration period; registrations must be lodged by no later than 11.59pm of the specified date.

5 - PRIORITY OF REGISTRATION

- 5.1 In the event of a Player signing registration for more than one (1) Club, priority of registration will be accorded to the Club who earliest in time, all things being equal, obtained the Player's signature to a valid registration form.
- 5.2 If a Player has self-registered through the National Registration System, the first registration recorded in that system will be granted priority.
- 5.3 Any Player found to have wilfully registered or signed registration forms for more than one (1) Club, or a Club found to have knowingly induced a Player to register or sign a registration form with that Club, in the knowledge that the Player has previously registered or signed a registration form with another Club, will be deemed to have committed Misconduct and will be liable to sanction by STFA.

6 - PLAYER REGISTRATION IN THE CASE OF AMALGAMATION OF CLUBS

- 6.1 Where an amalgamation or merger takes place between two Clubs, the following will apply to registered Players of such Clubs:
 - a) Amateur Player registrations will automatically cease, and the Club will be required to reregister Amateur Players within the applicable squad maximums;
 - b) Should an amalgamation occur post the registration period, STFA will decide on a solution,

in its absolute discretion, to be in the best interests of the competition;

c) All disciplinary cautions incurred by Players will be carried forward if Players move to another Club;

d) All suspensions incurred by Players will be carried forward if Players move to another Club.

7 - PLAYER DEREGISTRATION

7.1 Unless otherwise stated in these Regulations, an Amateur Player is free to move to another Club during the Registration Period, in accordance with Section 4, Article 2.

7.2 An Amateur Player may be deregistered by applying to deregister via the National Registration System, which will notify the Club of the Player's intention to deregister.

7.3 If a Club no longer wants an Amateur Player to play for their Club, that Club must apply to deregister that Player via the National Registration System, which will notify the Player of the Club's intention to deregister the Player.

7.4 The deregistration is effective:

a) When the other party (i.e. Club or Player as the case may be) has confirmed the cancellation via the National Registration System, and STFA & FNSW has processed the cancellation via the National Registration System; or

b) After seven (7) days from the date the Player or Club requested the deregistration via the National Registration System, STFA & FNSW can process the cancellation via the National Registration System, unless a grievance has been initiated with STFA in accordance with DDR and the Amateur Player will not be deregistered until the processes promulgated by the DDR have been exhausted or terminated.

8 - TEAM LISTS

8.1 For the 2021 season, the following are the recommended maximum number of squad Players for each Competition and age division (this is a guideline only):

Age Division	Players on the Field	Team Player Numbers
U6, U7 (Girls & Boys)	4	6
U8, U9 (Girls & Boys)	7	9
U10, U11, U12 (Girls & Boys)	9	12
U13, U14, U15 (Girls & Boys)	11	16 (only 16 on the team sheet)
Youth/YRC (U18 +3 Over 30 players)	11	18 (only 16 on the team sheet)
AAW (Open women 15+)	11	18 (only 16 on the team sheet)
AAM (Open Men 16+)	11	18 (only 16 on the team sheet)

8.2 The team list must list all currently registered Players, and it must be updated and sent to STFA any time changes occur.

8.3 Initial Team Lists are required to be supplied when team nominations are submitted.

8.4 Players can only be assigned to one team at any one time.

SECTION 5: MATCH DAY

1 - MATCH BALLS

- 1.1 Each team (both home and away) will supply one (1) football for all Premiership Matches. At the conclusion of the game, the Match balls will be returned to the relevant Team.
- 1.2 Clubs are to ensure that Match balls provided are of a suitable quality and any Match balls damaged during a Match are to be immediately replaced by the Club who provided the damaged Match ball.
- 1.3 Match balls are to be provided to the Match Officials no later than ten (10) minutes before kickoff.
- 1.4 Failure to supply Match balls may result in a fine in accordance with Schedule 2.
- 1.5 STFA will supply footballs for all Championship Matches.
- 1.6 STFA may from time to time stipulate a particular make of football to be used in a particular League or age grade.
- 1.7 The following sizes of footballs are applicable to the different age grades:

Age Division	Ball Size
U6, U7, U8, U9	3
U10, U11, U12, U13	4
U14, U15, U16, Colts, AAW, AAM	5

2 - TECHNICAL AREA

- 2.1 For Matches, in all competitions, the home Club must clearly mark out the technical area as stipulated in the IFAB Laws of the Game.
- 2.2 Only currently registered and eligible Players, Coaches and Team Officials are allowed in the technical area during Matches. For clarity, a Player or Team Official who is under suspension must not occupy a seat in the technical area.
- 2.3 All Players in the technical area must wear a bib that contrasts with the colours worn by Players of both Teams, Match Officials and the bibs of the opposing Team.
- 2.4 All Team Officials in the technical area must wear clothing that contrasts with the kit of the Players and Match Officials on the pitch. Should their clothing clash they are required to wear a bib that does not clash with the colours of the Players and Match Officials.
- 2.5 Registered Team Officials must be listed on the Team Sheet specific to the Match they are in the Technical Area for.
- 2.6 For the Technical Area:
- a) A maximum of five (5) substitutes who are listed as substitutes on the team sheet for that Match are permitted;
 - b) A maximum of four (4) Team Officials (such as the coach, assistant coach, team manager, physiotherapist), who are listed on the Team Sheet for that Match are permitted.
- 2.7 As per Section 5, Article 2.2, substitutes are permitted to leave the Technical Area for the purposes of warming up;
- 2.8 Occupants of the technical area are subject to the authority of the Referee at all times.

3 - INTERCHANGE

- 3.1 For all STFA competitions unlimited interchange applies.
- 3.2 Following is the procedure and rules for the unlimited interchange of Players:
- a) The “interchange zone” will be an area one (1) metre either side of the half-way line.
 - b) An interchange is one which is made when the ball is out of play, and for which the following conditions will be observed:
 - i) The Referee gives permission;
 - ii) The Player leaving the field will do so from the touch line, crossing over at the sector

called the interchange zone;

- iii) The Referee may request that the Player leaving the field do so by the nearest boundary line rather than the interchange zone. If the Player leaving the field does not comply the Referee will then caution the Player;
- iv) The Player entering the field will also do so from the interchange zone, but not until the Player leaving the field has passed completely over the touch line;
- v) A Player named substitute will be subject to the authority and jurisdiction of the Match Official whether called upon to play or not;
- vi) The interchange is completed when the Player who was off the field, enters the field.
- c) The number of interchanges made during a Match is unlimited. A Player who has been replaced may return to the field for another Player.
- d) If during an interchange, an interchange Player enters the field before the replaced Player has completely left it, the Match Official will ensure the replaced Player leaves the field, then caution the interchange Player and then restart the Match.
- e) If during an interchange, an interchange Player enters the field from a place other than the interchange zone, the referee will caution the offending Player.
- f) The interchanging of Players will cease at the completion of normal and extra time.
- g) With the exception of an interchange for a goalkeeper who is unable to continue, only Players who are on the field of play or are temporarily off the field of play (e.g. injury or adjusting equipment) at the end of the Match are eligible to take penalty kicks.
- h) A goalkeeper who is unable to continue during the penalty kicks is able to be replaced.
- i) Interchange Players cannot be used to replace any Player who has been dismissed from the Match by the Referee.
- j) A Referee may decline the interchange of Players in the last five (5) minutes of the Match, if they deem that a Club is contravening the spirit of the game by deliberately delaying play.

4 - PLAYING STRIPS / CLASH OF COLOURS

4.1 Playing strips:

- a) The playing strips of a Club in STFA competitions shall be as nominated by the Club prior to the commencement of the competition and endorsed by STFA.
- b) All teams are to nominate two (2) entirely different main and alternate playing strips to avoid any potential colour clashes. Clubs may only play in their nominated Club strips, unless otherwise approved by STFA.

4.2 Clash of colours:

- a) In the event that the Referee deems there to be a clash of colours with the pre-determined strip, the home Team is required to change into an alternate strip. Home Teams may be required to wear a combination of their main and alternate strips to ensure the clash is resolved.
- b) In the case of goalkeeper's colours clashing with either the opponent's field Players, goalkeeper or the Match Official's kit, the referee will determine which keeper will change, always keeping in mind the principle that the home Team should change.
- c) In the case of a combination of main and alternate strip colours of both teams clashing with the Match Officials, the Referee will determine the final colours to be worn by all Players and Match Officials.

5 - CLUB VESTED OFFICIALS (CVO)

- 5.1 Clubs must provide the following minimum number of one (1) Club Vested Officials (CVO) for each team Per Premiership and Championship Match.

a) Should a Club be found not to provide the specified number of CVO for a Match, they will/may incur a fine in accordance with Schedule 2.

5.2 The CVO must:

- a) Wear the identifiable vests supplied by STFA and be visible at all times (supplied by their club);
- b) Work together with the CVO from the opposing Club to deal with any disturbances that may arise, assist with the welfare of the Match Officials and escort dismissed Players from the pitch exclusion zone;
- c) Ensure that the FA Spectator Code of Behaviour is being adhered to by their own Club Associates. If a Club Associate is not behaving in accordance with this code, the CVO may approach the person/s and remind them of their obligations:
 - i) If the matter is unable to be addressed, or the CVO is concerned for their own safety and wellbeing, contact needs to be made with the Match Officials who may take the appropriate action, including stopping the Match until the incident has been dealt with satisfactorily.
 - ii) Where intervention from the CVO or Match Officials may escalate a situation, the CVO should contact the Police.
- d) Take responsibility for the Match Officials, from the time the Match Officials arrive at the venue until the time the Match Officials depart the venue.
 - i) The CVO must escort the Match Officials to and from the field of play prior to the game, and at both half and full time, unless a Match commissioner or security are appointed to the Match.
 - ii) Make sure unauthorised personnel are kept out of the Match Officials change room.
- e) Must have their name correctly and clearly printed on the team sheet.
- f) Must not remain in or around the technical area/s, or inside the pitch perimeter fence, unless directed by the Match Officials.

5.3 CVO may report incidents to STFA as necessary.

6 - IDENTIFICATION

6.1 Where a Club suspects an abnormality that involves the identity of a Player participating in a match, prior to the commencement of the Match the Club shall:

- a) Bring the matter to the attention of the Match Official or STFA representative. The Match Official or STFA Representative may also confirm that suitable identification was produced and recorded on a report to STFA.
 - i) Any Club that fails to produce Player proof of identification upon request from the STFA representative or Match Official shall be liable to a penalty as determined by STFA.

6.2 Where a Club suspects any abnormality that involves the identity of a Player participating in a match after a match has been completed, the Club shall:

- a) Make notification on the bottom of the team sheet of their intention to report the matter;
- b) Submit a written report to STFA within twenty-four (24) hours of the conclusion of the match for STFA to investigate.

7 - TEAM SHEETS

7.1 All team sheets for all STFA Matches are to be completed online via SportsTG.

7.2 When making their Player selection, Clubs are required to note the shirt number of each Player in SportsTG or the team sheet. This information will then appear automatically on the team sheet next to the Players name.

- a) No Players from the same Team will be permitted to wear the same number on their playing strip.
- b) All Players must have a shirt number listed on the team sheet that corresponds with the number on their shirt.

7.3 The home, or first listed Team will be responsible for printing and providing team sheets from SportsTG or a manual copy on Match Day. A failure to comply with this rule will result in a fine as outlined in Schedule 2.

7.4 Both Teams (coach or manager) are required to double check that the information on the team sheet is correct and if required make manual amendments to the information. Once both Teams have confirmed the information is correct, they are required to hand the team sheet to the Referee at least ten (10) minutes before kick-off time.

7.5 Both teams are required to complete a Team Official List (ensuring any person/s who are in the technical area are listed) and provide this to the Referee at least ten (10) minutes before the scheduled kick off time.

7.6 A maximum of sixteen (16) Players per Team are permitted to be listed on the team sheet.

7.7 All age grades team sheets, signed by the respective Team Officials, must be returned to the STFA by Monday 5:00pm following the round. If the STFA does not receive the team sheets as specified above, the home Team will be fined as outlined in Schedule 1.

a) If the STFA does not receive the team sheets within seven (7) days of the Match, or if they have been lost, the home Team will be fined as outlined in Schedule 1.

7.8 Each Team is required to list their relevant team officials' names and positions at the bottom of the Team Sheet as per example communicated. If the STFA does not receive the team official information as specified above, the Team may be fined as outlined in Schedule 1.

7.9 A Team Official from each Team is to sign the team sheet at the completion of the Match to confirm the information listed is correct, including:

a) Half time and full time scores;

b) Disciplinary sanctions listed are marked against the correct Player.

7.10 Clubs must indicate all age dispensation Players on the team sheet by marking an asterisk next to the Player's name and fill in the correct space on the team sheet.

7.11 Regardless of the competitions, no Player is permitted to be listed on more than two (2) team sheets on any Match Day, however goalkeepers are exempt from this rule.

7.12 A Club who fails to list a Player as stood down on the team sheet may be fined as outlined in Schedule 2, if that Player does not appear on the team sheet that Player will be deemed as stood down providing the Player meets the registration requirements.

7.13 If a Player who is registered in accordance with these Regulations is not listed on the team sheet prior to the Match and then participates in the Match, the following shall apply:

a) The Club may be fined as outlined in Schedule 2;

b) For persistent and repeated offences CSTFA may take any further action that it deems necessary.

8 - RESULT OF THE MATCH – Competition Grades ONLY

8.1 The Referee will complete the team sheet at the conclusion of the Match. A Team Official from each Team is then required to check the information listed and sign the team sheet signifying that all details are correct. By signing the team sheet, the Team Official is acknowledging that the data recorded, including but not limited to; Players and Match Officials listed, Players cautioned or expelled and half time and full time scores are all correct.

8.2 There will be no appeal against the score line shown, or the recipients of yellow and red cards issued on a team sheet once it has been signed post match.

8.3 If the Team disagrees with any details on the team sheet (either their own or their opposition's), they must:

a) Check with the Referee to confirm if an error was made in inputting the information onto the team sheet.

b) If unable to be resolved with the Match Officials, the Team Official is to refrain from signing the team sheet and instead write the word 'dispute' in this section of the team sheet.

c) The Club must then lodge a Club Incident Report within twenty-four (24) hours of the conclusion of the Match, explaining specifically what they are disputing on the team sheet.

8.4 Only the following information on a team sheet can be disputed in accordance with Section 5, Article 9.3:

a) Yellow cards (only in reference to who the yellow card was issued to);

b) Red card (only in reference to who the red card was issued to);

c) Half time/full time score;

d) Player eligibility.

8.5 Team sheet disputes will only be investigated by the STFA in the following circumstances:

a) The team sheet and the Club Incident Report are submitted within 72 hours after the completion of the game

b) The following evidence is submitted by the Club in support of its request for an investigation:

i) Team sheet;

ii) Statutory declaration; and

iii) Any other information accepted from the Club at the discretion of the STFA.

8.6 STFA reserves the right to amend the team sheet and it will only be amended if the STFA is satisfied that there was no malice or intent to gain an advantage.

8.7 STFA's decision on a team sheet dispute is final.

9 - CAUTIONS AND EXPULSIONS

9.1 Clubs may receive the following automatic fines (as outlined in Schedule 1):

a) When five (5) or more Player's/Team Official's from the same Team receive a caution in the same Match.

b) When three (3) or more Player's/Team Official's from the same Team are sent off in the same Match.

9.2 For the avoidance of doubt, these fines are payable in addition to any sanctions imposed against Clubs or their Players Team Official or Spectator.

10 - GROUND, FACILITIES AND PITCH REQUIREMENTS

10.1 It is the responsibility of all Clubs to:

a) Provide a venue that complies with the minimum requirements for STFA competitions

b) Provide a safe environment for Players, Match Officials, Club Officials and spectators;

c) Ensure that the facilities and equipment are clean and fit for purpose;

10.2 All Clubs will be required to nominate to the STFA a suitable ground/s to be used by their teams for the season. All grounds are subject to approval by the STFA.

a) Should any ground be deemed unacceptable for use for any reason during a season, the STFA reserves the right to set the most appropriate course of action to conclude the season, including but not limited to rescheduling Matches to the "away Club" venue, setting Matches to a neutral venue, or forfeiting the Matches against the home Club.

b) In all instances of Section 5, Article 14.2, any costs incurred in the rescheduling of Matches will be the responsibility of the original home Club.

c) Unavailability of any ground due to neglect, non-payment of accounts or any other reason for which the home Club is responsible will result in a forfeit against the home Club.

10.3 Ground Set Up:

a) Line markings must be clear, accurate and within the dimensions in accordance with FA, NSWFA and the STFA.

b) In all Matches sanctioned by the STFA the home Club shall dress/undress the ground and ensure adequate line-marking, nets are attached to the goals and the ground behind the goal and that corner flags are in place. All equipment needs to remain in place for the day.

c) A home Club whose Match is postponed/abandoned due to failing to have the ground line marked or dressed appropriately, will forfeit the Match.

10.4 Goals:

a) All football goals that are installed as a permanent structure on a football pitch must be properly secured, installed at the regulation width and height, as per the IFAB Laws of the Game, and should have no sharp edges protruding that may cause injury.

b) If a Club uses portable goals for competition, it must ensure that the goals conform to the current Standards Australia Handbook "Portable Football Goalposts – Manufacture, use and storage". The manufacturer of portable goals should provide the Club with a certificate of conformity.

10.5 Property damage and ground cleanliness:

a) Any Club found guilty of causing damage to property at any ground shall be required to pay the total cost of repairing such damage or the total cost of replacement of such property and shall be subject to other such penalties and/or sanctions as the STFA sees fit;

b) Home Clubs or other such Clubs designated by the STFA must collect litter and leave grounds, spectator areas, dressing rooms, toilets and pavilions in a satisfactory condition, empty all bins into the supplied hopper or they shall pay cleaning costs and any further applicable sanction.

SECTION 6: MATCH OFFICIALS

1 - MATCH OFFICIAL APPOINTMENTS

1.1 The appointment of all Match Officials officiating in all fixtures are appointed by the STFA chosen affiliated Referee Governing body or Game Leader Co-ordinator.

2 - MATCH OFFICIAL POWERS, DUTIES AND OBLIGATIONS

2.1 The Match Officials are required to carry out all duties, responsibilities and obligations as contained within the IFAB Laws of the Game.

2.2 Unless otherwise stated, the Referee shall be the sole arbiter as to whether a game will proceed, having regard to the condition of the ground, the weather at the time of inspection and the projected weather forecast.

2.3 The Referee may postpone or abandon a Match in accordance with the relevant articles of these Regulations.

2.4 At the conclusion of each Match, the Referee shall consult with their other Match Officials, where appointed, and confirm the accuracy of all Match information before completing and signing the team sheet.

2.5 Match Officials are required to submit the necessary send-off reports and incident reports as per the DDR.

3 - MATCH OFFICIAL FEES

3.1 Prior to the commencement of a competition, STFA will communicate to all Clubs and Referees the approved Match Officials fees for that particular season. These fees will come into effect immediately and are subject to change at any time.

3.2 Unless otherwise stated, for Competition Matches, Referee payments will be split evenly between both clubs.

3.3 Match Officials fees for all Final Series matches will be paid directly by the STFA to the Referees.

3.4 In the case of abandonments, where a Team is deemed to be at fault that team will pay 100% match fee.

3.5 Match Officials are entitled to receive one hundred percent (100%) of their Match fee if they submit a Match Official claim form in the event that:

- a) Match Officials attend the ground to find the Match postponed prior without being notified by STFA;
- b) Match Officials attend the ground and prior to the commencement of the Match, the Match is forfeited, postponed or abandoned;
- c) After the commencement of the Match, the Match is abandoned.

4 - ATTENDANCE OF MATCH OFFICIALS

5.1 Match Officials must arrive at the ground no later than ten (10) minutes prior to the scheduled kick-off of their first appointment.

5 - NON-ATTENDANCE OF MATCH OFFICIALS

5.1 If the Referee fails to honour their appointment, the next most senior Match Official (Replacement) will take charge of the Match.

5.2 If the Referee is late arriving at a Match, the replacement will take charge until the Referee is ready to take over.

5.3 If neither Club can provide a registered Match Official the home Club must arrange for a person to act as a Match Official for the fixture.

5.4 A Club appointed Match Official will have the power to sanction Players in accordance with the IFAB Laws of the Game. They will need to submit any relevant send off and incident reports if required.

a) If the fixture has a club person as an Assistant Match Official, it is recommended that they do not call offside, but assist with all other aspects of an Assistant Match Official.

5.5 If Assistant Match Officials have not been appointed, each team must provide an Assistant Match Official.

5.6 All Clubs must fulfill all Matches, regardless of whether or not the CF appointed Referee is present to take charge.

6 – CAUTIONS AND EXPULSIONS FOR TEAM OFFICIALS

6.1 The Referee may take action against Team Officials who fail to act in a responsible manner and can issue a warning or a yellow card for a caution or a red card for a sending-off from the field of play and its immediate surrounds (including the technical area).

6.2 If the offender cannot be identified, the senior Coach present in the technical area will receive the sanction.

6.3 If a medical Team Official commits a sending-off offence, they may remain in the technical area if the Team has no other medical person available, and act if a Player needs medical attention.

SCHEDULE 1: PENALTIES AND FEES

1 - OFFENCES AND PENALTIES

1.1 Set out below are the range of penalties which may be imposed by CF in relation to breaches of these Regulations.

1.2 The decision of Capital Football in relation to fines will be final and there is no right of appeal

SECTION	ARTICLE	OFFENCE	SANCTION
2	3.8	Failure to comply with scheduled match start times	\$50 per offence
2	13.1 a)	Team being removed/withdrawing or being added to a competition once the season has commenced	\$150 per offence
2	13.1 b)	Team being removed/withdrawing or being added to a competition once the season has commenced	\$150 per offence
2	13.1 c)	Team being removed/withdrawing or being added to a competition once the season has commenced	\$150 per offence
2	14.2 d)	A team Forfeiting a match outside of approved time periods	\$150 per offence
2	24.4	Failure to submit approval for overseas Tours or Trial Matches	\$150 per offence
5	1.4	Failure to supply match ball	\$50 per offence
5	5.1	Failure to supply CVO and record on team sheet	\$50 per offence
5	7.2	Failure to enter team into GameDay by specified deadline via Gameday (SportsTG)	\$25 per offence
5	7.7	Failure to submit team sheet to STFA by specified deadline via Gameday (SportsTG)	\$50 per offence
5	7.7 a)	Failure to submit team sheet to STFA by specified deadline via Gameday (SportsTG)	\$50 per offence
5	7.12	Failure to list a suspended player or club official	\$50 per offence
5	7.13	Failure to list a player who played that game	\$50 per offence
5	9.1 a)	When five (5) or more Players/team Officials from the same team receive a caution/temporary dismissal in the same match	\$200 per offence
5	9.2 b)	When three (3) or more Players/team Officials from the same team are sent off in the same match	\$200 per offence

2 - ADMINISTRATION FEES

SECTION	ARTICLE	ADMINISTRATION REQUIREMENT	SANCTION
2	17.4	Administration fee per protest	\$100 per protest
2	24.4	Administration fee to lodge overseas Tour and Travel Forms with less than 8 weeks notice	\$150 per lodgement
2	24.5	Administration fee to lodge interstate Tour and Travel Forms with less than 6 weeks notice	\$150 per lodgement