

# SYDNEY AMATEUR FOOTBALL LEAGUE COMPETITION RULES

as amended 19/2/15



The Premiership and Knock-out Competitions shall be conducted with the following Rules:-

## **RULE 1.**

- (a) There shall be no grading of players in the Premiership except that the Registrar shall prepare a panel of eleven players for each Club to comprise those players who have played sufficient games in first grade (before commencement of the last five rounds) to warrant being graded as first grade players for the remainder of the season.
- (b) From the panel thus named NOT MORE THAN THREE can be played in RESERVE GRADE in any one match for the last five premierships rounds (excluding byes).
- (c) The Panel of Players will be notified to all Clubs and time set aside at a meeting of the Management Committee prior to the commencement of the last five rounds of the competition at which individual Clubs may raise objection with the Registrar to any name listed and the objection resolved.

## **RULE 2.**

In the case of Semi-finals being held in the Premiership only players having played more than fifty per cent of their total games throughout the Premiership in RESERVE GRADE are eligible to play in the semi-final and final series.

## **RULE 3.**

Players eligible to play in the semi-finals or finals of any competition must have been registered in time to have played in the last 5 competition rounds for their Club (excluding catch up games).

## **RULE 4.**

A player appearing on the match card as a substitute in first grade shall be considered to have played First grade for the purpose of Rules 1 & 2 above.

## **RULE 5.**

The Premiership shall be played on a home and away principle wherever possible.

## **RULE 6.**

- (a) Unless otherwise stated in this Constitution, the relevant Laws of the Game and International F.I.F.A. Board Decisions are applied.
- (b) The games shall be of 90 minutes duration with the proviso that all games played as the early fixture shall terminate ten minutes before the late game is scheduled to commence.
- (c) The early fixture may be of shorter duration than the 90 minutes duration if the fixture is more than ten minutes late in starting and cannot be concluded within the concluding period stated in clause 6.(a) above.
- (d) The only exception to this Rule is for the playing of extra time if the Competition Rules demand it.

## **RULE 7.**

All games shall start at the scheduled starting time provided both Clubs have a team present.

## **RULE 8.**

- (a) A team must comprise NOT LESS THAN seven players.
- (b) Should a Club not have a full team present at the scheduled starting time or for any other adequate reason it may claim ten minutes grace.
- (c) On the expiration of the ten minutes grace the team requiring such period MUST BE ON THE FIELD ready to start the game with not less than seven players.
- (d) If the team claiming the ten minutes grace is not on the field READY TO KICK OFF on the expiration of the ten minutes then the opposition may claim a FORFEIT.
- (e) If a forfeit is claimed then the Club claiming the forfeit must complete a team sheet and be on the field of play with a minimum of seven players.

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(f) If due to extenuating circumstances up to 20 minutes ADDITIONAL LATE STARTING TIME is claimed it must be with the consent of the opposition which by doing so forfeits its right to claim a forfeit until the expiration of such additional late starting time

(g) No more than 30 minutes late starting time can be claimed before a forfeit is officially recorded as the outcome for the game.

(h) The REFEREE must be notified of any arrangement made between the Clubs for adjusted accordingly with the time lost.

### **RULE 9**

(a) Three points will be awarded to the winner of each game and one point to each team in case of a draw. No points will be awarded to the losing team.

(b) In the event of teams being equal on points at the close of the Premiership competition then GOAL DIFFERENCE shall determinate precedence on the points table.

(c) Goal difference shall be determined by subtracting the "goal against" from the "goal for" and the greater the result the superior the goal difference.

(d) Goal difference SHALL NOT APPLY if either team, being equal on points, gained an advantage from a forfeit. If such is the case then a play off shall take place.

### **RULE 10.**

(a) In determining the Premiership winners the leading team on the points table after playing of the last round of the Premiership shall be declared the premiers of their respective division and grade.

(b) Should through any cause it be impossible to complete all scheduled games within the time frame available then an average shall be determined by dividing points gained by the Clubs concerned by the number of games played with the higher result taking precedence on the points table.

(c) Should circumstances allow and at the discretion of the Management Committee a semi final and final series in each grade shall be conducted at the completion of the Premiership rounds. This will be deemed a separate series and will not determine the premiers of the competition except in exceptional circumstances as set out in clause 10.(d) below.

(d) If the competition format does not comprise of separate divisions then the winner of the Premiership finals of their respective grade shall be declared the premiers.

### **RULE 11.**

NO PLAYER WILL BE ALLOWED TO PARTICIPATE IN ANY COMPETITION GAME WITHOUT THEIR I.D. CARD BEING SHOWN AND THEIR I.D. NUMBER BEING PLACED ON THE MATCH CARD. (Except in exceptional circumstances predetermined by the Management Committee).

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FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH RULE 11 WILL MEAN LOSS OF POINTS GAINED FOR THE GAME OR A FINE APPLIED (as determined by the Management Committee) IF THE OFFENDING TEAM LOSES THE GAME.

### **RULE 13.**

(a) Each team shall be permitted to substitute a total of four (4) players (including the goalkeeper) during the match which includes the playing of extra time.

(b) When a player is being substitute the referee MUST be notified.

(c) The substitute will report with his I.D. card to the Referee's Assistant (if not present then the Referee) after printing their shirt number, on the match card. Then at the appropriate break in play and with the approval of the Referee the player will be allowed to enter the field of play after the player they have replaced has left the field.

FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH THIS RULE WILL MEAN LOSS OF ANY POINTS GAINED AND A FINE (determined by the Management Committee) APPLIED IF THE OFFENDING TEAM LOST THE MATCH.

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### **3RULE 14.**

- (a) Extra time will be of TEN MINUTES EACH WAY.
- (b) Should the playing of extra time not produce a winning result then a penalty kick shoot out will be taken.
- (c) The rules in brief governing a penalty kick shoot out are as follows:
  - (i) The Referee chooses the goal at which the kicks will be taken
  - (ii) Teams toss and the winner takes the first kick
  - (iii) Each teams has five kicks. To be taken alternately
  - (iv) If, before taking five kicks each, one team has scored more than the other team could even if it completed its five kicks then the taking of kicks will cease and a winner declared
  - (v) If it be a drawn result after five kicks, the taking of the kicks will continue until both teams have taken an equal number of kicks and one team has scored more then the other
  - (vi) Only players of the team at the end of the match can take part in the penalty shoot out except that the goalkeeper if injured during the taking of the kicks and unable to continue he may be replaced by a substitute
  - (vii) Any player who is eligible to take part may change with the goalkeeper during the taking of the kicks
  - (viii) Each kick will be taken by a different player until each member of the team, including the goalkeeper had had a turn.
  - (ix) Other then the kicker and the two goalkeepers all players remain within the center circle
  - (x) The goalkeeper from the side taking the kick must remain on the field of play, outside the penalty area in which the kicks are being taken, on the goal line where it meets the penalty area boundary line.

### **RULE 15.**

Where quarter-finals, semi-finals, finals or grand finals are played these will be played on neutral grounds where possible.

### **RULE 16.**

- (a) Whenever possible Knock-out draws shall be made at Council meetings and the principle of the first drawn to be the home team will be adopted.
- (b) Where the home ground of the team drawn first is not available the match will set down on a ground at the discretion of the Management Committee.
- (c) When the first round of Knock-out is drawn it will apply to both first and reserve grade teams.

### **RULE 17.**

In knock-out matches:

- (a) If defeated in first grade the player cannot take part in further Knock-out games. This applies if the player(s) transfer to another club still competing in the Knock-out competition
- (b) If defeated in reserve grade the player(s) are eligible to play first grade if required.

### **RULE 18.**

The best and fairest player shall be judged on Premiership matches only.

- (a) To be eligible for the Best & Fairest Trophy a player must not have been sent off during the season and they must have played ten or more games in that grade during the season
- (b) Points shall be awarded by the Referee who shall record the two best and fairest players between each team by awarding two and one point respectively and indicating same on the match card. A player who received a red o yellow card during the match can not be eligible for best and fairest points.

### **RULE 19.**

The results of each match shall be recorded on the team sheet (match card) by the Referee and forwarded by him to the Association Secretary within twenty four hours of the match being played.

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### **RULE 20.**

Each Club Secretary or person appointed to act, will phone or sms the results of their Club's matches each weekend to the Association Secretary not later than 6:30pm on the Sunday or any other day the matches have taken place. Also The Club Secretary will notify the Association Secretary of any send offs that have occurred in the match. Failure to comply with this rule will result in the Club being fined an amount determined by the Management Committee.

### **RULE 21.**

Each Club Manager or person appointed, will complete the team sheet prior to the scheduled starting time. The team sheet will identify the starting 11 players by including a shirt number against only those names.

Failure to COMPLY WITH THIS RULE WILL RESULT IN THE LOSS OF ANY POINTS GAINED FOR THE MATCH OR A FINED IMPOSED (as determined by the Management Committee) IF THE OFFENDING TEAM LOST THE MATCH, WITH THE POINTS BEING AWARDED TO THE OTHER TEAM.

### **RULE 22.**

The team sheet/match card will be handed to the Referee 10 minutes prior to the commencement of the game.

### **RULE 23.**

(a) Five minutes prior to the scheduled kick-off time, the Referee will call both teams together on the half way line and I.D. CARDS WILL BE CHECKED. FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH THIS RULE WILL RESULT IN THE CLUB BEING FINED AN AMOUNT DETERMINED BY THE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE.

(b) The teams will line up and each player will have his I.D. card which will be shown to the opposition's team Manager.

(c) Should any query arise as to the identification of a player or their eligibility to play in the game the matter will be raised with the Referee who will RETAIN THE I.D. CARD and have the player in question SIGN THE TEAM SHEET.

The matter will then be investigated and resolved by the Management Committee.

### **RULE 24.**

(a) Should a player be sent off by the Referee from the field of play, then at the conclusion of the game the team Manager will approach the Referee and ask politely the offence for which his player was sent off the field. If the offence carries an automatic suspension of greater than a week then the Manager must hand the player's I.D. card to the Referee.

(b) A Club failing to give the I.D. card to the Referee when required will be fined an amount determined by the Management committee and may be cited to appear by the P & D Committee.

(c) A player sent from the field of play is not eligible to play for his Club or any other Club until his case has been resolved by the P & D Committee or his suspension is served.

(d) Automatic suspensions shall apply to players sent off and it is the responsibility of the Club Manager to ascertain the correct suspension.

(e) A list of the automatic suspensions will be provided by the Association at the beginning of the season.

(f) The Association Secretary will advise the relative Club if a dismissed player has been cited before the P & D Committee to further investigate any matter pertaining to the conduct of that player.

### **RULE 25.**

(a) In the event of an officially appointed Referee not attending on time, it is the HOME CLUB's responsibility to appoint officials who shall control the game until the appointed official attend. If the Home Club cannot fulfil this requirement then the away club may

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supply the official/s and they will be paid the usual Referee's payment for this game. A Club appointed official shall have the status of an official of the League until he has left the location of the match. The Home Club is responsible for the welfare of the Referee and his Assistants, be they officially appointed or appointed by Clubs, before, during and after the game and any misconduct towards these officials will be dealt seriously by the League.

(b) If there is no agreement reached then the Committee may determine whether:

- (i) the match be played on a specific date, time and ground; or
- (ii) the match be recorded as a draw and no goals recorded; and/or
- (iii) any further disciplinary action, by way of fine or otherwise, be taken against either or both Clubs concerned.

(c) Compulsory payment of fees for a Referee appointed by the away Club applies.

### **RULE 26.**

(a) Clubs will supply competent linesman if required and their authority shall be that which is given by the Referee at the time of the appointment.

(b) Club linesman will be afforded the same protection and respect expected towards Official Linesmen.

(c) The home Club is responsible for the welfare of the Referee and Linesmen be they officially appointed or appointed by the Clubs, before, during and after the game and any misconduct towards these Officials away from the field of play will be dealt as if the offence was committed on the field of play.

(d) Compulsory payment of fees shall not apply to Club linesmen unless the Club responsible for providing a Club linesman fails to do so and the opposition Club then supplies their Club linesman.

(e) A Club coach will not be used as a Referee or Linesman unless approved by the opposition on the day.

(f) Both Clubs must pay the Referee's and Linesmen fees before the commencement of the late game

### **FORFEITS & DEFERMENT OF MATCHES.**

#### **RULE 27.**

(a) The Official fixture list as presented shall stand and no Club will be granted a deferred match unless there are exceptional circumstances.

(b) Any Club requesting a deferred match shall do so in writing and at the time of the request being made must have mutually agreed with the opposition Club for the match to be played on a date within one month of the original date and such date and venue to be advised with their request.

(c) Should circumstances arise the Committee shall have the power to postpone, defer or cancel any fixture in an emergency.

(d) Clubs failing to fulfill their allotted fixtures shall be deemed guilty of a breach of "good faith" and may be dealt with as considered fit by the Committee.

(e) Any Club forfeiting a match shall:

- (i) incur a fine as set from time to time by the Committee
- (ii) be held responsible for the payments of Referees and Linesman fees for BOTH TEAMS
- (iii) be held responsible for any reasonable ground rent that may be required as a result of the forfeit.

(f) The points of the match shall be awarded to the opposing Club

(g) Any Club unable to field two (2) Teams but is able to field one (1) Team must forfeit the Reserve grade game and play the first grade game. This rule is applicable not only to Premiership competition but also Knock Out, Amateur Cup and Referee's trophy competitions.

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- (h) In the event of a match being terminated by the Referee before the time specified in the Rules and for any reason stated in Law 5 of the Laws of the Game, it shall be either:
  - (i) replayed in full, or
  - (ii) the result at the time of the stoppage will stand
- (i) To reach its decision in respect of any terminated match the Committee shall consider:
  - (i) the amount of time played
  - (ii) to whom or what the abandonment is attributed.
- (j) Any additional penalties for any misdemeanor found proven in respect of a terminated game shall be dealt with as per Competition Rule 28 (31).
- (k) Any Team which causes a match to be terminated before the full time has been played either by mass walk-off or refusal to allow play to continue shall be deemed to have forfeited the match and shall lose the pints and be dealt with the Committee.
- (l) The score in any match terminated as per (11) above shall be recorded as determined by the Committee.

### **REGISTRATION, TRANSFER, CLEARANCES AND GRADINGS.**

#### **RULE 28.**

- (a) All players of Affiliated Clubs must register via the FFA myfootballclub website.
- (b) Club registrars must sight a copy of suitable photo ID of each player registered in the myfootballclub software
- (c) Players can be registered up until the half way point of the Premiership. After that time further players will only be registered at the discretion of the Management Committee.
- (d) Clubs deemed having played an unregistered player shall be:
  - (i) ineligible for the points for the match, and
  - (ii) fined the set fine for such an offence, and
  - (iii) deprived of any goals scored during the match for competition table purpose,
  - (iv) subject to such other disciplinary action as determined by the Committee
- (e) In matches where a Club has been deemed to have played an unregistered player the competition points shall be awarded to the non offending Club irrespective of the score of the match.
- (f) No player in this Association, during the Association playing season, shall play for any other Club within the Association other the one with which he is registered without first obtaining a transfer or clearance.
- (g) In the event of a dispute or complications surrounding a player request for transfer or clearance from a Club within the Association the Committee may sanction a transfer or clearance upon request.
- (h) At NO TIME can a player within the Association register with or play for TWO CLUBS.
- (i) Players under contract to a member Club of the N.S.W. Federation of Soccer Clubs may be admitted to the Association's competition provided he:
  - (i) completes a declaration stating his intention to NO LONGER PLAY FOR ANY REMUNERATION, and
  - (ii) Provides a clearance from his former Club.
- (j) Any AMATEUR PLAYER being a player of a member Club of the N.S.W. federation of Soccer Clubs wishing to join and register with a Club within the Association may apply for admission provided such application is accompanied with a clearance by his former Club.
- (k) Any player under contract to the Australian National Body may apply for admission but MUST produce a clearance.
- (l) Any player who wishes to leave a Club affiliated to the N.S.W. Amateur Federation to register with this Association must produce a clearance if he applies during the current season.
- (m) Transfer and clearances of players within the Association shall cease at the date allocated for the end of the First Round of the Premiership Competition. After this date no

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player registered with a Club in this Association shall be allowed to play for any other Club in this Association for the remainder of the current season.

(n) Registration of players from sources OUTSIDE the Association structure after the date stated in Section (19) of this rule shall be restricted. Only under special circumstances will application be approved.

(o) The number of registrations and de-registrations shall be restricted to a number determined by the Committee and Clubs shall be advised of relative permissible registrations and de-registrations applicable for the coming season as soon as practicable after the Association's Adjourned A.G.M.

(p) The Committee shall be responsible for the grading of all Team for the current season.

(q) Any affiliated Club having Teams entered in a competition NOT conducted by this Association may apply for "dual registration" to allow certain members of their Club to take part in both competitions; such members to be amateurs as required by this Association.

(r) Clubs seeking dual registration must furnish to the Association a COMPLETE LIST showing EVERY PLAYER registered with the Club and the Organization to which, through his Club, he is affiliated.

(s) Use of dual registered players by any Team in any ONE GAME in this Association shall be limited to three (3).

(t) Any Club playing a player who should be listed as a dual registration and is NOT SO LISTED shall be guilty of a breach and shall be dealt with as the Protests and Disputes Sub Committee thinks fit. That is to say no player unless dual registered can alternate for his Club between this Association's competition and another competition.

### **PROTESTS AND DISPUTES.**

#### **RULE 29.**

(a) The Protests and Disputes Sub Committee (hereinafter called the "Sub Committee") shall consist of three (3) members from the Committee one of whom shall be the Chairman with a casting vote only.

(b) The chairman of the Sub Committee may form part of the Sub Committee notwithstanding any Club affiliation or connection with the matter being heard.

(c) The chairman of the Sub Committee is prohibited in taking his position on the Sub Committee only if he is directly involved in the proceeds. (i.e. Referee or Linesman)

(d) Other members of the Sub Committee shall comprise of persons with different or no Club affiliation. A member being affiliated to a Club in the same division shall not be sufficient reason for that member being prevented to be member of the Sub Committee.

(e) A member of the Referees Association will not be a member of the Sub Committee unless he/she is a Committee member of the Association.

(f) The Sub Committee shall meet each week during playing season and at all other times as directed by the Committee.

(g) The Sub Committee shall have the power to co-opt members to meet requirements when a total of three (3) members is unavailable through absenteeism or ineligibility.

(h) The Sub Committee shall have the power to co-opt a suitable person as Minute Secretary if required. The appointment must be approved by the Committee at its first meeting after the co-option.

(i) The fact of the Sub Committee enquiring into or investigating any game or incident shall not necessarily mean that a case is contemplated or established against any Club, player or person.

(j) If resulting from an enquiry or investigation it is deemed prudent to lay a charge against any person then the charge shall be intimated and the person afforded seven (7) days to prepare a case in his/its defense. All parties concerned shall be notified When required to attend any meeting called for the purpose of dealing with any charge, protest, appeal or dispute.

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- (k) A player sent from the field of play shall accept the fact that he has received an automatic suspension as applicable to the offence for which he has been charged.
- (l) A player sent from the field of play who wishes to appeal against the offence and relative suspension may only do so if the suspension is greater than two (2) matches. The Committee must be given seven (7) days notice of his intention and such notice must be given by the Club on letterhead and accompanied by a deposit of \$200.00 which will only be refunded if the player is found not guilty of the offence charged.
- (m) A Referee sending a player from the field of play may attend the Sub Committee hearing, should an appeal be lodged, if he is of the opinion his presence is warranted.
- (n) The linesman or Linesmen may accompany the Referee who shall also have the right to call witnesses.
- (o) Verbal reports from the Referee's Association shall not be accepted unless the Sub Committee determines that circumstances warrant the acceptance of a verbal report.
- (p) Where a verbal report is used and a player denies or questions any point or should a doubt exist then the case will be deferred for one week when the case will be reopened
- (q) Should a WRITTEN REPORT still not be to hand at the deferred hearing then the decision shall be NO CASE.
- (r) In the case of a deferred hearing the Sub Committee may request the presence of the Referee at the re-opening of the hearing.
- (s) During the period of the deferment the hearing of a case the player may be allowed to play at the discretion of the Sub Committee.
- (t) A Referee and Linesman or Linesmen are required to submit a written report in relation to the matter being heard by the Sub Committee in which they were involved and such report(s) is to be in the hands of the Sub Committee in sufficient time for the matter to be heard.
- (u) During the hearing the accused person may be accompanied by one (1) Representative of his Club, both to be present during cross examination of the Referee and/r Linesman and/or witnesses.
- (v) Witnesses will NOT be present during the opening session when the player and the Referee are questioned.
- (w) Legal representation at any meeting of the Sub Committee or subsequent appeal is not permitted.
- (x) When a witness is called, the Player and his Club representative together with the Referee and/or Linesman will remain but will sit apart from the proceedings. Neither will comment on the evidence being given unless called upon to do so by the Sub-Committee Chairman or having been granted permission to do so in response to questioning by the Sub Committee.
- (y) When two parties are involved in the same incident, be the Clubs or persons, each shall be present during interrogation by the Sub Committee of the other party, Referee or witnesses.
- (z) Questioning of those involved shall be permitted by all parties and in the presence of one another in support of their case but must be carried out through the Sub Committee Chairman.
- (aa) All protests and disputes must be in writing, on Club's letterhead and signed by any nominated official of the Club, and in the hands of the Association Secretary not later than forty eight (48) hours (excluding Sundays and public holidays) after the game upon which the protest or dispute is based and must be accompanied by a fee of \$50.00 or such amount as determined by the Committee. Such fee will be retained or returned at the discretion of the Sub Committee.



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(bb) All protests and disputes will be heard by the Sub Committee which shall determine appropriate action and/or penalties where required and report its decision to the Committee.

(cc) Any Official, player Club or person found guilty of misconduct shall be liable to any penalty deemed advisable by the Sub Committee with the proviso that such penalty does not contravene the Association's Objects or Rules and abides by the Law of the Game as interpreted by F.I.F.A..

(dd) Decisions of the Sub Committee will be subject to appeal to an Appeal board with the grounds for appeal being restricted to:

- (i) Production of evidence, or
- (ii) Severity of the decision of the sub Committee, or
- (iii) Conduct of the initial proceedings.

(ee) Players, Officials or other persons suspended by the Sub Committee are ineligible to play or take part in any game or event until the Appeal has been heard.

(ff) Any suspension which cannot be served in the current season due to the sentence being longer than the remainder of the season shall be carried over to the next season.

(gg) Any suspended sentence or good behavior bond applied shall remain in force for a period of twelve (12) months from the date on which the sentence or bond was notified.

(hh) A suspended sentence will automatically be served if the person again appears before the Sub Committee and is found guilty of a similar offence at any time during the duration of the suspended sentence...plus any additional sentence handed down at the time.

(ii) When a player is ordered from the field of play, the Club shall be held responsible for the handing of the player's I.D. Card to the Referee on the completion of the game so that it can be presented with the Referee's report to the Sub Committee. Any Club failing to give the I.D. Card to the Referee may be cited to appear before the Committee or Sub Committee and fined and/or have other sanctions imposed.

(jj) When a player is suspended by the Association his I.D. Card will be retained by the Association and made available to his Club on completion of the suspension. It is the Club's responsibility to collect any player's I.D. Card held by the League from the Registrar at the weekly Management Committee meetings.

(kk) Any Club, player, official or person failing to comply with any reasonable request or directive by the Sub Committee shall be automatically suspended until such request or directive is complied with.

(ll) In the case of a game being abandoned by the Referee by reason of misconduct or any misdemeanor on the part of a player, spectator(s) or official or any other person(s) or any grave disorder as decreed by the Referee to be just cause for the match to be terminated prematurely, it shall be sufficient notice for BOTH CLUBS concerned to be represented at the Committee meeting immediately following the game in question.

(mm) Club representation at any meeting dealing with the issue of an abandoned match is restricted to a minimum of two (2) and a maximum of five (5) officials from each Club involved.

(nn) A player sent off the field of play by the Referee and charged with striking or attempting to strike a Referee or a Linesman shall have the alleged offence heard by the Sub Committee appointed by the Management Committee.

(oo) The following procedures apply to conduct of the Appeals Board:

- (i) The Appeal Board will hear appeals against the decision of the Sub Committee.
- (ii) The Appeals Board will consist of members of the Committee.
- (iii) The Chairman of the Committee will be permitted to remain on the Appeals Board notwithstanding any involvement in the Sub Committee. All other members of the Sub Committee which have adjudicated on the case are prohibited from participating on the Appeals Board.

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- (iv) No member who is associated with the Club(s) named in the appeal is permitted to remain on the Appeals Board.
- (v) Members of the Sub Committee who adjudicated on the initial hearing will be required to attend as witnesses at the Appeals Board hearing and will vacate the hearing during deliberations.
- (vi) The minimum number of members on the Appeals Board shall be 3(three) and the maximum shall be the number of duly elected officers to the Management Committee.
- (vii) To replace those ineligible to adjudicate on the Appeals board, the Secretary will co-opt adequate members consisting of responsible officers from Club's the Secretary deems appropriate. The officer(s) co-opted cannot be challenged.
- (viii) Use of co-opted officers will NOT be made from those of the Division from which the player, Club or person has come.
- (ix) The Committee Chairman will Chair Appeal hearings or in his/her absence or ineligibility the Appeals Board will appoint a Chairman.
- (x) The Association Secretary or his/her Deputy shall convene the Appeals Board as required.
- (xi) Notice of appeals must be in writing, on Club's letterhead and signed by one of the nominated officials, and in the hands of the Association's Secretary within six (6) days of the sentence being handed down.
- (xii) Notice of Appeal must be accompanied by a fee of \$50.00, or such amount as determined by the Committee, to be returned or retained at the discretion of the Appeal Board.
- (xiii) Decisions of the Appeals Board shall be final.

### **DUTIES OF THE HOME CLUB**

#### **RULE 30.**

- (a) Supply at least two (2) footballs fit for play to the Referee before the match for his inspection and approval.
- (b) Arrange if possible for a qualified first aid officer to be in attendance during the games.
- (c) Have the ground clearly and correctly marked in accordance with the Laws of the Game and supply corner posts of a MINIMUM height of 1.5 meters. Supply and securely erect goal nets which are in good condition.
- (d) Whenever and wherever possible have the playing area roped off to prevent infringements by spectators.
- (e) Attending the welfare and the protection of the Referee and Linesmen at all times both during and after the match.
- (f) Controlling as much as possible the barracking so that it is not of an unsportsmanlike nature and such that is liable to bring the game into disrepute.
- (g) Taking steps to prevent misbehaviour, particularly amongst spectators, that might prove offensive (i.e. use of bad language, excessive drinking, promiscuous behavior).

### **RULES FOR THE AMATEUR CUP**

#### **RULE 31**

- (a) The competition shall be known as The Amateur Cup Competition.
- (b) The amateur Cup Trophy, to be held for twelve months only shall be presented to the winning Club.
- (c) The Cup shall be contested by all Affiliated Clubs of the Association together with any other amateur Club acceptable to the Committee.
- (d) Application for entry must be made on the form provided, when requested. The Committee reserves the right to accept or reject any application.
- (e) Clubs competing for the Amateur Cup must be actively competing in an organised competition.

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- (f) Only players registered with the Association or Body to which his Club is affiliated shall be eligible to compete.
- (g) The Committee shall have the power to eliminate from the competition any Club found guilty of playing ineligible players.
- (h) The semi-finals and final shall be contested only by players registered and eligible to have played at least five (5) competition matches in the Premiership.
- (i) Protests and/or appeals must be lodged with the Association Secretary, on the Club's letterhead and signed by any of the nominated Officials, within forty eight(48) hours (Sundays excepted) of the match being played and a copy of the protest and/or appeal must be sent also to the opposing Club.
- (j) Should doubt arise as to the eligibility of any player, the Association Registrar shall, if possible to do so, give such information as is necessary on receipt of an application in writing.
- (k) In the case of a color clash BOTH TEAMS shall change colors.
- (l) Matches shall be played under S.A.F.L. Rules.
- (m) Clubs failing to fulfill fixtures shall be fined and shall be responsible for the payment of Referees and Linesmen fees and any other expenses incurred as shall be determined by the Committee.
- (n) In the case of a drawn match at full time, an extra ten (10) minutes each way shall be played. If the match is still a draw then penalty kicks shall decide the winner. THIS SHALL APPLY TO EVERY ROUND OF THE COMPETITION.
- (o) Matches can only be called off because of the state of the ground on the instruction of the Referee or the grounds man or where the local Council has decreed there shall be no play or by the Association which can act in an emergency.
- (p) Matches shall be played on grounds as set down by the Committee.
- (q) Both teams will complete a team sheet and produce I.D. cards for all players named. Any Club from outside the Association, if not controlled under the I.D. card system will have its players sign the team sheet on the field of play immediately prior to kick off.
- (r) In the event of the appointed Referee failing to appear a substitute may be appointed by agreement of both Captains. If there is no agreement reached then the Clubs will nominate a date, a time and a place for the match to be played and submit same to the Association for its approval or otherwise.
- (s) Results must be phoned/sms through at the conclusion of each match to the number as shall be determined from time to time.
- (t) The Committee shall have the power to deal with any matter not covered in these rules and may add to, alter or delete any rule in the best interest of the Competition.
- (u) The competition shall be on a knock-out basis and the Referees and Linesmen's fees (and ground fees if applicable) shall be equally shared by the Clubs. Each club shall be responsible for the supply of at least one (1) match football in fit condition for play.
- (v) Referee and Linesmen's fees must be paid before the match.
- (w) The Amateur Cup Trophy may be recalled by the Committee at any time. The Cup shall remain the property of the Association.

### **THE REFEREE'S TROPHY COMPETITION.**

#### **RULE 32.**

To accommodate those players in the Club not chosen for the Amateur Cup team, the Referee's Trophy competition will be conducted in conjunction with the Amateur Cup. The Competition will be conducted as an early fixture to the amateur Cup. The rules governing the competition are the same as for the Amateur Cup and the use of players between the two competitions is as for the Divisional knock-out, namely,

- (a) Players knocked out of the amateur Cup CANNOT contest the Referee's Trophy

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(b) Players knocked out of the Referee's Trophy ARE ELIGIBLE to contest the Amateur Cup.

### **PLAYERS EQUIPMENT.**

#### **RULE 33.**

The following rules have been introduced in addition to any rules previously mentioned or those contained in the Laws of the game.

(a) Players who choose to play whilst wearing spectacles do so at their own risk and must:

(i) Accept responsibility of so doing by indemnifying others concerned with the playing, organising or controlling of the game against action taken as a result of injury attributed to the wearing of spectacles.

(ii) Heed the advice to use spectacles meeting safety requirements as laid down by the Department of Occupational Health and Safety.

(b) The wearing of shin guards is compulsory for any player participating in a match under the auspices of the Association in accordance with the directive of F.I.F.A.

Consequently a player cannot take the field without wearing an approved form of shin guards.

(c) The wearing of cycle shorts is permitted provided the cycle shorts do not extend beyond the length of the knee and are the same color as the player's shorts.

(d) No player is allowed to wear any jewellery (i.e. chains, rings, watches, earrings, studs, etc.), during the match, no exceptions will be allowed.

### **NOTES FOR THE GUIDANCE OF CLUBS.**

The Management committee is the sole authority for the interpretation of the Objects, rules, Administrative and Competition Rules of the Association.

The onus is on the Clubs to ascertain that the Club complies with all requirements laid down by the Objects, Rules, Administrative and Competition Rules.

Ignorance of the above mentioned Objects and Rules shall not be entertained as an excuse should the Rules be broken and/or ignored.

Club Officials, particularly the President, Secretary and Team Managers, should read the Objects, Rules, Administrative and Competition Rules frequently and carefully until they become conversant with them.

Particular attention should be given to Administrative and Competition Rules.

If your Club has any query as regards the interpretation of a particular Rule, have your query resolved by the Committee.