

FOOTBALL MID NORTH COAST COMPETITION RULES V14 2019

These regulations are to be read in conjunction with the FFA Statutes and the FFA National Registration Regulations. Club officials should also have an understanding of the FFA Disciplinary Regulations, Grievance Resolution Process, and the National Code of Conduct. FMNC and its members are bound by these regulations and procedures.

There are different competitions within FMNC; following are the generic rules which apply to them all as well as specific rules for the various competitions.

The various competitions are;

1. Mini-Roos (6-11 years)
2. Competitive junior age groups from 12's through to 17/18's
3. Premier League
4. Men's Northern League
5. Men's Southern League
6. Women's Northern League
7. Women's Southern League
8. Over 35's
9. Also included are Disciplinary Rules relating to FMNC Competitions

Any Rules relating to a specific competition only (listed above 1-9) will be listed under a heading for that competition.

Players are not permitted to play across competitions unless it is specifically referred to within these rules.

These Rules supersede all sets of Competition Rules that were in use within Football Mid North Coast prior to 2019 – changes for 2019 are highlighted

Where an area is not specifically addressed, FIFA rules will apply

In all matters in regard to these Competition rules the Board of Football Mid North Coast reserves the right to change, amend and/or interpret them as they see fit to ensure the smooth running of any competitions under its control.

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For the purposes of this document the words “he or his” refer to a person of either gender

Competitions (the)

All Competitions conducted within the boundaries of Football Mid North Coast (FMNC) shall come under its jurisdiction. They may be designated as Zone Competitions, Northern or Southern Competitions, and will be identified by age groups or Division, and may be identified by gender.

Administration of Competitions

- The Competitions shall be administered in every respect by the Football Mid North Coast board which has the authority to delegate whole or part of their powers to a Person or Persons to administer the day to day running of the Zone's competitions.
- All fixtures shall be played in compliance with the Regulations in force at the time and in accordance with FIFA/FFA and the Zone respectively. Provided that the Zone may decide from time to time to vary the Competition Rules.

Club Names, Registered Uniforms

No Club shall be accepted into a Zone Competition until their Playing Name has been approved by the Zone Board.

Each New Club, or an existing Club seeking a name change is required to submit at least three (3) playing names in order of preference for assessment and selection of one (1) that will be deemed as their playing name in the Competition.

Said names are to:-

- reflect the geographical area in which the Club is based ie. Its Home Ground
- may include a marketing name
- may include a sponsor or traditional identification

Each New Competition Member shall register with the Zone its uniform and designate on its application for registration both its regular strip and alternate strip colours. This shall be supplied by way of a colour photograph (or equivalent) at the time of applying for membership.

Colours and Emblem

- Permission to make any changes to Team colours or Emblem will be granted by the Committee only if it can be shown that the proposed changes do not clash with the Uniform (strip) or Emblem of another Member. Clubs should consult widely with other clubs and the FMNC Board before making any decisions on these matters.

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- Shirt Numbers must be on the back of shirts, clearly visible and a contrast colour to that of the shirt. Shirt numbers for senior players must be a minimum size of 20cm and for juniors 15cm.
- All players taking the field shall be in full Club/Team strip, including shirt, shorts and socks. (Subject to disciplinary action for failure to comply).

Clash of Colours

- In the event of a clash of colours the away team shall change. If the game is played on a neutral ground then, the second named team on the draw shall change.
- All clubs are responsible for ensuring they can access an alternate strip for away games.
- The ball boy/s colours shall be distinct from those worn by either of the opposing Teams or the Referees.

Home Ground, Home team, definition and responsibilities

- A Home Team shall mean the Team which is competing on its Home Ground and/or in the case of a neutral ground the Team whose name appears first in the Official Draw.
- The Home club is to ensure their playing surface is in a condition suitable for match play, the ground is clearly and accurately marked, that nets and corner posts are provided and are of a correct standard and in good condition.
- Home or Host Clubs (Home team on a neutral ground) are responsible for ensuring spectator control on their Home grounds. An Adult Ground Official must be in attendance wearing a jacket designating them as the Ground Official. If the Ground Official appointed for the day is a coach or manager of a team he must not be the Ground Official for the duration of his team's game. The Ground Official must have access to keys to access ground lighting, change rooms, toilets and showers.
- Where an oval is fenced within three (3) metres of the playing surface, all spectators shall remain behind the fence. Where no fence is in place a rope or dotted line must be positioned three (3) metres back from both sidelines. In the case of junior matches a dotted line is to be marked out and adjacent to the sideline.
- A technical area for each team must be designated for all competitive age games. The technical areas are to be on the same side of the field, equidistant from and on either side of half way. The bench may include up to five players and three officials. Only players able to take the field may be substitutes on the bench. Only registered Officials are allowed into the bench/technical area.

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- A First Aid Kit and Stoppage Book are to be accessible at all games. Along with a person who holds a current first aid certificate. All injuries are to be recorded in the Injuries Book.
- Should a home ground (not a neutral ground) be deemed unplayable by the match official for reasons other than being rained out, eg. poor surface or marking, a forfeit shall be awarded to the visiting side and the conditions applying to a forfeit shall apply to the home team. (see Rule on forfeits)
- For Premier League matches, the supply of three (3) FIFA approved match balls and where possible at least two ball boys. Four ball boy/s is the ideal number to supply.

Moveable Goal Posts

All portable or movable goal posts must comply with the relevant Australian Standard; AS 4866.1-2007.

Alcohol and Prohibited Drugs

- Drinking of alcohol is not permitted within three (3) metres of a playing field and its availability is subject to State Government Regulations & Local Government Ordinances.
- The sale or consumption of alcohol is not permitted at any Junior Fixture.
- No Club is permitted to sell Alcohol or other beverages in glass containers under any circumstances. Clubs found breaching this regulation will be dealt with under the FFA's National Code of Conduct.
- Persons found to be using Prohibited Drugs will be referred to the Police.

Behaviour of Players, Officials and Supporters

Each Club shall be responsible for the behaviour of its Players, Team Officials, Clubs Officials and Supporters at all times. Where there are breaches of the relevant FFA codes of conduct these matters will be referred to the Competition Administrator.

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Ball (the)

- The Home team is responsible for supplying the match ball. It must be of a suitable quality and inflated to the correct pressure. The Referee has the right to reject a ball, which in his/her opinion is not up to standard.
- The balls used in Premier League matches must carry the FIFA approved stamp.
- Football Sizes
 - 6-9 years..... size 3
 - 10-13 years..... size 4
 - 14 years and over size 5

Competition Points

- Win..... Three (3) points
- Draw One (1) points
- Bye..... Three (3) points
- Cancelled Game Nil (0) points
- Abandoned As Determined by Competition Administrator

Playing Times

- Mini Roos (6-11 years) as per Mini Roos Handbook
- 12 Years..... 25 minutes each way
- 13 + 14 Years..... 30 minutes each way
- 15 +16 Years..... 35 minutes each way
- 17/18 Years 40 minutes each way
- YD1 40 minutes each way
- Open Women’s..... 40 minutes each way
- Northern and Southern Leagues 40 minutes each way
- Men’s 35 & over (4th Grade) 40 minutes each way
- Premier League Res Grade..... 40 minutes each way
- Premier League First grade..... 45 minutes each way

The above playing times may be varied at the discretion of the Competition Administrator to facilitate the smooth running of competitions.

- Half time breaks in all fixtures to be 5 minutes except for Open Women’s, Northern & Southern Leagues and Premier League where the break shall be 10 minutes.
- There is to be no stoppage time played in any FMNC fixtures excluding Premier League First Grade. However, in the event of an on-field incident requiring an ambulance, if less than 60% of game time has been played, the competition

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administrator may reschedule the complete match at their absolute discretion. Note that the centre referee is the sole timekeeper.

- Junior fixtures commencing after the advertised starting time must finish on time. Match officials are to split the remaining available time for the match into two equal halves plus the half time break and advise team officials of the new times before the commencement of the match.

Interchange and Substitutions

Unlimited interchange is permitted in all FMNC competitions except Premier League where up to a maximum of four substitutions per team per game is allowed. In Senior Competitions where unlimited interchange is allowed, a maximum of five players per team per game are permitted.

Leading Goal Scorer Award (Premier League)

At the end of all the home and away fixtures of the First Grade competition, the player who has scored the most number of goals in that competition will be honoured by being presented with a Golden Boot award.

Full Strength in a Fixture

A Club is required to field its best team available at all times when competing in fixtures.

Premier League home team program

To enable a Home Club to produce a program for its Home fixtures, a visiting Club shall provide the Home Club, by noon on the Friday before the fixture, a list detailing its players/officials.

Power to Direct a Change of Home Ground

Notwithstanding any other regulations, the Competition Administrator may direct a Team to play its home fixture(s) at a ground other than its Home Ground, provided that reasonable notice is given to the Teams.

Registration of a Player

Generic Rules

- The Registration of a player in any given year will be that process as laid down by the FFA in its National Registration Regulations and regulations contained in the FMNC Zone Registration handbook, plus any updates given to clubs from time to time by the Zone Office.
- A player may only be registered with one Club and one team at any time during the Player Registration time frame.
- Players may only be included in one team for the purposes of calculating team numbers when entering teams in a competition.

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- The registration period for a player shall be between the 1st January and the 30th June in any given calendar year.
- Any registration submitted by a Club after its initial lists have been submitted is to be classed as a LATE REGISTRATION.
- Players registering for the first time must supply documentary evidence of proof of age and/or identity to their respective clubs.
- Women are not permitted to register in a men's competition where there is an equivalent women's competition available.
- In the event of a player signing for two Clubs, the first registration received by the Zone will be the Club with whom the player is registered. The date of each registration shall be recorded.
- Also refer to **Addendum D** for further information.
- No junior competitive player may change teams after the 30th June under any circumstances.

Premier League

- A Club, when registering players for Premier League, needs to abide by the generic rules (above).
- Each year a Club will be required to lodge with the Zone on a nominated date prior to 'team nomination night', each player's completed registration, along with full payment. A minimum of twenty-four (24) players is required. Failure to have the required number of registered players at this time may put a Club's position in the competition at risk.

Age Qualification

Age qualification of a player shall be determined by the age a player turns in any given year.

- A player may be registered with FMNC if that player is turning five (5) years of age by the end of the calendar year in which he is registering. (see Rule on Registration of a Player). That player may only play in a club sixes (6's) team. He/she must also play in a club sixes (6's) team the following year.
- No junior player may play in the senior competition ranks until they attain the age of fifteen (15), fourteen (14) for women. (see rule on "Registration of a Player")
- Players wishing to play Over 35's must attain the age of 35 before they can register to play in that competition (see Rule on "Registration of a Player"). FMNC reserves the right to provide written dispensation for under age players at its sole discretion, as required to facilitate the competition.

Team Nominations (numbers required)

The following minimum player numbers are required before Teams will be accepted into FMNC Competitions in any year.

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Players may only be included in one team for the purposes of calculating team numbers when entering teams in a competition (see registration of a player rule).

- Mini Roos will be one player less per team than the Team Numbers stipulated in the FFA's Mini Roos Handbook for each age group.
- Competitive Junior Teams require a minimum of ten players.
- Senior Teams require a minimum of twelve players.
- Premier League clubs are required to nominate a minimum of 26 players, 26 days prior to commencement of their competition (see registration of a player, Premier League).
- Where more than one team is entered by a Club in any one age group, or single senior competition, then those teams shall be recognised by FMNC as separate entities and no interchange of players between these teams will be permitted. **Girls playing in a girls specific competition may also play in the mixed competition.**

Clearances

All senior players who change clubs within FMNC at any time are required to obtain a clearance from their current club before they can be registered with a new club

The Clearance:-

- Is to be typed on a Club Letterhead and signed by the Club Secretary or President.
- Must be attached to the players registration form when it is submitted to the Zone Office (if not done online).
- If the Registration is done online the signed clearance form must be forwarded to the Zone Office.
- For a Sample Clearance Letter see Appendix F.
- No Club may register a senior player from another club within FMNC unless a clearance is provided by the player's former Club.

Team Officials

Registration

- A Club must register with the Zone all its Team coaches and managers.

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- A Club must provide the Zone with a List of all its coaches and managers on the Official Team Lists at the start of each season.
- Until the Approved Registration Payments for Players and Team Officials are received at the Zone Office, team officials will not be accepted as being registered.

Permission to Enter Field

- No Team Official is allowed onto the field of play at any time during or immediately after a fixture (until match officials have left the ground) unless permission to do so is granted by the match Official(s).

Match Officials

- Each competition fixture, wherever possible, shall be played under the control of an Official Referee appointed by the FMNC Referee Administrator.
- Match Officials may be fined as per these rules at the sole discretion of the Competition Administrator.
- Wherever possible each fixture should be played under the control of an Official Referee and Assistant Referees. In the event of no official referee being appointed or the failure of a referee to appear within five minutes of the scheduled starting time of a match, the home team shall appoint a substitute referee. Failure to do so shall be regarded as a forfeit to the visiting team. If the visiting team fails to accept the substitute referee, then this shall be regarded as a forfeit to the home team. If both teams refuse to play under the appointed referee, then the match shall be regarded as an abandoned fixture and the incident referred to the Competition Administrator. The Clubs may also be charged under the FFA's National Code of Conduct.
- The substitute referee shall assume the full responsibility of an official referee and be treated accordingly.
- In junior competitive fixtures, where possible, the appointed person should be at least two years older than the grade he is going to referee.
- In senior fixtures, the referee should be age eighteen years or over. A Talented younger referee may be fast tracked with parental consent and on the recommendation of the Zone referee coach.
- If an Official Referee fails to appear after being appointed a notation is to be made on the Competition Team Sheet.
- It is the responsibility of the Home Club (team) to pay the match officials except in the case of a forfeit when it is the responsibility of the forfeiting Club (team) to pay the match officials. Provided that insufficient notice, or no notice at all, of the forfeit was given.
- A Club Official, Team Official, Zone Official, Federation Official may send in a written report to the Zone on the performance of a Referee during a fixture.

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Such report should be received by the Zone no later than forty eight (48) hours after the fixture.

Competition Team Sheets

Generic Rules

- A Team Official from each competing team shall hand the appropriate team sheet containing the full name and registration number of each player taking part in the fixture including substitutes (or interchange players) to the appropriate Official no later than ten (10) minutes before the scheduled kick-off time.
- NO PLAYER can be added to the Competition Team Sheet after play has commenced. If an ELIGIBLE player is not recorded on the team sheet due to clerical error, that player should be substituted off upon discovery and the team issued the appropriate fine.
- Reserve players, or starting players, playing from another grade or division MUST mark after the players name on the Competition Team Sheet, the age grade or division the player is registered in
- The Assistant Referee or the Referee must mark or indicate on the competition team sheet, all replacement players used.
- The number on the Players shirt shall correspond with the Player's name and number on the Competition Team Sheet and there should be no change of a number before or during a fixture except on the change of Goalkeeper.
- When a fixture is forfeited, the Competition Team Sheet shall be endorsed accordingly by the Referee and the relevant Team Officials.
- Competition Team Sheets shall be completed in black or blue Biro using block letters and all relevant details thereon being legible.
- The starting line-up must be ticked for games with interchange and players interchanged MUST also be marked off.
- Referees are responsible for the recording of all goal scorers on the Competition Team Sheet. Failure by the Referee to complete this task may result in a fine being imposed on the Referee by the Competition Administrator.
- Should a Team Official have a reasonable doubt regarding the eligibility of an Opposing Player(s) named on the Competition Team Sheet, he should note such concern on the back of the Competition Team Sheet and in addition advise the opposing Team. The player(s) will be allowed to play in the fixture and the Zone shall adjudicate on the eligibility of the player(s).
- At the completion of the game the Manager or Coach shall sign the competition team sheet and ensure that all details and results are correct as indicated by the Referee. If there is any dispute it should be noted on the card and the Zone office notified as soon as possible.

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- For competition purposes, once a player's name is listed on the Competition Team Sheet, he/she will be considered to have taken part in the match.

Premier League

- A Club, when registering players for Premier League, is required to abide by the generic rules (above).
- The starting line-up for Premier League must be listed on the correct (top) part of the Competition Team Sheet. Players listed on the Competition Team Sheet as substitutes are not permitted to be part of the starting line-up of a team until the Team sheet has been corrected.
- No more than 16 players may be named on the team sheet.
- If a player starts the match from the substitute list that player is to be classed as one of a team's substitution for the match.
- If a player whose name is listed on the Competition Team Sheet did not participate in the match, his name must be removed from the Competition Team Sheet before it is signed by the Managers at the end of the match.

Eligible/Ineligible Player

- An ELIGIBLE PLAYER is one who has completed the required FFA registration process and the Zone Office has received the completed paperwork along with the required registration payment in full.
- An INELIGIBLE PLAYER is one who has not completed satisfactorily the FFA Registration process, or not paid to the Zone Office the required Registration fee, and/or has not conformed to FMNC's Rules and Regulations in any particular circumstance. A Club who plays in Ineligible player in any fixture shall be ineligible for any points in that fixture and would be fined a sum as determined annually. In such cases, the full points associated with the fixture shall be awarded to their opponents and the score recorded as a 3-0 win – unless the opponents won the match by a margin greater than 3 goals, then the original result would stand. The matter would also be referred to the Competition Administrator.

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Disqualified Player

- A DISQUALIFIED PLAYER is one who is under suspension from this or any other Zone, his Club, an Association or Federation.
- A club which has been found to have played a disqualified Player in a fixture will have any such game recorded as a 0-3 loss and winning points awarded to their opponents. A monetary fine will also be levied against the offending club and the matter will be referred to the Competition Administrator.
- If the Zone has any doubts as to the eligibility of any Player taking part in the Competitions they have the power to call upon such a Player, the Team or Club with which he is registered, to prove that he is an eligible Player. Failure to provide satisfactory proof may result in such Player being disqualified and may also result in the removal of that Team from the Competition and the Zone may refer the matter to the Competition Administrator.

Teams Removed or Withdrawn from the Competition

In the event of a Team withdrawing or being removed from the Competition the following procedure will apply:-

- If time constraints allow, a redraw for the competition will be carried out and the Offending Club will be fined by the Zone for the late withdrawal of the team. The amount of the fine will be determined annually.
- Removed or withdrawing during the Competition, then each opposing Team that has played the removed or withdrawn Team shall have the relevant points and goals deleted from its records and shall be credited with a bye result.
- Each Team that has not played the removed or withdrawn Team shall be credited with a bye result. The Offending Club will be fined by the Zone for the late withdrawal of the team. The amount of the fine will be determined annually.
- In the event that a bye already exists in a competition, a redraw of the remaining rounds will be carried out to avoid having two byes per round.

Playing Down

Any request for a player to do so must be in writing from a Club Secretary and include all relevant facts to be considered. Requests on medical grounds to be accompanied by a Doctor's Certificate. The request would then be considered, and the decision would be at the sole discretion of the Competition Administrator. A Team playing an OVER-AGE player in an Age Grade Competition Fixture without the prior approval of the Competition Administrator shall be ineligible for points associated with that fixture. The player will be deemed an ineligible player..

Registration of a player in a higher age group (playing up)

Mini Roos

- In Mini Roos it is expected that Clubs will make every effort at all times to make sure that all players will be placed in their own age group.

Junior Competitive Players

Clubs will be permitted to register and play players in higher age group teams under certain circumstances when entering their Teams in FMNC Competitions.

- In Competitive Junior Competitions catering for the 12's to 18's Clubs may elect to play a player(s) in a competition group higher than their own age in any given year.
- There are no age-related restrictions on Players registering in the competition of their choice once they reach the age of fifteen (15) years, fourteen (14) for females. However, once registered in any given competition they are governed by the rules of that competition. E.g. a 15-year-old registering in a 17-18's team will be classed as being that age for competition purposes.
- Once a player's name appears on a Competition Team Sheet for a competitive fixture, that player will be regarded as having played a competitive fixture, and will not be entitled to any FMNC fee refunds. This does not apply to trial matches.
- FMNC reserves the right to re-assign any team to its correct age group competition to protect the integrity of its competitions.

HOWEVER, PLEASE NOTE:- No player may change teams on a permanent basis after the 30th June each year under any circumstances (see Rule "Registration of a Player p9").

Playing up on a Casual Basis

Junior Competitive

During the season, a player may play up on a temporary basis for an unlimited number of games. A player may play up with more than one team in any age group. On all occasions, the player playing up must have his original team marked beside his name on the Team Sheet. A junior player must not play more than 2 years up without a risk assessment from the club coaching co-ordinator and the written permission of the parent/s or guardian.

Players aged 14 (Girls) and 15 (boys) years and over

- Players having attained 14 years girls, 15 years boys and over playing in age group competitions may play in their Club's Senior Teams (not over 35's) to help cover short term player losses, provided that girls only play in the women's competitions and boys only play in men's competitions.

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- A player who has sought and received permission to play down in age based competitions may not play in their clubs senior teams.
- There are no qualification rules requirements for these players to take part in the respective finals series.
- There are special disciplinary rules relating to any red and yellow cards suspensions players may receive while playing up. It is the responsibility of a Club to make themselves familiar with these rules and advise their players accordingly (refer to the relevant rule).

In Premier League, Men's Northern and Southern League and Over 35's:

Players may play between these four competitions on a regular basis throughout the season. Dependent upon age criteria for Over 35.

- There are special disciplinary rules regarding red and yellow cards relating to players who are playing across competitions. It is the Responsibility of Clubs to make themselves familiar with these rules and advise their players accordingly (refer to the relevant rule).
- Normal Premier League rules will apply to these players if they wish to qualify to play in the Premier League finals series.

Zone Representative Players

Players will be selected from time to time to represent the Zone in fixtures that will be classified as Zone Representative Fixtures.

- In the event of a clash between a Zone Representative Fixture and a Club fixture, a Player must always give preference to playing in the Zone fixture.
- Players selected to play for the Zone, and who for any reason withdraw from the Zone Team, will be prohibited from playing in any competition fixture scheduled for the same day.
- When Teams have three or more players involved in a Zone Representative Fixture they may seek a deferral of their Club fixture through their Club Secretary (see rule "Deferred Fixtures" below).

Deferred Fixtures

A Team may seek permission of the Zone to have a fixture(s) deferred, providing that such a deferral shall be requested in time to give due notice to the opposing Team(s) and to the Referees Appointment Committee. Consideration for a deferral will be given when a club team has three players or more involved in Zone Representative duties at the same time as the fixture.

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- The Competition Administrator shall reschedule the date for the playing of a deferred fixture provided always that the Competition Administrator may at his/her discretion declare the fixture a “Cancelled Fixture” (see rule “Cancelled fixtures”).
- The rescheduling of the fixture must take place within five (5) days of the deferral date and it must be scheduled to be played within 21 days of the deferral date.
- The Competition Administrator shall notify each competing Club and the Referees Appointments Officer of the time, date, and venue of when the deferred fixture will be played.
- There will be no deferrals permitted for any teams playing in a FMNC Final Series Fixture.
- A deferred fixture not played in accordance with this regulation shall not be recognised by the Zone.

Competition Results

- All competition results must be emailed to the Competition Office, on a result sheet, by 7.00 pm on the following Sunday by the Home or Host Club. Games played outside the normal competition days and times are to be faxed or emailed to the Zone Office by 8.00 pm the following night. A fine as determined annually will apply for all reported cases by the Registrar to the Committee.
- The original (or scanned copy of both sides) of the Competition Team Sheets are to be in the Zone Office by the Tuesday following the week-end games, or within two (2) days for games played outside the normal competition days. A fine as determined annually will apply to clubs who are repeatedly late in getting their Team Sheets in.

Forfeits

Premier League

No forfeits are permitted in Premier League. Clubs will be fined (see addendum D) for failing to turn up to play a Premier League.

Points Awarded

In all forfeits, three points will be awarded to the opponents of the forfeiting team with a 3-0 goal difference.

Lack of Team Numbers

- A Team must field at least seven (7) of its eligible players at all times in a fixture. At any time if the number drops below seven then the fixture is to be abandoned and a forfeit awarded to the opposing team.

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- No fine would be applied to the forfeiting club under these circumstances.

Notice of Forfeit

In the event of a Club having to forfeit a fixture for any reason; the forfeiting Club's secretary must give at least 48 hours' notice in writing to:-

- The opposing club secretary.
- The Referee **Administrator.**
- The zone office and the competition administrator, giving reason for forfeit.
- The club on whose ground the match is being played (if different to first point).
- No fine would be applied for forfeiting within the correct time frame.

Late Start

A fixture should start at the stipulated time. However, a fixture may have a late start of not more than ten (10) minutes after the stipulated starting time. If any Team, for whatever reason, fails to take the field at this time, it shall be deemed to have forfeited the fixture.

- The offending Team shall pay all appropriate Referees fees and Assistant Referees fees.
- Any other expenses as determined by the Competition Administrator.
- A fine may be levied on the Club by the Competition Administrator.

Failing to Appear

A Team that, without just cause, fails to fulfil an engagement to play a fixture on the appointed date, time or venue, shall for each and every offence forfeit that fixture. The Offending Team shall also be liable for any reasonable expenses incurred by its opponents relative to the fixture. The determination of these expenses is at the sole discretion of the Competition Administrator.

In the event of a team forfeit for failing to appear without notice:-

Winning points allocated for the fixture shall be awarded to its opponents and the score recorded as a three goals to nil victory.

- The offending Team shall pay all appropriate Referees fees and Assistant Referees fees.
- Any other expenses as determined by the Competition Administrator.
- In the event of a team forfeiting on two or more occasions without an acceptable reason, the Club Secretary would have to show cause to the Competition Administrator why that team should not be withdrawn from the Competition.
- Fines for the late withdrawal of a team would apply.

Abandoned Fixtures/Spectator Interference

In cases where a fixture has been abandoned by the Referee through the invasion of the field by spectators or for other reasons the Zone shall investigate the circumstances of the abandonment and shall:-

- Determine the result of the abandoned fixture, determine whether the fixture should be replayed in full or in part and under what conditions
Impose such penalties as it shall deem fit on Teams, Team Officials, Players and/or spectators adjudged to be associated with the abandonment.

Mass Walk-Offs

A Team causing a fixture to be terminated before its natural conclusion through a “Mass Walk-Off or refusal to allow play to continue, shall be deemed to have committed serious misconduct against the Zone and a forfeit shall be awarded to the opposing team. The Offending side will be referred to the competition administrator for Disciplinary action.

Matches Played outside Normal Zone Competitions

Trial Matches

Clubs need to obtain permission from the competition administrator before they may conduct or participate in any trial match.

Social Fixtures

Clubs need to obtain permission from the Zone Administrator before they may conduct or participate in any social match, eg. Clubs or teams visiting the area.

Six a Side

Clubs need to obtain permission from Northern NSW before conducting any type of tournament (including six a side) of any duration.

Coaching Clinics

Clubs need to obtain permission from the Zone Administration before they may conduct a Coaching Clinic at their Club.

Cancelled Fixtures

The Competition Administrator, in consultation with the Zone Executive, has the authority to declare a fixture or round of a competition “a cancelled fixture(s)”

In the event of a fixture or round being declared “Cancelled”, no points or goals will be allocated to either (any) team.

Ground Closures (incl. wet weather)

In the event of a Club having a Field(s) closed due to wet weather or any other reason at any time throughout the season the following procedure shall apply:-

The Club Secretary or his/her nominee must advise in writing (email, App or fax):-

- The Zone Wet weather contact.
- Their opponents Club Secretary or wet weather contact person.
- Their competition centre.
- Their referees body.
- No later than 3.30pm on the day of any mid-week fixtures.
- No later than 7.00am on the morning of any week-end fixtures.

The Competition Administrator will:-

- Reschedule fixtures and advise Clubs within five (5) working days of the new game dates and times.
- Schedule the replay dates to be within 21 days of the cancellation date.
- Advise Clubs and referees accordingly.

The Competition Administrator has authority to:-

- Reschedule washed out or deferred fixtures.
- Reschedule washed out or deferred fixtures on a play or forfeit basis.
- In consultation with the Zone Executive, cancel rounds of a competition that are totally washed out, or where more than 80% of the grounds are closed by Councils.
- Direct that a fixture not played within the 21 days timeframe will result in that match being rescheduled on a play or forfeit basis.
- Declare a “cancelled game” for any fixture(s) not played as per the scheduled competition draw.

Any matters relating to wet weather and playing of deferred fixtures not specifically mentioned in these rules will be decided by the Competition Administrator at his/her absolute discretion.

Eligible Player for Final Series

Junior Competitive

Subject to any disciplinary restriction on a Player, a Registered Player of a Team is an Eligible Player to compete in their Team's Finals Series Fixtures. Such Registered Player of a Team may **not** be nominated as a Reserve or left out of

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their Team to allow a Player from another Team to take their place in any Finals Series Fixture without the prior written permission of the Zone Association.

Should a Non-Registered Team Player of the Team be used in this circumstance without obtaining the permission of the Zone Association, such Player will be declared an INELIGIBLE PLAYER.

A Member Club may seek special dispensation regarding a Player's eligibility by applying in writing to the Zone association.

Players aged 15 (male) 14 (female) years and over

Players aged 15 (male) 14(Female) years and over, who are playing in age based competitions may play in the senior's finals series, provided that boys are only permitted to play in men's teams and girls only in ladies teams. This does not apply where the player has requested to play down in an age based competition.

Players Playing in Premier, Northern or Southern League or Over 35's Competitions

- Players may play between these four competitions on a regular basis throughout the season. Dependent upon age criteria for Over 35.

However, to qualify to play in the final series of the Northern, Southern or Over 35 competitions, a player must have been listed in the starting eleven (11) of that grade or lower for not less than sixty-six percent (66%) of the Official Fixtures Draw Matches for the Competition Season in which that grade has competed (designated goalkeepers exempt). A player who fails to meet the 66% requirement will be deemed an ineligible player.

Premier League

Subject to any Disciplinary requirements there are no restrictions on Players playing in the First Grade Competition Final Series.

In the Reserve Grade Competition, a player must have been listed in the starting eleven (11) of that grade or lower for not less than sixty-six percent (66%) of the Official Fixtures Draw Matches for the Competition Season in which that grade has competed (designated goalkeepers exempt). A player who plays for a reserve grade team in a Finals series match without meeting the 66% requirement will be deemed an ineligible player.

During the H & A fixtures, a Player may still act as a substitute in first grade and maintain his reserve grade status by:-

- First having played a full game in reserve grade.
- Not be used in the first grade starting line-up.
- Reserve Grade Goalkeepers will be exempt from this rule.

If a Club has both its first and reserve grade Teams playing in a final series the above restrictions on reserve grade player status will not apply.

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Once a club's first grade team is eliminated from the competition, the reserve grade qualification rule will then apply to their reserve grade side.

Premiers

In all Competitions in which semi-finals are involved:-

- When all premierships fixtures (home and away) are concluded and the Competition Points allocated, the Team with the highest number of points on the official points table shall be declared the "Premiers".
- Should two or more Teams in the same competition possess the same highest number of points the Team with the better goal difference shall be considered to be the highest.
- Should two or more Teams in the same Competition have the same goal difference, then the Team which has scored the greatest number of goals shall be declared the "Premiers".
- Should two or more Teams in the same competition have the same number of competition points, the same goal difference, and scored the same number of goals then they shall be declared "Joint Premiers".

Goal Difference

In the cases where goal differences are taken into account the manner in which they shall be determined shall be:-

Number of goals against subtracted from the number of goals for with the highest resultant plus figure from such subtraction shall be deemed to have the best goal difference and shall take precedence in determining positions in respect to plus goal difference. The lowest resultant minus figure from such subtraction shall take precedence in determining positions in respect to minus goal differences.

In the event of the goal difference being equal, the Team which has scored the most goals shall be considered the highest and where all other criteria are equal away goals will be recognised over home goals with Teams being recognised as the winner by scoring more away goals.

Final Series

Format

- The finals format for each competition will be decided after discussions between FMNC and Clubs at Team Nomination night, on an annual basis.
- The choice of semi-final format is for a four team, five team, six team or eight team.
- The formats are laid out in addendum D of these competition rules.

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Determining Semi Finals Positions

The position in which a Team listed on the Official FMNC Points Table (available on FMNC web site) at the end of the Home and away Series will determine the position they fill in any final series.

The top team will be the team that has amassed the largest number of points at the end of the competition rounds.

- If points are equal, the Team with the highest goal difference *ie.* goals for minus goals against will finish higher up the table.
- If still equal, the teams with most goals will finish higher up the table.

Play – offs (Championships)

- Winners of Grand Finals will be declared “Champions” and the losing Team will be declared “Grand finalists.”
- Only Teams which win single division competitions or “A” grade competitions will be declared Champions.
- In the event of Teams being declared “Joint Champions”, the Team that finished higher up the Competition Points Table will represent their Competition Centre at Zone Championships.
- Each Team playing in the final series must provide an approved match ball for their use.

Semi Finals and Finals

In all semi-finals and finals in competitions conducted by FMNC, the following rules will apply:-

- In all Competitions, in the event of a draw at full time, a five-minute break will be taken then two ten minutes halves with no break will be played. If the scores are still level after extra time, then a penalty shoot-out, conducted under FIFA rules, will take place to decide the winner.

Grand Finals

- In all Competitions, in the event of a draw at full time, a five-minute break will be taken then two ten-minute halves with no break will be played. If the scores are still level after extra time, then a penalty shoot-out, conducted under FIFA rules, will take place to decide the winner.
- In all Grand Finals played under the control of FMNC there will be a maximum of eighteen medals or any other style of trophy including one each for one coach and one manager supplied for each participating team.

Promotion and Relegation

Each year there will be promotion and relegation between the Premier League and the Northern and Southern Leagues.

The Rules and conditions for Promotion and Relegation between the various Competitions are laid out in Appendices B and C at the end of these Rules.

Match Suspensions and Fines

It is the responsibility of Club Administrators to have an understanding of the workings of the FFA Disciplinary Regulations and Grievance Resolution Process. FMNC and its Members are bound by these procedures.

These Competition Rules are an addendum to the above and must be read in conjunction with the FFA's National Disciplinary Regulations. These Rules will apply to all competitions conducted under the jurisdiction of Football Mid North Coast Referees.

NB. For the purposes of this document the words "he or his" refer to Referees of either gender

- Referees match reports, including send-off reports, must be in the hands of the Zone Secretary (or his nominee) no later than 72 hours after the completion of the match.
- The Referee must inform, on request, at the end of a fixture, a Club Official, under what charges a player was dismissed.
- A Referee's Match Report is not required for a R7 send-off.
- In some instances a Referee may need to be aware of article 5.5 in the National Disciplinary Regulations.
- If a Referee has not submitted his report in the required timeframe, the Referee may be fined by the Competition Controlling Body. The amount of the fine will be at the sole discretion of the Board of Football Mid North Coast but must not exceed \$100.00 for his first offence. This amount may be increased for any second and subsequent offences.

Match Suspensions (Yellow Cards)

A player **or team official** who accumulates the following number of Yellow cards during the course of a competition, must serve the following suspensions:-

- Two (2) yellow cards (during pre-season) one match suspension

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- Four (4) yellow cards (during season proper) one match suspension
- Six (6) yellow cards (during season proper)..... two match suspension
- Eight (8) yellow cards (during season proper).....two match suspension
- Ten (10) yellow cards (during season proper)..... two match suspension
- Two yellow cards (during final series) one match suspension
- Under special circumstances a player or team official may be dealt with by the competition administrator or disciplinary committee if they receive four or more yellow cards across competitions.

Added Suspensions

- A player or team official who receives a second red card during the season must serve an extra one match mandatory suspension in addition to any other suspension received.
- A player or team official who receives a third red card during the season must serve an extra two match mandatory suspension in addition to any other suspension received.
- A player or team official who receives a fourth red card during the season must serve an extra six match mandatory suspension in addition to any other suspension received.
- A player or team official who commits a R6 - uses offensive or insulting or abusive language and/or gestures, directed at a match official and graded by that official as moderate or above, must serve an extra two week mandatory suspension in addition to any other suspension.
- Any second or subsequent occurrence of a player or team official who commits a R6 - uses offensive or insulting or abusive language and/or gestures, directed at a match official and graded by that official as moderate or above, within the one season, must serve an extra four week mandatory suspension in addition to any other suspension.

Mandatory Suspensions

- The imposition of any mandatory suspension is immediate in all cases. For advisory purposes only, the Competition Administrator will forward to a club a Disciplinary Infringement Notice relating to the offense. This must be forwarded to a club within ten days of the offence being committed. To remove any uncertainty the mandatory match suspension is to be served regardless of whether or not the notice was received.

Team Misconduct

If a team receives a total of six or more yellow cards in one match then their Club may be fined by the Competition's Controlling Body. The amount of the fine will be

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at the sole discretion of the Board of Football Mid North Coast but must not exceed \$500.00. This fine would be in addition to any other penalties handed down by the Competition Administrator or the Disciplinary Committee.

If a team receives a total of three or more red cards in one match, then their Club may be fined by the Competition's Controlling Body. The amount of the fine will be at the sole discretion of the Board of Football Mid North Coast but must not exceed \$500.00. This fine would be in addition to any other penalties handed down by the Competition Administrator or the Disciplinary Committee.

Disciplinary Rules – Hearing Process

A player or official may request a hearing where they wish to dispute a disciplinary sanction which has been imposed summarily. Note that in some circumstances the competition administrator may refer a matter directly to the Disciplinary Chairman.

- Should a Player or Team Official request the right to be heard after receiving a disciplinary sanction which has been imposed summarily, they must notify the Competition Administrator within 72 hours of receiving the summary disciplinary notification. "*Received*" is taken to include club notification. The request for a hearing should be in writing.
- The Disciplinary Chairman reserves the right to conduct the hearing either by phone or in person with the aggrieved party.
- Provided notification is received within 7 days of the results of the Disciplinary Hearing, the player or team official can forward a request in writing for an Appeal accompanied by a \$440 fee, (refundable in the event of a successful appeal) to the competition administrator.
- Matters pertaining to FFA Code of Conduct violations are dealt with under the FFA Grievance Resolution Regulations. Provided notification is received within 7 days of the results of the Grievance Hearing, the player or team official can forward a request in writing for an Appeal accompanied by a \$500 fee, (non-refundable) to the competition administrator.
- The Disciplinary Chairman may conduct the hearing at the venue of his choice.

Disciplinary Rules for Players aged 15 and over playing up on a casual basis

- All players must serve any suspension in the competition in which it is received.
- Players may not play in any other competition while they are a suspended player.

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- Where a player receives a suspension in time as distinct from matches, then that player will be suspended from all forms of football for the duration of his/her suspension.
- Other match suspensions listed under Added Suspensions (above) also apply.

Disciplinary Rules for Players aged 15 and over playing up on a casual basis in Senior Teams

- All players must serve any suspension in the competition in which it is received.
- Players may not play in any other competition while they are a suspended player.
- Where a player receives a suspension in time as distinct from matches, then that player will be suspended from all forms of football for the duration of his/her suspension.
- Carry over suspensions for players who are in the last year of playing Junior Football will be completed by the player in the next competition in which the player registers.
- Other match suspensions listed under Added Suspensions (above) also apply.

Disciplinary Rules for Players playing in more than one senior competition

- All players must serve any suspension in the competition in which it was received.
- Players may not play in any other competition while they are a suspended player.
- Where a player receives a suspension in time as distinct from matches, then that player will be suspended from all forms of football for the duration of his/her suspension.
- Other match suspensions listed under “Added Suspensions” (above) also apply.
- A competition administrator may vary the conditions of any suspension at his/her absolute discretion.

Disciplinary Rules for Players playing in both grades of PL final series

- Red and Yellow Cards received by a player in either grade are cumulative.
- A player who receives a suspension in either grade is required to serve that suspension in both grades.

Disciplinary Rules for Players playing Representative Football

- If a player receives a suspension while playing in a Zone Representative Competition that suspension must be served in the competition in which it was received.
- A player may continue to play with their club sides while serving that suspension.
- Except where a player receives a suspension in time as distinct from matches, then that player will be suspended from all forms of football for the duration of his/her suspension.
- A Competition Administrator may vary the conditions of the suspension at his absolute discretion.

Rule Changes

In all matters in regard to these Competition rules the Board of Football Mid North Coast reserves the right to change, amend and/or interpret them as they see fit to ensure the smooth running of any competitions under its control.

Definitions and Interpretations

Appendix A contains the detailed registration process for registering a player to play in approved FMNC competitions in any given year.

Appendix B contains the rules and conditions governing the Promotion and relegation of Teams between the Premier League and the Zone Championship.

Appendix C contains the rules and conditions governing the Promotion and relegation of Teams between the Zone Championship and the Northern and Southern Leagues.

Appendix D lists the fines in place that may be levied by FMNC in any given year.

Appendix E lists the various semi-final formats available for use in the finals series at the end of each year.

Appendix F contains a template of a Clearance letter that club secretaries may use to issue a clearance.

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Code of Conduct means the National Football Code of Conduct as promulgated by FFA from time to time, plus any Codes of Conduct that FMNC may have in place at any given time.

Competition means any competition conducted by Football Mid North Coast.

Competition Administrator means the entity responsible for the conduct and staging of a Competition within Football Mid North Coast. It can also refer to the independent person who is responsible for the issuing of Judicial Penalties in the first instance.

Competitions Rules means the rules and regulations governing the administration and conduct of competitions conducted by Football Mid North Coast.

Disciplinary Regulations means the National Disciplinary Regulations as promulgated by FFA from time to time.

Junior means a player who is aged eighteen years or under.

Premier League relates to the first and reserve grade competition conducted by Football Mid North Coast.

Zone Championship relates to the single-entry Men's Competition conducted across the Zone by Football Mid North Coast. It is the underpinning competition for our Premier League. This competition is currently suspended.

Northern or Southern Leagues relates to the Men's Saturday Competitions as conducted by Football Mid North Coast.

Over 35's relates to the Competition for players aged 35 and over conducted by Football Mid North Coast.

Representative Team means a team representing Football Mid North Coast in a representative capacity.

Appendices A - F

Appendix – A. Registration of a Player

This addendum is to be read in conjunction with the Rule – Registration of a player.

- At the beginning of each year Clubs will be advised on the latest updates and procedures to the Registration of a Player system. This will take place at Club Information Nights, which are conducted by the Zone in late January on an annual basis.
- Clubs will be issued with booklets at the Team Information night, containing the latest relevant information re the player registration process.
- Ongoing assistance for clubs is available in this area from the Zone Office or local Competition Centre.

Appendix – B. Promotion and Relegation between Premier League and Northern and Southern Leagues.

There will be a play-off each year between the last placed Club in the Premier League (first grade only) and the qualifier from the Northern and Southern Leagues. The playoff match will occur as soon as practicable after the completion of the home and away series for the right to participate in the next years Premier League.

For the play-off to occur the qualifier from the Northern and Southern Leagues must meet the criteria and eligibility rules as listed below to be allowed to participate in the Premier League.

The teams that finished second on the points table of the Northern and Southern League competition may also get an opportunity to challenge for a place in the Premier League if the first placed team does not wish to play Premier League or does not meet the criteria or eligibility rules. In the event of the North and South League Premiers both seeking promotion, a playoff between the two premiers must be arranged as soon as practicable after the conclusion of respective club's season.

Ineligible Clubs

Any Club which already has a team in the Premier League would be ineligible for promotion, but would still be included in the count as one of the top two teams on the points table.

Eligible clubs - criteria

For new clubs to be eligible to apply to participate in the Premier League they must:-

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- have two teams playing in the current Southern or Northern men's competition OR they must have one senior men's team and 1 U17/18s team playing in the current FMNC competitions.
- have one of their men's teams finish in the top two of their current year's competition points table after the home and away series.
- demonstrate a strong junior base within their club including at least two teams playing in current FMNC competitions in age groups 13yrs and above.
- provide playing field(s) of a standard that allows for quality football to be played. i.e. level, no cricket pitches within the playing area, and with reasonable viewing areas for spectators.
- provide change rooms at their grounds of a size to allow for the use of a massage table as well as hot showers. Whenever possible, change rooms to be for the exclusive use of the premier league teams on their match day.
- provide clean spectator toilets and well-stocked canteen facilities.
- demonstrate a commitment to junior player development including having a person appointed as a club director of coaching.
- demonstrate to the satisfaction of the FMNC board that the club has a strong and stable administration in place as well as a history of responsible financial management.
- participate in a regular audit of their facilities during their tenure in the Premier League as set out by the board.

Right to Play

If the first placed Club in the Northern or Southern League was an ineligible club, did not meet the criteria or did not apply, an offer would be made to the 2nd placed club. If none of the top two Clubs in each of the leagues applied to play in the Premier League, then the status quo would remain for the following year.

Play Off

- Only one promotion and relegation game would take place in any given year.
- For Promotion or Relegation to occur, there must be a clear winner. In the event of a draw at the end of normal time in the play-off match – no Promotion and Relegation will occur.
- The match to be played under the Premier League 1st grade match time of 45 minutes each way plus stoppage time.
- Played at a venue and date to be determined by FMNC and as soon as practical after the end of the Premier League competition rounds.

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Premier League Application

Clubs currently playing in Football Mid North Coast Northern and Southern Competitions who wish to participate in the Premier League the following year and believe they meet, or will meet the Eligibility Rules and Criteria as stated above, must make an application to the Zone General Manager on an Official Application Form (available from Zone office) by the 30th June of that year. Clubs will be required to pay a nomination fee at this time. This fee is refundable if for any reason the Club is not accepted into the following year's premier league competition. The fee is forfeited if a club withdraws from the competition after acceptance by FMNC.

Appendix – C. Zone Championship

Zone Championships will be played under FMNC Competition Rules (not final series rules except that if the match is drawn at full time it will proceed direct to a penalty shoot-out, conducted under FIFA rules, to decide the winner.

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Appendix – D. Fines

These fines may be levied by the Board of Football Mid North Coast or Competition Administrator. They may be in addition to any fines levied as a result of action taken under the FFA’s Football Code of Conduct.

- All Fines listed are GST Inclusive and are per offence.

Home Team – Home ground

- Failure to prepare home ground\$110.00
- Failure to provide approved soccer balls\$55.00
- Failure to have away strip if required.....\$55.00
- Failure to notify results on time.....\$27.50
- Failure to send sheets on time\$27.50
- Failure to field full Strength in all fixtures\$165.00
- Inducement to bring about a win\$550.00
- Abandoned fixture Spectator interference
 - per Player.....\$550.00 (max)
 - per Club.....\$550.00 (max)
 - per Person.....\$550.00 (max)
- Mass Walk-off.....\$1650.00 (max)
- Play a Ring in\$1650.00

Alcohol Related

- Sale of Beverages in Glass Bottles at ground\$1650.00 (max)
- Allowing consumption of beverages at home ground from glass bottles\$1650.00 (max)
- Selling alcohol at Junior fixtures\$1650.00 (max)

Team sheets details

- Failure to complete Team sheet correctly.....\$33.00
- Ineligible Team Sheet.....\$27.50
- Supplying false information\$165.00 (max)
- Signing incorrect Team Sheet\$33.00
- Late Submission of Competition Team Sheets.....\$33.00

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Result sheets

- Late Submission of Competition Result Sheets.....\$33.00

Washed out or doubtful fixtures

- Club failure to advise\$55.00

Premier league

- Failure of team(s) to appear at a scheduled Fixture\$330.00 (per team)

Forfeits

- Failure to give correct notice\$275.00 (max)
- Failure to appear\$550.00 (max)
- Failure to start\$330.00 (max)

Late withdrawal

- Late withdrawal of team from competition\$220.00

Match officials

- Failure of a Club to provide substitute referees (per Club)\$55.00
- Failure of a Match Official to List all goal scorers.....\$27.50
- Failure of a Match Official to file Send Off Report on time (first offence).....\$110.00 (max)
- Failure of a Match Official to file Send Off Report on time (second and subsequent offences).....\$220.00 (max)
- Failure of Match Official to appear at appointed fixture\$55.00

Team officials

- Failure to Register Team Official(s) – per team official\$27.50
- Using ineligible Team Officials – per team official\$27.50
- Bringing game into disrepute\$440.00 (max)

Team misconduct

- Receiving excessive Red and/or Yellow

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- Cards in one match\$500.00 (max)

Ineligible players

- Playing ineligible player\$110.00
- Playing Disqualified Player\$330.00
- Player Bringing Code into disrepute\$1100.00 (max)

Registration of a player

- Supplying false information\$275.00
- Registering with more than one club\$440.00
- Playing for another club.....\$550.00

END of FINE LIST

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Appendix – E. Semi Final Formats

Premier League - five team semi finals.

Competitions with:

6 or less teams – four team semi finals

7, 8 or 9 teams - five team semi finals.

10 or 11 teams - six team semi finals.

12 teams or above - eight team semi finals

FOUR TEAM

Week 1 Semi finals	Week 2 Final	Week 3 Grand Finals
<u>ESF</u> 3 v 4 Loser eliminated	Winner ESF v Loser MSF	Winner MSF v Winner Final
<u>MSF</u> 1 v 2		

FIVE TEAM

Week 1 Semi Finals	Week 2 Qual finals	Week 3 Final	Week 4 Grand Finals
<u>ESF 1</u> 4 v 5 Loser Eliminated	<u>QF 1</u> 1 v Winner QSF 1	Loser QF 1 v Winner QF 2 Loser eliminated	Winner QF 1 v Winner final
<u>QSF 1</u> 2 v 3	<u>QF 2</u> Loser QSF 1 v Winner ESF Loser eliminated		

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SIX TEAM

Week 1 Qualifying semi finals	Week 2 Semi Finals	Week 3 Elimination Final	Week 4 Grand Final
<u>QF 1</u> 3 rd placed team v 6 th placed team Loser eliminated	<u>SF 1</u> 1 st placed team v 2 nd placed team	<u>EF 1</u> Loser SF 1 v Winner SF2	Winner SF 1 v Winner EF 1
<u>QF 2</u> 4 th placed team v 5 th placed team Loser Eliminated	<u>SF 2</u> Winner QF 1 v Winner QF 2 Loser eliminated		

EIGHT TEAM

Week 1 Qualifying finals	Week 2 Semi-Final 1	Week 3 Preliminary Final 1	Week 4 Grand Final
<u>QF1</u> 1 st Placed Team v 4 th Placed Team	Loser QF1 v Winner EF1	Winner QF1 v Winner SF2	Winner PF1 v Winner PF2
<u>QF2</u> 2 nd Placed Team v 3 rd Placed Team			
Elimination Finals	Semi Final 2	Preliminary Final 2	
<u>EF1</u> 5 th Placed Team v 8 th Placed Team	Loser QF2 v Winner EF2	Winner QF2 v Winner SF1	
<u>EF2</u> 6 th Placed Team v 7 th Placed Team			

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Appendix – F. Clearance Letter Template

From:

The Secretary
.....Club
.....Date

This is to advise that (player and FFA No.) is free to leave our Club. He owes us no money and is not under any suspensions.

Signed.....(Club Secretary or President)
.....(Print Name)
.....(Contact Phone No.)

End