

Kings Langley Soccer Club

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Website: <http://www.kingslangleysoccerclub.com.au/>

Check if grounds are open: <https://www.blacktown.nsw.gov.au/Home>

(Look for a red banner at the top of the page)

BDSFA GROUNDS		
CLUB	HOME GROUND	ADDRESS
Doonside Hawks	Glendenning Reserve	Cnr Goulding Dr & Richmond Rd, Glendenning
Eastern Creek	Morreau Reserve	Church St, Eastern Creek
Glenwood Redbacks	Glenwood Reserve	Foreman Ave, Glenwood
Kings Langley	Lynwood Park	Stephen St, Blacktown
Lourdes	Best Road Reserve	Best Rd, Seven Hills
Marayong	Harvey Park	Benalla Crs, Marayong
Marsden Park	Elara Oval	Elara Boulevard, Marsden Park
Minchinbury	Minchinbury Reserve	Minchin Drive, Minchinbury
Newbury Bulls	Connor Greasby Park	Perfection Ave, Stanhope Gardens
Oakville United Ravens	Colbee Park	Torbert Avenue, Quakers Hill
Parklea	Morgan Power Reserve	Vardy's Rd, Blacktown
Plumpton Oakhurst	Hanna Reserve	Hyatts Road, Oakhurst
Polonia Rams	Heber Park	Corner Pringle & Jersey Road, Hebersham
Ponds FC	Jonas Bradley Oval	The Ponds Blvd, The Ponds
Premier Spurs	Marayong Oval	Davis Rd, Marayong
Prospect United	William Lawson Park	Myrtle St, Prospect
Quakers Hill Juniors	Quakers Reserve	Walker St, Quakers Hill
Quakers Hill Tigers	Paterson Reserve	Torbert Ave, Quakers Hill
Riverstone Schofields	Schofields Park	Station St, Schofields
Rooty Hill RSL	Cor Brouwer Reserve Angus Park	Cawarra St, Eastern Creek Beames Ave, Rooty Hill
Ropes Crossing FC	Guild Place	Guild Pl, Ropes Crossing
St Patricks	Bert Saunders	Kiata Crs, Doonside
Town Rangers	Popondetta Park	Popondetta Rd, Emerton
Workers	Laybutt Reserve	221 Walters Road, Blacktown

2022 KLSFC Calendar

*Over 35 Team plays on Friday Nights, all other teams play on Saturdays

Round 1	1 - 3 April	
Round 2	8 - 10 April	School Holidays
Easter Long Weekend	15 - 17 April	No Play
Round 3	22 - 25 April	School Holidays
Round 4	29 April - 1 May	Colour Run Saturday
Round 5	6 - 8 May	Mothers Day Weekend Female Football Week
Round 6	13 - 15 May	
Round 7	20 - 22 May	Photo Weekend Sponsor Weekend
Round 8	27 - 29 May	
Round 9	3 - 5 June	Half Season Coach/Manager Meeting
June Long Weekend	10 - 13 June	Catch Up weekend
Round 10	17 - 19 June	
Round 11	24 - 26 June	
Round 12	1 - 3 July	School Holidays
Round 13	8 - 10 July	School Holidays
Round 14	15 - 17 July	School Holidays
Round 15	22 - 24 July	Loftus Pie Fundraiser
Round 16	29 - 31 July	Loftus Pie Fundraiser
Round 17	5 - 7 August	Loftus Pie Fundraiser
Round 18	12 - 14 August	
Semi Final	19 - 21 August	
Semi Final	26 - 28 August	
Grand Final	2 - 4 September	Fathers Day Weekend
Presentation Day	Sunday, 25 September	
AGM	Thursday, 13 October	



Match Day Instruction Manual

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STEP 1

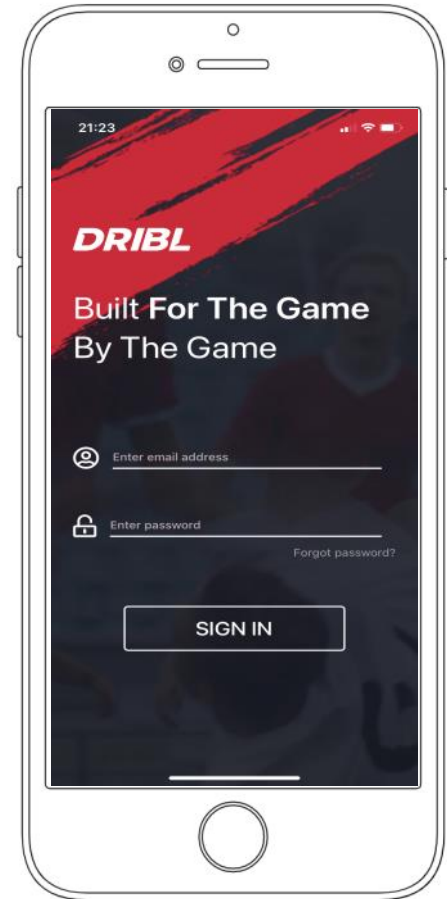
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STEP 2

The home screen

All of your associated teams will appear on this page. Click on the appropriate tile to select the relevant match

What do the initials in the hexagon stand for?

MA = Manager

TR = Team Reporter allows you to complete Matchsheets

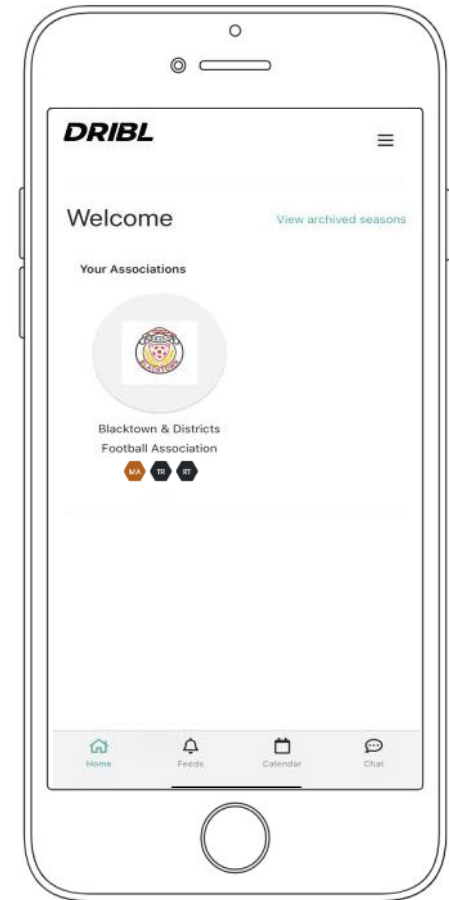
RT = Team Recorder allows you to enter scores at the end of the match

PL = Player

CO = Coach

OF = Official

You could hold several positions in a team!



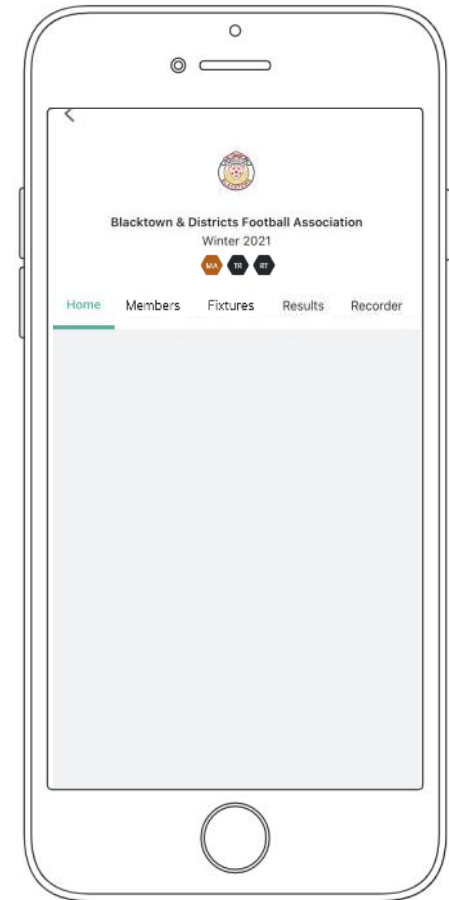
STEP 3

The team page

Swipe right across the menu to find Matchsheets

Your menu items may differ from those with higher permissions. Example, a Club Secretary will see a lot more at this point compared to a Team Manager

Your Matchsheet will appear on a new screen. Select the appropriate match.



STEP 4

The Matchsheet and actions to take before the match

Across the menu there are several items that you can see. Lets run through them first and then move onto actions required prior to kick off

Home Team = the team appearing first on the fixture list

Away Team = the team appearing second on the fixture list

Referees = This will show if you have referees allocated to your match

Cards = Where you will check after the match to see who was carded throughout the match

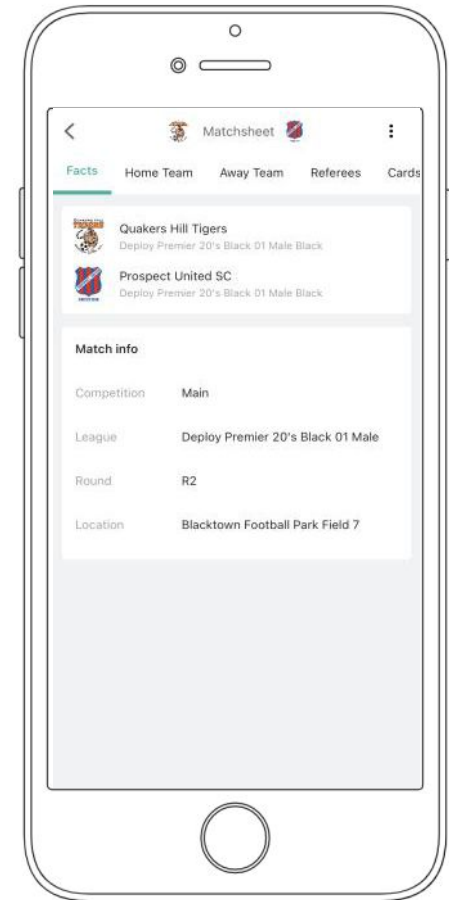
Substitutions = Shows when a substitution was made

Goals = Shows who scored goals and at what time

Scores = The final score

Officials = Where you enter your Ground Official & Match Day Supervisor

**Some age groups will not offer all of the features listed above*



STEP 4 Cont.

Entering your teams information

Select your team. You might be the home or away team on the day

You can add upgraded players by clicking the



Lets explain the dots next to the players



C = Captain. This is not necessary

S = Starting. This is not necessary

P = Played. This is not necessary

A = Available. This is the important button. All players present and taking the field or bench must be clicked. When a player is selected, the A circle will turn to green

⋮ = is the area that you enter the players jersey number. You can see the last player in the list has the jersey number 2

**Some of the above may not be available to your age group or division*

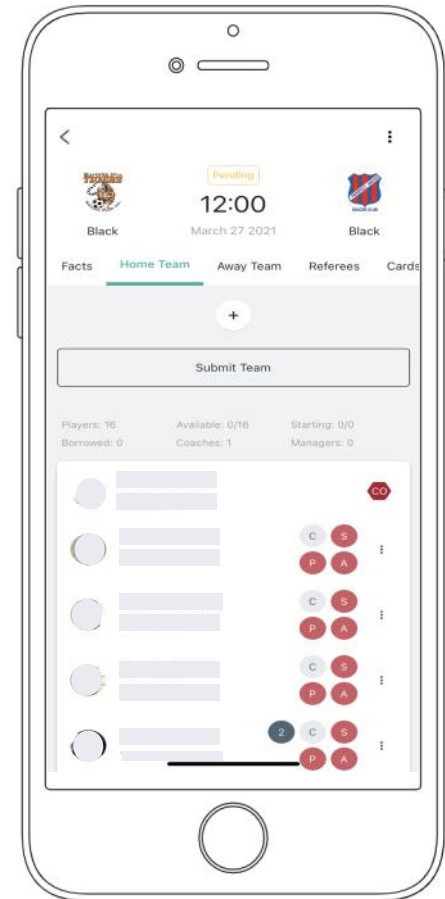
In order, to complete your teams information you need to:

A) Add any upgraded player to the team

B) Select all of the players that are "Available". Confirm the A button is green

C) Enter the jersey numbers of all of the players

D) Hit the "Submit Team" button




STEP 5

Reviewing the opposition team

Once the opposition has submitted their own team you may review the opposition. Do this by:

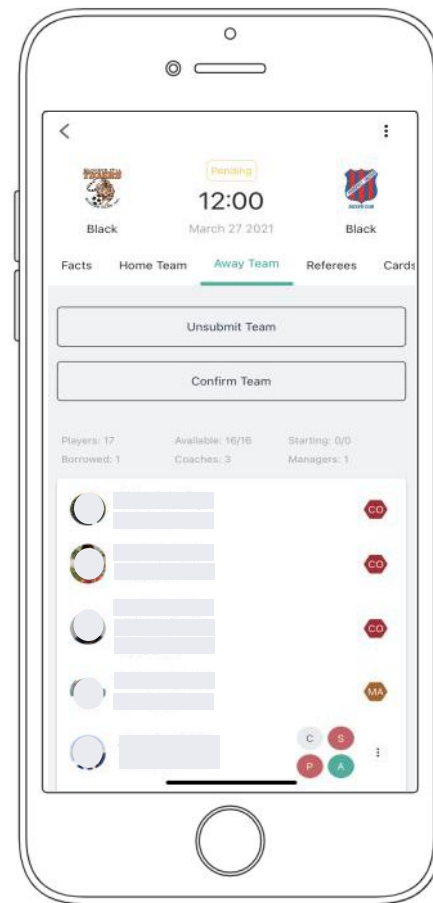
A) Enter the other teams area of the Matchesheet

B) With the players and opposition teams Manager present, check the photos match the players taking part in the match. You can enlarge the photos by clicking the  next to a player (just like you entered your jersey numbers).

C) Once satisfied that the opposition team is legal you can “Confirm Team”

**You can add players after kick-off by both managers clicking the “Unconfirm Team” and “Unsubmit Team” button, enter the new players information and carry out the same procedure as mentioned to allow the latecomer to commence playing.*

** Injured players cannot be replaced by another player after the initial Matchesheet is completed*



STEP 6

Entering the Officials

Each team must enter the details of the Match Day Supervisor and Ground Official(s)

A) Enter the “Officials” area of the Matchsheet

B) Enter the name of the official

C) Select the Official type

D) Hit “Save” for each official

The Match Day Supervisor’s name can be found at the canteen.

That is all that is required before your match

The image shows a smartphone screen with a form titled "Add an official". The form is divided into three main sections: "Official details", "Official type", and "Notes".

- Official details:** Contains two input fields for "First name" and "Last name".
- Official type:** Features a dropdown menu with a plus icon and the text "Select an official type".
- Notes:** A large, empty text area for additional information.

At the bottom of the form are two buttons: "Save" and "Cancel". The phone's home button is visible at the very bottom of the screen.

STEP 7

After the match and score entry

After the match you should confirm that the referee has entered the correct people sanctioned or sent off from the field of play through the “Cards” section of the Matchsheet

If there was no official referee, it is the responsibility of the home clubs team manager’s to enter the referee(s) names in the “Officials” section of the Matchsheet. Fines may apply to clubs failing to list unofficial referees

After the match find the “Recorder” section on the team page (shown in step 3)

Washouts and abandonments can be recorded by clicking the ⋮

- A) Check the cards in the Matchsheet**
- B) Enter the name of the unofficial referee(s) if required**
- C) Enter the “Recorder” section in the team page**
- D) Enter the score**
- D) Hit “Save”**

And you are done!



2022 KLSFC COACH EXPECTATIONS

Training Days - during the day

- ☐ Keep an eye on the weather
- ☐ If raining, check Facebook to see if grounds are open
- ☐ If grounds open but weather is undesirable, let the manager know whether or not you want to proceed with training

Training Sessions

- ☐ Ensure all players are wearing shin pads and soccer boots
- ☐ Motivate and encourage your team
- ☐ Perform skill development
- ☐ Ensure you are respectful of those training near you
- ☐ Build a rapport with players

During the week

- ☐ Keep an eye on the Facebook page for the following weekends draw
- ☐ Pre plan training sessions
- ☐ Determine approach for match day

Match Day

- ☐ Ensure all players have shin pads, boots and correct uniform
- ☐ Introduce yourself to the ref and opposing coach
- ☐ Be respectful of ref
- ☐ Ensure all players get fair playing time
- ☐ Write Match Report by end of weekend and submit
- ☐ Wear your club coach shirt

Other Responsibilities

- ☐ Be aware of your age groups rules and regulations
- ☐ Obtain qualifications appropriate to age group (club will cover costs)

Coach

Do

WEAR YOUR ID

Have a smile

Know your players names

Know the parents

Be respectful

Celebrate team successes

Introduce yourself to the opposing team coach

Wear your coach shirt

Represent the club with pride

Report incidents (even minor ones)

Make sure First Aid Kit is on hand and complete

Stay in the technical area

Shout encouragement

Ensure communication is through Manager

Ensure Fairplay in regards to time

Educate your team on Soccer

Don't

- Swear
- Misrepresent club
- Favour particular children
- Engage with Ref
- Shout at Ref or other team
- Go on the field unless called on by ref
- Run up and down the sideline
- Travel with another child in car alone
- organise offsite training without disclaimer being signed

COACHES CODE OF CONDUCT

The FFA Code of Ethics

This code is designed:

- ☛ To emphasise the elements of enjoyment and satisfaction to junior player's and coaches involved in soccer.
- ☛ To make adults including parents and coach's aware that young player's play soccer to satisfy themselves and not necessarily to satisfy adults or member's of their own peer group.
- ☛ To improve the overall health and fitness of Australia's youth by encouraging participation in soccer and making it attractive, safe and enjoyable for all to play.
- ☛ To remind administrator's, coach's, referee's and parents that soccer must be administered, taught and provided, for the good of those young people who wish to play soccer, as ultimately "It is their game".

Coaches Code of Ethics

- ✓ I will respect the rights, dignity and worth of all players and ensure that everyone is treated equally.
- ✓ I will ensure that the players are involved in a positive environment, and that the game and training is a positive and enjoyable experience.
- ✓ I will respect all player's individuality and help them reach their own full potential.
- ✓ I will be fair, considerate and honest with all players.
- ✓ I will be professional and accept responsibility for my actions and encourage players to demonstrate the same qualities.
- ✓ I will make a commitment to my team, and myself that I will continue to improve my own knowledge of the game through coach education and various training programs.
- ✓ I will coach my player's to play within the rules and in the spirit of the game of soccer.
- ✓ I will avoid any physical contact with the players and should it be required it would be appropriate to the situation and necessary for the player's skill development.
- ✓ I will refrain from any form of personal abuse towards my players. Also be aware to any form's of abuse directed towards my players from other sources whilst they are in my care.
- ✓ I will refrain from any form of harassment towards my players.
- ✓ I will provide a safe environment for training and competition, by ensuring the equipment and facilities meet safety standards.
- ✓ I will show concern and caution towards sick and injured players and allow for further participation in training and competition only when appropriate.
- ✓ I will not engage in the use of crude, foul or abusive language that may be determined offensive or engage in any conduct detrimental to the image of the game when on or off the field.
- ✓ I will refrain from arguing with the referee and / or assistant referees regarding decisions they make.
- ✓ I will treat participants, officials and spectators with courtesy and respect.
- ✓ I will always encourage my team to play within the laws of the game.
- ✓ I will not consent to the use of any banned substance or drugs of dependence by my players.
- ✓ I will act in a responsible manner and accept responsibility for my actions.



2022 KLSFC UPGRADE PROCEDURE

1. No player is to be upgraded without first notifying Michelle (Secretary - 0448 903 558).
2. Upgrades should be organised at least 24 hours prior to the upgrade game wherever possible. This is to give Committee and coaches time to give proper consideration to the request.
3. Teams are requested to limit upgrades to increasing team numbers to maximum on-field numbers and one reserve. For example, maximum upgrades for U12 would be to provide 11 players on the field and 1 reserve.
4. Coaches requesting upgrades should at all times consider the impact of their request on the team the player comes from.
5. Equal Playing Time policy applies when using upgrades. Coaches should not give extra time to an upgraded player at the expense of their own team.
6. The Committee reserves the right **in exceptional circumstances** to request a coach release a player or players for an upgrade even if it leaves their team short of the on-field maximum e.g. if an upgrade will leave one team short but will also prevent another team from having to forfeit due to insufficient players. While the needs of each team will be taken into account, on occasions the broader needs of the club will be given a higher priority.
7. As a general rule, upgrades will only be considered to play in up to 2 years above the player's age. Changes to this rule will only be considered on a case-by-case basis and are for exceptional circumstances only.

Manager

Do

WEAR YOUR ID

a smile

Know your players
names

Know the parents

Be a support to the
coach

Be respectful

Ensure volunteers are
turning up

Celebrate team
successes

Introduce yourself to
the opposing team
manager

Wear your manager
shirt

Represent the club with
pride

Report incidents (even
minor ones)

Ensure match sheets are
submitted correctly

Make sure First Aid Kit is
on hand and complete

Don't

- Swear
- Misrepresent club
- Favour particular children
- Travel with another child in car alone

2022 TEAM MANAGER EXPECTATIONS

Training Days - during the day

- ☐ Keep an eye on the weather
- ☐ If raining, check Facebook to see if grounds are open
- ☐ If grounds open but weather is undesirable, check with coach if training is on
- ☐ If grounds are closed or coach decided to cancel training, advise team by agreed communication method

Training Sessions

- ☐ Check in with parents
- ☐ Organise volunteers for following match days
- ☐ Clear clubhouse team cubby hole

During the week

- ☐ Keep an eye on the Facebook page for the following weekends draw
- ☐ Advise parents of location and time and to get there 30 mins before kickoff
- ☐ Organise upgrades through Secretary if not enough players to play on match day

Match Day

- ☐ Select a parent to be ground official and give them orange vest and guidelines
- ☐ Complete electronic matchsheets (further instructions in match sheet section) at beginning of match ensuring that other team is represented with correct players (matching photos to players)
- ☐ Collect Player of the week trophy at beginning of game
- ☐ Take Photos or delegate a photographer
- ☐ Wear your manager shirt
- ☐ Share photos in group
- ☐ Ensure parents are in the correct spot

Other Responsibilities

- ☐ Celebrate players birthdays (certificates available)
- ☐ Help with the distribution and collection of fundraising materials
- ☐ Be a representative of the club
- ☐ Report Issues
- ☐ Report Injuries
- ☐ Support the Coach

Incident Process

There is no such thing as a small incident - anything that catches your attention that you feel is not right needs to be brought to the club's attention. We will then work with you to determine if you need it addressed or if it is something to be aware of for the future.

Incidents can range from a coach, manager, parent/spectator, ground official or committee member behaving inappropriately to bullying of a player to a actual physical injury. All incidents big and small need to be brought to the club's attention.

If an incident is going to be addressed then you will be asked if you want to be involved or remain anonymous.

Incidents need to be put in writing including date, time and location by email through to secretary@kingslanglesoccerclub.com.au. If you would like to discuss it with someone, please call the Secretary on 0448 903 558

If you are not comfortable raising the issue with the club then please raise it with the Member Protection Information Officer - Jacquie Mison - 0422 607 506 or mpio@kingslanglesoccerclub.com.au

Physical Injury

From time to time unfortunately a player may get hurt - it is important that you:

- ☐ Do not move the player
- ☐ Take necessary precautionary measures (ie. gloves)
- ☐ Send runner for icepack if needed
- ☐ If injury is serious, call Match Day Supervisor over
- ☐ Ensure injured player is not crowded around
- ☐ Report Incident to Club as per the above



These regulations are issued in the interests of safety and risk management in the operation of canteens, canteen work areas and BBQ's and the safety and duty of care of staff and volunteers who work in club and association canteens and BBQ's.

The following regulations apply to all Football NSW clubs and associations:

FOOTBALL NSW CANTEEN & BBQ SAFETY REGULATIONS

1. Persons working at a BBQ or in a canteen must be 16 years of age or over.
2. Entry to canteen work areas is restricted to persons aged 16 years and over.
3. Children under 16 years of age are not permitted to work or assist in canteens or BBQ's or be present in a canteen work area under any circumstances.

Should you have any queries regarding this policy please contact Michelle Hanley, Football NSW Risk Manager and State Member Protection Information Officer.



SPECTATOR CODE OF BEHAVIOUR

A spectator at a Match or otherwise involved in any activity sanctioned or staged by, or held under the auspices of, Football Federation Australia Limited or an affiliated Member Federation or Club must:

- (a) respect the decisions of Match Officials and teach children to do the same;
- (b) never ridicule or unduly scold a child for making a mistake;
- (c) respect the rights, dignity and worth of every person regardless of their gender, ability, race, colour, religion, language, politics, national or ethnic origin;
- (d) not use violence in any form, whether it is against other spectators, Team Officials (including coaches), Match Officials or Players;
- (e) not engage in discrimination, harassment or abuse in any form, including the use of obscene or offensive language or gestures, the incitement of hatred or violence or partaking in indecent or racist chanting;
- (f) comply with any terms of entry of a venue, including bag inspections, prohibited and restricted items such as flares, missiles, dangerous articles and items that have the potential to cause injury or public nuisance;
- (g) not, and must not attempt to, bring into a venue national or political flags or emblems (except for the recognised national flags of any of the competing teams) or offensive or inappropriate banners, whether written in English or a foreign language;
- (h) not throw missiles (including on to the field of play or at other spectators) and must not enter the field of play or its surrounds without lawful authority; and
- (i) conduct themselves in a manner that enhances, rather than injures, the reputation and goodwill of FFA and football generally.

Any person who does not comply with this Spectator Code of Behaviour or who otherwise causes a disturbance may be evicted from a venue and banned from attending future Matches.

PARENT VOLUNTEER EXPECTATIONS

Home Games, Set Up and/or Pack Down

- ☐ Arrive 45 mins prior to game kick off time
- ☐ Get goals, corner flags & field number sign from the equipment room
- ☐ Take and set up on your playing field
- ☐ At the end of your game, if the field is no longer being used, carefully pack down the goals, collect corner flags and field number sign.
- ☐ Take back to the equipment room and pack away.

BBQ

- ☐ Arrive at your allocated time
- ☐ One person is responsible for cooking
- ☐ One person is responsible for serving
- ☐ Sign in on the roster sheet
- ☐ Tickets purchased from canteen
- ☐ Refer to checklist if on set up or pack down
- ☐ No children are permitted in the BBQ Area
- ☐ Gloves are to be worn for serving



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Competition Regulations

1. General

- 1.1. These Regulations cover the activities of all persons associated with the game of football (soccer) and conduct of all competitive matches under the control of the BDSFA Inc.
- 1.2. BDSFA may alter these Regulations at any time due to unforeseen circumstances.
- 1.3. Penalties may be imposed for any breach of the Constitution, Regulations, By-Laws and policies of the BDSFA and for any matter, which is not expressly mentioned as are categorised by the Board prior to the parties being cited.
- 1.4. The BDSFA may, from time to time, adopt policies. Failure to adhere to policies may carry similar consequences to breaching a Rule, Regulation or By Law. All policies must be distributed to Clubs and will appear on the Association Web Site.

2. Competition

- 2.1. The Competition shall start on a date to be fixed by the Football Operations Manager.
- 2.2. The Season will consist of 18 Rounds played thus:
 - a) 6 team Divisions will play each other three times plus 3 extra rounds.
 - b) 8 team Divisions will play each other twice plus 4 extra rounds
 - c) 10 teams Divisions will play each other twice.
 - d) Divisions with more than 10 teams will play each other once plus extra matches to equal 18
- 2.3. The duration of the competition will be decided each year by the Board subject to clause 2.2.
- 2.4. Matches shall be played on grounds set down by the Football Operations Manager and shall commence at stipulated times, with no amendment, except where extenuating circumstances have delayed the previous games and it is not possible for a game to commence at the stipulated time. In such cases the games will commence immediately following the preceding game.
- 2.5. Games to be played, where possible, Friday nights for Masters and Under 21 Men, Saturdays for Under 5 to Under 17 age groups inclusive and on Sundays for the all other adult competitions. Junior & All Age Female competitions will be played on Sunday.
- 2.6. When a complete round is washed out it will be replayed thus:
 - a) A future Sunday for teams 12s to U17 inclusive.
 - b) A future Sunday for MiniRoos.
 - c) AA, AAL, 12 to 20G matches will be set down where possible on Friday and Wednesday nights.



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- d) A future Tuesday for Under 21 Men and Masters Games.
 - e) The Football Operations Manager will set down matches and no correspondence will be entered.
- 2.7. The Football Operations Manager is to advise All Club Competition Secretaries the times and venues of all matches. The Board may void a round if necessary, to complete the season.
- 2.8. Unless otherwise specifically designated in a relevant By-Law the first named team in the draw shall be deemed the “home” team.
- 2.9. In the event of inclement weather causing postponement of matches, as many games as possible shall be played on the day.
- 2.10. When other than a complete round is washed out, The Football Operations Manager will set down the matches at their discretion and no correspondence will be entered.
- 2.11. Female players may play in mixed sex competitions up to and including under 16’s.
- 2.12. Where a team is participating in a competition conducted by FNSW, the BDSFA match will be postponed, and played within fourteen (14) days of the original date, as set down by the Football Operations Manager.
- 2.13. Subject to the discretion of the Board, the four highest placed teams will enter a final series at the end of the season.
- 2.14. The competition will be decided on points, and then goal difference and goals scored.
- 2.15. Any protest or dispute must be communicated to the Football Operations Manager within 48 hours of the conclusion of the match. A decision of the BDSFA may be appealed. All appeals will be heard by the BDSFA Board through a three (3) person panel.

3. Referees and Referee Fees

- 3.1. Referees fees shall be determined each year for each grade of the Competition by the BDSFA.
- 3.2. The Board shall determine the way in which Referees are paid for services.
- 3.3. Referees shall be appointed to all matches by the Referees Association or at the direction of the Board of BDSFA
- 3.4. If a referee is not in attendance, in all competition matches, a substitute must be appointed with the following preference:
- a) An official referee from any Branch
 - b) Home Team Club Referee
 - c) Away Team Club Referee



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- d) Any other Club Referee
- e) Any other capable person.
- f) Failure to comply with 5 a-e may result in the match being forfeit and awarded to the away team.

Once a substitute is appointed, they shall assume all responsibilities of an officially appointed referee and shall make themselves aware of their obligations regarding submitting reports to the BDSFA.

- 3.5. The electronic team sheet shall be completed in all instances. Teams unable to nominate the minimum number of player's shall be deemed to have forfeited the match.

4. Play Offs

- 4.1. In the event that a play-off has to be arranged to determine a League Champion or which team is to proceed to the Finals Series, that is where teams in the same section of a division are equal on points, goal difference and goals scored the play-off shall be arranged by the Football Operations Manager, on a neutral ground.
- 4.2. The play-off shall be played over the normal time for the age group playing.
- 4.3. If the two teams are tied at the end of normal time, extra time shall be played as follows:
 - a) Under 12 to Under 16 inclusive 5 minutes each way
 - b) Under 17 to All Age inclusive 10 minutes each way
- 4.4. Stoppage time will be used in all Play Off matches
- 4.5. Golden Goal rule applies in extra time. The game will end when a goal is scored.
- 4.6. If all is equal after the second period of extra time penalty shoot outs, as per the FIFA Rules of the Game, will determine the winner.
- 4.7. In all play-offs or replays each team shall supply one match ball of the correct size, suitably inflated.
- 4.8. In all play-offs each team shall supply two Ground Officials suitably identified, whose names shall be listed on the electronic team sheet.
- 4.9. The Club on whose ground the match is being played shall open all facilities and be responsible for supply or erection of nets, corner posts, etc. and for marking the ground.



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5. Finals

- 5.1. In each Division the top four placed teams will contest a Finals Series thus:
- a) Game 1 First plays Second
 - b) Game 2 Third plays Fourth (loser exits)
 - c) Game 3 Loser Game 1 v Winner Game 2
 - d) Final Winner Game 1 v Winner Game 3
- 5.2. If the Finals Series requires adjustment due to unforeseen circumstances and/or inclement weather the following may occur:
- a) Game 1 First plays fourth (loser exits)
 - b) Game 2 Second plays third (loser exits)
 - c) Final Winner Game 1 v Winner Game 2
- or in extreme cases the Finals Series will be cancelled and the highest team on the Competition Ladder will be declared the Competition Winner.
- 5.3. In divisions eligible to enter the Champion of Champions the Competition Winner will enter subject to Board approval.
- 5.4. Clubs must nominate their teams prior to the Finals Series commencing on the form provided.
- 5.5. The total amount of players nominated cannot exceed the number of players allowed in that age group.
- 5.6. Players must have played 60% of eligible matches in a team to qualify for a Finals Series. Players are eligible to play in two teams for semi-finals if they have played for more than 60% of eligible games for the upgraded team.
- 5.7. The Coach and Manager must be nominated and must be the persons properly registered and in possession of a current BDSFA Inc ID Card.
- 5.8. Any protest or dispute regarding a semi-final match must be reported to the Football Operations Manager on the day of the match. All decisions by the BDSFA will be FINAL and not subject to Appeal.
- 5.9. Any protest or dispute regarding a Grand Final match must be reported to the Football Operations Manager within 15 minutes of the end of the match. All decisions by the BDSFA will be FINAL and not subject to Appeal.
- 5.10. The Winner of the Grand Final will be the Competition Winner.
- 5.11. Stoppage time will be used in all finals matches



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- 5.12. During the Finals Series, if scores are equal at full time, all matches will be resolved thus:
- a) Under 12 to Under 16s Extra Time 5 Minutes each way with a 2-minute break.
 - b) Under 17 to All Age Extra Time 10 Minutes each way with a 2-minute break.
- 5.13. Golden Goal applies in extra time. The game will end when a goal is scored.
- 5.14. If all is equal after the second period of extra time penalty shoot outs, as per the FIFA Rules of the Game, will determine the winner.
- 5.15. For the Finals Series and Grand Finals, all teams must supply two suitably identified Ground Officials.
- 5.16. The Club on whose ground the match is being played shall open all facilities and be responsible for supply or erection of nets, corner posts, etc. and for marking the ground.

6. Duration of Matches and Ball Sizes

6.1. Duration of matches shall be (excluding 5 minutes interval)

a) Under 12	50 minutes	size 4
b) Under 13	60 minutes	size 4
c) Under 14	60 minutes	size 5
d) Under 15 and 16	70 minutes	size 5
e) Under 17	80 minutes	size 5
f) Under 18, 20 and All Age	90 minutes	size 5
g) O35	90 minutes	size 5
h) O45	90 minutes	size 5
i) O30W	90 Minutes	size 5

6.2. Equal halves will be played in accordance with the Laws of the game.

6.3. Other than in Premier League First Grade Matches, no stoppage time will be played. All matches terminated before the recommended duration due to player injury will be referred to the Football Operations Manager.

7. Competition Points

7.1. Competition points will be awarded as follows:

Win (by result or forfeit)	3 points
Draw	1 point
Loss	0 points



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Bye

0 points

8. Matches Played in Accordance with the Laws of the Game

8.1. All Fixtures will be played in compliance with the BDSFA Regulations in force at the time and in accordance with FFA and FNSW By-Laws, regulations, codes and directives, and under the FIFA laws of the game

9. Special Laws of the BDSFA

9.1. For Under 12 age group, goal kicks shall be taken from the 6-yard box.

9.2. For Under 12 age group, a 25Mt exclusions zone will be marked whereby no opposition player may intrude during the goal kick until the ball is touched by the first player inside that exclusion zone OR the ball clears the exclusion zone.

9.3. For Under 12 age groups, corner kicks shall be taken on the goal line halfway between the corner of the field and point where the 18-yard box meets the goal line.

9.4. There are no special provisions for the handball rule.

10. Sin Bins

10.1. There shall be no Sin Bin rule enforced in the BDSFA.

11. Forfeits

11.1. Any team not in attendance at the designated ground and ready to take the field at the due time shall be deemed to have forfeited the match. The referee shall endorse the team sheet to the effect that: - "the name of the team" was not ready to take the field."

11.2. In full field matches; if the minimum number of players is available, the match must commence on time, or when the referee takes the field of play to commence the match.

11.3. If less than the minimum number of players is not available, 10 minutes will be allowed to equal the minimum number whereby the referee will call the match forfeited and endorse the team sheet as per 11.1. In such cases the referee will be the sole judge of time.

11.4. A team must always field a minimum of seven (7) players.



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- 11.5. Failure to have the minimum of seven (7) players, ready to take the field at the commencement of the match shall be deemed a forfeit to the opposing team.
- 11.6. Failure to maintain a minimum of seven (7) players, shall result in the referee terminating the game whereupon a forfeit win will be awarded to the non-offending team. Other than no score been recorded, no penalty will apply to the forfeiting team.
- 11.7. The referee shall report such matters in the usual way, which will be dealt with as per the Regulations or By Laws.
- 11.8. Teams forfeiting on three occasions may be removed from the competition.
- 11.9. Where there is a forfeit the non-offending team shall be awarded the points and a score of 2-0 (or their score will stand if more than 2 at the time of an on-field forfeit).
- 11.10. When a game is forfeited without notice to the Association, the team to whom the game is forfeited shall submit an electronic team sheet in the usual manner, signed by the referee, who shall note on the team sheet that the other team forfeited. The referee will not be paid on match day and must submit a claim for fees to the Association.
- 11.11. The Board may deal with any team that is deemed to have forfeited a game to gain advantage, or to disadvantage another team, as it may see fit.
- 11.12. Any Team who forfeits during the last four (4) calendar dated rounds of the season will be deemed ineligible for the Finals Series.
- 11.13. Fines will apply for all team forfeits.
 - a) Clubs that notify the Association prior to 7:00pm Thursday for all weekend matches and within 48 hours of mid-week matches, including Masters, will pay \$50 forfeit fee.
 - b) Clubs that do not notify the Association as per 11.13 (a) will pay a forfeit fee equal to the Referee and ARs fees plus \$100.00

12. Match Terminations

- 12.1. When a game is abandoned by a referee, for any cause whatsoever, the matter shall be referred to the Match Review Committee who will investigate the circumstances appertaining to the abandonment and shall be authorised to make determinations based on the Match Review Committee Guidelines.
- 12.2. When a match is terminated because of violence the Match Review Committee will investigate the matter and shall be authorised to recommend the case be heard by a GPT. Refer to the BDSFA Grievance & Disciplinary Regulations.



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Teams causing a match 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 BDSFA Inc. Refer to the BDSFA Grievance & Disciplinary Regulations.

13. Team Sheets

- 13.1. The BDSFA will use electronic team sheets. The conditions for the use of electronic team sheets will be provided to the teams competing in all ages and divisions.
- 13.2. The maximum players per match to be entered on the team sheet and to take the field in accordance with the Player & Player Equipment Regulations shall be:
 - a) Under 12 to 14 14 Players
 - b) Under 15 to All Age 16 Players
 - c) Masters 18 Players
- 13.3. Team managers must enter the player's shirt number in the space provided.
- 13.4. Both Home & Away Team managers and the referee must enter the match score at the conclusion of the match.
- 13.5. The "starting" goalkeeper must be designated with the initials "GK" in the space provided.
- 13.6. Players upgrading from other teams must be added to the team sheet. The upgraded players' age group and division must be entered.
- 13.7. Should player(s) nominated on the team sheet not take the field, (the names of those players should be unticked).
- 13.8. All players nominated on the team sheet shall be deemed to have played.
- 13.9. Suspended players need to be identified and unticked from the team sheet.
- 13.10. Managers must sight and confirm the correct players are exact to the players that play in the match.
- 13.11. Once the match has commenced, players may be entered on the team sheet by consent of both team Managers, but not to replace a player whom has already taken part in the match. Players that do not turn up must be removed from the team sheet by both managers.
- 13.12. Player's whose names and registration numbers are added to the team sheet, in line with the above paragraph (13.10) must present themselves to the opposing team manager prior to taking the field.



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- 13.13. At the completion of the match the referee shall populate all necessary fields to complete a match.
- 13.14. Once signed by the Team Managers, all information contained on Team Sheets pertaining to the players that participated, the substitutions and the result of the match will be deemed as correct, unless an Official Letter from a Club, showing proof to the contrary, is received within 48 hours of the finish of the match. A decision of the BDSFA may be appealed. All appeals will be heard by the BDSFA Board through a three (3) person panel.
- 13.15. If a match official has entered the incorrect information with respect to a yellow card offence it will be amended if confirmed by the match official in writing.
- 13.16. If a match official has entered the incorrect information with respect to a red card offence it will be dealt with in line with the BDSFA Grievance and Disciplinary Regulations (clause XX.XX).
- 13.17. In the event that a yellow or red card is not recorded by the match official, it will be amended if confirmed by the match official in writing.
- 13.18. In the case of electronic team sheets not being available for any reason, paper team sheets are to be supplied by the home club. The sheets must be printed neatly, and a DNP marked next to any player who did not take part in that match. The Match Day Supervisor is responsible for the paper team sheets to be filled in correctly. A description on how to fill out a team sheet will be sent out to ALL clubs before season commencement. All paper sheets are to be delivered to the BDSFA office by 10am the following Monday. Scores must be entered by the home club via the Competition Management System

14. Substitutes / Interchange

- 14.1. Except for Premier League First Grade, interchange will be used in all age groups and divisions.
- 14.2. Substitutes and Interchange players may be added on the Team Sheet during the match in accordance with paragraph 13.10 and 13.11.
- 14.3. Interchange players may enter and/or leave the field of play as many times as necessary, but only with the express permission of the referee.
- 14.4. Both Teams' Officials are responsible for ensuring the correct numbers of players are always on the field of play.
- 14.5. Substitutes may not resume play after being substituted in that match.
- 14.6. The Referee may not allow interchange if they believe the use of interchange is not in the "spirit of the game".
- 14.7. The number of substitutes/interchange players per match is as follows:



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| a) U12 to U14 | a maximum of 3 players |
| b) U15 to All Age | a maximum of 5 players |
| c) Masters | a maximum of 7 players |

15. Grounds

- 15.1. Clubs shall be responsible for obtaining their own home grounds.
- 15.2. Clubs shall not enter competition for another clubs ground.
- 15.3. Clubs wishing to share a ground may do so only with the approval of the Board.
- 15.4. The host Club shall be responsible for correct and adequate marking of the field as per FIFA Rules; including technical areas, and shall provide properly secured goal posts, goal nets, corner flags.
- 15.5. The Club on whose ground the match is being played shall open all facilities and be responsible for supply or erection of nets, corner posts, etc. and for marking the ground.
- 15.6. The home Club shall provide two match balls for the fixture.
- 15.7. A referee may refuse to officiate on an insufficiently marked ground or one that he considers dangerous to the players. In such event this will be reported to the Association and the points connected with the match may be awarded to the visiting team at the discretion of the Board or the Football Operations Manager.
- 15.8. A visiting team desirous of protesting against the conditions of the ground, goal posts, nets, corner flags or balls, shall make their protest to the referee prior to the match where the cause of protest is apparent at that time. The referee shall note the protest on the team sheet.
- 15.9. The referee shall be empowered to order the game to be played despite the protests made in accordance with the previous clause, but where the protests relate to the ground, goal posts, nets, corner flags or balls not conforming to the Laws of the Game.
- 15.10. Home/Host Clubs shall place ropes, where practicable, along both sides of the field. Such ropes to be placed approximately 3 metres from the sidelines.

STAR POSTS ARE NOT TO BE USED

16. Team Nominations

- 16.1. Nominations for registration of teams must be on the prescribed form and shall be in the hands of the Association at a date to be fixed by the Board each season.



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- 16.2. Where a Club has more than one team playing in one age group and division in the competition, the names of the player's in each team shall be submitted to the Association Office on the prescribed form prior to first competition match and shall not be interchangeable without special permission of the Board. Such permission to be sought in writing and permission granted prior to playing for the other team. An alternate strip will be nominated for one team.
- 16.3. Where a Club has two or more teams playing in the same age group and wishes to withdraw one of these teams the lower graded team may be withdrawn at the discretion of the Board.
- 16.4. The maximum number of players to be nominated per team is:
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| Junior Teams | 14 |
| Under 15 - AA | 16 |
| O35 and O45 | 18 |

Extra members for All Age or Master's teams may be allowed subject to board approval.

- 16.5. Late entries may be accepted subject to byes being available. Such teams may enter the competition without playing any proceeding rounds or may be accepted on a "social" basis and not accrue points or standings.

17. Team Gradings

- 17.1. All Clubs must grade their players into division in which the player can perform to their best.
- 17.2. Competition teams will be graded according to their performances in the previous season.
- 17.3. The Board may use the results of the Competition and or The Finals Series to assist with grading.
- 17.4. Clubs may request to the Board that a team eligible to be demoted is not demoted
- 17.5. Divisions will be formulated in a manner to avoid byes.
- 17.6. To make up the required number, teams finishing the previous season in a position lower than 1st or 2nd in a division may be promoted to a higher division but shall be promoted in order of merit, according to where they finished the previous season.
- 17.7. Clubs that nominate teams whom the Board consider of a higher standard to that age to which they are nominated will be nominated to a higher age group/division.
- 17.8. The Board will grade new clubs by taking into consideration the players nominated.



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- 17.9. If the teams playing ability is above that division in where there is a bye round the team may be admitted to the next higher age group and/or division.
- 17.10. Teams withdrawn after nomination shall be liable for all fees and shall invoke a fine.
- 17.11. There shall be no appeal, nor amendment, to any grading or regrading once decided by the Board.
- 17.12. Any team whose nomination is accepted and then forfeits the first three games of the competition shall be deemed to have been withdrawn and shall be liable for all fees incurred as per 17.10.
- 17.13. Where insufficient entries are received to form a competition in any grade, such teams may be permitted to enter competitions conducted by neighbouring Associations, at the discretion of the Board.

18. Joint Team Nominations

- 18.1. Where a Club has insufficient numbers to nominate a team in an age group; they may apply for nomination as a joint team.
- 18.2. Teams may be made up from different Clubs to form one or more teams in a division.
- 18.3. Player's playing in "joint teams" will remain members of that Club to which they first registered and will be due any membership benefits from that Club.
- 18.4. Each Club having members in a "joint team" will take turns in hosting the Home games of the team.
- 18.5. The BDSFA will designate the team's colours, training venue and team officials.

19. Premier League

- 19.1. Refer to the BDSFA Premier League Regulations.

20. Under 21 Men & Under 20s Women's Competitions

- 20.1. The age qualification for Under 21 Men and Under 20s Women is players who are turning 16 in the year of registration and players under the age of 21 or 20 respectfully as at 31st December in the year of registration.
- 20.2. Complete teams of Under 21 Men & Under 20 Women cannot participate in the lowest two divisions of All Age football.



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21. Masters Competition

- 21.1. The age qualification is the players' age at the 1st January in the year of registration.
- 21.2. All Teams will consist of a minimum of 14 players and a maximum of 18.
- 21.3. Over 35 Games will be played in 2 x 45 minute halves with a 5 minute break at half time.
- 21.4. Over 45 Games will be played in 2 x 45 minute halves with a 5 minute break at half time.
- 21.5. For the current season the O45 may consist of a minimum 11 player who are over 45. (IE a minimum of 45 years old prior to January 1 of that season) and up to 7 players who are over the age of 40 (IE a minimum of 40 years old prior to January 1 of that season).
- 21.6. Any Upgrades must be 45 years old as per "overs" rules.
- 21.7. BDSFA will review the above each season.
- 21.8. Over 30W games will be played in 2 x 45 minute halves with a 5 minute break at half time.

22. Teams Removed or Withdrawing from Competitions

- 22.1. In the event of any team withdrawing or being removed from BDSFA competitions, the following procedure will take effect to allow the altered Competitions to proceed to a conclusion.
 - a) Removed or withdrawing before Competition has started: The team will be withdrawn from the division and if necessary, replaced with a "Bye".
 - b) Removed or withdrawing during the first half of the competition: All opposing Teams that have played the removed or withdrawn Teams (for the complete first round) shall have points and goals deleted from their records and shall be credited with a bye result. Teams that have not played the removed or withdrawn Team will obtain a Bye result.
 - c) Removed or withdrawing during the second half of the competition: All points and goals acquired will be retained by opposing Teams (for the completed first round). Points and goals acquired against such disaffiliated Team shall be lost and Bye results shall be credited for the second half of the Competition.

23. Team Eligible for Champion of Champions

- 23.1. Teams eligible to enter the Champions of Champions must inform the Football Operations Manager prior to the Semi Finals Series of their intentions to represent the Association.



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- 23.2. Clubs whose teams play in the Finals Series who are then eligible to participate in the Champion of Champions and refuse to attend that Tournament will be fined \$1000.00 and the players deemed ineligible to enter any external competitions and tournaments for the season.
- 23.3. At the discretion of the Board and subject to the Regulations, the First Division Minor Premier (first past the post) in all competitions Under 12 to Under 17, P21, O30W, O35s, O45s, and BDSFA Women's and Men's highest All Age League (Women's All Age Division 1 and Men's Premier League) may be entered into the Champion of Champions.
- 23.4. Teams entering the Champion of Champions must read and understand all rules and playing conditions. Fines apply for non-compliance.
- 23.5. Female teams will be decided upon the highest placed BDSFA registered team in their corresponding age group.

24. Team Officials

- 24.1. A team official is deemed to be a coach or manager of a team.
- 24.2. All team officials must be registered and in possession of a valid BDSFA ID Card.
- 24.3. Persons not in possession of a valid BDSFA ID Card will not be permitted to enter the Technical Area.
- 24.4. In such case where the referee must remove officials from the Technical Area for the above reasons BDSFA may penalise the official/team/club.
- 24.5. Junior Female only teams (20 years and under) must contain at least one female Team Official.
- 24.6. As per FNSW Working with Children Check Policy all Officials including Coaches, Managers and Volunteers as a pre-condition of registration must have a Working with Children (WWC) number and that this needs to be entered in Play Football system at the time of registration. The only exemption is for persons aged under 18 years.

25. Trophies

- 25.1. The Grand Final winner and runner-up in each age group or division of a season's competitions shall be awarded a trophy or trophies at the discretion of the Board.



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26. Private Academy Relationship

- 26.1. BDSFA recognises that a Club may choose to engage a private academy or external provider to deliver a variety of services to its players including, but not limited to, match day and training services.
- 26.2. Subject to satisfying all registration requirements, a nominated Team will not be excluded from the competitions only because of its relationship with a private academy or external provider.
- 26.3. Teams agree and acknowledge that:
- a) Their playing name must not include the name of, or reference to, a private academy or external provider, and the playing name must otherwise be identical to that used while participating in the Team's Association competition;
 - b) While participating in matches, Players must wear the Team's usual playing strip and any branding of a private academy or external provider on that strip shall not be shown;
 - c) While at a venue, any branding of a private academy or external provider on a Player's outerwear, bags, signage or other equipment shall not be shown; and
 - d) While at a venue, Club Officials and Team Officials must wear their usual match day attire and any branding of a private academy or external provider shall not be shown.
- 26.4. Should a Team be accepted into the Competitions and subsequently be found to be in breach of paragraphs (a) through to (d) above, that team may be removed from the Competition by the BDSFA in its absolute discretion.



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Schedule 1: Additional Rules – COVID 19

1. *Scope and Application*

- a) This Schedule 1 is to be read in conjunction with the remainder of the Regulations and does not constitute the complete Regulations applicable to the Competitions.
- b) This Schedule 1 is specific to situations where COVID-19 affects the ability of Teams or Clubs to participate in the Competitions and/or the ability of the BDSFA to conduct the Competitions.
- c) Health and safety are THE BDSFA's highest priority; our aim is to provide our stakeholders with a safe environment within which to train, play and participate in our game.
- d) Clubs must immediately notify the BDSFA when a Player/Coach/Official receives a positive COVID-19 Test or is deemed to be a contact of a positive COVID-19 case, including close contacts via the official THE BDSFA COVID-19 notification form – [Click here.](#)
- e) Should any scenario occur which is not covered within these Regulations, then the matter shall be referred to the BDSFA Executive who will determine the most appropriate outcome in its absolute discretion.
- f) In this Schedule 1, "**COVID-19**" means the disease arising in relation to the 2019 novel coronavirus or similar public health emergencies, communicable disease outbreaks, epidemics or pandemics.
- g) In this Schedule 1, "**70% of the Premiership**" means 70% or rounded up to a whole number of the total number of Round Robin Matches in which, at the commencement of a the BDSFA Competition, all of the Teams in that Competition were scheduled to compete. For example – 70% of an 18 round competition is 13 rounds. Byes are counted as a round of competition.

2. *Disruptions to Teams and Competitions*

The BDSFA will apply the following principles when determining outcomes following COVID-19-related disruptions to Competitions:

- a) If, on the day of a Match, two (2) or more Players from age groups Under 5 through to and including Under 14 Teams are unable to participate in the Match because they are required by the relevant health authority to self-isolate, or they have tested positive for COVID-19, or they are deemed by the relevant health authority to be contacts of a positive COVID-19 case or cases, the affected Team's Club may seek the BDSFA's permission to have the Match deferred.
- b) If, on the day of a Match, three (3) or more Players from age groups Under 15 through to and including All Age Teams are unable to participate in the Match because they are required by the relevant health authority to self-isolate, or they have tested positive for COVID-19, or they are deemed by the relevant health authority to be contacts of a positive COVID 19 case or cases, the affected Team's Club may seek the BDSFA's permission to have the Match deferred.
- c) If, on the day of a Match, four (4) or more Players from Masters Competitions are unable to participate in the Match because they are required by the relevant health authority to self-



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isolate, or they have tested positive for COVID-19, or they are deemed by the relevant health authority to be contacts of a positive COVID 19 case or cases, the affected Team's Club may seek the BDSFA's permission to have the Match deferred.

- d) It is a condition of a Club's entitlement to seek the BDSFA's permission to have a Match deferred in any of the circumstances described in paragraphs (a-c) above that the Players who are unable to participate in the relevant Match are part of the current squad roster for the affected Team and are otherwise free of injury at the time that permission is sought.
- e) Proof of requirements by the relevant health authority to self-isolate, tested positive for COVID-19, or they have deemed by the relevant health authority to be contacts of a positive COVID 19 case or cases must be provided through the official BDSFA COVID-19 notification form.
- f) Clubs may apply for a Match deferment prior to 1:00pm Friday via the official Match Deferment Request Form – [Click here](#)
- g) Clubs requesting a Match deferment after 1:00pm Friday must apply via text message to the Football Operations Manager.
- h) Upgrading of players from lower age groups and divisions is strongly encouraged to ensure a match can be completed and such upgrades will be considered prior to matches being deferred.
- i) In circumstances where the BDSFA has determined that a complete Round of a Competition cannot proceed for COVID-19-related reasons, that Round will be postponed and rescheduled by the BDSFA, provided that it can be played within the Round Robin calendar. If a postponed Round cannot be played within the Round Robin calendar, it will be cancelled.
- j) In circumstances where the BDSFA has determined that a Championship Match cannot proceed for COVID-19-related reasons, that Match will be cancelled.
- k) In circumstances where the BDSFA has determined that a Play-off of a Competition cannot proceed for COVID-19-related reasons, that Match may be rescheduled, provided that, as determined by the BDSFA Executive in its absolute discretion, it can be played within a reasonable period of time after the original Match date. If the Play-off cannot be played within a reasonable period of time, it will be deemed a cancelled Match, and the result will be determined by a drawing of lots.
- l) In circumstances where the BDSFA has determined that a Semi Final of a Competition cannot proceed for COVID-19-related reasons, that Match may be rescheduled, provided that, as determined by the BDSFA Executive in its absolute discretion, it can be played within a reasonable period of time after the original Match date. If the Semi Final cannot be played within a reasonable period of time, it will be deemed a cancelled Match, and the highest ranked team will progress to the Grand Final.
- m) In circumstances where the BDSFA has determined that a Grand Final of a Competition cannot proceed for COVID-19-related reasons, that Match may be rescheduled, provided that, as determined by the BDSFA Executive in its absolute discretion, it can be played within a reasonable period of time after the original Match date. If the Grand Final cannot be played within a reasonable period of time, it



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will be deemed a cancelled Match, and the highest ranked team will be declared the winner of that Competition.

- n) Matches that have been deferred will be replaced with later matches scheduled at that ground/field in accordance with the following guidelines:
 - i. All matches deferred prior to Thursday before the scheduled match and Competition Fixture changes affected by match deferments will be communicated to all Clubs and Referees Appointments Coordinator via a daily summary email.
 - ii. Matches deferred before 1:00pm on the Friday before the scheduled match and Competition Fixture changes affected by match deferments will be communicated to all Clubs and Referees Appointments Coordinator as soon as practical after 1:00pm every Friday via email.
 - iii. Matches deferred after 1:00pm on the Friday before scheduled match and Competition Fixture changes affected by match deferments will be communicated to affected clubs only via text message to the Club Weekend Contacts and Referee Appointments Coordinator.
 - iv. Consideration will be given to Clubs and Referees if there are sizable gaps between scheduled matches caused by match deferments approved after 1:00pm Friday's. For example, if there are 9:00, 11:00, 1:00 and 3:00 scheduled kick-offs and the 11:00 & 1:00 matches are deferred, the 3:00 match may also be deferred.
- o) Referees appointed to matches which are moved due to a consequence of a match deferral must re-accept all new match times.
- p) The maximum number of games to be played in a seven (7) day period for teams aged Under 5-21 is four (4).
- q) The maximum number of games to be played in a seven (7) day period for teams aged All Age to Masters is three (3).

3. *Recommendation/Delayed Commencement of Competition*

The following principles will apply when a Competition recommences after having stopped, or its commencement is delayed, for any reason related to COVID-19:

- a) If two (2) to four (4) Rounds of the Premiership have been postponed by the BDSFA under this Schedule 1, a minimum of seven (7) days will be allowed by the BDSFA for Teams to train and prepare for the recommencement of the Competition.
- b) If five (5) or more Rounds of the Premiership have been postponed by the BDSFA under this Schedule 1, a minimum of fourteen (14) days will be allowed by the BDSFA for Teams to train and prepare for the recommencement of the Competition.
- c) If the BDSFA Executive determines that, upon the recommencement of a Competition, or upon the delayed commencement of a Competition, it will not be possible for all of the remaining Rounds of the Premiership and/or postponed Matches (if any) in that Competition to be played before the scheduled end of the Season, the BDSFA Executive will determine, in its absolute discretion, how many (if any) and which of the remaining Rounds and/or



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postponed Matches (if any) will be played.

4. *League Tables and Points – Premiership*

In circumstances where the BDSFA has determined that a Competition cannot be completed for COVID-19-related reasons, the following principles will be applied to determine the final standings for the Premiership:

- a) A Team will only be recognised as premiers of a Competition, and premiership trophies and medals will only be awarded, if at least 70% of the Premiership has been played at the time when the BDSFA made its decision not to recommence that Competition.
- b) If at least 70% of the Premiership has been played at the time when the BDSFA makes its decision not to recommence the Competition and every team in the Competition has, at that time, played the same number of Matches, the final standings for the Premiership will be determined.
- c) If at least 70% of the Premiership has been played at the time when the BDSFA makes its decision not to recommence the Competition, but the Teams in the Competition have not played an equal number of Matches, the final standings for the Premiership will be determined by means of the average points per game formula (**PPG**), as follows:

$$PPG = \text{Amount of points} / \text{Number of Matches played}$$

Examples

A 10 Teams Competition are scheduled to play a total of 90 Matches in the Premiership but, for COVID-19-related reasons, the BDSFA decided to stop the Competition and it cannot be recommenced.

Example 1: Every Team had played the same number of Matches at the time of the stoppage

- If, at the time when the BDSFA Executive makes its decision not to recommence the Competition, a total of 63 Matches (70% of the Premiership) have been played and every Team has played the same number of Matches, the final standings for the Premiership will be determined, based on the results of the 63 Matches played.
- If, at the time when the BDSFA makes its decision not to recommence the Competition, a total of 80 Matches (approximately 90% of the Premiership) have been played and every Team has played the same number of Matches, the final standings for the Premiership will be determined, based on the results of the 80 Matches played.

Example 2: Not all Teams had played the same number of Matches at the time of the stoppage

- If, at the time when the BDSFA makes its decision not to recommence the Competition, the Teams have collectively played a total of 63 Matches (70% of the Premiership) but the Teams have not played an equal number of Matches, the final standings for the Premiership will be determined by means of PPG, based on the Matches then played, and the number of points then accrued, by each of the Teams.



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- If, at the time when the BDSFA makes its decision not to recommence the Competition, the Teams have collectively played a total of 80 Matches (approximately 90% of the Premiership) but the Teams have not played an equal number of Matches, the final standings for the Premiership will be determined by means of PPG, based on the number of Matches then played, and the number of points then accrued, by each of the Teams.



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MiniRoos Policy

1. Purpose

The following policy and corresponding regulations were adopted by the BDSFA following recommendations from the BDSFA Mini-Roos Standing Committee (MSC). The long- term goal for the BDSFA Mini-Roos is to properly develop the competition to be able to:

- Provide consistency in playing conditions at all BDSFA clubs;
- Provide a footballing experience giving yearly progressions;
- Play on the 11v11 sized field by under 11's, giving a full year of development on the full-sized field before entering state competitions;
- Educate individuals that losing isn't the end of the world;
- Provide opportunity for hard work to be rewarded;
- Provide opportunity for players of all abilities to learn under the same conditions;
- Provide opportunity for players to fill the voided positions created by SAP with an easy transition; and
- Flow the high level of football into the under 12 age group and beyond.

2. Scope

This policy applies to all BDSFA Spectators, Members, Employees and Volunteers.

3. General

Number of Players

The number of players ensure the modified versions of the game create opportunity for all players to have the best chance of development. The maximum number of reserves per team is capped at three to aid players having ample game time.

Field of Play

The three modified formats produce enough progression for the individual player to achieve enjoyment, development and involvement dependant on the individuals age.

Clubs should ensure the field sizes remain consistent for the relevant age groups.

Painted line markings should always be used (including penalty areas, halfway lines and corner arcs for the relevant format) to replicate full sized 11 v 11 football.

The field of play is to be relevant to the full sized field in terms of orientation.

Goals

Goals should always be **rectangular in shape** and consistent with the regulations for the relevant age group. Consistency is key. Goals should be properly secured to the ground as per the regulations.



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Duration of Matches

The duration of matches is based upon the FFA playing formats. The under 5 & 6 age groups are capped at 15-minute halves.

Penalty Area

The penalty areas provide progression to goalkeepers to play off their line as they grow older.

Offside

The offside rule will be enforced in the U10's and U11's. This is to ensure progression and proper learning before the players enter full sized football. Players standing in a blatant offside position should be encouraged not to do so in the under 8 & 9 age groups.

Ball in and out of play

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

Kick off and Re-start after a goal

Pass to a teammate from the middle of the halfway line. All players must be in their own half of the field of play. Opponents must be 5m away in their own half. The big boot should always be discouraged.

Goal Kick or Goalkeeper save

Re-starting from a goal kick or goalkeeper save situation provides an opportunity to work the ball up the field by using the passing and receiving skill. The opposition is to retreat giving time for the ball receivers to play without pressure enabling them to refine their skill.

Throw In

Foul throws should be discouraged in the under 8's and will be penalised by awarding the opposition the throw in from under 9's. This is to ensure that when entering full sized football, these elementary mistakes are removed from the game.

Corner Kicks

Except for players retreating only 5m in the modified versions, corner kicks are to be taken as per the FIFA rules. There are no corner kicks in the 5-7 age groups.

Corner kicks in the U9-U11 age groups are to be taken halfway between the edge of the penalty area and the corner.



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Method of scoring

A goal is scored when the whole of the ball passes over the goal line, between the goalposts and under the crossbar.

Competitions

Under 5 & 6 competitions are based on fun, involvement and creating a love for the game. The development leagues are named to do just that, develop players while playing at their most appropriate level. Leagues will be based on 10 team (home and away season) formats with the option of regrading teams who based on their results should move into a different division.

The Under 11 Age Group

It is recommended that players whom are capable of skipping the under 11 age group do so in 2021. The players will develop more by playing within the 11v11 format. The BDSFA will offer an under 11 competition in 2021 but is aimed only for the players who really need another year of development in the modified format. It is highly recommended that any player who played under 10 Development 1, 2 and/or 3 in 2019 play under 12's in 2021.

Interchange

Players may be interchanged at the halfway line during a stoppage of play. Common sense to be used in the U5-7 age groups.

Coaches on the Field

Coaches are not permitted on the field unless the referee calls them on. Coaches should remain in the one position throughout the game, so the players can identify instruction from the one location.

4. Game Leader, Instructing Referees, Referees

The BDSFA in conjunction with affiliated Clubs will provide referees for as many matches as possible. In the case of no referee being allocated any capable person can referee the match. Anyone who referees the match is entitled to payment and those who do not collect their payments will forfeit them to the host club.

Fouls and misconduct

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

Most acts of handball or fouls and misconduct at the U5-7 level are caused by a lack of coordination, with no intent. In this case try and give the advantage to the attacking team and continue play.



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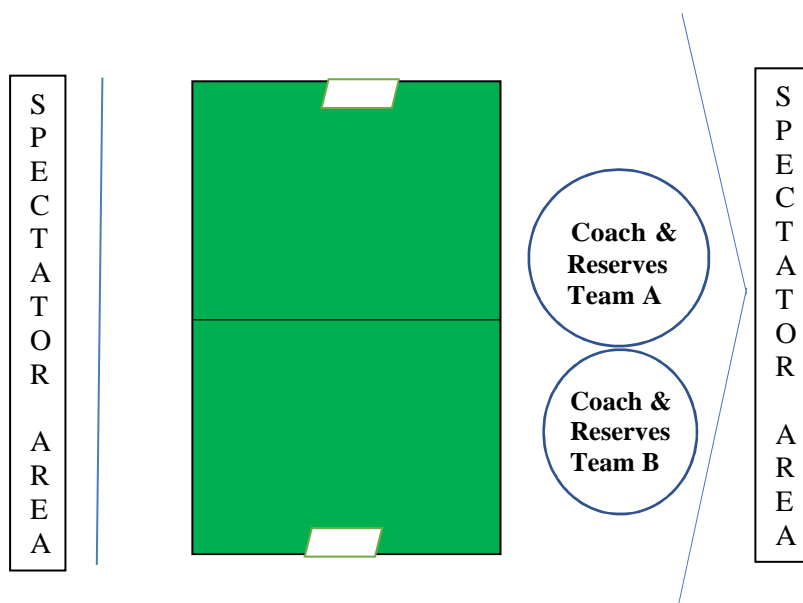
If a deliberate or serious act of handball, foul or misconduct has occurred, the coach should explain to the child they have done the wrong thing and that they should not do this again. If a very serious act of misconduct has occurred the referee should caution or send off the offending player, informing the coach of their decision and reasons for disciplining the player, and produce a report to the BDSFA to be managed under the Grievance and Disciplinary Regulations.

Point's tables and finals

To ensure that BDSFA MiniRoos is played in the correct spirit and give all players the best possible chance to develop, all scores must be recorded on the electronic team sheet.

5. Spectators

Spectators should remain behind a fence away from the match. If there is no fence at that field a 3m distance from the sideline should be adhered to and set out like the following diagram (note the pointed line) to ensure everyone has a good viewing position and differentiates the coach's position. Ideally the coach and reserves should be on the opposite side of the field to the spectators. Spectators should stand on the sidelines only and nowhere near the goals. Spectators should not coach, but encouragement is applauded.





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6. Regulations

Regulations for Mini-Roos 5 – 11 are set out in the following Appendix 1 to 5 set out below. Appendix A: Mini-Roos Regulation Under 5 – 7

Appendix B: Mini-Roos Regulations Under 8

Appendix C: Mini-Roos Regulations Under 9

Appendix D: Mini-Roos Regulations Under 10

Appendix E: Mini-Roos Regulations Under 11

Appendix F: Mini-Roos Regulations Under 9 Girls



Under 5, 6 & 7 Playing Regulations

Number of players	4-a-side with no goalkeeper. 3 maximum reserves
Field of play	30m x 20m, painted lines with a half-way line
Goal Size	2m wide 1m high
Ball Size	Size 3
Duration	U5 and U6 = 15 minute halves U7 = 20 minute halves
Penalty area	No penalty area

Goal type

Portable, rectangular goals are to be used.

To comply with Australian Safety Standards, portable goals must be anchored securely to the ground. The use of sandbags or pegs is recommended when using portable goals.

Goalkeeper

There are no goalkeepers in ALDI MiniRoos Under 5, 6 & 7.

Ball crossing the touch line

There is no throw in.

A player from the opposing team to the player that touched the ball last before crossing the touch line will place the ball on the touch line and pass or dribble the ball into play.

Opponents must be at least 5m away from the ball until it is in play. The ball must touch a teammate before a goal can be scored.

Ball crossing the goal line

There is no corner kick.

Regardless of which team touched the ball last, a player from the team whose goal line the ball has crossed will place the ball anywhere along the goal line and pass or dribble the ball into play. Opponents must retreat to the half way line and can move once the ball is in play. **The ball must touch a team mate before a goal can be scored.**

Offside

There is no offside rule in ALDI MiniRoos Under 5, 6 & 7.

Fouls and misconduct

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

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

Match results and points tables

The recording of match results will be conducted by the referee and team managers on the electronic team sheets for the purpose of assigning teams to appropriate leagues, ensuring the most enjoyable experience for all players.

Referees

The BDSFA will provide training and education for referees. Allocations will be performed by the hosting club. In the case of no official referee being present, any capable person can officiate. **All official and non-official referees are entitled to payment.**

Development Leagues

The Under 7 age group will consist of Development Leagues giving clubs the opportunity to grade their players to play in a close to equal ability to their own competition. The Development Leagues can be regraded at any time by the Competition Manager.



Under 8 Playing Regulations

Number of players	7-a-side including goalkeeper. 3 maximum reserves
Field of play	50m x 40m, painted lines with a half-way line, corner arcs and penalty area
Goal Size	3m wide 2m high
Ball Size	Size 3
Duration	20-minute halves
Penalty area	5m deep, 12m wide rectangle

Goal type

Portable, rectangular goals are to be used.

To comply with Australian Safety Standards, portable goals must be anchored securely to the ground. The use of sandbags or pegs is recommended when using portable goals.

Offside

There is no offside rule in MiniRoos Under 8. **Coaches should strongly discourage children from permanently standing in an offside position.**

Goalkeeper

The goalkeeper is allowed to handle the ball anywhere in the penalty area. To restart play after a save or gathering the ball with their hands, the ball must be thrown or rolled from the hands or played from the ground with their feet, within 6 seconds.

The goalkeeper **is not allowed to kick or drop kick the ball** directly from their hands. **Opponents must retreat 10 metres and cannot move inside the penalty area until the ball is in play.** The ball is in play once it is moved by the goalkeeper.

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

Ball crossing the touch line

Throw in.

Player faces the field of play, has part of each foot on the ground either on or behind the touch line, uses both hands and delivers the ball from behind and over his or her head. **The thrower must not touch the ball again until it has touched another player.** Opponents must be at least 5 metres away from the ball until it is in play.

Foul throws are not penalised in under 8's.

The ball is in play once it enters the field of play. A goal cannot be scored directly from a throw in.

Ball crossing the goal line after touching the defending team last

Corner kick.

A player from the attacking team places the ball inside the corner arc nearest to the point where the ball crossed the line. Opponents must be at least 5 metres away from the ball until it is in play. The ball is in play when it is kicked and moves.

A goal may be scored directly from a corner kick.

Ball crossing the goal line after touching the attacking team last

Goal kick from anywhere within the penalty area.

Opponents must retreat to the halfway line and cannot enter the opposition half until the ball is in play.

Referees should not restart play until they are satisfied all opposition players have retreated to their own half. The ball is in play once it is kicked.



Under 8 Playing Regulations

Number of players	7-a-side including goalkeeper. 3 maximum reserves
Field of play	50m x 40m, painted lines with a half-way line, corner arcs
Goal Size	3m wide 2m high
Ball Size	Size 3
Duration	20-minute halves
Penalty area	5m deep, 12m wide rectangle

Match results and points tables

The recording of match results will be conducted by the referee and team managers into the electronic team sheets for the purpose of assigning teams to appropriate leagues, ensuring the most enjoyable experience for all players.

Referees

The BDSFA will provide training and education for referees. Allocations will be performed by the hosting club. In the case of no official referee being present, any capable person can officiate. **All official and non-official referees are entitled to payment.**

Development Leagues

All players are to be graded into teams which complement their ability. Teams will be graded into the appropriate Development Leagues. Re-draws may occur at the discretion of the Competition Manager.

Fouls and misconduct

Indirect free kicks are awarded for all acts of handball or fouls and misconduct. Opponents must be at least 10 metres away from the ball when the indirect free kick is taken. **An indirect free kick is where a goal can be scored only if the ball subsequently touches another player before it enters the goal.**

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

Fouls and misconduct are:

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



Under 9 Playing Regulations

Number of players	9-a-side including goalkeeper. 3 maximum reserves
Field of play	70m x 50m, or 18-yard box to 18 yard box. Painted lines with a half-way line, corner arcs and penalty area
Goal Size	5m wide 2m high
Ball Size	Size 3
Duration	20-minute halves
Penalty area	10m deep, 20m wide rectangle

Goal type

Portable, rectangular goals are to be used.

To comply with Australian Safety Standards, portable goals must be anchored securely to the ground. The use of sandbags or pegs is recommended when using portable goals.

Offside

There is no offside rule in MiniRoos Under 9. **Coaches should strongly discourage children from permanently standing in an offside position.**

Goalkeeper

The goalkeeper is allowed to handle the ball anywhere in the penalty area. To restart play after a save or gathering the ball with their hands, the ball must be thrown or rolled from the hands or played from the ground with their feet, within 6 seconds.

The goalkeeper **is not allowed to kick or drop kick the ball** directly from their hands. **Opponents must be at least 10 metres outside the penalty area and cannot move inside the penalty area until the ball is in play.** The ball is in play once it is moved by the Goalkeeper.

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

Ball crossing the touch line

Throw in.

Player faces the field of play, has part of each foot on the ground either on or behind the touch line, uses both hands and delivers the ball from behind and over his or her head. **The thrower must not touch the ball again until it has touched another player.** Opponents must be at least 5 metres away from the ball until it is in play.

Foul throws will be penalised by order of the opposition gaining the throw in.

The ball is in play once it enters the field of play. A goal cannot be scored directly from a throw in.

Ball crossing the goal line after touching the defending team last

Corner kick.

A player from the attacking team places the ball halfway between the sideline and the edge of the penalty box nearest to the point where the ball crossed the line. Opponents must be at least 5 metres away from the ball until it is in play. The ball is in play when it is kicked and moves.

A goal may be scored directly from a corner kick.

Ball crossing the goal line after touching the attacking team last

Goal kick from anywhere within the penalty area.

Opponents are to retreat to the halfway line until the ball is in play. Referees should not restart play until they are satisfied all opposition players are at halfway. The ball is in play once it is kicked.



Under 9 Playing Regulations

Number of players	9-a-side including goalkeeper. 3 maximum reserves
Field of play	70m x 50m, or 18-yard to 18 yard box. Painted lines with a half-way line, corner arcs and penalty area
Goal Size	5m wide 2m high
Ball Size	Size 3
Duration	20-minute halves
Penalty area	10m deep, 20m wide

Fouls and misconduct

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

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

Fouls and misconduct are:

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

Match results and points tables

The recording of match results will be conducted by the referee and team managers into the electronic team sheets for the purpose of assigning teams to appropriate leagues, ensuring the most enjoyable experience for all players.

Referees

The BDSFA will provide training and education for referees. Allocations will be performed by the hosting club. In the case of no official referee being present, any capable person can officiate. **All official and non-official referees are entitled to payment.**

Development Leagues

All players are to be graded into teams which complement their ability. Teams will be graded into the appropriate leagues. Re-draws may occur at the discretion of the Competition Manager.



Under 10 Playing Regulations

Number of players	9-a-side including goalkeeper. 3 maximum reserves
Field of play	70m x 50m, or 18-yard box to 18 yard box. Painted lines with a half-way line, corner arcs and penalty area
Goal Size	5m wide 2m high
Ball Size	Size 4
Duration	25-minute halves
Penalty area	10m deep, 20m wide rectangle

Goal type

Portable, rectangular goals are to be used.

To comply with Australian Safety Standards, portable goals must be anchored securely to the ground. The use of sandbags or pegs is recommended when using portable goals.

Offside

The offside rule will be enforced in under 10.

Goalkeeper

The goalkeeper is allowed to handle the ball anywhere in the penalty area. To restart play after a save or gathering the ball with their hands, the ball must be thrown or rolled from the hands or played from the ground with their feet, within 6 seconds.

The goalkeeper **is not allowed to kick or drop kick the ball** directly from their hands. **Opponents must be at least 10 metres outside the penalty area and cannot move inside the penalty area until the ball is in play.** The ball is in play once it moves from the goalkeeper.

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

Ball crossing the touch line

Throw in.

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Foul throws will be penalised by order of the opposition gaining the throw in.

The ball is in play once it enters the field of play. A goal cannot be scored directly from a throw in.

Ball crossing the goal line after touching the defending team last

Corner kick.

A player from the attacking team places the ball halfway between the sideline and the edge of the penalty box nearest to the point where the ball crossed the line. Opponents must be at least 5 metres away from the ball until it is in play. The ball is in play when it is kicked and moves.

A goal may be scored directly from a corner kick.

Ball crossing the goal line after touching the attacking team last

Goal kick from anywhere within the penalty area.

Opponents must retreat to the halfway line until the ball is in play. Referees should not restart play until they are satisfied all opposition players are the halfway line. The ball is in play once it is kicked.



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Development Leagues

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Fouls and misconduct

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- spits at an opponent;
- handles the ball deliberately;
- plays in a dangerous manner; and
- impedes the progress of a player.



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Player & Player Equipment Regulations

1. Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to standardise anything related to players and their equipment within the BDSFA.

2. Scope

This policy applies to all playing members and referees of the BDSFA & BCSRB.

3. Definitions

Under – is defined by a players age on the 31 December of the year of play

Over – is defined by the players age on the 1 January of the year of play

All Age – is a term referring to adult teams

4. General

- a. All players playing within the BDSFA must be properly registered with an affiliated club and pay all relevant fees to that club.
- b. Players may only play in age groups of their own or a maximum of three (3) years above their age as of the 31 December of the playing year.
- c. All players under the age of 18 must have 60% match time over the season proper.
- d. Protective shin pads must be worn by all players.
- e. Football specific boots may be worn. Studs must not have any sharp edges.
- f. Players must be in full club uniform including jersey, shorts and socks. Jerseys must have a number on the back.
- g. No two players on the same team shall be allowed to have identical numbers displayed on their jerseys.
- h. Where the colours of the opposing teams clash, the home team shall change into an alternate strip. The referee shall be the sole judge of colour clashes.
- i. Goalkeepers must wear clothing that clearly distinguishes themselves from other playing members.
- j. Compression clothing may be worn. The colour of the compression gear must be of the same prominent colour of the uniform or black.
- k. Caps may only be worn by goalkeepers.
- l. Hijabs may be worn. The colour of the Hijab must be of the same prominent colour of the uniform or black. Referees are not permitted to check the affixing material or touch the garment.
- m. No kind of demonstration or political, religious or racial propaganda is permitted prior to, during, or after any BDSFA conducted match.



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5. Grading of Players

Clubs must grade under 8 and older players into a development league and/or division that suits their ability and encourages improvement.

6. Player Equipment

6.1 Spectacles

The referee is the sole judge who determines whether spectacles are a risk to those playing a match. Referees should show tolerance when authorising their use, especially for younger players.

6.2 Casts or Splints

Plaster casts, or any splint made of any hard material (e.g. metal, plastic) are not allowed. The use of a soft material to hide or protect the hard material splint is not allowed.

6.3 Jewellery

Jewellery of any type is not allowed, including metal, leather, plastic or any other material. Hidden jewellery must be removed before entering the field of play. Using tape to cover jewellery is not acceptable.

Medi-alert items are exempt.

6.4 Apparel

No form of political, religious or racial propaganda may appear on persons or on apparel, on sportswear, on any article of clothing or equipment whatsoever worn or used by all players, team officials, other team personnel and all other participants in BDSFA competitions.

7. Players with Disabilities

Requests can be made by clubs to the board for players with a disability to play in a more suitable age group. Players who have requested consideration will be assessed by a delegated member and will work in conjunction with the player, the players parents/guardians and club to recommend a suitable age group/division to play. The board will make the final decision.

8. Medical Conditions

Where a player has a known medical condition, the officials must be made aware. The referee should be made aware of who will assist in the case of the medical condition presenting.

The team coach and manager must have knowledge of the medical condition and must be provided with the necessary information, and medical equipment to assist the player should the medical condition present.

If the medical condition is such that it may require expert assistance or equipment, the guardians of an underage child must be present at all games and training events.



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9. Drink Bottles

The risk of communicable diseases being transmitted by sharing drink bottles is very high.

Players must have their own drink bottle with their name clearly displayed. Team officials are to ensure that players use only their own drink bottle.

10. Upgrading of Players

Players may be used as upgrades under the following conditions:

- a. The use of upgraded players cannot make the total players appearing on the team sheet exceed the total amount of players in that age group.
- b. A suspended player cannot be replaced by an upgraded player.
- c. A player may never play in a team graded in a lower age group and/or division than that to which they are registered.
- d. A player may upgrade for a team in their own age group but a higher division (i.e. 12/2 to 12/1)
- e. A player may upgrade for a team in a higher age group in the same or higher division (i.e. 12/1 to 13/1, 13/4 to 14/3 etc).
- f. A player from the Phoenix League (Female Competition) may upgrade for a team in the BDSFA Competition in their own age group in the same or higher division (i.e. 12G/1 to 12/1, 14G/2 to 14/1 etc).
- g. A player from the Phoenix League (Female Competition) may upgrade for a team in the BDSFA Competition in a higher age group in the same or higher division (i.e. 12G/1 to 13/1, 14G/2 to 14/1 etc).
- h. Players registered in the Under 5 – Under 11 age groups may upgrade into any team of their own age or higher age group in accordance with 10i.
- i. Players may only upgrade into age groups a maximum of 3 years above their age as of the 31st December of that playing year.
- j. A player must be older than or turning 16 in the year of competition to play in the Under 20 (women) , Under 21 (men) or All Age competitions
- k. Players may upgrade from the Under 16's, Under 17's (men), Under 20's (women) or Under 21's (men) into All Age in accordance with 10 a–g & 10 j.
- l. Players may upgrade from the Under 16's or Under 17's into the Under 20 (women) or Under 21 (men) competitions in accordance with 10 (j)
- m. Masters may upgrade into the All Age competitions as per annex B.
- n. Age relevant All Age players may upgrade into the Masters competition as per annex B.
- o. A maximum of 4 players may upgrade per match in accordance with section 10 l. & m.



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Player & Player Equipment Regulations

11. Player Eligibility

An eligible player is one that meets all registration requirements and is not ineligible for the following reasons:

- a. Unregistered
- b. Suspended
- c. Not being listed on the team sheet
- d. A player who has been expelled from a match but is yet to receive sanction

12. Age Eligibility for 2022 – Annex A

Over 30 Women	Players that have turned 30 before 1st January 2022. For example, players must be born in 1991 or earlier.
Over 35	Players that have turned 35 before 1st January 2022. For example, players must be born in 1986 or earlier.
Over 45	Players that have turned 45 before 1st January 2022. For example, players must be born in 1976 or earlier.
All Age	Players born before 01-01-2007
U21	Players born after 31/12/2000 and before 01-01-2007
U20	Players born after 31-12-2001 and before 01-01-2007
U17	Players born on or after 01-01-2005
U16	Players born on or after 01-01-2006
U15	Players born on or after 01-01-2007
U14	Players born on or after 01-01-2008
U13	Players born on or after 01-01-2009
U12	Players born on or after 01-01-2010
U11	Players born on or after 01-01-2011
U10	Players born on or after 01-01-2012
U9	Players born on or after 01-01-2013
U8	Players born on or after 01-01-2014
U7	Players born on or after 01-01-2015
U6	Players born on or after 01-01-2016
U5	Players born on or after 01-01-2017



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13. Masters Upgrades – Annex B

You can upgrade into this team:	If you are registered into this age/division:
AAM/1	O35/1 or lower
AAM/2	O35/2 or lower
AAM/3	O35/3 or lower
AAM/4	O35/4 or lower
AAM/5	O35/5 or lower
AAM/6	O35/6
AAM/7	O35/6
O35/1	AAM/1 and lower
O35/2	AAM/2 and lower
O35/3	AAM/3 and lower
O35/4	AAM/4 and lower
O35/5	AAM/5 and lower
O35/6	AAM/6 and lower
AAW/1	O30W/1 and lower
AAW/2	O30W/1 and lower
AAW/3	O30W/2 and lower
AAW/4	O30W/2 and lower
AAW/5	O30W/3
AAW/6	O30W/3
O30W/1	AAW/1 and lower
O30W/2	AAW/2 and lower
O30W/3	AAW/4 and lower



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Alcohol Policy

1. Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to outline expected behaviour of all Clubs and their members when attending any BDSFA Matches.

2. Scope

This policy applies to all Spectators, Members, Employees and Volunteers attending Matches.

3. General

BDSFA are bound by Blacktown City Council Regulations that state that there is to be no alcohol consumed at sporting fields and/or complexes that are owned and maintained by Blacktown City Council.

To remain consistent across all competitions, alcohol shall not be consumed within the boundaries at any field which is privately owned and hosting BDSFA matches.

4. Policing

In the case of alcohol abuse becoming apparent, the police should be called for eviction from the facility.

5. Sanctions

If it is deemed there has been sufficient evidence provided that alcohol has been consumed by Members of a Club, the following sanctions apply:

1. The offending Club is fined \$1,000, of which the full \$1,000 is suspended for 12 months provided that:
 - i. the alleged offender is identified by 9am on the Wednesday following the incident
 - ii. the Club does not re-offend under the BDSFA Alcohol Policy during that time
2. The offender is to:
 - i. receive a 1 fixture suspension
 - ii. write a letter to the host Club apologising for risking the loss of the lease at their facility



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Concussion Policy

1. Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to provide information and standardised procedures for persons involved in the prevention, training, management and return to activity decisions regarding BDSFA personnel who have or are suspected of having sustained a concussion during a competition or event.

These procedures are of a general nature only. Individual treatment will depend on the facts and circumstances specific to each individual case. This document is not intended as a standard of care and should not be interpreted as such.

2. Scope

This policy applies to all BDSFA players, officials, volunteers and staff involved in competitions and events.

3. Definitions

Concussion – refers to an injury to the brain resulting from the disturbance of brain function involving thinking and behaviour. This can be caused by a direct blow to the head or impact to the body causing rapid movement of the head and movement of the brain within the skull.

4. Recovery

The majority (80-90%) of concussions resolve in a short (7-10 day) period, although the recovery frame may be longer in children and adolescents.

5. Procedure

5.1 Signs of Concussion

Immediate **visual indicators** of concussion include:

- a) Loss of consciousness or responsiveness;
- b) Lying motionless on the ground/slow to get up;
- c) (c)A dazed, blank or vacant expression;
- d) Appearing unsteady on feet, balance problems or falling over;
- e) Grabbing or clutching of the head
- f) Impact seizure or convulsion

Concussion can include one or more of the following **symptoms**:

- a) Symptoms: Headache, dizziness, “feeling in a fog”;
- b) Behavioural changes: Inappropriate emotions, irritability, feeling nervous or anxious;
- c) Cognitive impairment: slowed reaction times, confusion/disorientation – not aware of location or score, poor attention and concentration, loss of memory for events up to and/or after the concussion.



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5.2 Remove from play

Any athlete with a suspected concussion must be immediately removed from play and must not be returned to activity until they are assessed by a qualified medical practitioner.

Players with a suspected concussion must not be left alone and must not drive a motor vehicle.

Only qualified medical practitioners should diagnose whether a concussion has occurred or provide advice as to whether the player can return to play.

There should be **no return to play on the day of a concussive injury**.

5.3 Medical Assessment

A qualified Medical Practitioner should:

- a. Diagnose whether a concussion has occurred – based on clinical judgement;
- b. Evaluate the injured player for concussion using SCAT 3 (or Child – SCAT 3) or similar tool (see 'Resources' below);
- c. Advise the player as to medical management;
- d. Advise the player as to when it is appropriate to begin a Graduated Return to Play Program (Annexure 1 to these Guidelines).
- e. Clear the player to return to play following the graduated RTP program

5.4 Return to Play

Following clearance from a qualified Medical Practitioner for the player to return to play, the player should progress through a **Graduated Return To Play Program** (see Annexure 1).

In all cases, the Graduated Return To Play Program provides for a minimum of 6 days before the player can play a competitive game.

6. Responsibilities

All players, parents, staff and volunteers.

7. References and Links

- a. Football Federation Australia's Concussion Guidelines, found here: <https://footballnsw.com.au/wp-content/uploads/2017/04/FFA-National-Concussion-Guidelines.pdf>
- b. Consensus Statement on Concussion in Sport: The 4th International Conference on Concussion in Sport held in Zurich, November 2012 (McCrory et al), found here: <http://bjsm.bmj.com/content/47/5/250.full>



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- c. Pocket Concussion Recognition Tool, found here:
<http://bjsm.bmj.com/content/47/5/267.full.pdf>
- d. SCAT 3 – Sport Concussion Assessment Tool – 3 rd Edition, found here:
<http://bjsm.bmj.com/content/47/5/259.full.pdf>
- e. Child-SCAT3- Sport Concussion Assessment Tool (for children ages 5-12 years), found here: <http://bjsm.bmj.com/content/47/5/263.full.pdf>
- f. Graduated Return to Play Protocol (Annexure 1 to these Guidelines)



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Annexure 1 – Graduated Return to Play Program

Rehabilitation Level	Functional exercise at each stage of rehabilitation	Objective of each stage
Level 1 No activity, minimum 24 hours following the injury where managed by a medical practitioner, otherwise minimum 14 days following the injury	Complete physical and cognitive rest without symptoms. Only proceed to level 2 once ALL symptoms have resolved.	Recovery
Level 2 Light aerobic exercise during 24-hour period	Walking, swimming or stationary cycling keeping intensity, <70% maximum predicted heart rate. No resistance training. Symptom free during full 24-hour period.	Increase heart rate
Level 3 Sport-specific exercise during 24-hour period	Running drills. No head impact activities. Symptom free during full 24-hour period.	Add movement
Level 4 Non-contact training drills during 24-hour period	Progression to more complex training drills, e.g. passing drills. May start progressive resistance training. Symptom free during full 24-hour period.	Exercise, coordination, and cognitive load
Level 5 Full Contact Practice	Following medical clearance participate in normal training activities	Restore confidence and assess functional skills by coaching staff
Level 6 After 24 hours return to play	Player rehabilitated	Recovered



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Fines and Penalties

1. Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to outline the fines and penalties handed down upon breaches of regulations.

2. Scope

This policy applies to all Clubs, Members, Employees and Volunteers of the BDSFA

3. Fines Without Notice

3.1. The following offenses will attract fines and/or penalties as per the Table of Fines, which will be applied without notice to the relevant club:

- a. Forfeiting a match
- b. Incorrect completion of a team sheet
- c. Grounds not marked to specification
- d. Failure to dress fields to specification including corner flags and goal nets
- e. Failure to provide adequate seating in the technical areas of competitive matches
- f. Incorrect MiniRoo field size, goal size or markings
- g. Failure to open amenities
- h. Failure of members attending compulsory association meetings
- i. Withdrawing a team after nominations close

3.2. Further penalties may be imposed on players, teams and clubs upon referral and a guilty determination through the Disciplinary process.

4. Bonds

- 4.1. Clubs found in breach of the BDSFA constitution, regulations or policies may be placed on a bond.
- 4.2. Bonds are applied to clubs only.
- 4.3. Bonds will be forfeited for further breaches for which a bond is applied within the bond timeframe.
- 4.4. Initial bonds are set to \$500. Tribunals may apply to the board to have a bond larger than \$500.
- 4.5. Initial timeframe for a bond is one year commencing from the date of the hearing. Tribunals may apply to the board to have a bond period set to a longer period by approval of the board.
- 4.6. Should a bond be forfeited, a bond equal to twice the amount of the original bond shall be set and the time shall restart at the date of the hearing at which that bond was found to be forfeited.



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5. Table of Fines

Team forfeits before cut-off time	\$50
Team forfeit after cut-off time	\$100 + referee and AR fees for that age
Incomplete or incorrect team sheet	\$50
Grounds not marked to specification	\$100
Failure to dress fields correctly	\$100
Failure to provide seating in technical areas	\$100 per offence
Incorrect MiniRoo field size	\$250
Incorrect MiniRoo field markings or goal size	\$100
Failure to open amenities	\$250
Withdrawing a team after nominations close	\$250
Non-attendance of compulsory meeting	\$200



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Game Leader Policy

1. Purpose

- 1.1. The purpose of this policy is to outline appointments and general management of Game Leaders.

2. Scope

- 2.1. This policy applies to all Game Leaders, Clubs, BCSRB, BDSFA Staff & Game Leader Parents.

3. General

- 3.1. Game Leaders are recognised as beginners in officiating. At no time should any general member or spectator approach or instruct Game Leaders.
- 3.2. Game Leaders shall be recognised by wearing the official Game Leader shirt which is orange in colour clearly distinctive of their roles.
- 3.3. Game Leaders should be monitored by Club Officials, Match Day Supervisors and Ground officials. Any inappropriate behaviour towards a Game Leader are to be reported to the BDSFA.

4. Game Leader Education & Training

- 4.1. Training of the Game Leaders is conducted by the BDSFA. A register of members who have completed the BDSFA course shall be kept by the BDSFA.
- 4.2. Members must complete a Game Leader Course every three (3) years.
- 4.3. Successful completion of the Game Leader Course shall make that member eligible to register into the BCSRB as a Game Leader.
- 4.4. Weekly training shall be conducted on Monday evenings at Marayong Park, Davis Road (unless determined otherwise by the BDSFA). Training night attendance will be allocated to particular club(s). E.g. Club A & Club B must attend on the xx/xx/xxxx and Club C, Club D, Club E must attend on yy/xx/xxxx.
- 4.5. Clubs MUST provide their members to their allocated training nights. A record of attendance will be kept. Non-attendees will be given the opportunity to attend the following Monday. Failure to attend will have the Game Leader removed from being allocated matches until attendance has been proven.
- 4.6. Game Leaders who wish to attend on their non-allocated night may attend as a choice only.
- 4.7. Club teams may be allocated friendly matches on Monday evenings to aid training and education.



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5. Game Leader Assessors

- 5.1. Game Leader Assessors may be allocated by the BDSFA or BCSRB to fields.
- 5.2. Assessors will present themselves to Club Officials prior to entering the field.
- 5.3. Assessors may help instruct Game Leaders, educate Game Leaders and report to the BDSFA and BCSRB areas of recommended education for improvement.

6. Game Leader Appointments

- 6.1. Game Leaders will be aligned to a primary club.
- 6.2. The primary Club will appoint Game Leaders to their home ground only.
- 6.3. The BDSFA will inform Clubs of their registered and aligned Game Leaders. Only registered Game Leaders may be appointed to MiniRoo matches.
- 6.4. BDSFA may appoint Game Leaders to Blacktown Spartans or Blacktown FA SAP matches. Appointments to SAP matches will be based on Game Leader knowledge and assessments from the BDSFA, BCSRB and Game Leader Assessors. Notification of appointments will be given to clubs seven (7) or more days prior to the SAP matches.
- 6.5. Clubs MUST keep a register of appointed matches.
- 6.6. Clubs who cannot cover matches at their home ground with their own aligned Game Leaders must inform the BDSFA office by no later than 5.00pm Tuesday prior to the weekend matches. The BDSFA will make every effort to appoint Game Leaders to those matches via bulk email.
- 6.7. Matches not covered shall be officiated by any capable person. The name of the Game Leader MUST be recorded on the Electronic Match Sheet as an unofficial referee.

7. Game Leader Payments

- 7.1. Game Leader Payments shall be made in conjunction with the BDSFA Referees Payment Policy. See <https://bdsfa.com/wp-content/uploads/2019/11/Policy-Referee-Payment.pdf>

8. Discipline



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- 8.1. Clubs who fail to comply by this Policy will have MiniRoo matches removed from their home ground until the BDSFA is satisfied that the Club understand its responsibility of Game Leader management.

In the sport of football, the safety of everyone involved and playing both indoors and outdoors, remains paramount. In conjunction with 'Australian Standard 4866.1-2007 Playing Field Equipment – Soccer Goals' regarding the manufacture, use and safe storage of goalposts and 'NSW Office of Fair Trading Act 1987' we remind all Clubs and Associations of the requirements to abide by these applicable safety aspects regarding the use and storage of goalposts.

Prior to the use or erection of any portable goalposts, match day organisers are required to check the goalpost structure to ensure that it is secured or pegged down with a minimum of either **10 x 300mm stakes** or, **12 x bags of sand** or **10 x bags of cement** and is safe for use. It is essential that the structure's stability and anchoring has been correctly established once erected or relocated and prior to commencement of any usage.

Therefore please ensure that:

1. ALL goalposts, whether fixed or portable, large or small, are properly secured and anchored and are stable and safe for use **AT ALL TIMES**. This includes the goals surface positioning.
2. Portable goalposts must be pegged, pinned or weighted down by the use of stakes, pegs, sleeves, chain anchors or appropriate weights such as sandbags or cement bags to prevent the structure from overbalancing or falling.
3. Outdoor goalposts should be secured by one of the following formats and a minimum of three (3) anchor points in compliance with NSW Office of Fair Trading Act 1987 as follows:
 - Steel stakes or 'J' Hook style pegs. Sufficient stakes or hooks are required to support each goal taking the size of the goalpost into consideration. Minimum of 10 stakes for a full size goal.
 - Anchors can fit over a ground bar with staking holes for steel pegs or spiral styled screws, which secure fully into the ground.
 - A semi-permanent or sleeved anchoring requires that the main support is a permanently secure base that is buried underground to connect the underground base to the goal.

4. For both indoor goals and outdoor goals, where the ground surface cannot be penetrated, sandbags or counterweights should be used. The number of bags required to support the structure should be adequate and relative to the size of the goal. 12 Bags of sand or 10 bags of cement for a full size goal.
5. Portable goalposts should **NOT** be left in place after use – they should be safely moved to a place of secure storage or chained appropriately to a fixed and non-moveable object when not in use.
6. **Metal or steel net hooks are not permitted** on goalposts. In accordance with Australian Standard AS4866.1 goalposts must not be fitted with metal net hooks. Nets should only be secured by tape, velcro, plastic net clips or another safer alternative. Net pegs should only be used to anchor a net and not to anchor any goal structure.
7. **Warning Stickers or a printed Warning Notice must be affixed to or printed on all portable goalposts** in accordance with Australian Standard AS4866.1 – 2007 to warn of the dangers of portable goalposts. Children or adults should never be allowed to climb, swing or play on goalposts or goal netting as it may cause severe harm, permanent injury or even death.
8. Where possible all clubs and associations should complete the FNSW Goalpost Safety Compliance form and return to their respective Association or Football NSW.



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Ground Official Guidelines

1. Purpose

- 1.1. The purpose of this policy is to outline expected behaviour of the Ground Officials when attending BDSFA Matches.

2. Scope

- 2.1 This policy applies to all Ground Officials, Clubs, Members, Employees and Volunteers of the BDSFA

3. Jurisdiction

- 3.1. Be 18 years of age or older.
- 3.2. Be wearing an Orange vest that readily identifies them as a Ground Official.
- 3.3. Patrol all fields used throughout the relevant match and ensure they are located in positions where they are clearly visible to Participants and which are appropriate for monitoring on-field and off-field incidents and Spectator behaviour.
- 3.4. Make themselves clearly visible to the Match Officials prior to the commencement of a Match and ensure their names are displayed on the applicable team sheet.
- 3.5. Accompany Match Officials on and off the field of play if required or appropriate to do so.
- 3.6. Ensure that, at all times, their Spectators comply with the FFA Spectator Code of Behaviour (Code of Behaviour). If their Spectators are behaving contrary to the Code of Behaviour, a Ground Official must, if it is safe to do so, remind those Spectators of their obligations under the Code of Behaviour and issue any reasonable directions to those Spectators. If those Spectators fail to comply with the Ground Official's reasonable directions, he/she should, contact the home Club Match Day Supervisor for further assistance. If required, the home Club Match Day Supervisor is to contact the police or relevant emergency services for support.
- 3.7. Be aware of the location of first aid facilities.
- 3.8. NOT be involved in other duties while acting as a Ground Official (not refereeing, coaching, managing, canteen duties etc).
- 3.9. NOT engage in any verbal or physical altercations.
- 3.10. NOT consume alcohol or smoke while acting as a Ground Official.



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- 3.11. NOT, unless it is safe to do so, approach opposition Spectators behaving inappropriately and must instead approach opposition Ground Officials to resolve any issues. If opposition Ground Officials are unwilling or unable to assist, and opposition Spectators continue to behave inappropriately, the Ground Official should, if necessary, contact the home Club Match Day Supervisor for further assistance. If required, the home Club Match Day Supervisor is to contact the police or relevant emergency services for support.
- 3.12. Within 48 hours of a Match, provide a written report to their club and BDSFA setting out any inappropriate Spectator behaviour, including any failure by a Spectator to comply with a Ground Official's reasonable direction and/or any failure by opposition Ground Officials to provide assistance in controlling opposition Spectators.
- 3.13. Maintain unbiased opinions/views when performing duties and behave appropriately in accordance with this document and as a representative of the Club.
- 3.14. Conduct themselves in a manner that enhances, rather than injures, the reputation and goodwill of the BDSFA and football generally.

4. References and Links

- 4.1 Resolving Conflict – Play by the Rules:

https://play-by-the-rules.s3.amazonaws.com/Resources/R021_Resolving_conflict_steps_Ground_Marshall.pdf

APPLICABLE TO ALL COMPETITIONS AND EVENTS, ASSOCIATION FOOTBALL AND FUTSAL (including Football NSW National Premier Leagues and State Leagues matches)

With higher temperatures now occurring more frequently, consideration must be given to the effects of heat and humidity on elite and amateur athletes and particularly children involved in football activities.

Football NSW has considered several factors in the development of this policy including the ongoing popularity of summer football and an increase in the temperatures leading into the winter season. The following is provided in accordance with information provided by Sports Medicine Australia (SMA). That information is referred to below under "References and Links" and should be read in conjunction with this policy.

During summer and warmer months, clubs and competition organisers are required to:

- Refer to the SMA Hot Weather Guidelines
- Provide a copy of the SMA Beat the Heat Fact Sheet to players, parents and team officials
- Provide information in relation to sun safety
- Schedule games and training for cooler parts of the day or evening
- Check weather forecasts the day before and closely monitor local weather conditions
- Whenever available, use a weather gauge, Wet Bulb Globe Thermometer (WBGT) or Heat Stress Meter to monitor player conditions
- Ensure regular hydration (water/fluid intake) by players, officials and other participants
- Monitor the wellbeing of players, officials, volunteers and staff
- Increase breaks during games and training to allow rest in shade and fluid intake - referees should consider allowing at least a 2 minute drinks break in each half when ambient temperatures exceed 32°C.

RECOMMENDED TEMPERATURES FOR CANCELLATION OF GAMES & TRAINING

and other events including trial games, selection trials, clinics or any physical activities

ADULTS

Cancel or postpone events involving Adults at ambient temperatures of 37°C or above

CHILDREN

Cancel or postpone events involving Children at ambient temperatures of 32°C or above

CAUTION: These are the maximum cancellation temperatures. Cancellation of games, training or events at lower temperatures may be necessary depending on factors such as: humidity; local conditions including radiant heat from synthetic surfaces and lack of ventilation at indoor centres; player wellbeing; and player acclimatisation. For the purpose of this policy a child is a person aged up to and including 16 years of age. Note that young children are especially at risk in the heat and should not be forced to continue playing or training if they appear distressed or complain about feeling unwell.

REFERENCES & LINKS

- www.bom.gov.au - Bureau of Meteorology website for all weather forecasts & information
- [SMA Hot Weather Guidelines](#), [Beat the Heat Fact Sheet](#), [Heat Stress Index](#)
- [SMA UV Exposure & Heat Illness Guide](#)
- [Sun Smart Resources](#)

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For more information visit www.footballnsw.com.au or contact your club or association.



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Injury Policy

1. Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to outline expected behaviour of all Clubs and their members when attending to injuries any BDSFA Matches.

2. Scope

This policy applies to all Spectators, Members, Employees and Volunteers attending Matches.

3. General

When a player is injured:

- Assess the injury
- Call for the club first aid officer and await their instruction
- Do not remove the player from the field of play if they cannot remove themselves

If the injury has caused blood to be present on the injured persons body or clothing, the player must be removed from the field of play until the referee is satisfied there is no further bleeding and all blood-stained clothing has been replaced.

In the case of any emergency, an ambulance should always be called. An emergency would be considered if an individual has lost consciousness, sustained a head or neck injury, or any other occurrence whereby they cannot physically be moved. It is always recommended you consider any unknown injury or incident to be more severe than it may be, and treat it in that way.

4. Concussion

Concussion policies may be found separately at <https://bdsfa.com/resources/policies/>

5. Insurance

Players entitled to insurance must fill out the appropriate paperwork via the insurance claim link. The insurance company will deal directly with the member.

6. References and Links

Personal Injury Claims

http://www.gowgatessport.com.au/football/nsw/?page_id=7

Injury Prevention

<https://footballnsw.com.au/protection-and-safety/injury-prevention/>

Sports Medicine Australia Safety Guidelines

<https://sma.org.au/sma-site-content/uploads/2017/08/childrensafetyguidelines-fulldoc.pdf>

30/30 LIGHTNING SAFETY GUIDELINE

1. **Stop play if the time between seeing a lightning flash and hearing thunder is less than 30 seconds. Immediately seek safety under appropriate shelter.**
2. **Do not resume play until at least 30 minutes has passed since the last thunder was heard.**

Lightning presents a real risk of death or serious injury to outdoor sports participants. It accounts for around 10 deaths and over 100 injuries in Australia each year. Lightning does not need to directly strike a person to cause death or serious injury. A person touching, or close to, an object struck by lightning may be affected by a side-flash or transferred energy (for example, being within 20m of a tree struck by lightning is considered to be in the lethal zone).

Participants must not let the desire to start or complete a match or training session hinder their judgment when the safety of players, coaches or spectators is at risk.

Precautions

The threat to personal safety is greatest if a person is outdoors when a thunderstorm is local. Experts consider that a safe distance from lightning is more than 10km. Therefore, when lightning is within 10km, appropriate shelter should be sought. In the absence of specific information from a weather radar or specialised lightning warning device, the 30/30 Guideline (described in further detail below) should be used.

Note that lightning may be obscured by clouds. If thunder is heard, you should assume lightning is in the vicinity. Similarly, just because there are blue skies overhead, does not mean that the danger has passed. Careful judgment must always be used to determine whether a threat exists. If in doubt, stop outdoor activities and seek safety under an appropriate shelter.

The 30/30 Lightning Safety Guideline

The 30/30 Guideline has two parts. The first part deals with when participants should stop outdoor activity and seek protection under an appropriate shelter. The second part deals with when it is safe to return to outdoor activities.

Part 1 – Stop the activity

If the time between seeing a lightning flash and

hearing a thunder clap is less than 30 seconds, the thunderstorm is within 10km (as sound travels at approximately 340m per second). Stop all outdoor activity immediately and seek appropriate shelter indoors (such as in a solid building or totally enclosed car). Do not seek shelter under a tree (or group of trees) in the open or in small open structures such as picnic shelters.

Part 2 – When it is safe to resume the activity

You should wait a minimum of 30 minutes after the last sound of thunder is heard before resuming outdoor activities.

Further detail for clubs, Associations and event organisers on dealing with the risk of lightning strikes is set out below. In addition, it is suggested that clubs, Associations and event organisers comply with the Australian Lightning Standard (AS1768-2007) published on 10 January 2007 (Lightning Standard). While compliance with the Lightning Standard will not necessarily prevent damage or personal injury due to lightning, it will reduce the probability of such damage or injury occurring. This policy has been developed with reference to the Lightning Standard Section 3 'Precautions for Personal Safety'.

Prior to Match Days, Training and Events

The following checks should be made prior to Match Days, training activities and outdoor events:

1. Check weather forecasts for likely thunderstorms on the BOM website www.bom.gov.au;
2. Where thunderstorm activity is forecast, clubs, Associations and event organisers should continue to monitor forecasts in the days and hours leading up to the event and take note of any warnings posted.
3. Consider informing participants ahead of the event that it may be disrupted due to lightning risk.

Match Days, Tournaments and Outdoor Events

1. When engaged in outdoor activities, monitor the surroundings for indications of the onset of thunderstorms. These checks are particularly important when planning and undertaking activities involving groups and large numbers of people.
2. Where there is a forecast or sighting of thunderstorm activity, increased awareness and monitoring of lightning risk should continue until the event has finished.
3. If lightning is predicted within 10km of the event venue at the scheduled starting time, consideration may be given to delaying commencement time of the match or event.
4. The decision to delay or suspend a match as well as resume play will be made by the Match Official based on (a) information obtained from the BOM website and discussions with club officials; or (b) application of the 30/30 Guideline.
5. The decision to delay or suspend a Tournament or outdoor event or activity as well as resume activities will be made by the event organiser based on (a) information obtained from the BOM website and discussion with event and/or match officials; or (b) application of the 30/30 Guideline.

Club Training and Activities

All Clubs should monitor environmental factors such as lightning both in matches and at any training session or other event at or conducted by the club. Clubs should assess the lightning risk by reviewing information available on the BOM website.

The following general guidelines should also be followed:

1. If a lightning threat emerges, a nominated Club Official must contact all relevant coaching and training officials and provide updates on a regular basis and ensure that they are aware of the 30/30 Guideline.
2. A decision to delay, suspend or resume training or activity should be made based on the 30/30 Guideline.
3. If players are training when a lightning threat becomes real then they should stop training immediately and take shelter inside a building or car. They should not shelter under or near trees, open shelters, fences, light poles, metal poles or umbrellas.

They should not use umbrellas or mobile phones.

4. Once the storm's path has been reassessed, there must be a minimum of 30 minutes elapsed before returning to training or other outdoor activities (as required by the 30/30 Guideline).

Safety measures

When outdoors, measures to reduce the risk of injury caused by lightning strikes include the following:

1. Seek shelter in a substantial building with at least normal headroom or within a totally enclosed, metal bodied vehicle such as car or truck with metallic roof. If in a car, close the windows and avoid contact with metallic parts and remove any hands-free mobile telephone attachments from the body. Conventional fabric shelters and tents offer no protection; small sheds offer uncertain protection.
2. Do not shelter under trees, particularly an isolated tree. If surrounded by trees, seek a position outside the foliage and crouch, keeping the feet together.
3. Do not shelter in small sheds, pagodas, walkways etc. with low unearthed metallic roofs supported on wooden or other electrically insulating materials.
4. Do not touch or stand close to any metallic structures, including wire fences, light towers, or goalposts.
5. Do not stand on or under bridges or other elevated structures.
6. Do not carry metallic objects such as umbrellas or golf clubs and remove metallic chains and other jewellery, particularly from the head and upper parts of the body.
7. If on an open field away from any shelters, keep as low and as small as possible, i.e. crouch keeping the feet together and do not touch any objects or people near you. A dry ditch, valley or any depression in the ground is safer than an elevated or flat terrain. Do not lie on the ground as dangerous voltage could develop across the body by earth currents generated by a nearby strike. Footwear or a layer of non-absorbing, insulating material, such as plastic sheets, can offer some protection against earth voltages.
8. Do not ride or sit on bicycles or motorcycles, or otherwise elevate the body above the surroundings.
9. Do not swim or wade in any body of water. Exit the water and move to a safe place.



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Match Day Supervisor Guidelines

1. Purpose

- 1.1. The purpose of this policy is to outline expected behaviour of all Match Day Supervisors attending any BDSFA Matches.

2. Scope

- 2.1. This policy applies to all Spectators, Members, Employees and Volunteers attending Matches.

3. General

- 3.1. Be 18 years of age or older.
- 3.2. Be wearing a Yellow vest that readily identifies them as a Match Day Supervisor.
- 3.3. Patrol all fields used and ensure they are in a position where they are clearly visible to Participants at which are appropriate for monitoring on-field and off-field incidents and Spectator behaviour.
- 3.4. Make themselves clearly visible to the Match Officials and Ground Officials prior to the commencement of a Match and ensure their names are displayed on the applicable team sheet.
- 3.5. Accompany Match Officials on and off the field of play if required or appropriate to do so.
- 3.6. If approached by a Ground Official in relation to Spectator behaviour, remind those Spectators of their obligations under the Code of Behaviour and issue any reasonable directions to those Spectators, including a direction to leave the venue. If those Spectators fail to comply with the Match Day Supervisor's reasonable directions, he/she should, contact the police or relevant emergency services for support.
- 3.7. Be aware of the location of first aid facilities.
- 3.8. NOT be involved in other duties while acting as a Match Day Supervisor (not refereeing, coaching, managing, canteen duties etc).
- 3.9. NOT engage in any verbal or physical altercations.
- 3.10. NOT consume alcohol or smoke while acting as a Match Day Supervisor.
- 3.11. Within 48 hours of a Match, provide a written report to their club and BDSFA setting out any inappropriate Spectator behaviour, including any failure by a Spectator to comply with a Match Day Supervisor's reasonable direction and/or any failure by Ground Officials to aid in controlling Spectators.



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- 3.12. Maintain unbiased opinions/views when performing duties and behave appropriately in accordance with this document and as a representative of their Club.
- 3.13. Conduct themselves in a manner that enhances, rather than injures, the reputation and goodwill of the BDSFA and football generally.
- 3.14. Liaise with their club weekend contact in relation to any match postponements.
- 3.15. Perform risk assessments on their playing fields and its surrounds.
- 3.16. Ensure all facilities are open and available to the participants and spectators, including toilets, canteen facilities, first aid and defibrillator.
- 3.17. Be the chief point of contact for any emergency service personnel whom may need access to the grounds.
- 3.18. Organise and direct emergency vehicle access to injured or unwell participants or spectators.
- 3.19. Clubs that fail to comply with these Roles and Responsibilities may be fined by the BDSFA or dealt with in accordance with the BDSFA Grievance and Disciplinary Regulations.

4. References and Links

- 4.1. Resolving Conflict – Play by the Rules:

https://play-by-the-rules.s3.amazonaws.com/Resources/R021_Resolving_conflict_steps_Ground_Marshall.pdf



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Privacy Policy

1. Purpose

Blacktown District Soccer Football Association Inc. (referred to in this policy as *we*, *us* and *BDSFA*) is committed to managing your information in a secure and responsible manner and in accordance with the Privacy Act 1988 (Cth) and the Australian Privacy Principles introduced by the Privacy Amendment (Enhancing Privacy Protection) Act 2012 (Cth).

This Policy sets out the way in which BDSFA collects, uses and discloses personal information and also explains your rights and how to contact us.

2. Scope

The policy applies to all BDSFA players, referees, club and team officials, coaches, ticketholders, volunteers, staff, members and participants.

3. Your Personal Information

3.1 In the course of its operations, BDSFA may collect, use and disclose the personal information of players, referees, club and team officials, coaches, ticketholders, administrators, participants and other individuals for the purpose of governing and administering the sport of football and futsal. In each case, the precise nature of the collection, use and disclosure of personal information by BDSFA depends on the services you request and receive from, and your interaction with, BDSFA.

3.2 The types of personal information held by BDSFA may include your name, address, phone numbers, email address, date of birth, gender, occupation, educational institution, educational qualifications, coaching and refereeing qualifications, employment history, disciplinary history, driver's licence, birth certificate, visa information and social media details. Depending on the services you receive from BDSFA, BDSFA may also collect and hold details about your participation history, membership history, bank account information and credit card information, and details of the items ordered or purchased from BDSFA.

3.3 In certain circumstances, BDSFA may collect information about your health or other sensitive information about you (for example, information about your racial or ethnic origin or information about your physical health). BDSFA may use health information about you to ensure that football programs in which you participate are run safely and in accordance with any special health needs you may have and for insurance purposes. BDSFA may also use health information as required by the FFA Statutes, including medical and anti-doping testing and investigations.

3.4 In addition, BDSFA may use health information and other sensitive information which has been de-identified to carry out research, to prepare submissions to government or a government body or to plan events and activities. De-identified information is information which has been aggregated or otherwise de-identified so that it cannot be used to identify you or any other individual.



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3.5 When you provide BDSFA with personal information, this Policy will apply to the manner in which the information is collected, used, disclosed and stored by BDSFA. If you chose not to provide certain personal information, BDSFA may not be able to communicate with you. It may also affect BDSFA 's ability to provide you with the products and services you require. For example, you may not be able to participate in some of the activities on the BDSFA network of websites if you do not provide certain personal information.

4. Collecting Your Personal Information

4.1 Personal information about you may be collected by BDSFA from you or from a third party. BDSFA uses forms, online portals and other electronic or paper correspondence to collect this information.

4.2 For example, BDSFA may collect personal information from you:

- a) via the BDSFA Sites;
- b) when you provide it to BDSFA by filling in forms approved by BDSFA from time to time (including when you register to play football, register for a coaching or refereeing course or register for a risk management or member protection course);
- c) when you contact BDSFA;
- d) when you engage with BDSFA via social media;
- e) when you subscribe to receive FNSW related newsletters or other information;
- f) when you enter a competition conducted by, or on behalf of, BDSFA; or
- g) when you lodge a claim or complaint with BDSFA.

4.3 BDSFA may also collect personal information about you from third parties, including:

- a) ticketing agents and event organisers, when you purchase tickets to a football related event;
- b) third party vendors, when you purchase BDSFA or FNSW related merchandise or other merchandise from thefootballcorner.com.au;
- c) BDSFA corporate partners, licensees, sponsors, suppliers and broadcasters (BDSFA Partners);
- d) your representatives or agents;
- e) FFA (including from FFA's PlayFootball Customer Relationship Management System (**PlayFootball**)), or another FFA Member Federation, or a branch, association, club, affiliate member, futsal centre, referees' body and/or a competition administrator registered with FFA, FNSW or BDSFA from time to time (**Football Administrators**); and
- f) the organisations identified under section 6 (Disclosing Your Personal Information) below.

5. Using Your Personal Information

5.1 BDSFA may use the personal information collected about you in a variety of ways, including:

- a) to verify your identity;



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- b) to ensure compliance with the FFA Statutes and BDSFA's Constitution, by laws, rules, regulations, policies, procedures and other governing documents, including the administration and development of football;
- c) to organise, conduct and promote football competitions, matches, tournaments, programs and other events (including for the purpose of distributing newsletters, providing information and making ticket offers) and to meet any other objectives stated in BDSFA's Constitution;
- d) to process the registration of individuals to participate in football competitions, tournaments, matches, programs and other events, as a player, official or otherwise;
- e) to develop programs, activities, events, products, services and merchandise relating to football, FNSW and BDSFA;
- f) to provide you with information about our products and services, including information about tickets, merchandise and special offers, or which we reasonably believe may be of interest to you, some of which may be provided by, or in conjunction with, FFA, government agencies, FNSW and BDSFA Partners or Football Administrators (both commercial and not-for-profit);
- g) to investigate and take action in connection with any disciplinary, dispute or grievance processes mandated under FFA Statutes or BDSFA's Constitution, by laws, rules, regulations, policies, procedures or other governing documents;
- h) to satisfy our obligations and to comply with applicable statutes, regulations and policies as a Member Federation of the national governing body, FFA, and, ultimately, the regional governing body, the Asian Football Confederation (AFC) and the international governing body, Federation Internationale de Football Association (FIFA);
- i) to satisfy our obligations under the Corporations Act 2001 (Cth) and otherwise at law;
- j) to carry out market research and surveys;
- k) to maintain participation and service/benefit records, data and statistics, including for archive and historical purposes;
- l) to contact you if you win a prize in a competition you have entered and to send the prize to you; and
- m) any use that is reasonably apparent at the time the information is collected.

5.2 BDSFA may also use the personal information collected about you:

- a) to administer, manage and improve the BDSFA Sites and to provide you with access to those BDSFA Sites;
- b) to ensure that content from the BDSFA Sites is presented in the most effective manner for you and for your computer;
- c) to allow you to participate in interactive features of a BDSFA Site, when you choose to do so;
- d) for direct marketing communications from BDSFA in relation to products, services, tickets, merchandise and special offers made available by BDSFA or BDSFA Partners. You will be able to opt-out of direct marketing at any time, if you so choose, by utilising the unsubscribe feature on electronic marketing communications, or in the case of other



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direct marketing materials by contacting the BDSFA Privacy Officer, in accordance with section 11 below;

- e) where permitted by BDSFA, to enable BDSFA Partners, who have a relationship with BDSFA, to market and promote their products and services to you. You will be able to opt-out of direct marketing at any time if you so choose, by utilising the unsubscribe feature on electronic marketing communications, or in the case of other direct marketing materials by contacting the BDSFA Privacy Officer in accordance with section 11 below; and
- f) any use that is reasonably apparent at the time the information is collected.

6. Disclosing Your Personal Information

6.1 BDSFA may also share your personal information with third parties in relation to the operation of BDSFA's business including:

- a) BDSFA's related bodies corporate;
- b) Football Administrators and anybody established by BDSFA, FNSW or FFA to deal with disciplinary, dispute or grievance proceedings;
- c) FIFA and its members, including the AFC;
- d) the Australian Sports Anti-Doping Authority, Court of Arbitration for Sport, Australian Institute of Sport and/or Australian Olympic Committee;
- e) third party service providers, such as ticketing agents, venue operators, event organisers, IT providers and social media websites;
- f) health providers or professionals;
- g) BDSFA insurers;
- h) BDSFA professional advisors, including our accountants, auditors and lawyers;
- i) as required or authorised by law or where we have a public duty to do so, including for purposes of safety and security;
- j) where you have consented to your personal information being disclosed to others;
- k) NSW Office of the Children's Guardian;
- l) NSW Department of Sport and Recreation; and
- m) NSW Department of Family and Community Services.

6.2 If you receive a product or service from, or your information is otherwise collected by, a third party, such as a BDSFA Partner or Football Administrator, the relevant third party may have a separate privacy policy which applies to their collection, use and disclosure of your personal information. You should refer to that privacy policy for further details about how the relevant third party may collect, process, use, store and disclose your information and how you can contact the relevant third party if you have any queries, or wish to make a complaint, about their handling of your personal information.

7. BDSFA Sites, Cookies and Other Technologies



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- 7.1 If you visit a BDSFA Site, BDSFA may record information such as your Internet Protocol (IP) address, browser type, Internet Service Provider (ISP), referring/exit pages, operating system, the BDSFA Site pages accessed and any information downloaded. This information is used for statistical, reporting and website administration and maintenance purposes, including identifying usage trends, to track users' movements around the BDSFA Sites and to gather demographic information about BDSFA users collectively.
- 7.2 Like many other websites, the BDSFA Sites may use 'cookies' from time to time. A cookie is a piece of information that allows us to identify and interact more effectively with your device. The cookie helps BDSFA to maintain the continuity of your browsing session and remember your details and preferences when you return. You can configure your web browser software to reject cookies however some parts of the BDSFA Sites may not have full functionality in that case.
- 7.3 In some cases, BDSFA and its third-party service providers may use cookies and other technologies such as web beacons and JavaScript on a BDSFA Site in connection with online services like banner advertising, website analytics and surveys to collect information about your use of a BDSFA Site. The use of these technologies allows FNSW, BDSFA and its third-party service providers to evaluate a user's use of a BDSFA Site, deliver customised advertising content, measure the effectiveness of the advertising and provide other services relating to website activity and internet usage. The services we may use from time to time include Google Analytics, Nielsen, AdTech, Omniture and Facebook. You can find more details in the privacy policies for those services, including information on how to opt-out of certain conduct.
- 7.4 When we send you emails or other electronic messages, BDSFA may record where you open the message and click on particular links. This helps us to better understand what information is of interest to you.

8. Protecting your Personal Information

- 8.1 BDSFA takes the security of personal information seriously. BDSFA has appointed a Privacy Officer to oversee BDSFA's management of personal information in accordance with this Policy and the Privacy Act 1988 (Cth).
- 8.2 BDSFA takes reasonable steps to protect the security and privacy of your personal information. BDSFA has directed its staff that personal information must be dealt with in accordance with this Policy and kept secure from unauthorised access or disclosure.
- 8.3 If you are considering sending us any other personal information through a BDSFA Site or other electronic means, please be aware that the information may be insecure in transit, particularly where no encryption is used (e.g. email, standard HTTP). Any transmission is therefore at your own risk. Once BDSFA has received your personal information, BDSFA will take reasonable steps to protect all personal information within its direct control from unauthorised access.



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8.4 Where BDSFA has given you (or where you have chosen) a password which enables you to access certain parts of a BDSFA Site, you are responsible for keeping this password confidential. BDSFA suggests that you do not share the password with anyone and to change it regularly.

9. Disclosing your Personal Information Abroad

9.1 BDSFA will store personal information on data servers that are controlled by BDSFA and are located within the geographical borders of Australia where reasonably possible. However, in some circumstances the personal information that BDSFA collects may be disclosed to certain recipients, and stored at certain destinations, located outside Australia from time to time. For example, your personal information may be transferred outside of Australia if any of BDSFA's servers from time to time are located outside Australia, or if one of BDSFA's service providers or suppliers is located in a country outside Australia, or for disciplinary purposes, or in relation to international transfer certificates, passports, training compensation, mediation, arbitration or similar matters. As at the date of this Policy, BDSFA utilises service providers and suppliers in the USA (MailChimp). BDSFA may also disclose your personal information outside of Australia in accordance with section 6 (Disclosing Your Personal Information), including to facilitate the registration of a player by a foreign governing body.

9.2 In all cases, by providing your personal information to us or using our services, you consent to the disclosure of your personal information outside Australia as set out in this Policy and acknowledge that BDSFA is not required to ensure that overseas recipients handle your personal information in compliance with Australian privacy law. However, where practicable in the circumstances, BDSFA will take reasonable steps to ensure that overseas recipients only use and disclose such personal information in a manner which is consistent with this Policy. You may have rights to enforce such parties' compliance with applicable data protection laws, but it is possible that you will not have recourse against those parties under the Privacy Act 1988 (Cth) in relation to how those parties treat your personal information.

10. Access to and Correction of Your Personal Information

10.1 BDSFA takes all reasonable precautions to ensure the personal information that BDSFA collects, uses and discloses is accurate, complete and up-to-date. However, the accuracy of that information depends on the information you provide. BDSFA recommends that you let us know if there are any errors in your personal information and keep us up-to-date with changes to your personal information such as your contact details.

10.2 You have the right to access the personal information we hold about you, and can request the correction of your personal data if it is inaccurate, incomplete or out of date. If you would like to do so, please contact the BDSFA Privacy Officer to submit an enquiry to access or update the personal information BDSFA holds about you.



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11. Opting Out of Direct Marketing Communications

You can opt out of receiving further messages or communications from BDSFA at any time by following the unsubscribe instructions in the message sent to you. If you wish to unsubscribe from communications that BDSFA sends to you, you can also send an email to admin@bdsfa.com

12. References and Links

- Football NSW Limited Privacy Policy
<https://footballnsw.com.au/wp-content/uploads/2017/04/Privacy-Policy.pdf>
- Privacy Act 1988
<https://www.legislation.gov.au/Details/C2019C00025>

Background

Environmental tobacco smoke is a potential health risk and there is now sufficient evidence that passive smoking (the involuntary inhalation of side-stream and second-hand tobacco smoke) increases the risk of at least some diseases, particularly disorders and diseases of the respiratory system.

Not only do players who smoke reduce the physical level at which their bodies can perform, they are also promoting a product which is hazardous to health and in conflict with the image of sport.

To highlight these facts, FIFA have not accepted any advertising from sponsors in the tobacco industry since 1986.

Government Regulation

Smoking is banned in all enclosed public places and certain outdoor public areas, under the Smoke-free Environment Act 2000 and the Smoke-free Environment Regulation 2016. These bans protect people from harmful second-hand tobacco smoke. There is no safe level of exposure to second-hand smoke. These bans protect people from harmful second-hand tobacco smoke. There is no safe level of exposure to second-hand smoke.

Section 6A of the Smoke-free Environment Act 2000 makes a number of outdoor public places smoke-free. Smoking is banned in spectator areas at public sports grounds and other recreational areas in NSW. Sporting facilities are included under the definition of a public sports ground and are required to comply with the law. Other outdoor sporting facilities, such as Local Council playing fields, are also covered by the law. The smoking ban applies to all spectator areas at sports grounds and other recreational areas when they are being used for an organised sporting event. The law applies to both covered and uncovered spectator areas and whether seating is provided or not.

Policy Application

Players are banned from smoking for the duration of a match in which he or she is participating, which is under the control of Football NSW, or its affiliates;

Staff, officials, players, referees and volunteers are banned from smoking in offices, technical areas, dressing rooms, change rooms and medical rooms. Clubs and associations are responsible for the management of the application of this.

FNSW shall ensure all publications from the National Cancer Council, QUIT and NSW State Government in relation to the adverse effects of smoking and its impact upon player performance levels, is made available to all Football NSW Affiliated Clubs and Associations.

The Effects of Smoking

- Nicotine is a stimulant drug that acts upon the central nervous system and is highly toxic. Nicotine is twice as deadly as arsenic and at least four times more lethal than cyanide. If the total nicotine content of one to two days of smoking was consumed in one dose it would cause death in a matter of minutes.
- Inhaled smoke from a cigarette contains carbon monoxide, ammonia, hydrogen cyanide, nicotine, toluene, phenol and benzpyrene.
- A significant aspect with smoking is that non-smoking participants are subject to side stream smoke, which contains all of the above ingredients plus a number of additional gases and poisons that are not normally inhaled by the smoker due to the cigarette filter. These gases include formaldehyde, acrolein, vinylpyridine, naphthalene and naphthylamine.
- The carbon monoxide from a cigarette is rapidly absorbed in the blood stream in preference to oxygen and therefore reduces the amount of oxygen that can be carried by the red corpuscles. The tar in a cigarette reduces that elasticity of the air sacs and so restricts the volume of oxygen that can actually attempt to enter the blood stream.
- Smoking also increases the heart rate whilst at the same time reducing the quantity of blood flow by causing the elevation of players' blood pressure.

For further information, visit [NSW Department of Health Smoke-free laws](#).



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Social Media Policy

1. Purpose

BDSFA recognises the importance of social media as a tool for engaging its member and supporter base. The purpose of this policy is to protect the interests and reputation of BDSFA and its stakeholders by ensuring its Board, players, staff, volunteers and members are equipped with the requisite knowledge and skills to appropriately utilise social media platforms in line with BDSFA's values and policies.

The policy does not seek to restrict use of social media, but rather create clear lines between private and club material and set guidelines where material relates to BDSFA.

2. Scope

This policy encompasses, but is not limited to, the use of Twitter, Facebook, Instagram, YouTube, LinkedIn, blogs, websites and any other public online forum or platform.

The policy applies to all BDSFA players, officials, volunteers, staff and members.

3. Definitions

4. Policy Statements

4.1 Guiding Principles

The web is not anonymous. members and staff should assume that everything they write can be traced back to them.

Due to the unique nature of BDSFA, the boundaries between a BDSFA member and staff's profession, volunteer time and social life can often be blurred. It is therefore essential that staff and members make a clear distinction between what they do, think or say in their capacity as a staff member or member of BDSFA. BDSFA considers all staff members and members of the organisation as its representatives.

When using the internet for professional or personal pursuits, all staff and members must respect the brand of BDSFA, all Association Members and Football Clubs, other staff and members and anybody else involved in our sport, and follow the guidelines in place to ensure that sport's intellectual property or its relationships with sponsors and stakeholders is not compromised (see "Branding and Intellectual Property" below) or the organisation is brought into disrepute.

4.2 Usage

For BDSFA members and staff using social media, such use

- Must not contain, or link to, libellous, defamatory or harassing content – this also applies to the use of illustrations or nicknames;
- Must not comment on, or publish information that is confidential in anyway;
- Must not bring the organisation or the sport into disrepute; or



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- Must not otherwise be in breach of FFA's or BDSFA's Code of Conduct. For BDSFA staff using social media, such use must not interfere with work commitments

4.3 Branding and Intellectual Property (IP)

It is important that any trademarks belonging to BDSFA, a Branch or any Association Member or Football Club are not used in personal social media applications, except where such use can be considered incidental – (where 'incidental' is taken to mean "happening in subordinate conjunction with something else").

4.4 Official BDSFA Social Pages, Blogs and Online Forums

When creating a new website, social networking page or forum for staff, Association Members, Football Clubs, competitions or Members generally, care should be taken to ensure the appropriate person has given permission to create the page or forum.

Similarly, appropriate permissions must be obtained for the use of logos or images. Images of children may not be replicated on any site without the written permission of the child's parents and/or guardian.

For official BDSFA blogs, social pages and online forums:

- Posts must not contain, nor link to pornographic or indecent content;
- Some hosted sites may sell the right to advertise on their sites through "pop up" content which may be of a questionable nature. This type of hosted site should not be used for online forum or social pages as the nature of "pop up" content cannot be controlled;
- BDSFA employees must not use BDSFA online pages to promote personal projects; and
- All materials published or used must respect the copyright of third parties.

4.5 Consideration toward others then using social networking sites

Social networking sites allow photographs, videos and comments to be shared with thousands of other users.

BDSFA Members and staff must recognise that it may not be appropriate to share photographs, videos and comments in this way. For example, there may be an expectation that photographs taken at private BDSFA events will not appear publicly on the Internet. In certain situations, BDSFA staff or Members could potentially breach the Privacy Act or inadvertently make BDSFA liable for breach of copyright.

BDSFA Members or staff should be considerate to others in such circumstances and should not post information when they have been asked not to or consent has not been sought and given. They must also remove information about another person should they be asked to do so.

Under no circumstance should offensive comments be made about BDSFA, staff and BDSFA Members online.

4.6 Breach of Policy



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BDSFA will continually monitor online activity in relation to the organisation and the sport. Detected breaches of this policy should be reported to BDSFA.

If detected, a breach of this policy may result in disciplinary action from BDSFA under the BDSFA Constitution, Regulations & Policies. A breach of this policy may also amount to breaches of other BDSFA governing documents including its constitution, by-laws and other policies. This may involve a verbal or written warning or in serious cases, termination of employment or engagement with BDSFA including suspension of membership.

5. Responsibilities

All players, parents, staff, volunteers, members and directors.



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Video & Images Policy

1. Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to outline expected in regard to video and images being taken at BDSFA matches, training and any other sanctioned BDSFA event.

2. Scope

This policy applies to all Spectators, Members, Coaches, Managers, Employees and Volunteers attending Matches.

3. Definitions

Photograph – taking an image, to photo, image, photography

Video – as per photograph

Camera – device capable of taking images or video

4. General

Any camera device is forbidden from entering any toilet shower or changeroom.

In Australia, generally speaking, there is no law restricting photography of people (including children) in public spaces as long as the images are not:

- Indecent
- being used for voyeurism or made for the purpose of observing and visually recording a person's genital or anal region
- protected by a court order (eg. child custody or witness protection)
- defamatory
- being for commercial purposes (person's likeness is used to endorse or entice people to buy a product).

If a person is taking photographs inappropriately (e.g. breaching the restrictions or ban in place for that private property or venue), then club or parent can request the person to stop. If the person refuses, the police or security may be called to escort them off the property.

5. Taking Images of Children

The BDSFA requires that individuals and clubs, wherever possible, obtain permission from a child's parent/guardian before taking an image of a child that is not their own. They should also make sure the parent/guardian understands how the image will be used.

6. Third Party Photographers

The BDSFA recommends that steps be taken to verify any third-party photographer wishing to take photographs of children participating in any Club or Association event. Approved photographers may be used to gain images for the promotion and marketing of the BDSFA.



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7. Images Being Removed from Public Viewing

In the case of an image needing to be removed from public viewing the person, parent or guardian must write to the BDSFA and/or the club showing which image(s) must be taken off public display. There does not need to be a reason validating why that image(s) requires removal. The BDSFA and/or club must remove that image as soon as possible.

8. References and Links

Acquiring Images of Children – Photography

<https://footballnsw.com.au/wp-content/uploads/2017/06/Images-of-Children-ASC-1.pdf>

NSW Sport & Recreation fact sheet – Taking Images

<https://sport.nsw.gov.au/clubs/ryc/memberprotection/takingimages>

Working with Children Check Policy

In the interests of promoting child safety within the sport of Football, the Board of Football NSW has implemented a policy which will expand the categories of individuals requiring the NSW Government's Working with Children Check (WWCC).

This Policy applies to all Football NSW affiliated Clubs, Associations, Branches, Centres, Referee Branches and all Officials, Coaches, Managers, Technical Directors, volunteers and participants.

The WWCC legislation currently provides exemptions from the requirement to obtain a WWC Number for certain categories of individuals, including:

1. Volunteer parents or close relatives coaching or managing their own child's or close relative's team;
2. Referees; and
3. Persons aged under 18 years of age.

While recognising that the WWCC is only part of an organisation's tools for promoting a child safe environment, the Board of Football NSW was concerned that these exemptions, particularly the first two, meant that a significant and important portion of the membership was not being subjected to the WWCC.

Accordingly, under this Policy, the following require a WWC Number:

1. Volunteer parents or close relatives coaching or managing their own child's or close relative's team; and
2. Referees.

Persons aged under 18 years of age, even if they fall within the above categories, remain exempt.

Coaches and Managers

Under this Policy, all paid persons and all volunteer Coaches, Managers, Technical Directors and other roles which involve working or volunteering with children under 18 years of age will now require a WWCC (unless exempt). For the avoidance of doubt, this requirement extends to volunteer parents or close relatives coaching or managing their own child's or close relative's team.

The exemptions recognised by Football NSW are:

- Persons under 18 years of age;
- Grounds persons;
- Guest presenters or speakers for a one-off presentation;
- Persons who work or volunteer with children visiting NSW from another State to attend an event where the work in NSW will be for no more than 30 days in a calendar year.

Therefore, it is a requirement of Football NSW that all

Technical Directors, Coaches and Managers working or volunteering with children under 18 years of age obtain a WWCC and provide their Club, Association, Branch, Centre and/or Football NSW with a valid WWC Number.

Referees

Under this Policy, all referees require a WWCC, unless exempt.

The only exemption for referees recognised by Football NSW is the exemption for persons aged under 18 years.

Therefore, it is a requirement of Football NSW that all referees obtain a WWCC and provide their Referee Branch and/or Football NSW (as the case may be) with a valid WWC Number.

Registering in Play Football – Information for Administrators and Participants

When registering in Play Football (PF) as a Coach, Manager, Technical Director or any other role that involves working or volunteering with a child under 18 years of age, it is now a pre-condition of registration with Football NSW that the individual obtains a WWC Number and enters their WWC number in the PF registration system at the time of registration. Persons under 18 years of age are exempt from this registration requirement.

Where a person's role requires a WWCC:

1. For all persons, including referees, registration is not to be approved in the PF registration system by the relevant administrator and will not be effective until the individual has entered their WWC Number during the registration process and their Club, Association, Branch, Centre, Referee Branch and/or Football NSW (as the case may be) has verified the WWC Number via the on-line WWC verification system at www.kidsguardian.nsw.gov.au.
2. It is the responsibility of the relevant Club, Association, Branch, Centre, Referee Branch and/or Football NSW (as the case may be) to obtain the person's WWC Number either from PF or directly from the individual and then verify the WWC Number via the on-line WWCC verification system at www.kidsguardian.nsw.gov.au and retain a record of the verification details in accordance with the requirements of the WWCC legislation.

For more information visit www.footballnsw.com.au or contact your club or association.

Working with Children Check Compliance

The NSW Office of the Children's Guardian (**OCG**) is the State Government Agency responsible for managing the WWCC in NSW. Football NSW will continue to work closely with the OCG in relation to child protection and our members' compliance with the WWCC.

The OCG has already conducted a significant number of audits of Football NSW Clubs and Associations and will continue to do so.

While Football NSW acknowledges that this Policy will require changes to the processes in your organisation, we also recognise that many clubs are already applying the WWCC as outlined in this Policy. We note further that these changes may in fact make the process easier in some respects as clubs will no longer need to undertake the arduous task of determining which coaches and managers are exempt and which are not.