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MANLY WARRINGAH
FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION

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ARTICLES OF THE MANLY WARRINGAH FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION INC.

PART 1 PRELIMINARY

1.1 INTERPRETATIONS

(1) In these rules, except in so far as the context or subject matter otherwise indicates or requires,

MEMBER means a member of the Association which shall include:-

- Clubs affiliated in accordance with these rules
- Officials of the Association
- Life Members
- Manly Warringah Soccer Football Club Ltd
- Manly Warringah District Soccer Football Club Ltd
- Manly Warringah Football Referees Association
- Northern Beaches Futsal
- And such other persons or organisations to which the Association may grant membership.

PERSON includes a natural person, body corporate, firm or body of persons.

THE ACT means the Associations Incorporation Act 1984.

THE REGULATION means the Associations Incorporation Regulation , 1985.

THE ASSOCIATION means the Manly Warringah Football Association Incorporated.

COUNCIL means members of the Association meeting in general meeting.

COUNCIL OF ASSOCIATIONS means the Football NSW Ltd Council of Associations

COUNCIL OF CLUBS means the Football NSW Ltd Council of Clubs

JUNIOR means any competition, or any registered player, within the age group from under 10 up to under 16, both age groups included.

SUB-JUNIOR means any competition, or any registered player, below the age of 10.

SENIOR means any competition, or any registered player, not a junior or sub-junior.

COLOURS includes alternative colours.

- (2) In these rules:
- (a) A reference to a function includes a reference to a power, authority or duty.
 - (b) A reference to the exercise of a function includes, where the function is a duty, a reference to the performance of a duty.
 - (c) Words importing the singular include the plural and vice versa and the words importing the masculine include the feminine and vice versa.
 - (d) Where the following abbreviations appear throughout these Rules they shall have the same meaning set out hereunder:-

A.G.M.	Annual General Meeting
A.C	Appeals Committee
E.C.	Executive Committee

G.M.	General Meeting
M.C.	Management Committee
M.C.M.	Management Committee Meeting
M.W.F.A.	Manly Warringah Football Association Inc.
M.W.F.R.A.	Manly Warringah Football Referees Association Inc
P&D	Protests and Disputes Committee
FOOTBALL NSW	Football NSW Limited
S.G.M.	Special General Meeting

(e) A reference to the terms All-Age, Open and Amateur League shall have the same meaning and refer to teams and players in those teams where there is no age restriction on the competition.

- (3) The provisions of the Interpretation Act, 1987 apply to and in respect of these rules in the same manner as those provisions would so apply if these rules were an instrument made under the Act

1.2 FOOTBALL YEAR

For the purposes of these rules the Football Year shall be the period from 1st January in one year to 31st December in the same year, both dates inclusive.

1.3 FINANCIAL YEAR

The financial year of the Association shall be from 1st October in one year to 30th September in the ensuing year, both dates inclusive.

1.4 LAWS OF THE GAME

The Association adopts the laws of the game as contained in the Referee's Chart and Players Guide to the Laws of Association Football, current edition, as published by the Football Association, England and as modified by the Playing Rules accompanying these rules.

1.5 COLOURS AND EMBLEMS

- (1) The colours of the Association shall be blue, red and white.
- (2) The emblem of the Association shall be an Osprey holding a football in its claws, and may only be used with the express permission of Council, such permission having been granted may be withdrawn at any time.

1.6 SCOPE OF JURISDICTION

- (1) The Association shall affiliate with the Football NSW Ltd.
- (2) The jurisdiction of the Association shall cover all Association Officials, Clubs, Club Officials, Teams, Players, Grounds and matches within it's boundaries.
- (3) The jurisdiction of the Association may be extended beyond its boundaries by arrangement with other Football Associations and with the approval, if necessary, of the Football NSW Ltd.
- (4) The jurisdiction of the Association shall cover players representing it, and club teams playing competitions approved by the Football NSW Ltd, although they are playing in areas beyond the Association's boundaries.
- (5) Even if the law of the State or Commonwealth allows Clubs and Club members to contest at a civil court any decisions pronounced by any football body, any person or member or affiliate shall, except in the case of a temporary injunction, refrain from doing so in any way until all the possibilities of jurisdiction within the code have been exhausted. Any breach of this regulation shall entail disaffiliation or expulsion from the code.

- (6) Any affiliate, member or person threatening to take legal action as part of any attempt to resolve any matter of discipline or protest before or likely to come before the Association, may be cited to appear before the Association Executive to show cause why they should not be dealt with for improper conduct.

1.7 PROCEDURE AT MEETINGS

The rules of procedure and debate at all meetings shall be as laid down by the N.S.W. Parliament, as varied by Part 9, Standing Orders, of the Associations By-Laws.

1.8 FAILURE TO OBSERVE THESE RULES

Failure of any club, team, official or player to observe these Rules, the Association By-Laws and/or Playing Rules in their entirety, may render such club, team, official or players liable to a fine or other such penalty as the E.C. deems fit to impose.

PART 2 MEMBERSHIP

2.1 AFFILIATIONS

- (1) Annual applications for affiliation for the ensuing year must be on the form provided by the Association and lodged not later than the one week prior to the A.G.M. each year, and be accompanied by the relevant fee inclusive of State or Federal Government Charges as determined by the Association. Clubs applying for Affiliation shall be invoiced for the relevant fee.
- (2) Applications for affiliation to the Association shall be subject to the approval of Council, which shall have the power to accept or reject such application at a duly called Affiliation Meeting which will be held in conjunction with the adjourned A.G.M. each year. Clubs whose affiliation is not approved shall have the relevant fee refunded.
- (3) Each new club applying for affiliation shall, at the time of affiliation:-
- (a) have at least ten (10) non-senior teams
 - (b) not duplicate in any way the colours of an existing club
 - (c) be at least 5 Kilometres from the headquarters and grounds of any existing club
 - (d) have in each team not more than 3 persons who were registered with another club in the Association the previous Year.
 - (e) Lodge with its application a copy of a Constitution for approval by the E.C

2.2 LIFE MEMBERS

- (1) It shall be competent for the A.G.M. to elect on the recommendation of the M.C., as Life Members of the Association, any person who has rendered signal service to the advancement of the code in the area covered by the Association.
- (2) Life members shall be entitled to take part in the business of all council and G.M.AGM, AAGM, and shall be entitled to vote at all such meetings.

2.3 MEMBERSHIP NOT TRANSFERABLE

- (1) Once granted, membership may not be transferred.
- (2) Any right, privilege or obligation a member has by virtue of such membership shall not be transferred.

2.4 REGISTER OF CLUBS

- (1) The Secretary shall establish and maintain a register of all clubs affiliated with the Association and such register shall contain the following information:-
 - (a) The name of the Club.
 - (b) The name of the Secretary of the Club.
 - (c) The postal address and telephone number of the Club Secretary.
 - (d) The registered colours of the Club
- (2) The Register of Clubs shall be kept at the principal place of administration of the Association, and shall be open for inspection, free of charge, by any member of the Association at any reasonable hour.

2.5 LIABILITY OF MEMBERS

The liability of members to contribute towards the payment of the debts and liabilities of the Association, and to the costs, charges and expenses of the winding up of the Association is limited to the amount, if any, unpaid by the member in respect of the membership of the Association.

2.6 CESSATION OF MEMBERSHIP

- (1) A member ceases to be a members of the Association if that member:-
 - (a) Resigns in writing addressed to the Secretary.
 - (b) Is expelled from the Association.
 - (c) Has it's application for affiliation rejected by the affiliation meeting.
- (2) Cessation of membership shall not be accepted until all outstanding monies and dues are paid.

2.7 DISCIPLINING OF MEMBERS

- (1) Where the M.C. is of the opinion that a member of the Association:-
 - (a) has persistently refused or neglected to comply with the provision or provisions of these rules
 - (b) has persistently and wilfully acted in a manner prejudicial to the interests of the Association

It may, by resolution, expel the member from the Association or, suspend the members from membership for a specified period.
- (2) A resolution under clause 2.7 (1) is of no effect unless the M.C., at a meeting held no later than 28 days after the service on the member of a notice under clause 2.7. hereunder, confirms the resolution in accordance with this rule.
- (3) Where the M.C. passes a resolution under clause 2.7 (1), the Secretary shall, as soon as practicable, cause a notice to be served on the member, such notice to:-
 - (a) set out the resolution and the grounds on which it was based;
 - (b) inform the member that he may address the M.C. at a meeting to be held not earlier than 14 days and not later than 28 days after the service of the notice;
 - (c) state the date, time and place of that meeting;
 - (d) inform the member that he may at any time prior to the meeting, submit written representations relating to the resolution;
- (4) At a meeting of the M.C. held as referred to in clause 2.7 (3) above, the M.C. shall:-
 - (a) give the member an opportunity to make oral submissions to the meeting;
 - (b) give due consideration to any written representation submitted by the member prior or at the meeting;
 - (c) by resolution determine whether to confirm or to revoke the resolution passed under clause 2.7 (1).

- (5) Where the M.C. confirms a resolution passed under clause 2.7 (1), the Secretary shall, within 7 days after that confirmation, by notice in writing inform the member of the fact, and of the members right of appeal under clause 2.8.
- (6) A resolution confirmed by the M.C. under clause 2.7 (4) (c) does not take effect:-
 - (a) until the expiration of the period in which the member is entitled to appeal against the resolution where the member does not exercise his right of appeal.
 - (b) where the member exercises his right of appeal until the matter is resolved by Council.

2.8 RIGHT OF APPEAL BY DISCIPLINED MEMBER

- (1) A member may appeal to the Association at a general meeting against a resolution of the M.C. which has been confirmed in accordance with clause 2.7 (4) within 7 days after the notice of the resolution is served on the member by lodging with the Secretary a written notice to that effect.
- (2) Upon receipt of such notice as prescribed in clause 2.8 (1), the Secretary shall notify the M.C., which shall convene a general meeting of the Association to be held within 21 days after the date on which the Secretary received the notice.
- (3) At a general meeting of the Association convened under clause 2.8 (2): -
 - (a) no business other than the question of the appeal shall be transacted;
 - (b) the M.C. and the member shall be given the opportunity to state their respective cases orally or in writing or both;
 - (c) the members present shall vote by secret ballot on the question of whether the resolution should be confirmed or revoked.

PART 3 OBJECTIVES

3.1 OBJECTIVES OF THE M.W.F.A.

The objects of the Association shall be to foster the game of football in the Manly, Warringah, Mosman & Pittwater districts, and shall co-ordinate the activities of all Football Clubs and football sections of general sporting clubs, granted in the charter of the Football NSW Ltd., as amended, in the Manly, Warringah, Mosman & Pittwater Councils and surrounding areas.

- (1) The Association aims to provide an organised avenue to develop the mental and moral growth of its members and players.
- (2) Each club shall endeavour to see that all players of the correct age group are made available to the Association, and encourage them to play for the district.
- (3) The Association shall consist of all football clubs and associations affiliated in accordance with these rules.
- (4) The responsibility fostering and/or financing Junior League and Youth League football in all grades may be delegated to a sub-committee, or sub-committees, appointed for that purpose by the Association Council.
- (5) The Association shall be responsible for obtaining such grounds as may be required for it's purpose, and shall have complete authority, as far as it's members are concerned, over such grounds, during the time the grounds are under the control of the Association.
- (6) All requests to council or any other body, for improvements, alterations, maintenance or anything else to do with fields or amenities should be advised in writing to the Association.

- (7) The income and property of the Association shall be used only for the promotion of the objects of the Association and shall not be paid or transferred to members by dividend, bonus or profit, provided that nothing herein shall prevent the payment in good faith of remuneration to any officer or servant of the Association or to any member of the Association in return for any services actually rendered to the Association.

PART 4 OFFICIALS OF THE ASSOCIATION

4.1 OFFICIALS

- (1) The officials of the Association shall be:-
- (a) President
 - (b) Senior Vice President x 2 comprising:-SVP M.W.F.A & SVP Representative Football
 - (c) Vice Presidents x 5 comprising:-
 - Vice President – Sub-Junior
 - Vice President - Junior Competition Teams
 - Vice President – Senior Competition Teams
 - Vice President – Women’s Competition Teams
 - Vice President – Masters Football Teams
 - (d) Secretary
 - (e) Treasurer
 - (f) Junior Registrar and Senior Registrar
 - (g) Results Officers
 - (h) Assistant Secretary
 - (i) Delegate to M.W.F.R.A.
- (2) Officials of the Association shall hold office from the time of their election at an A.G.M. until the succeeding A.G.M., and are eligible for re-election.
- (3) Notwithstanding the previous sub-clause, any official absenting him/herself without reasonable cause from three (3) consecutive G.M., M.C.M., will be deemed to have vacated his/her office.
- (4) Notwithstanding clause 4.1 (2), any official deemed guilty of conduct considered prejudicial to the Association, may be removed from office by a simple majority of the members present and voting at a G.M.
- (5) Any official wishing to resign may do so by giving written notice to the Secretary.
- (6) In the event of a casual vacancy occurring in the Officials of the Association, the M.C. may appoint a person to fill the vacancy, and the person so appointed shall hold office, subject to these rules until the A.G.M. next following the date of the appointment.

4.2 ELECTION OF OFFICE BEARERS

- (1) At the A.G.M. a Returning Officer shall be appointed from the floor of the meeting to take the chair and conduct the election of officers.
- (2) Nominations of candidates for specific offices of the Association:-
- (a) Shall be made in writing by two members of the Association and accompanied by the written consent of the person nominated to accept nomination. Such consent may be endorsed on the written nomination.
 - (b) Nominations must be lodged with the Secretary not less than seven (7) days before the A.G.M. at which the election is to take place.

- (3) If only one written nomination is received for a specific office then the Returning Officer shall declare the person so nominated, elected to that office.
- (4) If more than one written nomination is received for that specific office, then the Returning Officer shall conduct a secret ballot to determine the person elected to that office. If such a ballot is required, the Returning Officer shall appoint two neutral scrutineers to count the votes and shall declare the person who receives the most votes elected to that office.
- (5) If no written nominations are received for a specific office, the Returning Officer may call for nominations from the floor of the meeting.

4.3 SPECIAL GENERAL MEETINGS

- (1) A Special General Meeting. may be convened in the following circumstances:-
 - (a) By resolution of the M.C. or Council.
 - (b) By a decision of the E.C.
 - (c) On lodgement with the Secretary of a requisition in writing, signed by at least five (5) members.
 - (d) On the written request, to the Secretary, from a club whose application for affiliation has been rejected by Council.
- (2) A requisition by members for a S.G.M.:-
 - (a) Shall state the purpose of the meeting.
 - (b) May consist of one or more documents, in a similar form, each signed by the members seeking the meeting.
- (3) If the E.C. fails to convene a S.G.M. to be held within one month after the date on which the requisition is lodged with the Secretary
 - (a) Any one or more of the members who signed the requisition may convene such a meeting to be held no longer that 3 months from the date of the lodgement of the requisition.
 - (b) A S.G.M. convened in this manner shall be convened, as nearly as practicable, in the same manner as if convened by the E.C. and any reasonable costs incurred by the members shall be reimbursed by the Association.
- (4) At least 21 days notice must be given to members of a S.G.M.
- (5) No business other than that listed in the notice of meeting shall be dealt with at a S.G.M.

4.4 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

- (1) The A.G.M. of the Association shall be held not later than the last week in November in each year.
- (2) The order of business at the A.G.M. shall be:-
 - (a) Apologies
 - (b) Adoption of Minutes of previous A.G.M.
 - (c) Presentation and adoption of Annual Report Including audited financial reports.
 - (d) Election of officials for the ensuing year.
 - (e) Presentation and adoption of a budget for the ensuing year.
 - (f) Notices of motion.
 - (g) Election of Committees and Delegates for the ensuing year.
 - (h) General Business
- (3) After the election of officials, the chairman shall adjourn the meeting for one week.
- (4) 21 days written notice of the date and venue of the A.G.M. shall be given to all members.

4.5 AUDIT OF ACCOUNTS

The Association's accounts presented to the A.G.M. shall be audited by a registered public accountant.

4.6 COMMON SEAL

- (1) The common seal of the Association shall be kept in the custody of the Secretary.
- (2) The common seal shall not be affixed to any instrument except by authority of the M.C. and the affixing of the common seal shall be attested by the signature of two members of the E.C. or, one member of the E.C. and the Public Officer or Secretary.

**MANLY WARRINGAH FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION INC
APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP BY A CLUB (Rule 2.1)**

To the Manly Warringah Football Association Incorporated
(Incorporated under the Associations Act 1984) Reg No. Y 09145-24

.....
(Full name of Club)

of.....
(Postal Address)

hereby applies to become a club member of the above names Incorporated Association. In the event of the Club's admission as a member, the club agrees to be bound by the rules of the Association for the time being in force
The proposed Club colours are

.....

It is proposed the club enter teams in.....
(Competition & age group)

The current committee of the club consists of:-

Any other material relevant to the Application:-

* Signature of Club Secretary.....
(if unincorporated)

* The common seal of.....
(name of Incorporated Club)

was hereunto fixed in the presence of.....
(Secretary)

* Strike out whichever not applicable.

**MANLY WARRINGAH FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION INC (Reg No. Y 09154-24 0
NOMINATION FORM OFFICE BEARER (Rule 4.2)**

To the Manly Warringah Football Association Incorporated
(Incorporated under the Associations Act 1984)

I.....a member of the Association
(Name of Proposer)

Nominate.....for the position of
(Name of Candidate)

.....of the above Incorporated
Association
(Name of Office)
for the ensuing twelve months. The nominee is personally known to me.

.....
(Signature of Proposer) (Date)

I.....a member of the
(Name of Secunder)
Association second the nomination, the nominee is personally known to me

.....
(Signature of Secunder) (Date)

I.....hereby accept the nomination
(Name of Nominee)
for the above mentioned position

.....
(Signature of Nominee) (Date)

**BY-LAWS OF THE MANLY WARRINGAH
FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION INC.**

PART 5 GOVERNMENT

5.1 GOVERNMENT

The Government of the Association shall be vested in Council. Affiliated clubs shall appoint one delegate to represent it at Council.

5.2 COUNCIL

- (1) The Council shall meet In February, March, April ,May, June, July, August and September and in November and/or December and at such other times as deemed necessary by the E.C., or as required by these rules.
- (2) Notice of each meeting shall be issued to all clubs in calendar form, prior to the commencement of the first meeting in February.
- (3) A quorum at Council shall be ten (10) members, of whom two (2) must be members of the E.C. and one (1) other official
- (4) Only delegates of affiliated clubs, including Manly Warringah District Soccer Club Ltd., Manly Warringah Football Referees Association Inc., Manly Warringah Soccer Club Ltd. , Officials and Life members may speak at Council. In special circumstances, to be decided as they arise, permission to speak may be granted to others.
- (5) The Council shall have the power to call upon any affiliated body, or members of an affiliated body, to appear before it to answer any question or produce any books or records as may be relevant to any enquiry. If such body or person fails to appear within fourteen (14) days after being summoned, or fails to produce such books and/or records as requested, or fails to answer any questions, then such affiliated body or person may be fined or suspended, at the discretion of the Council.
- (6) The Council shall have the power to admit or exclude strangers from its meetings.
- (7) Notification of the change of a delegate must be notified to the Secretary, in writing, prior to the commencement of the meeting next succeeding the change.
- (8) Each Member present at Council shall be entitled to vote as follows:

0-100	registered players	1 vote
101 – 200	registered players	2 votes
201 – 499	registered players	3 votes
500 or more	registered players	4 votes

irrespective of the number of capacities or committees they represent
- (9) Clubs who are not represented at two (2) consecutive meetings, or more, shall deemed to have lapsed their membership until such times that the offending club's membership renewal has been accepted by the Council. Whilst the offending club is deemed to have lapsed membership, no competition points will be accrued. When membership is renewed, competition points will accrue from date of renewal. This rule is not subject to Rule 2.1. The club shall also be fined as per Rule 10.6
- (10) Council shall have the power to appoint such sub-committees as it sees fit.
- (11) Appeals against Council decisions shall be made to the Soccer Sydney .

PART 6 DUTIES AND FUNCTIONS OF OFFICIALS

- (1) **The President** shall be responsible for officials carrying out their duties in accordance with these rules. He shall be Chairman of all meetings, except sub-committee meetings, and conduct such meetings in accordance with these rules. He shall have a casting vote only at all meetings. He shall be an ex-officio member of all sub-committees.
- (2) **The Senior Vice President** shall act as chairman in the absence from the chair of the President, and shall be responsible for the liaison between all interested bodies and the Association, and for the harmony of all affiliated clubs, for the betterment of football.
- (3) **The Vice Presidents** shall assist wherever possible, but they may be allocated special duties by the M.C. and carry out the duties as allocated at the time of their election to the position.
- (4) **The Secretary** shall administer the affairs of the Association as directed and as these rules demand. He shall keep a proper record of all Association proceedings, prepare the Annual Report and execute such other duties as may come within his province.
- (5) **The Treasurer** shall be responsible for receiving all monies due to the Association from any source and to account for all expenses, to issue financial statements where deemed necessary, prepare the annual financial statements for the Association's auditors and prepare a budget for the ensuing year to present at the A.G.M.
- (6) **The Registrars** shall keep a record of all persons registering with the Association as players, coaches or managers, and ensure that such persons are not disqualified from so registering. He shall also receive all team sheets and ensure that all players entered thereon are registered members of the relevant teams.
- (7) **The Results Officer(s)** shall record the results of all games played and publish competition tables regularly.
- (8) **The Assistant Secretary** shall take the minutes of all M.C.M. and Council meetings and assist the Secretary as required.
- (9) **The Delegate to the M.W.F.R.A.** shall attend the M.W.F.R.A. Inc committee meeting and report to the M.C. any relevant matters pertaining to the Association. He shall be the liaison person between both bodies.

PART 7 COMMITTEES

7.1 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

- (1) The E.C. shall consist of the President, Senior Vice Presidents (2), Secretary & Treasurer. The Association's General Manager shall form part of the Committee but has no voting rights.
- (2) Notwithstanding anything contained herein any person who is the subject of a decision made by the Executive Committee must adopt the following procedure to appeal this decision.
 - (a) The person must inform in writing of his intention to appeal.
 - (b) The person must appeal in writing to the Secretary of Soccer Sydney within 7 days of the decision of the Executive Committee. Such appeal should contain:
 - (i) the grounds of his appeal;
 - (ii) a copy of his notification provided to his or her club."
 - (iii) such bond as required by Soccer Sydney
- (3) The E.C. shall have the powers to bring before it any club, club official, coach, manager or player, who in the opinion of the E.C. has brought the game into disrepute, or who by a referee in the course of his duties as a referee. The committee

shall have the power to levy fines or impose penalties on such club, club official, coach, manager or player, as is necessary. No legal representation to be allowed.

- (4) (a) The E.C. shall have the powers to act in emergency situations. What constitutes an emergency shall be at the sole discretion of the E.C.
- (b) Any action taken under this clause must be reported in full to the next Council meeting. Except where the EC deem that the matter should be considered confidential.
- (5) A quorum of the E.C. shall be three (3)

7.2 MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Notwithstanding anything contained herein any person who is the subject of a decision made by the Management Committee must adopt the following procedure for appeal of this decision.

- (1) The person must inform in writing his or her club.
- (2) The person must appeal in writing to the Secretary of Soccer Sydney of the decision of the Management Committee. Such appeal should contain:
 - (a) the grounds of his appeal;
 - (b) a copy of his notification provided to his or her club
 - (c) such bond as required by Soccer Sydney
- (3) The M.C. shall consist of the officials of the Association.
- (4) The M.C. shall manage the affairs of the Association between meetings of the Council. The M.C. shall report its decisions to the next Council meeting for confirmation.
- (5) A quorum of the M.C. shall be nine (9) including at least three (3) members of the E.C.

7.3 JUDICIARY COMMITTEE

- (1) A Judiciary Committee of three (3) shall be appointed at the AGM.
- (2) The remaining members of the Committee shall be appointed as follows:-
 - a) Each member Club must nominate two (2) members prior to the Association's February Council Meeting. These nominated people are to remain in this position until the following AGM of the Association. One (1) of the Club nominees is to attend the Judiciary Committee on the night as rostered by the Judiciary Secretary as per the MWFA Guidelines for Judiciary.
 - b) The two (2) player representatives as per Rule 7.3 (13)
 - c) If a member is required to be replaced, it is only done so with the permission of the E.C. Details of the new Member are to be advised to the first General Meeting following the change.
- (3) The duties of the Judiciary Committee shall be to hear and determine all charges by the E.C. and match officials against players, officials of teams or clubs and spectators pertaining to matches or incidents on or in the vicinity of all reserves under the control of the Association.
- (4) A quorum of the committee shall be three (3)
- (5) The committee shall appoint it's own chairperson.
- (6) The committee shall keep a true record of attendance's, charges and decisions.
- (7) The committee will present a resume of its proceedings at each Council Meeting.
- (8) The M.W.F.R.A. may have an observer present at all meetings of the committee.
- (9) In cases involving allegations of violence of a nature endangering the person of members of the M.W.F.R.A. , the referee concerned together with a member of the Executive Committee of the M.W.F.R.A. may attend committee meetings at which those allegations will be heard. They may question the person or persons charged, and in turn may be questioned by the committee.

- (10) No legal representation is permitted at Judiciary hearings for any case.
- (11) Any persons present at hearings conducted by this committee who show contempt, by word or actions, of the committee, shall be suspended from the Association for a period of four (4) weeks, in addition to any other sentence imposed by the committee.
- (12) The committee shall have the power to call such persons, as it deems necessary to appear before it.
- (13) The committee shall have the power to impose such penalties, as it considers appropriate to each case it hears.
- (14) Affiliated clubs (excluding Masters Over 35's) as rostered by the M.C. shall supply two (2) senior players to attend Judiciary Committee hearing. Such players will not sit on any case involving their Club.
Failure to attend when required shall render such club liable to a fine of fifty dollars (\$50.00).

7.4 PROTESTS & DISPUTES COMMITTEE (P.& D.)

(1) MEMBERS AND DUTIES OF THE COMMITTEE

- (a) A Protests & Disputes (P&D) Committee consisting of five (5) members and three (3) alternate members shall be elected at the A.G.M.
- (b) The duties of the P&D Committee shall be to investigate and resolve all protests and disputes relating to the qualification of competitors, interpretations of the MWFA rules or any protest whatsoever other than matters pertaining to the E.C., M.C., Council of Clubs or Judiciary Committee decisions.
- (c) Appeals against the decisions of the P&D Committee can only be made to M.W.F.A. Appeals Committee.
- (d) The Committee shall elect its own Chairperson and a quorum shall be three (3).
- (e) A true record and permanent register of any hearing attendances, as well as any decisions shall be documented by the Committee and supplied to the Association Secretary.
- (f) A brief resume of the Committee's proceedings may be required at each Council meeting.
- (g) All protests or disputes should be actioned within 14 days of receipt with a view to finalisation within 14 days thereafter. However, where the result of any protest or dispute is required to facilitate the continuation of a competition (eg. before finals games), the Committee may be required to adjudicate in an emergency hearing.

(2) COMMITTEE PROCEDURES AND POWERS

- (a) The Association Secretary shall receive and record all protests or disputes submitted to the MWFA and send a copy of the protest or dispute, including all particulars thereof, to the P&D Committee Chairperson and any member protested against.
- (b) The member protested against shall have seven (7) days to respond to the protest, after this time the matter will be dealt with on the available evidence.
- (c) The Committee shall investigate and resolve protests or disputes through consultation with the parties involved and/or through its interpretation of any MWFA rules in force from time to time.
- (d) Should circumstances dictate and at the discretion of the Committee, a hearing may be convened to adjudicate a protest or dispute. The Committee Chairperson shall advise all members involved in the protest or dispute the venue, date and time at which a protest or dispute hearing shall be held.
- (e) The Committee shall have the power to call such persons or statements as it deems required and shall have the power to impose such penalties it considers appropriate to each case it investigates.
- (f) If required, a member shall provide any such reasonable information as requested by the Committee, either at a hearing or within 7 days if the request is made in writing.
- (g) Where appropriate, a representative of the M.W.F.R.A. may either give advice on the laws of the game to the Committee or attend a hearing in order to give such advice.
- (h) A full report of each investigation and/or hearing, together with the Committee findings, shall be submitted in writing to the Association Secretary, who shall record the decision and then forward copies to each of the parties and if requested to the M.W.F.R.A.
- (i) At the discretion of the Committee, a bond of fifty dollars (\$50.00) may be required before the hearing of any protest or dispute. This bond may be refunded at the further discretion of the Committee.

(3) PROTEST ON A MATCH RESULT

- (a) To protest the result of a match, the manager shall print "STA" (subject to adjudication) in the space on the referee's card marked "RESULT" instead of signing it. No protest on a match result will be investigated if the referee's card has been signed to agree a result.
- (b) Once a referee's card has been marked "STA", the Secretary of the Association must be notified in writing by letter, fax or email as per 15.9 (1) by the club challenging the result of the match, including full particulars of the protest, within 48 hours of the match being completed.
- (c) Where a protest on the result of a match is made on the basis of an error at Law (i.e. where an error pertaining to the Laws of the Game, as applied by a referee, is alleged to have been made), full particulars must be provided stating how the error at Law substantially and irrevocably altered the result of the match.
- (d) For all protests on the result of a match due to an error at Law, the Committee shall request the M.W.F.R.A. to investigate and, where appropriate, provide advice on the alleged error.
- (d) The Committee shall not require any bond if the sole basis of the protest is an error at Law.

7.5 APPEALS COMMITTEE (A.C.)

(1) MEMBERS AND DUTIES OF THE COMMITTEE

- (a) An Appeals Committee consisting of five (5) members and three (3) alternate members shall be elected at the A.G.M.
- (b) The duties of the Appeals Committee shall be to hear all Appeals relating decisions of the Judiciary Committee, the Protests & Disputes committee or any protest decision whatsoever, other than matters pertaining to the E.C., M.C. or Council decisions.
- (c) Appeals against the decisions of the Appeals Committee can only be made to Soccer Sydney.
- (d) The committee shall elect its own Chairperson and a quorum shall be three (3).
- (e) A true record and permanent register of attendances, Appeals and decisions shall be maintained by the committee.
- (f) A brief resume of the committee's proceedings shall be furnished to each Council meeting.
- (g) The Committee Secretary shall be appointed by the Committee members.

(2) COMMITTEE PROCEDURES AND POWERS

- (a) The Committee Secretary shall advise all members involved in an Appeal the venue, date and time at which the Appeal shall be held.
- (b) The Association Secretary shall send a copy of any Appeal and particulars thereof to any member likely to be affected by the Appeal.
- (c) The committee shall have the power to call such persons, statements and the committee shall have the power to uphold, overturn or to impose such additional penalties it considers appropriate to each case it hears.
- (d) The committee will require a record of previous charges against any Judiciary appellants.
- (e) Where appropriate, a representative of the M.W.F.R.A. may either attend or give advice on the laws of the game to the committee hearing.
- (f) A representative of the committee whose decision is being appealed against may be called to attend the committee's hearing.

- (g) A full report of each hearing shall be submitted in writing to the Association Secretary, who shall forward copies to the appellant and, where necessary to the M.W.F.R.A. Inc
- (h) Every Appeal must be accompanied by a bond of fifty dollars (\$50.00), refundable at the discretion of the Appeals Committee.
- (i) Should an appeal hearing not be commenced before a player has served the third week of his suspension, then the player will be allowed to play until such times that the appeal hearing has commenced. The committee may, at its discretion, and after an Appeal against a Judiciary decision has commenced, schedule further hearings as it is deemed necessary to ensure it collects all available evidence before arriving at a decision. Should this circumstance occur, the committee may, at its discretion, allow the appellant to continue playing until such time as the Appeal is concluded.

(3) PROCEDURE FOR APPEAL OF A DECISION MADE BY THE JUDICIARY

Notwithstanding anything contained herein any person who is the subject of a decision made by the Judiciary Committee must adopt the following procedure for Appeal of this decision.

- (a) The person must inform in writing his or her club.
- (b) The person must Appeal in writing to the Secretary of the Association within 48 hours of the decision of the Judiciary Committee. Such Appeal should contain:
 - the grounds of the Appeal
 - a copy of the notification provided to his or her club
- (c) New evidence forming the basis of an Appeal against the Judiciary decisions must be in the hands of the Association Secretary within five (5) days of the player's appearance at the Judiciary.

7.6 LEGAL REPRESENTATION PROCEDURES

- (1) The Association must be advised in writing 48 hours prior to the Hearing that the person appearing before either the P.&D. or the A.C. requests to have legal representation in attendance when their case is heard. The committee concerned shall, at the request of the Association, adjourn the Hearing for 1 week (or agreed shorter time) in the event of failure to give the required 48 hours notice in writing. The player shall remain suspended until the adjourned Hearing.
- (2) In any case where legal representation will be in attendance, the Association requires that a non-refundable fee of \$500 be lodged and be paid in advance to the Association. This Bond must be paid prior to the case commencing where the person seeks to have legal representation.
- (3) The Bond covers the additional cost to the Association in relation to increased administration costs and/or the Association's own legal costs. This Bond will be reviewed annually by the Executive Committee.
- (3) In the case where legal representation has been requested and the required Bond has been paid, the Association reserves the right to obtain its own legal representation for the Hearing.
- (4) In addition to clause (a) above if the Association is unable to obtain such equivalent legal representation for the Hearing the case, at the request of the Association, shall be adjourned for a maximum of 7 days. In these circumstances, for Judiciary matters, the player shall remain suspended until the next scheduled Judiciary Hearing.
- (5) If the Association is unable to obtain legal representation within 7 days, the Association has no basis to further adjourn the matter in respect of legal

representation. The Association has the right to only seek 1 adjournment of the Hearing in respect of it obtaining legal representation.

7.7 GRADING COMMITTEE

- (1) The grading committee shall consist of the EC, VP Women, VP Seniors & VP Juniors The Committee shall be responsible for grading all teams registered in the junior and senior competitions following as closely as possible the M.W.F.A. Competition Guidelines for the current football year.
- (2) The grading committee shall publish the gradings before the commencement of the draw.
- (3) The Grading Committee shall also follow as closely as possible the additional guidelines below: -
 - (a) in each age group, as near as practicable, grade an equal number of teams into each competition.
 - (b) Ensure that wherever possible, a team will be graded in its eligible age group. making suitable recommendations to the E.C. if this cannot be achieved.
 - (c) Where there is an uneven number of teams registered in an age group, ensure that a bye is included on the lowest division of that age group
 - (d) In junior competitions, where there are three (3) divisions or more, no team may be graded up or down more than one (1) division, without first consulting the Club concerned.

PART 8 MEETINGS

8.1 COUNCIL MEETINGS

The order of business at Council meetings shall be:-

- (a) Apologies
- (b) Minutes of previous Council meeting
- (c) Business arising from previous Council meeting minutes
- (d) Minutes of previous Management Committee meeting
- (e) Business arising from previous Management Committee meeting minutes
- (d) Correspondence
- (e) Reports by Officials, Delegates Etc.
- (f) General Business.

PART 9 STANDING ORDERS

9.1 APPLICATION AND SCOPE

These Standing Orders shall apply to all meetings of the Association, including committees.

9.2 STANDING ORDERS

- (1) Meetings shall, subject to a quorum being present, commence at 7.30pm., or such other time stipulated in the notice of meeting, and conclude no later than 11.00pm. However, the chairman may, at his discretion, extend the meeting for an additional fifteen (15) minutes beyond 11.00pm.
- (2) If no quorum is present within thirty (30) minutes after the stated commencing time the meeting shall lapse.
- (3) Members may speak only when called on by the chairman, who shall allow reasonable debate on all matters.
- (4) No member, except the mover, shall speak on a motion until it has been seconded.
- (5) Motions or amendments can only be withdrawn by the mover and with the consent of the seconder. No motion may be withdrawn if an amendment is under discussion, or if an amendment has been passed.
- (6) A motion may be re-worded by the mover with the consent of the seconder.
- (7) Members may speak once only to any motion, except the mover exercising the right of reply, which closes the debate on the original motion. Members who have spoken to the original motion may speak to amendments.
- (8) The seconder of a motion may reserve the right to speak later in the debate.
- (9) Any member may raise a point of order at the time an irregularity occurs. A point of order takes precedent over any other business
- (10) As distinct from a vote of confidence, any member may move dissent from the Chairman's ruling. The Chairman must vacate the chair and the question put forthwith. The Chairman shall resume the chair immediately the vote is taken.
- (11) Notwithstanding Rule 5.2 (8), the Chairman shall have a casting vote only.
- (12) Any member who has not spoken to a question may move "that the question now be put". The mover may interrupt a speaker to move the motion, and the chairman shall put the question only if he considers there has been sufficient debate.
- (13) Any member may move to limit a speaker's time, e.g. "that the speaker be no longer heard" or "the speaker be heard for another two minutes", such motion to be put immediately.
- (14) Motions to suspend Standing Orders, which motion may include changing the order of business, may be moved and subject to debate.
- (15) Rescission motions will not be accepted at the meeting at which the resolution they seek to rescind was passed. Such notices must be submitted in writing, signed by the member or club secretary submitting the motion and lodged with the Secretary at least fourteen (14) days prior to the date of the next Council meeting. Upon receipt of a rescission motion, the Secretary shall forward a copy to all members.
- (16) Matters not covered by these Standing Orders shall be ruled upon by the chairman.
- (17) A motion to suspend standing orders for the purpose of an address by a body promoting its own commercial interests will be subject to a limit of fifteen (15) minutes suspension, with a single extension of five (5) minutes by vote.

PART 10 FINANCE

10.1 FINANCE

- (1) All monies received by the Association shall be banked in an account bearing the Association's name. Signatories shall be at least two (2) members of the E.C., one of whom shall be the Treasurer.
- (2) All payments, other than in the nature of petty cash items up to \$25.00 shall be paid by Cheque.
- (3) Monies may be raised from time to time by any method deemed suitable and as determined by Council.
- (4) All times spent away from business by committee members on Association business, monies lost by member shall be submitted to the E.C. for consideration.

10.2 INVESTMENTS

Monies may from time to time be invested in an authorised trustee investment on direction of Council.

10.3 LEVIES

Council has the authority to impose levies where deemed necessary.

10.4 GUARANTEE FEE

Clubs may, at the time of entry to the competitions, be required to deposit a sum as fixed by the Council as a guarantee of good faith. Such deposit shall be refunded at the end of the year, provided the club has met all it's obligations to the Association.

10.5 ANNUAL FEES

- (1) Fees payable by clubs shall be determined at the A.G.M. each year.
- (2) Monthly accounts of registration fees shall be payable to the Association on or before the date specified on the account, such date to be one month from the date of issue of the account. In the event of any club failing to pay the fees within the time provided, the club in default shall be fined 1% per month on any balance outstanding until the month of payment. If any accounts are outstanding for two months after the date of issue, the club shall be declared a defaulting club and suspended after being duly advised by the Treasurer that it is in default.
- (3) All affiliated clubs shall pay 50% of the previous years fees in advance by the 31st March. An invoice will be posted to all club secretaries, one month prior to the March Council meeting.
- (4) Final registration numbers will be due on the 30th of June and invoices will be generated for payment by the 31st of July. If final registration numbers have not been received by the Clubs by the 30th of June invoices will be generated as per last year's registration figures plus 20%. This again will be due by the 31st of July.

10.6 FINES

- (a) Fines shall be levied at the rate of fifty dollars (\$50.00) per item, except for team results not being received by Results Officer by 7pm on the Sunday of the weekend of the game/s being played. .
- (b) Where team results are not received in on time, the fines shall be:-
 - (i) \$20.00 if club fails to phone in at all, and/or
 - (ii) \$5.00 per team result.

- (c) All fines levied must clearly specify the section of the M.W.F.A. Articles of Association & Playing Rules from which the authority to levy the fine is provided, and the section which was breached, for which the fine was imposed.
- (d) All fines levied shall be served by mail, email or facsimile on the alleged offending member within fourteen (14) days of the alleged offence.
- (e) A member may appeal in writing by mail or facsimile to the Association against the imposition of a fine within twenty eight (28) days after the alleged offence.

10.5 GOOD BEHAVIOUR BOND

As part of a disciplinary matter a good behaviour bond may be placed on a Club or Team. The amount of this bond will have a maximum of \$1500.

PART 11 INJURIES TO PLAYERS

- (1) The Association accepts no responsibility for injuries sustained by players, officials, spectators or referees, unless such responsibility is covered by an insurance policy or policies that may from time to time be organised or taken out by the Association, or the Football NSW Ltd
- (2) All players registered with the Association and competing at any level of football shall be liable to pay insurance premiums levied by the Association or the Football NSW Ltd

PART 12 FUNCTIONS AND ENTERTAINMENT

- (1) It shall be competent for the Association to hold functions and/or entertainments wherever deemed desirable.
- (2) Affiliated clubs may not hold or organise conflicting functions on Association grounds without first obtaining permission from the Association.
- (3) All clubs planning functions (tournaments, gala days, dances etc.) during the season are to plan these before the season commences, wherever possible, and must advise the Association in writing of such functions. In the case of tournaments, clubs must obtain prior permission from the Association, in the case of intra-Association tournaments or from the Soccer NSW Ltd. for all others. On completion of these tournaments, a written report on the tournament must be presented to the next Council meeting.

PART 13 AMENDMENTS TO BY-LAWS AND PLAYING RULES

- (1) These rules shall not be amended or added to without the consent of three quarters of the voters present at an A.G.M. or S.G.M., providing that there shall be no more than four (4) such meetings between consecutive A.G.M. and unless fourteen (14) days notice, in writing, has been given to all members.
- (2) Playing rules may be changed at ordinary meetings of the Council prior to the close of entries to the competitions, and thereafter at an A.G.M., provided that fourteen (14) days notice has been given to all members.
- (3) Any notice of motion for alteration to these rules must be lodged with the Secretary no later than twenty one (21) days prior to the date set for the meeting at which they are to be decided upon.
- (4) The E.C. shall have the power to deal with any matters not provided for in these rules.
- (5) The September Council meeting shall be the "Policy Meeting", at which proposals for amendments to the Articles of Association and Playing Rules shall be put forward and discussed. Proposals for consideration at this meeting shall be made in writing, referencing to the relevant section of the Articles of Association and Playing Rules, to the Secretary no later than the July Council Meeting.

- (i) Decisions at this meeting shall go forward to the A.G.M. as recommendations only, and shall not be binding on members.
- (ii) (Proposed amendments which are subject of recommendations to the A.G.M. shall be put to the vote at the A.G.M. without debate.

PART 14 MISCELLANEOUS

14.1 ISSUE OF THESE ARTICLES OF ASSOCIATION, RULES AND BY-LAWS.

- (1) Each club, on affiliation, shall be issued with three copies of these Rules and By-Laws. Such allocation shall be sufficient proof that all clubs are aware of all incurred liabilities and responsibilities. The E.C. shall be responsible for making extra copies available as required, and these may be purchased at a price to be decided upon by the E.C.
- (2) Copies of these Rules and By-Laws shall be available for inspection at the office of Association on arrangement with the Secretary.

14.2 INSURANCE

- (1) The Association shall effect and maintain insurance pursuant to Section 44 of the Act.
- (2) In addition to the insurance required under clause (1), the Association may effect and maintain other insurances.
- (3) All affiliated clubs shall be required to effect Directors & Officers insurance as prescribed by the Football NSW , together with any players insurance that is in force in any given year.

14.3 CUSTODY OF BOOKS

Except as otherwise provided by these rules, expressed or implied, the Public Officer shall keep in his custody or under his control, all books, records and other documents relating to the Association.

14.4 INSPECTION OF BOOKS

The records, books and other documents of the Association shall be open to inspection, free of charge by a member of the Association at any reasonable hour as arranged with the Secretary.

14.5 SERVICE OF NOTICES

- (1) For the purposes of these rules, a notice may be served by or on behalf of the Association on any member, either personally or by sending it by post, to the member at the members' address shown in the register of members.
- (2) Where a document is sent to a person by properly addressing, and prepaying postage and posting to the person a letter containing the document, the document shall, unless the contrary is proved, be deemed for the purposes of these rules to have been served on that person at the time at which the letter would have been delivered in the ordinary course of the post.

14.6 SURPLUS PROPERTY

- (1) At the first meeting of Council after Incorporation the Association shall pass a special resolution nominating an incorporated association in which is to vest it's surplus property pursuant to Section 53 (2) of the Act in the event of the winding up or cancellation of the incorporation of the Association.
- (2) The incorporated association so nominated shall be one which fulfils the requirements specified in Section 53 (2) (a) (b) (c) of the Act.

- (3) The M.W.F.A. nominates Football NSW Ltd in which to vest its surplus property pursuant to Section 53 (2) of the Act in the event of the winding up or cancellation of the incorporation of the Association.

14.7 REQUIREMENTS OF CLUBS

- (1) No club shall organise or hold any function, Gala Day or Presentation Day at the same time as the Association, without written approval from the E.C.
- (2) Affiliated clubs shall hold their A.G.M. prior to the A.G.M. of the Association where possible
- (3) Each affiliated club shall lodge with the Association an up to date copy of its constitution.
- (4) Each affiliated club shall lodge with the Association each year a copy of its annual report and financial statements, the latter being audited in a satisfactory manner.
- (5) All monies gained by the Association by way of fines, shall be set aside in a special fund, to be used for specific purposes to be determined by the E.C. as required

14.8 MERITORIOUS SERVICE AWARD

This award shall be made from time to time as the E.C. recommends. and is awarded to persons who have, over a long period of time supported football, but may not have actually served as an officer of this Association.

14.9 CORRESPONDENCE

- (1) Correspondence or other communication from any player and/or official will only be accepted by the Executive Committee if accompanied by a letter signed by an officer of the club in which the player is a member.
- (2) The Executive Committee shall have the sole and unfettered discretion to accept or reject any other correspondence.
- (3) Any legal fees incurred by the Association in advising on or responding to any correspondence received from an affiliated club or from the legal or other representative of such a club shall be borne by such affiliated club. The Association may pay any such fees in which event the affiliated club in question shall immediately reimburse the Association.

14.10 FOOTBALL NSW LTD.

- (1) The Association shall at all times be bound by the Constitution Rules, Regulations of Football NSW Ltd;
- (2) Where there is any inconsistency between any provision of the Constitution and or Rules and Regulations of the Association and those of Soccer NSW Ltd. , then to the extent of such inconsistency the Constitution or Rules and Regulations of Football NSW Ltd shall prevail;
- (3) The Association shall be bound by the lawful decisions of the Board of Football NSW Ltd and it shall do all things reasonably necessary to implement and enforce for such decisions.

PLAYING RULES OF THE MANLY WARRINGAH FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION INC.

SECTION A REGISTRATIONS

A1 Registration of teams is to be made on registration forms provided by the Association, and are to be lodged in duplicate with the Registrar or such other person nominated by the registrar.

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(a) Registration forms must be accompanied by a Players Identification Card for each player, properly completed and bearing a recent photograph of that player. Such photograph must be approximately 63mm x 37mm in size and of such quality as to allow the player to be readily identified. Senior players who are registering as a new player to an affiliated club, or a player who did not play for that affiliated club, to which he is registering the previous season must complete an Application to Register with the M.W.F.A. Inc form. This form must accompany the registration being submitted to the Association Registrar.

If registration forms, player's identification cards and Application to Register with the M.W.F.A. Inc., forms are not properly completed, registrations will not be accepted by the M.W.F.A..

(b) Eligibility to play in any age limited competitions is determined by the player's age in the current football year. The minimum age for any player is Five (5) years old in the current football year. Proof of birth, which shall be either a copy of birth certificate, passport or drivers licence, shall accompany the first registration of all junior, sub-junior or other players seeking to be registered in competitions other than Premier League or All Age. In the event of birth certificates or passports not being available, a Statutory Declaration, on a form obtainable from the Secretary may be lodged as proof of age. Any exception to this rule will be decided by the E.C.

(c) Any player coming from another Club not affiliated with the M.W.F.A. but within Australia, who was registered as a Senior player with that Club within the 12 months prior to the 1st April of the current year must supply a clearance. This Clearance must be on Club letterhead and be signed by a Member of the Committee of the club providing the clearance. The registration will not be accepted if a Clearance is not supplied.

(d) Any senior player coming from an Overseas Club must supply a clearance. This Clearance must in English, be on Club letterhead and be signed by a Member of the Committee of the Club providing the clearance. If a Clearance cannot be obtained the approved M.W.F.A. Statutory Declaration must be completed. The registration will not be accepted if a Clearance or a Statutory Declaration is not supplied. If the clearance is not supplied and in exceptional circumstances, the registration may be accepted at the discretion of the E.C.

A3 Registrations must be completed at least seven (7) days prior to the commencement of the season. Late registrations of individual players must be completed on an official registration form (separate forms for each team) and lodged with the Registrar, at the Registrar's house, on or before 6pm on the Wednesday, immediately prior to the match in which it is proposed to play the new player. Final lodgement of registrations of new junior and seniors players shall be with the registrar by 6pm on the last Wednesday in June.

The completed registration forms will be available for collection at the Association Office, between 7.30 and 8.30pm on the following Friday, unless otherwise notified

- A4** Clubs which fail to submit team registrations by the due date, shall be liable to a fine of \$20.00 per team.
- A5**
- (a) Players registering, including under 6, under 7, under 8 and under 9 players, with the Association shall be provided with a "Registration Number", which shall from that time apply to the so named player for the duration of his playing career within the Association.
 - (b) The "Player Registration Number" shall be imprinted by the Registrar upon both the Player Registration Form, and the Player Identification Card (where applicable).
 - (c) Registrations shall be completed when the Registrar stamps the player's identification card, signs the duplicate form and returns it to the club concerned.
- A6** The E.C. has the right to reject the registration of any team, player or official. Appeals against decisions in this respect may be made to Council, whose decision shall be final
- A7**
- (a) All Senior Players seeking registration must sign a declaration that they are not registered with another Soccer Association or Federation without the permission of that Association or Federation.
 - (b) Dual registration is not permitted to a Club affiliated with the Council of Clubs. A registered player wishing to register with such a Club in the current football year must obtain a clearance from their Club and then deregister from the M.W.F.A. before registering for the Council of Clubs team.
 - (c) A representative player is a player who was registered in the immediately previous football year for one of the following :
 - a competition affiliated with the Council of Clubs
 - the Metropolitan League
 - in any interstate or overseas competition which the EC regards of equivalent standard.
 - (d) Any Club wishing to register representative players shall be limited to three (3) per team or squad in any one football year. This limit of three (3) such players does not include those players who originated from that Club immediately prior to registration as a representative player. Once the quota of three players has been met, the players may not be deregistered to add another representative player during the same football year.
 - (e) Players withdrawing from Clubs affiliated with the Council of Clubs and registering with Association clubs shall do so with the express permission of the E.C. A written clearance must be produced from the player's Club, and he shall not be allowed dual registration with any other Clubs affiliated with the Council of Clubs for the remainder of that season.
 - (f) No Club shall be permitted to register an A League player who is registered in the NSL season preceding the M.W.F.A. Winter Season of that year. Any Club wishing to register an eligible NSL player shall be limited to one (1) per squad in any year.
- A8** Any player may change his club registration once only during the season, providing such change is completed before the 30th June.
- A9** Any player who, because of injury or enforced absence (excepting suspension under these rules), does not play a minimum of four matches during the season, may be de-registered so that he may, on resuming playing, be, at the discretion of the E.C., registered in another team. Any de-registration of a player under this rule shall be in writing and, accompanied by the players identification card, lodged with the Registrar.

- A10** Deleted
- A11** A player may downgrade to a lower division in his registered age group or to a lower age group in which he is eligible to play once per season by following the procedure below:
- (a) before 30th April by the Club submitting the amended ID card and team sheets to the MWFA registrar in the same way as a new registration.
 - (b) after 30th April a written application must be provided to the E.C. for approval stating the details of and reasons for the movement. Once the EC has given approval, the amended ID card and team sheets are submitted to the MWFA registrar.
- A12** Players in the Amateur League Divisions or Women's Divisions who wish to act as substitutes for divisions in any Over 35 competition must be 35 years of age or over on the 31st of December on the previous year and have their ID card marked "Over 35 Reserve" by the registrar.
- A13** Only female players may be registered in Womens Competitions. Dual registration of female players in both the Saturday Competitions and the Womens Competitions is permitted.
- Players who wish to register in both Competitions must register for a team in each Competition and obtain a separate ID card for each Competition.
- Any borrowed players in either Competition must be registered for a team in that Competition and have the appropriate ID card. The normal borrowing rules of section D then apply.

SECTION B COMPETITIONS

B1 COMPETITIONS

- (a) Competitions conducted by the Association shall be open to all affiliated clubs, unless otherwise provided.
- (b) Entry by affiliated teams into competitions, other than those conducted by the Association, must be approved by the M.C. which may require a bond of \$100.00 to be lodged with the Treasurer. Such bond shall be refunded if, in the opinion of the E.C., the teams lodging the bond have properly fulfilled their obligations to the competition.
- (c) In consultation with a forum of five (5) club representatives, duly elected at the AGM, and at least 14 days prior to the February Council meeting, the MC shall publish a document called "M.W.F.A. Competition Guidelines" for the current Football Year. This document shall include:
 - the dates of the competitions for the current football year
 - the competition format for all age groups and divisions
 - guidelines for the Grading Committee's formation of competitions
 - guidelines for the Grading Committee's allocation of teams to divisions
 - the details of procedures for washed out and replay rounds.
- (d) Modifications to the "M.W.F.A. Competition Guidelines" document may be submitted to the MC during the Football Year for consideration by the Competition Committee and adoption at the following February Council Meeting.
- (e) The February Council meeting shall ratify the document.
- (f) The M.W.F.A. Competition Guidelines shall take precedence over the Playing Rules.

B2 AGE GROUPS AND DIVISIONS

- (a) Competitions shall be conducted in age groups as decided by the Grading Committee following the M.W.F.A. Competition Guidelines. In each competition the number of divisions and the number of teams in each division shall be decided by the Grading Committee based on the M.W.F.A. Competition Guidelines. Notwithstanding any other rule elsewhere stated, the Grading Committee may grade any team into a higher age group than that for which it is eligible by age.
- (b) Team registrations on G2 forms listing less than seven (7) players will not be included in the considerations of the Grading Committee when allocating teams into divisions

B3 GROUND ALLOCATIONS AND FITNESS

- (a) The Association shall allocate the grounds for all competition matches and all matches ordered shall be played thereon. Any club allocated a ground for the season, shall mark that ground exactly as shown in the Referees Chart and Players Guide to Association Football, with an approved line marking substance (NOT LIME), prior to the commencement of each days play as shown in the scheduled draw. The club shall also erect goal nets and put in place corner posts with a flag on top.
- (b) Any club found not complying with this rule shall be fined in accordance with 10.6 of the By-Laws for each item.
- (c) Providing that if a ground is unplayable, the matches may be transferred with the consent of the Grounds Co-ordinator. The fitness of the ground for play must be decided by the club groundsman prior to 7.30am on the day of play. If the ground is withdrawn from play the groundsman must notify the Association Secretary by 7.45am on that day. If the ground is withdrawn by the Groundsman all games allocated to that ground on that day are cancelled.

B4 ABANDONMENT OF COMPETITION

The Council has the power to abandon any of the competitions if it deems such action necessary in the interests of the code.

B5 LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIP

- (a) The League Championship shall be decided by each division of each age group playing the allotted number of games as dictated by the M.W.F.A. Competition Guidelines. For each game played three (3) points shall be awarded to the winning team. In the event of a draw, one (1) point will be awarded to each team. No points or goals are awarded when a team has a bye game. The team which, at the end of the competition, has received the most points shall be declared the Major Premier. The team with the next number of points shall be declared the Runner Up.
- (b) In the event of more than one team finishing the competition on equal highest points, the League Champion and Runner Up will be determined using the criteria outlined in the MWFA Competition Structure.

B6 SEMIFINAL COMPETITION.

- (a) After the League Championship Competition, the top four teams in each division of each age group shall play off in a second competition to determine the Minor Premier. The first games of the competition (semifinals) shall decide two teams who will play off in a final. The winner of the final shall be declared Minor Premiers.
- (b) The format of the semifinal competition to decide these two teams shall be as outlined in the M.W.F.A. Competition Guidelines, and may be a knockout or round robin series
- (c) Where a game in this competition is a knockout and must have a winner declared at the end of the game the procedure will be outlined in the M.W.F.A. Competition Structure.

B7 PENNANT COMPETITION

- (a) A Pennant competition may be held for teams finishing fifth or lower on the competition table for the age groups and divisions as outlined in the M.W.F.A. Competition Guidelines.
- (b) The team winning the Pennant Series will receive a presentation on Finals Day.
- (c) The games during the Pennant Competition are subject to the same forfeit rules as outlined in section B11.

B8 KICK OFF TIME

All games must commence at the time set out in the draw. If for any reason, other than either team not being ready to take the field, the game is late starting, the playing time shall be reduced accordingly, subject to the two halves being of equal time. If a team does not have at least seven (7) of its registered players present and ready to play within five (5) minutes of the specified time, it shall forfeit the game as per rule B11. For all games scheduled to start at 1.00pm or later the referee is empowered to add on time for stoppages, as per Referee's chart.

B9 DRAW

- (a) The Association shall publish, as near as possible to the commencement of the competition, a list of fixtures to be known as the "Draw". This may be subject to amendment by the E.C. at any time.
- (b) The M.W.F.A. will advise date(s) for the commencement of the Draw(s) and nominated fee(s) for the withdrawal of a team. Any Club which enters a team in any age group and then withdraws that team after the relevant date shall be liable for the nominated fee or any other fine as deemed necessary by the M.C.
- (c) No club shall be allowed to enter a team in the Draw within two weeks of publication of gradings, unless there is a bye in the division applied for.
- (d) The date of any special day must be advised to the Association Secretary before the compilation of the draw.
- (e) At all times the games scheduled in the draw shall take precedence over any other activity scheduled by the affiliated clubs.

B10 REFEREE'S CARDS

- (a) Referees cards must be provided for each match by the manager of the home team. Each manager must sign the card before the game to verify the player identification, and after the game to verify the score.
- (b) Any team containing players with similar names shall mark the referees card in such a manner as to enable those players to be identified.
All referees cards must be delivered to the Association office by the home team's club, by the Monday 7.00pm

B11 FORFEIT, ABANDONMENT AND RESCHEDULING OF MATCHES

- (a) Teams must be present at the time and ground indicated in the draw, unless the Competition Secretary has advised that the game has been transferred, in which case they will be at the new ground and at the new time. If a team does not have at least seven (7) of its registered players present and ready to play within five (5) minutes of the specified time, it shall forfeit the game. The only exception to this rule shall be sub-junior games.
- (b) The secretary of a club which intends to forfeit an allotted fixture shall advise the Association by 4pm or Association Secretary by 7:30 pm on the day before the scheduled game. If the Association has not been notified the Club shall be levied the following fines for each game forfeited:

(1)	Premier League	\$100
(2)	Other Seniors	\$ 50
(3)	Juniors	\$ 25
- (c) It is competent for the E.C. to declare any fixture abandoned or forfeited, where it is apparent that the laws of the game and/or the Association playing rules and the constitution have not been properly observed.
- (d) Any team manager claiming a forfeit must request the referee to endorse the referee's card to that effect.

- (e) If the whole round in any competition is abandoned and cannot be rescheduled in its entirety, the manner in which the points are allocated to teams for the round is described in the MWFA Competition Structure document.
- (f) Any team forfeiting will automatically allow its opponents:
 - In league matches to gain three (3) competition points and a five (5) goals to nil (0) win.
 - In knockout matches to progress to the next round
 - In finals to be declared the winner.
- (g) Should the game be rescheduled due to the M.W.F.A. not notifying all clubs of ground and time changes, the ground and time of the rescheduled game must be notified to both clubs a minimum of 48 hours prior to the rescheduled time.
- (h) Any team that forfeits three (3) times from the M.W.F.A. competition, for which they have been drawn, may be removed from any further competition during the current season.
- (i) Where a team is withdrawn from a competition after the season has started, all games revert to a forfeit by the withdrawn team. Competition points for teams already having played the withdrawn team are accordingly adjusted.
- (j) Where a team forfeits before a competition round and the round is declared washed out, if the round is successfully replayed the forfeit will stand for that game and the game will not be replayed. If the round is abandoned, the forfeited game is cancelled and all teams are awarded no points for the round.

B12 IDENTITY CARD SYSTEM

- (a) All matches played under the auspices of the Association shall be subject to the identity card system. Every registered players shall have an I D Card issued by the Association as per Rule A2.
This rule shall not apply to players registered in sub-junior competitions, unless a player is to act as a substitute in junior competition matches. Such players shall be registered as substitutes and not members of any specific junior team.
- (b) Before the commencement of every game, the team managers must check each name on the referee's card against the name on the I.D. card, and the player against the photo on the card, as well as the division in which the player is registered, to establish the player's eligibility to play in the match. Any team guilty of not producing ID cards before the commencement of the game, the referee's card must be marked STA (Subject to Adjudication) in the space marked Identity, instead of signing it. The card must be marked forfeit as per rule B12 (d). The game shall be played and the result recorded in the usual way. The P&D shall adjudicate on the eligibility question. Refer also to Section D of these Playing Rules dealing with substitutes and borrowed players.
A player's name appearing on the Referee's Card is equivalent to the players actually playing in the game, whether or not he takes the field or is present at the game.
- (c) If completely satisfied with the eligibility of the players listed on the referee's card, he must sign the card in the space marked "IDENTITY" under the column listing the opponent's team. Such signature shall indicate the manager's conviction of the eligibility to play in the match concerned.
- (d) If not completely satisfied as to the eligibility of any player listed, the manager shall print "STA" (subject to adjudication) in the space marked "IDENTITY" instead of signing it. The game must then be played and the result recorded in the usual way. The P.& D. Committee shall adjudicate on the eligibility questioned.

- (e) Senior and junior players arriving late must be identified by the opposing team manager, and may only take the field thereafter subject to conditions of Section D.

- (f) Any team guilty of fielding an ineligible player shall be penalised as follows:
- If the team wins the match it shall be regarded as a forfeit to the opposition
 - If the team loses the match, the match shall be regarded as a forfeit unless the score was greater than 5-0 in which case the original score shall hold. If the game is a league game the team shall also lose three competition points.
- A team guilty of fielding an ineligible player shall be penalised as above for each match in which the ineligible player played.
- (g) Any player who plays without an ID card shall appear before the Judiciary Committee. The penalty for playing without an ID card but having the name entered correctly on the referee's card shall be one (1) game and the penalty for playing without an ID card under an assumed name shall be four (4) games.
- (h) Any team manager who signs a referee's card indicating that he has identified all players thereon as eligible, which is subsequently found to be incorrect, will render his club liable to a fine of \$50.00 at the discretion of the E.C.
- (b) If a referee's card is marked STA (Subject to Adjudication) by a manager, the Secretary of the Association must be notified in writing by letter, fax or email as per 15.9 (1) by the club challenging the identity, within 48 hours.

B13 SPECIAL RULES RELATING TO FIRST AND RESERVE GRADE

- (a) The EC will state in the MWFA Competition Structure which divisions will play with first and reserve grade teams.
- (b) The EC will specify which divisions playing first and reserve grade will be played on a promotion/relegation system based on the results of the first grade teams in each division at the end of the season. The rules surrounding this system will be specified in the Competition Structure document.
- (b) Where there is no relegation or promotion in a division playing first and reserve grade a forfeit by either the first or reserve team shall be limited to that team only, and shall not affect the result of the other grade which plays its match as per the draw. All other rules relating to forfeits in these Playing Rules shall apply.
- (c) In divisions where a promotion/relegation system operates in the event of a Club being unable to provide sufficient players to take the field in both the reserve and first grade games and therefore wishing to forfeit one game, they can only forfeit the reserve grade game.

B14 SPECIAL RULES RELATING TO ONLY PREMIER LEAGUE, AMATEUR LEAGUE DIVISION 1

- (a) These competitions will play with first and reserve grade teams. The Premier League and Amateur League Division 1 will operate on a promotion and relegation system based on the results of the first grade team at the end of the season.
- (b) Premier League will consist of a twelve team competition, in which clubs will be invited by the E.C. to field teams. The issue of these invitations shall be at the discretion of the E.C. and no appeals against it's decisions will be allowed.
- (d) Prior to the commencement of the reserve grade game in these competitions, the club responsible for the ground, shall rope off an area not less than one metre from the touchline on the main spectator side, and will remark the Penalty Area, Goal Area, Penalty Spot and Centre Circle
- (e) Substitutions shall be made in accordance with the Referee's chart and with the use of a board showing the number of the player who is being substituted only.

B15 SUB-JUNIOR GAMES

B15.1 Under 9 Nine-a-Side

Statement of Principles

- (1) It is recognised that the under 9 age group represents a transition from mini-football to regular football played on a full size field. To that goal, the games will be played on a field that is three quarters the size of a regular field, with 9 players on each team.
- (2) No cumulative competition points will be kept for these games
- (3) The M.W.F.A. will divide the teams into 4 groups with generalised gradings as follows:

1/4 to the top group Red
 1/4 to the 2nd group Blue
 1/2 to the remaining groups which will be equivalent - Yellow & Green.

The M.W.F.A. will endeavour to assign equal numbers of teams to each group, as is possible given the number of teams registered.

The M.W.F.A. will assign teams to groups based on the number of teams each respective club has in the Under 9 Age Group, taking into consideration advice provided by the clubs when submitting their team registrations. If a club has 4 teams registered the M.W.F.A. will assign a team to each of the four groups, if a club has only 1 or 2 teams, they must provide advice to the M.W.F.A. as to the level they consider the teams capable of playing. The general policy will be to grade down where possible.

The clubs must grade their players with the qualification that the 3rd & 4th groups are intended to be of equal standard. All groups will be assigned names as in sub-juniors, not numbers to signify ranking.

Guidelines for group assignment

Number of Teams	Assignment	Assignment	Assignment
1	Blue Group		
2	1 to Red	1 to Blue	
3	1 to Red	1 to Blue	1 to Yellow/Green
4	1 to Red	1 to Blue	2 to Yellow/Green
5	1 to Red	2 to Blue	2 to Yellow/Green
6	2 to Red	1 to Blue	2 to Yellow/Green
7	2 to red	2 to Blue	3 to Yellow/Green

- (4) I.D cards will not be required, except for players that will participate as borrowed players in older age groups. It will be left to the integrity of clubs not to unnecessarily use higher grade players in the lower grades (Refer B12).
- (5) Each team must nominate at least one responsible person to attend a lecture on the Laws of the game as applied to the under 9 age group. A card will be issued to each person attending such lectures. The equivalent rules B15 (b) (i) apply to the appointment of the referees to Under 9 games.

(6) Playing Format

Teams within each group will play other teams from the same group during the season in a round robin format. The M.C. shall determine the dates of the games, but the number of games does not have to be complete round robins. Cancelled and unplayed games will not be replayed.

Each team will participate in a Gala Day at the end of the season (usually on the week before the Junior Finals). The format of the Gala Day at the end of the season and the method of allocation of teams to the Gala Days will be determined by the M.C at the start of the season. The Gala Days may be competitive. All players will receive a memento of their participation in the Gala Day and no perpetual trophies will be awarded.

No results from the round robin will be kept except as required to determine the participation in the Gala Days. No results will be officially published.

- (7) Game Times
8.30 - 9.15, 9.30 - 10.15, 10.30 - 11.15, 11.30 - 12.15.
- (8) Specific alteration to the laws of the game, in context of the above,
 Law 1- Field Dimensions
 Length Min 65m Max 75m : Ideal 70m
 Width Min 40m Max 55m : Ideal 50m
 Scale all internal dimensions to $\frac{3}{4}$ size.
 16yds becomes 12yds; 6yds becomes 4.5 yds; 10yds becomes 7.5yds
 Goal sizes : 1.8m x 6m
 Law II - Size 4 Ball to be used.
 Law III-Number of Players
 Unlimited substitutions shall be allowed. Substitutions will be at the centre line at any time, i.e. could be during play, provided the substituted players first leave the field at the centre line.
 Law vii Duration of game
 2 x 20 halves with 5 minute break between
 Law xii Fouls and Misconduct
 Only indirect free kicks will be awarded; opposing players must remain 10yds from the ball.
 Law xiv Free Kicks
 All free kicks will be indirect, and no free kick can be taken closer than 10yds from the opponent's goal.
 Law xvi Goal Kick
 The goal kick can be taken from any position within the penalty box, and no opposing player may be closer than 10yds from the ball.
 Law xvii Corner Kick
 To be taken on the goal line half way between the edge of the penalty box and the corner, with no opposing player closer than 10yds from the ball.

All other laws as per Referee's Chart.

B15.2 Under 6-7 & 8

- (1) No competition tables shall be compiled for games played by sub-juniors.
- (2) Each team registered in the U6, U7 and U8 age groups must nominate at least one responsible person to attend a lecture on the laws of the game as they apply to six-a-side games. Should a team not supply a person in this capacity, it does not have the right to nominate any person as a referee at matches.
- (3) Registered team members may be used as substitutes whether they are present at the start of the game or not.
- (4) Each club involved with these age groups should make available one responsible person for assistance at home ground locations.
- (5) Duration of matches shall be 15 minutes each way, with a 5 minute half time break. All games must finish on time, so that any game commencing late shall be reduced in time, subject to each half being of equal time.
- (6) The laws of the game shall apply except as follows:-
 (i) The offside rule shall not apply to age groups U6 and U7 games. It shall apply to U8 games.
 (ii) No penalty or direct free kicks shall be awarded. Should an infringement occur, an indirect free kick shall be awarded. A goal cannot be scored directly

from such a kick, i.e. if the ball is kicked directly into the goal without being touched or played by another player, a goal kick shall be awarded.

- (iii) Free kicks by either side in the penalty area shall be taken from a point six metres from the goal line and in line with the spot where the offence occurred.
- (iv) No person except the nominated or appointed referee is permitted to enter the field of play during the match, except in cases of injuries.
- (7) Free interchange of players is permitted within these games.
- (8) Teams are to be registered with proper registration sheets. Referee's cards are not required, but teams must identify themselves to opposing team managers prior to each game.
- (9) Only persons holding six-a-side referee's tickets may referee games. If both teams have referees available the first team mentioned in the draw shall appoint the referee. If only one suitably qualified referee is available, he shall officiate in the game, and if no suitably qualified referees are available then the team first mentioned in the draw shall appoint the referee. Referee's qualifications for these games are valid for one season only.
- (10) The following dimensions shall be used for marking the subjunior playing areas, maximum dimensions shall be 50m x 30m, minimum dimensions shall be 25m x 20m, A "D" will be marked for the goal area of a 6m radius, the goals shall be 1.5m x 1.5m.
- (11) Should a sub-junior round be affected by wet weather, no catch up games will be organised.
- (12) Games shall be played as near as possible, in the following sequence;-
 - (i) Under 6
 - (ii) Under 7
 - (iii) Under 8
- (13) Any Gala Day organised by Clubs within the Association shall be non-competitive. Teams from Clubs in the Association shall not attend Gala Days outside the Association which are competitive.

B16 There shall be no night games organised for sub-junior players, and the age groups under 9 and under 10.

B17 There shall be no deferments of any games scheduled in the draw except by a decision of the EC or where a team is participating in a Competition conducted by Soccer Sydney or Soccer NSW. M.W.F.A. games scheduled on the same day as any competition games may be deferred, but M.W.F.A. games scheduled on the previous day to a Competition game may be deferred on request of the competing Club only if the game venue is outside a radius of 250 km from Sydney or the game is a final of the Competition. The decision of the EC on deferred games is final and not subject to any appeal.

B18 M.W.F.A. CHALLENGE CUP

- (a) This competition shall be open to all affiliated clubs, maximum sixteen (16) teams may be entered, with a minimum of eight (8) to be entered. Clubs shall enter teams worthy of a first class amateur team.
- (b) The competition rules will be published in the M.W.F.A. Competition Structure before the start of each Challenge Cup.
- (c) The dates of the rounds will be determined by the M.C.

B19 CHAMPION OF CHAMPIONS CHALLENGE

- (a) At the end of the League Championship, teams may be invited by the E.C. to represent the Association in the Football NSW Ltd Champions of Champions competition.

- (b) Any team that is entered in a higher age group by choice, or direction of the Grading Committee, may challenge for the right to represent the Association in the Football NSW Ltd Champion of Champions competition in their original age group. Such challenge is to be made prior to the commencement of the season, and shall be decided by way of a Knock Out competition.
- (c) Any team making a challenge in (b) above will not be permitted to represent the Association in the higher age group should it win that competition.
- (d) Any club may challenge for the right to represent the Association in the Football NSW Ltd Champion of Champions competition in any age group for which we have no competitions. Such challenge is to be made prior to the commencement of the season and shall be decided by way of a Knock Out competition.
- (e) The EC may refuse to submit the application any team to represent the MWFA in any FNSW competition.

B20 SPECIAL RULES RELATING TO AMATEUR LEAGUE DIVISION 4 AND BELOW

- (a) At the start of the season the MC may request the Grading Committee to insert a bye into the Amateur League 4 and lower competitions for the purpose of providing a referee.
- (b) The team receiving the Bye shall supply referees to an appointed game as advised by the M.W.F.A. prior to the commencement of competition.
- (c) Teams receiving the Bye and who supply the full quota of referees to their appointed games shall receive 3 points only (no goals shall be awarded). Those teams who do not supply their full quota shall not receive any points. There will be no partial points awarded to a team.
- (d) Any team that fails to comply three (3) times to B20 (b) may be removed from any further competition during the current season.

B21 IDENTIFICATION OF TEAM OFFICIALS

- (a) Team Coaches, Managers and other team official, with the exception of sub-juniors, shall wear lanyards, as designated by the E C, for the period during which they are acting in that capacity at official M.W.F.A. games.
- (b) Only officials wearing such lanyards are allowed to act a coach, manager or other team official and be in the technical area.
- (c) Team failing to comply with this requirement will render their club liable to a fine of \$50.00 at the discretion of the EC

SECTION C LOCAL LAWS

C1 Variations shown in this section, from the laws as contained in the Referees Chart shall prevail in the Association competitions.

C2 In matches played in the under 10 age groups on full size fields :-

- (a) Goal kicks will be taken from an area enclosed by imaginary lines drawn through the penalty spot, parallel to the goal line, and the side lines of the goal area if they were extended to meet the imaginary line.
- (b) Free kicks awarded to a defending team for an infringement in the penalty area between the goal line and the imaginary line drawn through the penalty spot and parallel; with the goal line, shall be brought forward, parallel to the touch line, and taken from an imaginary line drawn through the penalty spot.
- (d) in age groups up to and including under 12, corner kicks shall be taken from an imaginary 1 metre arc drawn from a point 7 metres out from where the boundary of the penalty area meets the goal line.

C3 DURATION OF GAMES

- (a) The duration of games in the various age groups shall be:-
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| Age groups | |
| 6,7,8 | 15 minutes each way |
| 9 | 20 minutes each way |
| 10,11,12 | 25 minutes each way |
| 13,14 | 30 minutes each way |
| 15,16 | 35 minutes each way |
| 18 up | 45 minutes each way |
- (b) A break of 5 minutes shall be taken between halves of all games.
- (c) On any day when unusual or exceptional conditions prevail, the E.C. may decide the duration of any game scheduled for that day.

C4 EQUIPMENT

- (a) All players in all matches shall appear in proper football uniform consisting of their clubs approved strip (shirt, shorts socks, shinpads) and footwear, unless given special dispensation by the E.C. All players U16 to Premier League shall wear numbered shirts, those numbers shall correspond with the players name on the referee's card.
- (b) Players, except the goalkeeper, shall not wear any protective headgear of any description, unless authorised by the E.C. in conjunction with the M.W.F.R.A.
- (c) Where, in the opinion of the referee, a change of strip is necessary, the away team shall change (second team mentioned in the draw is the away team). Away teams unable to meet such a request shall forfeit the game. The M.C. is to closely monitor the strips of all clubs to minimise colour clashes.
- (d) In all matches each team shall have a ball of the correct size for the particular age group, fit and ready for use. The referee shall be the sole judge as to the fitness of the ball.
- (e) The correct size for balls in the relative age groups shall be:-
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| Age groups | U6 to U8 | Size 3 | 56/58 cm circ. |
| | U9 to U13 | Size 4 | 62/65 cm circ. |
| | U14 to A/A | Size 5 | 67/ 70 cm circ. |
- (f) Each team shall have, and keep stocked, a first aid kit.
- (g) If a Club wishes to change design of the approved strip or alternate strip the Club must present a sample of the new strip or a realistic likeness the Council of Clubs for approval. Once approval has been granted the Club has three years to completely equip all teams in the new strip.
- (h) Clubs will only be permitted to have one alternate strip design for all of its teams.

SECTION D SUBSTITUTES AND BORROWED PLAYERS

D1 DEFINITIONS

- (a) A borrowed player is a registered player in a lower division who complies with this section and plays in the place of another player. A borrowed player may also act as a substitute so long as he complies with the relevant rules covering substitutes.
- (b) A substitute is a registered player of a team, or a borrowed player as defined in (a) above, who is in excess of the prescribed eleven players. A substitute shall be permitted to replace a player on the field at any time, subject to compliance with all other conditions relating to substitutes.

D2 The maximum number of substitutes permitted in any game shall be five (5), the maximum number of borrowed players shall be four (4), except for the round robin or knockout semifinals or finals series where the maximum number of borrowed players shall be two (2).

D3 A substitute may take the field if he is not present at the commencement of the game, provided the player's name has been included on the referee's card. This clause does not prevent a team which started a game with less than the prescribed eleven players from being made up to full strength by the use of late comers, whether entered on the referee's card or not, who may be registered team members or borrowed players, subject to the rules relating to player identification and the referee's permission to take the field in accordance with Laws 3,4 and 5 of the Referee's Chart

D4 In all age groups unlimited player interchange is permissible at any time during the game. The only exception is Men's Premier League and Amateur League Division 1. First and Reserve Grades.

The interchange procedure is as follows:

- (a) "Interchange Zone" will be an area one meter either side of the halfway line.
- (b) An interchange is one, which is made when the ball is out of play or play has been stopped and for which the following conditions shall be observed:
 - (i) The permission of the referee to make the interchange has been obtained by a team official wearing the identification described in D4.
 - (ii) The player leaving the field shall do so from the touchline crossing over at the Interchange Zone.
 - (iii) The player entering the field shall also do so from the interchange zone but not until the player has passed completely over the touchline.
 - (iv) A player nominated for interchange shall be the subject to the authority and jurisdiction of the referee whether called on to play or not.
 - (v) The interchange is completed when the player who was off the field enters the field. From this moment they become a player and the player who they replaced ceases to be a player.

- (c) The number of interchanges during the match is unlimited. A player who has been replaced may return to the field for another player. The number of players able to be interchanged during a game is as per rule D2.
- (d) If, during an interchange, an interchange player enters the field before the replaced player has completely left the field, the referee shall ensure the replaced player leaves the field, caution the interchange player and then restart the game.
- (e) If, during an interchange, an interchange player enters the field or a replaced player leaves it from a place other than the interchange zone, the referee shall caution the offending player.
- (f) The interchanging of players will cease at the completion of normal and any extra time. If at this time penalty kicks are required to determine a result, the eleven players on the field at the end of extra time are the only players permitted to participate in the penalty kicks. No interchanging at this time is permissible. If during the penalty kicks the goalkeeper is injured he may be replaced providing the replacement is on the card.

D5 Substitutes must be entered onto the referee's card prior to the start of the game. Only five substitutes may be nominated, and they must be identified by the opposing team manager prior to the commencement of the game.

D6

- (a) In all competitions, except Women's U/12 and U/14, a borrowed player may not play in any matches in any age group competitions more than two age groups competitions above that in which he is registered, except where his club has no team in either of the two higher age group competitions, he may play with the team in the next highest age group competitions in which his club has a team registered.
A borrowed player registered in the Women's U/10, U/12 and U/14 may not play in any matches in any age group competition more than one age group competition above that in which she is registered, except where her club has no team in the next higher age group competition, she may play with the team in the next highest age group competition in which his club has a team registered. This rule only applies where there are no intermediate age divisions between Women's U/10, U/12, U/14 and U/16. In this case the rule reverts to D6(a) for those competitions only one age group apart.
Specifically for avoidance of ambiguity, players in the Women's U/11 competition may be borrowed by the Women's U/12 age group a maximum of four times per player. The division borrowing rules also apply (eg Women's U/11-1 can only be borrowed by Women's U/12 divisions one and two). Women's U/10 players may be borrowed by Women's U/12 teams with no restriction on the number of times or divisions. Players in the U/11 divisions cannot be borrowed by the Women's U/14 divisions.
- (b) A borrowed player may not play more than one division lower than his registered division when playing in the next highest age group competition, (e.g. a borrowed player registered in a first division team may only play in a first or second division team if playing in a higher age group competition). A borrowed player playing two age group competitions up can play in any division in the higher age group.
- (c) The registered team of a borrowed player must be noted on the referee's card.
- (d) Any player registered in the under 18 age group can play in any division of Amateur League when playing as a borrowed player.

- (e) Players registered in Amateur League, Women's Open and Over 35 competitions cannot be borrowed to play in divisions lower than that in which they are registered, except as provided in Rules A8 to A11 inclusive. For this purpose the Over 35 First division is considered equivalent to Division Two (2) and Over 35 second division and below is considered equivalent to Division Three (3) in the appropriate competition.
- (f) Amateur League and Women's Open players can act as substitutes in Over 35 divisions if they meet the requirements of D8 (e) and possess a player ID card endorsed "Over 35 Reserve".
- (g) A player registered in Men's or Women's Open divisions or playing in one of these divisions as a borrowed player, must turn 16 years of age in the current Football Year to be eligible to play in these Competitions with the following exception.
There are no age restrictions on players registering for, or being borrowed by, teams in the top two divisions of these Open Competitions. In Amateur League these are Premier League and Amateur League Division 1, including the reserves teams.
This does not remove the responsibility of the Club to ensure that a player so registered or borrowed is capable of playing at this level.
- (g) Under 9 players graded in a Red team are only eligible to substitute in the Under 10/1, Under 10/2 or any Under 11 competition. Other Under 9 players are eligible to substitute in any age group satisfying D6(a) and (c).
- (h) Players in the U21 age group can be borrowed by any Amateur Division team, but only to a maximum of four times.
- D7** If the names of eleven players are entered on the referee's card and those players are present at the start of the game, they must take the field.
- D8** Where a club has more than one team in the same competition division, the teams must be designated A,B,C, etc., for identification purposes only. Players may be borrowed freely from one team to another subject to the limitation that once a player has played more than four (4) games for a team other than the one he/she is registered, he/she must be re-registered in the other team and cannot be borrowed again in that season by the team in which he/she was originally registered. This complies with the spirit and intent of section D9
- D9** A borrowed player who plays more than four (4) games in a team in a higher division in the age group in which he is registered or in a competition in the next highest age group as per D6(b), shall automatically be registered in that team. This clause includes players registered in Amateur League and Over 35 divisions.
- D10** Any breach of this section shall constitute a forfeit.
- D11** In any game no more than three players, either from the regular team or borrowed players, who are representative players (refer section A7(c)) can appear on the referee's card. This limit of three such players may only be exceeded those players originated from that Club immediately prior to registration.
- D12** Any player who is an official referee or junior team coach and is officiating on the day of a match, and who, because of this arrives late at a match for a team which he is a registered player, may be entered on the referee's card and will be permitted to play subject to proper identification by the opposing team.
- D13** Substitutes named on the referee's card and present at the game, shall sit on a bench near the halfway line, or if a bench is not available, then adjacent to the halfway line.

The named substitutes to be covered by means of a tracksuit top or other garment to cover the players team shirt.

- D14** A player may not be borrowed by a team where a registered member of that team is available and would not play at least half a game (except in the case of injury during the game) because of such player being borrowed. The exception to this rule is a goalkeeper borrowed due to injury of the team's regular goalkeeper.
If the E.C. determines the borrowing of certain players in a game was not in the spirit of fair play, the E.C may order the game to be replayed.

SECTION E REFEREES

- E1** The appointment of referees and linesmen to officiate at matches shall, wherever possible, be made by the Appointments Officer of the M.W.S.R.A Inc.
- E2** In the event of the M.W.F.R.A. not appointing officials to a game, or the appointed referee not attending, then one may be appointed by any member of the M.C. of either the Association or the M.W.F.R.A. Failing this, the captains or officials of the competing teams must appoint a person to control the game. If no joint decision can be reached, the team first on the draw must provide a referee. As a guideline, in Junior games such a person should be at least 14 years of age and should referee age groups at least two years below their own age. For adult competitions such a person should be over 18 years of age. Any person appointed to officiate in a game has the rights and responsibilities as if the appointment were made under E1. The same person, where possible, should referee the whole game.
- E3** Where required, clubs must appoint referees to control games played on fields under their control. In such cases the E.C. may decide to pay clubs such fees as it decides.
- E4** In all cases, games will be controlled in accordance with clause 1.4 of the Articles of Association and Playing Rules.
- E5** Any affiliated official referee shall be entitled to referee their own club games if no official referee is appointed to such games.
- E6** Referees shall be appointed as follows:-
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| (i) | Premier League, AL/1 | 3 officials |
| (ii) | A/L all divisions | 1/2 officials |
| (iii) | U10 to U16 | 1/2 officials |
| (iv) | All other senior competitions | 3 officials |
| (v) | Semi-finals U10 to U16 | 2/3 officials |
| (vi) | Semi-finals U18 up | 3 officials |
| (vii) | State games | 3 officials |

SECTION F RESULTS

- F1** The results of all games must be faxed or emailed on each match day before 7.30pm to the Results Officer or a nominated number.

- F2** Failure to comply with this requirement will render the club liable to be dealt with under clause 1.8 of the Articles of Association & Playing Rules.

SECTION G TRANSFER OF PLAYERS

- G1** Applications for transfer from one club to another during the season must be in writing, signed by the player and accompanied, where applicable, by a clearance from the club with which the player is already registered.
- G2** No transfer shall be granted after 1st July each year.
- G3** Transfers from another Association affiliated with the State must comply with the State's rules.

SECTION H MISCONDUCT

- H1** Misconduct on the part of a player, official, team or club members shall render such person or team liable to disqualification, suspension, fine, loss of points or otherwise dealt with at the discretion of Council of the Executive Committee or the Appropriate Sub-committee.
- H2** It shall be the duty of all M.W.F.A. officials to report misconduct by a club, club official, players or spectator, unless that M.W.F.A. official is an official in the matter being reported.
- H3** Any player ordered off the field by a referee or who is cited by the referee may continue to play until notification of the offence is received by the Club as per H5(c). Once such notification has been received by the Club the player shall not take part in any further game (as per H5 (d)) until he/she has appeared before the Judiciary Committee, or served his/her automatic penalty. The only exception to this rule is that any player sent off in a game cannot play in another game on the same day.
- H4** A player receiving four (4) cautions during any one year, may be required, on notification by the Secretary of the Judiciary Committee, to attend a hearing by that committee, at which the committee may impose any penalty on that player it deems Appropriate.

H5 SEND OFFS

- (a) A table of offences and the corresponding penalties will be published by the Association in March of each year and distributed to each club. The table will be reviewed annually in February by the MC in consultation with the Judiciary Chairman and a senior committee member of the M.W.F.R.A. Submissions for changes to the table must be lodged by clubs no later than the February Council meeting.
- (b) All players sent from the field of play by the referee during the course of a game will receive an automatic penalty depending on the severity of the offence. A player may choose not to accept the automatic penalty and ask for his case to be heard by the Judiciary Committee, failure to advise the Judiciary Committee of the player's intention to ask for a hearing by 8.00 p.m. on the Tuesday following the game in question shall be de-facto indication of the player's intention to accept the automatic penalty.

- (c) The Judiciary committee will provide a copy of the referee's report to the club in which the player is registered by 8.00 p.m. on the Monday following the game in question.
- (d) Whilst under suspension, a player shall not take part in any game, whether or not the game counts towards the accumulation of the sentence.
- (e) Games counting towards the sentence of a suspended player are games played by the player's registered team in its M.W.F.A. competition including league games, semi finals, finals and M.W.F.A. Sanctioned Cup games. Forfeits by the opposition team are also counted. Games not included are cancelled or abandoned games, byes, gala days or forfeits by the player's team.
- (f) Where the sentence of a player extends into the next football year, the Judiciary shall name a date in that year after which the player's sentence shall be deemed to have been served. The player may not register until after this date, notwithstanding section A3.
- (g) A Dual Registered player may not play in games in either competition whilst suspended.

H6 Notwithstanding the previous clause, the Judiciary Committee may call a player to appear before it, and may, at its discretion, alter any of the penalties shown in the published table.

H7 Appeals may not be lodged with the Appeals Committee against automatic suspensions, the player must ask for a hearing before the Judiciary Committee as per H5.

H8 If the Judiciary Committee finds it necessary to caution any person appearing before it, that person shall have imposed upon them any penalty the committee deems appropriate.

H9 Should a player/official who has been sent from the field of play, or cited by the referee, not appear before the Judiciary Committee hearing, the case will be heard in his absence, provided the player's I D Card and a letter from the said player/official. Stating that the case may be heard in his absence is received by the Judiciary Committee.

H10 A player who has been suspended by the Judiciary Committee, P. & D Committee, Appeals Committee or the M.W.F.A. shall be ineligible to play in any M.W.F.A. sanctioned competition until the player's identity card is collected from the Judiciary Committee after serving the suspension.

H11 CAUTIONS

- (a) Any player receiving **four (4)** cautions shall be automatically suspended for one (1) competition game when notified by the Judiciary Committee. Any player receiving a further three (3) cautions will be required to appear before the Judiciary Committee when notified by the Judiciary Secretary. The player's ID card must be surrendered to the M.W.F.A. Office by 7.00pm on the Friday following notification, failure to do so will incur a \$50.00 fine per card not surrendered. Further disciplinary action to be left in the hands of the Judiciary Committee after determining the player's previous offences that season.
- (b) At the conclusion of the season, provided the player currently on 3 or less cautions, those cautions shall not be carried forward. The definition of the end of the season shall be the end of the Finals Series.
- (c) Appeals against cautions can only be made on grounds of mistaken identity and must be lodged within 2 weeks of the caution being issued.

H12 Any player appearing at Judiciary must produce his ID card, (unless the referee has received the ID card) before his case will be heard. Failure to produce the ID card to the Judiciary will render the player automatically suspended until he/she attends Judiciary with his ID card. A Dual Registered player must produce both ID cards before the case will be heard.

- H13** All cautions and sendoffs in competitions run by the Football NSW Ltd will be noted against the player's record and will be served in the next game/s his team is drawn to play and for which he would otherwise have been eligible to play in State or local competition matches.

SECTION I TROPHIES AND MEDALLIONS

- I1** The Association shall award trophies as it sees fit and based on the recommendation of the E.C.
- I2** All annual trophies awarded may not leave the Presentation Area on Finals Day. If a Club wishes to borrow the trophies for a Club event a deposit must be paid which is refunded on return of the trophies. The size of the bond is detailed in the MWFA Schedule of Fees.
- I3** The Association may award special trophies in the following categories:-

<u>Name of Trophy</u>	<u>Awarded For</u>
President's Cup	Club Award
Secretary's Shield	Club Award
Executive Award	Club Award
Ron Saveall Memorial Cup	Team Award
Fair Play Award	Team Award
Soccer Post Magazine Award	Club Award
M.W.F.A. Cup	Team Award
Champion Team	Team Award
Soccer Post Defence Award	Team Award
M.W.F.A. goalscoring Award	Team Award
Encouragement Award	Team Award
J D Trophy Goalscoring Award	10-13 Team Award
	14-16 Team Award
	18-AL Team Award

Special Premier League Awards

Clubman of the Year	Personal Award
Rookie of the Year	Personal Award
Goalkeeper of the Year	Personal Award
Player of the Year	Personal Award

Special Representative Awards

President's Award	Personal Award
Coaches Award	Personal Award
Youth League Player of the Year	Personal Award

I4 Awards shall be made on the following basis:-

President's Cup

For performance, presentation and attitude in a club.

Secretary's Shield

For performance in all aspects of administration.

Executive Award

For best overall results in Amateur League.

Ron Saveall Memorial Cup

For the best and fairest Premier League team, determined by referees on both grades, cautions issued to teams and the number of players sent off from each team.

Fair Play Award

For the best and fairest Amateur League Division 1 team, determined by the referees on both grades, cautions issued to teams, and the number of players sent off from each team.

M.W.F.A. Cup

For winners of the Association Senior K.O competition

Champion Team (Union Jack Cup)

For first division teams with the highest goal average in all age groups except under 9

M.W.F.A. Goalscoring Trophy

For junior the teams in all age groups scoring the highest number of goals, excluding division 1 and under 9.

Soccer Post Defence Award

For the junior team in all age groups excluding under 9 with the lowest number of goals against.

Soccer Post Magazine Award

For the club with the best magazine or newsletter

Craig McGrath Memorial Encouragement Award

To the team who are in most need of encouragement

J.D. Trophy's Award

To the teams with the highest goals for in age groups U10-13, U14-16, U18-All Age, excluding Division 1 and Premier League

Youth League

President's Award

For the best team player.

Coaches Award

For the most improved player

Player of the Year

For the player judged to be the best player overall for the year.

I5 None of these special trophies may leave the control of the Association. Where applicable, replicas shall be retained by the recipient of the award.

SECTION J ADVERTISING

- J1** Advertising shall be permitted on any affiliated club's equipment, subject to the approval of the M.C., with the following specifications:-
- (a) All printing in the playing strip shall not exceed 5cm in height
 - (b) Shirt numbers must be clearly visible
 - (c) All logos must be approved by the M.C.
 - (d) Sleeve patches must be approved by the M.C.

EC Playing Rule Changes

1. Over 35 Divisions Borrowing

The original rules for O35 players being borrowed by AL divisions and vice versa were put in place when there were only one or two divisions of O35. The rules were originally put in place to allow the O35 competition to borrow from a large number of AL divisions. The situation has changed in the O35 where there are almost as many divisions in each competition. The rules for the Women's O35 will remain the same as there are currently only two divisions of WO35 and seven WAL.

Modify:

D6 (e) Players registered in Amateur League, Women's Open and Over 35 competitions cannot be borrowed to play in divisions lower than that in which they are registered, except as provided in Rules A8 to A11 inclusive. *For this purpose the Over 35 First division is considered equivalent to Division Two (2) and Over 35 second division and below is considered equivalent to Division Three (3) in the appropriate competition.*

To:

(e) A player registered in Amateur League, Women's Open, Amateur League Over 35 or Women's Over 35 competitions cannot be borrowed by a team in the same competition in a lower division than the team in which they are registered, except as provided in Rules A8 to A11 inclusive.

Players registered in an AL or Women's Open division may be borrowed by a team in the corresponding O35 division and vice versa subject to the following tables which list the equivalence of divisions:

Amateur League Division	Over 35 Division
PL + Res	
AL1 + Res	O35-1
AL2 + Res	O35-2
AL3 + Res	O35-3
AL4 + Res	O35-4
AL5	O35-5
AL6	O35-6
AL7	O35-7
AL8	

Womens Open	Womens Over 35 Division
PL + Res	
WAL2	O35-1
WAL3	O35-2
WAL4	
WAL5	
WAL6	
WAL7	

A player from one competition (AL/O35) may not be borrowed may not be borrowed by a team in a lower equivalent division in the other competition (O35/AL). Rule A12 applies to all borrowing between AL and O35 divisions.

Examples:

- O35 Div 2 is equivalent to AL2. Therefore the O35-2 may borrow an age eligible player from AL2-7. AL2 may borrow from O35-2-O35-7
- O35 Div 7 is equivalent to AL7. Thus O35-7 may borrow an age eligible player AL7 or AL8. AL8 may not borrow any O35 player.

3. Women's O35-2 is equivalent to WAL3. Thus the WO35-2 may borrow an age eligible player from from WAL3-6. WAL4-7 may not borrow a WO35-2 player as they are equivalent to WAL2.

3. ID Card Rules

B12 IDENTITY CARD SYSTEM

- (a) All matches played under the auspices of the Association shall be subject to the identity card system. Every registered players shall have an I D Card issued by the Association as per Rule A2. This rule shall not apply to players registered in sub-junior competitions, unless a player is to act as a substitute in junior competition matches. Such players shall be registered as substitutes and not members of any specific junior team.
- (b) Before the commencement of every game, the team managers must check each name on the referee's card against the name on the I.D. card, and the player against the photo on the card, as well as the division in which the player is registered, to establish the player's eligibility to play in the match. Any team guilty of not producing ID cards before the commencement of the game, the referee's card must be marked STA (Subject to Adjudication) in the space marked Identity, instead of signing it. The card must be marked forfeit as per rule B12 (d). The game shall be played and the result recorded in the usual way. The P&D shall adjudicate on the eligibility question. Refer also to Section D of these Playing Rules dealing with substitutes and borrowed players.
- (c) If completely satisfied with the eligibility of the players listed on the referee's card, he must sign the card in the space marked "IDENTITY" under the column listing the opponent's team. Such signature shall indicate the manager's conviction of the eligibility to play in the match concerned.
- (d) If not completely satisfied as to the eligibility of any player listed, the manager shall print "STA" (subject to adjudication) in the space marked "IDENTITY" instead of signing it. The game must then be played and the result recorded in the usual way. The P.& D. Committee shall adjudicate on the eligibility questioned.
- (e) Senior and junior players arriving late must be identified by the opposing team manager, and may only take the field thereafter subject to conditions of Section D.
- (f) Any team guilty of fielding an ineligible player shall be penalised as follows:
- If the team wins the match it shall be regarded as a forfeit to the opposition
 - If the team loses the match, the match shall be regarded as a forfeit unless the score was greater than 5-0 in which case the original score shall hold. If the game is a league game the team shall also lose three competition points.
- A team guilty of fielding an ineligible player shall be penalised as above for each match in which the ineligible player played.
- (g) Any player who plays without an ID card shall appear before the Judiciary Committee. The penalty for playing without an ID card but having the name entered correctly on the referee's card shall be one (1) game and the penalty for playing without an ID card under an assumed name shall be four (4) games.
- (h) Any team manager who signs a referee's card indicating that he has identified all players thereon as eligible, which is subsequently found to be incorrect, will render his club liable to a fine of \$50.00 at the discretion of the E.C.
- (i) If a referee's card is marked STA (Subject to Adjudication) by a manager, the Secretary of the Association must be notified in writing by letter, fax or email as per 15.9 (1) by the club challenging the identity, within 48 hours.

Is replaced with:

B12 IDENTITY CARD SYSTEM

- (a) All matches played under the auspices of the Association shall be subject to the identity card system. Every registered player shall have an ID Card issued by the Association as per Rule A2. This rule shall not apply to players registered in sub-junior competitions and Women's U10, unless a player is to act as a substitute in competition matches.
- (b) Before the commencement of every game the ID card of each player from both teams must be checked using the following procedure:
- At the designated match time both teams shall line up in the middle of field of play with the referee.

- Each team manager or designated official will check each name of the opposition team's players on the referee's card against the name on the I.D. card, and the player's appearance against the photo on the card, as well as the division in which the player is registered, to establish the player's eligibility to play in the match.
 - After completion of this process the manager
either:
 If completely satisfied with the eligibility of the players listed on the referee's card, must sign the card in the space marked "IDENTITY" under the column listing the opponent's team. Such signature shall indicate the manager's conviction of the eligibility to play in the match concerned.
or
 If not completely satisfied shall follow the dispute procedure in section (l).
or
 If not all players listed on the card have arrived postpone final signing of the card until after the players have arrived and their ID has been checked before they take the field. This should be done at half time or at the end of the game.
- (c) Players that arrive late cannot take the field until their ID card has been checked by the opposition manager. The opposition manager must make a note of the player's name and at the half time break or at the end of the game, ensure the player was on the match card. The opposition manager must check the player's ID as soon as practicable.
- (d) A player's name appearing on the Referee's Card is equivalent to the players actually playing in the game, whether or not he takes the field or is present at the game.
- (e) A player who arrives late and whose name is not on the referee's card may not play in the game. The exception is where less than eleven players are present at the start of the game being made up to full strength by the use of late comers, whether entered on the referee's card or not. All such player's names shall be entered on the card at half time or at the end of the game.
- (f) The registered age group and division of any borrowed players must be marked on the card. Refer also to Section D of these Playing Rules dealing with substitutes and borrowed players.
- (g) If the player's shirts are numbered, the numbers on the referee's card shall correspond to the player's number worn during the game.
- (h) The referee shall witness the checking process (without being responsible for it) and may not start the match until these formalities have been completed. Should teams be tardy in carrying out these formalities, the referee must shorten the match time to the extent that the teams may have delayed its commencement.
- (i) If a team refuses to complete the ID check as specified in (b) the manager shall follow the dispute procedure in section (l).
- (j) If a player who arrives late does not pass the ID check and the signature for Identity has already been completed, the signature for "IDENTITY" must be crossed out and the dispute procedure followed in section (l).
- (k) Should an ID Card not be available for an individual player, the player shall not be eligible to take the field in any game. The only exception is where the lack of ID card has been notified to the Association Secretary prior to the match, and permission to play is granted in writing by the Association Secretary. Where such permission in writing has been granted, the player must present this correspondence to the opposing team manager before the start of the match.
- (l) **Dispute Procedure:** A team manager who has a dispute with the opposition under any of these clauses shall mark the referee's card "STA" (Subject to Adjudication) under the column listing the opponent's team in the space marked "IDENTITY". The game shall be played, the result recorded in the usual way. The Secretary of the Association must be notified in writing by letter, fax or email as per 15.9 (1) by the Club raising the dispute by 5pm on the second business day after the incident.
- (m) Any player who plays without an ID card shall incur an automatic penalty as per H5. The penalty for playing without an ID card but having the name entered correctly on the referee's card shall be one (1) game and the penalty for a currently registered player playing under an assumed name shall be four (4) games. For other ID card and player registration offences the EC shall determine the punishment.
- (n) If a team is guilty of not producing ID cards before the commencement of the game the dispute procedure in section (l) must be followed.
- (o) Any team guilty of fielding an ineligible player shall be penalised as follows:
- If the team wins or draws the match it shall be regarded as a forfeit to the opposition

- If the team loses the match, the match shall be regarded as a forfeit unless the goal difference of the score was greater than five in which case the original score shall hold. If the game is a league game the team shall also lose three competition points.

A team guilty of fielding an ineligible player shall be penalised as above for each match in which the ineligible player played.

- (p) Teams failing to carry out the checking of player ID in the manner required within this rule will incur a penalty of one match point for each instance in which the procedure was not followed.
- (q) Any team manager who signs a referee's card indicating that he has identified all players thereon as eligible, which is subsequently found to be incorrect, may render his club liable to a fine of \$50.00 at the discretion of the E.C.

4. Registration:

Replace D9:

D9 A borrowed player who plays more than four (4) games in a team in a higher division in the age group in which he is registered or in a competition in the next highest age group as per D6(b), shall automatically be registered in that team. This clause includes players registered in Amateur League and Over 35 divisions.

With

D9 A borrowed player who plays more than four (4) games in a team in a higher division in the age group in which he is registered or in a team in the next highest age group as per D6(b), *may not play for his original team again in the current season. The player must be reregistered in the borrowing team by submitting the change in registered team to the MWFA in the usual manner. The player may not play for any team until the re-registration into the new team is completed.*

This clause includes players registered in Amateur League and Over 35 divisions.



Rules for checking the ID Cards

Before the commencement of every game the ID card of each player must be checked using the following procedure:

- 1) At the designated match time both teams shall line up in the middle of the *field of play* with the referee. (*Note the designated match time is the time listed on the draw. The middle of the field of play is inside the centre circle.*)
- 2) Each team manager or designated official will check each name of the opposition team's players on the referee's card against the name on the I.D. card, and the player's appearance against the photo on the card, as well as the division in which the player is registered, to establish the player's eligibility to play in the match.
- 3) After completion of this process the manager either:

If completely satisfied with the eligibility of the players listed on the referee's card, must sign the card in the space marked "IDENTITY" under the column listing the opponent's team. Such signature shall indicate the manager's conviction of the eligibility to play in the match concerned.

or

If not completely satisfied as to the eligibility of any player listed, the manager shall print "STA" (subject to adjudication) in the space marked "IDENTITY" instead of signing it. The game must then be played and the result recorded in the usual way. The P.& D. Committee shall adjudicate on the eligibility of any player.

- 4) *The MWFA also recommends that in the spirit of good sportsmanship each team shakes hands before the start of the game.*
 - A player's name appearing on the Referee's Card is equivalent to the players actually playing in the game, whether or not he takes the field or is present at the game.
 - The registered age group and division of any borrowed players must be marked on the card. Refer also to Section D of these Playing Rules dealing with substitutes and borrowed players.
 - The referee shall witness the checking process (without being responsible for it) and may not start the match until these formalities have been completed. Should teams be tardy in carrying out these formalities, the referee must shorten the match time to the extent that the teams may have delayed its commencement.
 - If a team refuses to complete the ID check as above the referee's card must be marked STA (Subject to Adjudication) in the space marked "IDENTITY", instead of signing it. The game shall be played and the result recorded in the usual way.
 - Players that arrive late cannot take the field until their ID card has been checked by the opposition manager. The opposition manager must make a note of the player's name and at the half time break or at the end of the game, ensure the player was on the match card. *The opposition manager must check the player's ID as soon as practicable.*
 - If a player who arrives late does not pass the ID check and the signature for Identity has already been completed, the signature for Identity must be crossed out and "STA" substituted in its place.
 - Should an ID Card not be available for an individual player, the player shall not be eligible to take the field in any game. The only exception is where the lack of ID card has been notified to the Association Secretary prior to the match, and permission to play is granted in writing by the Association Secretary. Where such permission in writing has been granted, the player must present this correspondence to the opposing team manager before the start of the match.
 - Any player who plays without an ID card shall incur an automatic penalty as per H5. The penalty for playing without an ID card but having the name entered correctly on the referee's card shall be one (1) game and the penalty for a currently registered player playing under an assumed name shall be four (4) games. For other ID card and player registration offences the EC shall determine the punishment.
 - If a team is guilty of not producing ID cards before the commencement of the game, the referee's card must be marked STA in the space marked "IDENTITY", instead of signing it. The game shall be played and the result recorded in the usual way.
 - Any team guilty of fielding an ineligible player shall be penalised as follows:
If the team wins *or draws* the match it shall be regarded as a forfeit to the opposition
If the team loses the match, the match shall be regarded as a forfeit unless *the goal difference of the score was greater than five* in which case the original score shall hold. If the game is a league game the team shall also lose three competition points.
A team guilty of fielding an ineligible player shall be penalised as above for each match in which the ineligible player played.
- Teams failing to carry out the checking of player ID in the manner required within this byelaw will incur a penalty of one match point for each instance in which the procedure was not followed.
 - Any team manager who signs a referee's card indicating that he has identified all players thereon as eligible, which is subsequently found to be incorrect, will render his club liable to a fine of \$50.00 at the discretion of the E.C.

- If a referee's card is marked STA (Subject to Adjudication) by a manager, the Secretary of the Association must be notified in writing by letter, fax or email as per 15.9 (1) by the Club raising the dispute, *by 5pm on the second business day after the incident.*

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