

## FFSA COMPETITION RULES AND REGULATIONS CHANGES FOR SEASON 2019

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<b>3. Financial Obligations</b>	Add to clause 3 (1) - Notification of the fees to be paid by clubs will be provided on an annual basis.	Reflects that clubs are notified the required fees on annual basis	Page 5
<b>4 Club Colours and Playing Strip</b>	Change wording in 4(8)b. to read - A forfeit penalty and a level 2 fine <b>will be</b> imposed for breach of the following rules. Removes wording may	It ensures the penalty is specific.	Page 7
<b>24. Medical Requirements –</b> Currently reads Attendance of Medical Personnel.	Change to read Medical Requirements  Include 24(4) - Each club is strongly encouraged to install a defibrillator at their venue/s.	Health and welfare of players, spectators etc, risk management for the club	Page 13  Page 14
<b>29. Abandoned Matches</b>	Inclusion of 29(6) - In accordance with the National Disciplinary Regulations clause 13.1, if a match is abandoned, cancelled or forfeited, a suspension is only considered to be served if the Team to which the suspended participant belongs is not responsible for the conduct that led to the abandonment, cancellation of forfeiture.	Clarifies the handling of a suspension where a game is not played in accordance with the NDRs.	Page 16

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<b>32. Postponed Matches –</b>	Reword Clause 32(3). - Where a game has been postponed, Home Team is required to notify the Competition Administrator within 48 hours of the postponed game, the date, time and venue of when the game will be played.	Provide clear directions of what is required in rescheduling games and the timeframe. Place emphasis on the home team being responsible for notifying date and time of rescheduled game.	Page 16
<b>33. Inability to Field Teams –</b>	Reword 33(1) - Remove any reference to other reasons beyond control to - If a Club is unable to field a team because of illness or other exceptional circumstances beyond the control of the club;	Highlights the need for the existence of exceptional circumstances.	Page 17
<b>34. Match Officials</b>	Reword 34(1) – Appointments Committee to comprise of a maximum of five people, which will include at least one person from the Competition Department as appointed by the FFSA.  Include clause 34(7) – reference to Match Commissioners.	Reflect current practice.  Reflects new initiative	Page 17  Page 17
<b>38. Fixtures &amp; Match Forfeits -</b>	Include wording to 38(3) - or if the opposing team has won the game by a greater margin than three goals, the score line will stand;  Inclusion of 38(4) - Where a forfeit has been applied, the statistics of the club that did not forfeit the game, that being goal scorers and best and fairest votes will be retained. Red and yellow cards will be applied in accordance with the National Disciplinary Regulations.	Clarify current practice.  Clarify what happens to statistics in the event a game is forfeited.	Page 18  Page 18

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<p><b>39. Team Sheets &amp; Match Reports –</b></p> <p>39(3) – Reword</p>	<p>Definition of what constitutes an incomplete Team Sheet in 39(1) - A team will be deemed to have submitted an incomplete team sheet if they have not correctly provided the following details;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) FFA Numbers for all players;</li> <li>(b) Shirt numbers for all players;</li> <li>(c) Players correct name;</li> <li>(d) Team Officials;</li> <li>(e) Ground Stewards.</li> </ul> <p>Reword 39(3) to clarify how a team sheet is to be filled out - Where a team participates in a competition that permits substitutions or interchange, the team must select 11 starting players and 5 substitutions. These players must be clearly identified in the relevant area of the team sheet as either starting or as a sub. No additional player can be selected as a starting player or a sub.</p>	<p>Clarifies what constitutes an incomplete team sheet.</p> <p>Stipulates that a club must select 11 players and 5 substitutes on the team sheet.</p>	<p>Page 19</p> <p>Page 19</p>
<p><b>40. Match Balls</b></p>	<p>Clause 40(1) to include timeframe of when match balls must be presented - 30 minutes prior to the commencement of the game.</p>	<p>Currently no timeframe stipulated.</p>	<p>Page 20</p>
<p><b>41. Players Bleeding and Concussion</b></p>	<p>Include the following wording - The player must be provided with a clean playing shirt free of blood prior to returning to the field of play.</p>	<p>A requirement for a player to return to the game.</p>	<p>Page 20</p>

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<b>42. Substitutions</b>	Inclusion of 42(3) - Where a game goes into extra time, the team may use an additional substitute from their allocation of five.	Reflect changes to the Laws of the Game.	Page 21
<b>48. Goal Difference – Define outcome of a game.</b>	Addition of (f) if all other areas are equal as outlined in the rule - (f) Disciplinary record, the team with the lowest number of red and yellow cards that have been received during the competition.	Disciplinary of a team is referred to by FFA in relation to the Final Series, inclusion of this ruling as another avenue to confirm a winner.	Page 23
<b>60. Registration Procedure</b>	60(5) reworded to - Clubs which determine that a player has outstanding fees must provide written notification to FFSA. The procedure of providing this information will be provided to clubs on annual basis.	Removes date as previously outlined so that unfinancial players are captured all year round.	Page 25
<b>61. Unregistered, ineligible and suspended players</b>	Inclusion of 61(2)e. - Where a forfeit has been applied, the statistics of the club that did not forfeit the game, that being goal scorers and best and fairest votes will be retained. Red and yellow cards will be applied in accordance with the National Disciplinary Regulations.	Clarifies how statistics are applied when a game is forfeited.	Page 26
<b>63. Visa and Guest Players</b>	Remove reference to Guest Players.  Clarify application of Visa Players to Senior Team - Professional or Amateur Visa Players permissible - a maximum of two (2) Visa Players are permitted to be registered with the club's first team in the National Premier Leagues and State Leagues.	Not referenced in the rule.  Application of Visa Players is to the first team only.	Page 27

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<b>77. Mandatory Match Suspensions for Serious Infringements</b>	Definition of cards that are defined as serious infringements - being R1, R2, R3 and R6	These offences can carry greater than one game suspension.	Page 30
<b>80. Disciplinary Committee</b>	Reference to the FFSA Grievance and Disciplinary Regulations.	Document that is referenced.	Page 31
<b>82. Appeals from the Disciplinary Committee</b>	Reference to the FFSA Grievance and Disciplinary Regulations.	Document that is referenced.	Page 32