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The delivery of football has been significantly impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. A range of government restrictions and requirements have been put in place to ensure a safe sporting environment for all. For up to date information refer to the Capital Football COVID-19 resources page <https://capitalfootball.com.au/covid-19-resources/>

SECTION 1: GENERAL

1 SCOPE AND APPLICATION

- 1.1 Football Federation Australia (FFA) has granted ACT Football Federation (ACTFF) trading as Capital Football (CF) a mandate to be responsible for the organisation, promotion and regulation of football in the Australian Capital Territory (ACT) and surrounding regions.
- 1.2 CF will interpret and apply all articles of these Regulations and any such interpretation or application will be final and binding on all parties, and not subject to challenge or appeal.
- 1.3 If any provision of these Regulations is held invalid or unenforceable then the remainder of these Regulations shall not be affected and shall continue to be valid and enforceable.
- 1.4 These Regulations apply to participants in the following competitions (the competitions) unless stated otherwise:
 - a) MiniRoos (MR);
 - b) ActewAGL Junior League (JL).
- 1.5 Clubs, Players and Team Officials must comply with and agree to abide by the regulations of FFA and CF, including but not limited to:
 - a) FFA National Registrations Regulations;
 - b) FFA National Disciplinary Regulations;
 - c) FFA Code of Conduct;
 - d) FFA Grievance Resolution Regulations;
 - e) FFA Member Protection Framework;
 - f) FFA Integrity Framework;
 - g) Capital Football Disputes and Disciplinary Regulations.
- 1.6 CF may from time to time make variations to these Regulations.
- 1.7 Any capitalised terms used in these Regulations will have the meaning given to them in Schedule 1.

2 CONSEQUENCES FOR BREACH

- 2.1 Any breach of these Regulations or failure to comply with any direction given by CF may result in the imposition of a penalty issued by CF under these Regulations or other sanctions pursuant to the CF Disputes and Disciplinary Regulations (DDR).

3 DISCIPLINARY SANCTIONS AND PROCEEDINGS

- 3.1 All Clubs, Players, Team Officials, Match Officials, spectators or any person participating at a CF Match or event will submit exclusively to the jurisdiction of the DDR.

4 CONFIRMATION OF LEAGUES / DIVISIONS

- 4.1 CF will conduct competitions in the following Leagues and divisions:

| League | Abbreviation | Competition | Age Grades | Divisions |
|------------------------|--------------|-------------|------------------------------|---------------------|
| MiniRoos | MR | Open | U5, U16, U7, U8, U9 | Club Run |
| MiniRoos | MR | Girls | U5, U16, U7, U8, U9 | Club Run |
| MiniRoos | MR | Open | U10 & U11 | As many as required |
| MiniRoos | MR | Girls | U10 & U11 | As many as required |
| ActewAGL Junior League | JL | Open | U12, U13, U14, U15, U16, U18 | As many as required |
| ActewAGL Junior League | JL | Girls | U12, U14, U16, U18 | As many as required |

4.2 Composition of the Leagues, including maximum numbers of Teams per age grade, will be determined by CF.

5 MONIES OWING TO CF

5.1 Monies owing by a Club:

- a) All amounts owed by a Club to CF must be paid within 30 days of the date of the invoice being issued by CF.
- b) For monies still owing after 30 days from the date of invoicing, a reminder notice will be sent to the Club.
- c) For monies still owing after a period of 90 days from the date of invoicing, a notice will be sent to the Club stating they are un-financial and will be unable to accumulate any regular season points from that time, in any age grade or League.
 - i) Clubs may request a payment plan with CF to pay back debts that remain unpaid beyond 90 days from invoicing. Where a payment plan is agreed to by CF;
 - A. The Club entering the agreement will be determined to be financial and may continue to play for points provided they abide by the terms of the arrangement.
 - B. Where an agreement is not complied with, any points accumulated by the Club (in any age grade or League) from 90 days from the date of the invoice/s to which the agreement relates will be deducted and removed.
 - ii) A Club subjected to this penalty will be notified in writing as to when the deduction of points will take effect.
 - iii) Clubs who are unfinancial, and have not entered into an agreement with CF, will be ineligible for finals and unable to participate in any Cup competitions.
- d) Notwithstanding Section1, Article 5.1 a) & b), CF may in its absolute discretion, either offset any transfer or compensation fees owed to CF by an unfinancial Club to the extent of the amounts owing or expel a Club if it does not comply with these Regulations.
- e) Clubs who are in debt to CF, where any of the debt amount is outstanding at any time after 31 October each year:
 - i) May at the absolute discretion of CF, be suspended from all competitions in which that Club competes;
 - ii) Have any rights or privileges in the activities of CF relating to that Club's participation suspended until all debts and obligations have been discharged, except where a dispute over fees remains unresolved.

- f) Where a Club has been suspended under Section 1, Article 5.1 e) ii), the opposing team will be awarded a forfeit and the score will be recorded as 3-0.

5.2 Monies owing by an Individual:

- a) All amounts owed by an individual to CF must be paid within 30 days of the date of the invoice issued by CF in relation to that amount.
- b) For monies still owing after the expiry of 30 days from the date of invoicing, individuals will be deemed ineligible for participation in any CF competitions.

6 CHANGE OF CLUB PLAYING NAME OR CLUB LOGO

6.1 Change of Club Playing Name:

- a) Any Club that wishes to change its registered Club playing name must seek approval by providing the information required under Section 1, Article 6.1 b) in writing to CF.
- b) Prior to CF ratification the Club must:
 - i) Submit on Club letterhead its request for a change of Club playing name;
 - ii) Provide full disclosure of the reasons for the requested change;
 - iii) Ensure the 'name' is consistent with the 'FFA Inclusivity Principles for Club Identity';
 - iv) Provide a copy of the minutes of the meeting (general or committee) of the Club during which the change of playing name was discussed.
- c) CF will assess a change of name application only when all of the information required under Section 1, Article 6.1 b) has been provided. Where this information is provided, CF reserves the right to reject any application for a change of playing name as it sees fit and will provide the Club with reasons as to why their playing name change application was rejected.

6.2 Change of Club Logo:

- a) Any Club that wishes to change its Club logo must seek approval by providing the information required under Section 1, Article 6.2 b) in writing to CF.
- b) The logo change application process will be as follows:
 - i) Submit on Club letterhead its request for a change of Club logo;
 - ii) Provide full disclosure of the reasons for the requested change;
 - iii) Provide the current Club logo along with the proposed new Club logo.

7 AMALGAMATION OF CLUBS

7.1 Clubs must advise, and apply to, CF where two or more Clubs are proposing to amalgamate.

7.2 Where two or more Clubs wish to amalgamate, they shall:

- a) Apply to CF in writing for approval to amalgamate. The letter is to be signed by the amalgamating Clubs' committees.
- b) Submit the name of the proposed new amalgamated Club and provide:
 - i) A copy of the notice of general meeting of both Clubs;
 - ii) A copy of the signed record of attendance at the general meetings of both Clubs;

- iii) A copy of the minutes of the general meetings of both Clubs, signed by the office bearers of the Club which confirms the approval by Club members of the amalgamation.
 - c) Submit a copy of the proposed Constitution, or, if the proposed new Club is intending to become an incorporated association, the proposed statement of purpose and rules.
 - d) Submit the names of the nominated office bearers.
 - e) Upon the registration of an incorporation of any new entity to run the amalgamated Club, if any, provide to CF a copy of a certificate of incorporation or other such documentation as CF may require in respect of that new entity.
- 7.3 Before amalgamation is approved, all outstanding financial obligations and playing commitments of both Clubs to CF must be fulfilled.
- 7.4 On approval, all Players of amalgamating Clubs shall be deemed to be Players registered by CF as Players of the newly formed Club.
- 7.5 Any newly amalgamated Club must fulfil its commitments and be responsible for all the terms and conditions of any Player agreements, current at the time of amalgamation, previously made by any of the amalgamating Clubs in regards to any Player of the newly formed Club.

8 STRICT LIABILITY OF CLUBS

- 8.1 Each Club shall be responsible for the conduct of its Club associates and officials at or in the vicinity of any competition match, sanctioned match, or non-CF event in which a Club is engaged or is in attendance, regardless of the responsibilities attaching to any other person or entity in respect of such match or event.
- 9.2 Where the terms “Team” or “Teams” are used, it is implied that the Team or Teams involved are under the control of and are the responsibility of their Club, and therefore any sanctions or penalties applied to a Team or Teams may also be applied to the Club.

9 PROTECTION OF IMPORTANT FIXTURES

- 9.1 Where an international, interstate or Hyundai A-League / Westfield W-League Match is scheduled for the ACT or surrounding region, CF may determine that no competition fixture or sanctioned match shall take place at the same time.

10 SPECIAL CONSIDERATION

- 10.1 CF will have the power to consider special circumstances outside the prescribed limits of the Regulations should it be clear those special considerations are in the interests of the game.
- 10.2 The decision by CF to review and consider special circumstances under this section is not subject to appeal or review.

11 UNFORESEEABLE CIRCUMSTANCES

- 11.1 Nothing in these Regulations will prevent CF from approving a course of action to meet unforeseeable circumstances not covered by the Regulations, including but not limited to promotion, relegation, number of divisions and composition of teams.

SECTION 2: COMPETITION

1 MATCHES PLAYED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE LAWS OF THE GAME

- 1.1 All matches under the jurisdiction of these Regulations will be played in accordance with FFA and CF regulations, codes and directives, and under the IFAB Laws of the Game 2019/20, unless otherwise stipulated in these Regulations.
- 1.2 MiniRoos matches are to be played in line with the [MiniRoos National Playing Formats and Rules](#).

2 COMPETITION FORMAT

- 2.1 Leagues administered by CF will include a home and away Premiership, or other league format communicated by CF to accommodate the number of teams entered into a division.
- 2.2 The league format for MiniRoos age grades of U5 to U9 are determined by the Clubs administering those leagues.

3 MATCH SCHEDULE AND KICK OFF TIMES

- 3.1 CF will communicate the official match schedule for all Leagues administered by CF.
- 3.2 CF will determine the venue, dates and kick off times of all Premiership and Championship matches.
- 3.3 CF may start matches from 8:30am for any daytime Match which may include Saturday, Sunday or any Public Holiday.
 - a) Unless instructions have been issued by CF, the last Match of the day must start no later than 3:10pm for any daytime Match.
 - b) All other Matches prior to this kick off time must be played in two (2) equal periods that shall allow the last Match to kick off at the scheduled kick off time.
 - c) Matches may be played at night under lights, at approved venues supported by the appropriate LUX certification.
- 3.4 CF may also schedule midweek evening Matches to accommodate Premiership and Championship washed out or deferred matches.
- 3.5 Clubs will not arrange other Matches until after the official Matches are settled, nor improperly interfere with other Clubs home competition Matches.
- 3.6 Any disputes between two (2) or more Clubs as to the arrangement of Matches will be referred to and decided by CF. Any determination made by CF is final and not subject to appeal.
- 3.7 Notwithstanding any other Regulation on the same subject matter, CF reserve the right to alter or amend any Match after it has been nominated in the official Match schedule. The alterations could be to the date, venue, kick-off times or a combination of all providing the Clubs involved are given seven (7) days prior notice from the original scheduled date.
- 3.8 Teams must be ready to begin play by the scheduled kick off time.
 - a) If both teams are not ready to begin playing fifteen (15) minutes after the scheduled kick off time the Referee may determine the competition Match as abandoned in accordance with Section 2, Article 16.

4 DURATION OF MATCH

4.1 Duration of Premiership Matches will be as follows for the respective age grades of the Leagues:

| Age Grade | Duration of Match | | Half Time |
|-----------|---------------------------|---------------------------|------------------------|
| | Open | Girls | |
| U10 | Two periods of 25 minutes | Two periods of 25 minutes | A maximum of 5 minutes |
| U11 | Two periods of 25 minutes | Two periods of 25 minutes | A maximum of 5 minutes |
| U12 | Two periods of 30 minutes | Two periods of 30 minutes | A maximum of 5 minutes |
| U13 | Two periods of 30 minutes | N/A | A maximum of 5 minutes |
| U14 | Two periods of 35 minutes | Two periods of 35 minutes | A maximum of 5 minutes |
| U15 | Two periods of 40 minutes | N/A | A maximum of 5 minutes |
| U16 | Two periods of 45 minutes | Two periods of 40 minutes | A maximum of 5 minutes |
| U18 | Two periods of 45 minutes | Two periods of 40 minutes | A maximum of 5 minutes |

4.2 The Referee may cut short any competition Match (including reducing the length of each half before the commencement of the competition Match) if in the Referee's opinion playing conditions compromise Player safety or to prevent the delay to the commencement of any subsequent competition Match from its scheduled kick off time only if:

- a) It is in line with the IFAB Laws of the Game;
- b) the Referee has consulted with the coaches of each participating Team before the start of the Match.

4.3 The Referee is the sole arbiter of time, and no protest may be lodged against the time as recorded by the Referee.

5 ADDED TIME

5.1 There is no added time in any JL or MR matches.

6 EXTRA TIME

6.1 There will be no extra time played in CF Premiership Matches in the event scores are equal at the conclusion of normal time.

7 DETERMINING THE WINNER BY PENALTY KICKS

7.1 This section is not applicable for the 2020 season.

8 COMPETITION POINTS

8.1 For the 2020 season, Premiership ladders will not be displayed online, however will be maintained internally by CF to assist with grading for the 2021 season.

8.2 Points will be allocated as follows for all Premiership Matches:

| Result | Competition Points Awarded |
|----------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------|
| Win | Three (3) points |
| Draw | One (1) point for each Team |
| Loss | Zero (0) Points |
| Bye | Zero (0) Points |
| Forfeit (Team Forfeiting) | Zero (0) Points |
| Forfeit (Team being forfeited against) | Three (3) Points and three (3) Goals |
| No Result | Zero (0) Points and zero (0) Goals for each Team |

8.3 CF reserves the right to record a competition Match as a 'no result' if the circumstances require or as a result of a breach of these Regulations.

9 PREMIERSHIP RANKINGS

9.1 CF will use the following process when determining the ranking of Teams within each age grade:

- a) Greater number of points obtained in all Premiership Matches;
- b) If two (2) or more Teams are equal on the basis of the above criteria, their place will be determined as follows:
 - i) Greater goal difference resulting from all Premiership Matches;
 - ii) Greater goals scored from all Premiership Matches;
 - iii) Greater number of points obtained in the Premiership Matches between the Teams concerned (head to head);
 - iv) Greater number of goals scored in the Premiership Matches between the Teams concerned (head to head);
 - v) Greater number of goals scored in away Premiership Matches between the Teams concerned (head to head);
 - vi) Team with the lowest number of Red Cards (direct and indirect) received in all Premiership Matches;
 - vii) Team with the lowest number of Yellow Cards received in all Premiership Matches;
 - viii) A play-off Match between the Teams concerned under arrangements approved by CF.

10 CHAMPIONSHIP SERIES

10.1 This section is not applicable for the 2020 season.

11 NOMINATIONS

11.1 Only CF affiliated Clubs are eligible to nominate a team or teams to participate in MR and JL competitions.

11.2 Each year CF shall call for nominations for all competitions for the upcoming season as well as set a deadline for nominations.

11.3 All nominations are to be submitted on the official nomination form provided to Clubs by CF and Clubs shall include all relevant information required in the nomination forms.

- 11.4 CF reserves the right to reject team nominations.
- 11.5 Nominations received after the closing date will only be accepted at the discretion of CF and placed into divisions as they might determine.

12 GRADING

- 12.1 CF reserves the right to determine the appropriate division of each team nomination by considering the previous season's results, playing strength of the Team, Player movements and the formation of the division.
- 12.2 Divisions that are run in JL competitions will be run under a numbering process (i.e. Division 1, Division 2, etc.), as required for the number of teams in an age grade.
- 12.3 Capital Football may conduct a leagues grading weekend (or similar grading format) to assist with the grading process.
- 12.4 CF will consider historic league tables and observations at the grading weekend, along with the skill level and competition level identified by the Club for each Team to finalise Team gradings.
- 12.5 Any teams that are re-graded after the season has commenced will only be moved in place of a bye, or with a swap with a team in the respective higher/lower divisions. Regraded teams will retain their points and goal difference.
- 12.6 Grading of teams is at the discretion of CF and cannot be appealed.

13 CLUBS / TEAMS REMOVED, WITHDRAWN OR ADDED TO COMPETITIONS

- 13.1 In the event of any Club / Team being removed, withdrawn or added to the competitions, the following procedure will take effect to allow the altered competitions to proceed:
- a) Removed or withdrawn before the competition has started:
 - i) All Matches involving a Club / Team that has been removed or withdrawn before the competition has started will be treated as a bye, unless CF decides to adjust the competition in some other way.
 - ii) Removed or withdrawn Clubs will be fined the prescribed amount in Schedule 2.
 - b) Removed or withdrawn during first round of a competition:
 - i) For all opposing Clubs / Teams that have played the removed or withdrawn Club / Team (for the complete first round), points and goals against the withdrawn Club / Team will be deleted from their records and will be credited with a bye result;
 - ii) Clubs / Teams that have not played the removed or withdrawn Club / Team will obtain a bye result;
 - iii) A round of a competition refers to a full complement of competition Matches, where each Club / Team plays each other an equal number of times.
 - iv) Removed or withdrawn Clubs will be fined the prescribed amount in Schedule 2.
 - c) Removed or withdrawn during the second or subsequent round of a competition:
 - i) All points and goals acquired will be retained by opposing Teams for the completed first round (or second round if fully completed and a third round forms a part of the competition); or

- ii) Points and goals acquired against the withdrawn Club / Team will be lost and bye results will be credited for Matches that were played prior to the removal or withdrawal;
- iii) For all opposing Clubs / Teams that have played the removed or withdrawn Club / Team (during a second or subsequent incomplete round), points and goals against the withdrawn Club / Team will be deleted from their records and will be credited with a bye result.
- iv) Removed or withdrawn Clubs will be fined the prescribed amount in Schedule 2.
- d) Added before the competition has started:
 - i) Where possible a Club / Team may be added to replace a bye to minimise the disruption to the competition;
 - ii) Where this is not possible CF may decide to adjust the competition in some other way.
- e) Added during first round of a competition:
 - i) Where possible a Club / Team may be added to replace a bye to minimise the disruption to the competition;
 - ii) Where this is not possible CF may decide to adjust the competition in some other way.
 - iii) For all opposing Clubs / Teams that have already played the bye, they will be attributed with a win (three (3) points and three (3) goals) for that match;
 - iv) For all opposing Clubs / Teams that will play the newly added Club / Team, the result of the match will stand once played;
 - v) A round of a competition refers to a full complement of competition Matches, where each Club / Team plays each other an equal number of times.

13.2 Any Player or Team Official infringements (i.e. red / yellow cards) in all Matches involving a removed or withdrawn Club / Team, will be upheld.

14 FORFEITS

14.1 A Team will be deemed to have forfeited a Match when:

- a) They fail to fulfill an engagement to play a Match on the appointed date, time or venue; or
- b) They refuse or fail to begin a Match fifteen (15) minutes after the stipulated kick-off time;
or
- c) They field less than seven (7) of their registered Players at the start of any Match; or
- d) At any point during the Match they cannot field at least seven (7) of their registered Players;
or
- e) An ineligible Player as defined in these Regulations participates in the Match; or
- f) Any other scenario within the Regulations or the DDR that stipulates a forfeit of the Match.

14.2 In the event of any Team forfeiting its Match, the following procedure will take effect:

- a) Three (3) points and three (3) goals will be allocated for the Match to the opposition Team, with the offending team receiving zero (0) points and zero (0) goals, unless the goal difference for the Team receiving the forfeit is greater than three (3), in which case the score will remain the same, with goal scorers for the offending team to be removed;

- b) Where a forfeit has been applied, the statistics (Matches played and goals scored) of the non-offending Team will be retained;
- c) Where a forfeit has been applied, red cards issued during the match will be retained and yellow cards issued during the match will be removed;
- d) The offending Team will be fined the prescribed amount as outlined in Schedule 2 of these Regulations;
- e) Where the offending Clubs is the away Club, they may be liable to pay compensation to the opposing Club for any reasonable expenses incurred and such compensation will be determined by CF;
- f) Where a Match is forfeited within 24 hours of the scheduled kick off time, the offending Club is required to pay all Match Officials fees, whether they were the home or away Club for the Match.

14.3 In the event a Team should forfeit a second Match during the season, the offending team will be deducted a further three (3) competition points, in addition to the procedure outlined in Section 2, Article 14.2.

14.4 In the event a Team should forfeit a third Match during the season, the Club involved will be required to show cause as to why they should not be removed from the competition, in addition to the procedure outlined in Section 2, Article 14.2 and 14.3, any Club without a satisfactory explanation may also lose their affiliation to CF.

14.5 On the competition ladder, a forfeit will count as a Match played.

15 POSTPONED MATCHES

15.1 This section is not applicable for the 2020 season, as Matches are unable to be postponed.

16 ABANDONED MATCHES

16.1 Matches may only be abandoned by a decision of the Referee. In the absence of a Referee, CF shall have the designated authority to recommend the abandoning of any Matches as deemed necessary by CF.

16.2 A Match may be abandoned if:

- a) The lighting at the venue fails or there are no lights available, such that in the opinion of the Referee it is impossible or unsafe to continue to play;
- b) The field of play or weather conditions, such that in the opinion of the Referee it is impossible or unsafe to continue to play;
- c) A significant injury occurs where a Player cannot be moved and an ambulance is required to attend, with the delay being longer than thirty (30) minutes;
- d) It is determined that the conditions for Players, coaches, Match Officials or supporters have become unsafe or untenable for any reason;
- e) Both teams refuse or fail to begin a Match fifteen (15) minutes after the stipulated kick-off time.

- 16.3 In cases where a Match has been abandoned by the Referee, the Disciplinary Committee may investigate the circumstances of the abandonment and impose such penalties as it deems fit on Clubs, Club Officials, Players and/or spectators adjudged to be associated with the abandonment.
- 15.2 If a Match is abandoned due to no fault of either Club/Team, the following principles will apply:
- a) If eighty percent (80%) or more of normal time of a Match has been played, then the score at the time of postponement may stand;
 - b) If less than eighty percent (80%) of normal time of a Match is played, the Match will be recorded as no result and the Match will not be rescheduled.
- 16.4 Should a Club, Club Official, its Players or spectators be found to have caused the abandonment of the Match, the Match will be forfeited by that Club to the opposition, in accordance with Section 2, Article 14.
- 16.5 Should both Clubs be found to have caused the abandonment of the Match, the outcome of the Match will be recorded as no result in accordance with Section 2, Article 8.

17 PROTESTS

- 17.1 Protests must be lodged and received by CF no later than two (2) business days after the Match was played.
- 17.2 Protests will only be considered by CF for obvious breaches/errors of the IFAB Laws of the Game. For clarity, the decisions of the Referee regarding facts connected with play, including whether a goal is scored and the result of the Match, are final and cannot be protested.
- 17.3 No protests as to the result of a Match will be considered by CF in relation to disciplinary decisions of the Match Officials.
- 17.4 Protests must be accompanied by an administration fee as outlined in Schedule 2, in order to be considered. The administration fee must be lodged together with the written protest. A refund will apply at the discretion of CF if a protest is upheld.
- 17.5 A decision by CF, in respect of a protest is final and binding on the parties and not subject to challenge or appeal.

18 EXTREME WEATHER CONDITIONS

- 18.1 Clubs should refer to the [Capital Football Extreme Weather Policy](#) for information about extreme weather conditions.

19 WET WEATHER AFFECTED MATCHES

- 19.1 In all instances, where rain preceding a Match raises fair doubt as to the possibility of play taking place, the following rules are to apply:
- a) Day/s prior to the scheduled Match day:
 - i) The home Club is to contact CF if they believe their ground will not be fit for play on the scheduled Match day.
 - b) Day of the scheduled Match:

- i) The home Club is to inspect their ground by 7:30am and contact the CF competitions after hours phone if they believe their ground will not be fit for play. They may also need to send photos to the CF competitions after hours phone, of the affected areas of the pitch;
- ii) In the event that Matches are deemed fit to go ahead, the Match Official is to inspect the ground with the Club Referee Coordinator prior to the scheduled kick off and decide whether play can take place, for the first Match of the day and subsequent Matches after. They are to provide their decision to the home Club.
- iii) In the event it is deemed that Matches cannot go ahead, the home Club is required to contact the away Club and also text the following details to the CF competitions after hours phone (0400 291 291):
 - A. Competition; (i.e. JL or MR or both)
 - B. Age Grades / Divisions (if only some matches are affected)
 - C. Venue;
 - D. Home Club.

20 HOT WEATHER AFFECTED MATCHES

20.1 When high temperatures occur on Match day, the Referee and/or CF may determine:

- a) To play the Match under standard conditions;
- b) To play the Match with provision for 'drinks' breaks; or
- c) To delay or postpone the Match.
 - i) Should a 'drinks' break be implemented, it will be halfway through each half and each for a duration of 1 minute.

20.2 If in accordance with the [Capital Football Extreme Weather Policy](#), it is deemed that the temperature is too high for the Match to either be played or continue to be played, the Referee and Clubs will consult with CF prior to Matches being postponed.

21 RESCHEDULING OF MATCHES DUE TO ADVERSE WEATHER AND GROUND UNAVAILABILITY

21.1 In the event of adverse weather, for the 2020 season, the Match will be recorded as no result (in accordance with Section 2, Article 8) and the Match will not be rescheduled.

21.2 A change of ground is permitted for good reason (i.e. venue becomes unavailable) up to the Thursday evening prior to weekend Matches, or at least two (2) days before mid-week Matches. In circumstances where such change is required, the following should occur:

- a) The home Club is to notify the away Club that a change is required;
- b) The home Club is required to submit the [Match Alteration Form](#), outlining the new Match details;
- c) The home Club is to contact CF to advise of the alteration.

22 MATCH DEFERMENTS

22.1 For the 2020 season, Matches will not be permitted to be deferred.

23 TRIAL MATCHES

- 23.1 Clubs will not arrange trial Matches without first submitting the [Trial Match Request Form](#) to CF at least five (5) business days prior to the requested trial Match date.
- 23.2 The Match then can only be conducted upon receipt of written approval from CF.
- 23.3 Payment for Referees at trial Matches will be fifty percent (50%) of the normal fee for the highest graded Team participating.
- 23.4 For approved trial matches where CF appoint the match officials, all match officials' fees will be paid by CF directly to the match officials and the Club who submitted the trial match for approval will be invoiced the match officials' fees.
- 23.5 Appearance of suspended Players in trial Matches is in accordance with the DDR.
- 23.6 Clubs are required to submit the [Trial Match Request Form](#) for any Matches hosted against an interstate team.

24 OVERSEAS TOURS AND TRAVEL

- 24.1 Overseas tours and travel will not be permitted during the 2020 JL and MR season.

25 INTERSTATE TOURS AND TRAVEL

- 25.1 Interstate tours and travel will not be permitted during the 2020 JL and MR season.

26 REPRESENTATIVE

- 26.1 Any Player registered in the ACT under the FFA National Registration Regulations (NRR) will be eligible to represent ACT in representative Matches, camps or tours, or be eligible to be selected to participate in any CF development program.
 - a) Each such Player will make themselves available for training, preparation and participation for representative Matches, camps, tours or development programs, when requested by CF.
 - b) All Clubs must release Players for training and preparation for, and participation in, representative Matches, camps, tours or development programs, when requested by CF.

SECTION 3: ELIGIBILITY & MOVEMENT

1 AGE ELIGIBILITY

1.1 The following table details the birth dates applicable to the age grades of the Leagues. Players must be within these ranges in order to be eligible for registration:

| Competition | Age Grade | Birth Date |
|-------------|-----------|---------------------------------------------|
| JL | U18 | For Players born on or after 1 January 2002 |
| JL | U16 | For Players born on or after 1 January 2004 |
| JL | U15 | For Players born on or after 1 January 2005 |
| JL | U14 | For Players born on or after 1 January 2006 |
| JL | U13 | For Players born on or after 1 January 2007 |
| JL | U12 | For Players born on or after 1 January 2008 |
| MR | U11 | For Players born on or after 1 January 2009 |
| MR | U10 | For Players born on or after 1 January 2010 |

1.2 A participant who registers themselves or another person(s) in the incorrect age grade is deemed to have committed Misconduct and may be sanctioned in accordance with the DDR.

1.3 A Club may be held vicariously liable for an offence committed under Section 3, Article 1.2 by one of its Officials or Players and may be sanctioned in accordance with the DDR.

2 ELIGIBILITY AND INELIGIBILITY OF PARTICIPANTS

2.1 Eligible Participants:

a) An eligible Participant is one that meets all registration requirements within these Regulations and is not ineligible according to any article of these Regulations.

2.2 Ineligible Participants include:

a) A Participant not registered in the National Registration System to the Club in which they have participated with;

b) Suspended Participants;

c) A Player who plays without an ITC (International Transfer Certificate) where one is required, unless communicated otherwise;

d) A Participant who is required to stand down for receiving a suspension as a result of caution accumulation;

e) A Participant that has been expelled from a Match or suspended as a result of caution accumulation on the day/s prior to a Match but prior to receiving their notice of suspension in accordance with the DDR;

f) A Participant that has been expelled from a Match on the same day as the Match that occurred earlier in the day;

g) A Player that is deemed ineligible due to any article of these Regulations or pursuant to the DDR.

2.3 A Team will automatically lose a Match on forfeit if an ineligible Player participates in the Match.

- 2.4 Additionally, the Club, Team Official/s and / or Player may be further sanctioned in accordance with the DDR.
- 2.5 For clarity, it is the Clubs responsibility to ensure that it fields eligible Players in any Match.
- 2.6 Where a Club plays an ineligible Player:
 - a) Any participating Club can make a claim on Player ineligibility to CF. Any claims of ineligibility must be received within two (2) business days of the final whistle of the match in question.
 - i) If CF finds that a Club has played an ineligible Player outside of the timeline in Section 3, Article 2.6 a) then the Club and Player can still be sanctioned in accordance with the DDR.
 - b) Any Player who knowingly plays as an ineligible Player may be suspended for up to four (4) matches and further sanctions may be applicable under the DDR
 - c) Where a Club can prove to the satisfaction of CF that an administrative error resulted in rendering a Player ineligible, CF may deem the Player eligible.

3 ELIGIBILITY AND PLAYER MOVEMENT IN PREMIERSHIP MATCHES

- 3.1 Clubs can seek an exemption from CF for a Player to play one (1) year below their actual age group, by submitting the [exemption form](#).
 - a) Players are not permitted to play below their actual age group unless CF approval has been granted.
 - b) Female Players playing in Open competitions are exempt from Section 3, Article 3.1. For clarity, female Players playing in open competitions will be permitted to play one (1) year below their age group without seeking an exemption.
 - c) Each team is permitted up to two (2) overage Players, in accordance with Section 3, Article 3.1. Should exceptional circumstances permit, CF may provide approval to exceed this number.
- 3.2 Clubs may seek an exemption from CF for a Player to play three (3) or more years above their correct age group or for a MR age eligible Player to play up into JL. In order to seek this exemption, the Club must submit the [exemption form](#), attaching the following documentation:
 - a) A statement by the Club's Technical Director, assessing whether the Players' skill level and mentality is appropriate for playing in the older age group, indicating that the request is for the development of the Player and advising that the nominated age group is the most appropriate one for this purpose;
 - b) A statement from the Players parent/s acknowledging that they have been informed by the Club of the physical, skill and emotional demands of playing in the higher age group, and consenting to their child playing in the nominated higher age group; and
 - c) A medical assessment completed by a qualified medical practitioner or physiotherapist stating that in the assessor's opinion, the Player is physically capable of playing in the higher age group.
 - d) Failure to comply with this Regulation will result in the Player being deemed ineligible.
- 3.3 Player movement between National Premier Leagues (NPL) and JL:
 - a) At no stage can an NPL Player play down into JL;

- b) JL Players are permitted to play up in the NPLY and NPLW (U13, U15, U17) competitions as long as they are age eligible;
- c) Clubs playing JL Players up in the NPLY must notify both the Junior League Coordinator and Competitions Manager at least 24 hours prior to the match day;
- d) Any Player playing more than five (5) NPLY matches will have their status reclassified to a bona fide NPLY Player;
- e) Any Player playing more than five (5) NPLW (U13, U15, U17) matches will have their status reclassified to a bona fide NPLW Player.

3.4 A Player is not allowed to participate in more than two (2) matches in a day.

4 ELIGIBILITY OF PLAYERS IN CHAMPIONSHIP MATCHES

4.1 This section is not applicable for the 2020 season.

SECTION 4: REGISTRATION

1 PLAYER STATUS

- 1.1 All Players in JL and MR competitions must be registered as Amateur Players.
- 1.2 Clubs are required to ensure each Player has self-registered on the National Registration System as an Amateur.

2 REGISTRATION PERIODS

- 2.1 Any Player Registration may only occur within the registration periods. CF Registration periods for the 2020 season will be as follows:

| Competition | Open | Close |
|-------------|----------------|----------------|
| JL | 3 January 2020 | 31 August 2020 |
| MR | 3 January 2020 | 31 August 2020 |

- 2.2 In order to allow CF time to process all registrations ready for round 1, we request the following:
 - a) All players be registered by 11:59pm on Sunday, 12 July 2020;
 - b) If adding/subtracting players from team list Clubs need to send an updated team list to CF by 10am on Monday 13 July;
 - c) Any player registered after this time, will not be eligible to participate until Round 2.
- 2.3 Players wishing to register after the close date will need to seek CF approval before doing so.

3 REGISTRATION PROCESSES

- 3.1 Players:
 - a) A Player may only be registered with one (1) Club in each form of the game (i.e. eleven-a-side football, including MR competitions) at any one time, in accordance with the NRR.
 - b) A Player registered with CF can play only for the Club nominated by that Player unless the Player is playing:
 - i) for a Representative team;
 - ii) for a Futsal Club for which the Player is also registered;
 - iii) for a school team that is not a Club;
 - iv) in a benefit, testimonial or charity Match if that Player has written permissions from their Club, CF or FFA, as required;
 - v) in a trial Match, provided the Player has their current Clubs written permission and plays no more than two (2) trial Matches or such other number of Matches specified in these Regulations; or
 - vi) any other exceptional circumstances approved by CF or FFA in its absolute discretion.
 - c) A Player may register for three (3) Clubs and participate in Matches for three (3) Clubs during the season in any one form of the game.
- 3.2 Amateur Players:
 - a) All Amateur Players must be registered via the National Registration System.

- b) The Player must self-register via the National Registration System and the Club then approve that Player's registration.
- c) The registration of an Amateur Player with a Club is effective from the date the individual is made active by the Club.
- d) If a Player is registering to any Club for the first time, that Player must provide the Club with evidence of name and age, by producing an original birth certificate, passport, drivers licence or similar form of identification. It is the Club's responsibility to ensure this process is adhered to, including that the Player is eligible to play in the age grade to which he/she has been registered.

3.3 International Players:

- a) An International Transfer Certificate (ITC) is required for all Players over the age of 10 who wish to register with a Club and:
 - i) Who were last registered with a Club outside of Australia (current or otherwise);
 - ii) Where CF is satisfied that an ITC should be requested for the Player, based on the standard of Club the Player intends to register with or the level of competition.
- b) For the avoidance of doubt, Section 4, Article 3.3 a) i), applies to Australian and non-Australian citizens.
- c) An ITC is requested by the Player at the time of registration in the National Registration System.
- d) ITC for minors:
 - i) This process applies for to any minor Player, being a Player aged 10 to 18 years seeking to register to play football in Australia at any level, who is;
 - A. A foreign national (including refugees) seeking to register in Australia, irrespective of whether they were registered to play football in their previous country or not;
 - B. An Australian minor who is returning to Australia after having played abroad;
 - C. A minor born in a country other than Australia and is registering to play football for the first time.
 - ii) There are six applications forms that address the specific requirements of each Minor ITC Application type. These forms must be fully completed and returned to CF, together with all necessary documents supporting the application. For more information on the application forms and relevant documentation, please refer to the ["2020 Guide to International Transfer Certificates"](#).
- e) All ITC requests must only be submitted once a Player has finished their playing commitments overseas.
- f) A Player awaiting an ITC may not participate in any football activities, except training, until an ITC has been received by CF.
- g) If an ITC is requested prior to the registration period closing date, the Player may be registered outside of the registration period.
- h) It is the Clubs responsibility to ensure that the relevant documentation required to obtain an ITC for a minor has been correctly submitted and until such time as an ITC has been received the Player must not participate in any Match.

- 3.4 Dual registration:
- a) Any request for dual registration must be submitted via the Dual Registration Request Form and lodged with FFA.
 - b) No Player is permitted to dual register, unless prior approval has been issued by FFA and CF.
- 3.5 Club and Team Officials:
- a) All Club and Team Officials (including but not limited to coaches, managers, physiotherapists, and Club committee members), are required to register via the National Registration System.
 - b) The Club and Team Officials must self-register via the National Registration System and the Club then approve that individual's registration.
 - c) All Club and Team Officials must ensure they meet the relevant child protection requirements.

4 SUBMISSION OF REGISTRATIONS

- 4.1 All registrations must be submitted via the National Registration System within the communicated registration periods.
- 4.2 All Clubs must submit registrations for all Player's, Club Official's or Team Official's as listed in these Regulations.
- 4.3 All registrations during advertised registration dates must be submitted to CF no later than 11:59pm on Wednesday prior to the weekends Matches, in order to be eligible for that weekend.
- 4.4 On the Closing Date of the registration period; registrations must be lodged by no later than 11.59pm of the specified date.

5 PRIORITY OF REGISTRATION

- 5.1 In the event of a Player signing registration for more than one (1) Club, priority of registration will be accorded to the Club who earliest in time, all things being equal, obtained the Player's signature to a valid registration form.
- 5.2 If a Player has self-registered through the National Registration System, the first registration recorded in that system will be granted priority.
- 5.3 Any Player found to have willfully registered or signed registration forms for more than one (1) Club, or a Club found to have knowingly induced a Player to register or sign a registration form with that Club, in the knowledge that the Player has previously registered or signed a registration form with another Club, will be deemed to have committed Misconduct and will be liable to sanction by CF.

6 PLAYER REGISTRATION IN THE CASE OF AMALGAMATION OF CLUBS

- 6.1 Where an amalgamation or merger takes place between two Clubs, the following will apply to registered Players of such Clubs:
- a) Amateur Player registrations will automatically cease, and the Club will be required to re-register Amateur Players within the applicable squad maximums;

- b) Should an amalgamation occur post the registration period, CF will decide on a solution, in its absolute discretion, to be in the best interests of the competition;
- c) All disciplinary cautions incurred by Players will be carried forward if Players move to another Club;
- d) All suspensions incurred by Players will be carried forward if Players move to another Club.

7 PLAYER DEREGISTRATION

- 7.1 Unless otherwise stated in these Regulations, an Amateur Player is free to move to another Club during the Registration Period, in accordance with Section 4, Article 2.
- 7.2 An Amateur Player may be deregistered by applying to deregister via the National Registration System, which will notify the Club of the Player's intention to deregister.
- 7.3 If a Club no longer wants an Amateur Player to play for their Club, that Club must apply to deregister that Player via the National Registration System, which will notify the Player of the Club's intention to deregister the Player.
- 7.4 The deregistration is effective:
 - a) When the other party (i.e. Club or Player as the case may be) has confirmed the cancellation via the National Registration System, and CF has processed the cancellation via the National Registration System; or
 - b) After seven (7) days from the date the Player or Club requested the deregistration via the National Registration System, CF can process the cancellation via the National Registration System, unless a grievance has been initiated with CF in accordance with DDR and the Amateur Player will not be deregistered until the processes promulgated by the DDR have been exhausted or terminated.

8 TEAM LISTS

- 8.1 For the 2020 season, the following are the recommended maximum number of Players for each Competition and age grade:

| Competition | Age Grade | Total Players |
|-------------|-----------|---------------|
| JL | U18 | 18 |
| JL | U16 | 18 |
| JL | U15 | 18 |
| JL | U14 | 18 |
| JL | U13 | 18 |
| JL | U12 | 18 |
| MR | U11 | 15 |
| MR | U10 | 15 |

- 8.2 The team list must list all currently registered Players, and it must be updated and sent to CF any time changes occur.
- 8.3 Initial Team Lists are required to be supplied when team nominations are submitted.
- 8.4 Players can only be assigned to one team at any one time.

SECTION 5: MATCH DAY

1 MATCH BALLS

- 1.1 Each team (both home and away) will supply one (1) football for all Premiership Matches. At the conclusion of the game, the Match balls will be returned to the relevant Team.
- 1.2 Clubs are to ensure that Match balls provided are of a suitable quality and any Match balls damaged during a Match are to be immediately replaced by the Club who provided the damaged Match ball.
- 1.3 Match balls are to be provided to the Match Officials no later than ten (10) minutes before kick-off.
- 1.4 Failure to supply Match balls will result in a fine in accordance with Schedule 2.
- 1.5 CF will supply footballs for all Championship Matches.
- 1.6 CF may from time to time stipulate a particular make of football to be used in a particular League or age grade.
- 1.7 The following sizes of footballs are applicable to the different age grades:

| Age Grade | Size |
|---------------|------|
| U5 – U9 | 3 |
| U10 - U13 | 4 |
| U14 and older | 5 |

2 WARMING UP

- 2.1 The home Club, in conjunction with the Referee and/or CF Representative, where applicable, may determine if warm-up on the pitch is to be allowed as well as the location of the warm-up. This decision must consider time constraints, the weather and ensure such action does not cause detrimental impact to the quality of the playing surface for the Match.
- 2.2 During play, a maximum of five (5) Players from each Team may warm up at the same time, assisted by two (2) Team Officials, without a ball (except for the goalkeeper), in the identified warm-up area within the pitch perimeter fence.
- 2.3 The identified warm-up area is located behind the goal line nearest to the Teams own technical area. Should this space be deemed not suitable at a particular ground by the Referee, the secondary identified warm-up area is located along the touch line beside the Teams technical area, provided the substitutes are wearing bibs that are clearly contrasting, in accordance with Section 5, Article 3.3.

3 TECHNICAL AREA

- 3.1 For Matches, in all competitions, the home Club must clearly mark out the technical area as stipulated in the IFAB Laws of the Game.
- 3.2 Only currently registered and eligible Players, Coaches and Team Officials are allowed in the technical area during Matches. For clarity, a Player or Team Official who is under suspension must not occupy a seat in the technical area.

- 3.3 All Players in the technical area must wear a bib that contrasts with the colours worn by Players of both Teams, Match Officials and the bibs of the opposing Team.
- 3.4 All Team Officials in the technical area must wear clothing that contrasts with the kit of the Players and Match Officials on the pitch. Should their clothing clash they are required to wear a bib that does not clash with the colours of the Players and Match Officials.
- 3.5 Registered Team Officials must be listed on the Team Official List specific to the Match they are in the Technical Area for.
- 3.6 For the Technical Area:
 - a) A maximum of five (5) substitutes who are listed as substitutes on the team sheet for that Match are permitted;
 - b) A maximum of four (4) Team Officials (such as the coach, assistant coach, team manager, physiotherapist), who are listed on the Team Officials list for that Match are permitted.
- 3.7 As per Section 5, Article 2.2, substitutes are permitted to leave the Technical Area for the purposes of warming up;
- 3.8 Occupants of the technical area are subject to the authority of the Referee at all times.

4 INTERCHANGE

- 4.1 For all JL and MR competitions unlimited interchange applies.
- 4.2 Following is the procedure and rules for the unlimited interchange of Players:
 - a) The “interchange zone” will be an area one (1) metre either side of the half-way line.
 - b) An interchange is one which is made when the ball is out of play, and for which the following conditions will be observed:
 - i) The Referee gives permission;
 - ii) The Player leaving the field will do so from the touch line, crossing over at the sector called the interchange zone;
 - iii) The Referee may request that the Player leaving the field do so by the nearest boundary line rather than the interchange zone. If the Player leaving the field does not comply the Referee will then caution the Player;
 - iv) The Player entering the field will also do so from the interchange zone, but not until the Player leaving the field has passed completely over the touch line;
 - v) A Player named substitute will be subject to the authority and jurisdiction of the Match Official whether called upon to play or not;
 - vi) The interchange is completed when the Player who was off the field, enters the field.
 - c) The number of interchanges made during a Match is unlimited. A Player who has been replaced may return to the field for another Player.
 - d) If during an interchange, an interchange Player enters the field before the replaced Player has completely left it, the Match Official will ensure the replaced Player leaves the field, then caution the interchange Player and then restart the Match.
 - e) If during an interchange, an interchange Player enters the field from a place other than the interchange zone, the referee will caution the offending Player.

- f) The interchanging of Players will cease at the completion of normal and extra time.
- g) With the exception of an interchange for a goalkeeper who is unable to continue, only Players who are on the field of play or are temporarily off the field of play (e.g. injury or adjusting equipment) at the end of the Match are eligible to take penalty kicks.
- h) A goalkeeper who is unable to continue during the penalty kicks is able to be replaced.
- i) Interchange Players cannot be used to replace any Player who has been dismissed from the Match by the Referee.
- j) A Referee may decline the interchange of Players in the last ten (10) minutes of the Match, if they deem that a Club is contravening the spirit of the game by deliberately delaying play.

5 PLAYING STRIPS / CLASH OF COLOURS

5.1 Playing strips:

- a) The playing strips of a Club in CF competitions shall be as nominated by the Club prior to the commencement of the competition and endorsed by CF.
- b) All teams are to nominate two (2) entirely different main and alternate playing strips to avoid any potential colour clashes. Clubs may only play in their nominated Club strips, unless otherwise approved by CF.

5.2 Clash of colours:

- a) In the event that the Referee deems there to be a clash of colours with the pre-determined strip, the home Team is required to change into an alternate strip. Home Teams may be required to wear a combination of their main and alternate strips to ensure the clash is resolved.
- b) In the case of goalkeeper's colours clashing with either the opponent's field Players, goalkeeper or the Match Official's kit, the referee will determine which keeper will change, always keeping in mind the principle that the home Team should change.
- c) In the case of a combination of main and alternate strip colours of both teams clashing with the Match Officials, the Referee will determine the final colours to be worn by all Players and Match Officials.

6 CLUB VESTED OFFICIALS (CVO)

- 6.1 Clubs must provide the following minimum number of Club Vested Officials (CVO) for each Premiership and Championship Match:

| Competition | Quantity |
|-------------|------------------|
| JL | One (1) per team |
| MR | N/A |

6.2 The CVO must:

- a) Wear the identifiable vests supplied by CF and be visible at all times;
- b) Work together with the CVO from the opposing Club to deal with any disturbances that may arise, assist with the welfare of the Match Officials and escort dismissed Players from the pitch exclusion zone;

- c) Ensure that the FFA Spectator Code of Behaviour is being adhered to by their own Club Associates. If a Club Associate is not behaving in accordance with this code, the CVO may approach the person/s and remind them of their obligations:
 - i) If the matter is unable to be addressed, or the CVO is concerned for their own safety and wellbeing, contact needs to be made with the Match Officials who may take the appropriate action, including stopping the Match until the incident has been dealt with satisfactorily.
 - ii) Where intervention from the CVO or Match Officials may escalate a situation, the CVO should contact the Australian Federal Police or NSW Police.
 - d) Take responsibility for the Match Officials, from the time the Match Officials arrive at the venue until the time the Match Officials depart the venue.
 - i) The CVO must escort the Match Officials to and from the field of play prior to the game, and at both half and full time, unless a Match commissioner or security are appointed to the Match.
 - ii) Make sure unauthorised personnel are kept out of the Match Officials change room.
 - e) Must have their name correctly and clearly printed on the team sheet.
 - f) Must not remain in or around the technical area/s, or inside the pitch perimeter fence, unless directed by the Match Officials.
- 6.3 CVO may report incidents to CF as necessary.

7 IDENTIFICATION

- 7.1 Where a Club suspects an abnormality that involves the identity of a Player participating in a match, prior to the commencement of the Match the Club shall:
- a) Bring the matter to the attention of the Match Official or CF representative. The Match Official or CF Representative may also confirm that suitable identification was produced and recorded on a report to CF.
 - i) Any Club that fails to produce Player proof of identification upon request from the CF representative or Match Official shall be liable to a penalty as determined by CF.
- 7.2 Where a Club suspects any abnormality that involves the identity of a Player participating in a match after a match has been completed, the Club shall:
- a) Make notification on the bottom of the team sheet of their intention to report the matter;
 - b) Submit a written report to CF within twenty-four (24) hours of the conclusion of the match for CF to investigate.

8 TEAM SHEETS

- 8.1 All team sheets for all JL & MR Matches are to be completed online via SportsTG.
- 8.2 The away, or second listed Team must make their Player selection in SportsTG by 2:00pm on the Friday prior to the scheduled weekend Match, or 2:00pm the day prior to a midweek Match.
- 8.3 When making their Player selection, Clubs are required to note the shirt number of each Player in SportsTG. This information will then appear automatically on the team sheet next to the Players name.

- a) No Players from the same Team will be permitted to wear the same number on their playing strip.
 - b) All Players must have a shirt number listed on the team sheet that corresponds with the number on their shirt.
- 8.4 The home, or first listed Team will be responsible for printing and providing team sheets from SportsTG on Match day.
- 8.5 Both Teams (coach or manager) are required to double check that the information on the team sheet is correct and if required make manual amendments to the information. Once both Teams have confirmed the information is correct, they are required to hand the team sheet to the Referee at least ten (10) minutes before the scheduled kick off time.
- 8.6 Both teams are required to complete a Team Official List (ensuring any person/s who are in the technical area are listed) and provide this to the Referee at least ten (10) minutes before the scheduled kick off time.
- 8.7 A maximum of sixteen (16) Players per Team for JL are permitted to be listed on the team sheet.
- 8.8 A maximum of fourteen (14) Players per Team for U10 & U11 MR are permitted to be listed on the team sheet.
- 8.9 All age grades team sheets, signed by the respective Team Officials, must be emailed by the home Club to teamsheets@capitalfootball.com.au to arrive no later than 5:00pm Monday following the weekend's Match, or 24 hours following a mid-week Match.
- 8.10 Each JL Team is required to submit their own team officials list via email to teamsheets@capitalfootball.com.au to arrive no later than 5:00pm Monday following the weekend's Match, or 24 hours following a mid-week Match.
- 8.11 A Team Official from each Team is to sign the team sheet at the completion of the Match to confirm the information listed is correct, including:
- a) Half time and full time scores;
 - b) Disciplinary sanctions listed are marked against the correct Player (JL Only).
- 8.12 Clubs must indicate all age dispensation Players on the team sheet by marking an asterix next to the Player's name.
- 8.13 Regardless of the competitions, no Player is permitted to be listed on more than two (2) team sheets on any Match day, however goalkeepers are exempt from this rule.
- 8.14 Where a Club who fails to list a Player as stood down on the team sheet but that Player does not appear on the team sheet that Player will be deemed as stood down providing the Player meets the registration requirements.
- 8.15 If a Player who is registered in accordance with these Regulations is not listed on the team sheet prior to the Match and then participates in the Match, the following shall apply:
- a) Reminder of the correct process to be followed (2020 season only);
 - b) For persistent and repeated offences CF may take any further action that it deems necessary.

9 ONLINE RESULTS ENTRY – JL ONLY

- 9.1 For all Premiership and Championship Matches the home Team / Club is responsible for entering the half time and full time results of the Match/s online into SportsTG no later than ninety (90) minutes following the completion of the final Match of the day.
- 9.2 Each Club is responsible for entering their own manual amendments and Player Match statistics into SportsTG within twenty-four (24) hours of the conclusion of the Match.
 - a) Manual amendments include:
 - i) Players added onto the team sheet.
 - ii) Players crossed off the team sheet.
 - iii) Changes to shirt numbers.
 - b) Player Match statistics include the following:
 - i) Cautions (yellow cards)
 - ii) Expulsions (red cards)

10 RESULT OF THE MATCH – JL ONLY

- 10.1 The Referee will complete the team sheet at the conclusion of the Match. A Team Official from each Team is then required to check the information listed and sign the team sheet signifying that all details are correct. By signing the team sheet, the Team Official is acknowledging that the data recorded, including but not limited to; Players and Match Officials listed, Players cautioned or expelled and half time and full time scores are all correct.
- 10.2 There will be no appeal against the score line shown, or the recipients of yellow and red cards issued on a team sheet once it has been signed post match.
- 10.3 If the Team Official disagrees with any details on the team sheet (either their own or their opposition's), they must:
 - a) Check with the Referee to confirm if an error was made in inputting the information onto the team sheet.
 - b) If unable to be resolved with the Match Officials, the Team Official is to refrain from signing the team sheet and instead write the word 'dispute' in this section of the team sheet.
 - c) If the dispute relates to half time/full time scores or player eligibility, the Club must lodge a [Club Incident Report](#) within twenty-four (24) hours of the conclusion of the Match, explaining specifically what they are disputing on the team sheet.
 - d) If the dispute relates to yellow cards or red cards, the club must lodge a [Challenging Referee Sanction](#) form within twenty-four (24) hours of the conclusion of the Match. Please refer to the DDR, specifically Section 3, Article 1.
- 10.4 Only the following information on a team sheet can be disputed in accordance with Section 5, Article 10.3:
 - a) Yellow cards (only in reference to who the yellow card was issued to);
 - b) Red card (only in reference to who the red card was issued to);
 - c) Half time/full time score;
 - d) Player eligibility.

- 10.5 Team sheet disputes will only be investigated by CF in the following circumstances:
- a) The team sheet and the [Club Incident Report](#) are submitted in accordance with the timelines specified in Section 5, Article 8.9 and Section 5, Article 10.3 c) of these Regulations; and
 - b) The following evidence is submitted by the Club in support of its request for an investigation:
 - i) Team sheet;
 - ii) Video and/or photographic evidence;
 - iii) Statutory declaration; and
 - iv) Any other information accepted from the Club at the discretion of CF.
- 10.6 CF reserves the right to amend the team sheet and it will only be amended if CF is satisfied that there was no malice or intent to gain an advantage.
- 10.7 CF's decision on a team sheet dispute is final.

11 CAUTIONS AND EXPULSIONS

- 11.1 For information on the application of cautions, expulsions please refer to the DDR.
- 11.2 Clubs will receive the following automatic fines (as outlined in Schedule 2):
- a) When five (5) or more Player's/Team Official's from the same Team receive a caution in the same Match.
 - b) When three (3) or more Player's/Team Official's from the same Team are sent off in the same Match.
- 11.3 For the avoidance of doubt, these fines are payable in addition to any sanctions imposed against Clubs or their Players pursuant to the DDR.

12 GROUND, FACILITIES AND PITCH REQUIREMENTS

- 12.1 It is the responsibility of all Clubs to:
- a) Provide a venue that complies with the minimum requirements for CF competitions
 - b) Provide a safe environment for Players, Match Officials, Club Officials and spectators;
 - c) Ensure that the facilities and equipment are clean and fit for purpose;
 - d) Ensure that all applicable State/Territory government statutory and other requirements have been met in respect of their facilities, including but not limited to:
 - i) Legitimate approved use of the facility by the owner or land manager;
 - ii) Requirements under the Planning and Environment Act 1987, Food Act 1984 and Building Act 1993;
- 12.2 All Clubs will be required to nominate to CF a suitable ground/s to be used by their teams for the season. All grounds are subject to approval by CF.
- a) Should any ground be deemed unacceptable for use for any reason during a season, CF reserves the right to set the most appropriate course of action to conclude the season, including but not limited to rescheduling Matches to the "away Club" venue, setting Matches to a neutral venue, or forfeiting the Matches against the home Club.

- b) In all instances of Section 5, Article 12.2, any costs incurred in the rescheduling of Matches will be the responsibility of the original home Club.
- c) Unavailability of any ground due to neglect, non-payment of accounts or any other reason for which the home Club is responsible will result in a forfeit against the home Club.

12.3 Ground Set Up:

- a) Line markings must be clear, accurate and within the dimensions specified below.
 - i) For JL Matches a minimum length of 90 metres and a minimum width of 45 metres is required.
 - ii) For MR matches they are to be lined in accordance with the [MiniRoos National Playing Formats and Rules](#).
- b) In all Matches sanctioned by CF the home Club shall dress/undress the ground and ensure adequate line-marking, nets are attached to the goals and the ground behind the goal and that corner flags are in place. All equipment needs to remain in place for the day.
- c) A home Club whose Match is postponed/abandoned due to failing to have the ground line marked or dressed appropriately, will forfeit the Match.

12.4 Goals:

- a) All football goals that are installed as a permanent structure on a football pitch must be properly secured, installed at the regulation width and height, as per the IFAB Laws of the Game, and should have no sharp edges protruding that may cause injury.
- b) If a Club uses portable goals for competition, it must ensure that the goals conform to the current Standards Australia Handbook [“Portable Football Goalposts – Manufacture, use and storage”](#). The manufacturer of portable goals should provide the Club with a certificate of conformity.

12.5 Property damage and ground cleanliness:

- a) Any Club found guilty of causing damage to property at any ground shall be required to pay the total cost of repairing such damage or the total cost of replacement of such property and shall be subject to other such penalties and/or sanctions as CF sees fit;
- b) Home Clubs or other such Clubs designated by CF must collect litter and leave grounds, spectator areas, dressing rooms, toilets and pavilions in a satisfactory condition, empty all bins in to the supplied hopper or they shall pay cleaning costs and any further applicable sanction.

13 SMOKING AND DRINKING AT VENUES

13.1 Smoking:

- a) Participants and spectators must adhere to the smoking guidelines for individual venues where they exist;
- b) Alternatively, it is prohibited for anyone to smoke within 10 metres of the field of play, change rooms, spectator amenities and canteen facilities.

13.2 Drinking:

- a) The sale, provision of, or consumption of alcohol is not permitted during any MR or JL Matches under the control of CF.

14 MEDICAL

- 14.1 Clubs must have a person with a valid First Aid Certificate at a minimum, in attendance during all matches.
- 14.2 Clubs must have procedures specific to their home ground complex, to assist ambulances reaching injured people with minimum delay. These procedures should include, but are not limited to:
- a) Advice to the ambulance service of the best entry strategy to the complex; and
 - b) The deployment of personnel to guide the attending ambulance to the ambulance gateway and the position of the injured person.
- 14.3 Concussion policy:
- a) Each Club is required to refer to the [Concussion Policy](#) as outlined on the CF website as required.

SECTION 6: MATCH OFFICIALS

1 MATCH OFFICIAL APPOINTMENTS

- 1.1 The appointment of all Match Officials officiating in all JL and MR fixtures are appointed by each home Club's Referee Coordinators.

2 MATCH OFFICIAL POWERS, DUTIES AND OBLIGATIONS

- 2.1 The Match Officials are required to carry out all duties, responsibilities and obligations as contained within the IFAB Laws of the Game.
- 2.2 Unless otherwise stated, the Referee shall be the sole arbiter as to whether a game will proceed, having regard to the condition of the ground, the weather at the time of inspection and the projected weather forecast.
- 2.3 The Referee may postpone or abandon a Match in accordance with the relevant articles of these Regulations.
- 2.4 At the conclusion of each Match, the Referee shall consult with their other Match Officials, where appointed, and confirm the accuracy of all Match information before completing and signing the team sheet.
- 2.5 Match Officials are required to submit the necessary send-off reports and incident reports as per the DDR.

3 MATCH OFFICIAL FEES

- 3.1 Prior to the commencement of a competition, CF will communicate to all Clubs and Referees the approved Match Officials fees for that particular season. These fees will come into effect immediately and are subject to change at any time.
- 3.2 Unless otherwise stated, for Premiership Matches, the home Team is to pay any appointed registered Match Officials one hundred percent (100%) of the designated fee. This payment is to be made directly to the Match Official prior to kick off.
- 3.3 Match Officials fees for all Championship Matches will be paid directly by CF to the Referees.
- 3.4 In the case of abandonments, where a Team is deemed to be at fault, the Match Officials fees will be due and payable by that Team.
- 3.5 Match Officials are entitled to receive one hundred percent (100%) of their Match fee if they submit a Match Official claim form in the event that:
 - a) Match Officials attend the ground to find the Match postponed prior without being notified by CF;
 - b) Match Officials attend the ground and prior to the commencement of the Match, the Match is forfeited, postponed or abandoned;
 - c) After the commencement of the Match, the Match is abandoned.

4 CLUB REFEREE COORDINATORS

- 4.1 Club Referee Coordinators will manage the referee appointments on Match day at their ground.

- 4.2 The home Club Referee Coordinator will be primarily responsible for the welfare of the Match Officials, from the time they arrive at the ground, until they depart the ground.
- 4.3 The home Club Referee Coordinator must:
- a) Wear the official Club Referee Coordinator vest and be visible at all times;
 - b) Support and assist Match Officials as requested;
 - c) Make sure unauthorised personnel are kept out of the Match Officials change room;
 - d) Work together with the CVO's to deal with any incidents of misconduct towards Match Officials that may arise;
 - e) Report any incidents of misconduct to CF, particularly incidents of misconduct towards Match Officials, which may require a formal incident report to CF.

5 ATTENDANCE OF MATCH OFFICIALS

- 5.1 Match Officials must arrive at the ground no later than ten (10) minutes prior to the scheduled kick-off of their first appointment.

6 NON-ATTENDANCE OF MATCH OFFICIALS

- 6.1 If the Referee fails to honour their appointment, the next most senior Match Official (Replacement) will take charge of the Match.
- 6.2 If the Referee is late arriving at a Match, the replacement will take charge until the Referee is ready to take over.
- 6.3 If the home Club is unable to provide a registered Match Official, the home Club must invite the away Club to provide a registered Match Official.
- 6.4 If neither Club can provide a registered Match Official the home Club must arrange for a person to act as a Match Official for the fixture.
- 6.5 A Club appointed Match Official will have the power to sanction Players in accordance with the IFAB Laws of the Game. They will need to submit any relevant send off and incident reports if required.
- a) If the fixture has a club person as an Assistant Match Official, it is recommended that they do not call offside, but assist with all other aspects of an Assistant Match Official.
- 6.6 If Assistant Match Officials have not been appointed, each team must provide an Assistant Match Official.
- 6.7 All Clubs must fulfill all Matches, regardless of whether or not the CF appointed Referee is present to take charge.

7 CAUTIONS AND EXPULSIONS FOR TEAM OFFICIALS

- 7.1 The Referee may take action against Team Officials who fail to act in a responsible manner and can issue a warning or a yellow card for a caution or a red card for a sending-off from the field of play and its immediate surrounds (including the technical area).
- 7.2 If the offender cannot be identified, the senior Coach present in the technical area will receive the sanction.

- 7.3 If a medical Team Official commits a sending-off offence, they may remain in the technical area if the Team has no other medical person available, and act if a Player needs medical attention.

SECTION 7: AWARDS

1 TROPHIES, MEDALS AND SHIELDS

1.1 This section is not applicable for the 2020 season.

2 PERPETUAL TROPHY OWNERSHIP

2.1 This section is not applicable for the 2020 season.

3 AWARD CALCULATIONS AND CRITERIA

3.1 This section is not applicable for the 2020 season.

SCHEDULE 1: DEFINITIONS

ACT Football Federation (ACTFF) means the ACT Football Federation.

Amateur means any Player that is not a Professional.

Australian Capital Territory (ACT) means the federal territory of Australia containing the Australian capital city of Canberra and some surrounding townships.

Capital Football (CF) means CF trading as ACT Football Federation which is the governing body for football (including Futsal) in the ACT and surrounding regions.

Capital Football Disputes and Disciplinary Regulations (DDR) means the CF Disputes & Disciplinary Regulations.

Championship means the final series conducted at the completion of the Premiership in accordance with the Capital Football Competition Regulations.

Club or Clubs means:

- a) a body corporate or incorporated association recognised by CF and having the following characteristics:
 - i) It organises teams to participate in competitions sanctioned by CF or FFA;
 - ii) All members of its teams are entitled to club membership;
 - iii) Club members (or their parent or guardian) may vote in an election for any club officeholders; or
- b) any legal entity deemed to be a Club by CF.

Club Official or Club Officials means any person involved with the administration, management or organisation of a Club (whether paid or unpaid), including employees, contractors, directors, representatives, committee members and volunteers.

Club Vested Officials (CVO) means a person nominated by a Club to assist the Club in meeting its match day obligations.

Constitution means the ACT Football Federation Constitution as amended from time to time, and a reference to a particular article of the Constitution.

Disciplinary Committee means a Disciplinary Committee appointed by CF, in accordance with the DDR.

FFA means Football Federation Australian Limited ACN 106 478 068.

FIFA means Federation Internationale De Football Association.

Hyundai A-League / Westfield W-League means the national men's and women's football competitions conducted in Australia under the control of FFA.

IFAB Laws of the Game means the official laws of the game of football as promulgated by IFAB.

Junior League (JL) means the junior grassroots competitions delivered by CF.

Leagues means a competition conducted by CF in a specific age grade.

Match or Matches means any match played in a Competition, Cup, Premiership, other event or tournament under CF's control.

Match Official or Match Officials means a referee, assistant referee, fourth official, game leader, club referee coordinator or referee assessor.

MiniRoos (MR) means the U5 – U11 age grades of competitions delivered by CF and Clubs.

National Premier Leagues (NPL) means the premier competitions delivered by CF.

National Registration Regulations (NRR) means the set of regulations that govern registrations throughout Football in Australia.

National Registration System means the national database administered by FFA for the purposes of registering all participants in Football in Australia.

Player or Players means any person who participates in a Match (irrespective of whether he or she is registered with FFA as an Amateur or Professional).

Premiership means the round robin Matches (both home and away) that a Team competes in during a Season in accordance with the Capital Football Competition Regulations.

Professional means a player registered with a football club under a written contract to play football for reward other than payment for sundry expenses such as traveling to and from a football activity. Every other player is an Amateur player.

Referee means the Match Official with the primary responsibility of officiating a Match in accordance with the IFAB Laws of the Game.

Regulations means these CF Competition Regulations.

Senior League (SL) means the senior grassroots competitions delivered by CF.

Team or Teams means an individual group of Players and Officials submitted by a Club to represent the Club in a Competition.

Team Official or Team Officials means any person involved with the management, preparation or participation of a Team (whether paid or unpaid), including the coaches, managers, medical staff, other support staff or any other person acting for or on behalf of a Club.

SCHEDULE 2: PENALTIES AND FEES

1 OFFENCES AND PENALTIES

1.1 Set out below are the range of penalties which may be imposed by CF in relation to breaches of these Regulations.

1.2 The decision of Capital Football in relation to fines will be final and there is no right of appeal.

| Section | Article | Offence | Sanction | |
|---------|---------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------|-------------|
| 2 | 13.1 a) | Team being removed/withdrawing or being added into a competition prior to competition commencement | \$50 | Per offence |
| 2 | 13.1 b) | Team being removed/withdrawing or being added into a competition prior to completion of 1 whole round | \$150 | Per offence |
| 2 | 13.1 c) | Team being removed/withdrawing or being added into a competition after completion of 1 whole round | \$200 | Per offence |
| 2 | 14.2 d) | Team forfeiting its Match | \$200 | Per offence |
| 5 | 1.4 | Failure to supply Match balls | \$50 | Per offence |
| 5 | 11.2 a) | When five (5) or more Player's/Team Official's from the same Team receive a caution/temporary dismissal in the same Match | \$100 | Per offence |
| 5 | 11.2 b) | When three (3) or more Player's/Team Official's from the same Team are sent off in the same Match | \$150 | Per offence |

2 ADMINISTRATION FEES

2.1 Set out below are the administration fees as outlined in these Regulations:

| Section | Article | Administration Requirement | Sanction | |
|---------|---------|--------------------------------|----------|-------------|
| 2 | 17.4 | Administration fee for protest | \$150 | Per protest |