



TOOWOOMBA FOOTBALL LEAGUES

**COMPETITION RULES
and
OPERATIONAL POLICY**

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1. COMPETITION RULES

1.1 COMPETITION REGULATIONS

- a) All matches under the jurisdiction of the Toowoomba Football Leagues Competition Administrators (CA) shall be played in accordance with the FIFA Laws of the Game. This includes the Regular Season and Finals Series matches.
- b) **Toowoomba Football Leagues (TFL) is administered by Football Queensland South West (FQSW)**
- c) The competition rules outlined below are subordinate and supportive to those stipulated in the FIFA Laws of the Game. (www.fifa.com)
- d) Clubs, Players and Officials shall comply with and agree to abide by the regulations of Football Federation Australia; Football Queensland; Football Queensland South West and the Toowoomba Football Leagues CA, including;
 - National Registration Regulations;
 - National Disciplinary Regulations;
 - FFA Code of Conduct;
 - Grievance Resolution Regulations;
 - Member Protection Policy;Clubs can access the above via the following link:
<https://www.ffa.com.au/governance/statutes-and-regulations>
 - Club Affiliation Agreement
 - Toowoomba Football Leagues – Operation Manual

1.2 COMPETITION STRUCTURE

Toowoomba Football Leagues Junior Competitive Divisions – Under 12 to 17:

- a) The composition of the Junior Competitive Divisions will fall into the following age groupings:
 - U12 Mixed
 - U13 Mixed
 - U14/15 Mixed
 - U16/17 Mixed
- b) All teams will play in the **TFL Premier Junior** division except where Toowoomba Football Leagues has resolved that:
 - there are special criteria to be considered for a particular team to play in a lower **TFL Championship Junior division**; and
 - there are sufficient teams in the age division and sufficient teams with special considerations to support a lower **TFL Championship Junior** competition within that age division
 - all teams to be involved in grading and preseason carnivals to be run by TFL
 - **Nominations for teams due into TFL by 13th February 2021**
- c) Special criteria to be considered might include but are not limited to the following:
 - The necessity for a majority of younger players to play in a division outside their age group
 - A club can demonstrate that they have engaged in internal grading processes and already have teams in the higher (A) division for that age grouping;
 - A team has an established history of poor performance in lower divisions.
- d) Each team must be able to field a full and separate compliment of members, and players cannot play for another team in the same Division;

- e) In exceptional circumstances a lower **TFL Championship Junior** division player may play in the higher **TFL Premier Junior** division of that age grouping (see section 2.4, Age Eligibility). Clubs playing a player in teams outside the Age Eligibility guidelines and / or without clearance from Toowoomba Football Leagues may be deemed to have played an ineligible player and may face disciplinary action and sanctions;
- f) A player from a younger age group or lower division may play up a grade higher provided teams have 12 players or less available. **Refer to Appendix 2**. A team can pull from a lower division to make a squad of no more than 13 players.
- g) Final placement of teams into divisions is at the discretion of Toowoomba Football Leagues;
- h) A player can play up 5 times during the year from a younger age group or lower division. Club's must seek CA's permission if surpassing 5 games
- i) The CA will determine the number of matches to be played in each division once the final composition is determined;
- j) Once teams have been allocated to **Premier or Championship** division, there will be no movement of teams once the season has commenced;
- k) The team finishing with the most points in each Division at the conclusion of the competition fixture season will be awarded as the Minor Premiership winners;
- l) At the conclusion of the fixture season, the top four (4) placed teams in the (**Premier**) division will participate in a Finals Series to determine the Grand Final Winners and Runners Up, and the top four (4) placed teams in the (**Championship**) division will participate in a Finals Series to determine the Grand Final Winners and Runners Up;
- m) Grand Final winner and runners up medals will be presented on Grand Final Day.

NB: South West QLD Thunder teams will play up one age group / division and are not eligible for finals

Junior Divisions – MiniRoos U6-U11 Mixed

- a) The age groups of Under 6 to Under 11 will play the Mini Roos formats as per specifications and guidelines issued by Football Federation Australia and Football Queensland. This includes the stipulation that there will be no grading of either individual players or teams in U6-U9 teams.
- b) U10 & U11 Teams may be graded as advised by the Technical department & will be split into U10 & U11 Challenge / U10 & U11 Community based on team's ability by Clubs
- c) Toowoomba Football Leagues is required to provide Mini Roos in every designated age group from U6-U11.
- d) Clubs within the Toowoomba Football Leagues Competition may have to combine age groups to field full compliments of teams (except where players would be required to move from Mini Roos to competition rules). Generally, players will play up in the appropriate age format – U6/U7 in 4 a side; U8/U9 in 7 a side; U10/U11 in 9 aside. Variations on application will be considered by Toowoomba Football Leagues prior to close of nominations on **8th March 2021**

Additional Competitions

The CA may conduct additional events as it deems appropriate before, during or after the competition season, providing the rules for these competitions are circulated prior to commencement.

1.3 COMPETITION DETAILS

Match Scheduling

- a) The CA will arrange and publish the dates, times and venues of all matches, taking in to account the following criteria:
- Where possible games will be randomly assigned on a home and away basis, however may not be possible due to number of club nominations and home game allocations. Games will be allocated at the CA's discretion;
 - Where a team is unable to host a home game at the assigned time on the home field(s), relocation will be made to either (a) an alternate time, or (b) an alternate field. There shall be **NO** swapping of home games by Clubs to preferred alternate weeks;
 - Where a home game is reallocated to an alternate field, the home team's Club remains responsible for ensuring the field is appropriately prepared for the scheduled start of play and shall provide a GROUND OFFICIAL who is not a team official for that game.

Match Results – U12 – U17 Junior Competitive

- b) The following points will be awarded for matches during the Regular Season.
- Win = 3 points
 - Draw = 1 point
 - Loss = 0 points
 - Bye = 0 point
- c) The team who accumulates the most points at the end of the regular season will be declared Minor Premiers and the top 4 according to final points make up the final series.

NB: South West QLD Thunder teams are not eligible for final series or Minor Premiers.

Duration of Matches – MiniRoos & Junior Competitive

- d) In junior matches the following match duration will be played.
- Under 6 to 11 game times shall be as per the MiniRoos Guidelines.
https://www.playfootball.com.au/sites/play/files/2018-01/14701_football_aldi-minirooms_collateral_playing-formats-rules.pdf
 - Under 12 shall consist of two halves of 25 minutes in each direction.
 - Under 13 shall consist of two halves of 30 minutes in each direction.
 - Under 14/15 shall consist of two halves of 35 minutes in each direction.
 - Under 16/17 shall consist of two halves of 40 minutes in each direction
- e) After normal time duration in each half, the referee may add on Injury/Stoppage time as he/she sees fit. (as per FIFA Laws of the Game)
- f) The half-time interval must be a minimum of five (5) minutes and no longer than ten (10) minutes in duration or as deemed by the referee.
- g) The referee has the right to abandon any match if, in his/her opinion, playing conditions compromise player safety

Procedures to Determine Placing after Regular Season – U12 – U17 Junior Competitive

- h) The table position of each team at the conclusion of the regular season will be determined based on the following criteria;
- Highest number of points accumulated during the Regular Season.
- i) If, at the conclusion of the regular season two (2) or more teams are level on points accumulated in any

division, the following criteria shall be applied, in order, until one (1) of the teams can be determined as the higher ranked.

- Highest goal difference;
- Highest number of goals scored;
- Highest number of points accumulated in matches between the teams concerned;
- Highest goal difference in matches between the teams concerned;
- Highest number of goals scored in matches between the team concerned;
- Play off between the teams at time and venue as determined by Competition Administrator.

Substitution of Players

For all junior competitive divisions, unlimited interchange will be permitted, with no more than five (5) substitute players permitted to be named on the team sheet.

Only players whose names are listed on the team sheet are permitted to take part in the match.

1.4 APPLICATION FOR DEPARTURE FROM FIXTURES (RESCHEDULE)

Any request for departure from fixtures (by reschedules) shall be in writing to the CA at least seven (7) days prior to the date scheduled. Each request will be determined on its merits by the CA, including the impact on other team(s), referees, and other reschedules requested by the Club team making application. Consequently, clear reasons supporting the application for the reschedule MUST be provided to the CA in the written submission.

1.5 NON-PARTICIPATION IN A MATCH (FORFEIT)

- a) It remains the intention of the competition and all Clubs to fulfil their fixture schedule. Forfeiting a fixture will incur significant consequences and clubs must make an effort to change the current culture of forfeiting. There are limited and exceptional circumstances where a club can seek a forfeit.
- b) A Club team which persistently forfeits matches may, at the discretion of the CA be disqualified from competing in that competition.
- c) A Club that fails to provide sufficient notification to Toowoomba Football Leagues of a forfeit may be fined as per the fine schedule.
- d) Where a Club team forfeits after the match has commenced, the Club will (at the discretion of the CA) also be required to show cause and incur a fine.

1.6 NON-PARTICIPATION IN A MATCH (FORFEIT) – U12 – U17 (Junior Competitive)

- a) In the event that a home or visiting team is not ready to commence a match, the match will be deemed a forfeit and the opposing team shall be awarded the full points and be deemed to have won the match by a score of three (3) goals to nil (0). The forfeiting team will incur a fine and will be charged Referees Fees.
- a) Should a Club forfeit a match prior to kick-off, the opposing team shall be awarded the full points and be deemed to have won the match by a score of three (3) goals to nil (0). The forfeiting team will incur a fine.
- b) Should a Club forfeit after a match has commenced, the opposing team shall be awarded the full points and be deemed to have won the match by a score of three (3) goals to nil (0), or the actual goal difference, whichever is the greater at the time of forfeit. The forfeiting team will incur a fine and will be charged Referees Fees

1.7 WITHDRAWAL FROM COMPETITION SEASON

- a) If any Club team in the competition withdraws during the fixture season, then the recorded results for that team for games played will be deleted and a bye in the competition will be substituted.
- b) If a full round has already been played, the results are to be left in for that round.
- c) The withdrawing Club may also be subject to disciplinary action and sanction/fine by the CA.

1.8 DELAYED, POSTPONED AND CANCELLED MATCHES

- a) Matches may be postponed or delayed by the CA on advice from match officials or nominated representatives of host venue clubs.
- b) The practice of clubs closing fields due to light rain will not be tolerated especially where it is suspected that player availability is the real reason for requesting a closure. The CA reserves the right to conduct a ground inspection prior to a non- council closure request.
- c) field closures will be determined on the following basis:
 - In bad weather Toowoomba Region (TR) closes all its' fields by midday Fridays – all **Junior** games across the Toowoomba Football Leagues – Toowoomba competition will be cancelled for that weekend.
 - TR fields are open at midday Fridays but there are adverse weather events between this time and game time the decision to play Junior games or not will generally be made by the President or nominated representative of the home club by 8am Saturday, and advised to the CA.
 - These guidelines do not in any way override the rights of match referees to cancel specific games based on their own judgements of the field conditions and safety of players.
- d) The CA reserves the right NOT to reschedule any game and to record any outstanding fixture(s) as a 0-0 draw.

1.9 SUSPENDED OR ABANDONED MATCHES

- a) Once a match has commenced, the Match Referee after consultation with the host Club has sole responsibility to determine if the match should be suspended or abandoned due to severe adverse weather conditions or matters that may compromise the safety of the participants of the match.

Request for Replay of Abandoned Match

- b) If 80 per cent or more of Normal Time of a Match has been played, then the score at the time of abandonment will stand.
- c) If less than 80 per cent of the Normal Time of a Match has been played, then Clubs have three (3) days to lodge a request to replay the match at a time and day to be determined by CA. The request will be accepted in the form of a letter or email which details the Clubs reasoning as to why a match should be replayed because of abandonment.
- d) Should a fixture be abandoned the CA shall take into consideration the following factors when considering a request for a replay:
 - Reasons why the fixture was abandoned
 - Result of the game at the time of abandonment
 - The impact on the final Leagues standing of this fixture.
- e) Any Club who is found to be responsible, either directly or indirectly, for the inappropriate or reckless abandonment of a fixture may be subject to disciplinary sanctions (i.e. loss of points and fines), to be determined by the CA.

- f) The CA may resolve to direct any of the following outcomes in the case of play abandonment, due to the action of one or both teams:
- That the match be replayed
 - The game be recorded as a 3-0 win in favour of the opposing team, unless the score at the time of abandonment was of a greater margin in favour of the opposing team, and the points will be awarded to the opposing team;
 - The game be recorded as "NO RESULT"
 - Impose a fine, suspend, expel or take whatever disciplinary action it deems necessary against the offending club(s), player(s) and official

1.10 FINALS SERIES DETAILS

Format

Toowoomba Football Leagues will arrange dates, times and venues of all finals series matches. Toowoomba Football Leagues reserves the right to schedule or reschedule matches on any day, time and place as it deems appropriate.

- a) The top four (4) teams at the conclusion of the regular season will participate in the Finals Series.
- b) The Finals Series format will be as follows
- Week 1: Semi-Final - 1st v 2nd, Semi-Final - 3rd v 4th
 - Week 2: Preliminary Final - Loser of 1st v 2nd v Winner of 3rd v 4th
 - Week 3: Grand Final - Winner of 1st v 2nd Semi-Final v Winner of Preliminary Final
- c) The team who finished in the higher position at the conclusion of the Regular Season will be considered to be the home team for any Finals match.
- d) The selection of venues for all Finals Series matches, including the Grand Final, will be at the absolute discretion of the CA and a decision to allocate will be made based on a variety of factors including, but not limited to venue availability, commercial, marketing and financial considerations.
- e) TFL will supply First Aid/Sports Medical qualified personal on Grand Final days
- NB: South West QLD Thunder teams are not eligible for final series or Minor Premiers.

Procedures to Determine the Winner of Junior Finals Series Matches

- a) If, at the conclusion of any match in the Finals Series, the scores between the teams are equal, then extra time of two (2) equal periods of 10 (10) minutes shall be played.
- b) If scores remain equal at the conclusion of both periods of extra time, penalty kicks shall be taken, in accordance with FIFA Laws of the Game, to determine the winner of the match.

2. PLAYER REGISTRATION AND ELIGIBILITY

2.1 PLAYER REGISTRATION

- a) Players participating in competitions under the jurisdiction of Toowoomba Football Leagues may be registered as Amateur Players in line with the provisions established in the National Registration Regulations.

- b) Amateur Players are permitted to be registered at any time. However, amateur players are not permitted to re-register with another club within Toowoomba Football Leagues after 30 June each year. The Rules of Competition may also restrict a player's eligibility for Finals Series.
- c) The registration of a Player with a Club is effective from the date as entered at date of registration. Unless cancelled earlier, registration is effective from the date of registration until 31st December each year.

2.2 AMATEUR PLAYER REGISTRATION PROCESS

- a) When registering an Amateur Player for the season, the Club must follow the 'Play Football' online registration process.
- b) Players are to tick the acknowledgement that they have sighted and accepted the Player Injury Insurance cover provided by Football Australia.
- c) Clubs will request any International Transfer Certificates (ITC) necessary through 'Play Football' for Players that were last registered with an overseas Federation.
- d) On fulfilment of all requirements, the Player will be registered with their club.

2.3 PLAYER INSURANCE

- a) Player Accident and Associated Liability Insurance cover is taken out by Football Australia. Policy details and claims procedures can be found on the Football Queensland website. During this process all players shall acknowledge that they have sighted and accepted the Player Injury Insurance cover provided by Football Australia.

2.4 PLAYER ELIGIBILITY General

- a) The eligibility of a player to participate in matches under the jurisdiction of this CA is finalised upon players ACTIVE status in 'Play Football'.
- b) A player is eligible to play in matches under the jurisdiction of this CA, provided he /she is registered in line with Football Federation Australia National Registration Regulations, Football Queensland Registration Procedures and Football FQ SWQ Registration Procedures.
- c) A player is eligible to play in matches under the jurisdiction of this CA, provided he /she is not under suspension by any Federation.

Administrative Requirements – Junior Competitive players

- d) A registered player is eligible to take part in matches under the jurisdiction of this CA provided their name appears on the team sheet prior to the commencement of the match or by the conclusion of half-time as outlined in the Competition Rules.
- e) Any player who is listed on the team sheet is deemed to have played.
- f) A Player is deemed to be eligible to compete in the Finals Series for a **team** (it used to say "higher division) in which they have played at least five (5) fixture games for that **team** (again used to say "higher division").
- g) A player must have played at least five (5) fixture games for their club

PLAYER AGE ELIGIBILITY: (MINI ROOS GAMES U6–U11)

- a) Players must participate in their eligible age grouping unless the Club has insufficient players of the appropriate age(s) for a team. **In this circumstance, if a club requires players to play (it did say permanently) more than one game in a higher age group to form a team, a Player Request Form to Play Outside Eligible Age Group must be completed to gain CA Approval.**

- b) Minimum Age - Players must turn 5 by the end of the calendar year in which they wish to register
- c) Players can fill in one age group up to make a team if required due to injuries or unavailability of players. No form is required if this is a one-off occasion.
- d) A player cannot play down into any age group lower than that for which the player qualifies, except where players may be suited to a lower age group due to their physical and/or social sense. In this circumstance, a written application accompanied by supporting medical or educational evidence should be considered by the Competition Administrator and pending assessment.

PLAYER AGE ELIGIBILITY: (JUNIOR COMPETITIVE U12–U17)

- a) Players must participate in their eligible age grouping unless the Club has insufficient players of the appropriate age(s) for a team. In that circumstance, if a club requires players to permanently play up an age group to form a team, **a Player Request Form to Play Outside Eligible Age Group must be completed and submitted to gain CA approval prior to the player playing 5 games for that age division.**
- b) FOR THE PURPOSE OF CLUBS FIELDING TEAMS ONLY on day of fixture, a player from a younger age group may play up ONE (1) grade higher. No form is required if this is a one-off occasion. Please see Page 6, 1.2 (h). If a team has an adequate number of players available for that age grouping (ie., 12 or more players), a younger player cannot be used for that particular fixture match. This restriction also applies to the use of lower (B) division players from the same age grouping.
- c) U11 Mini Roos Players may be allowed to play up into U12 if a club can only field a team in U12 by using a number of U11 player(s). A club in this situation MUST provide clear supporting evidence to the CA, including the registered player numbers in both their U11's and U12's. Use of U11 out of age players is also governed by a) to c) above. The CA reserves the right to decide all cases of this nature and no further correspondence will be entered into.
- d) U12 Players may be allowed to play up into U13 if a club can only field a team in U13 by using a number of U12 player(s). A club in this situation MUST provide clear supporting evidence to the CA, including the registered player numbers in both their U12's and U13's. Use of U12 players is also governed by a) to c) above. The CA reserves the right to decide all cases of this nature and no further correspondence will be entered into.
- e) For individual games a **TFL Premier Junior** division player can only play up into a **TFL Championship Junior** division team where specific circumstances have been cited by the club and this measure is supported by the CA. **See Appendix 2 for acceptable player movements.**
- f) A player cannot play down into any age group lower than that for which the player qualifies, except where players may be suited to a lower age group due to their physical and/or social sense. In this circumstance, a written application accompanied by supporting medical or educational evidence should be considered by the Competition Administrator and pending assessment.

2.5 PLAYER INELIGIBILITY

- a) Any player not registered in line with Football Federation Australia National Registration Regulations, Football Queensland Registration Procedures and Guidelines and Toowoomba Football Leagues Registration Procedures for the current season is considered ineligible and is not permitted to participate in any match within the Toowoomba Football Leagues competition.
- b) Any player under suspension by any Association/Federation shall be deemed ineligible and is not permitted to participate in any FQ sanctioned 11 a side matches until that suspension is served.
- c) Any player in breach of the regulations for Junior Competition matches as outlined in Clause 2.4

- d) Any club is permitted to lodge a letter of appeal regarding the alleged fielding of an ineligible player. The appeal must be in writing under club letterhead and be forwarded to the CA.
- e) The CA reserves the right to comprehensively investigate the eligibility of any player who participates in any of its competitions.

Penalties and Outcomes

- f) Any club who fields an ineligible player may be subject to disciplinary sanctions as determined by the CA.
- g) If it is established that a player competing in any match was not legitimately registered or was ineligible to play, then the following will apply:
 - The club found guilty shall forfeit any goals scored and points gained in that match and the points and match will be awarded to the opposing team.
 - The game will be recorded as a 3-0 win in favour of the opposing team, unless the final result was of a greater margin in favour of the opposing team.
 - The CA may impose a fine, suspend, expel or take whatever disciplinary action it deems necessary against the offending club or player.
- h) In the event that it is established that both clubs competing in any match, fielded players who were not legitimately registered or were ineligible to play, then the following will apply:
 - The match will be deemed as a 'NO RESULT', whereby, no points will be awarded.
 - The CA may impose a fine, suspend, expel or take whatever disciplinary action it deems necessary against the offending clubs and/or players.

3. DISCIPLINARY REGULATIONS

3.1 COMPETITION

- a) These Disciplinary Rules are set by Toowoomba Football Leagues as the CA and supplement the National Disciplinary Regulations in accordance with clause 1.2 of those Regulations.

3.2 SANCTIONS - Refer National Disciplinary Regulations

- a) Unless otherwise specified by a Competition Administrator or a Disciplinary Committee, a Participant who receives a suspension for an Offence in a Match forming part of a Competition must serve that suspension in the next following Match(es) forming part of any Competition (i.e. the Competition in which the relevant Offence was committed, or another Competition) in which his or her Team participates. For the avoidance of doubt, suspensions do carry over from one round to the next in the same competition, including from the preseason to the regular season to the final's series and to the following season.
- b) A player who is sent off, or a Team Official who is given an expulsion from a game, shall serve a mandatory one match suspension (except for a serious error such as where the wrong player or official was identified as the offender). The application of sanctions to be issued to Participants for red cards or expulsions will additionally be guided by the range of sanctions outlined in the National Disciplinary Regulations.
- c) Where a Player is sent off for having received a second caution (yellow card) in the same match, he or she shall serve a mandatory 1 match suspension, provided no additional incidents related to the send-off have occurred.

- d) A Player who accumulates the following number of yellow cards during the course of the Competition shall serve the following Mandatory Match Suspension:
- Five (5) yellow cards, equates to a one (1) match suspension.
 - For every three (3) yellow cards thereafter, a two (2) match suspension.
 - For every two (2) yellow cards thereafter, a three (3) match suspension.
 - Although this schedule does not continue into the Final Series, any acquired match suspension(s) do.

A Player who accumulates the following number of yellow cards during the course of the Final Series across the TFL Competitions, shall serve the following Mandatory Match Suspension:

- Two (2) yellow cards, equates to a one (1) match suspension.
- e) A Player who accumulates the following number of red cards during the course of the Competition or the Final Series shall serve the following Mandatory Match Suspensions, in addition to any sanction for the offence.
- 1st occasion, equates to a one (1) match suspension.
 - Any subsequent occasion equates to a two (2) match suspension.
- f) A suspension must be served in the DIVISION in which it is acquired. A suspension is not served by a suspended player's team having a bye; but may be served by a competitor's forfeit, or game cancellation in the relevant division competition, or other extraordinary circumstance, at the discretion of the CA. A suspension may need to be completed in the season following the one in which it was acquired and can be used in other TFL pre-season competitions.
- g) A player may not take part in any other game under Football Queensland's control, until the suspension is served.

Technical Areas - Yellow Card & Red Card System

The LOTG state that the occupants of the Technical Area must 'behave in a responsible manner'. A referee may take action against a Team Official who fails to conduct him or herself in a 'responsible manner' and can expel the Team Official from the field of play and its surrounds including the Technical Area.

As with players, a team official who accumulates five Yellow Cards will receive a mandatory one (1) match suspension, in line with the National Disciplinary Regulations (NDR's).

Match Referees will use their judgement when deciding whether behaviour by a team official requires a warning (Ask), a caution (Tell) or a dismissal (Remove).

Warning Offences (Ask) – unacceptable behaviour may include, but is not limited to:

- i. Minor/low level disagreement (by word or by action) with a decision;
- ii. Failing to co-operate with a Match Official eg. Ignoring a 4th Official's instruction/request;
- iii. Persistent questioning of refereeing decisions;
- iv. Entering the field of play in a respectful and non-confrontational manner (including attempting to assist in a non-confrontational situation); or
- v. Leaving the Technical Area in a non-confrontational manner (eg. Running down the touchline in excessive goal celebrations).

a) Caution (YC) Offences (Tell) – irresponsible behaviour may include, but is not limited to:

- i. Persistent/repeated unacceptable behaviour (included repeated warning offences);

- ii. Dissent by word or by action including:
 - Throwing/kicking drink bottles or other objects to show dissent (ie nonaggressive manner, not on the field, not at another person).
 - Gestures which show a clear lack of respect for the Match Official/s (eg. sarcastic clapping)
- iii. Gesturing or acting in a provocative, derisory or inflammatory way, including gesturing for a RC or YC to be shown;
- iv. Clearly/persistently not respecting the confines of the team's Technical Area;
- vi. Deliberately entering the technical area of the opposing team (nonconfrontational);
- vii. Delaying the restart of play by the team; or vii. Showing a lack of respect for the game.

b) Dismissal (RC) Offences (Remove) - serious irresponsible behaviour may include, but is not limited to:

- i. Violent Conduct (including kicking or throwing a water bottle or other object in a dangerous or aggressive manner);
- ii. Deliberately throwing/kicking an object on to the field of play;
- iii. Physical or aggressive behaviour;
- iv. Using offensive, insulting or abusive language and/or gestures;
- v. Spitting at any person;
- vi. Entering the field of play to interfere with play or an opposing player;
- vii. Deliberately leaving the Technical Area to:
 - Act in a provocative or inflammatory manner;
 - Enter the opposing Technical Area in an aggressive or confrontational manner
- viii Delaying the restart of play by the opposing team e.g. holding on to the ball, kicking the ball away, or obstructing the movement of another player.
- ix Receiving a second YC in the same match.

3.3 MISCONDUCT

- a) Clubs have a duty to ensure that their Participants do not engage in Team Misconduct. The CA may, consistent with the FFA Statutes, sanction a Club whose participants engage in Team Misconduct.
- b) Team Misconduct in relation to a Club is where:
 - Five (5) of its Players are cautioned during a sanctioned match;
 - Three (3) of its Participants are sent off or expelled during a sanctioned match;
 - Its Participants collectively show dissent towards a match official or collectively seek to intimidate, threaten or exert pressure on a match official to make or alter a decision; or
 - Its Participants engage in a melee or brawl.

3.4 CODE OF CONDUCT

- a) The published FFA Code of Conduct aims to promote and strengthen the reputation of football in Australia by establishing a standard of performance, behavior and professionalism for its participants and stakeholders.
- b) Any breach of the Code of Conduct may result in disciplinary action and the imposition of sanctions by the CA in accordance with the provisions outlined in the Code.

3.5 NOTIFICATION AND TIME FRAMES

- a) The imposition of a mandatory match suspension is immediate. The CA will send a Disciplinary Infringement Notice notifying the Player or Team Official (through the Club) of the mandatory match suspension within four (4) days of the completion of the weekend. To remove any doubt, the mandatory match suspension is immediate and effective regardless of whether or not the notice was received.
- B) If the CA has determined that an Offence by a Player or a Team Official was such as to warrant a sanction in addition to the mandatory match suspension, a Disciplinary Infringement Notice notifying the Player or

Team Official (through the Club) of the details of the Offence and of the disciplinary sanction imposed will be forwarded within four (4) days of the completion of the weekend.

3.6 TERMS OF SUSPENSION

- a) While serving a suspension, a Participant (player or team official) shall not:
- On the day of a Match, enter the field of play, the surrounds of the field of play, the Technical Area, the players' race, the dressing rooms or any other place within a venue where Participants are likely to assemble to prepare for that match;
 - If attending a Match, be seated in an area normally reserved for match Participants;
 - Within one hour of the start of match from which the Participant is suspended and within one hour of the conclusion of the match from which the Participant is suspended have any contact with any media where the purpose of such contact is for it to be electronically broadcast to the public, including (but not limited to) participating in any post-match press conference and participating in television or radio interviews;
 - Within one hour of the start of match from which the Participant is suspended and within one hour of the conclusion of the match from which the Participant is suspended have any contact with any Participant whilst that Participant is in an area listed within clause 3.6 a)
- b) Any suspension from the Finals Series (or the competition fixtures if not already served in the Finals series) will carry forward into the following season and will be served in competition fixtures.
- c) If a suspension is to be served in terms of matches, only those matches actually played count towards the execution of the suspension. A bye or a match forfeited by the participant's team does not count towards the execution of the suspension.

3.7 DISCIPLINARY HEARING PROCEDURES

- a) Except in the case of obvious error there is no appeal from a mandatory one (1) match suspension.
- b) A Club, Player or a Team Official may appeal the disciplinary sanction imposed in a Disciplinary Infringement Notice by notifying FQ in writing within seven (7) days after the date on which the Disciplinary Infringement Notice was received, outlining the grounds for the appeal and enclosing the Appeal Fee of \$500. This fee will be refunded if the appeal is upheld and the CA decide not to appeal that result
- c) An appeal from a CA's disciplinary sanction must be heard by a Disciplinary Committee.
- d) **The FQ Disciplinary Committee has a panel of which 3 will be selected with no connection to the Club or person and they will be determining the sanction at the hearing.**
- e) When determining any appropriate sanction, a Disciplinary Committee may consider:
- The nature and severity of the infringement;
 - The offender's past record and whether or not this is a repeated Offence;
The culpability of the offender (including whether or not the infringement was intentional, negligent or reckless);
Any reasons prompting the offender to commit an infringement;
 - The remorse of the offender; and
 - Any extenuating circumstances.

3.8 SANCTIONS UNDER FFA STATUTES

- a) Subject to these Regulations, the following disciplinary sanctions may be imposed against a Club:
- a reprimand;
 - a fine;
 - place the Club on a bond;
 - a deduction or loss of competition points;
 - ban on the registration or transfer of any Players for a specified period of time;
 - annulment of registration of a Player;
 - suspension from participation in matches;
 - exclusion, suspension or expulsion from the Competition;
 - playing a match without spectators or on neutral territory;
 - a ban on playing in a particular stadium;
 - annulment of the result of the match; or
 - such other disciplinary sanctions or measures as is appropriate in all the circumstances, including as prescribed in the FIFA Statutes.
- b) Subject to these Regulations, the following disciplinary sanctions may be imposed against a Participant:
- a reprimand;
 - a fine;
 - return of award;
 - place the individual on a bond;
 - ban on registration of Player with any Club for a specified period of time;
 - annulment of registration of a Player;
 - suspension from participation in matches;
 - suspension or expulsion from the Competition;
 - suspension or cancellation of license or accreditation, including Licensed Player Agent's license or coaching accreditation;
 - termination of registration or playing contract;
 - a ban from the dressing rooms and/or the substitutes' bench;
 - a ban from entering a stadium;
 - ban on taking part in any football related activity; or
 - Such other disciplinary sanctions or measures as is appropriate in all the circumstances, including as prescribed in the FIFA Statutes.

4. FOOTBALL AND MATCH DAY OPERATIONS

4.1 FACILITIES / GROUND CONDITIONS

- a) Each club must take all reasonable steps to maintain its football playing pitch in good condition throughout the season. The CA may require a Club to take such steps as it may prescribe from time to time if it is not satisfied that the playing pitch is being maintained to an adequate and acceptable standard
- b) The home club must ensure;
- The ground is correctly marked, including the technical area, as per FIFA Laws of the Game;
 - It provides suitable and effective goal nets that are safely fastened to the ground as well as corner flags;
 - It provides toilets / dressing rooms for players and match officials that are hygienic
 - It has adequate toilet / refreshment / canteen facilities open to the public at all home games;
 - It provides a safe environment for players, officials and spectators.
 - **Compliance with the above in line with Covid Requirements.**
- c) Any club whose facilities do not meet the requirements specified may be liable to disciplinary action by the CA.
- d) The Referee shall inspect the grounds prior to the match and have sole discretion if a match is to go ahead.

4.2 THE TECHNICAL AREA

- a) Each club must have Technical Areas clearly marked as stipulated by FIFA guidelines and provide sufficient seating to allow all personnel to be seated during the match.
- b) The technical area should be clearly marked out, extending no further than one (1) metre on either side (left and right) of the designated seating area (extra seats should be available for use in addition to permanent seating if necessary) and extends forward up to a distance of one (1) metre from the touch line as per the LOTG.
- c) For all matches played during the Regular Season and Finals Series, a maximum of ten (10) persons are permitted to occupy the Technical Area for each Club during any fixture. This includes the five (5) named substitutes and up to five (5) registered Team Officials.
- d) Occupants of the Technical Area must be either a registered Player or a registered Team Official/Medical staff and wear the appropriate accreditation at all times
- e) A Player or Team Official who is under suspension **must not** be present within the designated and marked Technical Area.
- f) The coach and other officials must remain within the confines of the technical area, except in special circumstances, for example, a team physio or doctor entering the field of play, with the referee's permission, to assess an injured player.
- g) All substitutes must be seated within the technical area. Substitutes are permitted to warm up outside of the technical area, provided they are wearing bibs or an alternative coloured uniform to the team strip.
- h) All occupants of the technical area must behave in a responsible manner. The referee has the right to eject any person from the technical area at any time as he/she sees fit. The game will not recommence until that person has left to the referee's satisfaction.
- i) Smoking and drinking alcohol within the confines of the playing barrier fence is strictly prohibited. This includes the team bench within the technical area and all of its occupants.

4.3 LIGHTING

- a) Clubs wishing to host night fixtures during the season must submit field lighting audits as requested and have approval for competition play by the CA.
- b) Recommendations for football field lighting detailed in the Australian Standard AS2560 Part 2.3 "Lighting for Football" includes; Minimum Service Illuminance Lux (Average) 100 and Minimum Uniformity Ratio (Min: Ave) 0.5 for Competition

4.4 MEDICAL

Stretchers

- a) Clubs must ensure the availability of at least one stretcher suitable for first aid and emergency use at all scheduled matches.
- b) Clubs must ensure that stretchers are placed inside the barrier/fence in a safe and accessible position to first aid staff.

Ambulance Access

- c) Unrestricted access to the field of play shall be provided for Ambulance vehicles when required and be clearly signed.

Water Bottles

- d) **For safety reasons, water bottles are not to be thrown either on or off the field. Due to Covid players are responsible for their own water bottles.**

Blood Ruling

- e) In the event a player suffers an injury or wound which results in the loss of blood, the match official will request that the injured player receive attention outside the field of play and only when he/she is satisfied that the injury or wound is safely covered and contained, will the player be permitted to rejoin the game.
- f) In the event the player's uniform or attire is splattered with blood, the referee will instruct that player to

change his attire before being permitted to re-join the game.

- g) Should the injured player be required to change his uniform, then the match official will show discretion in allowing the player to wear an alternative numbered shirt if necessary.

Heat Management Strategy

- h) When high temperatures occur on match day, the Match Referee, Club Officials or the CA delegate may determine the following in line with the Heat Policy:
- To play the match under standard conditions;
 - To play the match with provision for extra breaks for consumption of fluid;
 - To delay the match; or
 - To postpone the match.
- i) The decision to incorporate these provisions should be based primarily on the assessment of the potential medical risk of playing in the heat to both the Players and Match Officials.
- j) All clubs, players and match officials are requested to please note the following when high temperatures occur on match day;
- k) If the temperature is 32° or above, water bottles should be made available and placed along the sidelines to enable any player to take a drink during the course of the game; *and*
- l) If conditions are considered extreme by the match referee, he or she has discretion to allow a two (2) minute break during the course of each half.

Extreme Weather Conditions

- m) In extreme weather conditions, the CA in conjunction with the appointed match official reserves the right to postpone, delay or abandon any fixture.
- n) If the home club considers a ground inspection is required, they are to ring the nominated CA representative before 8.00am taking into consideration the timing of the first games and travelling teams. The name and contact details for the designated representative is to be advised at the commencement of the season.
- o) The CA representative shall, with the club President or nominated representative, consider the following criteria, which will include (but is not limited to):
- Whether the ground is considered safe for the players and the match to proceed?
 - If so, how many matches can be safely played, taking into account all factors including the likely weather conditions and the expected state of the ground?
- p) The designated representative will then reach a decision regarding the schedule of matches with the CA responsible for advising the opposition club and appointed Referees in the event matches are to be postponed.
- q) Early morning inspections are only to be organized with the designated representative when conditions are such that there is doubt as to the safety of the ground. In cases of light rain Only, the match referee will inspect prior to the match itself. Ground inspections for mid-week matches will be arranged via the CA.

4.5 TEAM OFFICIALS

- a) All Team Officials must be registered with their club through 'Play Football'. Upon registration, an Identification Card will be issued must be worn when performing specified duties.
- b) All Team Officials must conduct themselves in accordance with the FFA Code of Conduct.
- c) The CA may impose disciplinary action upon such persons and Clubs, where it is found that Team Officials have breached the Code of Conduct.
- d) Team officials are only covered by insurance provided the club has appointed and registered them. With regards to team trainers or medical staff, clubs should not use the services of any other person to treat players in regard to injuries, unless such persons have their own insurance coverage to safeguard themselves if any individual legal action is pursued as a result of treatment of injuries.
- e) Team Officials must remain within the Technical Area and are required to wear their Identification Card at all times. Team Officials not wearing the appropriate identification will not be permitted to be

- situated in the Technical area during the match.
- f) Team officials are responsible for ensuring their Club players behave in an appropriate manner at all times before, during and after any game.
 - g) Team officials are not to argue or address any disagreements or comment direct to a referee. Any complaints should be directed to the CA on club letterhead.
 - h) A team official can only enter the field of play when the referee indicates permission to do so.

4.6 GROUND OFFICIALS

- a) It is the responsibility of the home club hosting junior matches to provide a Ground Official for all matches. Ground Officials must be clearly identifiable by either a uniform or identify vest marked "Club Official" and must identify themselves to the appointed match official prior to each match.
- b) Ground Officials are to be visible at all times and one must be designated to provide an escort to all match officials before kick-off, at half time and full time.
- c) The ground official shall not be the coach or manager whose game is in progress on the park
- d) The duties of the club ground official, on match days, are many and varied. The smooth running of the day calls for an efficient and vigilant ground official ready for whatever comes along. The ground official should
 - Check the referees' room and make sure it is clean and comfortable.
 - Upon arrival of the referees, introduce themselves as the ground official in the event they need assistance.
 - If an official referee is not present, ensure that a match referee is arranged either by the club or by consent of the two teams playing.
 - Ensure that 3 match balls in appropriate condition are available for referees.
 - Take all reasonable steps to ensure that the spectators' behavior is orderly and is not abusive to the referee or his assistants, player's or other spectators.
 - Direct and assist any ambulance if called to attend a player or any other person.
 - Be of assistance wherever possible.
 - See Appendix 7 – Duties and Responsibilities of Ground Officials

4.7 MATCH DAY INFORMATION

Match Balls – Junior Competitive Divisions

- a) The designated home team at each match shall ensure that three (3) match balls are supplied to the Match Official prior to the commencement of the match. All three balls shall be of the same brand and of 'match ball' quality (in accordance with Law2 of the FIFA Laws of the Game).

Playing Strips

- b) All clubs must nominate a "Home" strip.
- c) In the event there is a clash of colours with the visiting team, it will be the responsibility of the visiting team to change into their alternative strip.
- d) Goalkeepers may wear any colour strip but it shall not clash with either team's field player's Strip or referee/assistants uniforms.
- e) Referees will report breaches to the CA if a team does not have the correct strip (shirts, shorts and socks). Clubs may be liable for a fine for each breach.
- f) All playing strips must have numbers on the back of the jerseys. Numbers shall be in a contrasting colour and readily identifiable.
- g) Jersey numbering is not mandatory for non-competitive Mini Roos football formats.

Player Equipment

- h) It is the match referee's responsibility to ensure all players taking the field of play are wearing equipment that does not create a hazard to themselves and/or other persons, in accordance with Law4 of the FIFA Laws of the Game. All players must wear shin-guards whilst on the field of play.

Jewelry

- i) In accordance with FIFA Laws of the Game, a player is forbidden to wear any jewel

Alcohol

- j) It shall be the Host Club responsibility to enforce all Liquor Licensing requirements in the sale and consumption of alcohol at their club. Only the Host Club can sell Alcohol at their grounds. No Persons are allowed to bring Alcohol onto the Host Clubs grounds, unless purchased from those grounds.
- k) Should persons be seen to be in breach of these rules, the ground official should advise such person to conform to the rules immediately. Should such person/s refuse to adhere to that request, the ground official shall be at liberty to contact the police to have such person/s removed.

National Flags, Slogans, Emblems

- l) No club should display national flags, slogans or emblems at home venues under any circumstances, with the only exception being the Australian flag or where Toowoomba Football Leagues has provided written authorization. Clubs will be allowed to dress/decorate their respective social clubs (internally) as they see fit provided flags, slogans or emblems are not visible from the playing arena.
- m) The CA reserves the right to request the removal of any national flags or slogans at any time. The incorporation of national flags, slogans or similar emblems on any part of the player's attire or the uniform worn by a Club official is strictly prohibited.
- n) Clubs found to be in breach of this provision may be subject to disciplinary action and sanctions.

4.8 MATCH DAY TEAM SHEETS – Junior Competitive DIVISIONS

- a) On match day, both teams are required to complete a official team sheet prior to the commencement of any match.
- b) The team sheet must list all players taking part in the fixture and be provided to the match referee prior to commencement of the game.
- c) Match Officials must ensure that clubs do not list more than sixteen (16) players on the team sheet for any match.
- d) Players are NOT required to sign the Team Sheet. It is the responsibility of the Team Manager to provide correct details.
- e) The Manager or Coach of the team are to cross off a player's name who didn't play in the match and write DNP beside their name. It is the club's responsibility to update the team sheet in Sport TG before Monday morning.
- f) In the event a club official approaches the match referee seeking to protest the fielding of an ineligible player, the referee should instruct the club official to lodge an official protest with the CA
- g) Referees must complete all aspects of the Team Sheet including all information pertaining to correct uniform. Once completed, the referees must ensure any Send Off/Incident Report Forms are forwarded to the CA through the appropriate channels. It is crucial that these forms reach the CA by no later than 10am Monday morning.
- h) Team Official are not to sign team sheets however must check them and take a photo if required. Team sheets are not to leave the Referee's room.
- i) It is the HOST CLUB'S responsibility to ensure the team sheets for both teams are collected and scanned into the Office by 10am Monday via email to office@fqsouthwest.com . Clubs can keep original copies to serve as the COVID Attendance Register.
This ensures that results are immediately uploaded so results are published for release on Monday morning.
- j) At the conclusion of each match, the referee shall consult and confirm with his/her assistants prior to completing all copies of the Team Sheets and any Send Off/Incident Report Forms.
- k) Team Sheets & Send-Off/Incident Report Forms from the appointed match official will be accepted transcript. All decisions of the match referee regarding the facts connected with play (including whether a goal is scored or not and the result of the match) are considered final.

Club Responsibilities

It is the club's responsibility to ensure:

- l) It has minimum number of seven (7) players to commence the match;
- m) That it does not list more than sixteen (16) players on the team sheet;
- n) All players taking the field are eligible to play;
- o) All players taking the field of play are correctly listed on the team sheet
- p) All players are ready to commence the fixture at the scheduled kick-off time;
- q) All players wear the appropriate strip or alternate strip, before taking the field of play;
- r) That the details recorded on the completed team sheet are accurate and signed by a club official upon conclusion of the match.

4.9 TEAM SHEETS NON - COMPETITIVE (U6 – U11)

- a) On match day, team sheets will be required to be completed, and handed to the home club on arrival to serve as a **Covid Attendance Register**. No results are required.

4.10 NON-ATTENDANCE OR UNAVAILABILITY OF MATCH OFFICIAL

- a) Should the appointed match official fail to honor his/her appointment, then the AR1 will be regarded as the new match official to take charge of the fixture.
- b) In the event the appointed match official is late on arrival, then the replacement match official (as above) will continue to take charge of the fixture unless he or she requests the originally appointed match official to take over. In most cases the originally appointed match official should take over in the highest available position (usually AR2).
- c) In the event no registered match official is present to take charge of the match, then the designated "Home" club shall consult the visiting team and appoint a match official to take charge of the match. This match official has the same powers as a registered match official. The designated "Home" club shall be responsible for forwarding both team sheets to the CA.
- d) All clubs are obligated to fulfil all fixtures regardless of whether the appointed match official is present to take charge. Should any club fail or refuse to participate in any fixture on the above grounds, then:
 - The match will be recorded as a 3-0 win in favour of the opposing team, and the points will be awarded to the opposing team;
 - In the event both teams refuse to play, the CA reserves the right to award a 'NO RESULT', fine both clubs and take further disciplinary action;
 - In circumstances where only one assistant referee has been appointed to a senior game, the designated 'home' team is obliged to provide a club assistant to assist the match referee.

4.11 MATCH OFFICIALS INFORMATION

Appointment of Referees

- a) Referees for all Toowoomba Football Leagues fixtures shall be appointed by the Referees Appointments coordinator in conjunction with the CA and all such appointments shall be in accordance with a grading system of Referees and fixtures where practicable.

Substitution of Players

- b) For Junior Competitive divisions, unlimited interchange will be permitted, with no more than five (5) substitute players permitted to be named on the team sheet.
- c) Only players' names listed on the team sheet for that day are permitted to take part in the match.
- d) All substitutions/interchanges can only occur at a break in play with the approval of the referee and must take place at the halfway line.
- e) All substitutions/interchanges made at half time must enter the field from the half way on the referees signal just prior to kick off of the second half.

- f) All substitutes must be seated within the technical area wearing a bib of contrasting color to the team strip.
- g) Substitutes are permitted to warm up outside of the technical area, and officials are to ensure substitute players continue to wear bibs or a contrasting coloured uniform to the team strip.

Referee Fees

- h) Referees payments are paid every 2-3 weeks via appointments in Schedules by the CA.
- i) Referees will be paid via Direct Debit into their nominated bank account.
- j) Invoices are then sent to Clubs as per Schedules Appointments, to be paid by the due date as per invoice.
- k) Current match official fees are set out in Appendix 1.

5. AWARDS

5.1 Fixtures

- a) The competition minor premiers in each Junior competitive division in each age grouping shall be awarded individual trophy.
- b) Each player will receive a medallion for Grand Final Winners and Runners Up.
- c) A Plaque will be presented to each Junior Competitive Grand Final winning team.
- d) A 'Player of the Match' is awarded to the best player in each division in each Grand Final

6. MEDIA

- a. All media releases related to the general operations of Toowoomba Football Leagues Inc, and its Sponsors and any activities and/or incidents related to more than one club affiliated with Toowoomba Football Leagues Inc must be authorized by the CA
- b. All media releases related to the activities of Football Queensland South West or higher Football bodies must be authorized by Football Queensland South West



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7. SCHEDULE OF FINES

TOOWOOMBA FOOTBALL LEAGUES SCHEDULE OF FINES:

For 2021 the following penalties shall apply:

- a) Playing of an Unregistered player: Seniors - \$500 per offence; Juniors - \$250 per offence
- b) Failure to submit team sheet **by the allocated time**: Seniors - \$100; Junior Competitive - \$50;
- c) Club Official not available at field for match - \$100
- d) Failure to provide more than 1 weeks' notice of Team unavailability:- Premier Division- \$250; All Other Senior Divisions - \$150; Junior Competitive Divisions - \$50
- e) Failure to provide more than 48hrs notice to Toowoomba Football Leagues prior to the scheduled game time of team unavailability: Premier & Championship Division —~~\$500~~ **\$1000**; All other Senior Divisions - ~~\$350~~ **\$500**; Junior Competitive Divisions - ~~\$100~~ **\$200**; MiniRoos Divisions - ~~\$50~~ **\$100**
All of the above - (+ referee fees where applicable).
- f) Team withdrawal after commencement of Round 1 going live – All Senior teams ~~\$500~~ **\$1000.00**;
Junior Competitive Divisions - \$300; MiniRoos Divisions - \$200
- g) Team Misconduct - \$200;
- h) Toowoomba Football Leagues reserves the right to impose additional sanctions as listed under the FFA Statutes, to cover circumstances where the game is brought into disrepute or the good order of the game is disrupted due to the actions of a club, club official, player, or spectator
- j) Once a fine has been issued, clubs have **1 week to pay**. After this period the club will accumulate no further points, unless prior arrangements are made in writing and approved by the CA.
- k) These penalties are determined on an annual basis and ratified by Toowoomba Football Leagues. They do not exclude the imposition of a loss of point's penalty that may be imposed in some situations.

8. Review of Competition Rules

These competition rules are subject to change, following discussions with clubs and approved by CA or via a directive from South West Queensland Zone, Football Queensland or Football Australia.

Competition Rules have been reviewed due to COVID and could be subject to change

Appendix 1 – Match Official Payments

TOOWOOMBA FOOTBALL LEAGUES

MATCH OFFICIALS PAYMENT SCHEDULE & MATCH DURATIONS

2021 SEASON

JUNIORS

DIVISION	MATCH DURATION	REFEREE	ASSISTANTS	4th OFFICIAL*
Under 12 Championship Junior	25x25	\$25.00	\$12.50	
Under 12 Premier Junior	25x25	\$26.00	\$13.00	
Under 13 Championship Junior	30x30	\$30.00	\$15.00	
Under 13 Premier Junior	30x30	\$32.00	\$16.00	
Under 14/15 Championship	35x35	\$36.00	\$18.00	\$9.00
Under 14/15 Premier Junior	35x35	\$38.00	\$19.00	\$10.00
Under 16/17 Championship	40x40	\$48.00	\$24.00	\$12.00
Under 16/17 Premier Junior	40x40	\$50.00	\$25.00	\$13.00

SCHOOLS

Schoolgirls (Juniors and Seniors)	30x30	\$40.00	\$20.00	\$10.00
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* = Fourth Official payments apply to Grand Finals only and are paid to referees by Toowoomba Football Leagues.

Appendix 2 – Filling in (Individual games) for fixtures - TFL

A (To be replaced with Premier Juniors)

B (To be replaced with Championship Juniors)

An 11yo player from 12 Premier Juniors cannot fill in for 13 Premier Juniors .

An 11yo player from 12 Championship Juniors cannot fill in for 13 Championship Juniors .

An 11yo player from U11 Challenge or Community can fill in for either U12 Premier Juniors or U12 Championship Juniors .

A 12yo player from 12 Premier Juniors can fill in for 13 Premier Juniors .

A 12yo player from 12 Championship Juniors can fill in for 13 Championship Juniors .

A player from 12 Premier Juniors cannot fill in for 12 Championship Juniors unless special request from Clubs

A player from 12 Championship Juniors can fill in for 12 Premier Juniors if the 12 Premier Juniors team has less than 10 players available for a match.

A players from U12 Premier Juniors cannot fill in for U13B, unless special request is made by the Club to the CA.

A player from 13 Premier Juniors cannot fill in for 13 Championship Juniors .

A player from 13 Championship Juniors can fill in for 13 Premier Juniors

A 13yo player from 13 Premier Juniors can fill in for 14/15 Premier Juniors if the team have 12 players or less available for the match.

A 13yo player from 13 Championship Juniors can fill in for 14/15 Championship Juniors if the team have 12 players or less available for the match.

A player from 14/15 Championship Juniors can fill in for 14/15 Premier Juniors if the 14/15 Premier Juniors team have 12 players or less available for a match.

A player from U13 Premier Juniors cannot fill in for U14/15 Championship Juniors unless special request is made by the Club to the CA.

A 14yo player from 14/15 Premier Juniors cannot fill in for 16/17 Premier Juniors

A 14yo player from 14/15 Championship Juniors cannot fill in for 16/17 Championship Juniors .

A 15yo player from 14/15 Premier Juniors can fill in for 16/17 Premier Juniors if the team have 12 players or less available for a match.

A 15yo player from 14/15 Championship Juniors can fill in for 16/17 Championship Juniors if the team have 12 players or less available for a match.

A player from 16/17 Championship Juniors can fill in for 16/17 Premier Juniors if the 16/17 Premier Juniors team have 12 players or less available for a match

A player from U14/15 Premier Juniors cannot fill in for U16/17 Championship Juniors unless special request is made by the Club to the CA.

All players permanently playing up an age group must complete a Player Age Request Form to get parental permission. This form is needed to be submitted into the CA **prior to the commencement of the season.**

No other notification is required in order for players to play up or across divisions.

A Junior competitive player can play up one division 5 times during the year. Club's must seek CA's permission if surpassing 5 games.

Appendix 3 – SWQ Thunder teams playing in TFL competition

SWQ Thunder Junior teams (U9 – U10) have requested permission to play in the local TFL competition for 2021. This is yet to be reviewed for 2021

The following will apply:

- SWQ Thunder teams will play up an age group. For eg:

SWQ Thunder U9 team will nominate and play in the TFL U10 Challenge competition

SWQ Thunder U10 team will nominate and play in the TFL U11 Challenge competition

Appendix 4 – 'Field Safety Standards'

**Extract from 'Play Football', NCDP Toolkits > Resources Facilities > Resources
Field Setup > FNSW – Field Markings and Equipment**

Playing Surface

The Playing Surface must be even and flat with a complete coverage of grass. Either natural grass or FIFA approved artificial grass pitches may be used.

The surface must be free of potholes, foreign objects and protrusions of any kind through the surface, or any deviations that could be hazardous to players or officials as they move across the surface.

The field should have underground drainage to allow play during rain and periods of extended rainfall.

Cricket pitches of any type will not be permitted in the Competitions, but they may be allowed under exceptional circumstances in grassroots competitions, administered by Associations.



SOCIAL MEDIA GUIDELINES

Football thrives on the passion of its communities. Our game is fortunate to have so many voices ready to protect and promote the sport at all levels and in every corner. Social media provides the perfect platform to discuss, analyse, appreciate and question all facets of football.

Our hope is for Football Queensland's own social and digital media presence, in addition to our zones' social media channels, to reflect the positive, exciting, supportive and inclusive nature of the game.

We have developed several guidelines to ensure the Football Queensland social media channels – including Facebook, Twitter, Instagram and YouTube – and our zone social media channels match those principles.

With your help, we can keep the focus on the pitch by following these guidelines:

- No foul, offensive, aggressive, defamatory, discriminatory or otherwise inappropriate language
- No intimidation, harassment or bullying
- No publicising of private or confidential matters without consent
- No spam or off-topic links, comments or media

Comments that do not follow these guidelines will be deleted and, if repeated, may result in a ban from Football Queensland's social media accounts.

All registered members including players, coaches and referees are also responsible for upholding Football Federation Australia's [Code of Conduct](#) and [National Member Protection Policy](#), which includes a Social Media Policy.

If you would like to chat to us about anything in the social media sphere, please get in touch via email at media@footballqueensland.com.au

Appendix 6 – Anti-Discrimination and Harassment

TFL opposes all forms of harassment, discrimination and bullying.

Please refer to section below on Football QLD website > Forms and Policies > Member Protection Policy > Page 6 > 5.3s.

5.3 Anti-Discrimination and Harassment

FQ oppose all forms of harassment, discrimination and bullying. This includes treating or proposing to treat someone less favorably because of a particular characteristic; imposing or intending to impose an unreasonable requirement, condition or practice which has an unequal or disproportionate effect on people with a particular characteristic; or any behaviour that is offensive, abusive, belittling, intimidating or threatening – whether this is face-to-face, indirectly or via communication technologies such as mobile phone and computers. Some forms of harassment, discrimination and bullying, based on personal characteristics such as those listed in the Dictionary at section 9 of this Policy, are against the law.

If any person feels they are being harassed or discriminated against by another person or organization bound by this Policy, please refer to the Complaints Procedure outlined in Attachment D1 of this Policy. This will explain what to do about the behaviour and how FFA or FQ will deal with the problem.

Appendix 7 – Duties and Responsibilities of Ground Officials



Duties and Responsibilities of Ground Officials

Each home club is to supply at least one (1) Ground Official for the duration of the event – If you have more than one field, it is preferable to have (1) Ground Official per Field.

The Ground Official is always to be clearly visible wearing the fluorescent vests supplied and located near the field of play. Ground Officials are to be neatly attired and wearing fully enclosed shoes. Ground Officials must be at least 18 years of age.

Roles and responsibilities:

- Ground officials need the skills and confidence to deal with difficult situations.
- Ground Officials agree to be bound by all rules and to carry out their duties to a high standard.
- Ground Officials should be conversant with the:
 - National FFA Code of Conduct, Local TFL Competition Rules
- Where possible, ground officials should complete the free online training at www.playbytherules.net.au

- Give warnings and enforce compliance of codes of conduct with participants, spectators, club officials and coaches.
- Evict persons displaying inappropriate behaviour from venue if inappropriate behaviour continues after warning.
- Notify police in the event of criminal conduct. The involvement of police at venues should be a decision of the club committee in consultation with the Ground Official. This should be done when:
 - (a) it is believed that a person/s has committed a criminal act;
 - (b) a person's behaviour is uncontrollable, and they are a threat to other people; and/or
 - (c) a person refuses to leave the ground after being requested to do so by club officials for breaches under the Code of Conduct.
- Complete incident reports where necessary.

The duties of the Ground Official for matches are:

Before start of play and before each match

- (a) Make themselves known to the referee, the opposing club officials, teams, coaches, managers before each game.
- (b) Identify the location of the ambulance access and ensure that it is clear at all times.
- (c) Check suitability of playing conditions with the referee.

During the match

- (a) Communicate with match officials and ensure you are visible and available should the Referee require your services.

- (b) Give warnings and enforce compliance of Codes of Conduct and TRL Rules to all spectators and club members

At half time

- (a) Ensure the safety of referees and be available to escort them off and onto the field.

After the match

- (a) Ensure the safety of referees and be available to escort them off the field to their change room.
- (b) Complete incident report forms where necessary detailing incident. Ensure statements contain exact language, actions, etc to ensure appropriate action can be taken.

Situations that may arise

Dealing with Sport Rage - When sport rage incidents occur and temper flare, it can be very difficult to approach people. Here are some tips to help you deal with these tricky situations:

1. Receive other people's comments without interruption
2. Speak pleasantly – be aware of the tone of your voice and the type of language you use
3. Use non-aggressive body language and facial expressions (e.g. don't point your finger, don't stand with your hands on your hips)
4. Don't become emotionally involved
5. Be patient
6. Stay calm no matter what the person says or does
7. If the conflict turns physical, don't get involved – call the police immediately
8. Look for signs of the situation getting out of hand (e.g. tension growing on the sideline); and
9. Act early before it reaches melting point. Despite everyone's best intentions, sport rage incidents sometimes occur.

Reporting inappropriate behaviour – Responsibility of everyone. Behaviour that contravenes the codes of conduct should be reported to the ground official. Any person who is unsure who the ground official is should report the incident to a club committee member.

Approaching the offender – Responsibility of the ground official / club committee.
Only the ground official should approach the offender – this prevents the situation escalating.

Issuing warnings – Responsibility of the club committee / ground official. The first time a person breaches a code of conduct, they might be issued with a warning. The person may not be aware that their behaviour is unacceptable and should be notified of club rules. Hand them a copy of the TFL Code of Conduct for spectators.

Removing people from the field of play or venue – Responsibility of the ground official / club committee. The match official should communicate directly and immediately with the ground official to remove a person from the venue. If the club is able to control ground entry, it will be able to evict persons from the ground. Where attendance is not controlled, clubs can request offenders leave the venue, or otherwise can discipline the person for breach of the code of conduct.

Involving the police – Responsibility of the ground official / club committee. If you feel the behaviour of an individual constitutes a criminal act the police should be notified immediately by the ground official. While it is lawful for a club to detain a person, who has committed a criminal offence until the police arrive, it is recommended that this is only done as a last resort. Club officials can exercise reasonable force in detaining a person who has committed a criminal offence until the police arrive, but this should not be disproportionate to the conduct of the offender.



Ground Official Incident Report



Name and role of person completing this form:

Signature of person completing this form:

Date:

Incident

Date and time of incident:

Name/s of person/s involved in the incident and their clubs/associations:

Description of incident:

Witnesses (include contact details):

Reporting of the incident to club/association

Incident Reported to:

Date:

How (this form, in person, email, phone):

Follow Up Action

Description of actions to be taken:

Please email this complete & signed form to: admin@fqsouthwest.com

Appendix 8

TFL Post COVID Competition 2021 - Team Sheet Procedure

U12-U17 Competitive & Senior Competition

- Coaches/Managers complete and print a Team Sheet in the Sports TG Pre-game section and hand to the Referee prior to the game.
- Team sheet to list all players and Coaches/Managers taking part in the fixture.
- On completion of the game, ONLY the Match Referee fills in scores, RC's/YC's and fills in the Referees appointed to that game, using their own pen.
- Following the game, the team official proceeds to the designated table provided outside the Referees Room , checks the team sheet and takes a photo if required for their own use. There is NO NEED for Team Officials to sign the team sheet. They also inform the Match Referee who is B&F in seniors for their team and the Match Referee will indicate on the team sheet.
- Once both parties are satisfied all is correct, the Match Referee will place both team sheets into the supplied box for completed Team Sheets INSIDE the Referees Room.
- It is the HOST CLUB'S responsibility to collect ALL team sheets from the box and scan into the office to **Janelle** on admin@fgsouthwest.com by 10am Monday.
- **Janelle** then prints the team sheets and collates all the scores.
- Hard Copies of all Team Sheets remain at the Home Club.