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A1.2 CLUB FINANCIAL OBLIGATIONS

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A2.1.2 In the event of the ground being unfit or unavailable (**except by wash out, - see Section A4**) consult with the Competition Administrator **for that competition**, to arrange an alternative venue, date and time.

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A4.7 More than 50% of the fixtures in any round of a junior grade or division must be played for the round to be counted. The Competition Administrator may re-schedule fixtures or declare that the round is 'washed out' at its absolute discretion

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A5 POWER TO DIRECT A CHANGE OF HOME GROUND

The Competition Administrator may direct a team to play any fixture(s) at a ground other than its home ground for disciplinary reasons; or **because of changing room or toilet facilities that fail to meet competition standards; or** for any other reason the Competition Administrator may think fit provided that **7 days' notice** is given to the team(s) affected.

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The Competition Administrator may direct a team to play any fixture(s) at a ground other than its home ground for disciplinary reasons; or for any other reason the Competition Administrator may think fit provided that reasonable **notice** is given to the team(s) affected.

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A6.1 INTERCHANGE

Unlimited Interchange will apply in all grades except **Men's Premier League** (They will use three substitutes).

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Unlimited Interchange will apply in all grades except Premier League (**Premier League Competitions will be able to use three substitutes**).

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A6.3 MASTERS Competitions

Refer to Masters Competition Rules and Regulations.

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A7.1 Provision of Match Balls

The home team in all senior games is responsible for providing the match referee with 3 correctly inflated footballs, of an approved brand and size, no later than 15 minutes before the scheduled kick-off.

The Competition Administrator is to advise clubs of the approved brands. Home teams that fail to provide the required footballs may be fined \$50.

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Home teams that fail to provide the required footballs may be fined \$50.

Addition

A9.2 Fixtures should kick off at the stipulated times. However a fixture may have a late start no more than 10 minutes after the stipulated time. Any team unable or unwilling to begin a fixture after this period shall be deemed to have forfeited the fixture. (See also A11.3 **and NNSWF Lightning Policy**).

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A13.2.2 If, at the conclusion of any competitive **Junior division Semi Final or Preliminary Final** the scores are level then 2 periods of 10 minutes extra time shall be played. (Teams shall swap ends at the completion of each time period.)

A13.2.3 If a competitive Junior Semi Final or Preliminary Final fixture remains a draw after extra time, the result of the fixture shall be determined by 'kicks from the penalty mark', as defined in FIFA laws 'Procedures to Determine the Winner of a Match'.

A13.2.4 In a Junior Division Grand Final if the teams are still tied after the completion of extra time the result of the fixture shall be determined by 'kicks from the penalty mark', as defined in FIFA laws 'Procedures to Determine the Winner of a Match'

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A13.2.2 If, at the conclusion of any competitive Junior division Final Series fixture the scores are level then 2 periods of 10 minutes extra time shall be played. (Teams shall swap ends at the completion of each time period.)

A13.2.3 If a competitive Junior Final Series fixture remains a draw after extra time, the result of the fixture shall be determined by 'kicks from the penalty mark', as defined in FIFA laws 'Procedures to Determine the Winner of a Match'.

A13.2.4 REMOVED

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A13.3.3 Senior Division Grand Final

If the teams are tied after the completion of regular time, then 2 periods of **10** minutes extra time each way shall be played.

In Men's and Women's Premier League only, 15 minutes each way extra time shall be played.

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If the teams are tied after the completion of regular time, then 2 periods of **15** minutes extra time each way shall be played.

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A15.1**

Technical Area

- (c) Team officials must wear approved NCF identification tags and players must wear bibs.

Should any person persist in infringing these rules to the detriment of the fixture, it is the responsibility of the home club Duty Officer to see that he/she is escorted from the ground.

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- (c) Team officials must be registered in My Football Club and wear approved NCF identification tags **in Premier League and Reserves.**
- (d) **Players must wear bibs.**

- (i) **Should any person persist in infringing these rules to the detriment of the fixture, it is the responsibility of the home Club Duty Officer to see that he/she is escorted from the ground. The Match Official may stop the match until such time as the issue is resolved if need be.**

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WINNERS' MEDALLIONS AND AWARDS

Each Premiership winning team, and each Grand Final Winner and runner-up in a competition will receive a set of 16 trophies or medallions.

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Each **Junior** Premiership winning team, and each Grand Final Winner and runner-up in a competition will receive a set of 16 trophies or medallions.

Senior Premiership winning teams will be presented with 1 team trophy and 1 perpetual trophy per competition division. Clubs will return the perpetual trophy each year when requested by the Competition Administration.

ADDITION

A18.1 Strip Approval:

Refer to the NCF Kit Sponsorship Logo Policy on the NCF Website.

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A18.2 Advertising on the playing strip, tracksuit or equipment bag is allowed:

- (a) The NCFZ emblem /badge;
- (b) Any distinguishing mark, badge or emblem of the equipment manufacturer;
- (c) The name/emblem of any competition sponsor.

The Competition Administrator must approve any **further** advertising, e.g. team sponsors. This approval must be sought in writing. Such consent will not be unreasonably withheld where identification of a team's sponsor is involved.

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A18.2 Advertising Allowed

The following advertising is allowed on playing strips, and off field strips and/or equipment:

- (a) The NCF emblem /badge;
- (b) Any distinguishing mark, badge or emblem of the equipment manufacturer;
- (c) The name/emblem of any Competition sponsor.

The Competition Administrator must approve any **additional** advertising, e.g. team sponsors. This approval must be sought in writing. Such consent will not be unreasonably withheld where identification of a team's sponsor is involved.

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A18.3 Team Sponsor's name.

- (b) A sponsor's logo and name may be placed on **a shirtfront or sleeve.**

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A18.3 Team Sponsorship Logos

- (b) A sponsor's logo and name may be placed on **a playing kit as per the North Coast Football policy.**
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A19 EXPENSES

Any and all expenses incurred in participating in a competition shall be the responsibility of the participating **club in the event that no funds are available from other sources such as sponsorship or grants.**

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ADDITION

A23 GALA DAYS / TRIAL MATCHES

Refer to the NCF Website for appropriate documentation.

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A24.4 Club Forfeiting a Senior Fixture:

As a condition of **team registration** senior clubs will be required **to lodge** a pre-season bond of \$1,000 with NCF, from which any such fines incurred shall be deducted.

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As a condition of **Senior Club nominations**, Clubs will be required **to maintain** a pre-season bond of \$1,000 with NCF, from which any unpaid fines incurred shall be deducted.

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A26.2.2. Senior - Match Officials Responsibility:

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A26.3 Senior - Match Officials Responsibility:

NOTE all numbers from A26.3 onwards increase by 1. ie 26.3 becomes 26.4

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A26.4 Team Manager/Coach Responsibility:

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A26.4 Junior Competition Home Team Management Responsibility:

ADDITION

A26.4 Junior Competition Home Team Management Responsibility:

A maximum of 16 (sixteen) players names per team can be listed on a competitive match sheet.

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A26.4 Team Manager/Coach Responsibility:

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A26.5 Senior Team Management Responsibility:

WAS**A26.9 Starting Team:**

The starting **team** players names of a seniors fixture must be clearly marked, as required, on the official match sheet. A maximum of eleven names can be listed as starting and then up to 5 additional players will be identified as interchange players

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The starting **players** names of a seniors fixture must be clearly marked, as required, on the official match sheet. A maximum of eleven names can be listed as starting and then up to 5 additional players will be identified as substitutes or interchange players.

WAS**A26.10 Substitution:**

Three substitutions will be allowed in **Men's** Premier League only.

Unlimited interchanges will apply in all other grades (See Section A6.2).

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Three substitutions will be allowed in Premier League only.

Unlimited interchanges will apply in all other grades **from Reserve Grade down**. (See Section A6.2).

WAS**A26.12 Fielding an ineligible or unregistered player**

A team / club found to have fielded an ineligible or unregistered player shall be deemed to have been guilty of misconduct, and will forfeit the fixtures to their opponents with a 3-0 win awarded to the opposing team.

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A27.2

Failure of either team to take the field within 10 minutes of the scheduled starting time will result in a forfeit to the opposing team.

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A27.3 In the event of an appointed Match Official failing to appear, the fact is to be clearly recorded by the home team on the match card and reported to the **Competition Administrator**.

The Competition Administrator shall refer the report to the Referees Administration Officer for investigation.

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The Referees Administrator will investigate such occurrences.

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A28.1 Suspending Play:

In suspending play **due to inclement weather, ground conditions or other cause** the match referee shall wait a reasonable length of time before deciding to abandon the fixture and may consult whoever they consider appropriate before arriving at a decision.

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In suspending play **for any reason**, the match referee shall wait a reasonable length of time before deciding to abandon the fixture and may consult with whomever they consider appropriate before arriving at a decision. **(Refer to all available Procedures)**

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A28.4 Match Officials Fees:

Match Officials' fees shall be determined by the Competition Administrator after consultation **with the Referees' Association** and shall be fixed prior to the commencement of the competitions. **In the event of disagreement the Competition Administrator reserves the right to apply interim match fees.**

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A29.2.1. No male can play in a female team.

Junior females can play in junior **male** teams.

Junior females can request **for** permission from the Competition Administrator to play down one age division in a junior **male** team.

Females can only play in senior male teams at the discretion of the Competition Administrator.

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A29.2.1. No male can play in a female team.

Junior females can play in junior **mixed** teams.

Junior females can request permission from the Competition Administrator to play down one age division in a junior **mixed** team.

Females can only play **into** senior male teams at the discretion of the Competition Administrator.

ADDITION

A29.6

Clubs must provide the Competition Administrator, a team list of registered players allocated to each Competitive team by the 1st of May.

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A29.8 Players registered or playing with any other Club, Zone or Federation shall not be eligible to register or play with any Club affiliated with the Zone. Procedures relating to Movement of an Amateur/Professional as per the National Registration Regulations (2013) need to be observed.

A29.9 Any club nominating more than one team in a junior competitive age group must register the players separately for each team, with a minimum of 12 in each.

A29.10 Any club nominating a junior competitive team that has 6 (six) **or more NCF Representative (Skills Acquisition Program or Game Training Program) players aged 12, 13 or 14 years registered in that team** must play up one age division or play for no competition points.

Any club nominating a junior competitive team that has 8 (eight) or more **NCF Representative Players**, must play up one age division and will not compete for points.

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A29.8 Players registered or playing with any other Club, Zone or Federation shall not be eligible to register or play with any Club affiliated with the Zone. Procedures relating to Movement of an Amateur/Professional as per the National Registration Regulations (2013) need to be observed.

Exemptions to this rule may only be provided by Northern NSW Football and the NCF Committee of Management in writing.

A29.9 Any club nominating more than one team in a junior competitive age group must register the players separately for each team, with a minimum of 12 in each. **These players must be documented and provided to the Competition Administrator by the 1st of May each year.**

A29.10 Any club nominating a junior competitive team that has 6 (six) **or 7 (seven) NCF Skills Acquisition Program players** registered in that team must play up one age division or play for no competition points.

Any club nominating a junior competitive team that has 8 (eight) or more **NCF Skills Acquisition Program players**, must play up one age division and will not compete for points.

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A30.1.1 Men's Premier League and Reserve Grades:

- (a) Clubs participating must have two teams: Premier League and Reserve grade.
- (b) A 'one team club' cannot nominate for Men's Premier League.
- (c) Clubs may in addition, nominate Men's 2nd & 3rd divisions.
- (d) Clubs participating need only have one team. However, if a 2nd division club has more than one team – the other teams must compete in the 3rd division and these players can be regarded as 'reserve' players for their 2nd team.

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A30.1.2 Senior eligibility for 2nd, 3rd divisions, **Byes & Forfeits:**

In the event of a bye or forfeit in men's and women's Premier League divisions, the 11 named starting players from the previous played Premier League fixture are deemed ineligible for 2nd division on the day the bye occurs. A competition point's fine may also apply to this if a breach is detected.

In the event of a bye or forfeit any player named on the Premier League, Reserve and 2nd division starting eleven match cards from the previous week's fixture is deemed ineligible to play in the 3rd division. A competition point's fine may also apply to this if a breach is detected.

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A30.1.2 Senior Men's eligibility for 2nd, 3rd divisions:

Clubs participating need only have one team. However, if a 2nd division club has more than one team – the other teams must compete in the 3rd division and these players can be regarded as 'reserve / substitute' players for their 2nd division team.

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A30.2 Promotion **and Relegation**

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A30.2 Promotion **to Men's Premier League**

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A30.3 Club Eligibility (Women's divisions)

- (a) Any member Club nominating for Women's Premier League must also nominate a Reserve grade team. Clubs may apply to the Competition Administrator to be given permission to "buddy up" to complete the two team requirement (ie one club entering Premier League and another club playing as the Reserve Grade team). Dual registration across these two clubs will not be permitted and players must only participate in their own club's team.
 - (b) A club cannot field two teams in the same division unless they nominate four or more teams.
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A30.4 Senior Eligibility

Any registered player must turn 15 in the calendar year to be eligible to play in a senior competition.

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A30.3 Senior Eligibility

Any registered player must turn 15 **or older** in the calendar year to be eligible to play in a senior competition.

A senior player can only be named in two (2) teams per competition round.

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A30.5 Senior Eligibility – Finals Series

A30.5.1 The highest division team entered by a Club in both Men and Women's competitions:

No restrictions

A30.5.2 Reserve division:

The player must have played (starting line-up) at least One third of that team's premiership-playing season in the Reserve Grade division.

A30.5.3 For Men's and Women's 2nd and 3rd divisions:

The player must have played (starting line-up) at least one third of that team's premiership-playing season in the respective grade.

A30.5.4 For Men's Over 35:

The player must have played (starting line-up) at least One third of that team's premiership-playing season in the respective grade.

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A30.4 Senior Eligibility – Finals Series

A30.4.1 The highest division team entered by a Club in both Men and Women's competitions:

No restrictions

A30.4.2 All Other Senior Divisions:

The player must have played (starting line-up) at least One third of that team's premiership-playing season in the respective grade. (Unless A30.4.1 applies)

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A30.6 Senior Divisions Eligibility

In both men's and women's senior football, a player having been named three times in the starting line up in any season on a Premier League match card can only play down one division to the next lowest division that their Club competes in. Players cannot play any lower than 2nd division without the express written consent of the Competition Administrator.

In both men's and women's senior football, a player having been named three times in the starting line up in any season on a Premier Reserve Grade match card can only play down one division to the next lowest division that their Club competes in. Players cannot play 3rd division without the express written consent of the Competition Administrator.

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A30.5 Male Senior Divisions Player Eligibility

In men's Senior football, a player having been named three times in the starting line up in any season on a Premier League match sheet can only play down into Reserve Grade, no lower.

A player having been named three times in the starting line up in any season on a Reserve Grade match sheet can only play down one division to 2nd Division. Players cannot play any lower than 2nd division without the express written consent of the Competition Administrator.

Clubs are required to provide the Competition Administrator with a complete list of players allocated to each of their teams by the 1st of May each year.

A30.6 Women's Senior Divisions Player Eligibility

In the event that any Senior Women's competition is to be split at some later stage in the season; Clubs will be required to nominate their players to a specific team and provide this listing to the Competition Administrator prior to the first fixture.

Players will remain in this team until the Competition Administrator specifies a fixture that movement can take place. Once the nominated fixture is reached, the following process will apply to player movements.

NOTE: The following process also applies to all Women's Competitions that do not require a split.

In Women's Senior football, a player having been named three times in the starting line up in any season on a match sheet cannot play down into the next level of competition.

Clubs may submit a written request via the Club Secretary for an exemption to this Rule, by providing all relevant supporting information in the correspondence. The Competition Administrator will assess the request on a case by case basis.

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A30.7 Age Qualification for over 35 Competitions

A player **must have passed his 35th birthday by January 1st** to be eligible to register for that year's over 35 Competition

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A player **must turn 35 in the calendar year** to be eligible to register for that year's over 35 Competition.

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A32 PLAYER QUALIFICATION JUNIOR FOOTBALL

A32.1 Junior Football "borrowed player"

g) Removed

- (g) Any registered player must turn 15 in the calendar year to be eligible to play in a Senior competition.
- (i) A junior player can only be named in three teams per week a maximum of 3 times in any season without the express written consent of North Coast Football (one game being in seniors and two games at a maximum – as per rule 30.b – pertaining to seniors).

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A32 PLAYER & TEAM QUALIFICATION JUNIOR FOOTBALL

A32.1 Junior Football

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WAS**A32.2 Miniroos:**

Players may play for their Club in any team in their correct age division or in an appropriate higher age grade.

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Players may play for their Club in any team in their correct age division or in an appropriate higher age grade. However, players are restricted from 'playing up' two age groups without having played one season in an FFA Curriculum development block (ie U6 & U7; or U8 & U9; or U10 & U11 development blocks)

Clubs may request an exemption to this rule in writing to the Competition Administrator.

WAS**A33 SIX-A-SIDE / SEVEN-A-SIDE / SUMMER COMPETITIONS / TOURNAMENTS****A34 WET WEATHER PROCEDURE (See A.4)****NOW****A33 PROCEDURES****A33.1 WEATHER (See A.4)****NOTE:**

A33 moved to A33.3

A34 now A33.1 WEATHER

NEW A33.2 MASTERS COMPETITION RULES
