



# 2025 RULES OF COMPETITION

**Bendigo Amateur Soccer League**

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# 1. MATTERS APPLICABLE TO ALL COMPETITIONS

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### 1.1 General – Transition to Football Victoria (Use of FV and BASL Specific Rules)

- 1.1.1. With the transition to Football Victoria in season 2026, Bendigo Amateur Soccer League will adopt the Football Victoria 2025 Rules of Competition for all common matters relating to Rules of Competition.
- 1.1.2. Only the Regional specific matters are contained within the 2025 Bendigo Amateur Soccer League rules of competition. Where not contained within these rules of competition, BASL will defer to and adopt the FV 2025 Rules of Competition.
- 1.1.3. Where there is any conflict between rules of competition, the 2025 BASL Rules of Competition reference will apply.
- 1.1.4. Where the 2025 Football Victoria Rules of Competition refers to Football Victoria (FV), this is to be replaced with Bendigo Amateur Soccer League (BASL).
- 1.1.5. Where the FV Rules of Competition refers to Men's State League, Women's State league or Men's Metropolitan league replace with the equivalent Senior Team within the BASL Competitions. (i.e., League 1, League 2 and Youth)
- 1.1.6. Where the FV Rules of Competition refers to Metropolitan Juniors, these applies to all competitive Junior Competitions within the Bendigo Amateur Soccer League.

### 1.2. Loan Players

Under no circumstances are clubs permitted to sign players on Loan agreements or any other agreements to this effect

### 1.3. Player Contracts/Agreements

Clubs are not permitted to enter into contractual agreements with players. As per FA and FV 2024 Registration regulations, Amateur players are not allowed to be paid except for items set out in these regulations, which state:

An Amateur Player may not be paid, or re-imbursed for any expenses, to play football other than those below, without affecting their Amateur Status:

- (a) Legitimate travelling expenses to participate in Matches and attend training.
- (b) Hotel expenses (namely necessary meals and overnight accommodation during necessary absence from home for the purpose of playing in a Match).
- (c) A Player's equipment (excluding footwear and goalkeeping gloves).
- (d) A Player's insurance.

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(e) any other expenses or amounts allowable under the NRR's, as amended from time to time.

The cap on these payments and full details are contained within the Football Australia National Registration Regulations (NRR's).

Clubs must keep complete records of all payments made to Amateur Players and provide these records to BASL Upon Request. This right of Audit and Inspection is contained within the National Registration Regulations.

Where a club has a paid coach (at any level within the club who is also a player, full disclosure is required to BASL of the payment including):

- (a) Amount paid to coach
- (b) Team the payment as coach is being made for
- (c) Components of monetary return associated to Coaching and Playing
- (d) Advice to BASL of paid coaches is required by no later than 14 days prior to the commencement of the Senior Season (for Senior Coaches) and 7 days prior to the commencement of the Junior Season (for Junior Coaches). Failure to disclose this information to BASL will result in sanction under the Grievance, Discipline and Tribunal By-Laws.

In addition, and in line with section the Rules of Competition all coaches must be registered within Play Football and accepted by the club for all teams the club fields.

# 2. COMPETITION RULES

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### 2.1 Dispensation – Playing Down

2.1.1 A Player **may** in BASL's sole discretion be permitted to play down one age group in the following circumstances:

(a) if the Player has not previously been registered with FFA or FV. An application made under this provision is not automatically approved (needs to be the exception) and consideration of physical size, previous sports played etc. needs to be provided by clubs applying. Consideration as to whether a club already has an age-appropriate team will also be included in any final decision:  
or

(b) if the Player has previously been registered with FFA or FV and the Player's Club provides satisfactory evidence that the Player is not capable of competing at the higher level including but not limited to the following:

(i) Club Official to submit a formal request in writing either on Club letterhead or from an official club email account outlining the request

(ii) Supporting evidence in writing or email from the player's parent(s)/guardian(s)

(iii) Medical Certificate outlining the player's condition and reason(s) for needing to play in a younger age group

2.1.2 All requests for dispensation must follow the dispensation request guidelines and be submitted by the players club. All requests received other than from a club will not be considered.

2.1.3 To ensure that no team has numerous players playing down on dispensation, a cap of 2 players per team applies to this rule.

### 2.2. Gender Rules (In addition to FV Rules of Competition)

2.2.1. Female players are eligible to play in mixed divisions up to and including the Youth Division and Open (Social)

2.2.2. All female teams (i.e., a team made up entirely of female players) may in BASL's sole discretion be permitted to enter in a mixed competitions age group one year below that to which their oldest player would otherwise be eligible.

2.2.3. Males may only play in female competitions in accordance with the Equal Opportunities Act 2010, namely if the player in question is under 12 years of age and seeks to play in a Team or Competition for which they are age eligible.

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### 2.3 Movement of Players

- 2.3.1. During the first 2 rounds of any Competitive Junior or Senior Championship season, a Club may move any number of players between its teams in the same competition, except where other restrictions apply.
- 2.3.2. For other restrictions refer to specific competition rules (i.e., Senior and Junior Competitions)
- 2.3.3. The Statutes and Regulations of Football Federation Australia and FV relating to the transfer of amateur players with such amendments as may be made from time to time shall govern all competitions to which these rules apply.

### 2.4 Championship Competition

- 2.4.1 Teams entered in all competitive age groups/divisions will play each other in a Championship (or Cup) competition. BASL will determine the number of rounds to be played each season in all age groups/divisions. Where practical teams will play each other on a “Home” and “Away” basis, depending on the number of teams entered in each age group / division.
- 2.4.2 Where “Home and Away” games do not provide for each team to play each other twice, the BASL reserves the right to reschedule the remaining fixtures after all teams have played each other once.

### 2.5 Cup and Finals Competitions (when held)

- 2.5.1 At the end or during the season of the Championship season, a League Cup a Super Cup or Finals Competition may be staged in all competitive age groups / divisions, depending on ground availability and conditions. All teams in each age group / division or qualify (end of season finals only) will automatically be entered into this competition and be required to participate until knocked out.
- 2.5.2 Drawn Cup Competition Matches
  - If at the conclusion of any Cup fixture the scores are level, the teams shall play two equal periods of extra time.
    - For Senior competitions, the extra time periods shall be fifteen (15) minutes
    - For Junior competitions, the extra time periods shall be ten (10) minutes.
    - If the scores are still level at the conclusion of extra time, the match shall be determined by the Penalty Kick method as described in the FIFA Laws of the Game.
- 2.5.3 Eligibility of Players for League Cup, Super Cup and/or Finals Competition Series in Schedule 2 (Where applicable)
- 2.5.4 BASL shall determine the venue for all Cup and/or Finals Competition Series matches.

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### 2.6 Trophies

- 2.6.1 The winning team in each age group/division of a season's Championship, Premiership or Cup competition, shall be awarded a trophy at the discretion of BASL.
- 2.6.2 Where a trophy is in existence for annual competitions it shall be handed to the winning teams or runner up teams at the conclusion of the competition or at the BASL Annual Presentation Night or as soon thereafter as practical.
- 2.6.3 All such trophies should be returned to BASL, in good clean condition, not later than 30th August in the following year or earlier if the competition is held earlier in the season.
- 2.6.4 Clubs not returning trophies by the due date or returning trophies in a damaged condition shall be responsible for paying to BASL the cost of replacement.



# 3. FIXTURE REQUIREMENTS

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### 3.1. Match Records (formerly Team Sheets)

- 3.1.1 (a) Clubs must print the official match record from the online system linked to player registrations and must provide it to the Match Official, not less than 15 minutes before the commencement of any Match. Manual amendment of the printed record is allowed but the online system must be updated prior to results entry.
- (b) If:
- (i) a player listed on the Match Record is ineligible; and, or
  - (ii) a player who takes the field is not listed on the Match record then that player's Club will be guilty of Misconduct.
- 3.1.2 (a) If there is a dispute about any player(s), the Match Official must note the details and send these to BASL together with the Match Report.
- (b) Any Club that wishes to lodge an official protest must do so in accordance with GDT
- 3.1.3 Both teams must ensure the Match Official completes a Match Record immediately after the game.
- (a) Representatives from each team must sign the Match Record at the conclusion of the fixture and should do so only after the appointed Match Official has recorded all outstanding details.
  - (b) Once signed by all parties at the conclusion of the fixture, the match official must make a copy of the Match Record available to each team.
  - (c) Both teams must scan, copy, or photograph the match sheet and keep for their own clubs' records.
  - (d) The original match record must be retained by the match official and submitted electronically to [matchresults@basl.com.au](mailto:matchresults@basl.com.au). If the match official is a club appointed official, the home club must submit the required copies to [matchresults@basl.com.au](mailto:matchresults@basl.com.au).
- 3.1.4 Both teams can enter the Match Record into the online match record system designated by BASL in Accordance with Rule 3.5.

### 3.2. Player Numbers and substitution/interchange

#### Interchange

- 3.2.1 In all BASL fixtures for teams between Under 6's to Under 18's, Youth Division, Women's, League 1 Men's Reserve's, League 2 Men's, and Reserves and Open (Social) the Interchange Rule shall apply.
- (a) Each team can make an unlimited number of interchanges in any given fixture.

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- (b) All competitions where interchange is used are allowed to only have up to five (6) interchange players permitted to be named on the Team Sheet.
- (c) Intentionally Blank
- (d) To avoid the wasting of time, the interchange of players in the last five (5) minutes of normal time in any Championship fixture, will be only permitted at the discretion of the Match Referee.
- (e) Where a player is sent-off the field of play, no interchange can be made for that player. (Except where other rules do apply)
- (f) The referee must clearly mark the Team Sheet to show that all players named on the interchange actually took the field of play during the game.

## Substitutions

3.2.2. For League 1 Men's Seniors, the Substitution Rule shall apply.

- (a) No more than six (6) substitutes are permitted to be named on the Team Sheet
- (b) Clubs may use up to five (6) substitutes in any one fixture as below:
  - Each team will be permitted to use a maximum of five substitutes.
  - To reduce disruption to the match, each team will have a maximum of three opportunities to make substitutions during the game; substitutions may also be made at half-time.
  - If both teams make a substitution at the same time, this will count as one of the three opportunities for each team.
- (c) Once a player has been substituted, that player may take no further part in the match
- (d) Where a player is sent-off the field of play, no substitution can be made for that player.

## Players

3.2.3 A Match is to be played by two teams, each consisting of not more than eleven players, one of whom is the goalkeeper. A Match may not start if either team consists of fewer than seven players.

### 3.2.4 League 1 Senior Men's

Each team may make up to 5 substitutions in any given fixture, with no more than 5 substitutes permitted to be named on the Match Record.

### Women's (League 1 and League 2), League 1 Men's Reserves, League 2 Men's, and Women's, Open (Social), and Youth Division

Each team may make an unlimited number of substitutions, with no more than 6 substitutes permitted to be named on the Match Record

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## Junior Competition

Each team may make an unlimited number of substitutions with no more than 6 substitutes permitted to be named on the Match Record.

- 3.2.5 All substitutes must be seated within the Technical Area.
- 3.2.6 Substitutes may warm up outside of the Technical Area, provided they are wearing an alternative-coloured uniform to the team strip or wearing a bib.
- 3.2.7 When warming up, substitutes must choose an area furthest from the opposing team or as advised by the appointed Match Official

## 3.3 Ground Marshals

- 3.3.1 Each Club must provide the number of marshals (Ground Marshalls) directed by BASL.
- 3.3.2 Details of the role of a Grounds Marshal are available at the following link

### Role of a Grounds Marshal

- 3.3.3 Match Officials must not leave their dressing rooms to enter the Field of Play or return to their rooms from the Field of Play until the identifiable Ground Marshals are present.

**Table 3.3 – Minimum Number of Ground Marshals for all Competition Fixtures**

League	Minimum Number of Ground Marshals
Senior Men	2
Senior Women	2
Youth and all other grades	1

- 3.3.4 BASL may vary the minimum Ground Marshal requirements for any Competition Fixture at any time.
- 3.3.5 Each home and away Club is required to provide 50% of the required Ground Marshals for each Competition Fixture (where one than more is required). Failure to do so may result in Misconduct under the GDT.
- 3.3.6 The home team is responsible for the provision of Grounds Marshals for where only one is required.
- 3.3.7 Each team is responsible for the safety of their own Players' property. Anything left in a change room is done so at the owner's risk.
- 3.3.8 A failure by a Club Associate to comply with rule 3.3 shall receive a written warning on the first offence, however, may be subject to disciplinary action under the GDT for every offence thereafter.

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## 3.4 Player's Strip/Apparel

Table 3.4 – Clashes and Permissions

	Seniors	Juniors
<b>Playing Shirt</b>	No Clash Permitted	No Clash Permitted
<b>Shorts</b>	Clash Permitted	Clash Permitted
<b>Socks</b>	No Clash Permitted	Clash Permitted

### 3.4.2 Jewellery/Eyewear

- (a) FIFA 'Laws of the Game' state that players are forbidden to wear any equipment that may be dangerous to either the player him or herself, or to another player. This includes, but is not limited to, jewellery and spectacles.
- (b) All jewellery, including wedding bands and any studs, rings, bars, or other body-piercing jewellery must be removed before a player enters the field of play. No taping of any type is permitted.
- (c) Any player wearing jewellery will be cautioned and removed from the field of play until the Match Official is satisfied that the player has removed the item in question. There are no exceptions to this rule.
- (d) Any player requiring vision correction must wear contact lenses, or wear spectacles that:
  - (i) are firmly secured with a sports band or adjustable strap,
  - (ii) have purpose-designed and closely fitted curled ends on the arms, or
  - (iii) are specially designed protective sports glasses constructed of plastic with rubberised cushioning and no metallic parts.

## 3.5 Results of Matches

3.5.1 Subject to this rule results of each Match must be communicated to BASL by the time and method as directed below BASL. (This is for both Seniors and Junior Competitive Competitions)

- (a) Official appointed Referee's **must** enter the following information of each match by no later than midnight on the Sunday following the match using the online results system.
  - (i) Scores (if not already entered by clubs) – Half Time and Full Time.
  - (ii) Goal Scorers (All Competitions) and time of goals (Senior Competitions only).
  - (iii) Yellow/Red Cards – Including times and codes.
  - (iv) Substitutions (League 1 Men's Only)

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(v) Removing/Crossing Out any player who was not present/did not participate in the fixture.

(b) Official appointed referees **must** send a copy of the match records to [matchresults@basl.com.au](mailto:matchresults@basl.com.au) by no later than midnight on the Sunday of the weekend of the fixture.

Note: Clubs may have already entered this information and it simply needs to be checked for accuracy.

Note: Where a club appointed referee is used, they will require a club nominee/official with appropriate access to enter this information and send a copy of the official match records to [matchresults@basl.com.au](mailto:matchresults@basl.com.au).

(b) Home Team can enter the following information of each match by no later than 9:00pm on the Sunday following the match using the online results system.

(i) Team List (Home Team Only)

(ii) Substitutions (Men's Seniors only)

(iii) Scores (Half Time and Full Time Scores, plus cards received through match) – This is mandatory for all fixtures.

(iv) Home Team Goal Scorers

(v) Home Team Yellow/Red Cards

(vi) Match Media Report (using Match Comments Box) (Men's League 1 and Women's League 1 only)

(b) Away Team can enter the following information of each match by no later than 8.00am on the Monday following the match using the online results system.

(i) Team List

(ii) Substitutions (Men's Seniors only)

(iii) Away Team Goal Scorers

(iv) Away Team Yellow/Red Cards

(v) Away Team Best Players

(c) Any dispute to the entered results by the referee, Home or Away Team must be notified by no later than 10:00am on the Monday following the match using the online results system.

3.5.2 Clubs and Referee's which fail to notify BASL of the results of any Match by the time and manner stipulated above will incur a warning on first offence. Second and subsequent offences will be subject to disciplinary action under the GDT (Refer to MP13).

3.5.3 If no Match Official is appointed or present then the home team must communicate Match results to BASL as per section 3.12(b) above.

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## 3.6 Correspondence/Communication

- 3.6.1 All correspondence by BASL to Clubs shall be deemed to have been received by Clubs:
- (a) in the case of email communication immediately.
  - (b) in the case of communication sent by mail 3 days after such communication was posted
- 3.6.2 Clubs must ensure that postal mailboxes, specified email accounts, BASL Website or BASL Facebook page is checked regularly, and that any information received is forwarded to the addressee or relevant parties.
- 3.6.3 All correspondence received by BASL from Clubs must be on Club letterhead and signed by a Club official, or if sent by email, from the Club's email address as registered with BASL.
- 3.6.4 All Clubs must have an active email address and ensure that this address and all other relevant details are current and up to date and communicated with the Secretary, BASL by 8 March in each season.

# 4. FIXTURE DETAILS

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### 4.1 Duration of Competition Fixtures

#### 4.1.1 Periods of Play

- a. All Competition Fixtures will be played over Normal Time as specified in Table 4.1. For Mini-Roo's refer Section 9.

**Table 4.1 – Duration of Normal Time across Age Groups**

For Mini-Roo's refer Section 9.

Age Group	Duration of Competition Fixtures – Normal Time
Under Twelve (12)	2 x 30 minute halves (= 60 minutes)
Under Thirteen (13)	2 x 30 minute halves (= 60 Minutes)
Under Fourteen (14)	2 x 35 minute halves (= 70 minutes)
Under Fifteen (15)	2 x 35 minute halves (= 70 minutes)
Under Sixteen (16)	2 x 40 minute halves (= 80 minutes)
Under Eighteen (18)	2 x 45 minute halves (= 90 minutes)
Youth (18)s	2 x 45 minute halves (= 90 minutes)
Senior Women's	2 x 45 minute halves (= 90 minutes)
Senior Men's	2 x 45 minute halves (= 90 minutes)

- b. Periods of play for specific competitions may be altered by BASL provided they are implemented throughout the age group or competition.
- c. The Match Official may cut short any Competition Fixture (including reducing the length of each half before commencement of the Competition Fixture) if in the Match Official's opinion playing conditions compromise player safety or to prevent the delay to the commencement of any subsequent Competition Fixture from its scheduled kick off time only if:
  - (i) it is in line with IFAB rules; and
  - (ii) he or she has notified the coaches of each participating Team.

#### 4.1.2 Commencement Time

- a. Teams must be ready to begin playing by the stated kick off time.
- b. If either Team is not ready to begin playing within 20 minutes of the scheduled kick off time the Match Official may determine the Competition Fixture as Abandoned in accordance with Football Victoria's Rules of Competition.
- c. In circumstances where both Teams and the Match Official agree, the Competition Fixture may commence up to 30 minutes after the scheduled kick off time, provided it does not delay the kick-off of subsequent Competition Fixtures either at that venue or to which the Match Official is also appointed on that day.

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## 4.1.3 Half Time Interval

The half-time interval must be a minimum of 5 minutes and no longer than 15 minutes in duration.

## 4.2 Postponed/Rescheduled Competition Fixtures

### 4.2.1 Any requirement to a mid-week fixture will consider the following minimum requirements.

(a) Where the home team does not have match quality lights the fixture will be scheduled at a venue where appropriate lighting exists. The venue can be sourced by the home team (within 5 business days of the need to re-schedule), but BASL reserves the right to determine the final venue where no venue can be sourced by the home team.

(b) Kick-Off times for any re-scheduled mid-week fixture can be no earlier than 5.30pm and no later than 7.30pm unless agreement has been reached between the two competing clubs. This agreement is to still follow the deadlines as set out in section 4.7 of these regulations.

## 4.3 Non-Participation in a Competition Fixture

### 4.3.3 In the event of forfeit without adequate notification to BASL, the payment of any Match Official fees is entirely (100%) the responsibility of the non-participating Club. The payment will be shared (50%) if both Clubs do not (and are not ready to) participate in the Competition Fixture.

### 4.3.4 When insufficient players are available for a Competition Fixture a League 1 Men's Team within a Club must take priority over a League 1 Reserves Team. This equally applies to League 2 Men (Where a Men's and Reserves competition is being conducted). Where a club has both League 1 and League 2 Men's teams a League 1 Reserves side takes priority over any League 2 Men's team. Same logic applies to Women's in that a League 1 Women's team within a club takes priority over a League 2 Women's team. Failure to field either Team will be subject to penalty under the GDT.

## 4.4 Change of Venue/Fixture Requests by Club

### 4.4.1 Change of Venue Requests

- a. Change of venue requests may only be made on the basis of perceived unplayable pitch or venue conditions, or to relocate a Competition Fixture to an improved facility.
- b. A written request, including booking confirmation, to relocate a Competition Fixture to an improved facility must be received by BASL no less than 5 business days prior to the scheduled Competition Fixture. BASL shall consider factors such as maintaining kick off times, relative distance to travel and the quality of the facility and playing surface when considering such requests. Any request that involves a change to kick-off times or dates will be subject to Rule 4.4.2.
- c. Any change request based on deteriorating pitch or venue conditions may be considered within the 5 business days prior to the Competition Fixture at the discretion of BASL.



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## 4.4.2 Fixture Date/Time Change Requests

- a. BASL will consider a fixture change request by a Club if the request is received no less than 5 business (i.e., 5.00pm the second Friday before the Fixture) prior to the fixture with written consent provided to BASL by Club Officials of both Clubs.
- b. Scheduled BASL competition catch-up and Cup Fixture rounds will only be used in the case of postponed or abandoned Competition Fixtures.
- c. Exemption from Rule 4.4.2.b may only be made if.
  - (i) a request is made in accordance with Rule 4.4.2.a; and
  - (ii) five (5) days prior to the catch-up or Cup Fixture round neither Club participates in any other Competition Fixture being played in that catch-up or Cup Fixture round.
  - (iii) BASL will generally take the position of not granting approval under section 4.4.2(c) as these rounds are designated for the need to schedule abandoned and necessary re-scheduled fixtures (i.e., Unplayable conditions, Unforeseen Circumstances etc.)
  - (iv) Only exceptional circumstances will be considered in these requests and not those relating to day to day operational issues at clubs (i.e., Player Availability etc).

4.4.3 Rules 4.4.1 and 4.4.2 do not apply to Finals, Cup or Play Off Matches.

4.4.4 Any decision to reschedule a Competition Fixture (or otherwise) under Rule 4.4 is subject to BASL's right to reschedule a Competition Fixture in accordance with other rules of BASL or Football Victoria.

4.4.5 BASL decisions in relation to rescheduling of Competition Fixtures are final and binding on all parties and are not subject to appeal.

4.4.6 BASL holds ultimate power and absolute discretion over the fixturing of Competition Fixtures.

## 4.5 Restrictions on Ground Usage

4.5.1 BASL may take whatever action is deemed necessary if a fixture or fixtures are affected by restrictions on the usage of grounds.

## 4.6 Admittance to fixtures

4.6.1 Admittance prices for the 2025 season will be as follows:

- (a) Admittance to all competition matches will be free, including car parking, except for the Grand Final of a Cup Competition or Premiership Series, where BASL reserves the right to charge a fee for entry into these fixtures.

# 5. MATCH OFFICIALS

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### 5.1 Match Official Fees

5.1.1 2025 Match Official Fee Structure in Schedule 1.

5.1.2 (a) Payment of all fees for Match Officials (Including Assistant Referees) will be made on the day (by cash or cheque) by the Home team (except where BASL has agreed to pay the fee's (i.e., Cup Finals)). For avoidance of doubt the home team is the first name team in the fixture, regardless of venue. (Except for pre-season cup were the hosting club pay the referee's)

(b) It is the home club's responsibility to make necessary arrangements to ensure that all appointed referees are paid at the conclusion of their appointed games. Failure to pay referees in the first instance will be a warning. Subsequent breach will involve a fine at BR1 (as pre the GDT) for each subsequent breach.

(c) BASL on the conclusion of each fixture still requires receipt of signed match records (and votes if applicable) to competitions@basl.com.au, unless otherwise requested.

5.1.3 If a Match is abandoned or postponed, all Match Officials are entitled to receive Match fees in accordance with the BASL Rules of Competition.

### 5.2 Assistant Match Officials

5.2.1 Where available, two (2) assistant Match Officials shall be appointed to a Competition Fixture to assist the Match Official.

5.2.2 If insufficient assistant Match Officials have been appointed, each Team must provide an assistant Match Official. Where one (1) assistant Match Official has been provided the remaining official is to provided by the home team. Failure to comply will result in a forfeit.

### 5.3 Non-Attendance or Unavailability of Match Official

5.3.1 If the Match Official fails to honour his or her appointment, the next most senior Match Official (Replacement) will take charge of the Competition Fixture.

5.3.2 If the Match Official is late arriving at a Competition Fixture, the Replacement will take charge until the Match Official is ready to take over.

5.3.3 If no registered Match Official is present to act as the Replacement ten (10) minutes prior to scheduled start of the Competition Fixture, both Clubs shall agree on a person to act as the Match Official for the Competition Fixture, or until the appointed Match Official arrives. If, by the scheduled kick off time, no agreement can be reached, the Home Club must appoint a person to act as the Match Official for the Competition Fixture.

5.3.4 The Club is responsible to ensure Match Reports and votes are submitted to results@basl.com.au in the circumstances listed in 5.3.3 is the club providing the

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referee. If the agreed referee is not associated with a club, then this responsibility falls to the home club. Failure to do so may result in disciplinary action under the GDT.

5.3.5 All Clubs must fulfil all fixtures, regardless of whether or not the Match Official is present to take charge. Failure to do so may result in disciplinary action under the GDT.

5.3.6 If a Competition Fixture does not kick off within 20 minutes of the scheduled kick off time due to the absence of a Match Official, the Home Club will be deemed to have forfeited the Competition Fixture.

5.3.7 All Clubs must fulfil all Competition Fixtures, regardless of whether or not the BASL appointed Match Official is present to take charge. Failure to do so may result in a penalty under the GDT.

## 5.4 Decisions of the Match Official

5.4.1 The decisions of the Match Official(s) about any fact connected with play are final and cannot be disputed by any party.

## 5.5 Pitch & Facility Inspection Report

5.5.1 Prior to the commencement of each Match, the Match Official must complete a Pitch Inspection and ensure all subsequent match documentation is lodged with BASL by COB Monday. Where a pitch inspection reveals issues or facilities are a concern, the referee (either appointed officially or club appointed), must complete the pitch inspection report and follow the process for a fixture to be abandoned due to un-playable conditions.

## 5.6 Match Records and Misconduct Reports

5.6.1 At the conclusion of each Competition Fixture, the Match Official shall consult with his or her assistant Match Officials, where appointed, and confirm the accuracy of all Competition Fixture information before completing each Team's Match Record.

5.6.2 If a Club official protests to the Match Official about the fielding of an ineligible Player, the Match Official must instruct the Club official to lodge an official protest in accordance with the BASL GDT.

5.6.3 The Match Official must ensure Clubs do not list more than 17 Players on a Match Record for any fixture.

5.6.4 Subject to any Protest the Match Records received from the Match Official will be accepted as the accurate and official record of a Match.

5.6.5 Misconduct Reports must be submitted in accordance with the requirements set out in the Football Victoria GDT.

## 5.7 Best and Fairest Votes

5.7.1 At the conclusion of each Senior Championship Match, the Match Official must complete the Best and Fairest Votes by COB Monday via the Results Vault. If the Referee is unable to submit votes via Results Vault, then the Referee must submit to BASL by email to [matchresults@basl.com.au](mailto:matchresults@basl.com.au) by COB Monday.

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- 5.8.2 All votes must be treated with the highest confidentiality.
- 5.8.3 All votes must be completed in full, including the players' name, Club, and Identity Number.
- 5.8.4 A failure to comply with this rule may result in a Match Official being suspended from officiating or demoted to a lower division
- 5.8.5 Best and Fairest Voting and Eligibility
- (a) The Best and Fairest Award shall be voted on in each Senior Championship Match by the Match Official in accordance with Rule 5.8.
  - (b) Votes shall be cast in a 3-2-1 format with 3 votes given for the player adjudged by the Match Official to be the best and fairest in each Match.
  - (c) A Player who receives a Suspension as defined in the GDT shall be ineligible to win the award.
  - (d) A Player who has a Direct Red Card revoked shall be eligible to win the award.
  - (e) Players that have played at more than one club in a competition season will have goals and votes recognised as:  
  
Votes and/or goals at multiple Clubs in the same competition in the same Regular season will have the goals/vote tallied together, however the player will only be recognised in terms of their award as a player for the Club at which the player finished the Regular Season.

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## 6 MINIMUM FACILITY REQUIREMENTS

### Minimum Requirements for Each BASL Competition Venue – Existing Facilities

\*Note that all current facilities have been approved by BASL. However, new facilities must meet the following requirements.

\*Note for Under 12 and Under 13 Juniors – Please refer to section 8 for any differences to below.

\*Note: All clubs are required to submit a Pitch Facility report prior to the commencement of the season by set dates are determined by BASL. This information will be used to ensure that the minimum requirements for all types (both competitive and non-competitive) of soccer being played at the facility are in fact being met. Where these are not, BASL at its discretion may schedule fixtures to other venues.

Heading	Rule #	Class	Requirement
<b>Section 1 - Field of Play and Environments</b>			
General	1.1	All	The field of play and related equipment including goals and corner flags must be compliant with the Laws of the Game.
Pitch size	1.2.1	Senior	Length - Minimum 95 metres Width - Minimum 55 metres
	1.2.2	Junior	Length - Minimum 80 metres Width - Minimum 50 metres
Run offs	1.3	All	A minimum runoff area of 3 metres to any solid obstruction, including fences and team benches, must be provided.
Goals	1.4.1		Goalposts and nets must be in accordance with the Laws of the Game. The goalposts and crossbar must be made of wood, metal or other approved material. They may be square, rectangular, round or elliptical in shape and must not be dangerous to players. The distance between the posts is 7.32 m and the distance from the lower edge of the crossbar to the ground is 2.44 m. Both goalposts and the crossbar have the same width and depth, which do not exceed 12 cm. The goalposts and crossbars must be white.
	1.4.2	All	Goals must conform to Australian Standard AS 4866.1-2007 - Playing field equipment- Soccer goals Part 1: Safety aspects and be properly installed and secured. They must not have sharp edges protruding that may cause injury.
Corner posts and flags	1.5	All	Corner posts and flags must be in accordance with the Laws of the Game. Posts must not be metal or spring loaded. They must be plastic or wood and stand a minimum of 1.5 metres above the ground with a non-pointed top. Corner flags must not feature nationalistic emblems or reference,
Pitch surface	1.6.1	All	The field of play must be safe and even without trip hazards.
	1.6.2	All	The field of play should preferably have an even grass coverage of at least 85%. No important area of the field, including goal areas, should preferably be significantly without grass.

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Pitch Surface Cont.	1.6.3	All	If a hard-based cricket wicket is present on the field of play it must be covered with a material similar to grass. The edges of the wicket must not protrude from the ground or in any way cause a tripping hazard.
	1.6.5	All	Matches may be played on a pitch with a synthetic surface provided it has been constructed and maintained to FIFA 1 star standard.
Line Marking	1.7.1	All	The playing pitch must be clearly marked in accordance with Law 1. The goal lines must be of the same width as the goalposts and the crossbar. All lines must be of the same width, which must be not more than 12 cm.
	1.7.2	Note	The playing pitch must be marked in accordance with Law 1. However, Matches may be played on fields with some minor additional markings as follows: a) Law 1 markings must be in a colour that contrasts the pitch and no less than 100 mm in width b) extraneous markings must not be in same colour and must not be perceived as brighter than white and must not be greater than 50 mm in width c) the location and extent of extraneous markings must not be such as to be likely to cause significant risk of confusion to the referee in the officiating of the Match.
	1.7.3	All	Only products such as agricultural limestone or water based spray paint or other similar material which will not endanger ground users or damage turf grasses may be used for line marking. Limil, Herbicides and other products such as 'Round Up' that are harmful to a person's health can cause damage to the playing surface are not to be used under any circumstances.
Stretcher	1.8	All	One stretcher suitable for first aid and emergency use must be placed at the half way line prior to the commencement of each Match. The stretcher must remain inside the barrier/fence, in a safe and accessible position to first aid staff, for the duration of the Match. <i>Wooden or canvas stretchers are not suitable.</i>
Pitch Fence	1.9.1	All	A permanent chain wire fence around the pitch meshed to the ground, with a minimum height of 1.1 metres, and at minimum 3 metres in distance from the side lines and goal lines,
	1.9.2	All	Where a pitch fence is not in place at least a rope or a painted line around the pitch at a minimum 3 metres in distance from the side lines and goal lines must be in place to provide a clear indication of segregation of the playing area to the spectator area.
Technical Area	1.10	All	The technical area may be marked by crushable cones. If marked by lines they must be in accordance with the line marking requirements in line with FIFA laws.
Team Benches	1.11.1	Senior	Two covered team benches or equivalent seating with adequate seating for 5 people must be provided.

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Section 2 - Player and Officials Amenities			
Players change rooms	2.1	All	Two (one for each opposing club) players' lockable dressing rooms must be provided. Each room must have access to hot and cold showers and to toilet facilities within or adjacent to the building structure
Officials Room	2.2.	All	A Match Official must have exclusive access to a dressing room. Each room must have access to hot and cold showers and to toilet facilities within or adjacent to the building structure
Section 3 - Spectator Amenities			
Public Toilets	3.1	All	Access to male and female public toilets must be available.
Access	3.2	All	The venue must be accessible by emergency services vehicles.

### Minimum Requirements for Each BASL Competition Venue – New Facilities

\*Note that all current facilities have been approved by BASL. However, new facilities must meet the following requirements.

\*Note for Under 12 Juniors – Please refer to schedule five for any differences to below.

Heading	Rule #	Class	Requirement
Section 1 - Field of Play and Environments			
General	1.1	All	The field of play and related equipment including goals and corner flags must be compliant with the Laws of the Game.
Pitch size	1.2.1	Senior	Length - Minimum 100 metres Width - Minimum 60 metres
	1.2.2	Junior	Length - Minimum 100 metres Width - Minimum 60 metres
Run offs	1.3	All	A minimum runoff area of 3 metres to any solid obstruction, including fences and team benches, must be provided.
Goals	1.4.1		Goalposts and nets must be in accordance with the Laws of the Game. The goalposts and crossbar must be made of wood, metal or other approved material. They may be square, rectangular, round or elliptical in shape and must not be dangerous to players. The distance between the posts is 7.32 m and the distance from the lower edge of the crossbar to the ground is 2.44 m. Both goalposts and the crossbar have the same width and depth, which do not exceed 12 cm. The goalposts and crossbars must be white.
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Corner posts and flags	1.5	All	Corner posts and flags must be in accordance with the Laws of the Game. Posts must not be metal or spring loaded. They must be plastic or wood and stand a minimum of 1.5 metres above the ground with a non-pointed top. Corner flags must not feature nationalistic emblems or reference.
Pitch surface	1.6.1	All	The field of play must be safe and even without trip hazards.
	1.6.2	All	The field of play should preferably have an even grass coverage of at least 85%. No important area of the field, including goal areas, should preferably be significantly without grass.
Pitch Surface Cont.	1.6.3	All	If a hard-based cricket wicket is present on the field of play it must be covered with a material similar to grass. The edges of the wicket must not protrude from the
			ground or in any way cause a tripping hazard.
	1.6.4	All	The field of play must not include a hard-based cricket wicket.
	1.6.5	All	Matches may be played on a pitch with a synthetic surface provided it has been constructed and maintained to FIFA 1 star standard.
Line Marking	1.7.1	All	The playing pitch must be clearly marked in accordance with Law 1. The goal lines must be of the same width as the goalposts and the crossbar. All lines must be of the same width, which must be not more than 12 cm.
	1.7.2	Note	The playing pitch must be marked in accordance with Law 1. However, Matches may be played on fields with some minor additional markings as follows: a) Law 1 markings must be in white and no less than 100 mm in width b) extraneous markings must not be in white and must not be perceived as brighter than white and must not be greater than 50 mm in width c) the location and extent of extraneous markings must not be such as to be likely to cause significant risk of confusion to the referee in the officiating of the Match.
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## 6. FACILITY REQUIREMENTS

Pitch Fence	1.9.1	All	A permanent chain wire fence around the pitch meshed to the ground, with a minimum height of 1.1 metres, and at minimum 3 metres in distance from the side lines and goal lines.
Technical Area	1.10	All	The technical area may be marked by crushable cones. If marked by lines they must be in accordance with the line marking requirements in line with FIFA laws.
Team Benches	1.11.1	Senior	Two covered team benches with adequate seating for 8 people must be provided.

### Section 2 - Player and Officials Amenities

Players change rooms	2.1	All	Four (two for each opposing club) players' lockable dressing rooms must be provided. Each room must have access to hot and cold showers and to toilet facilities within or adjacent to the building structure
Officials room	2.2.	All	A Match Official must have exclusive access to a lockable dressing room. Each room must have access to hot and cold showers and to toilet facilities within or adjacent to the building structure

### Section 3 - Spectator Amenities

Public Toilets	3.1	All	Access to male and female public toilets must be available.
Access	3.2	All	The venue must be accessible by emergency services vehicles.

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## 7. BASL SENIOR COMPETITION REGULATIONS

### 7.1 Senior Competitions

League Name	Abbreviation	Number of Teams
Central Victorian League 1 Men's	CVL1M	8
Central Victorian League 1 Women's	CVL1W	8
Central Victorian League 1 Reserve's	CVL1R	8
Central Victorian League 2 Men's	CVL2M	4 to 16
Central Victorian League 2 Women's	CVL2W	4 to 16
Central Victorian League 2 Reserve's	CVL2R	4 to 16
Central Victorian Youth	CVY	4 to 16
Central Victorian Youth Women's	CVYW	4 to 16

7.1.1 BASL may conduct any competition (or alter the age groupings) it deems necessary to start or complete a season.

7.1.2 BASL may abandon or restructure any competition.

### 7.2 Senior Player Eligibility

7.2.1 To be eligible to play in a Senior (Men or Women's) competition:

**(a) Playing Youth:**

A player can play youth from the age of 14 if they have turned 14 before the 1st of January in the year of that season commencing. If they turn 14 during the season and want to apply for dispensation to play, after they have turned 14, they can do so by providing BASL the relevant documentation.

Note: No dispensation will be considered for players who turn 14 after the Registration Closing date each year as advised by Football Victoria each season.

**(b) Playing Senior Men's:**

A male player can play senior men from the age of 15, if they have turned 15 before the 1st of January in the year of that season commencing. If they turn 15 during the season and want to apply for dispensation to play, after they have turned 15, they can do so by providing BASL the relevant documentation.

Note: No dispensation will be considered for players who turn 15 after the Registration Closing date each year as advised by Football Victoria each season.

**(c) Playing Senior Women's:**

A female player can play senior women from the age of 14 if they have turned 14 before the 1st of January in the year of that season commencing. If they turn 14 during the season and want to apply for dispensation to play, after they have turned 14, they can do so by providing BASL the relevant documentation.

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Note: No dispensation will be considered for players who turn 14 after the Registration Closing date each year as advised by Football Victoria each season.

## Examples:

1. *John is 14 on the 31st of December (born 21 May, turning 15) and wants to play in the Senior Men's Team. He is unable to play Senior Men's until after he turns 15 on 21 May. His club will need to lodge a dispensation request for him to play on or after the 21 May. Cut-off will be Close of Business (COB) on the Wednesday prior to the fixture. As he is already 14 he can however play in the clubs Youth fixtures without need for a dispensation.*
2. *Brian has already turned 15 when the season has started (born on 12 February) and wants to play in the senior men's team. There is still a requirement to lodge a dispensation request as Brian was not 15 prior to 1 January.*
3. *Michelle is 13 when the season starts (born 21 November, turning 14) and wants to play in the Senior Women's team). As she does not turn 14 until after the registration cut-off date has passed, she is unable to apply to play under a dispensation agreement.*
4. *Felicity joins the club on 12 July. When joining she has just turned 14. As she was not 14 before 1<sup>st</sup> of January and the registration window has not closed, her club still does need to apply for a dispensation agreement to play in the team.*

7.2.2 An application made under Regulation 7.2.1 must submit a dispensation agreement with BASL prior to any player taking the field of play. The agreement must be lodged at [competitions@basl.com.au](mailto:competitions@basl.com.au) no later than the close of business (COB) the Wednesday prior to the fixture.

The agreement will cover:

- Previous experience playing outdoor football, 11v11.
- While the players are still physically developing that we recommend that they are monitored for growth spurts and their load managed to suit.
- Does the club have an age group for this player to play in with their own age?
- Reasons for this player playing in an older age group.
- Signed by the club (Representative), Player, Parent/Guardian.
- Needs submission to BASL Prior to taking the field of play. Cut-off will be the Wednesday prior to a fixture.
- The agreement would include a statement that they understand that the player will be playing in a senior competition and will be in and around a senior/adult environment.

7.2.3 An application made under Regulation 7.2.1 will be considered by BASL. BASL has sole discretion in relation to any application made under that Regulation.

7.2.4. Any Team which fields an ineligible player may be subject to penalty under the GDT.

7.2.5. Teams playing any player under a dispensation granted by BASL must produce the letter of dispensation on match day upon request by the Match Official. Failing to produce a letter of dispensation upon request by the Match Official may result in a charge of Misconduct under the GDT.

7.2.6. If there is a dispute about a player(s) eligibility on the day of a Competition Fixture, the Match Official must note the details of that dispute and send those details to BASL together with an incident report. No Club or Match Official may prevent a player from taking the field in a Competition Fixture on suspicion of ineligibility.

7.2.7 Any Club or Player who in the opinion of BASL is in breach of any items under 7.2 will be ineligible and subject to disciplinary action pursuant to the GDT.

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## 7.3 Movement of Players

7.3.1 During the remainder of the Championship and other competitions conducted (i.e., League Cup) season:

### SENIOR MEN

#### **Where a single championship is being held only. (i.e.) A single competition of League 1 (Seniors and Reserves)**

- (a) No more than 2 players who played in the starting line-up in the Clubs Most recent Senior Men's side can play in the clubs Reserves side. For clarification, this assessment for movement of players is based on whether a player was in the starting team or not.

#### **Where multiple championship competitions are being held. (i.e.) A single (or Multiple) League 2 (or League 3) and a League 1 is being held.**

- (b) No restriction of the movement of players between the Seniors and Reserves within the League 1 or League 2 competitions.
- (c) No more than 3 players who played in a club's League 1 competition can play in the clubs League 2 team. The same applies between League 2 and League 3 competitions. For clarification, this assessment is based on the clubs most recent League 1 team list/s. (i.e., The last time the clubs League 1 teams played).
- (d) For further clarification the movement rule applies also between championship and league cup (or other such competitions) fixtures held during the season. There is no differentiation for the purpose of the determining who is running back week in week out. This is to ensure a true representation of players occurs in each and every competition. (i.e., The determination applies to each fixture regardless of what the previous applicable fixture played is (Championship or other competition being held (Except for Super Cup that has its own qualification rules)).

Note: Forfeits are not counted as a fixture for the purpose of determining player movements.

### SENIOR WOMEN

- (a) No more than 3 players who played in a club's League 1 competition (Championship or League Cup (or any other competition)) can play in the clubs League 2 team. This also applies between League 2 and League 3 competitions if conducted. For clarification, this assessment is based on clubs most recent League 1 team list regardless of whether it is a Championship or League Cup fixture. (i.e., The last time the clubs League 1 team played).
- (b) For further clarification the movement rule applies also between championship and league cup (or other such competitions) fixtures held during the season. There is no differentiation for the purpose of the determining who is running back week in week out. This is to ensure a true representation of players occurs in each and every competition. (i.e., The determination applies to each fixture regardless of what the previous applicable fixture played is (Championship or

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other competition being held (Except for Super Cup that has its own qualification rules)).

Note: Forfeits are not counted as a fixture for the purpose of determining player movements.

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### Where Two Teams from the same club are entered into a single League 2 Men's or Women's championship (where they are not in League 1 Competitions).

- (a) Two (2) senior age players (18+) and Four (4) Youth age players can be nominated to be able to move between the two teams within a single League 2 Men's or Women's Competition. These nominated players must be notified to BASL by the Wednesday prior to the commencement of Round 3 of the competition and cannot be changed once submitted. (Except Under the Dispensation Rule Below)
- (b) One (1) Floating Player (anyone on the playing list) can move between each team week to week. (i.e. A different player each week can move between the teams each week, however it can only be a single player)
- (c) Any nominated player can still only qualify to play in one of the club's League 2 Men's or Women's teams in any finals series and this will be determined based on which team the player plays the most games during the championship season (Regardless of whether that team makes the finals or not). If equal the club must advise which team they will play in for the finals prior to commencement of the Super Cup (if necessary).

### Nominated Players - Dispensation

- (d) Clubs requesting dispensation to change any of the nominated players in point (e) above must submit their request in writing 10 days prior.
- (e) Dispensation may be sought for the following reasons:
  - o Long Term Injury
  - o Long Term Availability due to other reasons (to be specified when submitted)
- (f) BASL may request evidence of club's reasons for a dispensation to switch nominated players, which must be provided prior to any final answer.

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- (a) A Club who has more than one team in any Division, cannot move players between those teams, except where other rules apply (i.e., League 2 Men and Women (Single Competition) where players can move between teams in the first 2 rounds of the season). For clarification, the team a player is tied to in their correct team based on which team they first play for in in Round 3.

7.3.2. Any contravention of these rules will result in the Club being sanctioned under the GDT.

## 7.4 Composition of Leagues

### General

- 7.4.1 BASL will stage a Championship series for all competitive age groups/divisions each season.

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Other competitions may be played depending on ground availability and conditions. Games will be played at venues and times nominated by BASL.

- 7.4.2 BASL shall provide the final Championship Series competition draw fourteen (14) days prior to the first round of the Championship Series competition. This will only occur where all clubs have met the deadlines set down by the BASL regarding the entry of teams and player registrations, and there are no adverse weather conditions which affects the allocation of games to limited grounds.

## Team Entry

- 7.4.3 Only one (1) team from each club can compete in the League 1 Women's Championship, League 1 Men's Championship (Seniors and Reserves), unless BASL has given prior approval. Multiple team entries are allowed for the League 2 Men's, Women's, and Youth championships. Multiple Open (Social) teams are allowed.
- 7.4.4 Any Club taking part in BASL Senior Competition can be allowed to enter the League 1 and/or League 2 (where held) Championship or Cup competitions (when held) as below:
- (a) League 1 Men's Championship – Clubs participating in League 1 must enter both seniors and reserves. Withdrawal of teams before and/or after the start of the season will see BASL in its sole discretion either:
- Movement of the clubs remaining team to the League 2 Competition or
  - Remove the reserve side of the withdrawing club.

NOTE: Where no League 2 competition is held, the withdrawal of a team from League 1 must be the Reserve side.

- (b) League 1 Women's Championship

(c) League 2 Men's Championship – Clubs participating in League 2 can enter both seniors and reserves. Where a club only has one team, this entry will be in the Senior Competition (except where clubs (or BASL) agree to pair single team entries together in the interest of a viable League 2 Reserve's competition). Where a club entering two teams and subsequently withdraws a team before and/or after the start of the season will see BASL withdraw this team from the League 2 Reserves competition.

Where any such withdrawal means an un-viable League 2 Reserve's competition BASL in its sole discretion may revert to a single League 2 competition and determine the remaining draw for this competition in its sole discretion.

- (d) League 2 Women's Championship

- (e) Youth

Where insufficient teams are entered into a viable League 2 Men's or Reserve's Competition, BASL reserves the right to develop competitions as it deemed necessary to ensure participation and a season for all.

- 7.4.5 All team application forms submitted after the advised date are received subject to the approval of BASL in line with the guidelines issued each season.
- 7.4.6 All teams must nominate a Manager and Coach for all team entries.

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- 7.4.7 Where insufficient entries are received to form a competition in any division, BASL reserves the right to not accept those team entries or not offer a competition in that division.
- 7.4.8 Team entry fees and fees for players in all competitions will be fixed by BASL.
- 7.4.9 Team's entered and withdrawn after the release of the DRAFT fixtures will be charged 50% of the team entry cost. Teams withdrawn after the release of the final fixture will be charged 100% of the team entry cost.

## 7.5 Senior Men's – Promotion and Relegation

- 7.5.1 Where the league conducts two separate men's competitions, promotion and relegation between the competitions will be as below:
  - (a) The top team in Central Victorian League 2 Men's (Championship Winner) will be promoted to the Central Victorian League 1 competition for the following season.(except for (c) below).
  - (b) The bottom team in Central Victorian League 1 in the championship season will be relegated to the Central Victorian League 2 competition for the following season (except for (c) and (d) below).
  - (c) Where the top team in Central Victorian League 2 Men's (Championship Winner) already has a team in the Central Victorian League 1 championship the team finishing second in Central Victorian League 2 Men's will be promoted to Central Victorian League 1 competition for the following season except where this club also already has a team in the Central Victorian League 1 competition.
  - (d) Where the top 2 teams in Central Victorian League 2 Men's competition are unable to be promoted the bottom placed team in the Central Victorian League 1 Men's competition will remain in Central Victorian League 1 Men's competition for the following season.
  - (e) Where a team promoted from Central Victorian League 2 to Central Victorian League 1 in any season can only field one team, this will be placed in the Central Victorian League 1 Men's competition and a BYE will be entered into the Central Victorian League 1 Reserve's competition

Note: Confirmation of whether a promoted club will be fielding one or two teams in the season following promotion must be advised by 30 November in the season of promotion to enable completion of League 1 fixtures.

Where no advice is received BASL will enter and fixture teams in both Men's and Reserve's competitions in line with the Rules of Competition. Any advice of only one team will be subject to the club incurring 50% of the team entry cost if advised after the release of the DRAFT draw and 100% if advised after the release of the Final fixtures for the withdrawn team.

## 7.6 Senior Women's - Promotion and Relegation

- 7.6.1 Where the league conducts two separate senior women's competitions, promotion and relegation between the competitions will be as below:

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- (a) The top team in Central Victorian League 2 (Championship Winner) will be promoted to the Central Victorian League 1 competition for the following season (except for (c) below).
- (b) The bottom team in Central Victorian League 1 in the championship season will be relegated to the Central Victorian League 2 competition for the following season (except for (c) below).
- (c) Where the top team in Central Victorian League 2 (Championship Winner) already has a team in the Central Victorian League 1 championship the team finishing second in Central Victorian League 2 will be promoted to Central Victorian League 1 competition for the following season except where this club also already has a team in the Central Victorian League 1 competition.

Where promotion of the 1st of 2nd placed team in Central Victorian League 2 Women's is not possible to Central Victorian League 1 Women's the team that finished last in Central Victorian League 1 Women's will remain in the Central Victorian League 1 competition for the following season.

## 7.7 Default Playing Days and Times

Default Playing Days and times are:

### 7.7.1 Default Playing Days

- The default playing day for a club is for all senior entered teams (except Over 35 if held) unless exception has been sought and approved from BASL. Any final decision for an exception is at BASL's sole discretion.
- BASL will take the position of not approving separate playing days for senior teams unless exceptional circumstances (i.e., capacity issues) can be shown. Internal decisions of clubs are not exceptional circumstances and seen as a club issue to resolve amongst the playing groups.

### 7.7.2 Default Playing Times

- Saturday (where approved lighting is used)
  - 4 Teams (Example Below) -
    - 1pm Youth
    - 1pm Women
    - 3pm Reserves
    - 5pm Men

Note: These are default times only.

Note: The home team selects their preferred kick-off times as the default for the development of fixtures.

No Saturday Fixture can kick-off after 7pm.

- Saturday and Sunday (where no lighting is available)
  - 4 Teams (Example Below) –
    - 10am Youth



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- 11.00am Women
- 1.00pm Reserves
- 3.00pm Men
- 3 Teams – Variable (No Default)
- 2 Teams – Variable (No Default)
- 1 Team – Variable (No Default)

## NOTES:

The home team selects their preferred kick-off times as the default for the development of fixtures.

No Saturday Fixture can kick-off after 7pm.

No Sunday Fixture can kick-off after 3pm.

*Note: Clubs are responsible to provide un-restricted ground availability for the default playing day and times for fixtures to be developed. Any restrictions on access to grounds is covered in section 4.8 of these Rules.*

*Note: Variations of combinations are possible and will be dealt with during the development of season fixtures.*

*Note: No evening fixture is to be scheduled with a kick-off time later than 7.30pm.*

*Note: These are default playing dates and times to set up fixtures. BASL reserves the right to change to ensure a competition and underlying fixtures can be scheduled, particularly where clubs field multiple teams and capacity needs to be considered for scheduling.*

*Clubs can still request changes in line with the ROC pertaining to Fixture Changes (once released)*

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## 8. BASL JUNIOR COMPETITION REGULATIONS

### 8.1 Junior Competitions

8.1.1. The Competition may be played in the following age groups / divisions:

#### Competitive Juniors

- Under 12
- Under 12 (Girls Only)
- Under 13
- Under 13 (Girls Only)
- Under 14
- Under 14 (Girls Only)
- Under 16
- Under 16 (Girls Only)
- Under 18
- Under 18 (Girls Only)

All Competitive juniors' teams will be graded into A, B, C (or Whatever number of Divisions are required) divisions pending on team numbers either by Club Nomination, Grading Competition or at BASL discretion.

Clubs with more than one team in any age group MUST enter one of them in the A division where more than one division is operating (It is noted that the opportunity move the team is possible in the regrading period where the parameters have been met by said team)

8.1.2 BASL may conduct any competition (or alter the age groupings) it deems necessary to start or complete a season.

8.1.3 BASL may abandon or restructure any competition.

### 8.2 Junior Player Eligibility

8.2.1 To be eligible to in a junior age group higher the following applies:

#### Playing Junior Competitions:

For Junior Divisions (Under 6 to Under 16 (including Under 18 Saturday)) a player may only play up, in line with the table below, unless an application to BASL for exemption from Regulation 8.2.1 is made by the player's Club on behalf of the player and is accepted by BASL.

The determination is based on the players age as of 31 December in the previous season. Note if a specific age group is not offered by BASL or fielded by the players club, they cannot play in the next available higher age group.

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Player Age (As determined on 31/12 in the previous year)	Maximum Age Group Possible
6	Under 10
7	Under 11
8	Under 12
9	Under 13
10	Under 14
11	Under 15
12	Under 16
13	Under 17
14	Under 18 (Sat)

## Example:

1. *John is 10 on 31 December (in the previous season) making him a Under 11 (playing in the Under 12's in the coming season. He is eligible to play up to Under 15 competitions for the competition season. As no Under 15 competition is being conducted, he remains eligible only up to Under 14.*

8.2.2 An application made under Regulation 8.2.1 must submit a dispensation agreement with BASL prior to any player taking the field of play. The agreement must be lodged at [competitions@basl.com.au](mailto:competitions@basl.com.au) no later than the close of business (COB) the Wednesday prior to the fixture.

The agreement will cover:

- Previous experience playing outdoor football, 11v11.
- While the players are still physically developing that we recommend that they are monitored for growth spurts and their load managed to suit.
- Does the club have an age group for this player to play in with their own age?
- Reasons for this player playing in an older age group.
- Signed by the club (Representative), Player, Parent/Guardian.
- Needs submission to BASL Prior to taking the field of play. Cut-off will be the Thursday prior to a fixture.
- The agreement would include a statement that they understand that the player will be playing in a senior competition and will be in and around a senior/adult environment.

8.2.3 An application made under Regulation 8.2.1 will be considered by BASL. BASL has sole discretion in relation to any application made under that Regulation.

8.2.4. Any Team which fields an ineligible player may be subject to penalty under the GDT.

8.2.5. Teams playing any player under a dispensation granted by BASL must produce the letter of dispensation on match day upon request by the Match Official. Failing to produce a letter of dispensation upon request by the Match Official may result in a charge of Misconduct under the GDT.

8.2.6. If there is a dispute about a player(s) eligibility on the day of a Competition Fixture, the Match Official must note the details of that dispute and send those details to BASL

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together with an incident report. No Club or Match Official may prevent a player from taking the field in a Competition Fixture on suspicion of ineligibility.

- 8.2.7. A Player will not be prevented from playing above his or her age group except where other rules with the 2025 ROC apply and would be broken.
- 8.2.8. A Player who is participating above his or her age group will not be prevented from returning to play in his or her rightful age group unless that Player is suspended and except where other rules apply (e.g., Cup Competitions or Grading).
- 8.2.9 All requests for dispensation must follow the dispensation request guidelines and be submitted by the players club. All requests received other than from a club will not be considered.
- 8.2.10 Players who are listed on the Match Record will be deemed to have participated in the fixture regardless of whether they take the field or not, unless otherwise noted by the Match Official.
- 8.2.11 Any Club or Player who in the opinion of BASL is in breach of any items under 8.2 will be ineligible and subject to disciplinary action pursuant to the GDT.

### 8.3 Movement of Players

- 8.3.1 During the remainder of the Championship and other competitions conducted (i.e., League Cup) season:

#### ALL COMPETITIONS

- (a) A Club who has more than one team in any Division, cannot move players between those teams, except where other rules apply. For clarification, the team a player is tied to in their correct team based on which team they first play for in Round 3.

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- (b) Players can play up into a higher division within the same age group (i.e., Under 12B to Under 12A) A player is able to move this way for 3 matches. Once they play up into a higher division the 4<sup>th</sup> time, they become tied to the higher team and cannot return back to the lower division. (Note this is cumulative where more than two division exist in the same age group).

*(i.e. – John plays in the Under 12 C side. He has played previously in the Under 12B side on 2 occasions and the Under 12A side on 1 occasion. The club wishes him to play in the 12A team this coming weekend. He can play; however, the player and club need to consider that playing is the 12A side this weekend, would be his fourth time cumulative and for the remainder of the season he will need to play in the 12A team and cannot return to the 12C team. Also, cannot play in the 12B team as this would breach rule 11.3.1(g)).*

- (g) Under no circumstance can a player play down between divisions within the same age group. (i.e., Under 12A down to the Under 12B)

- 8.3.2. Any contravention of these rules will result in the Club being sanctioned under the GDT.

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## 8.4 Composition of Leagues

### General

8.4.1 BASL will stage a Championship series for all competitive age groups/divisions each season.

Other competitions may be played depending on ground availability and conditions. Games will be played at venues and times nominated by BASL.

- (a) Composition of the League is at the discretion of BASL
- (b) BASL Reserves the right to determine dates and times of competition fixtures with specific regards to the number of fixtures played.
- (c) For uneven teams in leagues (i.e., 5,7,9,11 etc) number of teams BASL will:
  - a. Have additional Competition Fixtures scheduled or
  - b. Have Competition Fixtures removed from the draw

To ensure that all teams play the same number of games during the regular season.

8.4.2 BASL shall provide the final Championship Series competition draw five (5) days prior to the first round of the Junior Championship series. This will only occur where all clubs have met the deadlines set down by the BASL regarding the entry of teams and player registrations, and there are no adverse weather conditions which affects the allocation of games to limited grounds.

### Team Entry

8.4.3 Clubs may enter a number of teams in any age group from Under 6's to Under 18's inclusive.

8.4.4 All team application forms submitted after the advised date are received subject to the approval of BASL in line with the guidelines issued each season.

8.4.5 All teams must nominate a Manager and Coach for all team entries.

8.4.6 Where insufficient entries are received to form a competition in any age group/division, BASL reserves the right to not accept those team entries or not offer a competition in that age group/division.

8.4.7 Team entry fees and fees for players in all competitions will be fixed by BASL.

8.4.8 Team's entered and withdrawn after the release of the DRAFT fixtures will be charged 50% of the team entry cost. Teams withdrawn after the release of the final fixture will be charged 100% of the team entry cost.

## 8.5 Regrading and Late Team Entries

### Regrading

**NOTE: Re-grading can be to move down or up a division (within the same age group).**

8.5.1 Following **the conclusion of Round 3** of the Regular Season, a request to re-grade to a new League will only be considered by BASL if:

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- (a) The League to which the team wants to move contains a bye (i.e., an uneven number of teams); and
- (b) The league from which the team wants to move does not contain a bye (i.e., an even number of teams), OR
- (c) There is a concurrent request from a Team to move between the two Leagues, which would effectively result in a direct swap between the two Teams in question and, therefore, no disruption to either of the respective leagues.

8.5.2 A request to re-grade can be lodged by the club. BASL in its absolute discretion for the enjoyment of all competitions can also re-grade teams during this period. This will be done in consultation with the impacted teams and clubs.

*Note: This decision of BASL does not need to consider dot points 11.5.1 (a), (b) and (c) above. The decision of BASL to regrade a team will be done in consultation with the impacted teams and clubs. The final decision will be BASL's and cannot be appealed.*

8.5.3 No Club shall have more than one (1) Team re-graded in the same competition age group except in extraordinary circumstances as deemed necessary by BASL.

8.5.4 BASL may consider a request to re-grade which does not satisfy the criteria stipulated in Rule 11.5.1 above in exceptional circumstances. In doing so, it will consider the following:

8.5.5 The extent of League and fixture disruption for other Teams caused by the proposed move.

8.5.6 Match results recorded between Rounds 1-3 of the current Regular Season. No request to re-grade will be considered if a Team has not won or lost all three fixtures.

8.5.7 History of the Team's performance across previous seasons.

8.5.8 Any additional information sought or requested by BASL, including but not limited to referee and opposition feedback.

8.5.9 The following match determinations will apply to competitions affected by an approved request to re-grade:

- (a) Any re-graded Team will commence in its new League in Round 4 and will incur three (3) Forfeits results because of commencing in the new League after the third round. BASL will determine the three rounds for which the regraded Team is to be allocated a Forfeit. Each Forfeit will be attributed a 3-0 result against the re-graded Team.

*Note: Where the re-grade of a team is instigated by BASL the league may consider additional fixtures (catch-up). The final decision is BASL's and not appealable.*

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(b) All results accumulated against a Team that has been re-graded out of a League will be removed from that League and ladder.

8.5.10 The Re-grading Period will commence following Round 3 of the Regular Season. All re-grading requests must be received by BASL no later than 9.00am on the Monday after the conclusion of a Team's Round 3 Competition Fixture. Any request received after this time will not be considered unless, in the opinion of BASL, the request benefits all affected Leagues.

Note: No Re-Grading will be considered outside of the re-grading timelines. Decisions on regrading are at BASL discretion and cannot be appealed.

8.5.11 All regrading requests must be submitted through an email to competitions@basl.com.au (cc info@basl.com.au and secretary@basl.com.au). One email will be required for each re-grading request that is submitted. Requests for re-grading or confirmation sought over the phone will not be considered by BASL.

### Late Team Entries

As participation is one of the key pillars of the league, all efforts will be made to ensure late team entries are catered for.

8.5.12 Any Club entering a late Team in Junior competitions (Under 12 to Under 18 – Mixed and All-Girls) will be automatically placed in:

i. Where a vacancy exists after the release of the respective competitions draw.

8.5.13 For non-competitive competitions (Under 6 to Under 11) will be automatically placed in:

i. Where a vacancy exists after the release of the non-competitive competition draw.

8.5.14 Where no vacancy exists BASL will in its sole discretion will look at the impact to the requested competition prior to making its final decision to accept a late application.

8.5.15 In the event several new teams are requested by clubs in any specific age group or division after the release of the Championship Season or non-competitive draws, BASL may in its discretion re-draw the entire competition to ensure participation.

8.5.16 Where a late Team entry is accepted by BASL after the commencement of a competition, BASL will determine the allocation of Forfeits for the number of Competition Fixtures missed by that Team (because of late inclusion in the League in question) at its sole discretion.

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- 8.5.17 Late team entries will consider the skill level of the team as provided by information from the entering club. The final division a team is placed is the sole discretion of BASL and is not appealable.

## 8.6 Default Playing Days and Times

### 8.6.1 Default Playing Days

- Juniors – Saturday

### 8.6.2 Default Playing Times

- Juniors (Under 12 to Under 18) – No Default (Fixtures will be scheduled starting as early as 9am).

*Note: Clubs are responsible to provide un-restricted ground availability for the default playing day and times for fixtures to be developed. Any restrictions on access to grounds is covered in section 4 of these Rules.*

Note: Variations of combinations are possible and will be dealt with during the development of season fixtures.

Note: No evening is to be scheduled with a kick-off time later than 7.30pm.

Note: These are default playing dates and times to set up fixtures. BASL reserves the right to change to ensure a competition and underlying fixtures can be scheduled, particularly where clubs field multiple teams and capacity needs to be considered for scheduling.

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## 8.7 Under 12, Under 13 (9v9) – Competition Guidelines

### Rationale

9-a side in Under 12's and Under 13's allows players to be challenged technically as well as physically through multiple repeated actions in smaller areas. It also aims to set realistic expectations that meet the needs of young footballers, rather than senior players. It focuses on the development of a player rather than the result of the match.

### Playing Format

The playing format for Under 12 leagues is as follows:

Numbers	9 v 9 Including Goalkeeper. Max of 5 substitutes
Field Size	Length: 60 - 70m Width: 40 - 50m
Goal Size and Type	Height: 2m Width: 5m



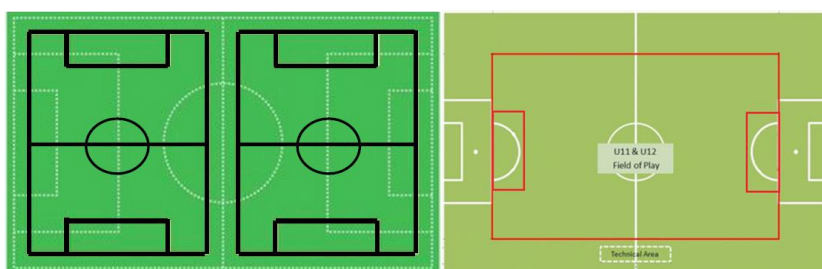
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	Permanent or portable goal must be compliant with the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission's Consumer Notice No.28 of 2010
Field Marking	Cones, Markers or Painted Lines are allowed
Penalty Area	Depth: 10m Width: 20m Penalty Spot 7m from goal line
Duration of Game	2 x 30-minute halves
Half Time	10 minutes
Referee	Appointed Green Shirt Referees
Linesman/AR	Club appointed Assistant Referees
Interchange	Unlimited
Ball Size	4
Points Table & Finals	Yes

## Competition Rules

Under 12 and Under 13 competitions are played under FIFA Laws of the Game with modified rules to assist players in their development and also refine the transition to 11v11 football, these include:

**Field Markings:** All field markings as required for a full-size pitch, including the penalty area, are required for Under 12 matches. Field markings can be marked with paint, or flat markers. Painted lines must be a **different** colour to any existing line markings used for the full-size pitch.



**Offside rule:** The offside rule will be included in the Under 12 and 13 competition as it is an integral rule to the game of football. 9v9 on the recommended size pitch will help players learn the rule as there is no longer as much space between the halfway line and the opposition goals.

**Penalties:** In accordance with FIFA LOTG, a penalty kick will be awarded if a player commits a direct free kick offence inside their penalty area.

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**Goalkeeper:** The goalkeeper is allowed to handle the ball anywhere in the penalty area. To restart play after a save or gathering the ball with their hands, the ball must be thrown or rolled from the hands or played from the ground with their feet, within 6 seconds. The goalkeeper is not allowed to kick or dropkick the ball from their hands.

**Goal kick:** Goal kicks can be taken from anywhere within the penalty area. Opponents must be outside the penalty area until the ball is in play. The ball is in play once it is kicked and leaves the penalty area.

**Throw ins:** Player faces the field of play, has part of each foot on the ground either on or behind the touch line, uses both hands and delivers the ball from behind and over their head. The thrower must not touch the ball again until it has touched another player. The ball is in play once it enters the field of play. A goal cannot be scored directly from a throw in.

**Corner kicks:** Opponents must be at least 5 metres away from the ball until it is in play. The ball is in play when it is kicked and moves.

**Discipline:** Red or Yellow cards will be issued to players in Under 12, 13 competitions. For any fouls that would ordinarily result in a red card, the match official will instruct the player to leave the field of play for the remainder of the match, any player sent from the field of play may be replaced by another player at the time of the offence. In this instance, neither team will be required to play with fewer than 9 players.

For any offense that would ordinarily result in a red card for violent or offensive behaviour (i.e., R2 - Violent conduct, R3 – Spitting, R6 – uses offensive or insulting or abusive language / gestures) the match official will be required to submit a misconduct report to FV which may result in further disciplinary action for that player.

## Competition Results

Results and Ladders will remain in the Under 12 and Under 13 (9v9 format) and must be submitted.

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## 9. BASL NON-COMPETITIVE AND MINI-ROOS COMPETITION REGULATIONS

### 9.1 Non – Competitive and Mini-Roo’s Competitions

9.1.1. The Competition may be played in the following age groups / divisions:

#### Mini Roo’s

- Under 6’s
- Under 6/7s (Girls Only)
- Under 7’s
- Under 8’s (Girls Only)
- Under 8’s
- Under 9’s
- Under 9’s (Girls Only)
- Under 10’s (Girls Only)
- Under 10’s
- Under 11’s
- Under 11’s (Girls Only)

9.1.2 BASL may conduct any competition (or alter the age groupings) it deems necessary to start or complete a season.

9.1.3 BASL may abandon or restructure any competition.

#### Introduction

As part of its National Development Plan, Football Federation Australia implemented Mini Roo’s Football for all leagues/competitions within Australia. For more details on The Development Plan, please refer to the FFA website or [Miniroos.com.au](http://Miniroos.com.au).

#### Mini Roo’s Football Rules

For all Rules and Regulations regarding Mini Roo’s Football, please refer to the files located on the FV website ([www.footballfedvic.com.au](http://www.footballfedvic.com.au)) or [www.miniroos.com.au/club/club](http://www.miniroos.com.au/club/club) resources - following the Club Resources tab.

Please note that these Rules and Regulations have been provided by the FFA, and includes details for age groups up to and including Under 11’s.

The variance to these rules that will be implemented by BASL are.

- 1 Playing time of the Under 6 and Under 7 age groups will be 2 x 20 minutes – instead of the FFA prescribed 2 x 15 minutes.

#### Age Qualification:

- Under 6            Players must turn either 5 or 6 years of age in the current season
- Under 7            Players must turn either 6 or 7 years of age in the current season

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- Under 8            Players must turn either 7 or 8 years of age in the current season
- Under 9            Players must turn either 8 or 9 years of age in the current season
- Under 10           Players must turn either 9 or 10 years of age in the current season
- Under 11           Players must turn either 10 or 11 years of age in the current season
- It is the club's responsibility to ensure players do not participate below their rightful age group.
- Please refer to the BASL Rules of Competition regarding Age Eligibility and Special Requests for players playing outside the above Rules.

## Age Groups

- Under 6 & Under 7                      Play 4 v 4 Mini Roo's – No Goalkeeper
- Under 8 & Under 9                      Play 7 v 7 Mini Roo's – Including Goalkeeper
- Under 10 & Under 11                      Play 9 v 9 Mini Roo's – Including Goalkeeper

## Eligibility of Players

- To be eligible to participate in BASL, each player must be registered with BASL via an affiliated club.
- Please refer to the 2025 FV Registration Regulations

A summary of playing formats is included on the table below.

Age Group	Numbers	Pitch Size	Ball Size	Venue	Playing Time	Goal Keeper	Referee
Under 6	4 v 4	20m x 30m	Size 3	Hubs and Home Club	2 X 20 min	No	Game Leader
Under 7	4 V 4	20m x 30m	Size 3	Hubs and Home Club	2 X 20 min	No	Game Leader
Under 8	7 V 7	40-50m long x 30-40m wide	Size 3	Home Club	2 x 20 min	Yes	Instructing Referee
Under 9	7 V 7	40-50m long x 30-40m wide	Size 3	Home Club	2 x 20 min	Yes	Instructing Referee
Under 10	9 V 9	60-70m long x 40-50m wide	Size 4	Home Club	2 x 25 min	Yes	Instructing Referee
Under 11	9 V 9	60-70m long x 40-50m wide	Size 4	Home Club	2 x 25 min	Yes	Instructing Referee

**Note:** Where a range of distance is indicated, BASL prefers the mid-range at a minimum.

## Codes of Behaviour

- In accordance with the 2024 BASL Rules of Competition, players, officials, administrators, parents, spectators are bound by the Codes of Behaviour.

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- In the event any party breaches the Codes of Behaviour referred to above, BASL reserves the right to take disciplinary action as it sees fit.
- All clubs are encouraged to ensure that the Codes of Behaviour are distributed and displayed to all members, players and interested parties.

## Blood Rule

- If a player is found to be bleeding during the course of the game, he or she will be escorted from the field of play to an area where the player can receive attention.
- The game will re-commence once the injured player is off the playing field.
- That player will only be permitted to return to the field of play when the bleeding has stopped, and the player's uniform has been changed or cleaned to an appropriate level as determined by the match official.

## 9.2 Default Playing Days and Times

### 9.2.1 Default Playing Days

- Non-Competitive and Mini-Roo's – Saturday

### 9.2.2 Default Playing Times

- Non-Competitive (Under 8 to Under 11) – No Default (Fixtures will be scheduled starting as early as 9am).
- Mini-Roo's (Under 6 and Under 7) – Kick-off times commencing at 9.00am with no fixture to commence later than 11.00am.

*Note: Clubs are responsible to provide un-restricted ground availability for the default playing day and times for fixtures to be developed. Any restrictions on access to grounds is covered in section other sections of these Rules.*

Note: Variations of combinations are possible and will be dealt with during the development of season fixtures.

Note: No evening is to be scheduled with a kick-off time later than 7.30pm.

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SCHEDULE 2 – Super Cup, Finals, or any other Competition -  
Rules of Competition

# SCHEDULE 1 - 2025 Match Official Fee Schedule

## 2025 Match Official Fee Schedule

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### BASL – Senior Competitions

Competition	Match Referee	Assistant Referee
League 1 Men	\$120	\$60
League 1 Women	\$100	\$50
League 1 Reserves	\$80	\$40
League 2 Men	\$80	\$40
League 2 Reserves	\$80	\$40
League 2 Women	\$80	\$40
Youth	\$80	\$40
Open (Social)	\$40	\$20

### BASL – Junior Competitions

Competition	Match Referee	Assistant Referee
Under 18	\$50	\$35
Under 16	\$50	\$35
Under 15	\$45	\$30
Under 14	\$45	\$30
Under 13	\$40	\$25
Under 12	\$40	\$25

### BASL – Travel Allowance

Distance	Fee Payable
0-25	No Fee Applicable
26-50	\$30
51-75	\$55
76-100	\$75
101-125	\$95
126-150	\$115
151-175	\$140
176-200	\$160
201-225	\$180
226-250	\$200

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## SCHEDULE 2 – Super Cup, Finals, or any other Competition - Rules of Competition

### Senior Fixtures

All fixtures - 45 minutes each way.

- Extra time (if required) - 15 minutes each-way.
- Penalties (if required) as per FIFA protocol

### Junior Fixtures

Under 16 - 40 minutes each way

Under 15 – 35 minutes each way

Under 14 - 35 minutes each way

Under 13 – 30 minutes each way

Under 12 - 30 minutes each way.

- Extra time (if required) - 10 minutes each-way.
- Penalties (if required) as per FIFA protocol

The Championship Season Interchange rule will apply in all competitions, with the exception of League 1 Men's Championship Senior's.

All players must be eligible to participate in BASL fixtures in line with the 2024 BASL Rules of Competition.

### Disciplinary Matters

In addition to the rules applied in the Championship Season GDT

#### Serving of Suspensions

- Players who are suspended during the Championship season, whose suspension extends beyond the Championship season, will serve their suspension in the relevant Cup and/or Finals Competition.
- Players who are suspended during either the Championship season or the Cup and/or Finals Competition, whose suspension extends beyond the Cup and/or Finals Competition, will serve their suspension in the current or following year Championship Season.

### Accumulation of Yellow Cards

- As per the National Disciplinary Regulations, accumulation of Yellow Cards will be reset for the Cup Competition.
  - o Yellow Cards accumulated during the Championship season will not be Counted with Yellow Cards received during the Cup Competition.



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- Once a player accumulates 2 Yellow Cards during the Cup and/or Finals Competition, they will be suspended for an automatic game.

## Players Suspended in the Previous Season

- Any player who is suspended during the Cup and/or Competition will be subject to - where applicable - item 5.3 of the Disciplinary Policy.

## Eligibility of Players - Principles

- Super Cup Competition (or other competitions) teams should be representative of the players that have played in the team during the course of the Championship season.
- Players will always have the ability to move up a division (Senior's) or age group for Juniors, to aid their development.
- There should be no loophole that allows players who have – for example – primarily played League 1 Men's football during the Championship season, to play in Youth

*NOTE: Where the competition is held prior to the Championship Season, the principles of fairness should be maintained, however the qualifying eligibility is not required*

## Division or Under 16 A Division during the Cup Competition.

- The Club is solely responsible for making sure that their players are to play in the Cup Competition, failure to do so will incur a penalty under the GDT.

## Eligibility of Players - Rules

### Qualifying for a Single Division

- Once a player plays five (5) games during the Championship season in the ONE division and/or group (and is not qualified for another higher division (Seniors) or age group (Juniors) whether that team makes finals or plays cup or not they qualify for that division.

Where a championship season is 10 games or fewer than once a player plays (3) games during the championship season in this division and/or age group (and is not qualified for another higher division (Seniors) or age group (Juniors) whether that team makes finals or plays cup or not they qualify for that division.

**For Clarification: If John Plays 6 games for the Reserves (formerly Division 2) team, however, has play 8 games for the Seniors (formerly Division 1), the 5 games rule is applied to the Seniors (Division 1) games (whether the team makes finals or not) and to qualify for Reserves the qualifying for Multiple Division rule applies.**

### Qualifying for Multiple Divisions

- The lower division (Seniors) or age group (Juniors and Youth)

**Note: League 1 Competitions are considered the higher competition for seniors where both a League 1 and League 2 competition is being run in any season.**

- Once a player plays in 5 of the games contested by that team during the Championship season in the ONE division or age group they qualify for that division or age group.

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- To qualify for multiple divisions or age groups a player must have played 5 games in the highest division/age group seeking qualification and half of the games in any age group or division lower.

**For clarification: If John qualifies for the Senior Men (Division 1) by playing five games, then to qualify for the Reserves Men (Division 2) John must half played half the games in the lower competition to be considered qualifies for both competitions.**

- Should the number of games contested by that team be an odd number, half the number of games will be rounded up – to the next whole number (e.g., 15 game season, 8 games are needed to qualify?)
- Junior grade restrictions in the same age group apply to all games, including Cups played during the season, including finals. – i.e., A player cannot qualify to play in both the Under 12A and Under 12B teams at a club They can however qualify for a Under 12 and a Under 14 teams
- Any highest division (Seniors) or age group (Juniors and Youth)
- Once a player plays five (5) games during the Championship season in a division or age group they qualify for that division and/or age group.

**NOTE - League 1 Men's & League 1 Women Division cannot be a “lower division”**

- Players who qualify for multiple competition teams in finals may move freely across these teams only for all weeks of the Cup/Finals Competition without restriction.
- Players may play in a division or age group other than the one for which they qualify, however a player will then be bound by the following restrictions.
- The other division or age group must be higher/older than the highest competition for which the player has qualified.
- Players who qualify for multiple competitions – with a division or age group between, will be unable to play freely in the division or age group between.

**e.g., Players who have qualified for both Youth and League 1 Men's will not be eligible to play in League 2 Men's at any stage/in any capacity**

- Once a player plays in a competition other than the one for which they have qualified, they will be eligible for that competition only.
- Players in this situation will still have the ability to again play in a higher/older competition

Example

**o Should a player who has qualified for both Under 16A Division and Youth Division play in a League 2 Reserves game, he will be eligible for League 2 Reserves only. He is now ineligible to play Under 16 and Youth.**

**o He still has the ability to play League 1 Men's, however, should he do this he will be bound to League 1 Men's.**

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- Players who appear as a substitute in League 1 Men's will not be considered to have played in League 1 Men's for the above purposes.

## **Eligibility of Players - Dispensation**

- Clubs requesting dispensation to play ineligible players in the Cup Competition must submit their request in writing 10 days prior to the first scheduled Cup match.
- Dispensation may be sought for the following reasons:
  - o Long Term Injury
  - o Missed Matches which would have seen the player qualify
  - o Junior Player playing up into Senior Competition.

Refer to section 2.3.10 for details on dispensation requests