



# **RULES OF COMPETITION**

**Season 2021**

**Bendigo Amateur Soccer League**



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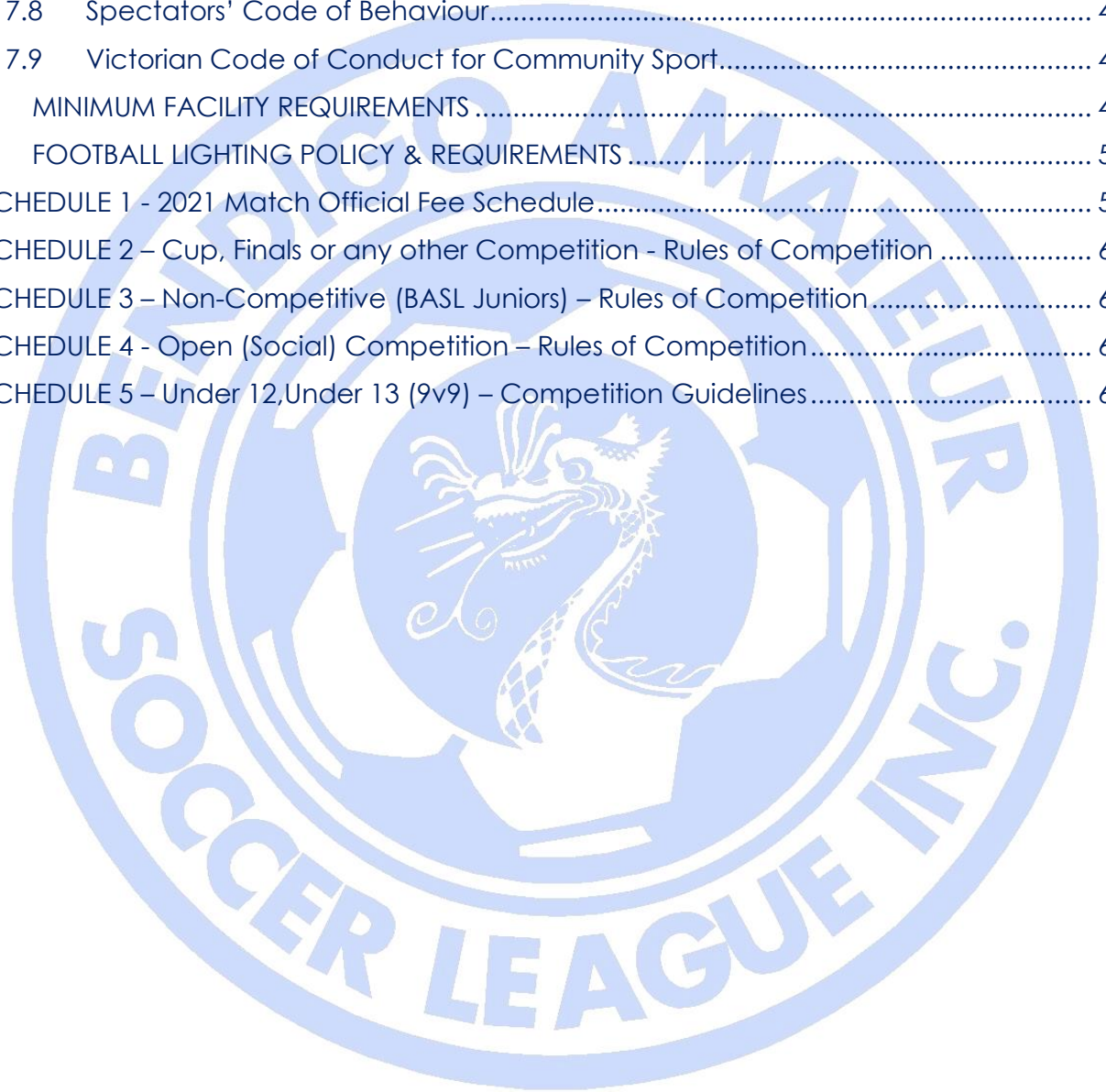
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## 1. GENERAL MATTERS APPLICABLE TO ALL COMPETITIONS

### 1.1 Application and Definitions

- 1.1.1. These Rules shall apply to all Competition Fixture(s) and Sanctioned Match(es) as defined in Rule 1.1.4.
- 1.1.2. If any provision of these Rules is held invalid or unenforceable by a court of competent jurisdiction, then the remainder of these Rules and the application thereof shall not be affected thereby and shall continue to be valid and enforceable to the fullest extent permitted by law.
- 1.1.3. Terms defined in the BASL Constitution, 2021 FV Registration Regulations and/or the GDT shall have the same meaning in these Rules unless otherwise stated.
- 1.1.4. In addition to Rule 1.1.3 unless the context otherwise requires, the following definitions apply:
- a. **Abandoned** means a Competition Fixture which has failed to commence for any reason or has commenced but has been stopped by the Match Official prior to its conclusion in accordance with Rule 4.2.
  - b. **Competition Regulations or Regulations** means the regulations which supplement these Rules and which apply to the competitions administered by BASL for Football, as amended and updated by BASL from time to time.
  - c. **Club** has the same meaning as in the Constitution and includes but is not limited to a Futsal Club.
  - d. **Club Associate(s) or Club Official(s)** has the meaning given to it in the GDT.
  - e. **Competition Fixture** means any match that is administered by BASL and includes matches to which BASL appoints Match Official(s).
  - f. **Cup Fixture** means any knock-out cup match, fixture or other event organized and/or administered by BASL, FV or FFA before, after or in conjunction with a Regular Season and includes, but is not limited to, the Knock Out Cup, League Cup and Finals series. .
  - g. **Default Notice** means a notice of default issued by BASL in relation to an amount owed to BASL by a Club or a player, which that Club or player has failed to pay in accordance with Rule 1.3.
  - h. **Field of Play** means:
    - (i) At an enclosed pitch the entire area within the temporary or permanent perimeter fencing; or
    - (ii) At an open pitch the entire area within 3 metres of the boundary line of the football pitch.



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- i. **Final** means a Competition Fixture played to determine the final standings or champion of a specific League or competition administered by FV.
- j. **Forfeit** means failure to participate in a Competition Fixture if the Club or Team in question has failed to notify FV at least three (3) days prior to the Competition Fixture.
- k. **GDT** means the BASL Grievance Discipline and Tribunal By Law (as amended from time to time)
- l. **Goal Difference** means the difference between goals scored by a Club/Team (Goals For) and goals scored against a Club/Team (Goals Against) in a match or season.
- m. **Home Club** means the Club named first in a Competition Fixture.
- n. **Host Club** means a Club which hosts one or more Competition Fixtures or Finals at its home venue, whether or not that Club participates in one of those Competition Fixtures or Finals or not.
- o. **IFAB** means International Football Association Board.
- p. **Match Official** means a match official as defined in the GDT.
- q. **Match Record** means the official log (hard copy or online) of the Competition Fixture recording all match details including participants and results.
- r. **Misconduct** has the meaning given to it in the GDT.
- s. **No Result** means recording a '0-0' score line in a Competition Fixture with no points or goals awarded to either Team. A 'No Result' is recorded as a Competition Fixture played.
- t. **Non-Participation** in a Fixture means failure to participate in a Competition Fixture having notified FV more than three (3) days prior to the Competition fixture.
- u. **Normal Time** means the maximum length of two (2) equal periods not including added time as specified in Rule 4.1 and Table 4.1, unless any time reduction is otherwise determined in accordance with Rule 4.1.
- v. **Played means:**
  - (i) A Team has participated in a Competition Fixture.In specific reference to a player, Played means:
  - (ii) Being listed on the Match Record in a League where the interchange rule applies; or



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- (iii) Starting the Competition Fixture on or consequently being substituted onto the Field of Play in a League where the substitution rule applies.
  - (iv) If a player is originally listed on the Match Record and it is subsequently indicated on the Match Record that the player is no longer to participate in the Competition Fixture, that change must be acknowledged by signature of the senior Match Official prior to the commencement of the Competition Fixture. Failure to comply will deem the player to have 'Played' that fixture under rule 1.1.4.aa.
  - w. **Postponed** means a Competition Fixture which has not commenced as scheduled.
  - x. **Registered** means registered and eligible in Play Football in accordance with the 2021 FV Registration Regulations.
  - y. **Regular Season** means the time and Competition Fixtures between the first and last round of the relevant competition in addition to any Play Off Match(es) required for the League in question.
  - z. **Rule or Rule of Competition** means a rule set out in a clause or clauses of these 2018 Rules of Competition.
  - aa. **Technical Area** is as defined in the Minimum Facility Requirements set out in Schedule 3.
- 1.2. Consequences of Breach**
- 1.2.1. In addition to any consequences stated in the Rules or Regulations, any proven breach of or failure to comply with an obligation or requirement set out in these Rules or Regulations may amount to Misconduct and if so shall be subject to the provisions of the GDT.
  - 1.2.2. To avoid doubt, where these Rules or Regulations do not specify the consequences of a breach or failure to comply with these Rules or Regulations, such breach or failure to comply may still amount to Misconduct and if so shall be subject to the provisions of the GDT.
- 1.3. Monies Owing to FV/BASL**
- Monies Owing By a Club**
- 1.3.1. All amounts owed by a Club to BASL must be paid within 30 days of the date of the invoice issued by BASL in relation to that amount.
  - 1.3.2. If a Club fails to pay any amount owing to BASL in accordance with (Rule 1.3.1), BASL may issue a reminder notice giving the Club a further 30 days to pay that amount to BASL. Clubs are required to finalise accounts into order with the total 60-day period. .



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- 1.3.3. If a Club fails to comply with a Reminder Bill (BASL) issued in accordance with Rule 1.3.2, or agree to a repayment plan with BASL for the amount owed, BASL may, at its sole discretion:
- Rule that Club (or the applicable Team(s) within that Club) ineligible to earn competition points in any Competition Fixture or Sanctioned Match in which the Club (or Team) plays, until the debt is paid;
  - Suspend or expel that Club (or Team(s)) from any Competition Fixture (including Cup Fixtures) and/or BASL competitions.
  - Deduct championship points from a Club (or Team) for the following season where the debt remains unpaid or accrues after 31 October of the relevant year.
  - For repeated failures to pay outstanding monies, BASL in its absolute discretion may remove a Clubs voting rights

- 1.3.4. If BASL and a Club agree to a repayment plan in relation to a debt owed by the Club to BASL and the Club fails to meet any of the terms of that payment plan by the stipulated date and time, BASL may immediately and without the need to issue a further Default Notice, impose one or more of the sanctions referred to in Rule 1.3.3.

## 1.4. Sanctioned Matches

- 1.4.1. Any Club taking part in a Sanctioned Match must abide by any and all codes of conduct or codes of behaviour prescribed by BASL, FV and/or FFA from time to time, including the Codes of Behaviour attached to these Rules at Schedule 2.
- 1.4.2. By participating in a Sanctioned Match, the Club and any league or association to which that Club belongs, submits to the jurisdiction of BASL, its Rules and Regulations and the GDT.
- 1.4.3. Any Club or Team, association or organisation which administers or participates in any Sanctioned Match, must ensure that appropriate insurance and Work Cover arrangements are made to provide adequate and necessary coverage for their players, Match Officials, and all club associates involved in Sanctioned Matches.
- 1.4.4. All Competition Fixtures take precedence over non-BASL matches, fixtures, or tournaments. Failure to fulfil Competition Fixtures for a non-BASL match of fixture may result in disciplinary action in accordance with Rule 4.6.

## 1.5. Insurance

- 1.5.1. FV negotiates and appoints an insurance company or companies to provide cover for all Club Associate and/or Club Officials and players registered with FV as it sees fit, provided Clubs are incorporated at all times.





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## Insurance of Players

1.5.2. All players taking the field of play (or training) must be insured through FV's Insurer (or as otherwise allowed by BASL). Each player's insurance premium will be collected by FV at the time of player payment for registration via the Club Finance System (refer to the Summary of Cover as posted on the FV Website for policy details).

## Insurance of Club Associates and officials

1.5.3. In addition to compulsory player insurance, FV shall provide through its insurance scheme insurance known as 'Not for Profit Organisation Liability' for Club Associates and Club Officials.

## 1.6. Strict Liability of Clubs

1.6.1. Each Club shall be responsible for the conduct of its Club Associates and Club Officials at or in the vicinity of any Competition Fixture, Sanctioned Match or non-BASL event in which a Club is engaged or is in attendance regardless of the responsibilities attaching to any other person or entity in respect of such a match or event.

## 1.7. New Club

1.7.1 The club must field at least one team (except where other rules apply) in the BASL competition, unless otherwise accepted by the BASL.

New applicants for Affiliate membership must make a formal presentation, in writing and orally, to the Committee, no later than its AGM meeting of the year prior to that for which Affiliate membership is sought demonstrating that their admission to the BASL will benefit soccer in the area in which they propose to establish and will not impact unduly adversely on the membership of any existing club in that area.

The club preferred to have accredited coaches or ensure accreditation is gained prior to the season starting.

Each club must demonstrate a firm financial base to cover all costs in managing the club. In addition, each club must provide a copy of the club's Annual General Meeting (AGM) Minutes, by NO LATER THAN 1st March or as allowed by the BASL.

- The club must present names of the officials, who can be interviewed by the BASL regarding their qualifications and suitability for these positions.
- The club must present a letter from its local council, controlling body or organization granting permission to use the playing field(s) and other facilities such as dressing rooms and toilets.
- The BASL will receive all new team applications and will then forward this information to the BASL Committee of Management for consideration. The application lodged should include a list of players, which the club wishes to



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register, including the player's address and dates of birth. The application must be lodged by no later than 1st March, or as permitted by the BASL.

- The Club must be incorporated and provide a current Certificate of Incorporation.
- Each new club shall, upon affiliation, be supplied with a copy of the League Constitution and Rules of Competition.

## 1.8. Change of Club Name

1.8.1. An application for either a new Club name or the change of an existing Club name must be made by the Club in question in accordance with FFA's National Club Identity Policy as published on the FFA website.

1.8.2. BASL will only assess an application under Rule 1.8.1 when all relevant information has been lodged with BASL. BASL may reject an application for a new name or a change of name as it sees fit.

1.8.3. The reference to 'Club name' in this Rule 1.8 includes the incorporated name, registered business name and/or approved playing name of a Club.

1.8.4. Process for new name application by a Club:

a. The Club must:

- (i) Submit on Club letterhead its request for a change of Club name or new Club name.
- (ii) Provide full disclosure of the reasons for the requested change.

b. The application for change of Club name or new Club name must include a minimum of three (3) proposed names that can be assessed, again with full disclosure as per Rules 1.8.4.a.

c. Subject to Rule 1.8.4.d., the new Club name must not contain any part of the name of any Club in the same or immediately adjoining municipalities, excepting the following traditional generic football names:

- United
- Rovers
- City
- Old
- Sporting

d. Where a change of name also involves a Club proposing to relocate to a different local government municipality, the application for change of name will not be considered unless evidence is provided to BASL that there are no outstanding debts or other obligations to the former council/municipality.



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1.8.5. No Club will be allowed more than one (1) incorporated name or registered business/playing name.

1.8.6. Incorporation

A Club must provide BASL with documentary evidence of registration of any new name with the appropriate government authority.

## 1.9. Security at Home Pitches

1.9.1. The Home Club is responsible for providing appropriate arrangements to ensure the orderly behaviour of spectators and provide for the protection of Match Officials, players and Club Associates and officials at Competition Fixtures including but not limited to any specific requirements of BASL which are notified to the Home Club.

Each Home Club is responsible for security and/or police as directed by BASL. Ordinarily this will be wholly the responsibility of the Home Club but BASL reserves the right to require any Club involved in a Competition Fixture to meet BASL determined security requirements.

1.9.2. Home Clubs and Host Clubs must provide a lockable facility for all valuables of Match Officials(s). Failure to provide such a facility may result in the Home Club or Host Club not being allocated Competition Fixtures at their home ground.

1.9.3. Each Club is responsible for the valuables of its players, and valuables that are left in change rooms are done so at the owners' personal risk.

## 1.10. Representative Teams

1.10.1. Any player registered in Victoria will be eligible to represent Victoria in representative matches, camps or tours and each selected player must make themselves available for training, preparation and participation for representative matches, camps or tours when requested by FV.

1.10.2. All Clubs must release players for training and preparation for, and participation in, representative matches, camps or tours.

1.10.3. Where a Club has three (3) or more outfield players or one (1) goalkeeper from the same Team participating in an FV/FFA approved representative match, camp or tour, which conflicts with a BASL Competition Fixture in which that Club or Team is required to participate, the Club may seek postponement of that Competition Fixture. Approved representative matches may include but are not limited to:

- a. FFA National Championships (Football & Futsal)
- b. FV State Teams
- c. National Teams



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1.10.4. All requests pursuant to Rule 1.10.3 must be received no less than 10 days prior to the Competition Fixture in question, unless the player is called up within the 10-day period. BASL shall determine the outcome of any request under this Rule at its absolute discretion and that decision cannot be appealed or reviewed.

## 1.11. Member Protection

1.11.1. In order to address issues of discrimination and vilification, BASL has adopted the FFA National Member Protection Policy (MPP) for all BASL affiliated competition administrators, Clubs, players and Club Associates and officials. The MPP can be found by clicking the following link.

1.11.2. BASL welcomes and fosters diversity in the world game. All persons, Clubs, players, Match Officials and/or Stakeholders involved with football are mandated to promote and provide safe and inclusive environments for all.

## 1.12. Correspondence / Communication

1.12.1. All correspondence by BASL to Clubs shall be deemed to have been received by Clubs:

- a. In the case of online communication, the day on which it was published online;
- b. In the case of email communication, the time at which it was sent;
- c. In the case of communication sent by mail, two (2) business days after such communication was posted.

1.12.2. Clubs must ensure that their postal mailboxes, specified email accounts and the BASL website are checked regularly, and that any information received is forwarded to the addressee or relevant parties within the Club.

1.12.3. All correspondence relating to Club requests, including, but not limited to; Competition Fixtures, forfeits, grading, result disputes and disciplinary matters must be made by a Club representative advised to the Secretary - BASL. Requests made by anyone not listed as a Club representative with BASL may not be actioned by BASL.

1.12.4. All Clubs must have an active email address, phone number, and ensure that this address and phone number and all other relevant details are current, up to date in MyFootballClub and checked regularly by Club Associates and/or Club Officials.

1.12.5. Failure by a Club to keep a current, active email address and phone number and to check that email address and any voicemail service connected to its phone number regularly, cannot be relied on by the Club in relation to the question of whether or not notice of any matter was received by the Club from BASL or otherwise.



## 1.13. Loan Players

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

## 1.14. Player Contracts/Agreements

Clubs are not permitted to enter into contractual agreements with players. As per FV' 2020 Registration regulations, Amateur players are not allow to be paid except for items set out in section 3.2 of these regulations, which state:

Clubs may pay the following expenses to an Amateur Player:

- (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.

Where a club had 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



## 2. COMPETITION RULES

### 2.1. General Information

- 2.1.1. All Competition Fixtures are played under the IFAB Laws of the Game, unless otherwise specified in these Rules.
- 2.1.2. Only Teams from BASL Clubs, may enter BASL competitions.
- 2.1.3. If a Team is withdrawn on or before the point of the season at which all Teams have played each other once, a 'BYE' will be inserted to replace the withdrawn Team in the fixture, and all championship points along with goals scored (for & against) for that Team will be erased. All Best & Fairest votes gained in Competition Fixtures involving the withdrawn Team will also be erased.
- 2.1.4. If a Team is withdrawn after the point of the season at which all Teams have played each other an equal number of times, a 'BYE' will be inserted for the remainder of the season to replace the withdrawn Team in the fixture, and:
- a. all championship points along with goals scored (for & against) for:
    - i. Competition Fixtures involving the withdrawn Team up to the point of the season at which all Teams have played each other an equal number of times will remain.
    - ii. Competition Fixtures involving the withdrawn Team after the point of the season at which all Teams have played each other an equal number of times until the time the Team withdrew, will be erased.
  - b. All Best & Fairest votes gained in:
    - i. Competition Fixtures involving the withdrawn Team up to the point of the season at which all Teams have played each other an equal number of times will remain.
    - ii. Competition Fixtures involving the withdrawn Team from the point of the season at which all Teams have played each other an equal number of times until the time the Team withdrew, will be erased.
  - c. For the avoidance of doubt, BASL may consider forfeited matches as Played for the purposes of Rule 2.1.4.
- 2.1.5. If a Team withdraws prior to the start of the Regular Season and cannot be replaced, a "BYE" will be inserted into the fixture or the fixture may be amended to accommodate the new number of Teams.
- 2.1.6. If a Team withdraws from a league, additional Competition Fixtures may be added or removed to ensure all Teams play an equal number of Competition Fixtures during the Regular Season. Competition Fixtures will be preferentially scheduled to the catch up round before being scheduled mid-week.



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2.1.7. BASL may alter Competition Fixture kick-off dates, venues and/or times as it deems necessary in its sole and absolute discretion.

## 2.2. Age groups/competitions

2.2.1. The Competition will be played in the following age groups / divisions:

### Mini Roos

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

### Competitive Juniors

- Under 12
- Under 13 (Girls Only)
- Under 13
- Under 14
- Under 15 (Girls Only)
- Under 16
- Under 18

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.

### Senior Competition

- Youth (Under 18's)
- Senior Men Division 1 and Division 2
- Senior Women
- Open (Social)

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

2.2.3 BASL may abandon or restructure any competition

## 2.3. Player Eligibility

2.3.1. A player is eligible to play in his or her Team provided:



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- a. he or she has been registered in line with FFA and FV Registration Regulations;
- b. all registration fees for the player have been received by FV and BASL as directed;
- c. he or she is not under suspension by BASL/FV/FFA;
- d. he or she meets the competition's age group and gender rules where applicable and subject to any dispensation granted by BASL (refer to relevant FV Regulations);
- e. they comply with the Match Record requirements;
- f. he or she meets competition requirements for Finals or Play Off Matches.

The age group in which a player is eligible to play shall be determined by his/her age at the beginning of the first day of January of the year of competition. For example, a player who is 12 years old at 31 December is eligible to play in the Under 14 age group in the following year, and cannot play in a younger age group except as provided for in these rules.

2.3.2 To be eligible to play in a Senior (Men or Women's) competition or in an Junior age group higher the following applies:

- To be eligible to participate in senior men's competition run by BASL (i.e. Division 1, Division 2 and Youth), a player must be at least 15 years of age as at 1 January 2021, unless an application to BASL for exemption from Regulation 2.3.2 is made by the player's Club on behalf of a player and is accepted by BASL
- To be eligible to participate in senior women's competition run by BASL, a player must be at least 14 years of age as at 1 January 2021, unless an application to BASL for exemption from Regulation 2.3.2 is made by the player's Club on behalf of a player and is accepted by BASL
- For Junior Divisions (Under 6 to Under 16 (including Under 18 Saturday)) a player may only play up to four (4) years above his or her age group in 2021, unless an application to BASL for exemption from Regulation 2.3.2 is made by the player's Club on behalf of the player and is accepted by BASL

2.3.3 An application made under Regulation 2.3.2 must meet the following minimum criteria:

## **(I) – Initial Assessment**

- The application must be supported by a signed letter from the player's Club supporting the application.





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- The application must be supported by a signed letter from the player's State Team or Representative coach if applicable.
- The application must be supported by a signed letter of consent from the player's parent or guardian supporting the application; and
- The Club/player must provide BASL with the following additional information:
  - Age
  - Previous Playing Experience (Community, Representative, State)

## (ii) - Skills/Physical Assessment

- If the application assessed warrants referral for a skills assessment this will be referred to the BASL Technical Director to be conducted. (An independent review will be conducted by a group consisting of the BASL, TD, Requesting club representative and independent assessor)

**IMPORTANT NOTE: This process is not immediate and has an expected timeline from submission to finalisation of 2 weeks.**

2.3.4 An application made under Regulation 2.3.3 will be considered by BASL. BASL has sole discretion in relation to any application made under that Regulation.

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

2.3.6. Any Player playing 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.

2.3.7. 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.

2.3.8 A Player will not be prevented from playing above his or her age group except where other rules with the 2018 ROC apply and would be broken

2.3.9 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).

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



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- (a) if the Player has not previously been registered with FFA or FV; 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
- 2.3.11 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
- 2.3.12 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.
- 2.3.13 For Division 1 matches, Players who are listed on the Match Record will not be deemed to have participated until they take the field.
- 2.3.14 Any Club or Player who in the opinion of BASL is in breach of any items under 2.3 will be ineligible and subject to disciplinary action pursuant to the GDT.
- ## 2.4. Gender Rules
- 2.4.1. Female players are eligible to play in mixed divisions up to and including the Youth Division and Open (Social)
- 2.4.2. All female teams may in BASL's sole discretion be permitted to enter in an mixed competitions age group one year below that to which their oldest player would otherwise be eligible.
- 2.4.3. 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.
- ## 2.5 Movement of Players
- 2.5.1. During the first 3 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.
- 2.5.2. During the remainder of the Championship season:
- (a) No more than 4 players who played in the Clubs Most recent Division 1 side can play in the clubs Division 2 side. For clarification, this assessment for



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movement of players is based on who played in the team's most recent Division 1 game regardless of how long ago it was or what other teams they play for .

For further clarification where a player normally plays will not be considered for the rule 2.5.2(a). The determination will purely be based on whether or not the player played (as per the ROC definition for Played) in the clubs most recent Division 1 fixture.

- (b) A Club who has more than one team in any Division or age group, cannot move players between those teams, except where other rules apply (i.e. Rule 2.5.1 where players can move between teams in the first 3 rounds of the season).

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

2.5.4. 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.

## 2.7 Championship Competition

2.7.1 Teams entered in all competitive age groups/divisions will play each other in a Championship 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.

2.7.2 Where "Home and Away" games does 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.

## 2.8 Cup and Finals Competitions (when held)

2.8.1 At the end of the Championship season, a 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) will automatically be entered into this competition and be required to participate until knocked out

2.8.2 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.



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- 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.

2.8.3 Eligibility of Players for Cup and/or Finals Competition Series in Schedule 2.

2.8.4 BASL shall determine the venue for all Cup and/or Finals Competition Series matches

## 2.9 Trophies

2.9.1 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.

2.9.2 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.

2.9.3 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.

2.9.4 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.

## 2.10 Joint Team Nominations

2.10.1 Where a Club has insufficient numbers to nominate a team in an age group and / or division, they may apply for nomination as a joint team.

2.10.2 Teams may be made up from different Clubs to form one or more teams in an age group/division.

2.10.3 Player's playing in "joint teams" will remain members of that Club to which they first registered and will be due any such benefits from that Club.

2.10.4 Each Club having members in a "joint team" will take turns in hosting the Home games of the team.

2.10.5 Team colours will be designated by BASL.

## 2.11 Composition of Leagues

### General

2.11.1 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.



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2.11.2 BASL shall provide the final Championship Series competition draw fourteen (14) days prior to the first round of the Championship Series competition (Seniors) and 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

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

2.11.4 Only one (1) team from each club can compete in the Women's, Men's 2nd & Men's 1st Divisions and Youth Division, unless the BASL has given prior approval. Multiple Open (Social) teams are allowed.

2.11.5 Any Club taking part in BASL Senior Competition must enter at a minimum 3 teams, of which one must be a Senior Men's (Div. 1 or Div. 2) and a Women's team, unless BASL has given prior approval.

2.11.6 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.

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

2.11.8 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.

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

## 3. FIXTURE REQUIREMENTS

### 3.1. Facilities/Pitch Arrangements

3.1.1. It is the responsibility of all Clubs to:

- a. provide a venue that complies with the minimum facility requirements for BASL Competitions as prescribed and promulgated by FV or BASL from time to time. The minimum class of facility required for relevant BASL Competitions is:

Current details of applicable facilities standards for each Division and League are set out in Section 8.

- b. provide a safe environment for players, Match Officials, Club Officials and spectators;
- c. ensure that their facilities and equipment are clean and fit for purpose;



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- d. ensure that all applicable State and local government statutory and other requirements have been met in respect of their facilities including but not limited to:
    - i. legitimate approved use of the facility by the owner or land manager;
    - ii. requirements under the Planning and Environment Act 1987, Food Act 1984 and Building Act 1993;
    - iii. any local laws including gaming and liquor license legislation.
- 3.1.2. A Club which advises BASL prior to commencement of a Regular Season that it cannot provide facilities in accordance with Rule 3.1 or which, during the course of the season, has facilities which are found by BASL to not comply with these requirements may:
- a. have its home fixtures moved to an alternate venue or forfeit those home fixtures if a move to an alternate venue is not possible in BASL's opinion.
  - b. be required by BASL to advise what steps the Club will take to ensure that it can meet its facility requirements and may be relegated to such Division as FV deems appropriate.
  - c. have Team(s) withdrawn from competition during the current Regular Season.
- 3.1.3. At the discretion of BASL, a Club which fails to meet its facility requirements under Rule 3.1 may be relegated to a lower Division in the following Regular Season.
- 3.1.4. BASL may in its sole discretion upon written request grant a temporary dispensation from compliance with Rule 3.1 to a Club which:
- a. is in the process of upgrading its facilities to meet BASL's requirements; or
  - b. due to circumstances beyond its reasonable control the Club cannot comply with BASL's requirements; or
  - c. has satisfied BASL that the Club is taking all reasonable steps to ensure compliance with BASL's facility requirements.
- 3.1.5. BASL will not grant dispensation under Rule 3.1 from compliance with any requirement that relates to matters of safety or legislative compliance.

## 3.2. The Technical Area

- 3.2.1. A maximum of nine (9) persons are permitted to be within the Technical Area at any given time during a Competition Fixture. Those persons may only include the coach and assistant coach, the Team manager, the substitutes and a registered health practitioner, sports trainer or accredited first aider.



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- 3.2.2. Subject to Rule 3.2.4, all persons must remain seated within the confines of the Technical Area, except in special circumstances e.g. a physiotherapist or doctor entering the field of play, with the Match Official's permission, to assess an injured player.
- 3.2.3. Players may leave the Technical Area to warm up, provided they do not interrupt the view of any Match Official.
- 3.2.4. Only one (1) person may stand up at one (1) time within the Technical Area. It is the Home Club's responsibility to provide sufficient seating for both Clubs in the respective technical areas.
- 3.2.5. All persons within the Technical Area must be wearing colours that clearly distinguish them from all players and Match Officials on the field of play e.g. a bib, jackets.
- 3.2.6. The Match Official may expel any person from the Technical Area at any time as he or she sees fit. The Competition Fixture will not recommence until that person has left the Technical Area and Field of Play to the Match Official's satisfaction.
- 3.2.7. A player or Club Associate who is under suspension must not be present in the Technical Area.
- 3.3. Match Records (formerly Team Sheets)**
- 3.3.1 (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.
- 3.3.2 (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
- 3.3.3 Both teams must ensure the Match Official completes a Match Record 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.



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- (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 submit to BASL electronically by email to competitions@basl.com.au
- (d) The original match record must be retained by the match official and submitted electronically to competitions@basl.com.au. If the match official is a club appointed official, the club submitted record is sufficient.

3.3.4 Both teams must enter the Match Record into the online match record system designated by BASL in Accordance with Rule 3.12

## 3.4. Player Numbers and substitution/interchange Interchange

3.4.1 In all BASL fixtures for teams between Under 6's to Under 16's, Youth Division, Women's Division, Men's Division 2 and Open (Social) the Interchange Rule shall apply.

- (a) Each team can make an unlimited amount of interchanges in any given fixture.
- (b) The Youth Division, Women's Division, and Men's Division 2 are allowed to only have up to five (5) interchange players permitted to be named on the Team Sheet.
- (c) For all other Competitions where the interchange rule is used, any number of player are permitted to be named on the Team Sheet
- (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.
- (f) The Team Sheet must be clearly marked by the referee to show that all players named on the interchange actually took the field of play during the game.

## Substitutions

3.4.2. For Men's Division 1, the Substitution Rule shall apply.

- (a) No more than five (5) substitutes are permitted to be named on the Team Sheet
- (b) Clubs may use up to three (3) substitutes in any one fixture





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- (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

3.4.3 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.

### 3.4.4 Division 1

Each team may make up to 3 substitutions in any given fixture, with no more than 5 substitutes permitted to be named on the Match Record.

### Division 2, Open (Social), Women's and Youth Division

Each team may make an unlimited number of substitutions, with no more than 5 substitutes permitted to be named on the Match Record

### Junior Competition

Each team may make an unlimited number of substitutions with no limit on the number of players allowed on the Match Record.

3.4.5 All substitutes must be seated within the Technical Area.

3.4.6 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.

3.4.7 When warming up, substitutes must choose an area furthest from the opposing team or as advised by the appointed Match Official

## 3.5 Ground Marshals

3.5.1 Each Club must provide the number of marshals (Ground Marshalls) directed by BASL.

3.5.2 Ground Marshals must:

- a. be at least 18 years old and provide the Match Official with their name;
- b. be in a clearly identifiable uniform;
- c. be visible from the Field of Play at all times;
- d. escort the Match Official(s) to and from the change rooms and the Field of Play at the commencement of the Competition Fixture, at half time and at full time; and
- e. where required, assist the Match Officials(s) to ensure a safe playing environment for all players, Club Officials and spectators.



3.5.3 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 3.5 – Minimum Number of Ground Marshals for all Competition Fixtures**

League	Minimum Number of Ground Marshals
Senior's Division 1 and 2	2
Senior Women	2
Youth and all other grades	1

3.5.4 BASL may vary the minimum Ground Marshal requirements for any Competition Fixture at any time.

3.5.5 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.

3.5.6 The home team is responsible for the provision of Grounds Marshals for where only one is required

3.5.7 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.

3.5.8 A failure by a Club Associate to comply with rule 3.5 shall receive a written warning on the first offence, however may be subject to disciplinary action under the GDT for every offence thereafter

## 3.6 Player's Strip/Apparel

### 3.6.1 Clothing and Protective Gear

- a. All Teams must nominate a 'Home' and 'Alternate' playing strip. The Club's 'Home' and 'Alternate' playing strips must be approved by BASL at least 10 days prior to Round 1.
- b. The Home Club in each Competition Fixture is required to wear their nominated 'Home' playing strip.
- c. In the instance of a strip clash between the home and away Team as determined by the Match Official, the away Team is required to provide a sufficiently alternate playing strip.
- d. The purpose of Rule 3.5 is to ensure that the two Clubs wear playing strips that distinguish them from each other and also the Match Officials. Clubs and Match Officials should refer to the following table to determine



whether or not a strip clash exists. The table lists which items of the strip are permitted to clash for different Divisions/Leagues:

**Table 3.6 – Clashes and Permissions**

	<b>Seniors</b>	<b>Juniors</b>
<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

- f. Bibs are not permitted to be worn in any Competition Fixture.
- g. All playing shirts must have a visible number on the back of the shirt.
- h. All playing numbers displayed on shirts must be unique within the Team.
- i. A Club may be penalised in accordance with Rule 4.6 if:
  - (i) a Competition Fixture does not commence due to an inability to resolve a clash of strips, and it can be established that such Club or Team did not comply with Rule 3.5.1.d, or
  - (ii) a Club changes their home playing strip without notifying BASL Competitions via [info@basl.com.au](mailto:info@basl.com.au) no later than three days prior to Competition Fixture, and this change results in a Competition Fixture being postponed as a result of a strip clash.
- j. Goalkeepers may wear any colour provided their strip does not clash with either Team or the Match Official.

### 3.7.2 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.

### **3.8 Stretchers / First Aid**

3.8.1 Each Home Club must allocate one (1) stretcher suitable for first aid and emergency use for each pitch hosting a Competition Fixture.

3.8.2 Each Home Club must provide a First Aid Kit including, but not limited to:

3.8.2.1 Band Aids;

3.8.2.2 Bandages; and

3.8.2.3 Ice Pack (or other available ice).

### **3.9 Smoking / Drinking at Venues**

3.9.1 It is prohibited for anyone to smoke or consume alcohol within the confines of the Field of Play.

3.9.2 Clubs are responsible for ensuring that smoking and drinking alcohol are confined to licensed and permitted areas. Clubs should be familiar with and refer to State legislation regarding new smoking laws.

### **3.10 National Flags, Slogans & Emblems**

3.10.1 Clubs must comply at all times with the FFA National Club Identity Policy.

3.10.2 It is strictly prohibited to display any national flags, slogans, emblems or other material, with the exception of the Australian flag or emblem, at any Competition Fixture.

3.10.3 It is strictly prohibited to incorporate any national flag other than the Australian flag, slogans or emblems on any part of the players' attire or any uniform worn by Club officials.

3.10.4 All Clubs must have the prior written approval of BASL before introducing or incorporating any design, emblem or slogan onto any Club logo or name, product or medium, including but not limited to playing strips, promotional material, Club letterhead, banners, advertisements, public announcements, website or any other form of communication.

3.10.5 BASL may require the immediate removal of any offending material at any time.



## 3.11 Lighting Standards

3.11.1 Clubs wishing to play Competition Fixtures under lights must ensure that lighting for those Competition Fixtures complies with BASL's Football Lighting Policy referred to Section 9.

## 3.12 Results of Matches

3.12.1 Subject to this rule results of each Match must be communicated to BASL by the time and method as directed below BASL.

- (a) Home Team must enter the following information of each match by no later than 7:00pm on the Sunday following the match using the online results system;
  - (i) Team Lists
  - (ii) Substitutions (Men's Division 1 only)
  - (iii) Scores (Half Time and Full Time Scores, plus cards received through match)
  - (iv) Home Team Goal Scorers
  - (iv) Home Team Yellow/Red Cards
  - (v) Home Team Best Players
  - (vi) Match Media Report (using Match Comments Box) (Men's Division 1 and Womens Division only)
- (b) Away Team must enter the following information of each match by no later than 10:00am on the Monday 7:00pm on the Sunday following the match using the online results system;
  - (i) Team List
  - (ii) Away Team Goal Scorers
  - (ii) Away Team Yellow/Red Cards
  - (iii) Away Team Best Players
- (c) The Away Team must confirm or dispute the results by the Home Team by no later than 10:00am on the Monday following the match using the online results system.

3.12.2 Clubs 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).

3.12.3 If no Match Official is appointed or present then the home team must communicate Match results to BASL.



### 3.13 Correspondence/Communication

3.13.1 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

3.13.2 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.

3.13.3 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.

3.13.4 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

### 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 Schedule 3

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

For Mini-roos refer Schedule 3

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 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



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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 Rule 4.2.
- 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.

## 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.

## 4.1.3 Default Playing Days and Time's

Default Playing Days and times are:

### 4.1.3.1 Default Playing Days

- Seniors – Sundays
- Juniors (Including Non-Competitive) – Saturday

### 4.1.3.2 Default Playing Times

- Juniors – No Default
- Seniors – 4 Teams (Div. 1 - 3pm, Div. 2 – 1pm, Women – 11am, Youth – 10am)
- 3 Teams (Except Swan Hill) 11am, 1pm and 3pm
- 3 Teams (Swan Hill) 10am, 12noon, 2pm
- 2 Teams 12noon, 2pm

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. This can be due to a number of factors including availability of grounds, special occasions or club requests and needs.



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

## 4.2 Abandoned Competition Fixtures

4.2.1 Competition Fixtures may only be abandoned by a decision of the Match Official.

4.2.2 The Competition Fixture may be abandoned for any, but not limited to, the following reasons:

- a. any Team has its playing numbers reduced for any reason below the minimum IFAB requirement of seven (7) players;
- b. the lighting at the venue fails such that in the opinion of the Match Official it is impossible or unsafe to continue to play;
- c. the Match Official determines that playing conditions have become unsafe or untenable for any reason;
- d. the Match Official, in consultation with security staff and ground marshals where applicable, determines that the conditions for players, coaches, Match Officials or supporters have become unsafe or untenable for any reason;
- e. One or both of the Teams is not ready to commence the Competition Fixture within 20 minutes of the scheduled kick-off time; or
- f. In accordance with Rule 4.4.

4.2.3 If a Competition Fixture is abandoned due to a matter set out in Rule 4.2.2, BASL may determine one of the following outcomes of the Competition Fixture at its absolute and sole discretion:

- a. If 80 per cent or more of Normal Time of a Competition Fixture has been played then the score at the time of abandonment may stand. 'Played' in the context of this Rule will be determined by BASL with reference to the Match Official.
- b. Competition Fixture to be replayed in full.
- c. Competition Fixture to be awarded as a 'No Result'.
- d. Competition Fixture result is 0-0.
- e. Competition Fixture result is 3-0 to the non-offending Team, unless the score at the time of abandonment was greater and in favour of the non-offending Team, in which case the greater result will stand. In determining what is a 'greater' result, FV will give preference to goals FOR in the first instance (i.e. 4-1 will be considered a 'greater' result than 3-0).





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- f. Competition Fixture to be replayed from the time at which the original Competition Fixture was abandoned. In the event a Competition Fixture is replayed in accordance with this Rule:
    - i. The score at the time of the abandonment remains the score at the time the Competition Fixture recommences; and
    - ii. Only players listed on the Match Record for the initial Competition Fixture between the two sides will be eligible to compete in the recommenced Competition Fixture, unless FV determines that additional players are eligible (for example, in the case of player injury or availability); and
    - iii. BASL will determine what, if any, further substitutions are allowed by each Team during the recommenced Competition Fixture, giving consideration to the number of substitutions made in the Competition Fixture before it was originally abandoned (including which players may take the Field of Play or be substituted on).
  - g. Competition Fixture at time of abandonment is to stand.
  - h. Matter to be referred to the BASL tribunal for determination if necessary
- 4.2.4 Any Club or Club Associate found to be responsible either in whole or in part for the abandonment of a Competition Fixture may be subject to penalties under the GDT.
- 4.2.5 When a Competition Fixture is abandoned:
  - 4.2.5.1 after commencement of the Competition Fixture, all Match Officials are entitled to receive 100% of their normal match fee; or
  - 4.2.5.2 prior to commencement of the Competition Fixture, all Match Officials are entitled to receive 50% of their normal match fee if the Match Official(s) were present at the venue when the Competition Fixture was due to commence.
- 4.2.6 Match Officials may not claim more than one (1) postponed match fee from one venue on one day.
- 4.2.7 If a Competition Fixture is abandoned by the Match Official, both the Match Official and the Home Club must notify BASL by the following working day that the Competition Fixture has been abandoned.
- ### 4.3 Postponed/Rescheduled Competition Fixtures
- 4.3.1 Competition Fixtures may only be postponed or rescheduled by BASL.
- 4.3.2 BASL may reschedule Competition Fixtures at its discretion. In exercising that discretion, BASL:
  - 4.3.2.1 is not subject to the deadlines or timeframes set out in Rule 4.7; and



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- 4.3.2.2 will take into consideration all relevant circumstances including but not limited to the scheduling of Cup Fixtures.
- 4.3.3 BASL will determine the new time and date for the playing of a postponed/rescheduled Competition Fixture. Such decision is not open to appeal or review. Clubs are obliged to fulfil any postponed or rescheduled Competition Fixture as determined by BASL and any Club, which fails to do so, will automatically forfeit the Competition Fixture and may face penalty under the GDT.
- 4.3.4 Any postponed or abandoned Competition Fixture that requires rescheduling will be rescheduled to the next available catch-up round or non-playing weekend. Only when all catch-up rounds have been exhausted, or upon the written agreement of both Clubs, will Competition Fixture be played midweek.
- 4.3.5 Any Competition Fixture scheduled by BASL to be replayed must be completed by no later than one (1) week after the conclusion of the Regular Season unless otherwise approved or directed by BASL in writing. BASL may record the result of any Competition Fixture not completed within this time frame as a 'No Result'.
- 4.3.6 Any Club Associate or Club found guilty of rearranging a Competition Fixture or requesting the appointment of Match Officials outside a set kick-off time or date will be subject to Misconduct under the GDT. BASL may also record the final score of any such Competition Fixture as a 'No Result'.
- 4.3.7 In the event of a postponed or abandoned Competition Fixture, which is required to be replayed, Clubs may, within five (5) business days from the originally scheduled Competition Fixture, arrange an alternate date and venue. The date must fall within the Regular Season. Both date and venue must be approved by BASL. If no venue and date is approved by BASL, the Competition Fixture will be rescheduled at BASL's discretion.
- 4.4 Weather Conditions**
- 4.4.1 BASL and/or the Match Official may delay or abandon any Competition Fixture due to weather and/or pitch conditions such as but not limited to excessive heat/humidity, lightning or rain that may endanger participant's health and/or safety.
- 4.4.2 If 30 minutes before kick off or at any time during a fixture, the temperature at the venue is 32° or above, water bottles may be made available to enable any player to take a drink during the course of the Competition Fixture. Permission of the Match Official to take a drink is not required in these circumstances.
- 4.4.3 If conditions are considered extreme by the Match Official, he or she may;
- 4.4.3.1 allow a 2 minute break during the course of each half;
- 4.4.3.2 allow additional drinks breaks in accordance with Rule 4.4.2. or otherwise;



4.4.3.3 abandon the Competition Fixture, if in his or her opinion it is unsafe to continue.

## 4.5 Match Points

4.5.1 In all Competition Fixtures, match points will be awarded as follows:

Result	Match Points Awarded
WIN	Three (3) points
DRAW	One (1) point
LOSS	Zero (0) points
FORFEIT	Three nil loss
NO RESULT	Zero (0) points and zero (0) goals awarded to either Team

4.5.2 BASL reserves the right to record any Competition Fixture as a 'No Result' if the circumstances require or as a result of a breach of these Rules.

4.5.3 At the end of the Regular Season, all Teams will be ranked from highest to lowest by virtue of the total number of match points received.

4.5.4 If more than one (1) Team finishes the Regular Season on the same number of points, their final position will be determined as follows:

- The Team with the greatest Goal Difference will finish higher.
- If Goal Difference is the same, then the Team that has scored the most goals FOR will be deemed to have finished higher.
- If Goal Difference is the same and goals FOR is the same, then the final order will be determined by the aggregate results of Competition Fixtures played between those Teams for the current season (excluding Cup Fixtures).
- if the aggregate scores between the Teams are the same, then AWAY goals will count as double.

4.5.5 If more than one (1) Team has the identical number of match points, Goal Difference, goals FOR & AGAINST, and the results between the Teams is the same, then those Teams will be deemed to have tied.

4.5.6 If the final standing in any League is affected by a tie in accordance with Rule 4.5.5 so that it has a bearing on, Finals or Playoffs, then BASL may fixture a Play Off Match between the tied Teams in accordance with these Rules to separate them.

## 4.6 Non-Participation in a Competition Fixture

4.6.1 Clubs/Teams are obliged to participate in all Competition Fixtures. Any Club/Team which fails to do so may be subject to Misconduct under the GDT.



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- 4.6.2 If both Clubs/Teams refuse to play or are not ready to commence the Competition Fixture as scheduled (refer to Rule 4.2.2.e), BASL may award a 'No Result'.
- 4.6.3 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 (or are not ready to) participate in the Competition Fixture.
- 4.6.4 When insufficient players are available for a Competition Fixture a Division 1 Team within a Club must take priority over a Division 2 Team. Failure to field either Team will be subject to penalty under the GDT.
- 4.6.5 Any Team which fails to participate in three (3) Competition Fixtures within a Regular Season may be removed from its League at BASL's discretion.

## 4.7 Change of Venue/Fixture Requests by Club

### 4.7.1 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 4.7.2.
- 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.

### 4.7.2 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 days 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 4.7.2.b may only be made if;
  - (i) a request is made in accordance with Rule 4.7.2.a; and



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- (ii) five (5) days prior to the catch-up or Cup Fixture round neither Club is involved in any other Competition Fixture being played in that catch-up or Cup Fixture round.

4.7.3 Rules 4.7.1 and 4.7.2 do not apply to Finals, Cup or Play Off Matches.

4.7.4 Any decision to reschedule a Competition Fixture (or otherwise) under Rule 4.7 is subject to BASL's right to reschedule a Competition Fixture in accordance with Rule 4.3.2.

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

## 4.8 Restrictions on Ground Usage

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

## 4.9 Admittance to fixtures

4.9.1 Admittance prices for the 2021 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

### 5.1 Match Official Fees

5.1.1 2021 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 paid 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](mailto:competitions@basl.com.au), unless otherwise requested.



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5.1.3 If a Match is abandoned or postponed, all Match Officials are entitled to receive Match fees in accordance with rules 4.4.7 and 4.5.6 respectively.

## 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. 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](mailto:results@basl.com.au) in the circumstances listed in 5.3.3 is the club providing the 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 20minutes 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.

## 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 16 Players (this excludes Junior matches) 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 GDT.

## 5.7 Player Safety and Blood Rule

- 5.7.1 The Match Official must ensure that any player who suffers an injury or wound which results in the loss of blood leaves the pitch immediately for the purpose of receiving medical attention and for the safety of other players.
- 5.7.2 The Match Official may allow the injured player to re-join the Competition Fixture only after the Match Official is satisfied that the injury or wound has been safely covered and contained.
- 5.7.3 If a player's uniform or attire has blood on it, the Match Official may require the player to change his or her attire before re-joining the Competition Fixture.
- 5.7.4 If the injured player is required to change his or her uniform, and a shirt displaying the same number as the original shirt is unavailable, the Match Official may allow the player to wear an alternative numbered, or blank, playing shirt.

## 5.8 Best and Fairest Votes

- 5.8.1 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 [results@basl.com.au](mailto:results@basl.com.au) by COB Monday.
- 5.8.2 All votes must be treated with the highest confidentiality.



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- 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
- The Best and Fairest Award shall be voted on in each Senior Championship Match by the Match Official in accordance with Rule 5.8.
  - 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.
  - A Player who receives a Suspension as defined in the GDT shall be ineligible to win the award.
  - A Player who has a Direct Red Card revoked shall be eligible to win the award.

## 6 REGISTRATION

- 6.1 The Registration Process is set out in the 2021 FV Registration Regulations.

## 7 CODES OF BEHAVIOUR

The following Codes of Behaviour incorporate the Australian Sports Commission Template Code of Behaviour, the FFA National Code of Conduct and the FFA National Spectator Code of Behaviour. - These codes are deemed to be incorporated into these Rules of Competition and are outlined below.

### 7.1. Overview

It is vital that everyone involved in Football, whether they are athletes, coaches, parents, officials or supporters, understand their responsibilities to ensure that all participants enjoy the sport.

It is strongly recommended that all players, parents, officials, coaches and members be given a copy of these codes by their Club, and that each Club ensures the codes are clearly displayed in their Clubrooms.

As well as reading and seeking to understand the instructions contained in the codes, BASL asks all participants to recognise that there are underlying principles which extend beyond those specific instructions.

### 7.2. General Principles for all persons involved in sport

- Operate within the Rules and spirit of Football, promoting fair play over winning at any cost.





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- Encourage and support opportunities for people to learn appropriate behaviours and skills.
- Support opportunities for participation in all aspects of the sport.
- Treat each person as an individual.
- Display control and courtesy to all involved with the sport.
- Respect the rights and worth of every person regardless of their gender, ability, cultural background or religion.
- Respect the decisions of officials, coaches and administrators in the conduct of the sport.
- Wherever practical, avoid unaccompanied and unobserved one-on-one activity (when in a supervisory capacity or where a power imbalance will exist) with people under the age of 18 years.
- Adopt appropriate and responsible behaviour in all interactions.
- Adopt responsible behaviour in relation to alcohol and other drugs.
- Act with integrity and objectivity, and accept responsibility for your decisions and actions.
- Ensure your decisions and actions contribute to a safe environment.
- Do not tolerate harmful or abusive behaviours.
- Do not bring the game of Football into Disrepute, by engaging in discriminatory, offensive or criminal behaviour.
- Ensure your decisions and actions contribute to a harassment free environment.
- Do not bring the game into Disrepute by engaging in harassment, including sexual harassment or any unwelcome sexual conduct which makes a person feel offended, humiliated and/or intimidated.
- Do not bring the game into Disrepute by provoking or inciting hatred or violence, including crowd violence.
- Do not bring the game into Disrepute by engaging in corruption, forgery or falsification, or by abusing a position to obtain a personal benefit.
- Do not bring the game into Disrepute by the throwing or fixing of a match, by accepting bribes, or by any conduct intended to unfairly effect the result of a match;
- Do not bring the game into Disrepute by any other conduct that materially injures the reputation and goodwill of Football.



(NB for the purposes of this code of behaviour 'Disrepute' means conduct, statement or appearance in public that is damaging to reputation).

## 7.3 Players' Code of Behaviour

- Give your best at all times.
- Participate for your own enjoyment and benefit.
- Play by the Rules.
- Do not argue with the Match Official. If you disagree, have your captain or coach approach the Match Official during a break in play or after the Match is concluded.
- Control your temper. Verbal abuse of officials or other players, deliberately distracting or provoking another person is not acceptable or permitted in any sport.
- Be a good sport and be prepared to acknowledge good play whether it is from your team or the opposition.
- Treat all players as you would like to be treated. Do not interfere with, bully or take unfair advantage of another player.
- Co-operate with your coach, teammates and opponents. Without them, there would be no competition.
- Remove all jewellery prior to training and Match play, as it is a hazard to you and those around you.
- Do not accept or use any banned or unauthorised drug(s), including the consumption of alcohol at any time.

## 7.4 Coaches' Code of Behaviour

- place the safety and welfare of the athletes above all else.
- help each person (athlete, official etc.) reach their potential - respect the talent, developmental stage and goals of each person and compliment and encourage with positive and supportive feedback.
- any physical contact with a person should be appropriate to the situation and necessary for the person's skill development.
- be honest and do not allow your qualifications to be misrepresented.
- Be reasonable in your demands on younger players' time, energy and enthusiasm
- Teach your players to abide by the rules and Laws of the Game



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- Ensure that equipment and facilities meet a reasonable safety standard and is appropriate to the age and ability of the players
- Modify your approach to suit the skill levels and needs of players
- Develop and enhance respect between players, opposition coaches and the decisions of the Match Official
- Follow the advice of a physician when determining the extent of a player's injury and beyond that, when players are returning from injury to training and Match play
- Keep up to date with the latest coaching practices (refer to Coach Accreditation Criteria)
- Take time out to teach players (& others) the Laws of the Game, hence raising their awareness
- Remind all players to play within the spirit of the game at all times
- Ensure players are good sports and ensure each team member shakes the hand of their opponents at the conclusion of every Match
- Do not smoke or consume alcohol from the team bench (Technical Area) or sideline
- Remember the actions of yourself and your team is reflective of the perception others take away with them

## 7.5 Administrators' Code of Behaviour

- Act honestly, in good faith and in the best interests of the sport as a whole.
- Ensure that any information acquired or advantage gained from the position is not used improperly.
- Conduct your responsibilities with due care, competence and diligence.
- Do not allow prejudice, conflict of interest or bias to affect your objectivity.
- Help coaches and officials highlight appropriate behaviour and skill development, and assist in raising the standards of coaching and officiating.
- Ensure everyone involved in football emphasises fair play, and not winning at all costs.
- Be tolerant and calm under pressure and approach problem solving in a supportive manner as members and players will expect you to set an example for others.

## 7.6 Match Officials' Code of Behaviour

- Place the safety and welfare of the athletes above all else.



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- Be consistent and impartial when making decisions.
- Address unsporting behaviour and promote respect for all people.
- Modify your approach to suit the skill levels and needs of players.
- Praise and encourage all participants.
- Be consistent, objective and courteous when making decisions.
- Do not tolerate unsporting behaviour and promote respect for all opponents.
- Emphasise the spirit of the game rather than focus on negative aspects.
- Encourage and promote rule changes to all players and members.
- Be a good sport yourself, as actions speak louder than words.
- Keep up to date with the latest trends in refereeing.
- Remember that you set the example on the park, therefore, your behaviour and comments should always be positive and supportive.

## 7.7 Parents Code of Behaviour

- Encourage children to participate and have fun.
- Focus on the child's effort and performance rather than winning or losing.
- Never ridicule or yell at a child for making a mistake or losing a competition.

## 7.8 Spectators' Code of Behaviour

It is important that all spectators at a Bendigo Amateur Soccer League (BASL) approved fixture are able to enjoy the Match in a safe and comfortable environment. Accordingly, each person present at a FV fixture must:

- Respect the decisions of the Match Officials, and teach children to do the same;
- Never ridicule or unduly scold a child for making a mistake;
- Respect the rights, dignity and worth of every person regardless of their race, colour, religion, language, political views, national or ethnic origin;
- Not engage in the use of violence in any form, whether it is by other Spectators, Team Officials (including coaches) or Players;
- Not engage in discrimination, harassment or abuse in any form whether lawful or otherwise, including but not limited to the use of obscene or offensive language or gestures, the incitement of hatred or violence or partaking in indecent or racist chanting;
- Comply with FV's 'Conditions of Entry', at all venues, and any ticketing conditions (Premier League and State League 1 only);



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- Not carry, light or throw flares or missiles (including on to the field of play or at other spectators);
- Not enter the field of play or its surrounds without lawful authority; and
- Conduct them self in a manner that enhances, rather than injures, the reputation and goodwill of FV, Football Federation Australia (FFA), and football generally.

Any person who does not comply with this Code or who in the opinion of FV causes or attempts to cause or is reasonably likely to cause a disturbance may be evicted from the venue and banned from attending future matches held on behalf of FV, for a period of up to 2 years from when the eviction occurred. Any offender who then breaches the ban order against them may be charged with trespass and subject to further penalties and sanctions, including the possibility of further legal action.

It is the host Club's responsibility to ensure this Spectator Code of Behaviour is implemented to the best of the ability and enforced against all spectators.

## 7.9 Victorian Code of Conduct for Community Sport

Every person in Victoria has the right to participate in community sport which is safe, welcoming and inclusive. Equally everyone plays a part in ensuring their actions and behaviours are supportive of these values.

The Victorian Government's Respect Agenda is about ensuring that respect for ourselves, others and the community, is at the centre of what it means to be Victorian. As part of this Agenda, the Government is committed to enabling every person, in any capacity, to have the opportunity to participate in community sport without fear of abuse, intimidation and harassment.

State Sporting Associations and clubs also have a responsibility to ensure participation in any community sport event is free of any anti-social behaviour both on and off the field which prevents others from taking part and getting active.

The Victorian Code of Conduct for Community Sport outlines behaviours which are expected to be followed by every person involved in community sport, as well as identifying the behaviours which must not be tolerated.

The Code supports A Right to Respect: Victoria's Plan to Prevent Violence Against Women by taking a zero tolerance stance towards violence against women. The Code also aims to encourage cultural and behavioural change to prevent it happening in the first place.

Acts of violence, discrimination and vilification are illegal acts within Victoria. It is a club's responsibility to not only report these to the appropriate legal authorities but to ensure these acts are not tolerated by the sport or club.

State Sporting Associations and clubs will have the responsibility of adhering to and enforcing the code through sport specific penalties. State Sporting Associations and



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clubs who don't adhere to and enforce the Code will not be eligible for funding from Sport and Recreation Victoria, and any existing funding will cease.

The Code provides the opportunity to make a positive impact on community participation in sport and recreation by encouraging appropriate behaviour at all times. Implementation of the Code will ensure that community sport remains safe and inclusive for all.

## Code of Conduct

Every person: spectator, player, club member, official, participant, administrator, coach, parent or member of the community involved with the sport, should work to ensure:

- inclusion of every person regardless of their age, gender or sexual orientation
- inclusion of every person regardless of their race, culture or religion
- opportunities for people of all abilities to participate in the sport and develop to their full potential
- respect is shown towards others, the club and the broader community
- a safe and inclusive environment for all
- elimination of violent and abusive behaviour
- protection from sexual harassment or intimidation.

This Code applies to community sport, training and club sanctioned activities.

## Breaches of the Code

Penalties will be issued once the breach has been confirmed through an appropriate assessment process by the relevant State Sporting Association or club. The following behaviours are considered breaches of the Code:

- Violent or abusive behaviour towards another person.
- Vilification of any kind towards another person.
- Discrimination against another person based on their age, gender or sexual orientation.
- Discrimination against another person based on their race, culture, religion or any other irrelevant personal characteristic.
- Sexual harassment or intimidation of another person.
- Victimization of another person for exercising their rights through the Code of Conduct.
- Failure to maintain a safe environment.

## State Sporting Association responsibility



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The responsibility of a State Sporting Association through the Code of Conduct is to:

- promote the Code of Conduct to all persons involved in the sport or club
- ensure reporting and assessment processes are in place to identify and penalise breaches of the Code
- report on the implementation of the Code to the State Government on an annual basis
- ensure that every person involved in the sport is able to exercise their rights without fear of victimisation.

## Implementation of the Code

In 2010 all State Sporting Associations (SSAs) will be required to sign onto the Code and pledge their support by confirming the following actions:

- Ensure all components of the Code are included in an existing SSA code or through the creation of a new code for the SSA.
- Develop appropriate reporting and assessment processes for issuing penalties for breaches of the Code.
- Identify what penalties they will put in place for any breaches of the Code.
- Inform all affiliated clubs of their obligations under the Code, their expectations for reporting, assessing and acting upon breaches.

Any SSA or club applying for funding through Sport and Recreation Victoria (SRV) from 2010/11 will need to demonstrate their adherence and enforcement of the Code in order to be eligible for funding.

SSAs and clubs who don't adhere to and enforce the Code will not be eligible for funding through any SRV grants programs.

Councils applying for funding from SRV, must ensure that sporting associations and clubs who are tenants at the site of the project are enforcing the code.

Sports Associations and clubs not aligned to an SSA will still be required to adhere to and enforce the Code in order to be eligible for funding from Sport and Recreation Victoria, if not any existing funding will cease.

## Definitions

**Person:** spectator, player, official, club member, participant, administrator, coach, parent or member of the community involved with the sport.

**State Sporting Association:** The peak body for a particular sport in the state and affiliated with its National Sporting Organization. The SSA is responsible for the development of the sport and the management and communication of the sport's rules and regulations to its affiliated clubs and members.



## 8 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 Juniors – Please refer to schedule 5 for any differences to below.

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 5 for any differences to below.



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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 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.
	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.





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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.
	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. <b>Wooden or canvas stretchers are not suitable.</b>



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.



## 9 FOOTBALL LIGHTING POLICY & REQUIREMENTS

BASL uses Football Victoria's (FV) Lighting Policy and Requirements for compliance to lighting standards for competition fixtures. The requirements below are sourced from the FV policy and have been changed to state BASL.

### Football Victoria Lighting Policy and Requirements

The Football Lighting Policy & Requirements (the Policy) sets out the mandatory requirements for competition lighting at football (soccer) venues used by Clubs competing in Bendigo Amateur Soccer League (BASL) competitions.

The primary reason for the requirements is to ensure that Clubs are compliant with relevant standards and applicable Occupational Health and Safety requirements. Other reasons include enabling higher quality play, providing a satisfactory experience for spectators and ensuring that football venues are "good neighbours" in residential areas.

### Mandatory Requirements for Competition Lighting

These requirements apply to Matches between BASL clubs, including friendlies and practice matches. These requirements may also apply to Matches played in Victoria against non-Victorian or non-BASL clubs.

This document:

- explains the background to the requirements;
- specifies the standards to be met for each level of competition; and
- details the process which must be followed to gain approval for evening matches;
- details the conditions under which approval for night fixtured matches may be retained by clubs.

### 1 Background

The Federation Internationale de Football Association (FIFA) has produced technical recommendations and requirements for televised and non-televised Football however it has not mandated specific lighting standards for competitions of the type managed by FFV.

Football Federation Australia (FFA) has likewise not mandated specific lighting standards for competitions of the type managed by FV.

FV has therefore adopted the Australian Standard AS2560.2.3-2007, *Sports Lighting - Lighting for All Football Codes* (**Australian Standard**) as the minimum for lighting levels



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and lighting infrastructure requirements for FV managed competitions. BASL has aligned to these standards.

The Australian Standard applies to football (soccer) as well as other codes played in Australia. The Australian Standard provides different minimum requirements for competitions and training.

While BASL supports Clubs wishing to expand their audiences or provide better opportunities through evening matches, Clubs must be aware that compliance with these requirements is a precondition of BASL's approval of night fixturing.

## 2 Requirements

The requirements detailed below are enforceable under BASL's Rules of Competition for each league administered by BASL and must be read in conjunction with the Rules of Competition as published from time to time. The requirements detailed below are mandatory for Matches to be played under lights.

These standards are the MINIMUM required for BASL competitions.

BASL encourages achievement of higher lighting levels where practicable.

The Australian Standard identifies several levels of competition and specifies lighting standards for each. The levels are:

- Amateur;
- Semi-Professional; and,
- Professional.

Therefore, based on the Australian Standard, the following table details the minimum requirements for competition lighting, including both minimum lux levels and minimum horizontal uniformities.

COMPETITION		MINIMUM LUX†	MINIMUM HORIZONTAL UNIFORMITIES	
			U <sub>1</sub>	U <sub>2</sub>
<b>PROFESSIONAL*</b>	Competition	500	0.70	0.50
	Match Practice Training	200	0.60	0.40
<b>SEMI-PROFESSIONAL</b> (NPL and NPL2)	Competition	200	0.60	0.40
	Match Practice Training	100	0.50	0.30
<b>AMATEUR</b> (All other competitions)	Competition	100	0.50	0.30
	Match Practice Training	100	0.50	0.30

† The minimum Lux refers to the maintained average as actually measured in field audits, not the levels provided for in design documents.

\* Certain night fixtures may require professional standard lighting. These may include some televised matches, and FFA Cup finals. In all cases, FFV will notify a Club if the



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minimum lighting requirements are above what its nominated home ground can accommodate.

NB. The maximum glare rating for all competitions is 50.

To avoid doubt, professional training lighting requirements do not apply to NPL and NPL2.

Lighting installations shall be designed with minimum obtrusive light as per the Australian Standard to ensure that no disturbance or discomfort is caused to neighbouring properties and residents, or spectators.

Stakeholders must consider whether the following may cause disturbance or discomfort and address these issues as soon as practicable.

- Light falling on vertical surfaces or entering a property via windows etc,
- The brightness or intensity of the installation from specific observer positions looking toward the installation,
- The light emitted upward (above horizontal) from each floodlight. This effect is often referred to as “sky glow,”

## 3 Process

Where a Club wishes to schedule Matches at times requiring lighting, the Club must ensure that it has certified lighting system in line with the Australian Standard.

Certification is based on an audit of the lighting system by a suitable consultant.

The Club or ground manager must pay the cost of the audit.

The lighting consultant must have suitability, qualifications and experience in floodlighting for sports purposes, especially football. Suitable lighting consultants will include but are not limited to Members of the Illuminating Engineering Society of Australia and New Zealand Limited (IES - The Lighting Society).

As part of the audit, the lighting consultant must:

- undertake a review of the installed equipment to assess its characteristics and current potential for compliance with the Australian Standard;
- make such calculations as are necessary to assess compliance with the required Glare Rating;
- undertake an on-field audit using appropriate equipment measuring in accordance with Clause 6.3 of the Australian Standard and assess compliance with the lux levels and their uniformity – noting that for this purpose of Certification:





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- the tests must cover the entire field of play within the marked lines – this area is referred to as the Principal Playing Area<sub>1</sub> (tests across half field only are not acceptable);
- identify any issues of concern regarding the uniformity of vertical illuminance affecting illumination of the ball on medium and high trajectory paths;
- identify any issues of concern relating to the lighting system's reliability, including a check of the switchboard/lighting control systems to confirm that they are able to be fully secured and are in good working order ; and
- report to BASL on compliance with the Australian Standard or otherwise and any other matters affecting the performance and reliability of the system.

The lighting consultant's report to BASL must include details of the installation, measurements obtained in the on-field audit and the calculation of maintained average lux level and uniformities. This shall include comments on uniformity of vertical illuminance and glare in relation to the existing pole heights, luminaire aiming and total system reliability.

BASL will provide a prescribed form (**Appendix 1**) for the lighting consultant to complete which will provide space for the required information. The test readings must be attached to this form. The form must be completed and signed by the lighting consultant.

Certification is subject to satisfactory compliance with the Australian Standard and acceptable reliability.

Once a signed Certification by an approved lighting consultant is submitted to BASL with all information on the form and with the required attachments, BASL will check the Certification for completeness and accuracy. If BASL is satisfied the information and lighting performance meet BASL's requirements, BASL will register a venue as compliant for amateur level matches. BASL reserves the right to seek additional information or testing from the Club or lighting consultant, to be provided at the Club's cost.

Certification will be accepted by BASL for a period of two years or as otherwise determined by BASL, after which another audit must be undertaken and Certification provided if the Club wishes to continue to hold Matches at times requiring lighting. BASL will not approve fixtures that require lighting without the Certification and subsequent BASL registration of the venue.

## 4 Ongoing compliance

The Club must ensure that the Australian Standard is always met for night Matches.



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Where a Club becomes aware that lighting for a Match is not likely to meet the Australian Standard it must immediately notify BASL in writing of that fact, whereby BASL will arrange a change of fixture.

Where a referee has made a report in relation to the adequacy of the lighting at a venue or BASL has concerns that a venue may not currently meet the Australian Standard, BASL may engage a suitable lighting consultant to undertake a field audit to test compliance as detailed above. If the lighting is found to meet the Australian Standard BASL will bear the cost of the audit.

If the lighting is not found to meet the Australian Standard, the Club is responsible for the costs of the audit and BASL approval for fixtures requiring lighting at the venue will be removed until the lighting is maintained, repaired or modified to comply with the Australian Standard.

If a Match is unable to commence, halted temporarily or abandoned due to the failure of the lighting to meet the Australian Standard or failure to function at all during a Match (**Lighting Failure**), the Club must provide evidence to BASL as to the causes of such failure.

If the Lighting Failure was due to circumstances beyond the control of the Club, including network system failure, weather, accidental damage or offsite equipment failure or any other extraordinary circumstances accepted by BASL, no penalty will be imposed and subject to BASL being satisfied that the lighting for the Club's subsequent night fixtures will meet the Australian Standard, those fixtures will remain as scheduled.

If the Lighting Failure was due to any other reason, including deliberate interference:

- a. the Club may be penalised subject to BASL's discretion; and,
- b. the Club must pay for a further audit in accordance with the process detailed in section 3 above; and
- c. the Club will not be permitted to hold night Matches at the venue until an audit demonstrates compliance with the Australian Standard.

If a Lighting Failure occurs on a second, third or subsequent occasion within two concurrent seasons for any reason, BASL in its sole discretion may not accept the relevant venue for further night fixtures, except on such conditions that BASL shall determine. Notwithstanding this, a venue subject to the above may be disqualified from hosting night fixtures for such a period as determined by BASL.



## SCHEDULE 1 - 2021 Match Official Fee Schedule

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#### BASL – Senior Competitions

Competition	Match Referee	Assistant Referee
Division One Men	\$120	\$60
Division Two Men	\$80	\$40
Women	\$80	\$40
Youth	\$80	\$40
Open (Social)	\$40	\$20

#### BASL – Junior Competitions

Competition	Match Referee	Assistant Referee
Under 16	\$50	\$25
Under 15 Girls	\$40	\$20
Under 14	\$40	\$20
Under 13	\$35	\$17.50
Under 12	\$35	\$17.50

#### 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 – 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 – 35 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 divisions, with the exception of Men's Division 1.

All players must be eligible to participate in BASL fixtures in line with the 2018 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.



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- o Yellow Cards accumulated during the Championship season will not be Counted with Yellow Cards received during the Cup Competition.
- 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

- Cup Competition 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 Men's Division 1 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.

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

### Qualifying for Multiple Divisions

- The lower division (Seniors) or age group (Juniors and Youth)
- Once a player plays in half 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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- 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. – This is Junior Player can only play in a single team in any age group (i.e A player cannot play in both the Under 12A and Under 12B teams at a club). They can however qualify for Under 12 and 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 - Men's Division 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 Division and Men's Division 1 will not be eligible to play in Men's Division 2 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 Division 2 game, he will be eligible for Division 2 only. He is now ineligible to play Under 16 and Youth.**
- o He still has the ability to play Men's Division 1, however should he do this he will be bound to Men's Division 1.**



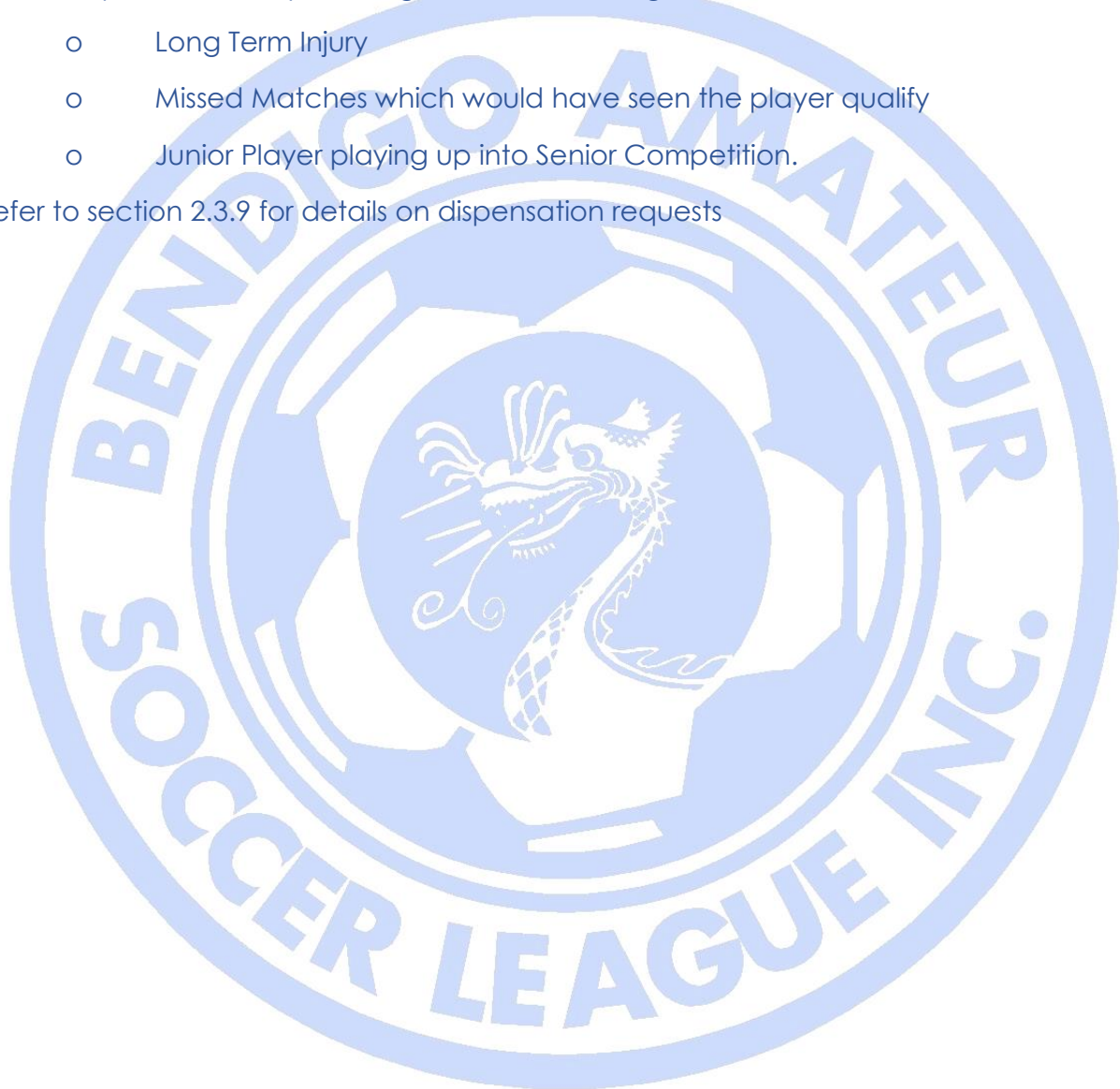
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- Players who appear as a substitute in Men's Division 1 will not be considered to have played in Men's Division 1 for the above purposes.

## 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:
  - Long Term Injury
  - Missed Matches which would have seen the player qualify
  - Junior Player playing up into Senior Competition.

Refer to section 2.3.9 for details on dispensation requests







## SCHEDULE 3 – Non-Competitive (BASL Juniors) – Rules of Competition

### Introduction

As part of its National Development Plan, Football Federation Australia implemented Mini Roos 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 Roos Football Rules

For all Rules and Regulations regarding Mini Roos 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-resources](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 10'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
- 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
- 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 Roos – No Goal Keeper
- Under 8 & Under 9 Play 7 v 7 Mini Roos – Including Goal Keeper
- Under 10 Play 9 v 9 Mini Roos – Including Goal Keeper

### Eligibility of Players

- To be eligible to participate in BASL, each player must be registered with FV via an affiliated club.



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- Please refer to the 2020 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	Epsom/Huntly	2 X 20 min	No	Game Leader
Under 7	4 V 4	20m x 30m	Size 3	Epsom/Huntly	2 X 20 min	No	Game Leader
Under 8	7 V 7	45m long x 35m wide	Size 3	Home Club	2 x 20 min	Yes	Instructing Referee
Under 9	7 V 7	45m long x 35m wide	Size 3	Home Club	2 x 20 min	Yes	Instructing Referee
Under 10	9 V 9	65m long x 45m wide	Size 4	Home Club	2 x 25 min	Yes	Instructing Referee

## Codes of Behaviour

- In accordance with the 2020 BASL Rules of Competition, players, officials, administrators, parents, spectators are bound by the Codes of Behaviour.
- 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.



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## SCHEDULE 4 - Open (Social) Competition – Rules of Competition

The aim of the Open (Social) Competition is to provide a social opportunity for past players, and those players new to the game a structured environment to play football.

The minimum age for participation is 16.

The 2016 BASL Rules of Competition and 2016 BASL GDT will be adhered to with the following exceptions.

### **Match Duration and format**

All Open (Social) matches shall be 2 x 30 minute halves.

The format of the game will be 7v7 on half pitch, but this may be varied depending on the numbers of players available on game day, i.e. 5v5 or 6v6 and the field size may be adjusted accordingly.

### **Social Competition**

The Open (Social) competition shall be deemed a Social Competition. Players must be prepared to participate in a spirit of fun and fitness with all clubs entering teams taking steps to ensure their teams are instructed to take part with good intent at all times. Players who disregard this intent will be asked to leave the ground immediately and may face disciplinary action including exclusion from future Open (Social) Competitions. The code of FIFA FAIR PLAY is to be observed at all times. Overly aggressive play will not be tolerated. This is a Social Competition NOT Grade.

### **Substitutions/Interchange**

Unlimited Interchange. Teams do not need the Referees permission to enact an interchange, but the oncoming Player cannot enter the field of play until the outgoing Player has completely left the field of play. All interchanges must be made at or near the halfway point on the same side of the field.

### **Referee Appointments**

A referee shall be appointed by the Central Victorian Referees Branch to any Open (Social) fixture. Where no official referee is available, BASL may appoint a registered FV club member to referee in their place. This person's decisions will be accepted as official, and no protest or complaint against his decisions will be accepted.

### **Player Eligibility**

Once a player starts in a BASL Competitive Seniors fixture in the 2016 season, they will then become ineligible to play in an Open (Social) fixture in the 2016 season

All players must have signed the team registration form approved by BASL and the team fee must have been paid to be eligible to play.



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It is the responsibility of any team who feels that their opposition is not abiding by the rules, in terms of the age and eligibility of the opposition players, to raise any objects directly with the referee and that team at the time.

## **Play at own risk**

All players accept they play at their own risk and should seek their own insurance.

## **Team Requirements**

Teams may be entered by clubs or the general public and entries will be accepted on completion of a valid team entry form and payment of the applicable team entry fee. Players may register as individuals and be entered to a team organized by BASL.

## **Pitch format**

The format of the game will be 7v7 on half pitch, but this may be varied depending on the numbers of players available, i.e. 5v5 or 6v6 and the field size adjusted accordingly.

## **Ladder position**

Points are 3 for a win, 1 for a draw and 0 for a loss. Ladder position will be determined by Points, then Goal Difference, then most goals scored, then head to head results, then a toss of the coin.

A forfeited game will result in a 3-0 loss.

Ladder position will be used to determine talking points in between games, and for no other purpose. There will be no finals and finishing top of the ladder will risk ineligibility for the following seasons competition at the sole discretion of all the other teams that didn't finish first.

## **Play at own risk**

All players will need to accept they play at their own risk and should seek their own insurance. Yes, this is here twice, it is that important!

## **Minimum equipment**

Studded boots either screw in or molded including Blades are allowed. 'Sports' type footwear with multiple molded rubber studs is acceptable. Referees will make sure that correct footwear and shin-guards are worn before play commences and at all times during the game.

## **Foul play**

In all cases where players breach these rules and are removed from the field of play, their Team may use a substitute. The player will be punished, not the Team.

All players are to have respect for the Referee and to accept the decisions made without dissent. Referees are instructed to Sin Bin offenders.



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Repeated foul play and/or abusive language may result in a player being either sent to the Sin Bin for a period of time determined by the Referee, or sent off permanently. Any player sent off permanently will not be allowed to play again for the remainder of the season.

## **Tackling**

Players **MUST** remain on their feet to make a tackle. Slide tackles or those made on one knee will be penalised with a free kick.

Players are reminded that all tackles from behind are illegal. A slide tackle from behind will result in the offender being sent to the Sin bin for 2 minutes.

## **Other**

Kick offs must be taken from the centre of the pitch. A Player may score directly from the kick off.

## **No Offside rule.**

Defenders must retreat a minimum of 3 metres from free kicks and kick offs.

Penalties will be taken from a point 5 meters from the goal line, central to the goal.



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## SCHEDULE 5 – 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 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

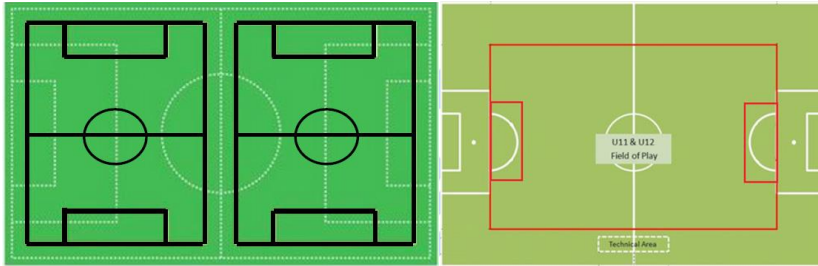
### Competition Rules

Under 12 and Under 13 competition's 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:



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**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.

**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.



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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 in-line with all other competitive competitions

