



**Bexley North Football Club**  
**2010 Registered Team Officials Handbook**  
(This document includes the SGFA RTO Comp & Non-Comp Handbooks)

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Bexley North Football Club (BNFC) is the only sports division of the Bexley North Sports Club which was formed in 1960. The club has a long and proud history in the St George Football Association. The Management Committee for the Club consists of the positions listed on the front cover. It meets on a regular basis (the second Monday of the month, all year round) to ensure that the Club is administered in such a way that it delivers maximum benefit to all of its stakeholders, including players, parents/guardians, officials, sponsors and the local community. Season 2009 was an extremely rewarding one for our club, both on and off the field. We had a total of 59 teams and over 630 players.

### **Club's Objectives & Membership**

Our objectives are to promote football within the local community and create an opportunity to play sport and have fun safely.

Membership of BNFC consists of:

- Any registered player who has attained the age of 18,
- A parent/guardian of any registered player that has not yet attained the age of 18 (limited to one member per family),
- Any other person nominated for membership, subject to the approval of the Club's Management Committee.

Membership fees for players and parents/guardians are included in player registrations.

### **Club Sponsorship**

We invite local businesses and interested persons to sponsor the Club and encourage our members to support our sponsors.

### **Codes of Conduct**

Our aim is to ensure that everyone is able to enjoy club level football. We know that winning is important – but not as important as the spirit of the game. We demonstrate this spirit and ensure BNFC's success through:

- A commitment to fair play that is encouraged and to be supported by all.
- Respect for the rights, dignity and worth of all participants regardless of their gender, ability, cultural background or religion.

- Promotion of the interests of football and our Club at every opportunity.
- Voluntary participation in and support of our Club's activities by everyone.

The following codes of conduct set out the responsibilities and expectations of all our players, team officials and parents/guardians.

### **Player Code**

- Understand and play by the rules.
- Play to win, but always accept defeat with dignity
- Never argue with a referee or assistant referee. If you disagree, have the team RTO record the issue on the match sheet after the match.
- Control your temper and never resort to violence. Physical or verbal abuse of officials and other players is not acceptable or permitted.
- Work hard for yourself and for your team. Your team's performance will benefit and so will you.
- Be a good sport. Applaud all good play whether by your team or the opposition.
- Treat all participants as you would like to be treated.
- Cooperate with your Coach, Manager and team-mates at all times. Without them there would be no game.
- Participate for your own fun and enjoyment, not just to please parents and coaches.

### **Team Official's Code**

- Ensure that the time players spend with you is a positive and fun experience.
- All junior players deserve equal attention and opportunities. Avoid overplaying the talented players – all players deserve equal time.
- Never argue with a referee or assistant referee. If you disagree, record the issue on the match sheet after the match.
- Be reasonable in the demands on your players' time, energy and enthusiasm.
- Show concern and caution towards sick and injured players. Follow the advice of a physician (if available) when determining whether an injured player is ready to recommence training or competition.
- Operate within the rules of the game and teach your players to do the same.
- Demonstrate respect for players, opponents, match officials and other team officials.
- Plan training so that players learn and develop by doing.
- Make a personal commitment to keep yourself informed of sound coaching principles.
- Ensure equipment and facilities meet safety standards appropriate to the age and ability of the players.

### **Parents/Guardian's Code**

- Encourage your child to participate, do not force them if they are not willing.
- Focus on the child's efforts and performance rather than on winning or losing.
- Encourage children always to play according to the rules and to settle disagreements without resorting to hostility or violence.
- Never ridicule or yell at a child for making a mistake or losing a match.
- Leave the coaching to the coaching staff and don't interfere with or undermine the coaches at any time.
- Remember that children are involved in sport for their enjoyment, not yours.
- Children learn best by example, applaud good play by all teams.
- If you disagree with an official, raise the issue through your team's officials.
- Never question a referee's judgement or honesty.
- Eliminate verbal and physical abuse from all sporting activities.
- Show appreciation for volunteer coaches, managers, officials, and administrators. Remember that they give up their time for your child's enjoyment. Without them, your child would not participate.

**IMPORTANT NOTE:** Parents **MUST NOT** enter the field of play under any circumstances (BNFC will be fined \$500.00 for every infringement to this rule by the SGFA, and the Club will pass this fine on to the offending person).

Coaches/Managers may only enter the field if signalled to do so by the Referee.

### **Adherence with Codes of Conduct**

Any member (parent, player or RTO), who is observed to be behaving in a manner contrary to the codes of conduct may be called to appear before the Management Committee in accordance with the Club's Constitution. The Management Committee has the power to fine members, or to suspend or expel any member from membership of the Club.

### **Child Protection**

We must comply with NSW child protection laws. All RTO's sign child protection statutory declarations. We are conscious to ensure all our members (committee, RTO's, players and parent/guardians) have a responsibility to ensure our children are safe. Please contact our Child Protection Officer, Jenny Hespe if you have any concerns or questions. Information is available on Football NSW website [www.footballnsw.com.au](http://www.footballnsw.com.au) and click on the link to child protection. Important information is also available at [www.playbytherules.net.au](http://www.playbytherules.net.au)

### **Photographing Children**

There is evidence that certain individuals will visit sporting events to take photographs or video footage of young sports people for inappropriate use. The Australian Sports Commission advises that all clubs should be vigilant about this possibility. We recommend that all people taking photographic / video images (including spectators, parents, coaches, professional photographers or members of the media) register at the game with a BNFC Official or RTO. Any concerns during any event should be reported to a club official or committee member.

We must have a signed authority from the parent/guardian to publish a players photograph in our newsletter. The authority form is on our website and the completed form must be given to the Child Protection Officer, Jenny Hespe, preferably at a monthly RTO meeting.

## **Team and Official's Responsibilities**

### **RTO (Registered Team Official)**

Each team must have at least one (1) RTO present at each competition game. The Coach, Manager or any parent can become an RTO by completing an RTO form. Only one (1) RTO is allowed inside the ropes of the playing field and the RTO nominated at the beginning of the match is the **ONLY** person who will be allowed on the field if a player is injured. RTO's **MUST NOT ENTER THE FIELD OF PLAY UNLESS SIGNALLED TO DO SO BY THE REFEREE.**

### **Player Uniforms and Equipment**

The BNFC numbered shirts are **ONLY** to be worn during matches, they are not to be worn at training sessions or any other time. Shirts must be returned at the end of the season or trophies may be withheld. Shirts are to be tucked in at all times. An alternative strip is available at the canteen for teams playing other teams with clashing colours (e.g Carss Park). Shin pads must be worn with socks covering them at all times. No jewellery is to be worn during play. A match ball will be provided to an RTO for each team and must be used for competition matches only. Ball sizes are: 6 to 9 years (size 3), 10 to 13 years (size 4), and 14 to All Age (size 5).

### **Wet Weather**

In the event of wet weather the Coach or Manager of each team should refer to the wet weather numbers on our website to confirm whether the games are being played. The Coach or Manager of each team is then responsible for advising their players.

## Match Days

### Ground Duties

The first teams (main field & mini fields) to play at Kingsgrove Avenue each game day are responsible for setting up the fields. The equipment is stored in the gear shed, if you are not sure how to set up the equipment ask at the canteen.

Main field – Goal nets and corner posts.

Mini fields – Portable goals and nets, corner posts and field perimeter ropes and support posts.

The last teams (main field & mini fields) to play at Kingsgrove Avenue each game day are responsible for packing up the fields. The equipment is to be stored in the gear shed, if you are not sure how or where the equipment is stored ask at the canteen.

### Home Team

The home ground is Kingsgrove Avenue Reserve. However with 28 competition teams this year it is not possible to schedule all teams to have all (or in some cases any) of their home games at Kingsgrove Ave. The home team is the team listed on the left hand side of your draw. Under 9s and 10s play on midi fields and as we do not have one, none of their home games are played at Kingsgrove Ave.

### Match Sheets

Each team is responsible for their own match sheet (each game will have two match sheets, one for the home team and one for the away team). Match sheets are available from the canteen at each ground and for download from ours and SGFA website. List all player names, FFA and shirt numbers (including substitutes) up to a maximum 16 players and place a tick in the Play column for the starting 11 and in the Sub column for any interchange players who will take the field during the game. Give the completed match sheet to the match referee at the start of the game.

Get the match sheet back at the end of the game after the referee has entered the score and signed it. The team's RTO (manager) then checks the score and signs the match sheet. Match sheets must be completed correctly. Incorrectly completed sheets incur a \$25 fine by the SGFA. The Club will pass any fine on to the offending team. Match sheets for the under 6s, 7s & 8s must also be completed each week (for insurance purposes only). Non-competition games results are not kept.

ALL teams are responsible for returning the signed (by the Referee and each team's RTO) match sheet to the Kingsgrove Avenue Canteen after your match. If you are unable to reach the canteen before it closes, you MUST contact the relevant Competition Secretary before 5.00pm on the day of the game.

**Note:** The Competition Secretary MUST have ALL match results to the Assoc by 5.00pm on game days or the Club will incur a fine of up to \$50 per match sheet (the Club will pass fines on to offending teams).

### Incident Reporting

Any incident where it is alleged that a player, RTO, or parent associated with Bexley North or associated with any other club within the SGFA, has acted in a manner prejudicial to the interests of the Club or the SGFA, must be reported by telephone to the Club Secretary and then in writing by 7pm on the day of the game.

### Send Offs (Red Cards) & Cautions (Yellow Cards)

A player sent from the field (red card) must serve a playing suspension that is relevant to the offence and imposed by the SGFA. After being sent off the player's ID card must be given to the referee or otherwise surrendered to the SGFA before the suspension is served.

When an individual player has accumulated three cautions (yellow cards) during the season, the player shall serve a one match suspension that applies to the next competition match. There is no appeal

against a one match suspension after receiving three yellow card cautions. The player's ID card must be surrendered to the Association before the suspension is deemed to have been served.

ID cards may be collected from the SGFA after the suspension period has elapsed.

A player who plays while suspended will incur a \$200 fine and the game in which the player played will be recorded as a loss on forfeit.

#### **I.D. Cards**

Refer to SGFA RTO Handbook attached.

#### **Referees**

Refer to SGFA RTO Handbook attached.

#### **Referees Fees**

Refer to SGFA RTO Handbook attached.

## **General Information**

### **St. George Football Association**

The Bexley North handbook is intended as a guide only. Some important competition rules are outlined below. For the complete competition rules refer to the St George Football Association's (SGFA) RTO Handbook (attached) and the SGFA Constitution and By-laws, they are available from the SGFA website [www.sgsfa.com.au](http://www.sgsfa.com.au)

### **Match Duration**

All matches will be of two equal halves. Refer to the attached SGFA RTO Handbook Schedule 1 for game times. Five minutes half time for all matches. Added time for injuries will NOT be played in any match except for the final series (where the length of added time is at the discretion of the referee).

### **Small Sided Games (SSG)**

Refer to the SGFA Non Comp (SSG) RTO Handbook. Football NSW has introduced Small Sided Games and the SGFA has decided to implement this system for Under 6, Under 7, and Under 8's from 2009. The small sided games concept has been developed to encourage young players to have fun and become more involved in the game. The principles and rules are set-out in the FFA SSG handbook which is available on our website [www.bexleynorthfc.com.au](http://www.bexleynorthfc.com.au)

### **Forfeits**

A competition match may be played where each team is able to field at least seven (7) eligible players at the commencement of play. If your team is short of players for any game, players from other teams within our Club may be shared (refer BNFC by-laws for policy on sharing of players) and the St George Football Associations RTO Handbook for rules on players playing up. If your team is unable to play any match you are to contact our Secretary, Peter Bartier at least 36 hours before your match to minimise the forfeit fee the Association will apply. There is no need to forfeit SSG matches as any child in the same or younger age group can play.

### **Communication**

There are several avenues of communication, from the BNFC Committee to Coaches, Managers, Players and Parents.

- Team Pigeon Holes (will hopefully return soon!): Located in the gear shed and all important information for Coaches and Managers is distributed through these folders. Please check and clear your team's pigeon hole each week.
- Monthly Meetings: These take place on the second Monday of every month and are held at Bexley RSL Club at 8.00pm. At least one representative of every team must attend these meetings (fines for a team's representative not attending may apply).
- Weekly newsletters: These are published on our website on the club files page and distributed

via the 'Newsletter' email group – register on our website.

- Website: [www.bexleynorthfc.com.au](http://www.bexleynorthfc.com.au) All important information is published on our website.
- RTO email list – Register on the website to ensure you get instant access to all important information issued via this list.

### **Match Reports and Newsletter**

Match reports from each team are published on the website in our weekly newsletter.

Coaches/managers should complete a report for the benefit of the players. Older teams may encourage a different player each week to write a report. However, authors of the match reports must keep the following points in mind:

- We will only publish positive match reports - do not use your published report to criticise individual players.
- Keep your reports reasonably short, describe the game only and use the first names of your players.

### **Training Days**

Training is available at Kingsgrove Avenue Reserve and at Kingsgrove High School, between 4.00pm and 9.00pm Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday's, and on Bexley Oval Outer on between 4:00pm and 9:00pm Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. We have 53 teams in 2010 and limited space. Teams must book training time and day with Vince Blatch [ypblatch@optusnet.com.au](mailto:ypblatch@optusnet.com.au) . Teams using equipment from the dressing shed are responsible for placing it back in the shed. The last team leaving the grounds is responsible for closing and locking all gates.

### **Coach Training**

All coaches of teams should complete at minimum the Grassroots Coaches Course developed by the FFA and delivered through the SGFA Coaching Director. The course is free and will be conducted, depending on numbers, at our home ground as a preference. More information will be presented at RTO meetings. The course is coordinated by our Secretary.

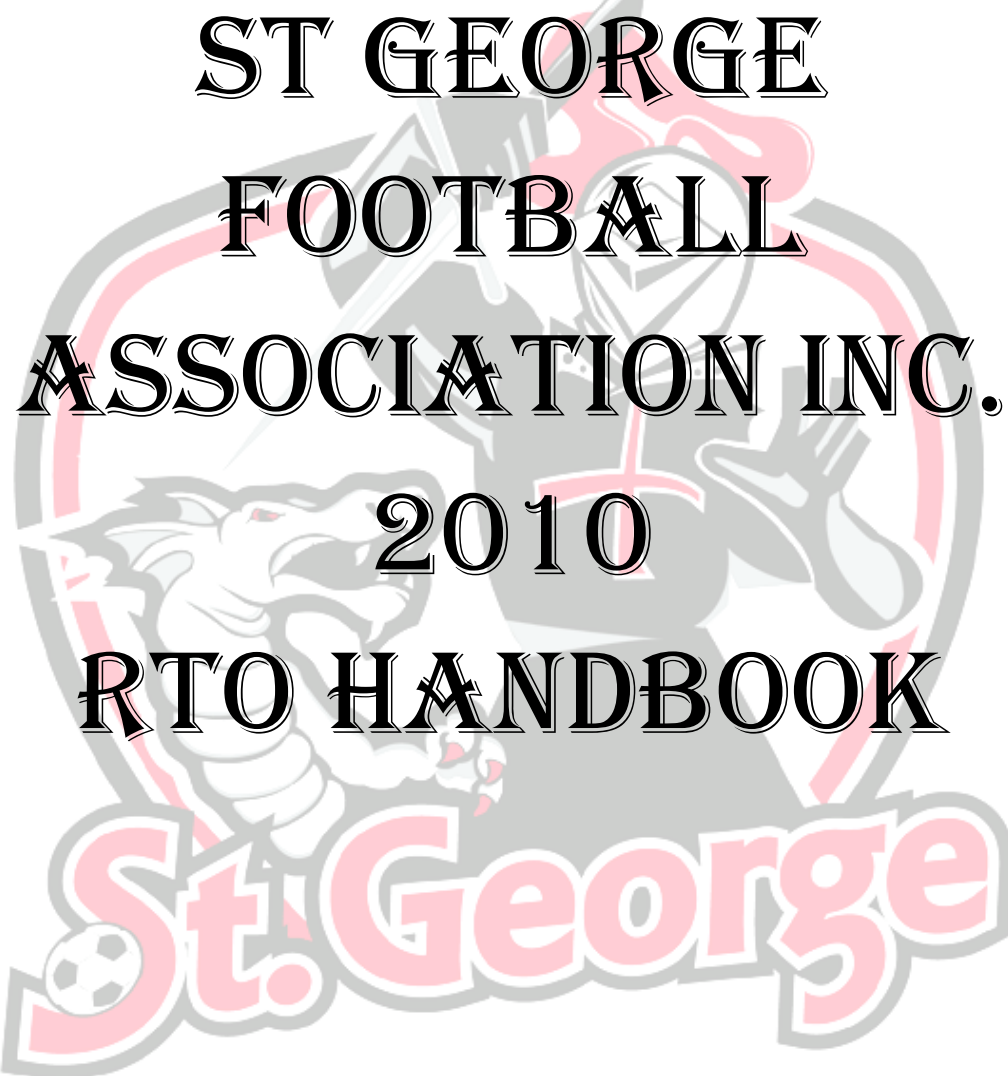
We will also pay for one subscription for each team to Global Football Systems, link on the 'club files' page on our website.

### **Coaching Clinics**

BNFC hosts Coaching Clinics during school holidays. Clinics have been booked for the April school holidays on 6-9 April 2010. We will inform you closer to the date about July school holidays. Step by Step Academy, run by ex-soccerer Wally Savor, is conducting the April clinics at Kingsgrove Ave Reserve, on the proviso enough players register to pay and participate. Coaches should encourage players to participate where possible.

### **Referees Courses and Training**

The St .George Referees Association, conducts referees clinics during the year. Players and coaches are encouraged to do this course, as it will increase knowledge of game, and make it more enjoyable to participate by all. Information of when courses will be conducted will be distributed through communication channels.



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FOOTBALL  
ASSOCIATION INC.  
2010  
RTO HANDBOOK**

**St. George**

**St. George Football Association Inc.**

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**EXECUTIVE POSITIONS – 2010**



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**NOTE:**

**This RTO HANDBOOK is intended as a guide only.**

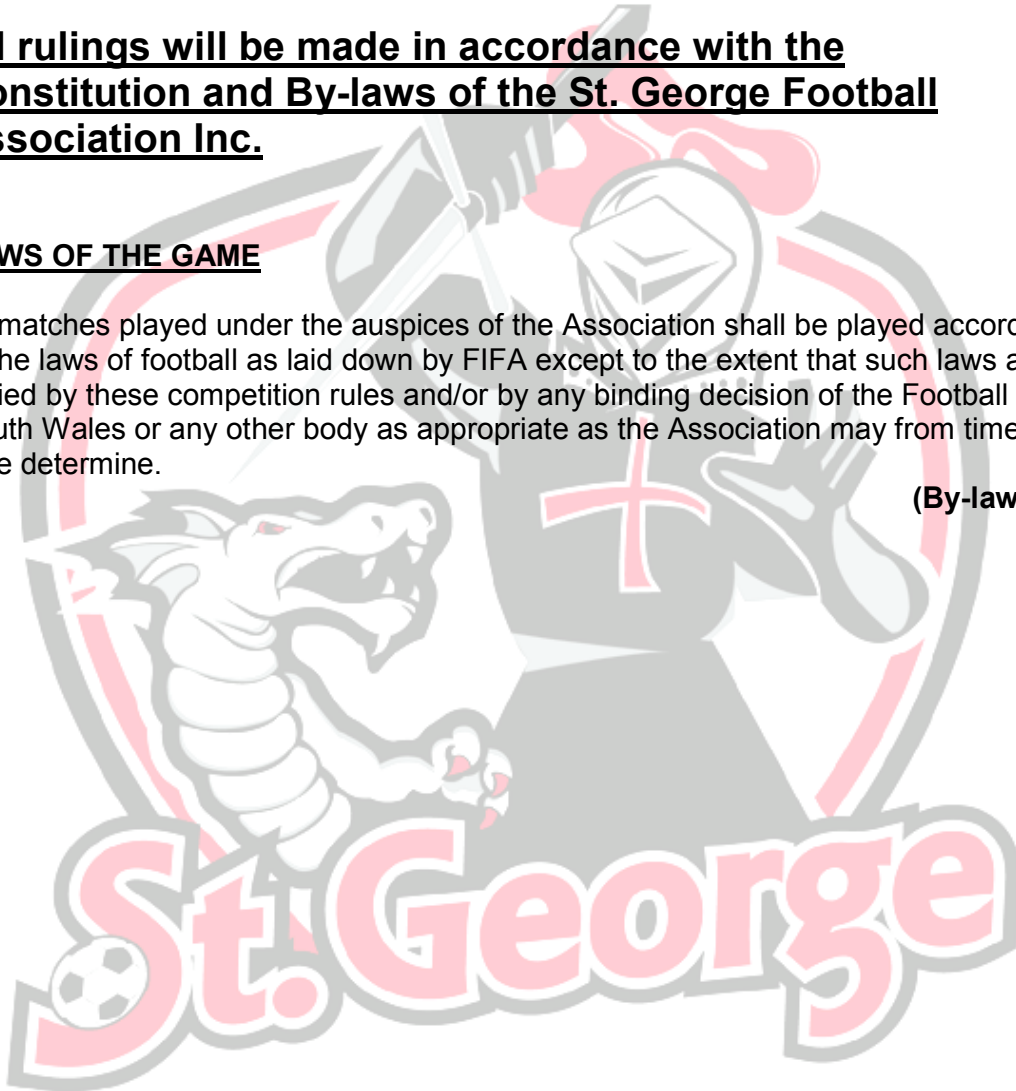
**Any issues arising out of any match should be raised first at Club level before being escalated to the Association.**

**All rulings will be made in accordance with the Constitution and By-laws of the St. George Football Association Inc.**

**LAWS OF THE GAME**

All matches played under the auspices of the Association shall be played according to the laws of football as laid down by FIFA except to the extent that such laws are varied by these competition rules and/or by any binding decision of the Football New South Wales or any other body as appropriate as the Association may from time to time determine.

**(By-law 1.1)**



## Pre-Match Duties

Each team is to provide an Official at all games to ensure the Association By-laws and competition rules are adhered to. The Official will be easily identified by an officials vest.

(By-law 6.8 b)

### Registered Team Official (RTO)

1. At least one (1) RTO is to be present at each match.

(By-law 9.2)

2. MATCH SHEET:

- Each Team is to supply their own completed Match Sheet with the following details;
  - Ground
  - Team
  - Grade
  - Division
  - Date
  - Time of Game
  - Player's Names including substitutes (13 only for U9 & U10, 16 only for all other competition grades)
  - Player's Shirt Number
  - Player's FFA Registration Number

(By-law 6.3)

Premier League, All Age A & All Age Women A Match Sheets for 2010

- Premier League, All Age A & All Age Women A match sheets are to have entered on them Best & Fairest points (3, 2, 1). Each team is to complete their own match sheet.

3. ID CARDS:

- RTO's are to check the oppositions I.D. CARDS including substitutions, in the centre of the field FIVE (5) minutes before kick-off.
- THE RTO's ID Card is to be handed to the Referee together with the completed Match Sheet and Referees Fees (see Schedule 1)
- Referee/Referee Assistant will retain ID Card until the end of the match.

(By-law 9)

**NB: ANY PLAYER/S OR TEAM/S THAT DO NOT HAVE ID CARDS, THEN THAT PLAYER/S OR TEAM/S DO NOT PLAY.**

(By-law 9.5)

4. A match ball is to be supplied by each team.

(By-law 6.11)

## Match Duties

- ONLY ONE (1) RTO is allowed inside the ropes.
- The RTO nominated at the beginning of the match is the only person who will be allowed on the field if a player is injured.
- THE RTO MUST NOT ENTER THE FIELD OF PLAY UNTIL SIGNALLED TO DO SO BY THE REFEREE.
- The opposing RTO is to check any substitutes as they enter the field of play at the halfway line.
- Substitute/Interchange players will enter the field of play from the halfway line.
- The Referee/Assistant Referee will check the player's equipment.

**(By-laws 6 & 9)**

## Post Match Duties

- At the conclusion of the game the Referee, Assistant Referee and RTO's will complete the match sheets.
- The RTO is to check the result, and take note of any cautions or send-offs and then sign the match sheet.
- Any irregularities on the I.D. card are to be reported to the referee and noted on the match sheet.
- The RTO must keep a record of all recorded cautions, which his players have received during the season. (See Competition Rules No.19 for suspensions)
- When a player is sent from the field of play (send-off) the RTO MUST HAND TO THE REFEREE THE PLAYERS ID CARD after the match or a fine of \$100.00 will be incurred.
- When a player receives his 3rd yellow card etc. the player's ID card is to be submitted to the Association before the player can serve his suspension.

**(By-laws 6, 9 & 13)**

## **NB:**

**Completed MATCH SHEETS are to be dropped into the Association Office, Suite 6, 193-195 Rocky Point Road, Ramsgate, by 9am on the Monday following the day of the Match.**

**Fines, as per the 2010 Fine Schedule (see Schedule 2), will be imposed on clubs who fail to complete Match Sheets correctly or deliver as per the above instruction.**

## **COMPETITION RULES**

1. INTERCHANGE is allowed in all matches with the exception of Premier League, where substitution is only allowed  
(By-law 6.1)

2. SHIN PADS ARE TO BE WORN WITH SOCKS COVERING THEM AT ALL TIMES  
(By-law 1.1)

3. SHIRTS ARE TO BE TUCKED IN AT ALL TIMES  
(By-law 1.1)

4. BICYCLE SHORTS CAN BE WORN - If worn they must be the same colour as the shorts and must not be any longer than the length of your shorts.  
(See FNSW Regulations)

5. JEWELLERY IS NOT TO BE WORN ON THE FIELD (This includes visible body piercing) – If the referee can see any jewellery it **MUST BE REMOVED**. The above are FIFA rules and will be dealt with by the Referee. If the Referee has told a player to adjust his equipment a couple of times he may send the player from the field of play to do so and the player will not be able to return to the field until there is a break in play.  
(By-law 1.1)

6. ALL PLAYERS are to wear a readily visible number  
(By-law 1.1)

7. DURATION OF MATCHES

### **See Schedule 1**

All matches will be of two equal halves

5 minutes half time for all matches from whistle to whistle

Extra time will not be played in any match except in the Final Series with the exception of Premier League 1<sup>st</sup> Grade where time is allowed for substitutions.

If a team fails to take the field within five (5) minutes after the appointed kick-off time and the opposing team is ready to play the opposing team will be awarded a win on forfeit unless extreme circumstances apply.

(By-law 5)

A match may be played where each team is able to field at least:

- a) Seven [7] eligible players at the commencement of play in age group 11 and higher.
- b) Six [6] eligible players at the commencement of play in age groups 9 & 10

(By-law 6.2)

## 8. PLAYING UP:

Players may play for a team of their club other than the team for which they are registered only in the following circumstances:-

- a) In the same age group – any higher division e.g.  
Player registered in 12B division may play in 12A division team;  
Player registered in 12D division may play in 12A, 12B & 12C division teams.
- b) In the next higher age group – in the same or higher division e.g.;  
Player registered in 12A division may play 13A division;  
Player registered in 12B division may play 13A and 13B division teams;  
Player registered in 12C division may play 13A, 13B & 13C division teams;
- c) Two age groups higher – in the same or next lower division e.g.;  
Player registered in 12A division may play 14A and 14B division teams;  
Player registered in 12B division may play 14A, 14B & 14C division teams;  
Player registered in 12C division may play 14A, 14B, 14C & 14D division teams.
- d) In Girls competitions the following will apply:  
Refer to the Girls Playing Up Rules document, as published by the Competition Secretary yearly.
- e) Three or more age groups higher – in any division

**(By-law 6.13)**

Girls playing in the Saturday competition (U9 – U11) will be eligible to play in the appropriate Girls competition on Sunday

### U8's playing up in U9's

They are eligible to play for U9's only when that team has less than 9 players.

**(By-law 15.2a)**

## 9. FORFEITS

In the event of team forfeiting a match, match fees, including referee fees, if applicable for both teams shall be paid by the team/club forfeiting the match. If thirty-six (36) hours prior to the match being played notice is received by the Association Secretary, match fees for both teams shall be refunded or not charged. A Fine of \$110 per forfeit will be applied

**(By-law 4.4)**

In the last four (4) competition matches of the season any team forfeiting a match will be charged double match fees including referee's fees if applicable, and will be fined \$200 per game

**(By-law 4.5)**

Any team that forfeits three (3) competition games in any one (1) season will be automatically deregistered.

(By-law 6.8)

**Squads**

In the event that a club is obliged to forfeit either grade then both matches shall be deemed to have been forfeited and a fine of \$200.00 to apply. If more than two (2) games are forfeited then the squad will be withdrawn from the competition.

(By-law 10.4)

**10. POSTPONED/DEFERRED GAMES**

Wherever possible, the competition Secretary shall ensure any postponed match is played as soon as practicable and by the end of the season. The Competition Secretary shall apply equal emphasis to the rescheduling of all postponed Saturday games and all postponed Sunday games.

(By-law 6.4)

In the event of inclement weather, the Competition Secretary in conjunction with the Secretary shall determine whether or not fixtures will be played and shall notify each club Secretary accordingly

(By-law 6.5)

No games will be deferred except in the following circumstances;

- a) any team playing in the Quarter Finals or above of State competitions shall not be required to play on that Saturday prior to the Sunday competition;
- a) any team required to travel to the country for State competitions shall not be required to play on that Saturday prior to the Sunday competition;
- c) any team playing which is scheduled to play their competition matches on Sunday and are in the Quarter Finals or above of State competitions shall not be required to play on any day of that weekend.
- d) any team playing in a State competition that is scheduled to play an association competition match on the same day shall not be required to play on that day.

The deferred game shall be rescheduled.

(By-law 6.6)

**11. COMPETITION POINTS**

Competition points shall be awarded as follows:-

- Win.....3 points
- Bye.....3 points
- Win on Forfeit.....3 points with a 3-0 scoreline or the score at the time of the abandonment, whichever is the higher.
- Draw.....1 point
- Loss.....0 points
- Loss on Forfeit.....0 points with a 0-3 scoreline or the score at the time of the abandonment.

(By-law 6.7)

## **12. BALL SIZES**

**See Schedule 1**

**(By-law 6.11)**

## **13. CORNER KICKS**

9 and 10 years old - to be taken at Corner Spot

11 and 12 years old - to be taken eight (8) yards from the edge of the penalty area.

**(By-law 6.12)**

## **14. GOAL KICKS**

9, 10, 11 and 12 years old - to be taken from a point level with the penalty spot

**(By-law 6.12)**

## **15. FREE KICKS**

9, 10, 11 and 12 years old - awarded to the defending side within the penalty area to be taken from a point level with the penalty spot.

**(By-law 6.12)**

## **16. FINAL SERIES**

The team finishing first in each grade at the end of the competition games shall be declared the Champions.

The Champions of A grade in each age group will be given the opportunity to represent the Association in Football NSW Champion of Champions.

The four leading teams at the conclusion of the competition in each division shall play in the final Series for the Premiership with the winning team to be declared the Premier. Second place in the series to be declared the Runner-up.

In the event that two (2) or more teams finish level on competition points for first, second, third or fourth place in a division, goal difference for and against shall decide the placing of such teams for semi-final purposes.

If goal difference is the same then the placing of such teams shall be determined by which team has scored the most goals.

If most goals scored are equal then the placing will be determined by which team has the most number of wins.

### **SEMI-FINALS**

The team finishing first in the competition shall play the team finishing second. The team finishing third shall play the team finishing fourth.

1 plays 2 = Match A

3 plays 4 = Match B

### **PRELIMINARY FINAL**

The winner of Match A shall go into the Grand Final and the loser shall play the winner of match B in the preliminary final (Match C).

### **GRAND FINAL**

The winner of Match A shall play the winner of Match C and the winner shall be declared the Premier.

In the final series, an official Referee and Assistant Referees shall be appointed. Should a referee and at least one (1) assistant referee not be available, the game shall not be played.

In the final series allowance shall be made for all time lost through substitution/interchange, injuries and the transfer from the field of injured players, time wasting or other caused. This allowance shall be at the discretion of the referee.

In the event that scores are equal at full time in the final series a rest period of five (5) minutes shall be allowed. Extra time of ten (10) minutes each way for teams up to and including sixteen (16) years and fifteen (15) minutes each way for 17 years and above will be played.

At the conclusion of extra time if the scores are still equal the game will be awarded to the team that finished highest on the competition table.

Any team(s) found guilty of causing a game to be abandoned or forfeits a game shall be ineligible to take any further part in the final series and receive any awards.

**(By-law 7)**

#### **17. REFEREES**

Wherever possible Official Referees will be appointed to all matches but if there is no Official Referee the RTO of the home team will appoint a person to be the Referee.

Assistant Referees will be allocated to the following age groups,

17 to 21 years	2 Assistant Referee
All Age to Premier League	2 Assistant Referees
Senior Women	2 Assistant Referee
35's	2 Assistant Referees

If there are any problems in the 15 to 21 year age groups the St George Football Association Executive may have Assistant Referees allocated to these games.

**(By-law 8)**

**It should be noted that an Unofficial Referee has the same powers as a Referee appointed by the St George Football Referees Association.**

In inclement weather if a ground has not been closed by the Council, Association or Club the Referee can make the final decision. (Cadet Referees are to consult with club officials at the ground)

#### **18. REFEREE FEES**

The RTO's will pay the referee his fee before commencement of play.

**See Schedule 1**

**(By-law 8.8)**

#### **19. YELLOW CARDS**

Any player who receives three (3) Official Cautions shall serve a one (1) match suspension. The suspension must be served in the next competition match.

Any player who receives a further three (3) Official Cautions (a total of Six (6) cautions) shall serve a two (2) match suspension

Any player who receives more than six (6) Official Cautions may be called before the Judiciary Committee who may apply a further suspension.

Where a competition is played in a squad situation (1st & Reserve Grade) a player receiving his third official caution in Reserve Grade is permitted to fulfil his commitments to his club on the day. The player must then serve a one (1) match suspension in the next scheduled competition match and is unable to play in either grade on this day.

Official cautions shall not carry over from season to season but suspensions will. The Official season is at the conclusion of the last competition match and recorded cautions two (2) or less are not carried over to the final series.

Any player who receives two (2) cautions in the FINAL SERIES shall serve a one (1) match suspension.

There is no appeal against the receiving of a caution from the Referee

**(By-law 13)**

Caution Codes are as follows:

- Y1 Unsporting behaviour
- Y2 Shows dissent by word or action
- Y3 Persistent infringes the Laws of the Game
- Y4 Delays the restart of the game
- Y5 Fails to respect the required distance when play is restarted with a throw in, corner kick or free kick.
- Y6 Enters or re-enters the field of play With Out Referee's Permission
- Y7 Deliberately leaves the field of play With Out Referee's Permission

**(By-law 1.1)**

## **20. PERSISTENT MISCONDUCT**

Any player who receives two (2) Official Cautions in a single match shall be sent from the field of play. The initial caution shall not be taken into account for the purpose of the accumulation of cautions.

**(By-laws 1.1 & 13)**

## **21. SEND-OFFS**

A player can be sent from the field for the following offences:

- R1 Is guilty of SERIOUS FOUL PLAY
- R2 Is guilty of VIOLENT CONDUCT
- R3 Spits at an opponent or any other person
- R4 Denies Obvious Goal Scoring Opportunity by handling the ball
- R5 Denies Obvious Goal Scoring Opportunity by an offense punishable by a Free Kick or Penalty Kick
- R6 Uses offensive/insulting/abusive language/gestures
- R7 Receives a second caution in the same match

**(By-law 1.1)**

The Referee must note on the match sheet under what charge the player has been sent from the field prior to the RTO signing the match sheet.

The Judiciary Committee meets at 7.00pm on Tuesdays at St George FA Office, **Suite 6, 193-195 Rocky Point Road, Ramsgate.**

Players requested to appear or challenging a send-off upon arrival the player is to sign the attendance sheet.

If a player is sent from the field for other than a mandatory suspension the send off may be challenged at the Judiciary when official notice is received from the Secretary of the Club concerned.

Every person appearing before the Judiciary Committee will be given every reasonable opportunity to present their case.

A player deemed to be a minor by law appearing before the committee MUST be accompanied by one (1) parent/guardian or have written consent from the parent/guardian for a Club Official to accompany them. The committee may in its discretion permit any other person to appear before it.

At the completion of the match the RTO's will complete the match sheet with the Referee and Assistant Referee.

Players and spectators SHALL NOT APPROACH THE OFFICIALS

The RTO's are to escort the Referee and Linesmen from the field

Any harassment by players or spectators will be considered as bringing the game into disrepute

**(By-laws 13 & 14)**

## **22. REGISTRATIONS**

No application for registration and transfer will be accepted after 30th June.

**(By-law 2.12)**

## **23. DISPUTES**

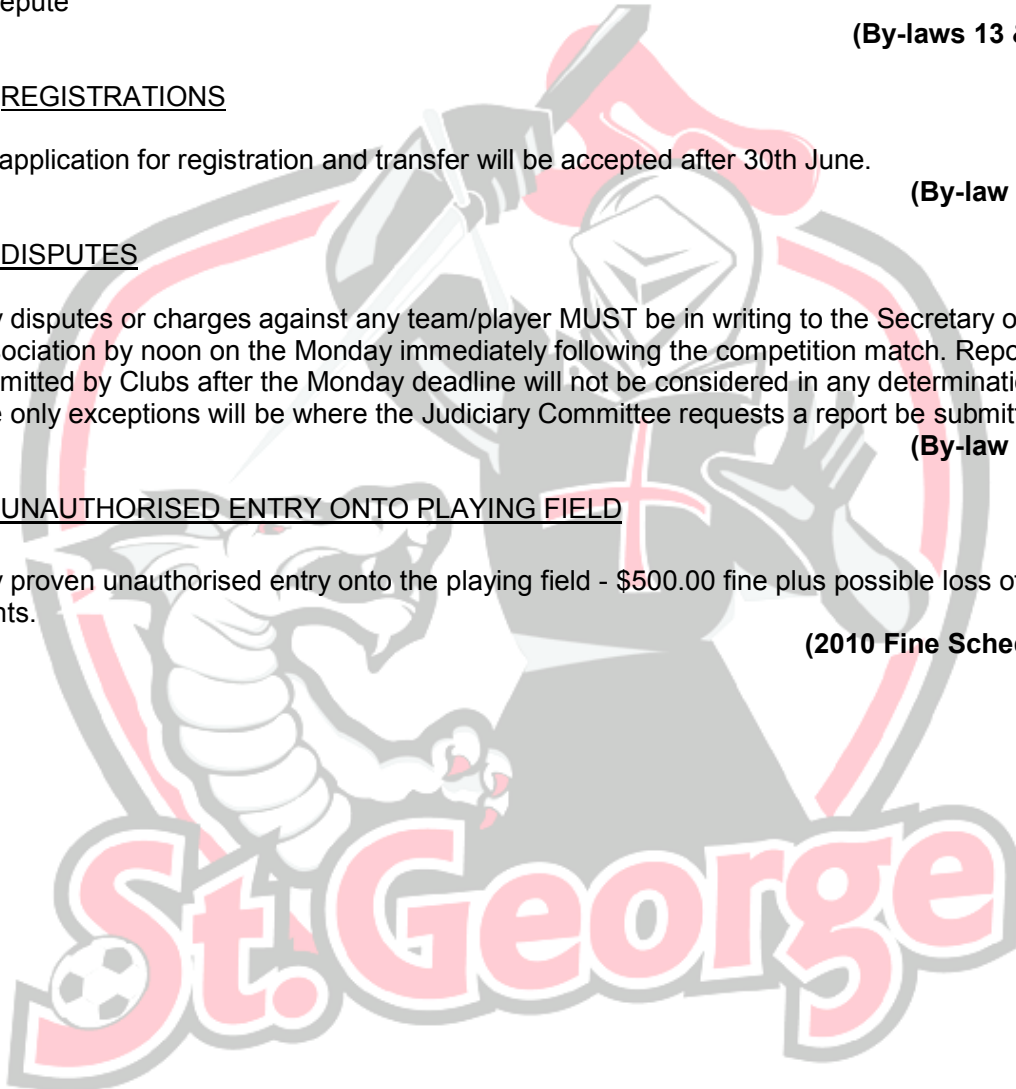
Any disputes or charges against any team/player MUST be in writing to the Secretary of the Association by noon on the Monday immediately following the competition match. Reports submitted by Clubs after the Monday deadline will not be considered in any determinations. The only exceptions will be where the Judiciary Committee requests a report be submitted.

**(By-law 6.15)**

## **24. UNAUTHORISED ENTRY ONTO PLAYING FIELD**

Any proven unauthorised entry onto the playing field - \$500.00 fine plus possible loss of 3 points.

**(2010 Fine Schedule)**



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11 & 12's + Girls	50 mins	4	I (from 5 max)	\$11.00			
13's	60 mins	4	I (from 5 max)	\$12.50			
14's + Girls	60 mins	5	I (from 5 max)	\$12.50			
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17/18's + Girls	90 mins	5	I (from 5 max)	\$20.00	\$10.00	\$30.00	\$40.00
19/20/21's	90 mins	5	I (from 5 max)	\$23.50	\$11.75	\$35.25	\$47.00
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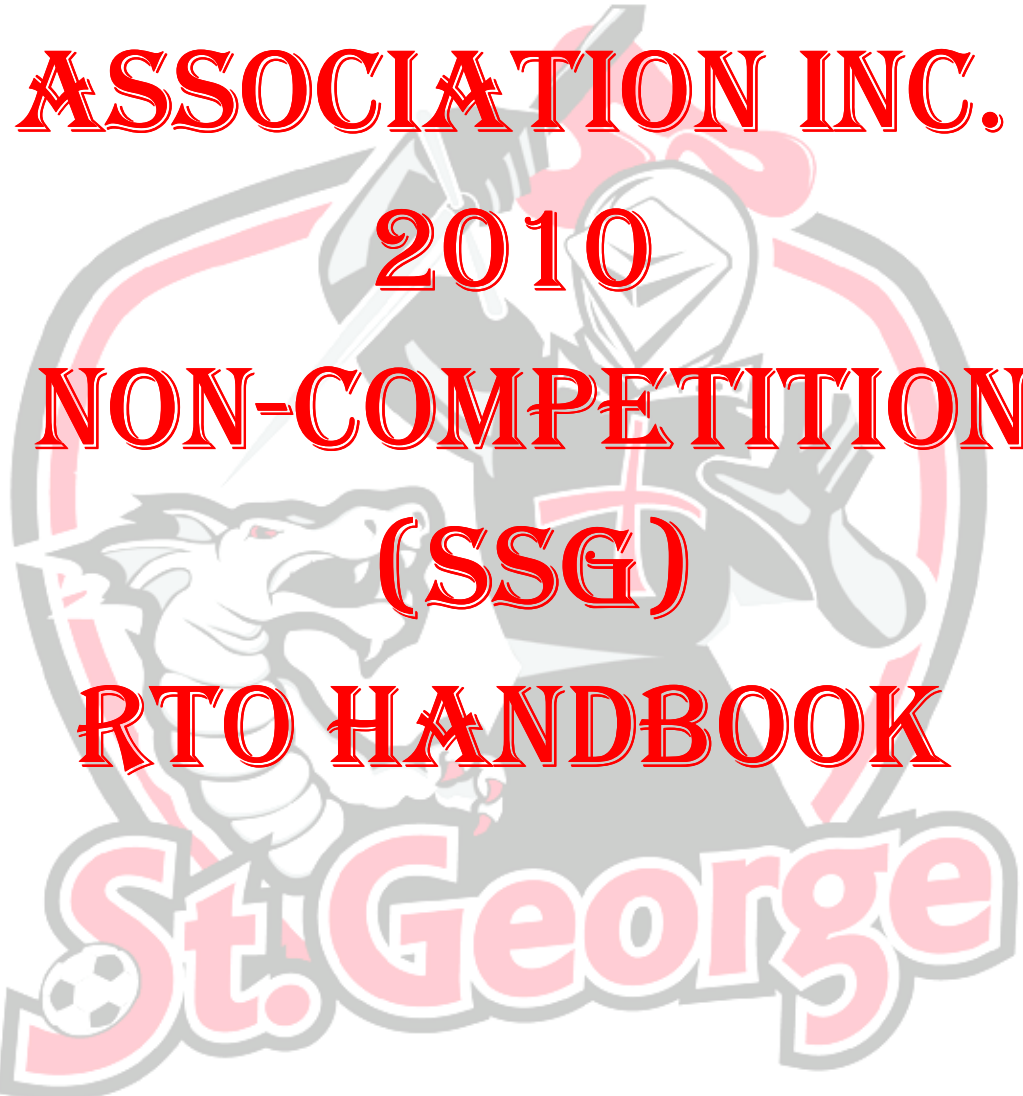
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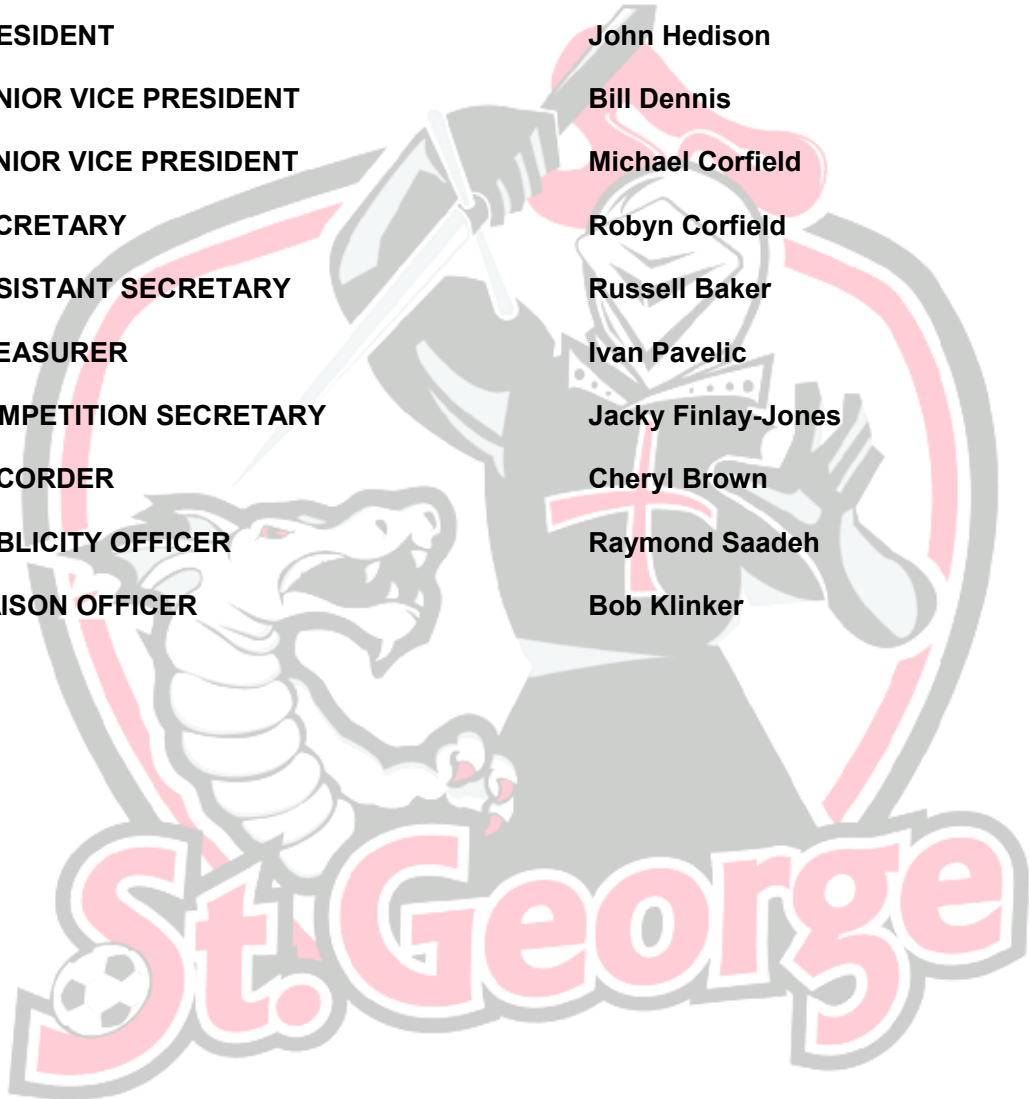
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## **NOTE:**

**This RTO HANDBOOK is intended as a guide only.**

**Any issues arising out of any match should be raised first at Club level before being escalated to the Association.**

**All rulings will be made in accordance with the Constitution and By-laws of the St. George Football Association Inc.**

## **LAWS OF THE GAME**

All matches played under the auspices of the Association shall be played according to the laws of football as laid down by FIFA except to the extent that such laws are varied by these competition rules and/or by any binding decision of the Football New South Wales or any other body as appropriate as the Association may from time to time determine.

**(By-law 1.1)**

## **RULES FOR MODIFIED GAMES**

- 15.1 The rules for the Under 6, 7 & 8 games will be as 2009, stated in the Small Sided Games Guidelines as published by FFA.
- 15.2 a) Under 6 & 7 will be permitted to play up into and including the Under 8s. The Under 8s can only be registered in their own age group. They are eligible to **play for U9's only** when that team has less than 9 players.
- b) That all Clubs will assess all players and teams registering to play SSG at the beginning of the season and classify each team in one of the following groups:
- Beginner
  - Intermediate
  - Advance
- The Competition Secretary will use these classifications to group like teams together when preparing the schedule of games for the season for each SSG age group.
- c) Once the Draw is published there will be no re-classification of any SSG teams.

## Pre-Match Duties

**Each team is to provide an Official at all games to ensure the Association By-laws and competition rules are adhered to. The Official will be easily identified by an officials vest.**

**(By-law 6.8 b)**

- Match Sheets will be issued to the 6, 7 & 8's, but only the names of the players, ground, time and game (eg Fish (1) vs Koalas (3) and the referees name are to be recorded.
- No points are awarded to the 6, 7 & 8 year old games as these games are non-competition and are not recorded.
- At least one (1) RTO is to be present at each match.

**(By-law 9.2)**

### ID CARDS:

- RTO's are to check the oppositions I.D. CARDS including substitutions, in the centre of the field FIVE (5) minutes before kick-off.
- THE RTO's ID Card is to be handed to the Referee together with the completed Match Sheet and Referees Fees (see Schedule 1)
- Referee will retain RTO ID Card until the end of the match.

**(By-law 9)**

**NB: ANY PLAYER/S OR TEAM/S THAT DO NOT HAVE ID CARDS, THEN THAT PLAYER/S OR TEAM/S DOES NOT PLAY.**

**(By-law 9.5)**

- A match ball is to be supplied by each team.

**(By-law 6.11)**

## Match Duties

- ONLY ONE (1) RTO is allowed inside the ropes.
- The RTO nominated at the beginning of the match is the only person who will be allowed on the field if a player is injured.
- **THE RTO MUST NOT ENTER THE FIELD OF PLAY UNTIL SIGNALLED TO DO SO BY THE REFEREE.**
- The opposing RTO is to check any substitutes as they enter the field of play at the halfway line.
- Substitute/Interchange players will enter the field of play from the halfway line.
- The Referee/Assistant Referee will check the player's equipment.

**(By-laws 6 & 9)**

### Post Match Duties

- At the conclusion of the game the Referee and RTO's will complete the match sheets.
- The RTO is to sign the match sheet.
- Any irregularities on ID cards are to be reported to the referee and noted on the match sheet.

### **NB:**

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