



**FFSA COMPETITION OPERATING GUIDELINES**  
**Specific to Senior Men's League, &**  
**Junior Premier League**

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## 1. Admission Charges & Official Passes

- 1.1 The following Maximum admissions charges shall apply for all matches of the FFSA competitions played at local club grounds, the FFSA shall review admission charges on an annual basis.

### Super League

\$9.00 Adults \$6.00 Pensioners & Children \$2.00 grandstand optional Under 16 Free

### Premier League

\$7.00 Adults \$4.00 Pensioners & Children \$2.00 grandstand optional Under 16 Free

### State League

\$6.00 Adults \$3.00 Pensioners & Children Under 16 Free

Note: Provisions for family tickets available all prices include GST

The FFSA shall issue on a yearly basis to designated persons an Officials FFSA entry pass to cover admission to specified matches throughout the season this would include Hall of Fame & Life members, FFSA Board members & Staff , FFSA sponsors, media, club or association directors, executive members and major sponsors, match day coaching & support staff, match officials and any other parties as determined by the FFSA. These passes shall allow individual entry to matches unless otherwise specified.

Additional Guest & Car Park options may apply to specific passes as advised by the FFSA.

Refer to the Competition Administrator for the current Official Passes Form for that season.

## 2. Disciplinary And Grievance Provisions

- 2.1 FFSA will follow the FFA National Disciplinary and Grievance Regulations, and the FFSA Rules & Regulations.

Refer to the Appendices Offence Codes, Referee Sent off report, Incident report, Ground Stewards incident report and the FFA Recommended Sanctions for Serious infringements & Red Card Penalties by Offence.

## 3. Mandatory Match Suspensions for Minor Infringements

- 3.1 A player must serve a mandatory match suspension when he or she accumulates the following number of yellow card minor infringements during the course of the home & away league season or as determined by the FFSA.

### Number of Minor Infringements

5 cautions  
8 cautions  
10 cautions  
12 cautions  
15 cautions

### Period of Suspension

one match  
two matches  
three matches  
four matches  
five matches

Fines shall apply to clubs for players that accumulate a number of Yellow Cards Minor Infringements during the season.

**Penalty** Fine \$50.00 for 5, 8 & 10 Cautions

Minor infringement yellow cards received during the, FFSA Cup Competition, FFSA Finals Series, or any other FFSA sanctioned event shall be recorded separately Refer to the appropriate rules of each event.

- 3.2 A suspended player must serve the suspension in the next competitive match/es of that related competition or as advised by the competition administrator and cannot play for any other team until the player has served the required suspension for that particular team in which they received the suspension.
- 3.3 If a player receives two yellow cards during the same match and therefore receives a red card, the two yellow cards are expunged from his or her record.
- 3.4 If a player receives a yellow card and then a direct red card in the same match, the yellow card will not be expunged and will be counted in the player's accumulation of yellow cards.
- 3.5 Yellow cards are not accumulated for friendly matches.
- 3.6 Each club shall keep a record of their players' yellow and red cards. All clubs are responsible for ensuring that a suspended player is not played.
- 3.7 The Competition Administrator shall send a Disciplinary Infringement Notice notifying the player or team official (copied to his or her club) of the mandatory match suspension for minor infringement within 2 business days where possible following the alleged incident.
- 3.8 A referee may take action against a Team Official as per the FFA regulations who fails to conduct themselves in a responsible manner and may expel the Team Official from the field of play and it's surroundings, including the substitutes bench.
- 3.9 A Team official who has been expelled from the field of play by the referee must serve a mandatory One (1) match suspension.

#### **4. Mandatory Match Suspensions for Serious Infringements**

- 4.1 A player must serve an additional mandatory match suspension when they accumulate a number of red cards (serious infringements) during the course of the home & away or finals competition.

Fines shall apply to clubs for players that receive Red Cards Serious Infringements during the season.

**Penalty** Fine \$25.00 per offence.

Refer to the FFA National Disciplinary Regulations & Recommended Sanctions

1st occasion equates to a one (1) match suspension  
2nd occasion equates to a two (2) match suspension  
3rd occasion equates to a three (3) match suspension  
4th occasion equates to a four (4) match suspension

- 4.2 A club may only appeal a red card that has been issued to a player only in the case of a mistaken identity.
- 4.3 The Competition Administrator shall send a Disciplinary Infringement Notice notifying the relevant club of the player or team officials of mandatory match suspension for major infringement within 2 business days where possible following the alleged incident.

## **RULES SPECIFIC TO THE FFSA SENIOR MEN'S LEAGUE**

### **5. Senior Men's League.**

- 5.1 The FFSA Senior Men's League shall be subject to all of the FFSA Competition Rules, unless specified. These specific rules apply to the Men's League Competition.

Standard kick-off times based on a Saturday fixture shall be 11.00am Under 19, 1.00pm Reserves 3.00pm for Seniors. Games involving teams from Port Pirie or another country region shall be 11.15am, 1.15pm & 3.15 pm respectively or as approved by the Competitions Administrator

Evening matches shall kick off at 3.00pm Under 19, 5.00pm Reserves & 7.00pm Seniors or as approved by the competition administrator.

Mid week games shall kick off at a Standard time of 7.30pm unless a double header option is used IE 6.00pm & 8.00pm. In all cases kick off times will need to be approved by the Competition Administrator.

- 5.2 All Senior, Reserve and Under 19 grade games shall be of 90 minutes duration. In all cases additional allowances for lost time as per the FIFA Laws of the game is permissible subject to time restrictions at each venue on match days. Referees shall adjust playing times accordingly ensuring the proceeding games kick off at the scheduled time. Unless otherwise notified by the FFSA.
- 5.3 Players who are aged up to 19, or who turn 19 in the year of competition, are eligible to play in the Under 19 Men's League. However, Under 19 Men's League teams shall be permitted to name a maximum of 4 players on the team sheet who are between 20 and 23 years of age in the year of competition. Any club who breaches this rule shall be subject to the sanctions as per the unregistered, suspended and ineligible players rule.

- 5.4 All Senior Men's League matches shall have a full compliment of match officials ie Referee & Assistants where possible Reserves, Under 19 and Under 17 matches shall have a referee, otherwise matches shall be postponed.
- 5.5 All senior and reserve teams shall provide at each match a minimum of 3 ground stewards.
- 5.6 All Senior Men's League clubs shall field 1 senior, 1 reserve, and 1 under 19 team in their respective divisions. Unless otherwise approved by the FFSA.
- 5.7 No Senior Men's League club shall play in more than one division in any season.
- 5.8 Any club who breaches these Senior Men's League rules shall be subject to a **Level 2 fine**.
- 5.9 All Senior Men's clubs shall ensure club representatives attend all necessary clubs meetings as arranged by the FFSA on a season to season basis. Competition Fines shall apply.
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| First non-attendance       | No fine                     |
| Non-Attendance there after | Penalty \$20.00 per meeting |
- 5.10 Fines shall apply for the competition for team sheets not completed correctly.  
**Penalty** Fine \$15.00 for each offence.

## 6. Ground Stewards and Their Role and Responsibilities

- 6.1 All teams must provide a minimum of one person to act in the role of Ground Steward for all FFSA sanctioned games except in the case of FFSA Senior Men's First Grade and Reserve Grade Games, three people from each team must be appointed to the role of Ground Steward. Prior to the commencement of each game, the Ground Steward/s are required to introduce themselves to the match official.
- 6.2 Ground Stewards are responsible for undertaking the following role:
- Ensure that only players and officials are within the technical areas
  - Ensure that the FFA Spectator Code of Conduct is being followed by their own supporters. If a spectator is not behaving in accordance to the FFA Spectator Code of Conduct, a Ground Steward may approach the person and remind him/her of the requirements.
  - Assist Match Officials if required.
  - Submit a written report to FFSA, where applicable, reporting any inappropriate behaviour.
- 6.3 Grounds Stewards should not at any time engage in any verbal or physical altercations. A Ground Steward may approach a person that is associated with their club and make a request to that person, however if this is not followed, the Ground Steward should submit a report to FFSA outlining the incident. All Ground Stewards are responsible for their own

spectators, ground stewards should not become involved with the opposition spectators. If spectators from the opposing club are not behaving in accordance with the FFA Spectator

Code of Conduct and no action is being taken by that clubs ground stewards, a report should be submitted to the FFSA during normal business hours on the Monday following the weekend games. Where a game is played mid-week the protest shall be submitted within 24 hours of the end of the match to which the protest relates.

- 6.4 While acting in the role of a Ground Steward, the person must not consume alcohol or smoke.
- 6.5 All reports must be submitted on the Ground Steward Report Template and shall be delivered to the FFSA during normal business hours on the Monday following the weekend games. Where a game is played mid-week the protest shall be submitted within 24 hours of the end of the match to which the protest relates.

On receipt of the report, the relevant competition coordinator will determine what action is required. Please note that further information may be sought from the Ground Steward. Do the change.

- 6.6 Once the report has been actioned and an outcome is known, this information will be provided to both the Ground Steward and the Club] that submitted the report to FFSA.
- 6.7 A level 1 fine will be applied to a club that does not provide the required number of ground stewards.

## **7. Junior Premier League Rules**

- 7.1 The FFSA Junior Premier League (JPL) shall be subject to all of the FFSA Competition Rules, unless specified. These JPL specific rules apply to Under 16 age groups and under.
- 7.2 The following age eligibility shall apply to the JPL:IE 1st January -31st December each year

Players who turn 17 in the year of competition are eligible to play in the Under 17 JPL;  
Players who turn 16 in the year of competition are eligible to play in the Under 16 JPL;  
Players who turn 15 in the year of competition are eligible to play in the Under 15 JPL;  
Players who turn 14 in the year of competition are eligible to play in the Under 14 JPL;  
Players who turn 13 in the year of competition are eligible to play in the Under 13 JPL;  
Players who turn 12 in the year of competition are eligible to play in the Under 12 JPL;  
Players who turn 11 in the year are eligible to play Under 11 non-competitive JPL;  
For age groups 6-10 years of age, please refer to small-sided games guidelines.

- 7.3 The registration of a junior player in the JPL shall not be accepted after the 30th of June for that season except new players who have not been previously registered with any FFSA club or association in the same season or as approved by FFSA.
- 7.4 All JPL divisions in each age group shall be decided by the Competition Administrator annually following the receipt of team nominations.

- 7.5 A maximum of 2 teams in the Under 11-17 age groups in any season, however shall not nominate more than 1 team in the same division of any competitive age group. Additional teams are at the discretion of the FFSA.
- 7.6 All JPL competitions from Under 16 to Under 11 shall have a maximum of 16 players and a minimum of 7 players in each team, including the goalkeeper. Teams are not permitted to list more than 16 players on a team sheet.
- 7.7 In the event of a draw at the end of normal time For JPL Cup competitions from Under 12 to Under 17, a 5 minute interval shall be taken followed by 10 minutes of extra time each way. Following this if the match is still a draw, the result shall be decided by penalty kicks under the FIFA Laws of the Game.
- 7.8 In the absence of a referee (Small Sided Football to Under 14) the two clubs shall undertake the following process:

#### Non-Attendance of a Match Official

- a. Prior to all games, FFSA will, where possible, notify all clubs via e-mail of the games that will not receive an appointed Match Official.
- b. Where a Match Official is not appointed, both teams will negotiate the appointment of a person/s to undertake the role. The two clubs can decide for the home team to appoint a person to do the whole game, the two teams may negotiate for one person from the away team to undertake the whole game or both teams may appoint a person to referee half the game each.
- c. If the teams can not agree on a person to undertake the role, the home team is responsible for the appointment of the match official.
- d. If a club referee is appointed they must ensure that both teams have completed a team sheet.
- e. The club referee must ensure that they receive the team sheets from both teams prior to the commencement of the game. No game should proceed until the team sheets have been provided.
- f. The club referee has the same decision making capacity as an officially appointed referee. This means that they can enforce cautions, send-offs and submit any reports regarding team and/or spectator behaviour.
- g. On completion of the game, the club referee must ensure that the team sheet is completed by including:
  - i. all Goal scorers
  - ii. cautions and red cards
  - iii. player injuries
  - iv. player votes

The home team is responsible for gaining the team sheets from the referee and forwarding them to FFSA within 48 hours.

A club that has a grievance or complaint following a game where there has been no official referee, must submit a report to the FFSA within 48 hours.

- 7.9 In the absence of an appointed referee for any Under 15 16 or 17 match the games shall not proceed.

## 8. JPL Minimum Ground Standards

- 8.1 JPL clubs shall be excluded from the FFSA Competition Rules relating to minimum standard of ground facilities, the following ground standards shall apply:  
Clubs shall have sufficient pitches for the teams nominated (eg. 1 pitch for every 4 teams in Under 11 to Under 17 divisions);  
For player and public safety, adjacent pitches shall have at least 10 metres space between each pitch, unless approved by the Competition Administrator;
- a. Club grounds shall have female and male toilet facilities, and designated non-smoking areas and alcohol-free areas;
  - b. Club grounds shall have access for emergency vehicles to every part of the ground including the playing field, a telephone, and adequate first aid facilities for players, officials and the general public during training and at competitions; and
  - c. If there is no spectator fence fully enclosing the playing field for the ages groups Under 8 – 17 [This should be Under 8 – 16] matches, the home club shall mark a boundary line not less than 2 metres outside the touch lines and the goal lines.

## 9. JPL Player Registrations Cards & Player Checks

- a) Clubs not producing the a FFSA Player Registration Card prior to a scheduled match will forfeit the match as determined by the competition administrator.
- b) Any player who cannot produce their Player Registration Card prior to commencement of the scheduled match is not permitted to play. It shall be the responsibility of the club officials to ensure all players participating in any JPL match shall have all player registration cards prior to kick off. **Level 2 fines shall apply.**

If a club wishes to conduct a check of the opposing team's player passes, the Team Manager must make the request to the appointed match official,, a minimum of 15 minutes prior to the commencement of the game, where possible.

The match official will request that all players that are participating in the game must line-up with their player registration card for the match official to check the player against their player passes and also the names that appear on the team sheet.

If there is any discrepancy with any of the player passes, the match official will make it know to the relevant team manager. If a player is in attendance but does not have their player registration card, the match official will direct that the player is not permitted to take to the field of play.

If there is any dispute relating to a player taking to the field and/or any direction provided by the match official, the match official must note it on the team sheet. If there is a dispute relating to the direction provided by the match official, the club must submit a report to the FFSA by Monday following the weekend games. Where a game is played mid-week the protest shall be submitted within 24 hours of the end of the match to which the protest relates.

## **10. JPL Cup Competitions Player Restrictions**

- 10.1 Players shall not be permitted to play in a final of the JPL Cup Competition unless they have been named on the team sheet in at least one match in an earlier round of that same age competition.
- 10.2 Players can only play for one club in all cup competitions.
- 10.3 For all JPL Cup Competitions, players shall be permitted to move up an age group, but once the player has moved up to an higher age group they shall not be permitted to move down an age group, and shall not be permitted to move from a higher division to a lower division or vice versa in the same age group.
- 10.4 Players shall not be permitted to play for one team and then move to a lower division in any of the FFSA's Cup Competitions in any season.
- 10.5 Goalkeepers for Under 12-16 are cup tied as per the Competition Rules ,Goalkeepers for Under 17 teams are not cup tied and may move between the Under 17 to Senior teams as per the senior cup competition rules.

## **11. Interchange of Players**

- 11.1 The JPL shall permit the interchange of players where the players are in Under 16 divisions or lower.
- 11.2 In matches where interchange is permitted, the following procedure shall apply:
  - a. An interchange may only be made in the "interchange zone" which shall be on 1 side of the field of play, extending for 1 metre on either side of the halfway line;
  - b. A team shall only use an interchange player who is named on the team sheet;
  - c. An interchange shall only be made when the ball is out of play, or at a stoppage of play;
  - d. When making an interchange, the following conditions shall be observed:

- (i) the player leaving the field shall do so by crossing over the interchange zone;
  - (ii) the interchange player shall not enter the field until the player leaving the field has passed completely over the interchange zone;
  - (iii) the interchange player shall enter the field by crossing over the interchange zone; and
  - (iv) when the interchange is complete, the interchange player becomes a player and the player who was replaced ceases to be a player.
- e. The number of interchanges that may be made during a match is unlimited, a player who has been replaced may return to the field by being interchanged for another player; and
- f. The referee may caution any interchange player who enters the field of play before the player being replaced has completely left the field, and leaves or enters the field from a place other than the interchange zone.

## **12. Under 11 and Under 12 Competitions**

- 12.1 Under 11 and Under 12 JPL competitions:
- a. shall use an approved FIFA size 4 ball;
  - b. may have a reduced pitch size with a length at the minimum of 70 metres and maximum of 100 metres, and a width at the minimum of 45 metres and maximum of 60 metres, unless approved by the Competition Administrator;
  - c. may have a reduced goal size to a minimum height of 1.8 metres and a minimum width 5.4 metres; and
  - d. shall for corner kicks, place the ball at the corner flag, except if the competition is played on a full sized pitch where the ball may be moved to a point on the goal line half way between the penalty area and touch line.

## **13. Small Sided Games**

- 13.1 Please refer to the small sided games guidelines for age groups from Under 6 to Under 10

## **14. Mandatory Match Suspensions for Minor Infringements**

- 14.1 A player must serve a mandatory match suspension when a player accumulates the following number of yellow card minor infringements during the course of the home & away league season or as determined by the FFSA.

<b>Number of Minor Infringements</b>	<b>Period of Suspension</b>
5 cautions	one match
8 cautions	two matches
10 cautions	three matches
12 cautions	four matches
15 cautions	five matches

- 14.2 A suspended player must serve the suspension in the next competitive match/es of that related competition or as advised by the competition administrator and cannot play for any other team until the player has served the required suspension for that particular team in which they received the suspension.
- 14.3 If a player receives two yellow cards during the same match and therefore receives a red card, the two yellow cards are expunged from his or her record.
- 14.4 Yellow cards are not accumulated for friendly matches.
- 14.5 Each club shall keep a record of their players' yellow and red cards. All clubs are responsible for ensuring that a suspended player is not played.
- 14.6 The Competition Administrator shall send a Disciplinary Infringement Notice notifying the club of the mandatory match suspension for minor infringement within 2 business days where possible following the alleged incident.

## **15. Mandatory Match Suspensions for Serious Infringements**

- 15.1 A player must serve an additional mandatory match suspension when they accumulate a number of red cards (serious infringements) during the course of the home & away or finals competition.  
Refer to the FFA National Disciplinary Regulations & Recommended Sanctions

1st occasion	equates to a one (1) match suspension
2nd occasion	equates to a two (2) match suspension
3rd occasion	equates to a three (3) match suspension
4th occasion	equates to a four (4) match suspension
- 15.2 A club may only appeal a red card that has been issued to a player only in the case of a mistaken identity.
- 15.3 The Competition Administrator shall send a Disciplinary Infringement Notice notifying the relevant club of the player or team officials mandatory match suspension for major infringement within 2 business days where possible following the alleged incident.

## **16. Junior Premier League-Competition Fines**

### **Withdrawal of Teams**

- a. \$200 prior to generation of fixtures
- b. \$400 following the generation of fixtures and prior to the season commencing
- c. Normal forfeit fines following the commencement of the season.

### Forfeiting of games

A club that forfeits a game will incur a fine. The amount of the fine will vary depending upon if the club has provided notification or no notification to FFSA and the number of games that the team has forfeited during the season. The following fine schedule will apply to all games that are forfeited:

<b>No Notification to FFSA</b>	1-2 Games	\$100.00 plus half referee fees per game
	3-4 Games	\$150.00 plus half referee fees per game
	5 +	\$200.00 plus half referee fees per game
<b>Notification to FFSA</b>	1-2 Games	\$100.00 per game
	3-4 Games	\$150.00 per game
	5+	\$200.00 per game

### Playing of an Unregistered Player or a Player under a False Name

The team will automatically forfeit the game with a result of 3–0 being recorded and the club will be fined **\$100.00 for the first offence. Subsequent offences will be at the discretion of the FFSA.**

### Non-attendance at Meetings

<b>All Club Meetings</b>	First non-attendance	No fine
	Non-Attendance there after	\$20.00 per meeting

### Incomplete Team Sheets

Match sheet not completed correctly **\$15.00 for each offence.** Fine will be imposed at the discretion of the Competition Coordinator.

### Yellow and Red Card Fines

<b>Junior Boys</b>	Accumulation of 5 Yellow Cards -	\$25.00
	Accumulation of 8 Yellow Cards -	\$25.00
	Accumulation of 10 Yellow Cards -	\$25.00
	(No fine is to be paid if 5 cards are not received)	
	Red Card Offences	\$25 for each offence

## **FINAL FIVE SERIES**

These guidelines should be read in conjunction with the Rules & Regulations of the Football Federation SA, the FFA National Regulations & the FIFA Laws of the Game.

### **1 Final 5 Series Senior Men's League - In Summary**

#### **1.1 The Competition**

The Final 5 Series Competition shall be contested between teams finishing first to fifth at the conclusion of their respective home and away season in the Super Premier & State Leagues and shall involve Seniors, Reserves and Under 19 teams.

#### **Super League**

In the Super League the senior team finishing in first place at the end of the Home and Away season shall be declared Minor Premiers and may receive an allocation of prize money. Teams finishing in both Ninth & Tenth positions at the end of the Home & away season may be relegated from the Super League. Reserve & Under 19 teams finishing in first place at the end of the Home & away season shall be declared Minor Premiers then shall contest the Final 5 series to determine the overall league champions.

The Final 5 Series Competition in the Super League shall determine the League Champions.

#### **Premier and State Leagues**

In the Premier & State Leagues the senior teams finishing in first place at the end of the home and away season shall be deemed Minor Premiers, they may receive promotion to the higher division and may receive an allocation of prize money.

The second league promotion may come from the highest ranked team following the final series. If it is the same team after the minor round the next highest ranked team may earn promotion. Teams finishing in both Ninth & Tenth positions at the end of the Home & away season may be relegated from the Premier League.

Note: No relegation presently from the State League.

Reserve & Under 19 teams finishing in first place at the end of the Home & away season shall be declared Minor Premiers then shall contest the Final 5 series to determined the overall league champions.

The Final 5 Series Competition in the Premier & State Leagues shall determine the League Champions.

### **2 Schedule of Matches**

Week 1	Elimination Finals	4th v 5th	Qualification Finals	2nd v 3rd
Week 2	First Semi Final			1st v Winners of Qualification Finals
	Second Semi Final			Winner of Elimination Finals v Loser of Qualification Finals

Week 3 Preliminary Final	Loser of 1st Semi Finals v Winner of 2nd Semi Finals
Week 4 Grand Final	Winners of First Semi Finals v Winner of Preliminary Finals

### 3. Venues & Hosting Responsibilities

Week 1 Elimination Finals	Host club 4th placed team (Optional)
Week 1 Qualification Finals	Host club 2nd placed team (Optional)
Week 2 First Semi Final	Host club 1st placed team (Optional)
Week 2 Second Semi Final	Host club loser of Qualification Final (Optional)
Week 3 Preliminary Final	Host club highest placed team (Optional)
Week 4 Grand Final	As advised by the FFSA

#### Host Clubs Responsibilities

A club that hosts the finals will be required to pay a hosting fee to the FFSA, these fees will be set by the FFSA on an annual bases.

A host club will also be responsible for the payment of all match officials.

The host club shall receive 100% of gate receipts, bar and catering profits.

The clubs involved in the finals will be required to provide the necessary ground stewards as per the FFSA Competition Rules however FFSA may require the host club to provide additional ground and/or crowd security. The FFSA reserves the rights to have the final say on all venues used during the schedule of matches and make changes as deemed necessary.

### 4. Kick Off Times & Duration of matches

The following starting times are applicable to a standard Saturday Fixtures,

<b>Seniors:</b>	2:30pm
<b>Reserves:</b>	12.00 noon
<b>Under 19:</b>	9:30am

However all kick-off times are at the discretion of the FFSA, fixtures that are played outside of these times will be notified to clubs, where possible, prior to the commencement of the Final Five Series.

All matches shall be of 90 minutes in duration, 45 minutes each way with a 10 minute interval at half time. In the event of a match being drawn at the end of normal time and following two periods of extra time. (2x 15 Minutes) with a 5 minute interval. If the match is still drawn at the end of extra time, then the result shall be decided by penalty kicks in accordance with the FIFA Laws of the Game.

Note: No Club shall be permitted to play matches which are deemed to be in conflict with this competition.

### 5 Eligibility of Players

5.1 No player shall be permitted to play for more than one Club in this Competition

## 5.2 Reserve Teams

To be eligible to play in the finals series players must have played at least four (4) matches with the Reserve Team during the home & away season, and not actually participated in more than nine (9) matches in the Senior Team during the home & away season. Clubs are permitted to use players from their Under 19s and/or junior teams without them having to play the required number of games as outlined above.

Note: Participated means that a player must have actually crossed the line of play during a match. A player that is named on the team sheet as a substitute but does not go onto the field of play, are not regarded as having participated in the game.

### Under 19 Teams

To be eligible to play in the finals series players within the age ruling as per the FFSA competition guidelines must have played at least four(4) matches with the Under 19 Team during the home & away season and not actually participated in more than nine (9) matches in the Senior or Reserve Teams (combined) during the home & away season. Clubs are permitted to use players from their Under 17s and/or junior teams without them having to play the required number of games as outlined above.

Note: Participated means that a player must have actually crossed the line of play during a match. A player that is named on the team sheet as a substitute but does not go onto the field of play, are not regarded as having participated in the game.

### Important Note:

It should be noted that where clubs have teams participating on the same round it may call for players to play in a higher grade. However, once a player has played in that higher grade on that particular round he shall become ineligible to play in a lower grade for his club on the same round of matches (including the final series).

## 5.3 Goalkeepers

Any Goalkeeper who is within the age restriction shall be eligible to play as a goal-keeper in either the reserves or under 19 final series and the above restrictions for matches in the Reserve & Under 19 grades DO NOT apply

## 5.4 Penalty due to fielding ineligible players

Any club that fields a team with an ineligible player that is in breach of the age and match qualifications as detailed in these competition rules shall forfeit the match to its opponent who shall be deemed to have won the match by a score of three (3) to Nil and a level 2 fine will be imposed.

## 6 Substitution of Players

- 6.1 There shall not be more than Three (3) field players permitted to be substituted during any stage of the match.

## 7 Player Suspensions

Carry over suspensions from the Home & Away league shall apply.

- 7.1 A player who receives two yellow cards received during this competition shall be suspended for one match in the next match of this competition. All yellow cards at the conclusion of their involvement in this competition shall be cancelled prior to the next scheduled competition.
- 7.2 A player who receives a Red Card during this competition shall be suspended for the minimum one match of this competition as determined by the FFSA. All red cards received during this competition will carry over as per the National Disciplinary Regulations.

## **8. Match Officials and Match Official Fees**

The FFSA shall appoint Match Officials for all matches of this competition. The home team or hosting club shall cover all related Match Officials fees, excluding the Grand Final which shall be covered by the FFSA.

## **9. Notification of Results**

As per Competition Rules or Memo on Notification of Results.

## **10. Admission Tickets & Charges**

10.1 Admission charges shall apply for all matches of this competition as per the FFSA Competition Rules. Admission charges for the Grand final shall be as follows:

Adults \$8      Concession \$5      Children Under 16 Free  
or as otherwise determined by the FFSA.

## **11. Prize money and Presentation**

As advised on a season to season basis subject to available sponsorship. FFSA shall provide medals and trophies for all winning teams.

## **12. Match Balls**

Match Balls shall be provided by the FFSA in accordance with the FFSA Ball License.

## **FFSA Cup Competition**

These guidelines should be read in conjunction with the Rules & Regulations of the Football Federation SA, the FFA National Regulations & the FIFA Laws of the Game.

### **1. Kick Off Times, Duration and Days**

The following starting times are applicable.

#### **Saturdays**

<b>Seniors</b>	2:30pm
<b>Reserves</b>	12.00noon
<b>Under</b>	9:30am

Unless otherwise arranged and approved by the Competition Administrator.

All matches shall be of 90 minutes in duration, 45 minutes each way with a 10 minute interval at half time.

In the event of a match being drawn at the end of normal time and following two periods of extra time (2x 15 Minutes) with a 5 minute interval. If the match is still drawn at the end of extra time the result shall be decided by penalty kicks in accordance with the FIFA Laws of the Game.

Note: No Club shall be permitted to play matches which are deemed to be in conflict with Cup programs.

### **2. Eligibility of Players**

All players must be registered.

Players, once having crossed the line of play in the Cup Competition shall be cup tied.

No player shall be permitted to play for more than one Club in the Cup Competition.

Players, once having played in a senior grade cup competition match shall not be eligible to play in the Reserves, Under 19 or Under 17 Cup in that year. Thus they are Cup tied with the following exception. "Any goalkeeper who is within the age restriction shall not be cup tied if he plays as a goalkeeper".

A player crossing the line of play in a match shall be cup tied to that grade for the remainder of the competition.

### **3. Substitution of Players**

There shall not be more than Three (3) players permitted to be substituted during any stage of the match.

#### **4. Player Suspensions**

- 4.1 A player who receives two yellow cards during the cup competition shall be suspended for one match in their next round match of the cup competition in that season.

All yellow cards received during the cup competition shall be cancelled at the conclusion of that competition.

- 4.2 A player who receives a Red Card during the cup competition shall be suspended for the minimum one match in the next round match of the cup competition in that season. If the team was eliminated or if the red card was received in the cup final, the player shall be suspended in their next competitive match.

#### **5. Home Grounds and Gate Receipts**

- 5.1 The first named team shall be the Home team.
- 5.2 The Home team shall keep the gate receipts in total, except Semi Final and Final, unless otherwise notified by the Competition Administrator.
- 5.3 All matches are to be played Saturdays (unless otherwise stated).
- 5.4 Once the Competition reaches the Quarter Final stage, Clubs whose registered ground does not meet the Competition Rules Ground Criteria and have been drawn to play at home against a Club whose ground does meet the prescribed regulations will have the fixture transferred to the opposing Club's ground.

The Semi Finals and Final shall be held at a neutral venue where possible, unless otherwise notified by FFSA.

#### **6. Match Officials and Match Official Fees**

The FFSA shall appoint Match Officials for all Cup Matches. The home team or hosting club shall cover all related Match Officials fees, excluding the Semi Finals and Final.

Match Official Fees for the Semi Finals and Final of this cup competition shall be paid by the FFSA at the agreed fees.

Match Officials fees shall be equivalent to those paid in the higher grade of the participating clubs. For example, if a Super League club is playing a Club in a lower grade, the Super League fees shall be payable. Alternatively, if a State League club is playing a Club in a lower grade, State League fees shall be payable.

#### **7. Notification of Results**

As per the Rules & Regulations or Memo on Notification of Results.

## **8. Admission Tickets & Charges**

8.1 The following MAXIMUM admission charges shall apply for all matches of the Federation Cup played at local club grounds, excluding the Final.

\$9.00 Adults  
\$6.00 Pensioners & Children  
(\$2.00 Grandstand) Optional  
Free - Children under 16.

Note: There may be a provision for family tickets. All prices include GST

8.2 Admission for Players into grounds on match days will be by a current Players License Card only. Clubs are to report to the Football Federation SA the names of any players who do not produce their License Card at the gate for admission to the ground. Or any player who uses an out of date Players License.

8.3 Admission for Officials into grounds on match days will be by a current Officials License Card only. Clubs are to report to the Football Federation SA the names of any Officials who do not produce their License Card at the gate for admission to the ground. Or any Official who uses an out of date Officials License. Car parking is not included at the Final if held at Hindmarsh Stadium, unless otherwise notified by the Competition Administrator.

## **9. Prize money and Presentation**

As advised on a season to season basis subject to available sponsorship.

## **10. The Man of the Match Award**

If a Man of the Match Award is presented it shall be selected by a representative group and may include FFSA Directors, Competition Staff and sponsors.

## **11. Match Balls**

Suitable quality FIFA approved inspected or IMS approved match balls shall be used as per the FFSA Ball License for the season or competition. Match Balls for the Semi Finals and Final shall be provided by the FFSA.

## **12. Forfeits**

Clubs who forfeit a Cup match shall be subject to a Level 2 minimum Fine plus any entry Fee.

## **13. Draw**

13.1 Each draw shall be undertaken by the FFSA with the participating clubs invited to attend the draw. The name of each club involved in the competition shall be placed into the draw. Teams will be drawn out one at a time to determine the fixture. The first team drawn out will be home team, the second team to be drawn out, will be the away team. Teams will be drawn out until no further teams are left. If there is a team left in the draw, this team will be allocated a bye.

13.2 If the senior team is drawn to play at home, where possible, the Reserve and Under 19 Cup teams will play at the same venue as their senior team.

### 13.3 The Fixtures:

Round 1 64 teams	State League Clubs plus any received nominations winners will progress to Round 2.
Round 2 32 teams	All Super, Premier League clubs plus winners from Round 1.
Round 3 16 teams	8 winners progress to Quarter Finals.
Quarter Finals 8 teams.	Winners progress to Semi Finals.
Semi Finals 4 teams	Winners progress to Final.
Final 2 teams Semi Final Winners	



# GROUND INSPECTION CHECKLIST

**Name of Club:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Names of people present at the time of Ground Inspection:**  
\_\_\_\_\_

## Security of Ground

**Yes No**

1. A permanent or temporary fence securing the venue

2. A permanent or temporary fence (on match days) which encloses the primary playing field

All fences must be a good and safe condition.

3. There is a player and officials race that is fully secured. The players and Officials race provide direct access from the changing rooms to the field.

Is the player and officials race covered?

## **Comments:**

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## Players and Officials Dressing Rooms

**Yes No**

1. The venue has a separate dressing room for the home team and also the away team.

2. Is there sufficient space in each dressing room to accommodate 18 players and officials at any given time?

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|----|---|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| 3. | Shower facilities within the dressing rooms that contain a minimum of three shower heads. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 4. | At least one toilet within the dressing rooms.  | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 5. | Lockers or hanging facilities are available in the dressing rooms.                        | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

**Comments:**

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**Match Officials Dressing Rooms**

**Yes No**

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|----|---|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1. | The venue has a separate dressing room for match officials that can accommodate up to five match officials at any given time. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
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**Yes No**

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|----|---|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| 2. | The dressing room contains at least one shower, toilet and hand basin.                                  | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 3. | The door to the changing room is lockable and a key is available to be provided to the match officials. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 4. | Lockers or hanging facilities are available in the dressing room.                                       | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

**Comments:**

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**Playing field and Pitch Size**

**Yes No**

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|----|--|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1. | The primary playing field is in good condition, with a good standard of grass coverage with good drainage and must be maintained for the duration of the season. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
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|  | <b>Yes</b>               | <b>No</b>                |
| 2. The pitch size is in accordance with FIFA Laws of the Game. Minimum size being 90m x 45m and maximum 120m x 90m | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

**Actual Pitch Size = Length                  Width**

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| 3. Is floodlighting to match standard available? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
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**If so, what are the lux of the lights? \_\_\_\_\_ Lux**

**Last date that a light report was provided? \_\_\_\_\_**

**Comments:**

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**Technical Area**

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|--|--------------------------|--------------------------|
|  | <b>Yes</b>               | <b>No</b>                |
| 1. A technical area is marked out on match day in accordance with the FIFA Laws of the Game – It must be at least 1 metre from the fence and at least 1 metre from the touch line. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

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|---|--------------------------|--------------------------|
|   | <b>Yes</b>               | <b>No</b>                |
| 2. Substitute benches must be provided that can accommodate for a minimum of 10 persons being seated at any one team. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

**Comments:**

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**Score Board**

- |   |                          |                          |
|---|--------------------------|--------------------------|
|   | <b>Yes</b>               | <b>No</b>                |
| 1. The venue has a fully operational score board that includes the home, and away teams and also the score. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |



**Comments:**

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**Public Facilities**

**Yes No**

- 1. Male, female and preferably a disabled toilet is available for use by the general public within the venue.
- 2. The venue has seating, preferably undercover, for a minimum of a 100 people.
- 3. The venue has an operational facility providing hot and cold food and drinks.
- 4. A fully operational PA system for match day announcements.
- 5. An alcohol free area and non-smoking area. If venue has seating or grandstand, these areas should be designated alcohol free and non-smoking areas.
- 6. The venue shall produce a regular match day program and should Acknowledge all relevant sponsors and supporters of the game.

**Public Facilities**

**Yes No**

- 7. The venue has adequately sealed car parking area for a minimum of 100 vehicles.

**Comments:**

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**Emergency Facilities**

**Yes No**

- 1. The venue shall have a stretcher, medical equipment and a designated first aid area that can be used at any time that the venue is in use.



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- 2. The venue can be accessed by emergency vehicles, with access possible to all areas of the venue including the playing field.
- 3. Access to a telephone.

**Comments:**

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**Facility Upgrade**

**Yes No**

- 1. Is your club proposing to undertake any upgrades to the facility?

If so, what are the upgrades and the time frame for completing upgrades:

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## **OFFENCE CODES**

### **Minor Infringements - Yellow Card (Caution) Codes**

- Y1 is guilty of unsporting behaviour
- Y2 shows dissent by word or action
- Y3 persistently infringes the Laws of the Game
- Y4 delays the restart of play
- Y5 fails to respect the required distance when play is restarted with a corner kick, free kick or throw in.
- Y6 enters or re-enters the field of play without the Referee's permission
- Y7 deliberately leaves the field of play without the Referee's permission

**Y1, Y2 & Y4 offences shall also relate to a substitute or substituted player who is cautioned and shown the yellow card.**

### **Serious Infringements –Red Card (Expulsion) Codes**

- R1 is guilty of serious foul play
- R2 is guilty of violent conduct
- R3 spits at an opponent or any other person
- R4 denies the opposing team a goal or an obvious goal-scoring opportunity by deliberately handling the ball  
(this does not apply to a goalkeeper within his penalty area)
- R5 denies an obvious goal-scoring opportunity to an opponent moving towards the player's goal by an offence punishable by a free kick or a penalty kick.
- R6 uses offensive or insulting or abusive language and /or gestures
- R7 receives a second caution in the same match

**A player, substitute or substituted player who has been sent off and shown the red card must leave the vicinity of the field of play and the technical area.**

## RECOMMENDED SANCTIONS FOR SERIOUS INFRINGEMENTS

(In accordance with the FFA National Disciplinary Regulations & Table of Offences for Players)

Offence No.	Offence	Minimum Sanction
1 (R4 or R5 for Players)	Denying the opposing team a clear goal-scoring opportunity	The Mandatory Match Suspension
2 (R6 for Players)	Use of offensive, insulting or abusive language and/or gestures	The Mandatory Match Suspension
3 (R1 for Players)	Serious Foul Play (e.g. when challenging for the ball)	1 additional match plus the Mandatory Match Suspension
4 (R2 for Players)	Assault on a Player (e.g. violent conduct when not challenging for the ball)	1 additional match plus the Mandatory Match Suspension
5 (R6 for Players)	Serious Unsporting Conduct	1 additional match plus the Mandatory Match Suspension
6 (R6 for Players)*	Use of discriminatory language and/or gestures, including racist, religious, ethnic or sexist	4 additional matches plus the Mandatory Match Suspension
7 (R3 for Players)	Spitting at a player	5 additional matches plus the Mandatory Match Suspension
8 (R2 or R6 for Players)	Inciting a brawl	5 additional matches plus the Mandatory Match Suspension
<b>Specific Offences Against a Match Official</b>		
9 (R6 for Players)	Use of offensive, insulting or abusive language and/or gestures against a match official	The Mandatory Match Suspension
10 (R6 for Players)	Unsporting conduct toward a match official	3 additional matches plus the Mandatory Match Suspension
11 (R2 for Players)	Assault of a match official	6 months including the Mandatory Match Suspension
12 (R3 for Players)	Spitting at a match official	12 months Including the Mandatory Match Suspension





## **INCIDENT REPORT**

### **Match Official / Club Executive Member Details:**

Referee: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_  
Assistant Referee: \_\_\_\_\_ Assistant Referee: \_\_\_\_\_  
Referee Inspector: \_\_\_\_\_  
Name of Club Member: \_\_\_\_\_ Club: \_\_\_\_\_

### **Match Details:**

Date of Match: \_\_\_\_\_ Location: \_\_\_\_\_  
Competition: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_  
Home Team: \_\_\_\_\_ Away Team: \_\_\_\_\_

### **Description of Incident:**

E.g. Limited first aid facilities, Dressing rooms & toilets untidy, Admission charges incorrect  
No canteen facilities, Poor spectator behaviour & Ground stewards not fulfilling their assigned duties

### **Competition Administrator Use Only:**

FFSA Actions .....Signature.....

DC Hearing Yes / No Hearing Date..... Sentence.....

**GROUND STEWARD INCIDENT REPORT FORM****Name of Ground Steward:****Name of Club:****Date of Game:****Venue of Game:****Competition:**  
\_\_\_\_\_**Details of the Incident**

Please outline the details of the incident. Please ensure that you provide specific details relating to the incident that you are reporting including the nature of the incident, who was involved in the incident, please provide names if known, any action that you took prior to the incident or at the time of the incident and if any action was taken by the match officials or any other club officials. Please attach additional pages if required.

**This report must be submitted within 48 hours of the incident occurring.*****Signed:******Print Name:***  
\_\_\_\_\_***Competition Administrator Use Only:***

Date Received:

Signed:

## Referees Match Fees 2010

### SUPER LEAGUE

<b>Senior</b>	Referee	<b>\$139.00</b>
	Assistant	<b>\$63.00</b>
<b>Reserve</b>	Referee	<b>\$98.00</b>
	Assistant	<b>\$55.00</b>
<b>Under 19</b>	Referee	<b>\$84.00</b>
	Assistant	<b>\$48.00</b>
<b>Port Pirie</b>	PER PERSON	<b>\$210.00</b>
	CASH FOR CAR	<b>\$173.00</b>

### PREMIER LEAGUE

<b>Senior</b>	Referee	<b>\$111.00</b>
	Assistant	<b>\$55.00</b>
<b>Reserve</b>	Referee	<b>\$84.00</b>
	Assistant	<b>\$48.00</b>
<b>Under 19</b>	Referee	<b>\$70.00</b>
	Assistant	<b>\$42.00</b>
<b>Port Pirie</b>	PER PERSON	<b>\$168.00</b>
	CASH FOR CAR	<b>\$173.00</b>

### STATE LEAGUE

<b>Senior</b>	Referee	<b>\$104.00</b>
	Assistant	<b>\$51.00</b>
<b>Reserve</b>	Referee	<b>\$79.00</b>
	Assistant	<b>\$45.00</b>
<b>Under 19</b>	Referee	<b>\$66.00</b>
	Assistant	<b>\$39.00</b>
<b>Port Pirie</b>	PER PERSON	<b>\$158.00</b>
	CASH FOR CAR	<b>\$173.00</b>

### JPL

<b>Under</b>		
<b>10</b>	Referee	<b>\$36.00</b>
<b>11</b>	Referee	<b>\$42.00</b>
<b>12</b>	Referee	<b>\$42.00</b>
<b>13</b>	Referee	<b>\$44.00</b>
<b>14</b>	Referee	<b>\$48.00</b>
<b>15</b>	Referee	<b>\$48.00</b>
<b>16</b>	Referee	<b>\$51.00</b>
<b>17</b>	Referee	<b>\$55.00</b>

Note for JPL, assistant referee fee is half the referees

### WOMEN'S

<b>Premier</b>	Referee	<b>\$66.00</b>
	Assistant	<b>\$34.00</b>
<b>Seniors</b>	Referee	<b>\$61.00</b>
	Assistant	<b>\$34.00</b>
<b>U17's</b>	Referee	<b>\$48.00</b>
	Assistant	<b>\$24.00</b>
<b>U15's</b>	Referee	<b>\$42.00</b>
	Assistant	<b>\$21.00</b>
	Assistant	<b>\$18.00</b>
<b>U11's</b>	Referee	<b>\$32.00</b>
	Assistant	<b>\$16.00</b>

### COLLEGIATE LEAGUE

<b>Senior</b>	Referee	<b>\$75.00</b>
	Assistant	<b>\$40.00</b>

### MASTERS LEAGUE

<b>Senior</b>	Referee	<b>\$80.00</b>
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All Trial games a 75% (3/4) fee applies

Fourth Official fees same as Assisitant Referee

Games postponed on match day by the Referee a 50% (1/2) Fee shall apply for all games