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A. COMPETITION REGULATIONS

A1. Structure of Competitions

- A1.1 BDAFA will have control over all matches in which its affiliated Clubs participate and will arrange matches as it deems fit. These include but are not limited to:
- a) The BDAFA Premiership.
 - b) Other BDAFA organised round robins or matches, including MiniRoos Football (SSG Non-Competitive Soccer) and BDAFA organised Knock-Outs.
 - c) BDAFA sanctioned matches. These include trial and gala matches for which BDAFA approval has been given and matches otherwise sanctioned by Football NSW Ltd.
 - d) BDAFA may conduct such matches (eg Seven-a-Side) by issuing variations to these Regulations; however, these Regulations will prevail if no variation exists.
- A1.2 It will be mandatory for all clubs to participate in all BDAFA Premiership rounds and Finals Series in which they are eligible.
- A1.3 Clubs must gain BDAFA's approval to conduct Knockouts and/or Gala Days. Applications must state the age group(s), date of event and alternate dates should the original day be postponed. No more than one such KO/Gala Day of one age group may be held on the same day. Clubs participating in Club run KO's/Gala Days must give BDAFA two weeks' notice of their participation. BDAFA organized matches will take precedence over Club KO's/Gala Days.
- A1.4 Any player registering for the O45 competition will have attained the age of 45 (see B12.4 for exemption). Please note, to compete in FNSW tournaments they will need to meet the FNSW eligibility requirements.
- A1.5 Clubs will promote the participation levels of girls / ladies within their playing ranks. All clubs are to set participation and retention targets and upon request from BDAFA be able to provide details of their strategies to achieve these targets.

A2. Regulations For Miniroos (SSF Non Competition)

- A2.1 MiniRoos Non-Competition Football will be played in the G06, G07, G08, G09, G10 and G11 age groups. FFA Rules of the game as published by Football NSW as at 31st January of the current playing year must be followed.
- A2.2 MiniRoos goal posts must be as per Australian Standards and secured safely to the grounds.

A3. Premiership Format - All Competitive Grades

- A3.1 Teams from G12 to G45 will participate in the competition in their respective age groups & divisions. This competition will be held on a home and away basis where possible allowing for ground availability. However, BDAFA may re-arrange any competition in any format should exceptional circumstances, such as extensive wet weather or other unforeseen circumstances, occur, this may not apply and rounds may need to be dropped. Also, the number of rounds included in the final competition standings maybe impacted by any regrading that occurs.
- A3.2 Every effort will be taken to play matches washed out due to bad weather and deferments within three rounds of the original fixture. In cases where the washed out / deferred matches cannot be re-scheduled the full round may be cancelled in situations

where less than 50% of matches in a competition were completed. Where a round is cancelled all points and goals for any matches played in the round are not counted – other than as per A3.5g).

Matches from rounds not fully washed-out, and any matches which are subject of G&D investigations may be exempt from this rule at the discretion of BDAFA.

A3.3 Where necessary competition matches (including Ladies) may be scheduled, rescheduled and played on Sundays or midweek at the discretion of BDAFA. -

A3.4 Ladies competitions will be generally played on Sundays.

A3.5 Points for each competition match will be awarded as follows:

- a) A win - three points to the winning team
- b) A draw – one point to each team
- c) A loss - no points to the losing team
- d) A bye - no points
- e) A forfeit – three points and three “goals for” to the winning team, no points and three “goals against” to the losing team. However, if a team is winning by more than 3 goals when their opponent forfeits they will be deemed to have won by forfeit by the winning margin to nil (eg if winning 7-2 at the time of forfeit result will be Win by Forfeit 5-nil).
- f) An abandoned match - at BDAFA’s discretion.
- g) Washed out rounds in competitions with a Bye – one point to each team scheduled to play.

A3.6 If a team withdraws or is suspended from the competition by BDAFA, points awarded to that team’s opponents and goals scored & conceded by that team will remain if the first (1st) Round has been completed by all teams. A “Round” is deemed complete when all teams have played each other once. All subsequent Round matches become a bye. If a team withdraws or is suspended from the competition by BDAFA prior to the completion of the first (1st) Round, all points and goals for and against will be wiped clean for the teams who have played the removed team. Those games and all subsequent Round matches become a bye.

A3.7 Once all matches have been played as per Regulation 4.1, there will be a Finals Series among the top four teams within that age division.

A3.8 Ranking will be determined in the following order:

- a) In order of Competition Points – Highest to Lowest
- b) Where teams finish on equal competition points their respective places will be decided by goal difference. Goal difference is calculated by subtracting the number of goals against from the number of goals for. The team with the higher goal difference will be the higher ranked team
- c) If goal differences are equal then the higher “goals for” will be the higher ranked team.
- d) If the goals for are equal, then head to head results from that season will determine the higher ranked team.
- e) If the teams are still equal (and BDAFA determines it impacts the finals or promotion and relegation) BDAFA will schedule a playoff between the teams involved. Should there be more than two teams involved the playoff will be in the form of a knockout. If the teams are still equal then the higher ranked team will be at discretion of BDAFA.

A3.9 All matches in the Finals Series must be under the control of an Official Referee.

A3.10 The format for the Finals Series will be, unless amended at BDAFA’s discretion:

- a) Semi Final 1: The highest placed team versus the 2nd placed team.
- b) Semi Final 2: The 3rd placed team versus the 4th placed team.
- c) Final: Loser of Semi Final 1 versus Winner of Semi Final 2.
- d) Grand Final: Winner of Semi Final 1 versus Winner of Final.

The location of the above games will be at BDAFA's discretion.

A3.11 In the Final Series, normal playing time plus stoppage time must be played. Extra time will be played if the score in goals is equal at the end of this normal playing time. Extra time will be:

- a) G12 - 10 minutes each way.
- b) G13 and Over, 15 minutes each way excepting G45 who go to A3.11e)
- c) When the full amount of extra time is completed the team with the higher goals scored is the winner.
- e) If the match is still a draw at this time kicks will be taken from the penalty mark in accordance with FIFA's "Procedures to determine the winner of a match".

A3.11 The winner of the Grand Final will be declared Premiers.
With the exception of All Age Men, the Minor Premiers of Division 1 in applicable age groups will represent BDAFA in the Football NSW Champion of Champions. The minor Premiers of MPL1 and WPL will be represent their respective competitions.
If the Minor Premiers are unable to fulfil this commitment or they are deemed unsuitable due to a poor disciplinary record, BDAFA may nominate another team in the current season in any BDAFA or FNSW sanctioned competitions.

A4. Eligibility For Semi Finals And Finals (Except MPL)

A4.1 Players must have played in and been registered in at least four games for their team during the normal competition rounds. Players who are not noted on the team sheet 4 times will not be eligible for the finals series.

A team who has played a player who has not played at least four matches prior to the Finals is deemed to be ineligible and will be removed from the Finals series.

A4.2 Only players registered in that team are eligible to play in the Finals series.

A5. Promotion and Relegation (Except MPL)

A5.1 With the exception of the Division 1 competitions (eg. WPL and All Age Men Division 1 competitions), the Minor Premiers be promoted up one division for the next season.

A5.2 The teams finishing last in the competition will be relegated for the next season.

A5.3 Note All Age Teams and Grade 35 and Grade 45 teams will be assigned into divisions based on their overall ranking in "Proposed Grading" listing from the previous season – even if this overrides A.5.1.

A6. Forfeits & Deferrals

A6.1 BDAFA Clubs must advise the appropriate BDAFA officials in writing or email at least 48 hours prior to the scheduled kick-off that a team intends to forfeit.

Irrespective of the date of advice, the BDAFA Competition Manager will advise the opposing club and the referees' appointments officer.

Note – any forfeit in MPL or WPL will be subject to penalties under paragraph A6.2 irrespective of any notice given.

A6.2 A breach of Regulation A6.1 will incur a fine and the offending team will be responsible for the total payment of referee's fees if official referees were appointed.

A6.3 If a team forfeits twice during the Premiership, they will be required to provide just cause why they should not be removed from the competition and may be required to appear before the BDAFA Board.

A6.4 If a team forfeits and BDAFA deems they gained an advantage over the other teams in the competition, the forfeited match will be rescheduled. BDAFA will penalise the offending club with a fine in addition to a loss of 6 competition points for attempting this ploy.

A6.5 Clubs must notify the BDAFA Competition Manager of any discrepancies found in the draw.

Clubs have one week to apply for a deferment after the issue of the season calendar for a particular stand-alone match. Only one deferment per team will be considered each season, unless:

- a) A season calendar has not been issued.
- b) The reason for the deferment could not have been foreseen within a week of the issue of the season calendar.
- c) Deferment and non-deferment requests and replies are to be submitted to BDAFA in writing on Club letterhead signed by the Club Secretary of both teams involved. If such deferred games later become "washed out" or called off for any other reason they will not be rescheduled (except for deferments as per paragraph 6.5d). Washed out fixtures will receive no points.
- d) Deferments may be granted for teams that play in BDAFA sanctioned outside matches (eg. FNSW State Cups). These deferments will be at the discretion of BDAFA.

A6.6 Teams will be deemed to have forfeited a Match when:

- a) They fail to fulfil an engagement to play a Match on the appointed date, time or venue; or
- b) They are not dressed ready to play, refuse or fail to begin a match within ten (10) minutes of the stipulated kick-off time; or
- c) They field less than seven (7) of their registered players at the start of any match; or
- d) At any point during the Match they cannot field at least seven (7) of their registered players; or
- e) They field or list on a team sheet an ineligible player; or
- f) Any other scenario within the BDAFA Regulations or the BDAFA Grievance and Disciplinary Regulations that stipulates a forfeit of the Match.

A7. Playing In A Higher Age Group Or Division

A7.1 For Premiership matches (except in the Final Series) teams are allowed to use players registered within their club in lower divisions of the same age or from all divisions of younger age groups. G30's Ladies, G35's and G45's use of players from any other grade or age group is not permitted unless the player is from a lower division of the same age group within the same club. However, the exception is that the G35 teams can utilise players from their own clubs G45 team (as per A7.4 b) iii).

Players cannot play more than two (2) years above their date of birth age without prior approval from BDAFA or its nominee. Written consent from the player's parents will be one of the requirements for approval.

A7.2 All Miniroos teams are allowed to draw from any team of the same age group or lower within their club.

A7.3 Where a player plays for a team other than the one in which he/she is registered, his/her registered team and grade must be shown on the Team Sheet for competitive games. Failure to correctly indicate on the team sheet that a player is playing in a higher grade will result in the player being deemed ineligible. (Miniroos games are exempt but Miniroos players playing up in Competitive Grades are not exempt) and must be listed.

A7.4 Players may play in a higher age group or division, throughout the regular season subject to:

- a) No more than five (5) players can play in a higher age group or division in a single match.
- b) Note:
 - i) G17 to G21 players can play up to a higher division in their age (eg G17/2 in G17/1) or older age division (eg G18 in AAM) but not in G35 or G45;
 - ii) G35 Players can play in AAM or MPL; and
 - iii) G45 can play in G35, AAM or MPL.
- c) No players in a team should be left out of the team for a match for players to participate under A7.1 or A7.4. Any team that has been deemed by BDAFA to have done so will forfeit the match and be fined under the regulations.
- d) In regards to eligibility for the final series Paragraph A4.2 above applies.

This does not apply to Miniroos football.

A8. GRADES 17, 18, 19 & 21

A8.1 At BDAFA's discretion, the G17, G18, G19 & G21 Competition will be incorporated into the MPL 1st Division competition, with matches to be played before the MPL 1st Division Reserve Grade match.

For those G17, G18, G19 & G21 teams without MPL 1st Division, they will still participate in the Competition but play their games as per the draw.

A8.2 For Grade 17, 18, 19 & 21s will be deemed to be part of the MPL squad:

- a) A player can play in the MPL competition as many times as required, however any player transfer from these grades into a MPL squad must be presented to BDAFA for approval.
- b) As per Paragraphs A7.4 and A4.2 they cannot participate in the Final series' in the MPL competition.
- c) For any registered U17 or U18 player playing up into the MPL or AAM competitions, Registration Regulation B12.4 applies (which states - "In All Age competitions, including MPL, players must have already passed their 17th birthday prior to being eligible to register and play. Exceptions may be made on a case-by-case basis at the discretion of BDAFA.").

A9. Men's Premier League (MPL)

A9.1 **MPL Competitions** - The BDAFA competition will include two squad-based all age competitions namely, Men's Premier League 1st Division ("MPL1"), Men's Premier League 2nd Division ("MPL2"), subject to 6 or more Clubs nominate for MPL2.

MPL will adhere to all BDAFA Regulations unless Regulation variations are specifically set down for those competitions.

A9.2 MPL Licences

- a) **MPL Full Licences** - Every affiliated club will have the right to submit a nomination for one full licence MPL squad providing they meet the MPL Nomination requirements (see paragraph A9.15 of this document). This squad

will be graded either MPL 1st or MPL 2nd. No club can nominate more than one full licence MPL squad.

- b) **Concessional Licence** - BDAFA may issue a one-year concessional licence for Clubs that almost comply with the MPL nomination requirements – see paragraph A9.15.

A9.3 MPL Nominations - Nominations for the Premiership season must be submitted to BDAFA by the 1st February each year. If a nomination is accepted by BDAFA then an invoice for the MPL entry fee will be issued. Note if any club subsequently withdraws its MPL Squad once BDAFA has accepted the nomination this MPL Entry fee is forfeited.

A9.4 Registration Requirements - Squad registrations must be submitted by the date of Grading (per the Registration Regulations) and must consist of not less than 25 players.

A9.5 MPL1 Competition – subject to A11.6, the MPL 1 competition will consist of ten (10) Clubs.

A9.6 MPL2 Competition - The MPL 2 competition will consist of the remaining affiliated clubs who do not qualify for the MPL1 competition (as long as there are 6 or more clubs).

A9.7 MPL Associate Licences – The issuance of MPL Associate licences to Clubs wanting to enter a second MPL Squad (into the MPL2 competition) will be solely at the discretion of BDAFA.

A9.8 A Club's inclusion in a MPL Competition in the current season does not automatically guarantee their inclusion a MPL Competition in the following season. The Club nomination for the following season is still subject to paragraph A9.15.

A9.9 Interchange - All matches will be played on an interchange basis. Players on bench must wear bibs.

A9.10 Matches - will be played on a home and away draw allocated by the BDAFA Competition Manager, subject to availability of grounds and Official Referees.

A9.11 Split Rounds - If a round is split so that the First and Reserve Grade teams of the same squad do not play on the same day, BDAFA will decide on the eligibility of players for the Reserve Grade match.
If BDAFA believes a squad has not played its regular Reserve Grade team for that match, they will fine the offending Club and re-determine the result of the match.

A9.12 MPL Finals Series - All Final Series matches will be played on any Canterbury-Bankstown Council grounds deemed suitable by BDAFA.

A9.13 MPL Finals Player Eligibility –

- a) To be eligible to play all MPL players must have played in a minimum of four separate fixtures of the MPL competition (Note PL first and reserve grade matches in the same round count as one fixture).
- b) Where a club is not represented in both Reserve Grade and First Grade Semis and Finals the following is to apply. To be eligible to play in Reserve Grade semis and finals, a player MUST have:
- i) Played for Reserve Grade a minimum of four (4) of the competition rounds.
 - ii) Played more Reserve Grade games than First Grade games (other than keepers). Note that players who have played an equal number of First and Reserve Grade games are ineligible to play in reserve grade finals.

- iii) A MPL Keeper is eligible to play in Reserve Grade finals (only as a keeper) if they have played in an equal number of First and Reserve Grade games.
- c) Where a club is represented in both Reserve Grade and First Grade Semis and Finals that are being played on the same day, the following is to apply –
 - i) Players from that squad will be able to play in either Reserve or First Grade Semis and Finals on that day.
 - ii) However, if a Reserve Grade Semi or Final game is to be played or replayed on a different day to First Grade, Regulation A9.13 b) will be applied.
- d) Where a club is represented in both Reserve and First Grade in the Semis and Finals and the First Grade side is eliminated from further competition then Regulation A9.13 b) will come into force.
- e) If a squad can submit written evidence to BDAFA that the regular goalkeeper for Reserve Grade is unavailable for the Semis and/or Finals - that squad can apply to the BDAFA for permission to play a substitute keeper who may be ineligible through Regulation A9.13 b).

A9.14 Squad treated as one - For the purposes of these regulations, a squad shall mean First grade and Reserve grade, they shall be treated as one. If one team in the squad is found guilty of a breach of the regulations, the same penalties will apply to both teams in the squad. Additionally:

- a) Except in any BDAFA Judicial or Administrative determinations, any forfeit by a MPL team is considered to be a forfeit by both First and Reserve Grade (ie forfeit by the squad).
- b) A MPL round (ie First and Reserve Grade matches) may be ruled as an abandoned round by BDAFA (or designated authority) if either the First or Reserve Grade team have caused their game to be abandoned.

A9.15 MPL Nomination Requirements – For the 2021 season and thereafter, for a club to be eligible to submit a nomination of a MPL squad the club:

- a) Must not be in financial Default; and
- b) Must have had at least 110 fully paid (registered, active and paid), registered and playing players as at 30 June of the previous season (i.e. at least 110 players as at 30/06/2021 to be eligible to nominate for MPL in 2022).

A10. Men's Premier League Suspensions

A10.1 Suspensions will be served as rounds rather than as matches. A round is a set of 1st and Reserve Grade fixtures on the same day or as otherwise deemed by BDAFA. If suspensions are to be served during the final series where a club is not represented in both Reserve and 1st Grade, a player may serve their suspension as matches rather than rounds – so long as they qualify for eligibility as per Section A9.13.

A11. Men's Premier League Promotion And Relegation – as per Board Directive 17/03/2021

A11.1 The standings of both First and Reserve Grade teams in both MPL Division/s will be taken into consideration for the implementation of promotion / relegation regulations. A combined "MPL Standing Score" will be calculated by the following Formula:

(First Grade Competition Points * 2) + (Reserve Grade Competition Points)

A11.2 The table below outlines the Competition Structure applicable for the 2022 Season onwards:

Number of Eligible Clubs Nominated	Comp Structure	Promotion/Relegation
12 or less Clubs	1 Competition with nominated Clubs.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No promotion or relegation based on previous season.
13 to 15 Clubs	1 Competition of 12 Clubs. No MPL2.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 12 Clubs selected based on the previous year's MPL Standing Score. If the Club eligible for relegation has applied, and the team which was the highest-ranking team outside of MPL also applies the last place from previous season in the MPL is relegated & the Club who was the highest-ranking team outside of MPL is promoted to MPL. Should the highest-ranking Club in the competition below not nominate or is already represented in the MPL, applicants will be able to participate in a "MPL Play-Off". Refer to "MPL Play-Off Reg"
16 to 20 Clubs	1 Competition of 10 Clubs. (MPL1) 1 Competition of 6 to 10 Clubs (MPL2)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The MPL1 Competition will be made up of 10 highest ranking Clubs based on the previous year's MPL Standing Score. The remaining eligible Clubs will then participate in the MPL2 Competition.

A11.3 Should any of the “MPL Standing Scores” be equal the Squads Goal Difference will be utilised using the same formula.

A11.4 Where a squad is ineligible as per A9.16 or cannot otherwise continue in MPL1, their place will firstly be offered as per A11.2.

A11.5 BDAFA may alter the number of Clubs in MPL1 and MPL2 in order that a viable competition be conducted. This may include either increasing or decreasing the number of Clubs in any competition however maintaining A9.6 is satisfied.

A11.6 **MPL Play-Off Regulation** A Play-Off with the Clubs who are Eligible and have nominated will be conducted as soon as practically possible post-nomination deadline.

- a) This will consist of only one (1) team representing the Club in a Knock-Out Competition. If more than 2 Clubs apply, a multiple Club Knock-Out competition will be drawn.
- b) A Club must have a minimum of 11 players in the Matchday Squad for the Knock-Out Competition whose final registration was with their Club for the previous Season. Should a team not be able to field a team which meets this regulation, that team will not be eligible to participate in the Knock-out competition.

- A11.7 Any special regulations applicable for the Knock-out competition will be provided by BDAFA prior to the Knock-out competition from time to time as required.
- A11.8 The Winner of the Knock-out competition will be placed in the MPL Competition.

A12. Club Financial Status / Financial Default

A12.1 A Club will be in Financial Default if it is deemed by BDAFA that the Club has not settled an invoice or statement:

- a) within a time as specified by BDAFA and/or
- b) has not provided BDAFA with an explanation acceptable to BDAFA as to why such invoice or statement has not been settled within such specified time.

A12.2 A Club will be in Financial Default until BDAFA deems that the Club is no longer in Financial Default.

A12.3 If a Club is in Financial Default having not settled a balance by more than 30 days but less than or equal to 60 days from the invoice or statement date:

- a) during the Premiership, excluding the Finals series, the Club will not be entitled to any points from any match. For the purposes of the Competition points mentioned in A3.7 all games played will be deemed to be a three-nil loss to their teams and a three-nil win to their opposing teams.
- b) during the Premiership the Finals series, the Club will be deemed to have forfeited all matches. BDAFA will decide if the teams of that Club are to be replaced by eligible teams of other clubs in the Finals Series.
- c) the Club will not be permitted to participate in any other fixtures, e.g. State Cups

A12.4 A Club in Financial Default by more than thirty (30) days from date of issue of the Default Notice:

- a) during the Premiership, excluding the Finals series, BDAFA may suspend or expel the Club from participating in any current or future competition. For the purposes of the Competition points mentioned in A3.7, all games they would have played in had they not been in Financial Default will be deemed to be a three-nil loss to their teams and a three-nil win to their opposing teams;
- b) during the Premiership the Finals series, the Club will be deemed to have forfeited all matches while in Financial Default. BDAFA will decide if the teams of that Club are to be replaced by teams of other clubs in the Finals Series;
- c) not participate in fixtures or events as determined and/or approved by BDAFA;
- d) be subject to such other sanctions or penalties imposed on it as the Board may determine.

B. REGISTRATION REGULATIONS

B1. Introduction

B1.1 These are the Regulations of the Bankstown District Amateur Football Association Incorporated. Refer Constitution Part 35.

B1.2 They are to be circulated to Clubs no later than the 31st December of the current year (ie year preceding the year of competition) and clubs will be held responsible for notifying each member, Coach and Manager of their contents.

B1.3 Clubs and their members are bound by the Board's implementation of these Regulations.

B1.4 Any club, official or team who fails to obey these Regulations, (and relevant registration regulations of FNSW and FFA), or a direction of The Board is liable to a fine, suspension AND / OR expulsion.

B2. Registration Method

B2.1 All Players and RTOs (Registered Team Official) must be registered via the BDAFA Registration System and must complete truthfully all sections of that registration process (for example a player's previous country and club). It is the responsibility of the player's club to ensure / confirm that these have been completed accurately. The registration of a Player or RTO with a Club is effective from the date the individual is made Active by the Club within the Registration System.

B2.2 All Players and RTOs must be made Active in the Registration System and have a BDAFA Registration ID before they are eligible to participate in BDAFA-sanctioned matches.

B2.3 Players may only be registered with one team, and one club, at one time.

- a) If an Over 30 Ladies competition is available, women who have already passed their 30th birthday may register in the Over 30s team and also register in an All Age Ladies team that belongs to the same Club.
- b) Female players can dual register and participate in Grade 11 – Grade 18 Mixed and Ladies competitions (in the same Club) to assist with the development of women's football.

B2.4 Participants who are registered in more than one role, such as a Player who also Coaches or Manages, must have one registration ID for each role. Each participant must only have one FFA number.

B2.5 New registrations must be submitted electronically to BDAFA by 19:00 on a Monday to receive a Registration ID by Thursday in the same week. All registrations lodged after this time will be processed in the following week.

B2.6 BDAFA will:

- a) verify that all registration details for each Club are complete – including age eligibility (see B12.2);
- b) withhold registration where the Club has not completed the registration record and/or made the participant Active in the Registration System;
- c) withhold registration where proof of age or identity, or a clearance, is required but has not been provided;
- d) provide the Club with Registration IDs except where a participant is otherwise ineligible to participate;
- e) provide the Club with a report showing any Registration IDs withheld including an explanation.

B3. Identity Management

B3.1 All new Players and RTOs must provide proof of identity and age, by producing an original birth certificate, passport or driver's licence.

B3.2 It is the responsibility of member Clubs to manage and retain proof of identity and age, and clearances, of their participants.

B3.3 All registrations must include an appropriate head and shoulders photograph of the participant. The photo must not be older than two (2) years for junior players, and not more than five (5) years old for senior players. Regardless of the age of the photograph, the participant must be clearly identifiable. Significant changes to appearance may require a new photograph.

B3.4 All Players who were last registered outside of BDAFA must provide a clearance letter from their most recent Club.

B3.5 All Players and RTOs must have a BDAFA Registration ID.

B3.6 Any Player required to wear spectacles while playing must provide, before a Registration ID is printed:

- a) a letter from an Optometrist stating the requirement;
- b) evidence from the Optometrist that the spectacles to be used are sports safety glasses (ie without glass lenses); and
- c) a photograph of the player wearing the sports safety glasses to be used on the Registration ID.

B3.7 The Player's Registration ID must then bear the notation "Safety Glasses Approved".

B4. Player Transfers

B4.1 Clubs must apply for Internal and Inter-Club transfers using the approved Transfer Form. All such transfers must be approved by BDAFA.

B4.2 External transfers for Players coming into BDAFA are treated as new registrations. Normal identity and clearance requirements apply (see Identity Management above).

B4.3 External transfers for Players leaving BDAFA are treated as if the Player was applying to deregister.

B4.4 Where a team is disbanded or withdrawn from the competition, all transfers of players in that team will require BDAFA approval.

B5. Player Deregistration

B5.1 A Player may apply to deregister from a Club via the Registration System, which will notify the Club and BDAFA of the Player's intention to deregister.

B5.2 A Club may apply to deregister a Player via the Registration System, which will notify the Player and BDAFA of the Club's intention to deregister the Player.

B5.3 The deregistration is effective:

- a) When the other party (either Club or Player) has confirmed the notice of deregistration; or
- b) Seven (7) days from the date the deregistration was requested in the Registration System unless a grievance has been initiated with BDAFA.
- c) Any disputes relating to Player deregistration will be settled in accordance with the BDAFA Grievance and Disciplinary Regulations.

B6. Registration of RTOS – Working With Children

B6.1 All RTOs must provide their Club with details of their Working With Children Check.

B6.2 All Clubs must verify the WWCC details provided to them using the Working With Children website and their Employer Login.

B6.3 Clubs must retain these details with the proof of identity documents provided by new registrations.

B6.4 At least one RTO for each team must be older than 18 years.

B7. Important Dates

B7.1 Registrations must be complete by 17th March each year to be eligible to participate in the first round of the current season.

B7.2 Players may not register, or transfer into BDAFA, for the current season after 30th June each year.

B7.3 Subject to BDAFA approval, Players may be transferred until 30th June each year.

B8. Grading Sub-Committee

B8.1 BDAFA will form a Grading Sub-Committee (GSC) in each season. The GSC will comprise at least five (5) members.

B8.2 The Board will appoint a Chair for the GSC.

B8.3 No more than two (2) BDAFA Directors may be appointed to the GSC.

B8.4 Each member appointed to the GSC must be from a different Club, such that no two members are from the same Club.

B8.5 The mandate of the GSC is to place teams into appropriate divisions, based on each team's playing history and make-up in the current season. The GSC may place a team into any division of an age group in which that team is eligible to play.

B8.6 Other than All Age (subject to an overall team ranking system), no team will be placed into a higher age group without the consent of that team's Club.

B9. Grading Process

B9.1 BDAFA will provide a grading proposal prior to registrations being declared open each year by BDAFA. This "Proposed Grading" report will show the division that each team will be placed into for the next season – subject to the same clubs and teams being nominated. Senior Age Divisions will be assigned as per the published ranking lists contained in the proposed grading issue at the end of the previous season with the aim to have 8 team divisions.

B9.2 By 7th March (or date advised by BDAFA) of the current season, each Club must have nominated its teams in the BDAFA registration system.

B9.3 For Grade 12 and above (except MPL), all teams must have a **minimum** of ten (10) players nominated. See the MPL regulations for team minimums in that division.

B9.4 For Grade 11 and below, each team must nominate at least as many players as take the field in that age group. For example, a Grade 7 team must nominate a minimum of four (4) players for grading purposes.

B9.5 Players listed on the Grading sheet must be the same players as on the Registration sheet. Once a player has been listed on a Grading sheet they cannot move to another team without written permission from BDAFA.

B9.6 The GSC will present the Grading results to BDAFA for publication by within three days of the date set in B9.2 of the current season.

B9.7 BDAFA will monitor the performance of teams throughout the season and at its sole discretion make alterations (regrades) to competition structure. It should be noted that regrading hearings maybe required including all impacted parties.

B9.8 G12 Grading Gala Day

B10. Team Withdrawals

- a) Any Club who withdraws a team after the draw has been published will need to be accountable to BDAFA and may incur a fee.

B11. Eligibility and Ineligibility of Players and RTOs

- a) An eligible Player or RTO is one that meets all registration requirements within these Regulations and is not ineligible according to any article in these Regulations.

B11.2 Ineligible Players and RTOs (grouped as Participants) include (but are not limited to):

- a) Unregistered Participants;
- b) Suspended Participants;
- c) A Player not listed on the team sheet;
- d) A Participant deemed to be a defaulter;
- e) A Player who is outside of the eligible age group in which the Player is registered or participating;
- f) A Participant who cannot provide their valid Registration ID for inspection by the opposing team prior to or during the match;
- g) A Participant who has been sent from the field of play and/or is cited to appear before a disciplinary body but is yet to appear before them.
- h) Clubs will not permit ineligible players or RTOs to participate in match day activities without the approval of BDAFA. Clubs will be fined for non-compliance with this regulation.
- i) See the Competition Regulations for Eligibility in Finals for information specific to finals series.
- j) BDAFA Administrative Determinations in relation to player / RTO ineligibility are final and not subject to appeal.

B12. Age Eligibility

- a) In Grades 6 to 21 inclusive, a Player's eligible age is determined by the age they attain in the current calendar year.
- b) In Grades 6 to 21 inclusive, a Player may not register or participate in an age group which is more than two (2) years above the age they attain in the current calendar year. Exceptions may be made on a case-by-case basis at the discretion of

BDAFA. BDAFA will check for any non-compliance and may issue fines in regard to underage or overage players assigned to teams.

- c) In Over 35 divisions, the Player must have already passed their 35th birthday by December 31st of the year preceding the current season. Other Over Age competitions (such as Over 45 or Over 30 Ladies) would be managed the same way.
- d) In order to encourage G45 teams to nominate G45 teams can have up to two 40 to 45 year olds in the G45. However, these teams will not be eligible for any Football NSW G45 competitions.
- e) In All Age competitions, including MPL and WPL, players must have already passed their 17th birthday prior to being eligible to register and play. Exceptions may be made on a case-by-case basis at the discretion of BDAFA.

C. LOCAL REGULATIONS

C1. Players Equipment & Uniform

C1.1 **Team Uniforms** - All players in all matches must wear shorts, socks & shirts in their Club's registered colours. With the exception of goal keepers each member of a team must wear the same design of their club's strip. Non-compliance with may incur fines per player.

- a) Each club within BDAFA shall register their colours for all teams (i.e. shirts, shorts and socks) and provide photographs of all club strips in conjunction with their annual affiliation.
- b) If a club wishes to change the style / colour of their playing or alternate strip, that club shall supply a sample uniform (or colour image) to BDAFA for approval. If approval is given, the club shall supply to BDAFA a photograph of all changed uniforms.
- c) Undergarments and Headwear worn by players are to conform with the current Laws of the Game.

C1.2 **Teams with similar colours** - When the shirt colours of the two teams are similar in the opinion of the Referee, the team listed first on the draw will change.

C1.3 **Shirt Numbering** - Excepting goalkeepers, Team Shirts must be numbered in all competitive grades. Where there are two goalkeepers without numbers or with the same number, they will be distinguished on the team sheet as GK1, GK2 etc.

C1.4 **Other Equipment** - *Medical Alert Band*: A player who suffers from a condition (ie puffer for asthma or the like) that may require more urgent attention when becoming injured on the field should wear a yellow sweatband to notify the referee of that condition. The referee should be advised at the start of the match.

C1.5 **Captains Armband** – in all competitive competitions the team captain must be identified by wearing a “Captain’s” Armband.

C2. The Ball

C2.1 In all matches each team must have at least one ball available for match play.

C2.2 The referee will decide as to the fitness of the ball, which must not be dangerous and must meet the following size requirements:

- a) No. 3 size not less than 22” nor more than 23” for G06 – G09.
- b) No. 4 size not less than 25” nor more than 26” for G10 – G13.
- c) No. 5 size not less than 27” nor more than 28” for G14 and over.

C3. Duration Of Matches

C3.1 Playing time will be:

- a) G06 – G11 – playing times are specified in FFA Rules for Miniros small sided football
- b) G12 – 25 – minutes each way
- c) G13 – G14 – 30 minutes each way
- d) G15 – G16 – 35 minutes each way
- e) G17 – AA (including G30, G35, MPL, WPL) – 45 minutes each way
- f) G45 – 40 minutes each way

C3.2 The half-time interval will be a maximum of 5 minutes

C3.3 Time for stoppages will only be added in:

- a) The Premiership Final Series.
- b) All MPL 1st Grade and WPL matches
- c) Other matches approved by the BDAFA

C4. Fitness & Dressing Of Grounds

C4.1 A BDAFA Board member or staff member who is present or an Executive Officer from the host club may declare the ground unplayable. The appropriate BDAFA officials are to be advised of this decision immediately. Under no circumstances shall either the host club or Board member direct teams or clubs scheduled for the affected field to cancel their allocated game. This is the responsibility of the BDAFA Competition Manager who will endeavour to find another field for the match to be played on before cancellation.

C4.2 Fields should be correctly dressed as follows:

- a) Flag posts placed at each corner. Per the Laws of the Game.
- b) Seating or benches are to be provided near the half way mark on the same side of the field to accommodate each player and official of each team participating in match.
- c) The seating forms the technical area. The technical area is to be located at least 7.5 metres each side, from the half way mark with a minimum of 1 metre from the side line. There will be at least 15 metres between opposition technical areas.
- d) Nets are required and must be taped/secured to the goal-posts other than by nails.
- e) All playing fields must have a crowd control barrier at a distance of at least 1.5 metres consisting of either ropes or additional line markings applied by Council.

C4.3 Should fields for games not be properly dressed fifteen minutes prior to kick off, clubs may be fined per field for the first offence higher fines for subsequent offences.

C5. Ground Marshals / Team Marshals

C5.1 All host Clubs must have at least one Ground Marshal present and visible for each field. Ground Marshals must be at least 18 years old and shall patrol grounds and assist in the control of spectators at the ground but will in no way place themselves or others in a position where physical violence could result.

C5.2 Ground Marshals are to:

- a) Wear an identifying official jacket / bib and be readily available to assist referees, team, club officials or BDAFA officials in the enforcement of these Regulations.
- b) Ground Marshals shall submit a report to their Club Secretary concerning any incident that may be investigated by the BDAFA.

C5.3 Team Marshals are to:

- a) Wear an identifying official jacket / bib and will introduce themselves to the referee prior to the commencement of the match.
- b) The team marshal shall be responsible for their own team and spectator behaviour. Duties include the spectator behaviour for the team and monitoring of the spectator control lines to ensure they are not breached to allow the officials to control the match to an acceptable standard.
- c) The team marshal will be listed on each team sheet.
- d) Team Marshals shall submit a report to their Club Secretary concerning any incident that may be investigated by the BDAFA.
- e) For competition matches where there is more than one spectator all Clubs must have a minimum of one visible Team Marshal. For finals matches where there are

more than two spectators all Clubs must have a minimum of two visible Team Marshals.

C5.4 Ground and Team Marshals must be at least 18 years old

C5.5 Technical Areas – During matches Team Marshals are not allowed into the Technical Area unless consent is provided by a match official.

C6. Team Sheets

C6.1 Each team will provide their own copy of the approved BDAFA team sheet, which is to be handed in at the canteen of the field at which the game is played at the end of the match. An official of each team will write each of their players' names and ID Numbers in blue or black pen (not felt-tipped) or be pre-printed on the BDAFA Team Sheet Template prior to the start of the match. Only players playing in the match must be listed on the Team Sheet and any players listed on the team sheet who will not participate in the game should be struck out and initialled by the RTO prior to the match. The number on the player's shirt must correspond with his/her name and ID Number (except for goalkeepers – see section C1.3).

C6.2 All players who participate in a match must have:

- a) their name listed on the Team Sheet;
- b) their shirt number listed on the Team Sheet (except in Miniroos).
- c) "GK" listed on the Team Sheet in place of their shirt number, if they are wearing a goal keeper jersey without a number;
- d) their FFA number listed on the Team Sheet;
- e) a Registration ID available for inspection prior to their participation.

C6.3 In addition to the above, to complete the Team Sheet:

- a) Both teams will complete the match details (date/age/division/round/club/team).
- b) The Ground Marshall will verify their attendance by entering their name on and signing the Team Sheet and will also sign to verify the agreement from both teams on an unofficial referee.
- c) A RTO of both teams will:
 - i) Verify their agreement if an unofficial referee was used.
 - ii) Endorse the Team Sheet where a player played in a higher age group or division by adding the player's name and ID number in the Playing in Higher Age Group section of the team sheet.
- d) The Referee will complete the result and sign the Team Sheet
- e) A RTO from each team will sign the Team Sheet at the conclusion of the match to verify the details of their team and the score.

C6.4 Completed Team Sheets for all matches must be lodged physically with or scanned & emailed to the BDAFA Office by **8am on the Monday** following the match. If a club elects to they may scan and email the team sheets to BDAFA, then the team sheets must still be physically delivered to the BDAFA office by the following Friday at 5pm. The hosting Club must ensure these deadlines are met. Clubs may be fined for each Team Sheet not meeting the stated deadline.

C6.5 BDAFA will issue Team Sheet Infringement Summary sheets by the end of each week for the previous week (in a similar fashion to card tallies) thus providing clubs more timely details of errors and omissions and allowing them to action and instruct their RTOs. This will allow clubs to both minimise their fines and improve the quality of the team sheets submitted. Invoices for fines will be billed on a weekly basis.

C6.6 Teams will be included in the weekly Infringement Summary Sheets. However, excepting MPL and WPL, they will not be invoiced for any fines incurred in the first two fixtures of their competitions.

C6.7 Team Sheet Infringements are a BDAFA Administrative Determination and, other than in case of an error made by BDAFA, are final and not subject to appeal.

C7. Identity Management At Matches

C7.1 Prior to the start of each match (at least 15 minutes before kick-off), both teams' RTOs will have exchanged and undertaken their ID checks with their opposition's RTO who will maintain custody of them till the end of the match. A player will not take the field of play without producing his/her Registration ID as proof of his/her registration. It is the responsibility of each teams' RTO to review their opposing team's Registration IDs before the match commences to verify that all opposing players have a valid registration ID.

C7.2 If a player's eligibility is in doubt, the opposing manager may take details from the questioned player's Registration ID. The match must be played under protest (see Section 8) and duly noted on the team sheet prior to the commencement of the match, or as soon as possible if in relation to late arriving player(s).

C7.3 Details contained on Registration ID may only be used for the administration of the game of football.

C7.4 A team will not take the field nor a match start without Registration IDs being verified / exchanged. Teams will be allowed up to ten minutes after the scheduled kick-off time to provide their Registration IDs. Failure to comply with this will result in a forfeit.

C7.5 RTOs must display their Registration IDs so that they can be readily identified by a Ground Marshall, Club Committee member, BDAFA Official, Referee or other Official duly recognised by the Board.

C7.6 If a player is sent from the field of play by the Referee, the player's Registration ID is to be retained by the player's club for presentation to BDAFA (if required) PRIOR TO that team's next match. Any breaches of this regulation will result in a forfeit loss by the player's team. (Note this only applies to registration cards and not registration sheets)

C7.7 Players who arrive after the start of a match (eg those coming from another game or otherwise arriving late) must provide their Registration ID to the opposing Team's Official prior to participating in the match. The Registration ID and the player's eligibility will then be verified and retained with the other ids until the end of the match. The late arriving player's name must be included on the Team Sheet prior to the match commencing unless they are making the total number of players to eleven.

C7.8 Failure to comply with Section 7 Regulations will result in BDAFA reviewing the case which may result in no points being awarded to either team and a fine.

C8. Protests

C8.1 If, prior to the kick-off of a match, a team believes their opponent may be in breach of any of BDAFA's regulations they can elect to play the match under protest. Teams wishing to play under protest must inform the opposing team manager prior to the start of the match, or at the earliest opportunity if the protest is in relation to late arriving players. The protest must be noted on the Team Sheet (note only the match official can

add to the team sheet once match has commenced). Failure to do so will result in the dismissal of any such protest. Such protests duly noted **must** be confirmed in writing to BDAFA by the protesting Club. BDAFA will then, and only then, consider the merits of the protest and decide if there has been a breach of the BDAFA Regulations.

C8.2 Protests relating to the ground, goal posts and cross-bars will not be considered by BDAFA unless an objection has been lodged with the referee prior to the start of the match.

C8.3 BDAFA will send a copy of the protest to the club against which the protest has been lodged.

C8.4 BDAFA will not consider any protest regarding unofficial referees or refereeing decisions made in good faith by them.

C8.5 BDAFA may order the guilty club(s) engaged in a protest to pay such sum necessary towards defraying expenses incurred.

C8.6 If a BDAFA Board member is connected in any way with either club or the particular competition involved in a protest they will not vote on the outcome.

C8.7 BDAFA Protest Determinations are final and not subject to appeal.

C8.8 BDAFA will issue fines in cases where protests are deemed frivolous, vexatious or used as an insurance tool (ie where a protest is made and then withdrawn when the team wins the match).

C9. Before The Start Of Play

Before the start of each match both teams will:

C9.1 Confirm with the Ground Marshall or ground canteen if official referee or referees are assigned and present for their match.

C9.2 The Referee is to be presented with the team sheet of their allocated game by both teams before the start of play.

C9.3 If an Official or Club Referee is not appointed to the match, both teams must agree 10 minutes before the scheduled kick-off time on which one person will referee the entire match. If no agreement is reached the match is not to be played and no points will be awarded and the match will not be replayed. However, if BDAFA deems a team is using this regulation to avoid playing the match it may award the points to the opponent.

C9.4 There is no requirement to pay referee fees prior to the match as BDAFA bill clubs for referees and, as such, referees should not be paid cash.

C10. During the Match

C10.1 All teams participating in a match must occupy the benches provided on the same side of the field, to allow for referees / assistant referees to observe interchange or replacement of players. The edge of the technical area will be a minimum of 1 metre from the touch line. This must be marked and visible on the sideline. Only registered officials and players on the Team Sheet for the match in progress are permitted in the Technical Area. RTOs are not to enter the field of play while the match is in progress, except with the referee's permission.

C10.2 Any player / official injured during a game where such injury is deemed serious MUST NOT be removed from the field until a determination is made of the extent of the injury by ambulance personnel or suitably qualified and certified first aid practitioner. Clubs breaching this Regulation will be fined.

- a) A maximum of nine (9) persons may occupy the technical area and are made up of the following:
- b) Up to four (4) may be RTOs (registered coaches and managers); and
- c) Up to five (5) may be substitute / interchange players for the game in progress.
- d) In the technical area no mobile phones are to be used, and no hot beverages or hot food are to be present.

C11. Player Interchange

- a) Unlimited interchange shall apply to all BDAFA competitions. Interchange will take place only when the ball is out of play. A maximum of 16 players for all competitive and senior grades can be included on the Team Sheet.
- b) At interchanges players must leave the field at the nearest point on the boundary lines of the field unless they are already off the field or otherwise directed by the referee. Players may only enter the field from the touchline in front of their team's technical area or between there and where the touchline meets the half-way line.
- c) All interchange players in competitive grades will wear an interchange bib. This bib will be handed to the player (exchanged with) they are replacing as they leave the field of play to wear while they occupy the bench.

C12. Results

- a) The Club Recorder must record the results of their "Home listed" (ie those listed first in the competition draw) matches in the current BDAFA competition application by 7:30pm on Sunday each week (note this includes Small Sided matches). Results from mid-week matches must be recorded by 7:30pm of the day following the match.
- b) Entering of results for all Miniroos games is only for the purpose of assisting with grading the following year, restructuring groups in the current season and will not be published.

C13. Trophies and Awards

- a) Trophies or Awards will be presented to all registered players in the Non-Competitive grades
- b) Trophies or Awards so decided by BDAFA will be presented to the Premiership Winners and Runners-up from G12 upwards. All registered players and RTOs of such teams will be presented with such awards to a limit of 18 medals per team. Additional medals can be provided and charged for by BDAFA.
- c) Perpetual trophies and shields may be presented by BDAFA. Such awards will remain the property of BDAFA. Clubs are responsible for the return of these awards when requested by BDAFA. If such awards are lost or misplaced then the club responsible will be liable for the cost of replacing same.

C14. Member Protection Information and Reporting.

- a) All clubs and their members, coaches and managers will make themselves aware of their requirements under the “Working with Children” Legislation – including the registration of all club officials with the current working with children scheme and as dictated by Football NSW.
- b) Each club will have at least one (1) MPIO who can implement the current Rules and Regulations. Each club will produce in writing to the Association Secretary the name, address and telephone number of the MPIO.

C15. Unofficial Referees

- a) Although not a registered member of BFR, the Unofficial Referee (who may be a Club Referee, player, spectator or club official) has the same powers as an Official Referee and may officiate the game using FIFA’s Laws of the Game, any approved modifications of those Laws and BDAFA’s Regulations. They may issue cautions, temporary dismissals and send offs as required and must record the details of those issued on the Team Sheet or appropriate forms supplied by their Club (also available from the BDAFA website). The team sheet should be noted accordingly with the Club involved, players name, ID number and offence. All reports must be forwarded via the Club Secretary to reach BDAFA Secretary before Monday 5.30pm.
- b) It is preferable that the Unofficial Referee not be a Coach or the Manager of the participating teams.

D. GRIEVANCE AND DISCIPLINARY REGULATIONS

D1. Introduction

- D1.1 These Regulations are intended to cover all aspects of grievance and disciplinary matters within BDAFA.
- D1.2 Football NSW has granted Bankstown District Amateur Football Association (BDAFA) a mandate to be responsible for the organisation, promotion and regulation of football in the “Bankstown” region (defined by FNSW Boundaries).
- D1.3 If any part of these Regulations is void that part shall be severable and shall not affect the enforceability of the remaining sections of these Regulations.
- D1.4 Any capitalised terms used in these Regulations shall have the meaning given to them in Schedule D1.

D2. Correspondence, Prescribed Notices And Match Official Reports

D2.1 Correspondence and Specified Forms

- a) All correspondence in relation to any matter under these Regulations must be made electronically and directed to the email addresses set out in Schedule D2.
- b) Any Specified Forms can be located on the BDAFA website.

D2.2 Match Official Reports

- a) In order to ensure the efficiency of disciplinary and conduct matters, a Match Official must send to BDAFA Match Official Reports within two (2) days of a Match setting out the following:
 - i) any Yellow Card and Red Card Offences issued during the Match including the categorisation of Offences (set out in a **Match Official Send Off Report**) and
 - ii) any serious incidents that took place (set out in a **Match Official Incident Report**).
- b) All Match Official Reports must be sent by email to the BDAFA Judiciary.
- c) Match Official Incident Reports should include details concerning any Spectator behaviour.
- d) For the avoidance of doubt, facts contained in Match Official Reports are presumed to be true and accurate.
- e) Upon request a copy of a Match Official Incident Report which has resulted in a matter being referred to a Body shall be provided by BDAFA to each relevant Participant or Club who has been identified in a Match Official Incident Report and is the subject of such referral.

D2.3 Abandoned Matches other than for weather / injury reasons

Reports are to be submitted by Match Officials, Team Officials, Ground Marshalls and both clubs by Close of Business of the next Business Day.

D3. Objectives

- D3.1 To ensure that the game of football is played in accordance with the Laws of the Game.
- D3.2 To ensure that the game of football is played competitively and fairly in accordance with the principles of true sportsmanship.
- D3.3 To provide a system that sets out procedures for the administration and determination of disciplinary and conducts matters and Grievances relating to Members.

D3.4 To ensure consistency and transparency of approach are evident and present in all aspects of handling Grievances and conduct and disciplinary matters under these Regulations.

D4. Jurisdiction

D4.1 These Regulations shall apply exclusively to facilitate the expeditious and fair resolution of incidents, disciplinary, dispute and conduct matters relating to BDAFA Competitions as well as Grievances involving Members of BDAFA.

D4.2 Each Member shall submit exclusively to the jurisdiction of these Regulations and agrees that unless it has exhausted the procedures set out in these Regulations, it will not attempt to resolve any incident, disciplinary, dispute, conduct or Grievance matters by recourse to Football NSW or a court of law.

D5. Authority To Establish Committees And Tribunals

D5.1 These Regulations confirm the establishment of the following Bodies:

- a) Disciplinary Committee (**DC**);
- b) General Purposes Tribunal (**GPT**); and
- c) Appeals Tribunal (**AT**).

D6. Membership Of Bodies

D6.1 Appointment of Body Members

- a) BDAFA shall appoint an individual as the Chairperson of the Judiciary (DC and GPT) and another individual will be appointed as Deputy Chairperson.
- b) The Chairperson may, from time to time, appoint members (other than the chairperson and vice-chairperson) to sit on a Tribunal.
- c) The Chairperson may appoint person(s) to sit on a Tribunal hearing who are not Tribunal Members appointed under section D6.1(b) or if in its opinion, BDAFA believes a matter requires special attention or expertise.
- d) The Chairperson shall appoint the Disciplinary Committee consisting of at least three (3) Disciplinary Committee members.

D6.2 Composition of a Body

- a) The DC Panel for a hearing shall comprise of a minimum of three (3) and maximum of four (4) members in order to make valid decisions under section D7.
- b) A Tribunal shall comprise a minimum of three (3) and maximum of five (5) Tribunal members (including the Chairperson or Vice-Chairperson) in order to make a valid Determination under sections D8 and D9.

D6.3 Qualification of Body Members

- a) Each member of a Body shall have:
 - i) the ability to exercise independent judgment; and
 - ii) the requisite knowledge and/or experience of football, FFA Rules and Regulations, BDAFA Rules and Regulations and the Association Rules and Regulations which is appropriate for membership of the relevant Body.
- b) Except where the Chairperson otherwise determines, a person shall not be appointed to a Body if that person has been in the previous twelve (12) months or is currently:
 - i) a member of the executive committee or Board or Life Member of BDAFA affiliated Club involved in the cases before the Body;
 - ii) a coach, manager or player of a Club involved in the cases before the Body;

D6.4 Term

- a) Tribunal members shall be appointed for a term of twelve (12) months unless he or she has resigned or been removed pursuant to section D6.5.

D6.5 Resignation and Removal of Body Members

- a) A Member of a Body may resign by providing notice in writing to the General Manager of BDAFA.
- b) BDAFA may remove a Member of a Body by providing a notice in writing.

D6.6 Code of Conduct for Body Members

- a) Upon appointment by BDAFA, a member of a Body agrees to be bound by and to comply with the BDAFA's Code of Conduct applicable to members of a Body.

D7. Disciplinary Committee

D7.1 Jurisdiction

- a) Subject to section D7.1(b), the Disciplinary Committee has jurisdiction to:
 - i) issue Suspensions pursuant to section D7.2;
 - ii) rectify or review a disciplinary decision made by a Match Official pursuant to sections D7.3 to D7.4.
- b) The Disciplinary Committee shall only have jurisdiction to issue a Suspension that is no longer than one (1) calendar year. A Suspension that is longer than one (1) calendar year may only be issued by a Tribunal.

D7.2 Determination

- a) BDAFA shall, within three (3) days of any Match, refer any Match Official Report to the Disciplinary Committee for consideration and the issue of any Suspension.
- b) The Disciplinary Committee must issue Suspensions based on Match Official Reports and apply the Table of Offences as per the BDAFA Sentencing Matrix.
- c) The Disciplinary Committee must take into consideration a Participant's disciplinary history when determining a Suspension.
- d) The Disciplinary Committee must set out any Suspension in a Notice of Suspension which shall be issued by BDAFA to a Participant's Club as soon as is practicable, namely within one (1) day of receipt from the DC and no more than six (6) days of the relevant Match if that is practically possible.
- e) In any Notice of Suspension, the Disciplinary Committee may determine, in its absolute discretion, the type of Football Activity to which the Suspension relates.
- f) Notwithstanding this section D7.2, the Disciplinary Committee may, in its absolute discretion, refer any matter to a DC Hearing or Full GPT pursuant to section D8.5 if it considers a matter requires consideration by a Tribunal.

D7.3 Challenging a decision on the basis of Mistaken Identity in a Match Official Send-Off or Incident Report

- a) If a Participant claims that he or she was mistakenly identified in a Match Official Send-off or Incident Report, he or she (or the Participant's Club on the Participant's behalf) must notify the Disciplinary Committee by submitting either:
 - i) An email notification for Mistaken Identity in a Match Official Send-Off Report to BDAFA Judiciary within forty-eight (48) hours of the completion of the Match; or

- ii) an email notification for Mistaken Identity in a Match Official Incident Report by email to BDAFA Judiciary by 5pm the next working day following receipt of a DC Notice of Suspension.
- b) If BDAFA does not receive a properly detailed notification by the time specified in section D7.3(a), the Participant is deemed to have been responsible for the Offence and may, subject to the Disciplinary Committee's consideration of the incident, be issued with a Notice of Suspension.
- c) By 5pm the next working day following submission of a notification, the Participant must submit by email to BDAFA Judiciary evidence upon which the claim of mistaken identity is founded. The details of the submission must include:
 - i) in the case of section D7.3(a)(i), a signed written statement by the Participant who was reported by the Match Official in a Match Official Send Off Report that he or she was not responsible for the Offence and identifying to the best of their knowledge the name of the Participant responsible AND a signed written statement by the Participant who was responsible for the Offence OR from the Club identifying to the best of its knowledge the name of the Participant who was responsible; or
 - ii) in the case of section D7.3(a)(ii), a signed written statement by the Participant who was reported by the Match Official in a Match Official Incident Report that he or she was not responsible for the Offence and identifying to the best of their knowledge the name of the Participant responsible; AND a signed written statement by the Participant responsible for the Offence OR from the Club identifying to the best of its knowledge the name of the Participant responsible and
 - iii) any other evidence which may support the claim for mistaken identity.
- d) If BDAFA does not receive properly completed written statements by the time specified in section D7.3(c), the Participant is deemed to have been responsible for the Offence and may, subject to the Disciplinary Committee's consideration of the incident, be issued with a Notice of Suspension.
- e) After considering the evidence, the Disciplinary Committee will decide whether the claim for mistaken identity should be rejected or upheld.
- f) If the Disciplinary Committee rejects a claim for mistaken identity, it will consider the matter on the basis of the Match Official Report provided.
- g) If the Disciplinary Committee considers that a rejected claim for mistaken identity had no prospect of success and amounted to an abuse of process, it shall refer the matter to BDAFA who may charge the Participant and/or the Club for Misconduct pursuant to section D8.2.
- h) If the Disciplinary Committee upholds the mistaken identity claim, a Notice of Suspension shall be issued to the appropriate identified Participant, who shall serve the Suspension immediately.
- i) The decision made by the Disciplinary Committee will be conveyed to the Participant and/or the Club via email.

D7.4 Challenging a Notice of Suspension - Exceptional Circumstances

- a) Members acknowledge that a Match Official's decision to issue a Red Card cannot be reviewed by the BDAFA Disciplinary Committee and, except in the case of mistaken identity, a Red Card and a Mandatory Match Suspension (MMS) cannot be expunged by the Disciplinary Committee.
- b) A Participant (or the Participant's Club on the Participant's behalf) who has received a Notice of Suspension in respect of a Red Card Offence (other than in respect of R4, R5 or R7, or in circumstances where the Suspension is equal to the Mandatory Match Suspension) may choose to challenge the Suspension in accordance with this section D7.4.
- c) an email notification indicating a club's challenge of a DC Notice of Suspension Report must be made to the BDAFA Judiciary by 5pm the next working day following receipt of the initial DC Notice of Suspension.

- d) A challenge pursuant to this section D7.4 is to be dealt with by the Disciplinary Committee. However, the Disciplinary Committee members dealing with a matter pursuant to this section D7.4 must not be all the same members who determined the Suspension the subject of the challenge. At least 50% of the Disciplinary Committee panel reviewing the challenge should be different from the original Disciplinary Committee that issued the suspension notice.
- e) The Disciplinary Committee must not expunge a Red Card (except in the case of mistaken identity).
- f) The Disciplinary Committee must not expunge a Mandatory Match Suspension (except in the case of mistaken identity).
- g) In dealing with a challenge under this section D7.4, subject to this section D7.4(f), the Disciplinary Committee will have no power to remove a Red Card, a Mandatory Match Suspension or reduce a Minimum Suspension but may:
 - i) make a finding that the Offence has not been proven, in which case it may remove any Additional Suspension that may have been imposed; or
 - ii) make a finding that the Offence has been proven, in which case the Disciplinary Committee may, in its discretion, increase the Additional Suspension, decrease the Additional Suspension (but not below the applicable Minimum Suspension) and/or impose any additional sanctions on the Player as it sees fit; or
 - iii) make a finding that the Player is guilty of a different Offence, or the same Offence but at a different grading, in which case the applicable Minimum Suspension (at least) must be applied and, if the Disciplinary Committee, in its absolute discretion, sees fit, it may impose any additional sanctions on the Player.
- h) Subject to section D7.4(h), when determining a challenge in accordance with section D7.4(f), the Disciplinary Committee may consider:
 - i) the nature and severity of the Offence, including whether it was intentional, negligent or reckless;
 - ii) the Player's past record and whether or not this is a repeated Offence;
 - iii) the remorse of the Player; and
 - iv) any extenuating circumstances relevant to the commission of the Offence.
- i) When determining a challenge in accordance with section D7.4(f), the Disciplinary Committee must not, take into account the following circumstances:
 - i) the significance or importance to the Participant or his or her Club of the Match in which the Offence was committed;
 - ii) the significance or importance of any Match, Fixture or tournament in which the Participant will be ineligible to participate because of the imposition of a Suspension within the range in the Table of Offences;
 - iii) the point in the Match at which the Offence was committed; and
 - iv) any disciplinary decision taken or failure to take a disciplinary decision by a Match Official during the Match.
- j) If the identity of the Participant is at issue, prior to bringing a challenge under this section D7.4, the Participant must first challenge the Match Official Send-Off / Expulsion Report or the Notice of Suspension, as the case may be, in accordance with section D7.3 (Challenging a decision on the basis of mistaken identity in a Match Official Send-Off / Expulsion Report).
- k) If a Participant wishes to lodge a challenge to a Suspension under this section D7.4, the Participant must notify (via their Club executive) BDAFA (by 5:00pm on the second working day after the issuance of a Notice of Suspension) by submitting the following:
 - i) a signed written statement by the Participant (or his or her Club) setting out the grounds upon which he or she relies; and optionally
 - ii) video or photo evidence; and / or
 - iii) signed written statements from relevant witnesses

- l) Participants should note that the time limit set out above is strict. Unless there are exceptional circumstances (to be determined by the BDAFA Judiciary in its absolute discretion), if a Participant fails to comply with the requirements prescribed under section D7.4(j), including payment of any Application Fee, by the time specified therein, the Participant is deemed to have accepted the Suspension and waived his or her right to challenge the Suspension under this section D7.4 or to appeal under section D9.2a).
- m) The Disciplinary Committee may in its absolute discretion request additional information from BDAFA or the Participant prior to making a decision.
- n) After considering the evidence, the Disciplinary Committee will decide whether the challenge is to be rejected or is successful.
- o) The Disciplinary Committee must notify BDAFA of its decision within a reasonable time following referral from BDAFA.
- p) Upon receipt of the Disciplinary Committee's determination, BDAFA must, as soon as is practicable, notify in writing (via email) the Participant's Club and, if applicable, set out the revised Suspension in a Notice of Suspension and issue same to the Participant's Club. That Club must, as soon as is practicable, advise the Participant of the Disciplinary Committee's determination and, if applicable, provide the Participant with a copy of the Notice of Suspension. Failure by the Club to do so is deemed to be a breach of these Regulations.

D7.5 Appealing a decision of the Disciplinary Committee

- a) A Participant wishing to appeal a decision to the Appeals Tribunal must submit a Notice of Appeal of a DC to BDAFA Appeals within five (5) business days of receiving the final decision of the Disciplinary Committee and Club will be invoiced for the relevant Application Fee.
- b) For a Notice of Appeal to be complete, a party must state the Ground or Grounds of Appeal per D9.2 and a brief statements on how such ground would apply and provide to BDAFA a copy of any written submissions, materials, documents or other evidence it intends to rely on and must.
- c) Subject to section D9.2, the decision of the Disciplinary Committee in relation to claims of mistaken identity in a Match Official Report (section D7.3) and exceptional circumstances (section D7.4) may be appealed to the Appeals Tribunal pursuant to section D9.
- d) The Participant should note that the time limits set out above are strict. Only a completed Notice of Appeal of a DC submitted before the relevant deadlines will be considered by the DC.

D8. General Purposes Tribunal

D8.1 Jurisdiction

- a) The GPT will be responsible for hearing and determining in accordance with these Regulations:
- b) charges of Misconduct and Disrepute referred to it pursuant to section D8.2;
- c) Grievances between Members pursuant to section D8.3;
- d) any other matter the Board considers important to the interests of football in the District. Such a decision is to be at the absolute discretion of BDAFA.;
- e) any other matter referred by the DC to the GPT pursuant to D8.5.
- f) The applicable Application Fees for matters set out in section D8.1(a) are set out in Schedule D4. A matter will not proceed unless the relevant Application Fee has been lodged.

D8.2 Charges of Misconduct and Disrepute

- a) BDAFA may investigate any matter which in its opinion is relevant to whether or not a charge of Misconduct or Disrepute ought to be laid. Such

- investigation may be initiated on the basis of a report of a Member, a complaint by a Member or on the basis of any other evidence which in the opinion of BDAFA is credible.
- b) Such investigation may be carried out by BDAFA as it sees fit and Members are required to cooperate fully with BDAFA in the conduct of that investigation.
 - c) At any time, the Board may determine whether any charge of Misconduct or Disrepute is to be laid and in relation to such charge whether:
 - i) it is to be referred to the GPT; or
 - ii) it is to be dealt with in any other manner which BDAFA deems appropriate,
 - d) If a charge has been laid by BDAFA, it will issue a Notice of Charge against the Member. The Notice of Charge will set out, amongst other things, details of the charge and the requirement for the Member to stand down (see section D13.1). A Member charged must submit a Notice of Response to BDAFA Judiciary by the date specified in the Notice of Charge.
 - e) A Notice of Response enables the Member charged to select, amongst other things, whether it wishes to:
 - i) plead guilty or not guilty to the charge(s);
 - ii) accept the reports attached to the Notice of Charge;
 - iii) provide written statements; and
 - iv) be represented by a lawyer.
 - f) A Member who pleads guilty in a Notice of Response may be eligible for leniency by a Tribunal in respect of a sanction.
 - g) Unless there is a reasonable excuse, if BDAFA does not receive a properly completed and signed Notice of Response by the time specified in the Notice of Charge then the Member has:
 - h) deemed to have pleaded guilty to the charge(s) set out in the Notice of Charge; and
 - i) accepted the reports set out in the Notice of Charge.

D8.3 Grievances

- a) A Grievance will only be accepted by BDAFA if sections D8.3(c) to D8.3(d) have been satisfied.
- b) BDAFA may in its unfettered discretion decide not to refer to the GPT or to dismiss any Grievance which it determines is a Vexatious Claim.
- c) Before referring any Grievance to BDAFA, any Member making a Claim (**Claimant**) or a Complaint (**Complainant**) must write to the other Member involved in the subject matter of the Grievance (**Respondent**) with details of the Claim or Complaint (as the case may require) allowing the Respondent at least seven (7) business days to respond. The Respondent's reply must include reasons for any disagreement with the details of the Claim or Complaint (as the case may require).
- d) If a response is not received within seven (7) business days of the notice from the Claimant or Complainant referred to in section D8.3(c) or the Claim or Complaint is not otherwise resolved, the Claimant or Complainant may in writing refer the Grievance to BDAFA in accordance with section D8.3(e).
- e) In the first instance, a Grievance will be dealt with by mediation pursuant to section D11 unless, in its absolute discretion, BDAFA believes that a Grievance should be referred to a GPT immediately.

D8.4 (left in for completeness)

D8.5 Referral from the Disciplinary Committee

- a) Pursuant to section D7.2(f), the Disciplinary Committee may, in its absolute discretion, refer any matter to the GPT if it considers the matter requires consideration by a Tribunal.

- b) If a referral is made by the Disciplinary Committee, BDAFA will issue the Participant with a Notice of Charge within 3 working days of the referral and the Participant is required to submit a Notice of Response to BDAFA Judiciary by the date specified in the Notice of Charge.

D8.6 Appealing a decision of the GPT

- a) The decision of the GPT in relation to charges of Misconduct and Disrepute (section D8.2), Grievances (section D8.3) subject to section D9.4, and referrals from the Disciplinary Committee (section D8.5) may be appealed to the Appeals Tribunal pursuant to section D9.
- b) A Member wishing to appeal a decision of the GPT to the Appeals Tribunal must submit a Notice of Appeal of a GPT to BDAFA Judiciary within five (5) days of the decision of the GPT being sent to the Club together with the relevant Application Fee.
- c) For a Notice of Appeal to be complete, a Member (or his representative) must state the Ground or Grounds of Appeal per D9.2 and a brief statements on how such ground would apply and provide to BDAFA a copy of any written submissions, materials, documents or other evidence it intends to rely on and must.
- d) The time limits set out above are strict and only a properly completed Notice of Appeal which is received by BDAFA before the expiry of the relevant time limits will be considered by the Appeals Tribunal.

D8.7 Determinations of the GPT

- a) The Determination of the GPT will be in accordance with majority opinion of the GPT members.
- b) The types of sanctions that the GPT may impose are set out in Schedule D3.
- c) If a fine is imposed, the GPT shall determine the terms of payment.
- d) Any sanctions imposed under this section D8.7 may be combined.
- e) Any failure to comply with a Determination of the GPT is itself a breach of these Regulations and will be considered in contempt of a Tribunal pursuant to section D12.14.
- f) A short oral or written indication of the outcome of the hearing by the GPT shall be provided to the parties within two (2) business days of the completion of the hearing. A full written Determination, with reasons given for the decision, will be provided within fourteen (14) business days, if requested by a party in writing.

D9. Appeals Tribunal

D9.1 Jurisdiction

- a) The Appeals Tribunal will be responsible for hearing and determining appeals from the:
 - i) DC pursuant to section D7.5 but subject to section D9.2; and
 - ii) GPT pursuant to sections D8.5 and D15.2 but subject to sections D9.2 and D9.4.

D9.2 Grounds of Appeal

The sole grounds of an appeal to the Appeals Tribunal are:

- a) a party was not afforded a reasonable opportunity to present its case (Note – this cannot apply when a club fails to make a challenge under D7.4;
- b) lack or excess of jurisdiction of the sentencing Body as defined in these regulations;
- c) the decision of the Body was affected by actual bias;

- d) the decision was one that was not reasonably open to the Body having regard to the evidence before the Body (including the application of the Sentencing Matrix); or
- e) severity only where the decision of the Body imposed a sanction of at least:
 - i) a Fixture Suspension of six (6) or more Fixtures; or
 - ii) a Time Suspension of three (3) or more months; or
 - iii) a fine of one thousand five hundred dollars (\$1,500) or more; or
 - iv) a loss of six (6) or more Competition points; or
 - v) expulsion from a Competition.

D9.3 Determination of the Appeals Tribunal

- a) The AT Determination will be in accordance with majority opinion of the AT members.
- b) The AT has the power to:
 - i) dismiss, allow in whole or part, or vary (whether by way of reduction or increase) a decision including any sanction or penalty imposed by the Body;
 - ii) impose any sanction, measure or make any order the AT thinks fit or a decision that the Body could have imposed under these Regulations.
- c) A failure to comply with a Determination of the AT is itself a breach of these Regulations and will be considered in contempt of a Tribunal pursuant to section D12.14.
- d) A short oral or written indication of the outcome of the hearing shall be provided to the parties within five (5) business days of the completion of the hearing with a full written Determination, with reasons given for the decision, will be provided within twenty one (21) business days.

D9.4 Appeals against a GPT in relation to a Grievance

- a) No appeal can be brought from a decision of the GPT except with leave from the Appeals Tribunal (AT) granted in accordance with this section D9.
- b) Any Notice of Appeal of a GPT in relation to a Grievance received by BDAFA must be referred, within three (3) working days of receipt, to the Chairperson of the AT (or if he or she is not available to the Vice Chairperson of the AT) for determination as to whether leave should be granted for the Appeal to proceed.
- c) The Chairperson of the AT shall determine, within seven (7) working days of receipt of a Notice of Appeal referred under section 9.4(b), whether leave to appeal should be granted and the outcome of such determination shall be communicated in writing to the party lodging the appeal within ten (10) working days of the lodging of the Notice of Appeal.
- d) In determining whether leave to Appeal should be granted, the Chairperson of the AT shall have regard to:
 - i) the grounds of appeal set out in the Notice of Appeal;
 - ii) whether any obvious error on the part of the GPT has been identified;
 - iii) the prospects of success of the appeal; and
 - iv) the nature and significance of the Grievance and the subject of the decision being appealed;
- e) If the AT decides that leave to appeal should not be granted, it may, in its absolute discretion recommend that all or part of the Appeal Fee should be refunded.
- f) If leave to appeal is granted, an appeal lodged pursuant to this section shall proceed and be determined in the same manner as all other appeals determined by the AT.

D10. No Recourse To Courts

D10.1 Any Determination by the AT will be final and binding on the parties to the appeal and no person may institute or maintain proceedings in any court of law or tribunal in relation to such Determination (other than the limited right of appeal to the Football NSW subject to the Football NSW Grievance and Disciplinary Regulations).

D11. Mediation

D11.1 In relation to a Grievance between Members pursuant to section D8.3, BDAFA will require Members to attend a meeting with a representative of BDAFA and an independent person who shall act as a mediator for the purpose of attempting to reach agreement for the resolution of the Grievance.

D11.2 The mediator shall be a person who, in the opinion of BDAFA, is appropriately qualified to conduct the mediation, and may include a member of the Institute of Arbitrators & Mediators Australia or other similar body, or a legal practitioner.

D11.3 Unless otherwise determined by BDAFA, any costs involved in the mediation, including the costs of the Mediator, shall be borne equally by the parties to the Grievance.

D11.4 The mediation shall commence within fourteen (14) days after the submission of a Grievance Notice.

D11.5 The mediation shall be conducted on a without prejudice basis and the mediator shall have no power to impose any Suspension, decision or sanction on any of the parties.

D11.6 Mediation shall continue for a period no longer than thirty (30) days.

D11.7 Unless agreement has been reached within thirty (30) days of the start of the mediation, BDAFA will, refer the matter to the GPT in accordance with these Regulations.

D11.8 Any failure by a Member to attend mediation convened in accordance with this section when reasonably requested by BDAFA to do and without reasonable excuse shall amount to Misconduct. BDAFA may refer such matters to the GPT for determination in accordance with section D8.2.

D12. Administrative Procedures Of Tribunals

D12.1 Electronic Documents

- a) In order to ensure the efficiency of disciplinary and conduct matters, all documents referred to in these Regulations shall be sent by email to the respective addresses set out in Schedule D2.

D12.2 Responsibility of BDAFA

- a) Upon receipt of the Match Official and other reports the BDAFA Judiciary will review the reports for each case and either issue a Notice of Suspension based on the reports and the BDAFA Judiciary Sentencing Matrix or refer the case to the BDAFA Judiciary Chair.
- b) The BDAFA Judiciary may determine that a Desk Tribunal will be held to review evidence and documents submitted by the parties involved in an incident or matter rather than convening a full hearing.
- c) Where a Tribunal is required to convene a hearing pursuant to sections D8 or D9, BDAFA shall:

- i) set a date for the hearing;
- ii) issue a Notice of Proceedings; and
- iii) convene a Tribunal in accordance with these Regulations.

D12.3 Submissions by a party

- a) For a GPT hearing, a party must provide to BDAFA a copy of any written submissions, materials, documents or other evidence it intends to rely on in the hearing at the time of submitting a Notice of Response. For an Appeals Tribunal hearing, a party must provide to BDAFA a copy of any written submissions, materials, documents or other evidence it intends to rely on in the hearing at the time of submitting a Notice of Appeal.
- b) All written submissions, materials, documents or other evidence supplied to BDAFA must be sent to BDAFA Judiciary.
- c) All written submissions, materials, documents or other evidence supplied to BDAFA will be provided to the other parties (including an Affected Party) involved in the hearing.

D12.4 Affected Party

- a) A Member submitting a Notice of Appeal or Grievance Form must state whether there is any other Member who may be affected by the decision based on the relief sought.
- b) If a Member has not identified an Affected Party, a Tribunal may require that any relevant document be given to a Member if it is of the view that the outcome of the hearing may affect the interests of that Member.
- c) BDAFA may, in its absolute discretion, consider itself an Affected Party for the purposes of this section D12.4 if it considers that the determination of a matter may affect the interests of BDAFA, FNSW, FFA or may bring the game into Disrepute or damage the reputation and goodwill of the game.
- d) An Affected Party provided with notice under this section D12.4 may participate in the hearing as an Affected Party, including by making submissions. The Affected Party is bound by any decision.
- e) If an Affected Party provided with notice elects to not participate in a hearing, that Affected Party cannot subsequently initiate a Grievance under these Regulations in relation to the same subject matter.

D12.5 Legal Representation

- a) A party (including an Affected Party) shall have the right to be represented by a lawyer at a Tribunal hearing. Details of legal representation must be set out in the Notice of Appeal or Notice of Response.
- b) Should such party elect to be represented by a lawyer then they will also be liable to pay any of BDAFA's costs in regard to its legal representation.

D12.6 Parent / Guardian

- a) A party must be accompanied at a hearing before a Tribunal by a parent or legal guardian if he or she is under the age of eighteen (18).

D12.7 Non-attendance

- a) If any party or witness who has been properly notified of a hearing fails to attend a Tribunal hearing without showing sufficient cause for such failure, the hearing can proceed ex parte and determined in that party's absence, including as to Determination on the merits and/or sanction. An ex parte Determination of a Tribunal has the same force and effect as if it was made after a full hearing before that Tribunal.
- b) If any party or witness that fails to attend a Tribunal hearing without reasonable excuse or sufficient cause is a Member, that Member shall be deemed to have committed Misconduct and shall be subject to sanction under section D8.2.

- c) If any party can provide justification in advance of the hearing the Body may consent to allow them to participate in the hearing electronically.

D12.8 Adjournment

- a) A party may apply in writing to a Tribunal at least two (2) business days before the start of any Tribunal hearing to have the hearing adjourned provided there are compelling circumstances which may warrant an adjournment, including avoiding significant costs, hardship or inconvenience to the party. Any decision to adjourn a hearing will be at the absolute discretion of the Tribunal.

D12.9 General conduct of Tribunal hearings

- a) A Tribunal will not be bound by the rules of evidence usually applicable to proceedings in courts of law.
- b) All hearings must be conducted in accordance with the principles of natural justice.
- c) A Tribunal may conduct the hearing in any matter as it sees fit provided that:
 - i) all parties are given a reasonable opportunity to be heard;
 - ii) the hearing is conducted with as little formality and technicality and with as much expedition as proper consideration of the matters before it permits.
- d) A Tribunal is empowered to:
 - i) take evidence. The admissibility and weight to be given to any evidence in a hearing shall be at the discretion of a Tribunal;
 - ii) require the attendance of any Member or Participant to give evidence;
 - iii) require the production of any document, information or other material in whatever form held by any Member;
 - iv) inform itself on any matter or thing in order to properly carry out its function in accordance with these Regulations.
- e) To the extent that a matter relating to the procedures of a Tribunal is not provided for by these Regulations, the Chairperson of a Tribunal may issue appropriate directions for the conduct of any matter or hearing.

D12.10 Disclosure of Tribunal members

- a) In the interests of ensuring independence, BDAFA shall not disclose the identity of those Tribunal members prior to a hearing to any party.

D12.11 Challenge of jurisdiction or of a Tribunal member

- a) If a Member wishes to allege that a Tribunal does not have jurisdiction, it must raise this objection in its Notice of Response or Notice of Appeal. A Tribunal has the power to rule on any objection that it has no jurisdiction. In general, a Tribunal should determine any challenge concerning its jurisdiction as a preliminary question. However, a Tribunal may proceed with the hearing and rule on such an objection in its final Determination.
- b) A Tribunal member may be challenged if circumstances exist that give rise to justifiable doubts as to his or her impartiality or independence. Such a plea must be raised in oral submissions as a preliminary question at the hearing. The Tribunal has the power to rule on this objection and, if the challenge fails, reasons must be provided in the final Determination.

D12.12 Onus of proof

- a) A Body shall make Determinations on the balance of probabilities.

D12.13 Costs generally

- a) The parties to a Tribunal hearing shall pay their own costs unless the Tribunal determines otherwise.
- b) In a hearing, the Tribunal may award the costs it considers appropriate on:
 - i) the application of a party to the proceeding; or
 - ii) its own initiative.

- c) In deciding whether to award costs, and the amount of the costs, the Tribunal may have regard to the following:
 - i) the outcome of the hearing;
 - ii) the conduct of the parties to the proceeding before and during the hearing;
 - iii) the nature and complexity of the hearing;
 - iv) any legal costs incurred by a party (including an Affected Party and a Tribunal);
 - v) the relative strengths of the claims made by each of the parties to the hearing;
 - vi) any contravention of the FFA, FNSW or BDAFA Rules and Regulations by a party to the proceeding; and
 - vii) anything else the Tribunal considers relevant.
- d) A party to a proceeding is not entitled to costs only because the Tribunal made an order or orders in a party's favour.
- e) The power of the Tribunal to award costs under these Regulations is in addition to the Tribunal's power to award costs under any other provision of the FFA Rules and Regulations and BDAFA Rules and Regulations.

D12.14 Contempt in the face of a Tribunal

- a) A person before a Tribunal must not:
 - i) insult a member of a Tribunal in relation to the exercise of the powers or functions of the Tribunal;
 - ii) repeatedly interrupt the proceedings of a Tribunal;
 - iii) create a disturbance or take part in creating or continuing a disturbance in or near a place where Tribunal is sitting;
 - iv) fail to comply in full with an order of the Tribunal; or
 - v) do any other act or thing that would, if a Tribunal were a court of record, constitute a contempt of a Tribunal.
- b) If a Tribunal considers that a person has breached this section D12.14, then it may impose sanctions as it sees fit in accordance with these Regulations.

D12.15 Tribunal may hear proceedings regardless of related criminal or disciplinary action

- a) A Body may issue Suspensions or make a determination whether or not a Member:
 - i) has been charged with, convicted of or sentenced for an offence arising out of the contravention;
 - ii) is the subject of a pending disciplinary proceedings relating to the contravention; or
 - iii) may be, or has been, subject to disciplinary action in relation to the contravention.

D12.16 Immunity

- a) The parties to any proceedings brought under these Regulations, and their respective witnesses, agree not to institute or maintain any proceedings, or bring any claim against BDAFA, a Body or member of a Body, in respect of any act or omission during the course of a hearing or arising out of any Determination or findings made.

D12.17 Correction of a Determination

- a) Within five (5) business days of receipt of a Determination, either party (including an Affected Party) to a hearing may submit to BDAFA Judiciary a request to correct in the Determination any errors in computation, any clerical or typographical errors or any other error of a similar nature. If the Tribunal considers the request to be justified, it will make the correction and reissue the Determination to the parties.

D12.18 Publication and Confidentiality

- a) Subject to any term of a Determination imposing confidentiality or any other legal requirements, any Determination or Suspensions may be disclosed on the BDAFA website.
- b) All evidence and information provided in proceedings of a Tribunal must be treated in the strictest confidence. Parties and their representatives and witnesses must not use or disclose to any third party any confidential information obtained during the course of a hearing.

D12.19 Legal advice

- a) A Tribunal may, in its absolute discretion, seek legal advice prior to or during any hearing and as such is entitled to adjourn the hearing and/or prior to giving its Determination.

D12.20 BDAFA staff

- a) BDAFA staff shall not be required to provide evidence at a hearing (whether oral or written) unless BDAFA is an Affected Party to a hearing or a Tribunal considers otherwise.

D13. Suspension Orders

D13.1 Interim Suspension Orders

- a) Where a Member has been charged by BDAFA in relation to an alleged act of Misconduct (see section D8.2) or with a criminal offence in connection with disciplinary action pursuant to these Regulations, BDAFA shall have the power to order that a Member be suspended, pending determination of such a matter, from all or any specific Football Activity for such period and on such terms and conditions as BDAFA considers fit (an “**Interim Suspension Order**”).
- b) The period of an Interim Suspension Order shall not be capable of lasting beyond the date upon which any charge of Misconduct or criminal offence or other disciplinary proceedings referred to in section D13.1(a) above is decided or brought to an end.

D13.2 Suspension for serious criminal charges and offences

- a) BDAFA shall have the power to order that a Member be suspended from all or any specific Football Activity for such period and on such terms and conditions as it considers fit where the Member has been charged or convicted of a criminal offence and where the Board considers there is a risk of physical harm to another Member.

D13.3 Suspension following disqualification from working with children

- a) Where a Member is prohibited under child protection legislation from regulated activity relating to children, BDAFA shall have the power to order that the individual be suspended immediately from all or any specific Football Activity for such a period and on such terms and conditions as it sees fit.

D14. Serving Of Suspensions

D14.1 Suspensions to be served immediately

- a) Subject to this section D14, any Suspension imposed by a Body shall be served immediately and apply in respect of those Football Activities listed in the Notice of Suspension or a Determination.
- b) Members who have been charged for an Offence that carries more than the minimum Fixture Suspension shall remain ineligible for selection for any BDAFA Match until a Body has decided on the Suspension.

- c) A Member does not need to be registered to serve any Time Suspension but does need to be registered to serve a Fixture Suspension.

D14.2 Club Responsibility on Suspensions and Team Sheets – edited as per Board directive 17th March 2021

- a) *The relevant Club shall be responsible for ensuring a Member is suspended in accordance with any Notice of Suspension or Determination.*
- ~~b) *The Club shall submit a Notice of Suspension Served (BDAFA Online Suspension Served Form) to BDAFA Judiciary when a Suspension has been completed.*~~
- c) *Clubs must list in an appropriate place on any team sheet any Player or Official who is registered with or by that Club and who is serving a Suspension at the time the team sheet is completed. (when new team sheets are approved they will have this section)*

D14.3 Fixture Suspensions and Time Suspensions generally

- a) A Body may issue Suspensions either in terms of the number of Fixtures for which a Participant shall be suspended (**Fixture Suspension**) or the amount of time for which a Participant shall be suspended (**Time Suspension**).
- b) Unless otherwise specified, a Suspension imposed in terms of Fixtures on a Participant in:
 - i) eleven-a-side football only affects that Participant's participation in eleven-a-side football;
 - ii) Futsal only affects that Participant's participation in futsal; or
 - iii) Summer Football only affects that Participant's participation in Summer Football.
- c) A Suspension imposed in terms of time (such as days, weeks or months) affects a Participant's participation for both that Participant's eleven-a-side and futsal / Summer Football Club, regardless of whether the infringement was committed in an eleven-a-side football or futsal / Summer Football.
- d) Upon issuing a Time Suspension, a Body must provide a start date and end date of the Suspension.
- e) A Participant issued with a Time Suspension shall be ineligible to participate in any Football Activity as directed in his or her Notice of Suspension or Determination and until such time as the Suspension has been served. For the avoidance of doubt, this includes participating in any BDAFA Competition or FNSW sanctioned competition.
- f) A Participant who has been sent-off in any Premiership or Cup Fixture shall be suspended from participating in the next Premiership or Cup Fixture, whichever occurs first. However, a Participant shall not serve this Suspension in a Pre-Season Competition or Trial Match.
- g) For the purposes of section D14.3(f), a Participant must serve the Suspension in the same age-grade for which he or she received that Suspension and shall not be eligible to participate in any Fixture until that Suspension is served in full.
- h) For the purposes of section D14.3(f), any Suspension received during a Pre-Season Competition or Trial Match (sanctioned and / or administered by BDAFA) are required to be served in that Pre-Season Competition in that Participant's team's next consecutive Trial Match, Pre-Season Competition Match, Premiership, or Cup Fixture whichever occurs first until the Suspension is served in full.
- i) If a Participant is currently subject to a Suspension, that Participant may participate in a Trial Match if, and only if, the Participant's Club has obtained written approval from BDAFA for the Participant to participate in that Trial Match.

- j) Premiership and Cup Suspensions cannot be served in any BDAFA Representative Matches (“External Matches”). For example, a Participant cannot serve any Suspension in a FFA national titles or FNSW state titles, however, suspensions can be served in FNSW Champion of Champions.
- k) Should a Participant receive a Suspension in an External Match (for example FNSW state titles / Champion of Champions) that Suspension shall be served in the next consecutive Fixture(s) for that competition whilst their team is still playing in that competition. If the participant’s team is no longer competing in the representative competition their suspension will be served in their BDAFA competition, until the Suspension is served in full.
- l) Only those Matches actually played count towards the completion of any Fixture Suspension.
- m) Notwithstanding section D14.3(l), if a Match is abandoned or forfeited pursuant to BDAFA Rules and Regulations then that Match can be considered in relation to serving a Suspension but only if the suspended Player’s team did not contribute to the facts that led to the abandonment or forfeiture of a Match.
- n) BDAFA shall have the final decision on whether a Suspension or part thereof may be served in an abandoned or forfeited Match.

D14.4 Non-selection of BDAFA representative teams

- a) If a Participant has been selected to represent BDAFA or a region in a representative competition, event or tournament and then subsequently has been issued with an Interim Suspension Order (see section D13.1) BDAFA may, in its absolute discretion, decide to suspend the Participant from representing BDAFA or the region at that representative competition, event or tournament. Any decision made by BDAFA under this section D14.4 is final and not subject to any appeal.

D15. Conduct

D15.1 Insolvent conduct

- a) Where any Member suffers an Insolvency Event, it shall be referred to BDAFA who may:
 - i) in the case of a Club during the playing season, deduct any or all points it has accumulated in the relevant Competition in which it participates;
 - ii) in the case of a Club during the off-season, deduct points prior to the commencement of the next Competition in which it participates;
 - iii) in the case of a Member, suspend or expel the Member from membership in accordance with the BDAFA Rules and Regulations; or
 - iv) take such action it considers reasonable to protect the interests of BDAFA and the game of football.
- b) A decision made by BDAFA under section D15.1(a) is final and not subject to appeal.

D15.2 Misconduct

- a) Misconduct shall mean any act or omission by a Member which:
 - i) constitutes a breach of the FIFA Statutes and Regulations;
 - ii) constitutes a breach of the FFA Rules and Regulations;
 - iii) constitutes a breach of the Laws of the Game;
 - iv) constitutes a breach of a BDAFA Rules and Regulations (including these Regulations) unless a document contains a provision or provisions for dealing with any breach thereof;
 - v) is unsportsmanlike or unprofessional;
 - vi) brings or may bring the game into Disrepute or damage the reputation and goodwill of the game; or

- vii) in the opinion of BDAFA, is or may be prejudicial to the interests or reputation of either the game of football in the State, BDAFA or any of its sponsors.

D16. On-Field Misconduct

D16.1 Yellow Cards and Temporary Dismissals

- a) A Yellow Card or Temporary Dismissal (TD) is issued by a Match Official to a Player due to the following cautionable offences specified in the Laws of the Game and shall be given as follows:

Code	Description
Y1	The player is guilty of unsporting conduct
Y2	The player shows dissent by action or word (including Temporary Dismissals)
Y3	The player persistently infringes the Laws of the Game
Y4	The player delays the restart of play
Y5	The player fails to respect the required distance when play is restarted with a corner kick, free kick or throw in
Y6	Entering, or re-entering or deliberately leaving the field of play without the referees permission.

- b) For the avoidance of doubt:
 - i) if a Player receives a Red Card having received two (2) Yellow Cards in a Match these cards shall not be considered when accumulating cautions pursuant to sections D16.2 to D16.4.;
 - ii) if a Player is dismissed from the field of play having received two (2) TDs in a match, these TDs shall not be considered when accumulating cautions pursuant to sections D16.2 to D16.4; or
 - iii) However, if a player receives any combination of three (3) yellow cards and TDs in a match then one will be considered when accumulating cautions pursuant to sections D16.2 to D16.4

D16.2 Accumulation of Yellow Cards and Temporary Dismissals (TDs) – Premiership Rounds

- a) A Player who accumulates five (5) Yellow Cards and / or TDs in the Premiership shall serve a mandatory one (1) Fixture Suspension. The Fixture Suspension shall be served immediately.
- b) A Player who accumulates an additional three (3) Yellow Cards and / or TDs (in total eight (8) Yellow Cards and / or TDs) in the Premiership shall serve a mandatory 2 (two) Fixture Suspension. The Fixture Suspension shall be served immediately.
- c) A Player who accumulates ten (10) Yellow Cards and / or TDs in the Premiership shall serve a mandatory three (3) Fixture Suspension. The Fixture Suspension shall be served immediately.
- d) A Player who accumulates his or her eleventh (11th) Yellow Card and / or TD in the Premiership shall be required to appear before a GPT and shall not be eligible to participate in any Fixture until he or she has appeared before the GPT and has served the sanction imposed by the GPT.

D16.3 Accumulation of Yellow Cards and Temporary Dismissals – Premiership Finals Series

- a) At the end of the Premiership Rounds each season each players accumulation of yellow cards and / or TDs is reset to zero.
- b) A Player who accumulates his or her fifth (5th), eighth (8th), tenth (10th) or eleventh (11th) eleventh (11th) Yellow Card and / or TDs in their last premiership round shall still served the sanctions as detailed in section D16.2.

- c) A Player who accumulates two (2) Yellow Cards and / or TDs in the BDAFA Premiership Finals Series serve a mandatory one (1) Fixture Suspension to be served immediately in the next finals fixture to be played in that Season or in their next match in the following Premiership season.

D16.4 Accumulation of Yellow Cards and Temporary Dismissals - Cup

- a) A Player who accumulates two (2) Yellow Cards and / or TDs in a Cup Match shall serve a mandatory one (1) Fixture Suspension, to be served immediately, in the next Fixture (be that a Cup or Premiership Fixture) that the Participant’s team plays.

D16.5 Red Card Offences

- a) Subject to section D7, a Participant who receives a Red Card must serve a mandatory one (1) Fixture Suspension (referred to as Mandatory Match Suspension).
- b) A Red Card may be issued by a Match Official during a Match against a Participant who engages in any one of the following offences and also listed at the Table of Offences at Schedule D3 to these Regulations:

Code	Description
R1	Serious foul play
R2	Violent conduct
R3	Spitting at an opponent or any other person
R4	Denying the opposing team a goal or an obvious goal-scoring opportunity by deliberately handling the ball (this does not apply to a goal-keeper within his own penalty area
R5	denying 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	using offensive, insulting or abusive language and/or gestures
R7	receiving a second caution in the same match OR receiving a second Temporary Dismissal in the same match.

- c) Suspensions shall be served immediately and in accordance with section D14 of these Regulations.
- d) Red Cards issued during an abandoned Match will be upheld regardless of whether the Match is replayed or not.

D16.6 Accumulation of Red Cards

- (a) A Player who accumulates the following Red Card infringements during the same playing season, regardless of the Competition or Club in which those Red Cards are received, will receive the following further sanction:

Number of Red Cards accumulated:	Suspension	In Addition:
Two (2) during the same playing season	The Suspension issued in respect of the 2nd Red Card plus a further Suspension of one (1) Fixture	N/A
Three (3) during the same playing season	The Suspension issued in respect of the 3rd Red Card plus a further Suspension of two (2) Fixtures	N/A
Four (4) or more during the same playing season	The Suspension issued in respect of the 4th Red Card plus a further Suspension of three (3) Fixtures	Referred to GPT for hearing and potential additional sanction

Note: The further Suspension cannot be appealed. It must be served immediately after the Suspension issued in respect of the second or subsequent Red Card, in

the same age grade in which that Red Card was received and must otherwise be served in accordance with section D14.3 or as otherwise deemed by BDAFA.

D16.7 BDAFA responsibility for recording accumulation of Yellow and Red Cards Offences (including Temporary Dismissals)

- a) It is a Club's responsibility to keep accurate records of the Yellow, TDs and Red Card Offences received by its Players and Officials regardless of whether a Participant may have accumulated Yellow, TDs or Red Card Offences while registered with a previous Club.
- b) BDAFA will provide an updated weekly table of Yellow, TDs and Red card offences to each club.
- c) It is a Club's responsibility to ensure that any Participant who has incurred a Fixture Suspension serves that sanction in full and notifies BDAFA with Suspension Served forms when served.

D16.8 Team Misconduct

- a) The Disciplinary Committee may impose additional Suspensions on a Club for the Misconduct of a team, including when:
 - i) five (5) Players are given Yellow Cards, TDs or Red Cards during one (1) Match;
 - ii) three (3) Players are given Red Cards during one (1) Match;
 - iii) one or more together make threats or show force against a Match Official; or
 - iv) Players and/or Participants engage in violent conduct.
- b) The relevant sanctions for team misconduct are set out at Schedule D3 to these Regulations.

D16.9 Unregistered Players

- a) Clubs must not field or list unregistered Players, including individuals playing under false or assumed identities, in any Match. Unregistered Players means those Players who have not registered with BDAFA.
- b) Any Club which fields or lists unregistered players shall be deemed to have committed Misconduct and as a result BDAFA may, in its absolute discretion, charge the Club and refer the matter to the GPT for Determination.

D16.10 Ineligible Players

- a) Clubs must not field or list Ineligible Players in any Match (as per Regulation B11.2).
- b) Any Club which fields or lists Ineligible Players shall be deemed to have committed Misconduct and as a result BDAFA will issue an Administrative determination which is final and not subject to appeal.

D16.11 Team Officials and Club Officials

- a) The Disciplinary Committee has jurisdiction to issue Suspensions based on the Match Official Reports and in accordance with the Table of Offences against Team Officials and Club Officials.
- b) A Team Official or Club Official who has been expelled from the field of play by a Match Official must serve the Suspensions issued by the Disciplinary Committee immediately and the Suspension may apply across All Match Day or All Football Activities.

D16.12 Refusal to take the field of play and mass walk-offs

- a) Any Club which by the conduct of its Players, Team or Club Officials or Spectators caused a Match to be terminated or abandoned as a result of

refusing to take the field or mass walk-offs shall be deemed to have brought the game into Disrepute and as a result BDAFA may, in its absolute discretion, charge a Participant or the Club itself and refer the matter to the GPT for Determination.

D17. Social Media and Detrimental Public Comment

D17.1 FNSW Social Media Policy

- a) Without limiting the FNSW Social Media Policy (adopted on 30 August 2012) or FFA Rules and Regulations, Members must not make public or media comment (including via social media) which is detrimental to the interests of the game.

D17.2 These Regulations and Detrimental Public Comment

- a) Without limitation, Members will breach these Regulations and be deemed to be making comment detrimental to the interests of the game if in making any public or media comment it:
 - i) denigrates or criticises another Member, whether in relation to incidents that have occurred in a match or otherwise;
 - ii) denigrates or criticises BDAFA, FNSW or FFA or any of its commercial partners;
 - iii) denigrates or criticises a Participant by inappropriately commenting on any aspect of his or her performance, abilities or characteristics;
 - iv) comments on the likely outcome of hearing;
 - v) criticises the outcome of a hearing; or
 - vi) criticises any evidence, submission or other comment made by any person at a hearing.
- b) BDAFA may, in its absolute discretion, investigate such matters and charge Members under these Regulations and refer the matter to the GPT for Determination.

D18. Spectators

D18.1 The BDAFA and FFA Codes of Conduct apply to all Spectators attending any Match.

D18.2 The GPT has jurisdiction to issue Suspensions against Spectators.

D18.3 In the event of a breach of the BDAFA Codes of Conduct, BDAFA may refer the matter to the GPT and seek an appropriate sanction including but not limited to excluding Spectators from all Matches within BDAFA jurisdiction.

D18.4 Any ban imposed by FFA or Football NSW under its applicable rules and regulations against a person may be endorsed and applied by BDAFA across all Matches.

D18.5 Any ban imposed by a Club, Centre or Association Member under its applicable rules and regulations may be endorsed and applied by BDAFA across all Matches.

Schedule D2: Notices, Delivery Method And Email Addresses

Documents	Delivery Method or Email Address
Team Sheets	Delivered to BDAFA Office
Match Official Send-Off Reports	judiciary@bdafa.com.au
Match Official Incident Reports	judiciary@bdafa.com.au
Notification for Mistaken Identity in a Match Official Send-Off Report	judiciary@bdafa.com.au
Written Statement by Participant claiming mistaken identity in a Match Official Send-Off Report	judiciary@bdafa.com.au
Written Statement by Participant committing the Offence in relation to mistaken identity in a Match Official Send-Off Report	judiciary@bdafa.com.au
Written Statement by the Club in relation to mistaken identity in a Match Official Send-Off Report	judiciary@bdafa.com.au
Notice of Appeal of a DC (email with evidence/ supporting documentation)	appeals@bdafa.com.au
Notification for Mistaken Identity in a Match Official Incident Report	judiciary@bdafa.com.au
Written Statement by Participant claiming mistaken identity in a Match Official Incident Report	judiciary@bdafa.com.au
Written Statement by Participant committing the Offence in relation to mistaken identity in a Match Official Incident Report	judiciary@bdafa.com.au
Written Statement by the Club in relation to mistaken identity in a Match Official Incident Report	judiciary@bdafa.com.au

Notification Form for Exceptional Circumstances (email with evidence/ supporting documentation)	judiciary@bdafa.com.au
Written Statement by Participant for Exceptional Circumstances	judiciary@bdafa.com.au
Notice of Response	judiciary@bdafa.com.au
Notice of Appeal of a GPT (email with evidence/ supporting documentation)	appeals@bdafa.com.au
Grievance Form (email supporting documentation)	judiciary@bdafa.com.au
Notice of Appeal from Association	appeals@bdafa.com.au
Notice of Suspension Served	Lodged via Online Form (www.bdafa.com.au)
Any other matter relevant to these Regulations	judiciary@bdafa.com.au

Schedule D3 - Judiciary Sentencing Guideline Matrix

Send Off Codes or Offence No.	Description	Severity Categorisation Examples	Minimum Sentence or Sanction	Severity			Maximum Sentence or Sanction	Additional Factoring					
				Low	Moderate	Severe		Running to Join	Leave Bench to Join	In Retaliation (or with Deliberate Intent)	Repeat Offence	Reducing Factor	Yellow Card Average > 2
OFFENCES BY PLAYERS AND CLUB/TEAM OFFICIALS AGAINST OTHER PLAYERS													
MMS	Mandatory Match Suspension (Red Card)	Minimum sentence for any Red Card Offence	1 Fixture										
R1	Serious Foul Play		2 Fixtures				12 Fixtures	As Below					
	R1 Expanded												
	Violent Tackle from behind that endangers the safety of an opponent		3 Fixtures				10 Fixtures	N/A	N/A	Obvious Deliberate Intent (ie not Heat of Moment) +2 Fixtures	Up To +2 Fixtures	Obviously accidental unintended incident (up to 50%) reduction	Additional Fixture if Card Count more than 3 and includes more than 1 Y1 or Y3
	Tackled Player falls to Ground (Tripped not Hurt)		3 Fixtures										
	Tackled Player falls Hard to Ground (Hurt not able to continue playing)			4 Fixtures									
	Tackled Player falls Hard to Ground (Hurt not able to continue playing - Ambulance / Blood)					6 Fixtures							
	Rugby Tackle		2 Fixtures				8 Fixtures	+2 Fixtures					
	Tackled Player falls to Ground (Tripped not Hurt)		2 Fixtures										
	Tackled Player falls Hard to Ground (Hurt not able to continue playing)			3 Fixtures									
	Tackled Player falls Hard to Ground (Hurt not able to continue playing - Ambulance / Blood)					6 Fixtures							
	Violent Charging	<i>(Includes shoulder charges / hand shoves)</i>	2 Fixtures				8 Fixtures	+2 Fixtures					
	Charged Player Stumbles		2 Fixtures										
	Charged Player falls to Ground (not Hurt)		2 Fixtures										
Charged Player falls Hard to Ground (Hurt not able to continue playing)			3 Fixtures										
Charged Player falls Hard to Ground (Hurt not able to continue playing - Ambulance / Blood)					6 Fixtures								
Over the Ball Tackle		2 Fixtures				12 Fixtures	N/A						
Tackled Player falls to Ground (Tripped not Hurt)		2 Fixtures											
Tackled Player falls Hard to Ground (Hurt not able to continue playing)			3 Fixtures										
Tackled Player falls Hard to Ground (Hurt not able to continue playing - Ambulance / Blood)					6 Fixtures								
R2	Violent Conduct		2 Fixtures				16 Fixtures	See Below					
R2 Expanded													
<i>(Note serious and/or premeditated violent conduct when the ball is not in play or playing distance adds up to 50% to suspension).</i>													
Head Butting	Single Head Butt		5 Fixtures				24 Fixtures	+4 Fixtures	+5 Fixtures	Obvious Deliberate Intent (ie not	Up To +2 Fixtures	If Obviously not retaliation but in defence (up to 50%)	N/A
	Multiple Head Butt			5 Fixtures									
	Head Butt(s) followed by Punches to Head				8 Fixtures								
King Hit (Coward's Punch) from behind	Single Punch / Strike to head from behind (but able to play-on)		6 Fixtures				24 Fixtures	+4 Fixtures	+5 Fixtures				
	Multiple Punches / Strikes to head from behind (but able to play-on)				10 Fixtures								
	Punch / Strike to head from behind (hurt and not able to play-on)					24 Fixtures							

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				Low	Moderate	Severe		Running to Join	Leave Bench to Join	In Retaliation (or with Deliberate Intent)	Repeat Offence	Reducing Factor	Yellow Card Average > 2	
	Punching/Fighting	Single Punch / Strike / Wrestle	2 Fixtures	2 Fixtures			8 Fixtures	+ 2 Fixtures	+ 2 Fixtures	Heat of Moment + 2 Fixtures		to 50% reduction)	N/A	
		Multiple Punches Strikes			4 Fixtures									
		Continued Punching / Strikes / no Restraint			6 Fixtures									
		Punches resulting in loss of consciousness / Teeth Damage				8 Fixtures								
		Choke Hold / Arm to Neck			6 Fixtures									
		Throwing Player to Ground			4 Fixtures									
		Throwing Player to Ground causing Violent Head contact with ground			6 Fixtures									
	Kicking	Single Kick to Legs	2 Fixtures	2 Fixtures			12 Fixtures	+4 Fixtures	+4 Fixtures	Obvious Deliberate Intent (ie not Heat of Moment) + 2 Fixtures	Up To + 2 Fixtures	If Obviously not retaliation but in defence (up to 50% reduction)	N/A	
		Deliberate Studding to Leg			4 Fixtures									16 Fixtures
		Karate Kick / Studs to torso or Head			6 Fixtures									24 Fixtures
		Kicking / Stomping Head or Groin				8 Fixtures								24 Fixtures
	Elbowing to the Head	(includes Kneeing to Head)	4 Fixtures				16 Fixtures	+2 Fixtures	+3 Fixtures					
		Single Strike to Head		4 Fixtures										
		Single Strike to Head resulting in Blood / teeth / loss of consciousness			6 Fixtures									
Multiple Strikes to Head				6 Fixtures										
Elbowing to the Body	(includes Kneeing to Body)	2 Fixtures				10 Fixtures	+2 Fixtures	+3 Fixtures						
	Single Strike to Body		2 Fixtures											
	Single Strike to Body resulting in Blood / loss of consciousness			4 Fixtures										
	Multiple Strikes to Body			4 Fixtures										
	Multiple Strikes to Body resulting in Blood / loss of consciousness				8 Fixtures									

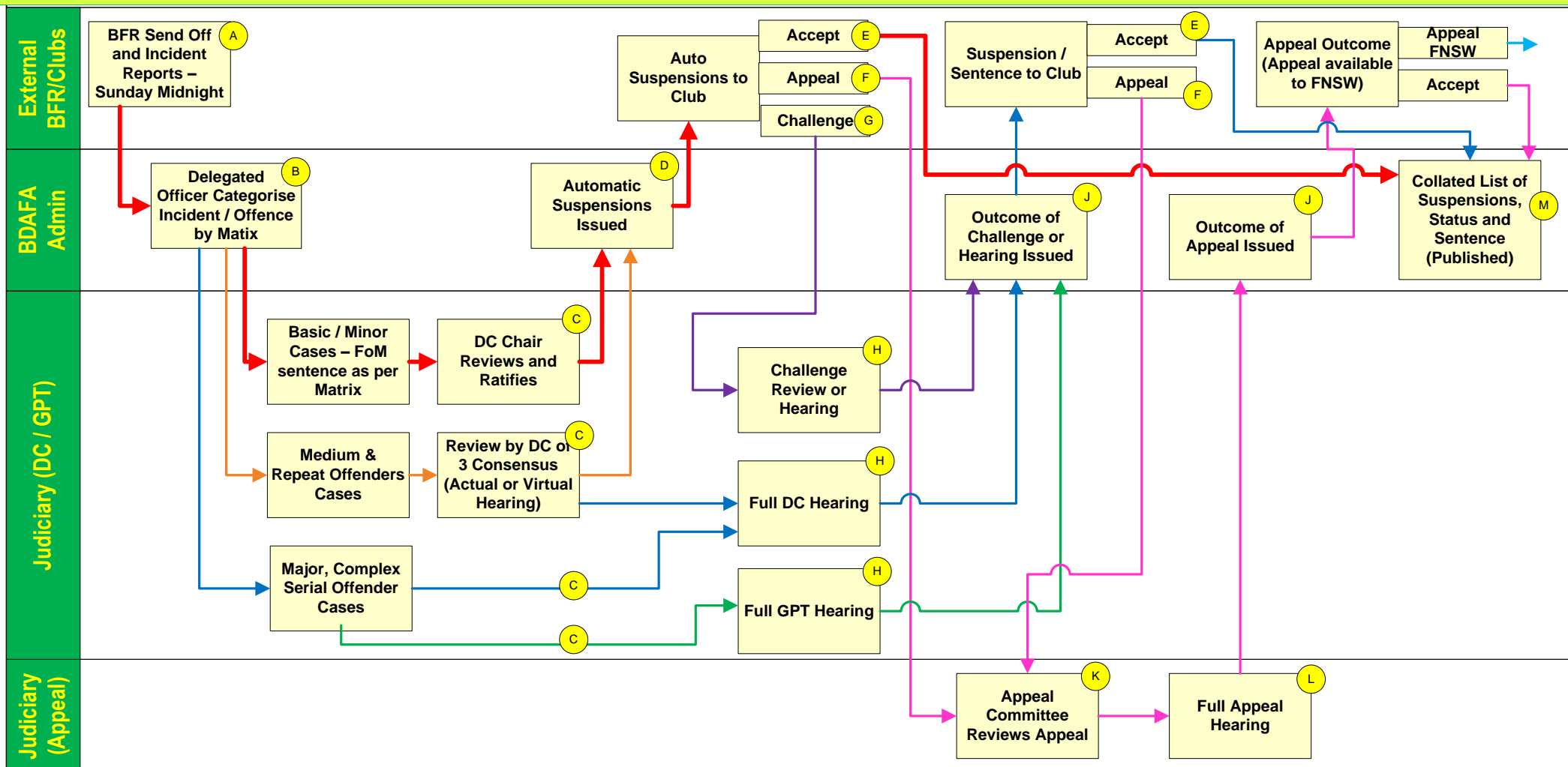
Send Off Codes or Offence No.	Description	Severity Categorisation Examples	Minimum Sentence or Sanction	Severity			Maximum Sentence or Sanction	Additional Factoring					
				Low	Moderate	Severe		Running to Join	Leave Bench to Join	In Retaliation (or with Deliberate Intent)	Repeat Offence	Reducing Factor	Yellow Card Average > 2
R3	Spitting at an opponent or any other person		8 Fixtures				1 Year	+4 Fixtures	+4 Fixtures	+4 Fixtures	Doubling of Sentence	N/A	N/A
		Single Spitting at Person		8 Fixtures									
		Multiple Spitting at Person			10 Fixtures								
		Spitting in Player / Persons Face			12 Fixtures								
	Multiple Spitting in Player / Persons Face			16 Fixtures									
R4	denying the opposing team a goal or an obvious goal-scoring opportunity by deliberately handling the ball (this does not apply to a goal-keeper within his own penalty area)		1 Fixture				1 Fixture	N/A	N/A	N/A	+1 Fixture	N/A	N/A
R5	denying 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	<i>Note – more severe offences may be converted to R1 or R2 offences by the BDAFA Judiciary</i>	1 Fixture				1 Fixture	N/A	N/A	N/A	+1 Fixture	N/A	N/A
		Tripping		1 Fixture									
		Tripping from Behind			See R1								
		Shoving with hands to Back			See R1								
	Shoulder Charging			See R1									
R6	using offensive, insulting or abusive language and/or gestures		2 Fixtures				8 Fixtures	N/A	N/A	N/A	+2 Fixtures	In Response to Violent Fighting / striking etc (upTo 50% Reduction)	Additional Fixture if Card Count more than 3 and includes more than 1 Y1
	R6 Expanded												
	using offensive, insulting or abusive language and/or making offensive, insulting or abusive gestures	2 Fixtures	2 Fixtures			20 Fixtures							
	Swearing at another player obviously heard by sideline (F Bomb)			4 Fixtures									
	Swearing at another player obviously heard by sideline (C Bomb)			4 Fixtures									
	Repeated long tirade utilising repeated use of F Bomb			8 Fixtures									
	Repeated long tirade utilising repeated use of C Bomb			8 Fixtures									
	Uses Racist/Discrimatory / derogatory Language and / or Gestures			8 Fixtures									
	Combinations of Above			10 Fixtures									
	Indecent Actions	4 Fixtures				20 Fixtures							
Actions involving an opponent's genitals/rectum		4 Fixtures											
Gesture with Finger or Arm		4 Fixtures											
Exposing Backside			6 Fixtures										
Exposing Genitals			10 Fixtures										
R7	Second caution		1 Fixture				1 Fixture						

Send Off Codes or Offence No.	Description	Severity Categorisation Examples	Minimum Sentence or Sanction	Severity			Maximum Sentence or Sanction	Additional Factoring										
				Low	Moderate	Severe		Running to Join	Leave Bench to Join	In Retaliation (or with Deliberate Intent)	Repeat Offence	Reducing Factor	Yellow Card Average > 2					
OFFENCES BY PLAYERS AND CLUB/TEAM OFFICIALS AGAINST MATCH OFFICIALS																		
R2	Threatening or intimidating a Match Official by word or action		12 Fixtures				Life					1 Year	N/A	Card Count more than 3 and includes more than 1 Y2 +2 Fixtures				
	R2 Expanded																	
	Tripping a Match Official		1 Year				Life											
	Pushing with open hand, shoulder or hip		1 Year				Life					2 Years						
	Striking with the ball or other object		1 Year				Life											
	Grabbing a Match Officials clothing or equipment with menace		1 Year				Life											
	Punching, kicking or elbowing		Life				Life											
R3	Spitting		8 Fixtures				Life						N/A	Card Count more than 3 and includes more than 1 Y2 +2 Fixtures				
		Single Spitting at Match Official		8 Fixtures														
		Multiple Spitting at Match Official			16 Fixtures			N/A	N/A	N/A		+8 Fixtures						
		Spitting in Match Official Face			1 Year							2 Years						
		Multiple Spitting in match Official's Face				2 Years						Life						
R6	Use of offensive, insulting or abusive language and / or gestures against a Match Official		2 Fixtures				20 Fixtures						N/A	In Response to Violent Fighting / strikeing etc (upTo 50% Reduction)	Additional Fixture if Card Count more than 3 and includes more than 1 Y1			
	R6 Expanded																	
	using offensive, insulting or abusive language and/or making offensive, insulting or abusive gestures		4 Fixtures				20 Fixtures											
		Swearing at a Match Official obviously heard by sideline (F Bomb)		4 Fixtures														
		Swearing at a Match Official obviously heard by sideline (C Bomb)			6 Fixtures													
		Repeated long tirade utilising repeated use of F Bomb			6 Fixtures													
		Repeated long tirade utilising repeated use of C Bomb			8 Fixtures													
		Use of Racist / Discrimatory / derogatory Language and / or Gestures			12 Weeks													
		Combinations of Above				20 Fixtures												
OTHER OFFENCES BY PLAYERS, TEAM OFFICIALS AND CLUB SPECTATORS (Sentencing by Board and / or Judiciary)																		
			Sanction															
1	Inciting the crowd		8 Fixtures				6 Years											
2	Attacking or fighting with Spectators		8 Fixtures				Life											
3	Bringing the game into Disrepute		6 Fixtures				Life											
4	Deliberately misleading any Body		10 Fixtures				2 Years											
5	Spitting at or onto Spectators	As per Player R3 above	8 Fixtures				Life											
6	Other offences by Players, Team officials and/or Spectators as specified in Match Official and other recognised Reports and other evidence		1 Fixture				Life											

Send Off Codes or Offence No.	Description	Severity Categorisation Examples	Minimum Sentence or Sanction	Severity			Maximum Sentence or Sanction	Additional Factoring				
				Low	Moderate	Severe		Running to Join	Leave Bench to Join	In Retaliation (or with Deliberate Intent)	Repeat Offence	Reducing Factor
SANCTIONS IMPOSED BY A TRIBUNAL AGAINST A CLUB (Sentencing by Board and / or Judiciary)												
Number	Type of sanction, order or measure											
1	a reprimand											
2	a fine or costs											
3	a deduction or loss of competition points											
4	a ban on the registration or transfer of any Players for a specified period of time											
5	annulment of registration of a Player											
6	suspension from participation in a Match, Fixture, event, tournament or Competition											
7	exclusion, suspension or expulsion from a Competition											
8	a ban on playing in a particular stadium											
9	annulment of the result of the Match											
10	relegation to a lower division											
11	with the exception of suspended sentences, such other disciplinary sanctions or measures as is appropriate in all the circumstances, including as prescribed in the FIFA Statutes, FFA Rules and Regulations and BDAFA Rules and Regulations.											

Send Off Codes or Offence No.	Description	Severity Categorisation Examples	Minimum Sentence or Sanction	Severity			Maximum Sentence or Sanction	Additional Factoring				
				Low	Moderate	Severe		Running to Join	Leave Bench to Join	In Retaliation (or with Deliberate Intent)	Repeat Offence	Reducing Factor
SANCTIONS IMPOSED BY A TRIBUNAL AGAINST A PARTICIPANT (Sentencing by Board and / or Judiciary)												
Number	Type of sanction, order or measure											
1	a reprimand											
2	requiring the return of an award											
3	a deduction or loss of competition points											
4	a ban on the registration or transfer of any Players for a specified period of time											
5	annulment of registration of a Player											
6	Fixture Suspension or Time Suspension pursuant to section 14											
7	exclusion, suspension or expulsion from a Competition											
8	termination of registration or playing contract											
9	a ban from the dressing rooms and/or the substitutes' bench or entering a stadium											
10	with the exception of suspended sentences, such other disciplinary sanctions or measures as is appropriate in all the circumstances, including as prescribed in the FIFA Statutes, FFA Rules and Regulations and BDAFA Rules and Regulations.											
Yellow Card (Scores per Card) for use with Additional Factoring / History of Behaviour etc.												
Code	Description		Score per Card									
Y1	The player is guilty of unsporting conduct		3									
Y2	The player shows dissent by action or word		4									
Y3	The player persistently infringes the Laws of the Game		3									
Y4	The player delays the restart of play		1									
Y5	The player fails to respect the required distance when play is restarted with a corner kick, free kick or throw in		1									
Y6	The player re-enters the field of play without the Referee's permission		2									
Y7	The player deliberately leaves the field of play without the Referee's permission		2									

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A All Send Off and Incident Reports due from BFR by Midnight Sunday (or midnight of the day following mid week games).

B All Send-off and incident reports are "rated" by the Delegated DC officer on the day following receipt (usually Monday by CoB)..

C The recommendation is ratified by DC Chair or DC Panel depending of severity. In severe cases will be referred to full DC or GPT Hearing. Decision / ratification by Wednesday Midnight.

D All Automatic suspensions or call to hearings in following week issued to relevant club secretaries by CoB Thursday.

E Acceptance of Suspension will be assumed if no notification of appeal is received within 5 Business Days of issue of suspension.

F If a Club wishes to appeal a suspension it must submit the appropriate appeal form within 5 business days.

G If a club wishes to challenge a suspension (either mistaken identity or exception circumstances) it must submit it in 2 business days.

H All Hearings will be heard in the week following the notice to appear. The only exceptions maybe for GPT's where parties involved have been requested to provide additional information regarding an incident or charge.

J The Decisions of Hearings will be notified to Club Secretaries within 48 hours or prior to a player / team's next match.

K The Appeal Committee will determine if the submitted grounds of appeal are valid and notify the Club that the either the appeal is invalid, an amended decision or inform them of the hearing date.

L The Appeals Hearing will be held in the week following receipt of the Appeal Request Form.

M Each Friday by CoB a list of pending and current suspensions including sentences given will be published on the BDAFA website as will suspensions served.

E. General Regulations, Fines, Fees and Definitions

E1. Introduction

- E1.1 Together with Competition, Registration, Local and Grievance & Disciplinary Regulations document form the Regulations of the Bankstown District Amateur Football Association Incorporated. Refer Constitution Part 35.
- E1.2 They are made available to Clubs and the latest approved versions are maintained on the BDAFA website. The member Clubs will be held responsible for notifying each member, Coach and Manager of their contents.
- E1.3 Clubs and their members are bound by the BDAFA’s implementation of these Regulations.
- E1.4 If BDAFA conducts any matches jointly with another body these Regulations may, at The Board’s discretion, be amended, replaced or ignored.
- E1.5 All Clubs must obtain BDAFA’s approval before playing in matches outside BDAFA. The Football NSW Ltd. Insurance Scheme will only apply to matches / training sanctioned by BDAFA.
- E1.6 BDAFA’s regulations cover areas not specifically covered by the Laws of the Game, FNSW or FFA regulations and guidelines, or in some cases where the implementation in Bankstown competition differs from those published by these organisations.
- E1.7 Any club, official or team who fails to obey these Regulations or a direction of The Board is liable to a fine, suspension AND / OR expulsion.

E2. Fines And Fees Schedules

- E2.1 The Schedule of Fines is supplementary to the other Regulations documents of the Bankstown District Amateur Football Association Incorporated.
- E2.2 The fines are based on fine units. Each fine unit is currently equivalent to \$5.00
- E2.3 The Fees included in the second Schedule are determined time to time by the Board.

E3. The Fines Schedule

Section	Description	Fine Units	Fine Amount
General Regulations			
1.5	Failure to obey these Regulations or a direction of The Board (and where not fines not specified elsewhere or for repeated offenses) - fine of up to and not more than may be issued	Up to 200	\$1000
A - Competition Regulations			
6.2	Failure to notify of Forfeit:		
	i. Team / Squad's first offence		
	• Competitive teams – MPL	200	\$1000
	• Competitive teams – WPL	100	\$500
	• Competitive teams – Other Senior (G19 over)	40	\$200
	• Competitive teams – Junior (G12 to G18)	10	\$50
	• Non-Competitive teams (G06 to G11)	4	\$20
	ii. Team / Squad's subsequent offence	400	\$2000
	• Competitive teams – MPL	200	\$1000
	• Competitive teams – WPL	80	\$400
	• Competitive teams – Other Senior (G19 over)	20	\$100
	• Competitive teams – Junior (G12 to G18)	20	\$100
	• Non-Competitive teams (G06 to G11)	20	\$100
6.4	Forfeit game to gain advantage.	Up to 100	\$500
9.11	Not Playing Reserve Grade players in Split Round Reserve grade match.	Up to 100	\$500
B - Registration Regulations			
1.2	Failure to obey these Regulations or a direction of The Board - fine of up to and not more than	200	\$1000
10.1	Withdrawal of Team after draw is published		
	• Competitive teams – Senior (G19 and over)	Up to 200	\$1000
	• Competitive teams – Junior (G12 to G18)	Up to 50	\$250
	• Non-Competitive teams (G06 to G11)	Up to 30	\$150
C - Local Regulations			
1	Uniform fine per player not consistent with Team Strip and / or Registered Club Colours:		
	• Competitive teams – Senior (G19 and over)	6	30
	• Competitive teams – Junior (G12 to G18)	4	20
	• Non-Competitive teams (G06 to G11)	2	10
4.3	Fields not properly dresses 15 minutes prior to kick off:		
	• First Offence		

Section	Description	Fine Units	Fine Amount
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Subsequent Offences in same season 	20 Up to 60	\$100 \$300
5	Failure to enforce Ground Marshall regulations (determined by the Board: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Minimum Maximum 	10 Up to 30	\$50 \$150
6.2	Incorrectly completed team sheets – FFA ID and Shirt Numbers – increased fines for repeated offences	2 to 5	\$10 - \$25
6.3	(Competitive Teams Only) Incorrectly completed team sheets – other sections – each infringement – Increased fines for repeat offences. Sections covered by this are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Club / Team on Sheet Match Details Ground Marshall Team Marshall (MPL/WPL Only) Confirmation of Results 	2 to 5	\$10 - \$25
6.2 & 6.3	Team Sheet Fine <u>limit per sheet</u> : <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Small Sided.....Late Result Only Junior Sides3 Fines Senior Sides.....5 Fines Excepting, MPL and WPL, the first 2 weeks of fines are not billed to clubs.		
6.4	Late lodgement of team sheets per Team Sheet	Up to 20	\$100
7.4	No ID Cards / Sheet at match	Up to 20	\$100
7.5	Failure to display Registration Cards by Team Officials	10	\$50
7.8	Failure to comply with Section 7 Regulations	Up to 70	\$350
10.2	Breaching Section 10	50	\$250
12.1	Late Result submission – each result <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Non-Competitive Competitive MPL/ WPL 	5 10 20	\$25 \$50 \$100

E4. The Fees Schedule

Section	Description	Fee Amount
MPL Nomination Fee		Including GST if applicable
9.3	MPL Annual Entry & Nomination Fee – per Squad	\$1,100.00
All Inclusive Player Administration Fee per player (including ID Printing and Team Fees)		
	MiniRoos (up to G12)	\$33.00
	Juniors (G13 to G18)	\$44.50
	Seniors (G19 and over)	\$80.00
Affiliation Fees		
	New Club Affiliation Fee	\$2,500
	Existing Club Re-Affiliation Fee	\$22
Judiciary Fees		
	DC Suspension Issue (R7) Fee	\$22.00
	DC Suspension Issue Fee	\$44.00
	Desk DC Fee	\$110.00
	DC Hearing Fee	\$220.00
	Desk or Preliminary GPT	\$275.00
	GPT Hearing Fee	\$550.00
	Desk Appeal Fee	\$275.00
	Appeal Hearing Fee	\$550.00

E5. Definitions (includes former Schedule D1 Definitions)

“**Affected Party**” means a party (including BDAFA) who may be affected by a decision based on the relief sought by a Member submitting a Notice of Appeal or Grievance Form under these Regulations;

“**Appeals Tribunal Determination or AT Determination**” means a decision or Determination made by the AT pursuant to section D9;

“**Appeals Tribunal**” or “**AT**” means the Body responsible for hearing and determining appeals set out in section D9;

“**Application Fees**” means the applicable fees to appear before a DC, GPT or AT pursuant to Schedule D4;

“**Association Member**” means those admitted from time to time as association members of Football NSW under the Football NSW Constitution;

“**Association and Regulations**” mean any rules, regulations, by-laws, policies, procedures, directives, codes of conduct and guidelines developed, promulgated and implemented by BDAFA;

“**BDAFA**” means Bankstown District Amateur Football Association, the Board of Directors or a Designated Authority appointed by the Board.;

“**BDAFA Competitions**” means any or all of the football matches, tournaments, events or competitions owned or conducted by BDAFA;

“**BFR**” means Bankstown Football Referees

“**Board**” mean the directors of BDAFA appointed or elected from time to time;

“**Body**” means a body established under section D5 of these Regulations;

“**Chairperson**” means a chairperson or vice-chairperson of a Tribunal appointed under Section D6;

“**Claim**” means a claim or disagreement by, against or between Members;

“**Close of Business**” 5pm or as otherwise specified by BDAFA.

“**Club**” means an entity formed for the purpose of playing football or futsal in the Competitions under the jurisdiction of the BDAFA;

“**Club Official**” means any person involved with the administration, management or organisation of a Club or Centre (whether paid or unpaid), including employees, contractors, directors, representatives and volunteers;

“**Coach**” is a person with the required qualifications, registered with BDAFA, to control a Football teams training and match performance.

“**Competitions**” means any or all of the football matches or competitions conducted by BDAFA;

“**Complaint**” means an allegation that a Member’s conduct is unethical and/or in breach of FFA Rules and Regulations, BDAFA Rules and Regulations or a Member Association’s rules and regulations;

“**Cup**” means a tournament or event conducted by BDAFA in accordance with the BDAFA;

“**Defaulter**” is a person with an outstanding financial obligation to a Club or BDAFA. This does not include players made Active before they have paid registration fees. Defaulters cannot be registered or transferred.

“**Determination**” means a decision made by a Tribunal in accordance with these Regulations;

“**Disciplinary Committee or DC**” means the Body responsible to make decisions under section D7;

“**Disrepute**” has its meaning given to it under the FFA Code of Conduct. For the purposes of these Regulations, a reference to FFA in the FFA Code of Conduct shall also be a reference to BDAFA;

“**Executive**” means the Board of BDAFA or his or her nominee;

“**External Matches**” means any or all of the football matches, tournaments, events or competitions owned or conducted by entities other than BDAFA (such as FNSW State Titles, Champion of Champions and FFA Cup etc).

“**External Player Transfer**” means a Player moving from a Club within BDAFA to a Club outside of BDAFA, or vice versa.

“**FFA**” means Football Federation Australia Limited, the governing body for football (soccer) in Australia;

“**FFA Statutes**” means the statutes and any accompanying standing orders, by-laws and regulations governing football in Australia as promulgated by FFA from time to time;

“**FFA Rules and Regulations**” means the FFA Statutes and any other rules, regulations, policies, procedures, codes of conduct and guidelines developed, promulgated and implemented by FFA;

“**FIFA**” means Federation Internationale de Football Association, its successor or assignee;

“**Financial Default**” means a club has an amount unpaid by more than thirty (30) days from the date of the invoice and declared by BDAFA Board as being “in default”.

“**Fixture**” means Round of the relevant competition (or Finals Series) as scheduled in all grades applicable. Note for Squad based competitions a “Fixture” includes both first and reserve grade matches in the Round as one (1) Fixture;

“**Football Activity**” means any activity of a football nature that takes place on the field of play, playing area or within the external surrounds of a ground or venue or any other activity relating or incidental to the objects of BDAFA at anytime and in any capacity;

“**Football NSW Rules and Regulations**” mean any rules, regulations, by-laws, policies, procedures, directives, codes of conduct and guidelines developed, promulgated and implemented by FNSW;

“**G & D**” is BDAFA’s Grievance and Disciplinary Regulations.

“**General Purposes Tribunal or GPT**” means the Body responsible for hearing and determining matters under section D8;

“**General Purposes Tribunal Determination or GPT Determination**” means a decision made by the GPT pursuant to section D8;

“**Grievance**” means either a Claim or Complaint as the case requires;

“**Grievance Notice**” means the Notice used for raising a Grievance with BDAFA;

“**Ineligible Players**” as per Regulation B11.2

“**Insolvency Event**” any of the following:

- (a) is unable to pay from the person’s own money all the person’s debts as and when they become due and payable;
- (b) is taken or must be presumed to be insolvent or unable to pay its debts under any applicable legislation;
- (c) an application or order is made for the winding up or dissolution or a resolution is passed or any steps are taken to pass a resolution for the winding up or dissolution of a Member;
- (d) an administrator, provisional liquidator, liquidator or person having a similar or analogous function under the laws of any relevant jurisdiction is appointed or any action is taken to appoint any such person and the action is not stayed, withdrawn or dismissed within seven days;
- (e) a receiver or receiver and manager is appointed in respect of any property of a Member;
- (f) a corporation is deregistered under the Corporations Act 2001(Cth) or notice of its proposed deregistration is given to the corporation;

- (g) a distress, attachment or execution is levied or becomes enforceable against any property of a Club;
- (h) a Club enters into or takes any action to enter into an arrangement (including a scheme of arrangement or deed of company arrangement), composition or compromise with, or assignment for the benefit of, all or any class of the person's creditors or members or a moratorium involving any of them;
- (i) a Club presents a declaration of intention under section D54A of the Bankruptcy Act 1966 (Cth); or
- (j) anything analogous to or of a similar effect to anything described above under the law of any relevant jurisdiction occurs in respect of a Club;

“Internal Player Transfer” means a Player moving from one team to another within the same Club.

“Inter-Club Player Transfer” means a Player moving from one Club to another within BDAFA.

“Laws of the Game” means the official laws of the game of football and futsal as promulgated by FIFA;

“Mandatory Match Suspension (MMS)” means the automatic suspension from participating in a Match that must be served in accordance with these regulations;

“Match Day Activities” means any football-related activity on or around a football field including playing; coaching, including giving team talks prior to a game, after a game or during half-time; performing the duties of a team manager, spectating; or being in the Technical Area or on the field in any capacity.

“Match” means any match played in a BDAFA Competition, Cup, Premiership, other event or tournament under BDAFA's control;

“Match Official” means a referee, assistant referee, fourth official, match commissioner, any person in charge of safety or any other person in connection with a Match;

“Match Official Report” means either a Match Official Send Off Report or a Match Official Incident Report prepared and submitted by Match Officials to BDAFA;

“Match Official Incident Report” means a report prepared and submitted by a Match Official to BDAFA which sets out any incidents which occurred prior to, during or after a Match;

“Match Official Send Off Report” means a report prepared and submitted by a Match Official to BDAFA which sets out any Yellow Cards and Red Card Offences that occurred during a Match;

“Member” means for the purposes of these Regulations a Club, a Participant or anyone else deemed a Member in accordance with the Constitution;

“MPL” means “Men's Premier League”

“Misconduct” has its meaning given to it under section D15.2 of these Regulations;

“Notice of Proceedings” means a Notice submitted by BDAFA to parties subject to a hearing;

“Notice of Suspension” means a Notice submitted to a Member who has breached these Regulations and has been issued with a Suspension pursuant to these Regulations;

“Notice of Suspension Served” means a Notice submitted by a Club to notify BDAFA that a Member's suspension has been fully served;

“Notice of Appeal” means a Notice submitted by a party to BDAFA wishing to appeal a decision of a Body or Association Appeals Committee;

“Notice of Charge” means a Notice submitted by BDAFA charging a Member with Misconduct;

“Notice of Response” means the Notice submitted by a Member having being charged with Misconduct pursuant to these Regulations;

“Notification Form” means the emailed or otherwise submitted Notice notifying BDAFA of a Participant's intention to not accept a Suspension issued by the DC;

“**Offences**” includes those offences committed by a Member set out in the Table of Offences;

“**Official**” means a Club Official, Match Official or Team Official;

“**Official Referee**” is a FFA accredited referee, assistant referee or fourth official appointed by Football NSW, BDAFA or a referee’s association to officiate in a match.

“**Participant**” means a Player, Official or Spectator;

“**PL**” means either MPL or WPL as interpreted by BDAFA.

“**Player**” means any person who participates in a Match (irrespective of whether he or she is registered with BDAFA, FNSW or FFA, junior or senior or an amateur or professional);

“**Played in Match**” means that the player is fully kitted up to play on the field or the bench and is the name and identification details correctly listed on the official team sheet. Note BDAFA may carry out random inspections to monitor compliance.

“**Play-Off**” means a match ordered by BDAFA to be played under the conditions set out in these Regulations.

“**Pre-Season Competition**” means Fixtures or matches played prior to the commencement of a BDAFA Competition;

“**Premiership**” means the minor premiership round robin Matches (both home and away) and the Premiership Finals Matches that a team / squad competes in during a Season in accordance with the BDAFA Rules and Regulations;

“**Red Card Offence**” means one of the sending-off offences set out in in the Table of Offences;

“**Registered Team Official (RTO)**” means any person involved with the management, preparation or participation of a team (whether paid or unpaid), including coaches, managers, medical staff, other support staff or any other person acting for or on behalf of a Club.

“**Registration ID**” means a BDAFA-approved Registration Identification card or Registration Sheet. The ID remains the property of BDAFA and must be returned to BDAFA when a team is disbanded, withdrawn or when the season ends.

“**Registration System**” is the approved registration system specified by BDAFA each year.

“**Regulations**” means these BDAFA Grievance and Disciplinary Regulations;

“**Season**” means from the commencement of a BDAFA Competition to the conclusion of a BDAFA Competition unless otherwise directed by BDAFA;

“**Spectator**” means a person who attends a Match;

“**State**” means the state of New South Wales with the exception of the northern regions of NSW which are identified by FFA as “Northern NSW”;

“**Suspensions**” means the suspensions issued by a Body pursuant to these Regulations;

“**Table of Offences**” mean the Offences as set out at Schedule D3 to these Regulations;

“**Team Official**” means any person involved with the management, preparation or participation of a team (whether paid or unpaid), including the Coaches, Managers, Ground Marshalls, Medical staff, other support staff or any other person acting for or on behalf of a Club, Centre or an Association Member;

“**Trial Match**” means any Match played by two Clubs which does not form part of a BDAFA Competition, Cup, Premiership, other event or tournament but has been sanctioned by BDAFA;

“**Tribunal**” means the General Purposes Tribunal or the Appeals Tribunal;

“**Vexatious Claim**” means a Claim or Complaint instituted without sufficient grounds and serving or designed only to cause annoyance to another Member;

“**WPL**” means Women’s Premier League

“**Yellow Cards**” means a caution of a Player by a Match Official for an infringement set out in section D16.1.



APPENDIX A – MEN’S PREMIER LEAGUE (“MPL”) NOMINATION

2022 MPL Nomination Submission and Declaration

A9.16 PL Nomination Requirements – For the 2021 season and thereafter, for a club to be eligible to submit a nomination of a MPL squad the club:

- a) Must not be in financial Default; and
- b) Must have had at least 110 fully paid (registered, active and paid), registered and playing players as at registration cut-off date of the previous season (being at least 110 players as at 31/07/2021 to be eligible to nominate for MPL in 2022).

Nomination and Declaration:

We _____ (*Club Name*) wish to nominate for MPL in the 2022 competition and acknowledge the MPL Nomination Requirements for inclusion in the MPL Competitions in the 2022 and seasons thereafter. MPL Competitions as per A9.16 from the 2021 BDAFA Regulations.

SIGNED ON BEHALF OF THE CLUB BY:

Name

Name

President

Secretary

Please provide the following information (if known):

MPL Coaches Details:

Name: x
Qualifications: x

MPL Managers Details:

Name: x

APPENDIX B – BDAFA Affiliation Requirements

Re-affiliation / Affiliation Requirements as per BDAFA Constitution

The affiliation and re-affiliation requirements from the BDAFA Constitution are shown below.

BDAFA Constitution Section 6. AFFILIATION

6.1 The Association shall join and affiliate with FNSW as a member in accordance with the Constitution, regulations and By-Laws of FNSW and will comply with all lawful requirements of FNSW, FFA and FIFA.

6.2 Clubs

- a) To be, or remain, eligible for membership, a member club must be incorporated or in the process of incorporation. This process must be complete within one year of applying for membership under this Constitution.
- b) For such time as the Club is not incorporated, the secretary (or his or her nominee) of any such unincorporated Club shall be deemed to be the Member (on behalf of the unincorporated entity). The secretary (or his or her nominee) shall be entitled to exercise the same voting and other rights and have the same obligations and shall follow such procedures on behalf of the unincorporated Club as incorporated Members, to the extent that this is possible.
- c) Any dispute or uncertainty as to the application of this Constitution to an unincorporated Club shall be resolved by the Board in its sole discretion.
- d) Failure to incorporate within the period stated in clause 6.2(a) shall result in the expulsion of the secretary (acting on behalf of the unincorporated entity) from membership. The expelled unincorporated entity shall not be entitled to re-apply for membership until it becomes incorporated.

6.3 Application for Affiliation

An application for affiliation must be:

- a) in writing on the form prescribed from time to time by the Board (if any), from the applicant or its nominated representative and lodged with the Association;
- b) accompanied by a copy of the applicant's constitution (which must be acceptable to the Association and must substantially conform to this Constitution in relation to football) and the applicant's register of executive members; and
- c) accompanied by the appropriate fee (if any).

6.4 Discretion to Accept or Reject Application

- a) The Board shall consider any application for affiliation at the next Board meeting after the receipt of the application in the prescribed form pursuant to clause 6.3. The Board shall at that meeting decide whether to accept or reject the application.
- b) Where the Association accepts an application, the applicant shall, become a Member. Membership shall be deemed to commence upon acceptance of the application by the Association. The General Manager shall amend the Register accordingly as soon as practicable.
- c) Where the Board rejects an application the Association shall refund any fees forwarded with the application and the application shall be deemed rejected.
- d) Any decision, and the process of making a decision, by the Board in granting or declining an application for affiliation under this clause 6.4 is final. There is no

right of appeal from any application to the Board for membership of the Association as a Member.

6.5 Re-affiliation

- a) Clubs must re-affiliate annually with the Association in accordance with the procedures set down by the Association in Regulations from time to time.
- b) Upon re-affiliation a Club must lodge with the Association an updated copy of its constitution (including all amendments) or confirmation that there have been no changes to the copy previously provided and must provide details of any change in its Delegate and any other information reasonably required by the Association. Each Club must ensure that its constitution is amended to conform to any amendments made to this Constitution and/or to the FNSW's constitution.

6.6 Deemed Membership

- a) All members which or who are, prior to the approval of this Constitution under the Act, members of the Association, shall be deemed Members from the time of approval of this Constitution under the Act.
- b) Clubs shall provide the Association with such details as are reasonably required by the Association under this Constitution within one (1) month of the approval of this Constitution under the Act.

BDAFA Constitution Section 37. STATUS AND COMPLIANCE OF CLUBS

37.1 Compliance

Clubs acknowledge and agree that they shall:

- a) be or remain incorporated in New South Wales;
- b) nominate a Delegate or Delegates annually to attend General Meetings, and shall inform the Association of the details of that person accordingly;
- c) provide the Association with copies of their annual financial reports and other associated documents as soon as practicable, following the Club's Annual General Meeting;
- d) recognise the Association as the authority for football in the Bankstown District, FNSW as the authority in New South Wales and the FFA as the national authority for football;
- e) adopt and implement such communications and Intellectual Property policies as may be developed by the Association and/or the FNSW from time to time; and
- f) that should a Member have administrative, operational or financial difficulties the Association may act to assist the Member in whatever manner the Association considers appropriate.

37.2 Club Constitutions

- a) The Clubs' constituent documents will clearly reflect the Objects and will conform to this Constitution in relation to football.
- b) Clubs will take all reasonable steps necessary to ensure their constituent documents conform to this Constitution in relation to football.
- c) Clubs shall provide to the Association a copy of their constituent documents and all amendments to these documents. Clubs acknowledge and agree that the Association has power to veto any provision in a Club constitution which, in the Association's opinion, is contrary to the Objects in relation to football.
- d) The constituent documents of each Club shall, at the earliest available opportunity, but within one year of the commencement of this Constitution,

recognise the Association as the authority for football in the Bankstown District, the FNSW as the authority in New South Wales and the FFA as the national authority for football in Australia.

37.3 Register

Clubs shall maintain, in a form acceptable to the Association, a Register of all Members of the Club. Each Club shall provide a copy of the Register at a time and in a form acceptable to the Association, and shall provide regular updates of the Register to the Association.

Affiliation and Re-affiliation Requirements - Details

Based on the BDAFA Constitution the requirements for affiliation and re-affiliation are:

2.1 Club is Incorporated

The club is to be incorporated under the NSW Associations Incorporation Act 2009. The registration number is to be included on the BDAFA Affiliation Form.

2.2 Copy of its Constitution

The club is to provide a copy of its latest constitution or confirmation that there have been no changes to the copy previously provided. Note Club's constitution needs to acknowledge that it conforms to BDAFA and FNSW's Objects.

2.3 Financial Accounts

The club is to provide a copy of its Financial Statements submitted to its AGM and NSW Fair Trading.

2.4 Club AGM Minutes / Delegates to the Association

The club is to provide a copy of its latest AGM minutes and nominate its two delegates to the Association.

2.5 Club Colours and Strips

The club is to provide a photographs or colour representations of its club strips. (Note - Changes in Club Colours (not strips) is to be presented to BDAFA prior to the BDAFA AGM).

2.6 WWCC Employer

The club is to be registered as a WWCC Employer under the "NSW Child Protection (Working with Children) ACT 2012" and provide the WWCC Employer number to BDAFA.

2.7 Club Coaching Coordinator

Each club is to provide the name and contact details of the individual considered to be the club's Coaching Coordinator. The Coaching Coordinator's role is to ensure that the FFA National Curriculum is embraced and followed by coaches and players within the club and BDAFA.

This role includes:

- a) Liaising regularly with BDAFA / Bankstown United Coach Education Officer for coaching updates;
- b) Attending pre-season coaching workshops to gain knowledge and outline Coach Education direction of BDAFA to all Club coaches;
- c) Establishing communication with all coaches within the club to develop coaching pathways and provide advice and support on coaching matters; and
- d) Promoting community coaching courses and coach education to all club coaches.

Qualification Required:

Completed as a minimum a Skill, Game Training or Senior Community Course.

2.8 FNSW Mens / Womens Competition Clubs

- a) Clubs must provide a signed declaration noting:
 - i. of any Club Executive Members / Office Bearers which are also players / members / participants of any FNSW NPL / State League Clubs as noted on the FNSW Declaration of Leagues.
 - ii. Any financial agreements / sponsorship that it has in place with any FNSW NPL / State League Clubs as noted on the FNSW Declaration of Leagues.
- b) BDAFA will at its sole discretion deem the suitability of Member Club's affiliation / re-affiliation. If BDAFA deem involvement of such individuals or financial arrangements as being in conflict with the Associations objectives, then the Board of BDAFA may reject Re-Affiliation by that member.

2.9 Non-sanctioned Competitions and Programs (including Academies)

- a) Clubs must provide a signed declaration acknowledging and agreeing that:
 - i. neither the Club nor any of its members may participate in any Non-Sanctioned Competitions.
 - ii. neither the Member nor any Member Associate may establish, set-up, promote, run, sponsor, partner or link or affiliate itself with (or take any steps to do any of those acts) or encourage its Players to participate in, or encourage or permit its Club Officials or Team Officials to participate in or work with any Non-Sanctioned Programs.
 - iii. If required by BDAFA, the Club must procure from its Member Associates a signed statutory declaration (in a form provided by BDAFA) confirming that they are not participating in, working with, running, partnering, linking or affiliating with any Non-Sanctioned Competitions or Non-Sanctioned Programs.
- b) The Member acknowledges and agrees that if BDAFA determines, in its absolute discretion (acting reasonably), that the Club or any of its Members are participating in, working with, running, partnering, linking or affiliating with (or taking any steps to do any of those acts) any Non-Sanctioned Competitions or Non-Sanctioned Programs (including Academies), BDAFA may, in its absolute discretion, impose such sanctions, fines or penalties on the Member that BDAFA considers appropriate in the circumstances, which may include, without limitation, the imposition of fines, points deductions, suspensions, relegations and / or the immediate cancellation of the Members participation in BDAFA Sanctioned Competitions and the immediate termination of their Membership.

2.10 Hosting Ground Duties

By applying for affiliation or re-affiliation membership of BDAFA the member club is agreeing to host (including ground setup and provision of canteen) any competition matches assigned to its home ground by BDAFA.

2.11 Club Financial Status / Financial Default

A Club in Financial Default as at the date re-affiliation opens (30 September) will not be entitled to re-affiliate with BDAFA. The Club will be given one month to resolve its financial status and complete its re-affiliation. Failure to comply with this requirement may result in discontinuance of the club's membership as per section 9.3 of the BDAFA constitution.

Affiliation and Re-affiliation Checklist

Find below an affiliation checklist of information that is to be provided to BDAFA as part of the Affiliation / Re-Affiliation process. The re-affiliation form for existing member clubs is available on the BDAFA website. A separate form is available for new club affiliations.

- a) Club's Incorporation number
- b) Copy of Club's Constitution (or confirmation that there have been no changes to the copy previously provided)
- c) Copy of the Club's latest Financial Statement presented at its AGM
- d) Copy of Club's latest AGM Minutes
- e) Details of Club Executive members and delegates to the Association.
- f) Details of the Clubs Colours / strips – including image / photos.
- g) WWCC Employer's number
- h) Name and contact details for Club Coaching Coordinator.
- i) Declaration in regard to association with FNSW Clubs in Declaration of Leagues.
- j) Declaration in regard to involvement with non-sanctioned competitions and programs.
- k) Club must not be declared in financial default by BDAFA.

New Club Affiliation – Additional Requirements:

In addition to the above requirements a new club affiliation application is required to include a copy of the Clubs Strategy and Planning Document detailing:

- a) where the club plans to base itself (field / clubhouse);
- b) the catchment area it plans to recruit grassroots players from;
- c) what age groups it plans to offer membership to;
- d) planned female player recruitment plans;
- e) details of planned club registration fees to players by age group;

The Club's affiliation application will also be raised for discussion and input to existing member affiliated clubs of BDAFA. Should the club's application be successful there is an \$1100 affiliation fee (including GST).