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NORTHERN INLAND FOOTBALL
COMPETITION REGULATIONS

Northern Inland Football (NIF) Competition Regulations (Regulations) apply to the following competitions and/or fixtures conducted by NIF:

- Northern Inland Premier League
- Northern Inland Women's Premier League
- Skill Acquisition Programs;
- FFA Cup;
- Acropolis Cup;
- All Stars and Rising Stars Fixtures
- TDF and
- ADF
- Other competitions and special events as identified by NIF from time to time.

These Regulations apply to all Clubs, Players, teams and Club Officials participating in NIF's Senior Competitions.

These Regulations are supplementary to Football Federation Australia (FFA) Statutes and Regulations including:

- FFA National Registration Regulations;
- FFA National Disciplinary Regulations;
- FFA National Code of Conduct;
- FFA National Grievance Resolution Regulations;
- FFA National Member Protection Policy;
- FFA Spectator Code of Behaviour; and
- Any other regulations or policies adopted by FFA from time to time

FFA Statutes also apply to NIF's Competitions.

If there is an inconsistency between these Regulations and any FFA Statutes, Regulations or Policies, then the relevant provisions of the FFA documents will prevail to the extent of the inconsistency.

The subsequent Competition Rules address additional regulations, conditions and requirements for specific competitions:

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- Northern Inland Women's Premier League
- Skill Acquisition Programs;
- FFA Cup;
- Acropolis Cup;
- All Stars and Rising Stars Fixtures
- TDF and
- ADF

All fixtures will be conducted in accordance with FIFA Laws of the Game.
 NIF reserves the right to deal with any persons or Clubs in respect of any offences or complaints and other matters not specifically provided for in these regulations.

NIF reserves the right to amend Competition Regulations and rules at any time at its absolute discretion.

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1. COMPETITION REGULATIONS

All fixtures shall be conducted in accordance with the NIF Competition Regulations, relevant Competition Rules and FFA Regulations and Statutes. NIF reserves the right to amend the Competition Rules and Regulations at its absolute discretion.

2. COMPETITION FEES

NIF reserves the right to set competition and nomination fees (annually) for all competitions.

3. PREMIERSHIP

Notwithstanding NIF's right to determine the venue of any fixture, each team competing in a premiership competition shall play its opponents on a home and away basis and in a sequence as far as is practicable according to the respective home grounds availability. Under a Pool or Conference System. Teams in the Conference will play each other on a home and away basis and one (1) crossover round will be played between conference teams at venues to be determined by NIF.

3.1. Premiership Points - Determination of Premiers

- (a) When all premiership fixtures are concluded and the competition points allocated the team with the highest number of points on the Official points table shall be declared the premiers.
- (b) Where teams are equal on points at the conclusion of all competition fixtures, their placing is determined by the following process being applied in this sequence:
- The team with the highest goal difference
 - The team with the highest number of goals for
 - The team with the highest number of away goals
 - Head to head results between teams
 - Should all of the above remain equal, teams will be declared joint winners

Competition fixtures points:

win	-	three (3) points
draw	-	one (1) point
bye	-	nil (0) points
loss	-	nil (0) points
forfeit	-	three (3) points with loss of 3 competition points for the team forfeiting
abandoned-		as per regulation 25

3.2. Premiership Points – Determination of Finals Series Placing's

- (a) Where teams are equal on points at the conclusion of all competition fixtures, their final series placing is determined by the following process being applied in this sequence:

- The team with the highest goal difference;
- The team with the highest number of goals for;
- The team with the highest number of away goals;
- Head to head results between teams; and
- Should all of the above remain equal, toss of coin.

3.3. Competition Awards

Competition awards (as per competition rules) will be presented at the NIF Annual Awards Night or Locally on the day of the Grand Finals.

3.4. Club Championship Awards (where applicable)

At the completion of all Official premierships fixtures, the Club which has accumulated the highest number of points, as per the below formula, will be declared the club champions.

Points to be allocated as follows:

First Grade

Win	-	Eight (8) points
Draw	-	Four (4) points
Loss	-	Nil (0) points

Reserve Grade

Win	-	4 points
Draw	-	2 points
Loss	-	Nil points

In the event that two (2) or more Clubs finish with equal points the winner will be determined by goal differences as per Regulation 3.1.

3.5. Final Series Format

When all premierships fixtures are concluded and the competitions points allocated for each competing team, the top ranked teams, as outlined in the competition rules, with the highest number of points on the Official points table shall qualify to continue in the final series.

In the event that both teams contesting Reserve grade fixtures for any final series match (except the Grand Final) are from towns/cities other than where the first grade fixture is to be hosted (and do not have a team participating in the first grade fixture at the scheduled venue), an application can be lodged with NIF by the Clubs concerned to host the reserve grade fixture at the home ground of the higher placed team (or an alternate venue endorsed by NIF).

For an application to be successful, both Teams/Clubs must be in agreement to transfer the match and the application must demonstrate that separating the first grade and reserve grade fixtures will:

- i) not lead to additional transport costs for officials or difficulty in securing match officials for fixtures in separate locations,
- ii) will assist in creating greater spectator interest and participation; and
- iii) will attract greater media promotion of Football in the Northern Inland region.

3.6. Final Series Venues

NIF reserves the right to determine venues for all final series fixtures but will generally provide a home ground advantage for the higher placed team for preliminary final/semi-final fixtures

4. HOME/HOST CLUB RESPONSIBILITIES

A home team shall mean the team that is competing on its home ground and/or a team whose name appears first in the Official fixture list.

The responsibilities of the home team are as follows:

4.1. Venue Availability

Ensure its nominated home ground is available for the competition fixture, on the date and time as set down. In the event of the ground being unfit or unavailable (except in the event of a wash out) for the fixture the home team shall (where possible) arrange an alternative venue for that date and time. NIF, its opponents and referees appointments committee must be notified of any change of venue as soon as possible, but not later than forty eight (48) hours before the scheduled date. Failure to comply with this competition rules or part thereof may result in a forfeit to the opposing team and a fine as determined annually.

4.2. Playing Surface

To ensure the playing surface is in a condition the referee considers safe, ground markings are clear and accurate as specified within the Laws of the Game and that nets and corner posts are provided to conform to the requirements of the competition.

- (a) The referee is the deciding Official on all matters relating to the above competition rules and should report any breaches in writing to NIF.
- (b) Should a referee refuse to commence a fixture due to a lack of ground marking or a deficiency (except in the event of a wash out) in the ground surface, the home Club shall pay the match Official's fees and the Club shall be fined a sum as determined annually. The visiting team shall be awarded a forfeited result except in the case of a neutral ground, then that home Club will be responsible for the payment of the match Official's fees, and the result of the fixture will be determined by NIF.
- (c) A team protesting against the condition of a ground, or its appointments, shall make the protest to the ground Official before the commencement of the fixture.
- (d) The fixture shall be played despite any protest made in accordance with 4.2. (c) and any subsequent Official protest received shall not invalidate the result of the fixture.
- (e) Should two (2) or more protests be received about the same ground within a one (1) month period then NIF together with the executive of the Club concerned will inspect that ground and determine the fitness of the ground for the remainder of the season.

4.3. Match Balls

NIF shall determine the brand of a match ball to be used in a premiership fixture. The home team shall provide three (3) approved brand match balls to the fixture referee not less than fifteen (15) minutes prior to the start of the fixture.

4.4. Match Ball Sizes

10-12 Years Size 4 Ball
13 Years+ Size 5 Ball

4.5. Match Program

Home Clubs may produce a match program for each home fixture. Clubs are required to abide by NIF's specifications and must include copy and advertisements as provided and advised by NIF.

To enable a home Club to produce the program for its home fixtures a visiting Club shall provide to the home Club five (5) days prior to the fixture, a list containing details of its Players/Officials.

4.6. Notification of Results Process

For all competition fixtures, it is the responsibility of the home Club as per the requirements set down annually by NIF to advise the Competition Administrator of the outcome.

In the instance of the website being 'down' or unavailable, Clubs are required to email results to operations@northerninlandfootball.com.au within the required timeframes.

Failure to post/email results within the required time frames may incur a fine, as determined by NIF.

4.7. Security at Home Grounds (where applicable)

The Home Club is responsible for providing appropriate arrangements to ensure the orderly behaviour of spectators and provide for the protection of Match Officials, Players and Officials at fixtures including but not limited to any specific requirements of NIF which are notified to the Home Club.

- (a) Each home Club is responsible for security and/or police as directed by NIF. Ordinarily this will be wholly the responsibility of the Home Club but NIF reserves the right to require any Club involved in a Match to meet its security requirements.
- (b) NIF may take into account the security measures implemented by a Club and any security requirements directed by NIF, when assessing any Misconduct charges that may be brought against a Club.
- (c) Each team is responsible for the valuables of its Players, and valuables that are left in change rooms are done so at their own risk.

5. POWER TO DIRECT A CHANGE OF HOME GROUND

Notwithstanding any other competition rules, NIF may direct a team to play its home fixture(s) at a ground other than its home ground, providing that reasonable notice is given to the team(s).

6. REGISTRATION OF PLAYER/TEAM OFFICIAL

6.1. Registration Period

The amateur registration period shall be: 1st January – 31st December each year.

6.2. Player Registration Process

For all NIF competitions, Players are required to register online with MyFootballClub.

Before a Player can self-register online using MyFootballClub, a Club must first setup relevant registration packages. Once a Club has completed this process, Players should then be instructed to self-register online at www.myfootballclub.com.au.

Once a Player has completed their online self-registration, they will then be instructed to make payment either online, or to the Club.

Upon receiving this payment, the Club must then make the Player Active in order to complete the Player's registration to the Club. A Player is not considered registered to a Club until such time as the Club makes them Active.

A Club is responsible for ensuring that all of its Players have registered online through MyFootballClub and must submit a Player registration summary to NIF at least fourteen (14) days prior to the commencement of the competition.

The final date for ANY Player registrations to be lodged with NIF is 30th June each year notwithstanding this date is subject to close of business operations. Any registration submitted subsequent to this date will not be accepted.

6.2.1 Mid-Season Movement

- (i) Any player who wishes to change Clubs during the season needs to be approved by the Zone before 30th June.
- (ii) If a Club no longer wants a player to be registered with their Club, an application for de-registration is made on MFC. Approval of de-registration is subject to criteria such as participation and confirmation of whether the player is transferring to another Zone club.
- (iii) The de-registration is effective immediately when approved by the Zone.
- (iv) If the player then wishes to register with another Club they must register on myfootballclub.com.au and be approved through the normal process.
- (v) The Zone shall not be responsible for payments made by a player to any club. The liability for all player payments due to the Zone shall exist with the Club to which the player is deemed registered as at 30th June.

6.3. Team Official Registration Process

For all NIF competitions team Officials are required to register online with the National Online Player Registration System, MyFootballClub.

Before a team Official can self-register online using MyFootballClub, a Club must first setup relevant registration packages. Once a Club has completed this process, team Officials should then be instructed to self-register online at www.myfootballclub.com.au.

Once a team Official has completed their online self-registration, they will then be instructed to make payment (if applicable) either online, or to the Club.

Upon receiving this payment, the Club must then make the team Official Active, in order to complete the team Official's registration to the Club. A team Official is not considered registered to a Club until such time as the Club makes them Active in MyFootballClub.

6.4. Player Eligibility

- (a) An eligible amateur Player is one who has registered through the National Online Player Registration System. The registration will be deemed valid only when the said Club has paid

the registration levy and duly received from NIF a confirmation of registration, is the Player eligible to play in the competitions.

- (b) A Club may seek special dispensation regarding a Player's eligibility by applying in writing to NIF.
- (c) A team playing an Ineligible Player in any fixture shall be ineligible for any points associated with that fixture and shall be fined a sum as determined annually. In such cases, the full points associated with the fixture shall be awarded to their opponents and the score recorded according to three (3) goals by the team getting the points to nil (0) by the team which has infringed the competition rules. Three competition points will also be deducted from the team playing an ineligible player.
- (d) If NIF has any doubts as to the eligibility of any Player taking part in the competitions it has the power to call upon such Player, the team or Club with which he is registered, to prove that he is an eligible Player. Failure to provide satisfactory proof to the competition administrator, may result in:
 - *The disqualification of such Player;*
 - *The removal of the team from the competition;*
 - *A fine imposed as determined by NIF.*
- (e) A team shall not allow a Player who is under disqualification from NIF or any other FIFA / FFA affiliated football body to play in the competitions. Any team playing a disqualified Player during his period of disqualification shall be dealt with by the Competition Administrator. Such Player will be declared an ineligible Player.

6.5. Player Eligibility for Final Series

Subject to any disciplinary restriction, a Player is eligible to compete in his team's final series fixtures subject to compliance with the competition rules.

6.6 Visa Player - Interpretation

A 'Visa Player' is defined as follows:

"Any player who is not an Australian Citizen, or does not have Permanent Residency status, is considered a Visa Player."

"A Visa player is as defined in Article 18.1 of the National Registration Regulations and outlined in Article 5.2 of the National Registration Regulations."

Article 18.1 of the National Registration Regulations provides that:

"Visa Player means a Player that is not a citizen or resident of Australia and who requires a valid visa or work permit to enter Australia, whether to play football as an Amateur or Professional."

6.6. Team Official Eligibility

Any person employed or volunteering their services as a team coach, team manager, team masseur or team trainer (hereafter called a team Official) must be registered online with MyFootballClub and payment (if appropriate) lodged for said Official with NIF prior to their commencement as a team Official. The eligibility and qualifications of a team Official shall be

determined from time to time by NIF and none but an eligible team Official shall be permitted to control a team in NIF Competitions.

- (a) An eligible team Official is one who has registered as per the competition rules.
- (b) Alternatively, for a competition where another zone and/or NIF competition member is participating an eligible team Official is a team Official who has been registered as per the regulations of their zone/NIF and has been endorsed by a zone/NIF Official as being an eligible team Official to participate in NIF's competition.

7. PLAYING FOR ANOTHER CLUB

A Player that competes in a fixture for a team of another Club other than the Club that holds their registration, without prior written approval from NIF, shall be declared an ineligible Player.

The offending Player together with the team and/or Club shall be subject to action as determined by the Competition Administrator.

8. NUMBER OF PLAYERS REGISTERED

A Club may register sufficient Players to fulfil the requirements of the team(s) it has nominated in the competition(s).

9. NATIONAL CODE OF CONDUCT

9.1. Scope

The National Code of Conduct applies to the conduct and behaviour of Clubs, Players and Officials participating in NIF Competitions. Breaches of the Code of Conduct will be determined by the Competition Administrator and sanctions may be imposed in accordance with Part V of the FFA Statutes.

9.2. Liability for Spectator and Spectator Conduct

- (a) A Club is responsible and liable for the conduct and behaviour of its supporters, whether at home or away matches
- (b) It is the responsibility of the Club to ensure that the Spectator Code of Behaviour is displayed at a prominent position at the ground entry point.
- (c) Each patron at a Match must comply with the Spectator Code of Behaviour. It is the host Club's responsibility to ensure that the Spectator Code of Behaviour is implemented and enforced against all spectators.
- (d) A guest Club is liable for improper conduct among its own group of supporters. Supporters occupying the guest sector of a ground are regarded as the guest Club's supporters, unless proven to be the contrary.

9.3. Media Comment

- (a) A Club or Club Associate must not make derogatory comment(s) to the media or in any public forum whether verbally or in writing (including any form of electronic communication) about NIF or the performance of Match Officials. Any such complaints should be made in writing to NIF.
- (b) Match Officials are prohibited from making any comment to the Media or in any public forum whether verbally or in writing (including any form of electronic communication) in regard to any fixture of NIF at any time.
- (c) Clubs must appoint a media spokesperson and ensure that all office bearers, members and Players are aware that the media spokesperson is the only person authorised by the Club to talk to the media, unless permission is granted before contributing to the print media, television and/or radio. It is the responsibility of the Club to ensure that any permission granted is not used by a Player/team Official in such a manner that could bring the code, the Club, NIF, or its competitions into disrepute.
- (d) Breaches will be addressed by the Competition Administrator in accordance with the National Code of Conduct.

10. FULL STRENGTH IN A FIXTURE

Each team shall be at its full strength (best Players) in a fixture unless a satisfactory reason is provided to NIF.

11. GROUND OFFICIALS

At all Premier competition fixtures, the home team must have a minimum of one (1) identifiable Ground Official present at all times and the away team must also have an identifiable Ground Official present at all times who is charged with the responsibility of monitoring and if required addressing the inappropriate conduct of the away team's Players or supporters.

12. INDUCEMENT TO BRING ABOUT A RESULT

Any team/Club Official or Player offering or receiving payment or any form of inducement to or from any team/Club Official, Player or any team/Club Official or Player receiving or seeking any payment or other form of inducement from any other person or organisation to win, lose or draw a fixture shall be deemed guilty of misconduct and liable to such penalty as determined by the Competition Administrator.

13. PLAYING AREA REQUIREMENTS

13.1. Field of Play

During any fixture, an Official, a Player or a supporter shall not be permitted to stand closer than three (3) metres to the playing field marked lines or where a permanent rectangular boundary fence exists, shall not be permitted to stand inside the boundary fence. Coaching from the boundary line/fence is strictly prohibited.

13.2. Technical Area

- (a) In the event that appropriate dug-outs are not available in Premier fixtures, two (2) benches (or sufficient chairs) must be located on one (1) side of the playing field with a bench positioned equal distance either of the centre line. Each bench must be capable of seating six (6) persons (team Officials and substitute/interchange Players). All persons must remain seated or within the prescribed area during the fixture (except for injuries, replacing of a Player or interval). Clubs are responsible for positioning the marquees above the benches and ensure they are properly secured with pegs and guy ropes prior to the commencement of fixtures.
- (b) Controlled limited coaching will be permitted by a team Official (one (1) only) from the technical area. Any team Official who leaves the bench and gives instructions from outside the field of play shall forfeit any rights to organise the activities of the team from the bench or to attend to an injured Player of the team for the duration of the game.
- (c) Should the substitution of a Player become necessary a team Official will notify the fourth Official or assistant referee of the change and will remain with the Player at the centre line until the Player is called onto the field of play. If there is no fourth Official, or assistant referee, the team Official shall take the reserve Player to the centre line and shall remain with the Player until they are called onto the field of play by the referee.

13.3. Player Injury

Should an injury occur, the team first aid attendant or a team Official (one (1) only) will be called onto the field of play by the referee, to inspect any injury to a Player. In the event of an injury of a serious nature, treatment or movement of that Player is to be at the discretion of the first aid attendant or a team Official.

13.4. Infringements

- (a) Should a Player be sent from the field of play by a referee, they must leave the playing area and be outside the boundary fence or line to remove their shirt. The Player is not allowed to remain on their, or their opponent's substitute's bench or within 10 metres of that area.
- (b) In the event of any infringement of the above competition rules, the referee may hold up play until they are satisfied the competition rules are complied with and shall report the matter to NIF. If a person persists infringing the competition rules to the detriment of the fixture, the home team Officials/ground Official shall escort them from the ground.

14. ADMISSION CHARGES

Admission charges, including a fee for cars if permitted to the ground, shall be approved by NIF as appropriate.

15. WINNERS MEDALLIONS

The winners of both the premierships and grand finals will be awarded a set of fifteen (15) to twenty (20) gold medallions per grade (depending on the competition) and the runners-up of the grand finals will be awarded a set of fifteen to twenty (20) silver medallions per grade.

Further medallions may be purchased from NIF by a qualifying team, at their own cost.

16. PRIZE MONIES

Competition prize money (if applicable) will be determined by NIF and listed in the competition rules.

17. PLAYERS UNIFORMS/GEAR REQUIREMENTS

17.1. Club Colours

All Clubs will wear their designated registered “home” playing strip, in all home matches or any matches played at a neutral ground, unless otherwise directed by NIF.

- (a) First choice strip: shall be used in all matches designated as ‘home’ matches.
- (b) Alternate strip: shall not contain any of the dominant colours (other than trim) of the first choice strip and shall include alternate shirts, shorts and socks.
- (c) All Clubs must submit their home and alternate strip colours prior to the commencement of each season on a date as determined by NIF.
- (d) Goalkeepers must wear colours that distinguish them from the other Players, the referee and the assistant referees including shirt, shorts and socks. If long pants are worn, then socks must be worn on the outside of the pants. If the referee deems there is a clash with the Goalkeepers playing apparel the Goalkeeper must change their apparel in accordance with the referee’s requirements. Should a goalkeeper take the place of a field Player during a fixture, said goalkeeper must wear the same colour shorts and socks as the rest of the team.

17.2. Equipment

- (a) A Player must not use equipment or wear anything that is dangerous to themselves or another Player (including any kind of jewellery).
- (b) Shin guards must be worn by all Players at all times during any fixture.
- (c) As per FIFA Laws of the Game, ‘skins’ must be the colour of the predominant colour of the leg of the short. The match referee has the right to determine whether or not a Player’s equipment is considered satisfactory and compliant with the relevant regulations. The match referee’s decision is final.

17.3. Club Uniforms

- (a) All Clubs must submit full colour images of both their home and alternate playing uniforms as per the requirements of NIF Competition Rules.
- (b) All Club uniforms must comply with the FIFA Laws of the Game and the FIFA Equipment Regulations.

Law 4 of the FIFA Laws of the Game states that the basic compulsory equipment worn by Players must not have any political, religious or personal statements. Where a Player contravenes this regulation, their team can be subject to sanction by the organiser of the competition where the contravention occurred or by FIFA. Basic compulsory equipment is inclusive of Player jerseys, shorts and socks (stockings), shin guards and footwear.

In addition, Article 8 of the FIFA Equipment Regulations states that Player equipment items may contain decorative elements, provided that they do not produce the visual impression of a country, a religious symbol or comparable symbol. A decorative element is defined as a further aesthetic element, other than identifications of a Member Association or Manufacturer's Identifications, which are added to, and used in, the design of any Player equipment item.

- (c) The numbers on the back of shirts must be of a standard design and of standard dimensions, as approved by NIF. They must be in complete contrast to dominant colours of the shirt (i.e. white or light colour numerals on dark coloured shirts and black or dark colour numerals on light coloured shirts).

Where dominant shirt colours are light or dark colours or horizontal, vertical, or diagonal stripes or carry a multi-coloured pattern thereon, which may impair the clear identification of the number from a distance of 100 metres, then the numeral must be placed on a plain coloured panel, in accordance with the preceding paragraph.

For number size and placement, refer to Appendix B.

- (d) Sponsor branding can only be positioned on the playing strip as identified in Appendix B.

NIF reserves the right to deny or approve at its absolute discretion the placement of a sponsor's logo/emblem on any Club uniform in the event that the sponsor and/or sponsor's branding:

- is determined by NIF to be inappropriate and/or offensive;
- has the potential to damage the reputation of NIF or the sport of football;
- conflicts with NIF's Naming Rights and/or Major Sponsor of the relevant Competition; and/ or
- contravenes the FIFA Laws of the Game and/ or FIFA Equipment Laws including by referencing or containing a national or political flag, foreign nation, political emblem, religious or racial inference or foreign language.

If requested by NIF, Clubs must make a submission and provide evidence within 21 days as to the appropriateness and legitimacy of the sponsorship (financial or in kind) which will be determined by NIF at its absolute discretion.

Clubs that seek to acknowledge sponsors that may breach 19.3 (b) are required to apply to NIF for prior written approval to use the proposed sponsor logos on Club uniforms.

- (e) A Player competing in a fixture not being correctly attired may be declared an ineligible Player and subject to disciplinary action.

17.4. NIF Logo and Naming Rights Sponsor Logo

NIF will supply participating Clubs with the NIF and Naming Rights Sponsor Logo annually. It is the Clubs' responsibility to ensure that the logos are placed on strips as prescribed by NIF. The costs associated with application are the Clubs' responsibility.

18. EXPENSES

All expenses incurred participating in a competition shall be the responsibility of the participating teams. NIF may at its discretion, make a contribution from NIF funds to help offset costs.

19. OFFICIAL FIXTURES LIST

All fixtures to be contested in each competition shall be prepared by NIF and upon publication, shall be known as the Official fixtures list.

Fixtures will be arranged to allow participating members of a division to compete at the same venue on the same day with the lower grade teams competing first.

Any disputes between two (2) or more teams as to the arrangement of fixtures shall be referred to and decided by NIF. Dislocation of a fixture for any cause whatsoever shall be immediately reported to NIF by the team concerned and it shall be the duty of the home team in each instance, to notify immediately the appointed match Officials and their opponent of such dislocation.

Notwithstanding any other competition rules on the same subject matter, NIF reserves the right to alter, abandon or amend any fixture after it has been nominated in the Official fixture list.

20. KICK-OFF TIMES

20.1. Scheduled Fixtures

Fixtures should be played on the date and times as nominated in the Official fixtures list.

A fixture should start at the nominated kick-off time provided that when a fixture starts later than the stipulated time, short time will be played in equal halves to allow the following fixture to start at the scheduled time.

NIF reserves the right to determine kick-off times for all competition fixtures.

20.2. Flood Lights

A fixture may be played on any day, wholly or in part under floodlights provided that the standard of lighting shall meet all requirements of NIF and/or the referee.

20.3. Fixture Alterations

A Club seeking to alter the nominated fixture time must apply in writing to NIF no later than 3 weeks prior the fixture date. Failure to obtain consent may incur a fine.

21. DISPUTE OVER FIXTURE SCORES

In the event of a dispute in respect to the scores of a fixture, the score recorded by the referee in charge shall be the Official score of the fixture.

22. FORFEITED FIXTURES

A team that, without just cause, fails to fulfil an engagement to play a fixture on the appointed date, time or venue (except for a wash out) shall for each and every offence forfeit that fixture. The offending team shall also be liable for any reasonable expenses incurred by its opponents relative to the fixture.

22.1. Start Times

A fixture should start at the stipulated time and may not start more than fifteen (15) minutes after the stipulated starting time. Any team unable or unwilling to begin a fixture after this period shall be deemed to have forfeited the fixture.

22.2. Minimum Players

A team must field at least seven (7) of its eligible Players at all times in a fixture. Failure to do so shall result in the offending team forfeiting the fixture.

22.3. Repeat Forfeits

A team forfeiting on two (2) or more occasions, without an acceptable reason, may be removed from the competition.

22.4. Forfeit Procedure

- (a) The winning points for the fixture shall be allocated to the opponent of the team forfeiting and the score recorded as three (3) goals scored by the team receiving the points to nil (0) to the forfeiting team.
- (b) The offending team shall lose three (3) competition points and pay all appropriate match Official fees, compensation and any another penalty as determined by the Competition Administrator.

23. APPROVAL FOR OTHER COMPETITIONS/FIXTURES

A Club shall not play in any other fixture/competition in opposition to NIF fixture/competitions unless it has received prior written approval from NIF.

24. DEFFERAL OF FIXTURES

A team may seek permission from NIF to have a fixture(s) deferred, providing that such a deferral shall be requested in time to give due notice to the opposing team(s) and to the referees appointment committee.

Consideration for a deferral will be given, when more than three Players of a team are involved in NIF representative duties at the same time as the fixture and for any other cause which NIF considers sufficient weight to merit a deferral.

Due notice to defer a fixture may be waived in the event of a critical incident which occurs within 24 hours of the scheduled fixture. NIF reserves the right to determine the validity of a critical incident and the result of any fixture deferred due to a critical incident.

Should an opposing team be unable to recoup expenses resulting from a deferral, NIF shall decide the amount of compensation to be paid by the team granted the deferral.

NIF shall reschedule the date for the playing of a deferred fixture provided always that NIF may at its discretion declare the fixture cancelled.

NIF shall notify each competing Club and the referees appointments officer of the time, date and venue of the deferred fixture.

A deferred fixture not played in accordance with the competition rules shall not be recognised by NIF.

25. ABANDONED FIXTURES/SPECTATOR INTERFERENCE

In cases where a fixture has been abandoned by the referee, through the invasion of the field by spectators or other reasons, NIF shall investigate the circumstances of the abandonment and shall determine the result of the abandoned fixture, whether the fixture should be replayed in full or in part and under what conditions and/or impose such penalties as it shall deem fit on teams, team Officials, Players and/or spectators adjudged to be associated with the abandonment.

In respect of the above competition rules, the decision of NIF shall be final and not subject to an appeal to another authority. The action of NIF in respect of penalties imposed in this regard shall be distinct from decisions as determined by the Competition Administrator in respect of Players charged with offences by a referee and/or assistant referee.

26. FIXTURES NOT PLAYED AS SCHEDULED

In the event that wet weather or other causes, disrupt a competition to such an extent that it will not be completed within the competition fixtures time frame, NIF may cancel all or any premierships/final series fixtures or reschedule first grade fixtures to complete as many fixtures as possible in the premierships and/or the final series.

Should a competition fixture be declared cancelled by NIF, each competing team shall be awarded a draw result. The goal score shall be recorded as 0-0.

Should a semi-final series fixture not be completed due to inclement weather or other causes over which neither team has any control, NIF shall reschedule the washed out semi-final fixture prior to the next scheduled final series fixture.

Should continuing inclement weather prevent the rescheduling of a semi-final fixture the highest placed team on the competitions points table will progress to the next final series stage.

Should a grand final fixture not be completed due to inclement weather or other causes over which neither team has any control NIF reserves the right to determine the result of the fixture.

27. MASS WALK-OFFS

A team causing a fixture to be terminated before its natural conclusion through a "mass walk-off" or refusal to allow play to continue, shall be deemed to have committed serious misconduct against NIF and a forfeit shall be awarded to the opposing team.

28. REFUSING TO START A FIXTURE

A team refusing to start to play a fixture shall be deemed to have committed serious misconduct against NIF and a forfeit shall be awarded to the opposing team.

29. TEAMS REMOVED OR WITHDRAWING FROM COMPETITIONS

In the event of a team withdrawing or being removed from a competition before the competition has started a bye result will apply.

In the event of a team withdrawing or being removed from a competition during the competition, each opposing team that has played the removed or withdrawn team shall have the relevant points and goals deleted from its record and shall be credited with a bye result. Each team that has not played the removed or withdrawn team shall be credited with a bye result.

30. A COLOUR CLASH

In the event of a colour clash in a premiership fixture, the visiting team shall change to a strip, which does not predominantly include colours of the home team.

30.1. Home Team

It is the responsibility of the 'home' Club to notify visiting teams of any changes to their registered colours.

30.2. Away Team

It is the responsibility of the away team, at all times, to carry an alternative strip with them.

30.3. Goalkeepers

In all cases the goalkeeper's shirt must be clearly distinguishable from the colour of shirts worn by all other Players and the referee.

30.4. Match Officials

No match Official shall be permitted to officiate in colours likely to be mistaken for those of the field Players from either team.

30.5. Ball Persons

The ball person's colours shall be distinct from those worn by either of the competing teams.

31. TEAM SHEETS

All team sheets must be forwarded by the referee of the senior or final fixture to NIF office (or designated address or official) by post or delivered by hand, to arrive no later than forty eight hours (48) after the conclusion of the fixture.

If no Official referee is present, then it shall be the responsibility of the home team to forward the team sheets as above.

A team Official from each competing team must sign the team sheet to verify the recorded result at the finish of the fixture.

In the event of a dispute regarding the recorded result and the referee refuses to alter the result, the team Official(s) shall have the dispute noted on the team sheet and sign his name under that note. The team Official(s) should also report the dispute to their Club who may wish to lodge a protest.

If the team sheet is not signed by a team Official, all information on the team sheet pertaining to infringements, results and goal scorers, is deemed to be correct.

32. TEAM SHEET DETAILS

A team Official from each competing team shall hand the appropriate team sheet containing the full name and registration number of each Player taking part in the fixture (including substitutes) to the appropriate Official not later than fifteen (15) minutes before the scheduled kick-off time. The eleven (11) Players taking the field to start the match must be ticked on the match card. The other Players being designated as substitutes/interchange.

32.1. Home Team

The home team shall complete in full all the fixture details as required on the team sheet and in addition the home team shall fill in their portion of the team sheet first.

32.2. Player Details

The number on the Player's shirt shall correspond with the Player's name and number on the team sheet and there should be no change of a number before or during a fixture except on a change of goalkeeper.

32.3. Completing Team Sheet

A team sheet shall be completed in black or blue pen using block letters and all relevant details thereon being legible.

32.4. Substitutes

The referee shall endorse the substitution of a Player on the team sheet. When a fixture is forfeited, the team sheet shall be endorsed accordingly by the referee and the relevant team Official(s).

32.5. Team Officials

Should a team Official have a reasonable doubt regarding the eligibility of an opposing Player(s) named on the team sheet, he should note such concern on the back of the team sheet and in addition advise the opposing team. The Player(s) will be allowed to play in the fixture and NIF shall adjudicate on the eligibility of the Player(s).

34.6 False Information

A person and or Club guilty of supplying false information on a team sheet shall be dealt with as determined by the Competition Administrator.

33. TEAM SHEET ISSUE

Each Club will be issued with team sheets applicable for its competitions and it shall be the responsibility of the home team to have additional sheets available for visiting teams if required.

34. SUBSTITUTION/INTERCHANGE OF A PLAYER

A substitution/interchange of a Player shall be in accordance with the competition rules.

34.1. Substitution

Each competing team may at its discretion use three (3) substitute Players one of whom may be the goalkeeper at any time in a fixture.

35. MATCH OFFICIALS

Each fixture, (including trial game fixture) wherever possible, shall be played under the control of an Official referee and assistant referees (hereinafter may be called match Officials) appointed by the Referee Appointments Officer in consultation with the Competition Administrator. This includes trial game fixtures.

35.1. Unavailable Referees

In the event of no Official referee being in attendance, the home team shall appoint a Club referee or substitute referee for the fixture. Failure of the home team to do so shall result in a forfeit being awarded to the visiting team. Similarly, failure by the visiting team to accept the appointed person shall result in a forfeit being awarded to the home team. The appointed person shall assume the full authority of a referee and shall be recognised as such.

- (a) The appointed person for an age grade division competition should not be younger than fourteen (14) years of age and should be a minimum of two (2) years older than the age grade he or she is going to referee. Should the appointed person be eighteen (18) years of age he is entitled to referee senior competitions.

35.2. Team Sheet

In the event of an Official referee failing to appear, the team sheet is to be clearly endorsed accordingly and the matter reported by the home team to NIF. This information will be included in a report to the Referee Appointments Officer and the competition administrator.

- (a) In the event of a substitute referee being appointed, they shall be paid the appropriate referees fee should payment be requested by the appointed person.

36. REFEREEING

A Referee should attend the ground at least thirty (30) minutes before the arranged time for the start of the fixture.

The referee shall wait for a minimum of fifteen (15) minutes after the time arranged for the commencement of the fixture before abandoning the fixture because of the absence of a team.

The referee shall decide as to the fitness of the ground for play in all fixtures. When the referee finds it necessary to stop play, owing to inclement weather or other cause, the referee shall wait a reasonable length of time before deciding to abandon the fixture.

36.1. Misconduct

The referee and assistant referees shall report, in writing, any misconduct they have witnessed or breach of the Laws of the Game, including a Player send-off to NIF within twenty four (24) hours after the end of the fixture. The referee is to record each Player caution and/or send-off on the back of the team sheet as per the competition rules governing these incidents. The referee/assistant referees are required to attend the respective disciplinary hearing as determined by the Competition Administrator.

36.2. Referee Performance

A Club, Official, team Official, Director of NIF or competition manager may send in a written report to NIF on the performance of a referee during a fixture. Such report should be received by NIF no later than forty-eight (48) hours after the fixture.

37. MATCH OFFICIAL'S FEES

Match Official's fees shall be determined by NIF based on NNSWF schedule of fees.

Match official fees shall be invoiced by Northern Inland Football Referees with fees split into 2 invoices and invoiced at the commencement of the season with a final invoice issued by 30th June. Club Match official fees must be paid for the Club to be eligible for the final series.

NIF shall pay the match Officials' fees for final series fixtures or special fixtures, as per the competition rules.

Match Official fees for trial games and Acropolis Cup competition will be charged at 50% of a competition fixture fee.

38. RING-INS

A team Official/Player and/or Club found to have knowingly and/or wilfully engaged in the "ring-in" of a Player in any fixture shall be deemed guilty of gross misconduct against NIF and subject to disciplinary action as determined by the Competition Administrator.

39. WASHED OUT OR DOUBTFUL FIXTURES

In all instances where inclement weather or other incidents preceding a fixture raise fair doubt as to the possibility of play taking place, the following rules shall apply:

- (a) A home Club Official and a senior referee (if available) are to inspect the ground by 8am on the day of the fixture and decide whether play can take place during the day and such decision is to be given to NIF in accordance with competition rules. In addition, the Official shall advise the visiting team(s) and the appointed match Official(s).
- (b) In the event the visiting team and/or appointed match Official(s) should check with the home Club secretary and/or team Official before departing for any doubtful fixture venue.
- (c) In the event of a ground being declared unfit for play that ground shall not be used for any fixtures during that day notwithstanding that the home and away Club may agree to defer lower grade fixtures in an effort to ensure that the first grade fixture proceeds.
- (d) A Club shall advise NIF of the names and contact details of its Officials who have the authority to declare a ground unfit for play.

40. WET WEATHER PROCEDURES

In the event of any wet weather cancellations/amendments, it is the responsibility of the home Club to adhere to wet weather procedures as per the competition rules.

Failure to comply with wet weather procedures may render the home Club liable for referees fees and any other expenses incurred by the away team.

41. BEHAVIOUR OF PLAYERS, OFFICIALS AND SUPPORTERS

Each Club shall be responsible for the behaviour of its Players, team Officials, and supporters at all times in accordance with the FFA National Code of Conduct.

42. LOSS OF POINTS DEFINITION

Where the competition regulations, standing orders, rules of NIF or the Laws of Football have been breached and the penalty determined as a "loss of points", or "playing for no points" or "shall receive no points", the following shall be recorded against the offending team or Club of the fixture as the Official result which the breach occurred.

- (a) Full points allocated for the fixture shall be forfeited to their opponents and goals recorded according to three (3) goals scored by the team getting the points to nil (0) by the team who has infringed the competition rules.
- (b) Notwithstanding any other competition rules on the same subject matter, NIF shall have the power to deduct competition points from the Official points table of a competition member as a disciplinary measure for any misconduct against NIF or any deed that they consider could bring the code and/or a Club into disrepute. NIF shall determine if the points deducted should be given to any other competition member.
- (c) In respect of the competition rules the decision of NIF shall be final, and not subject to an appeal to another authority.

43. PLAYING NAME AND CLUB LOGO/EMBLEM

No Club shall be admitted to compete in NIF's Competitions for the upcoming season where such Club's playing name/Club emblem has not been approved in writing by NIF. A Club's playing name must be in English and cannot reference a foreign country, political body, ethnicity, race or religion.

The Club's name must not reference an overseas geographical location or overseas sporting club or association.

44. DISCIPLINARY PROCEDURES

The Competition Administrator may (in accordance with the FFA National Disciplinary Regulations):

- (a) Determine and impose mandatory disciplinary sanctions.
- (b) Cite a Player, team Official or Club to appear before its Competition Administrator.
- (c) Suspend, fine, reprimand, caution or otherwise a Player, team Official, or Club or any other person whom they consider has breached the Laws of the Game, the competition rules or has brought the code into disrepute.

(d) Impose disciplinary sanctions on a Club for the misconduct of a team, including when:

- Five (5) Players are cautioned or sent off during one (1) match;
- Three (3) Players are sent off during one (1) match; or
- Several Players together make threats or show force against a Match Official.

44.1. Hearing Process

A player or a team Official may request a hearing where they wish to dispute a disciplinary sanction which has been imposed summarily.

(a) Should a Player or Team Official request the right to be heard after receiving a Disciplinary Sanction which has been imposed summarily they must notify the Competition Administrator in writing within 72 hours of receiving the summary disciplinary notification. Received is taken to include club notification.

(b) Where a hearing has been requested for a sanction imposed summarily, the Disciplinary Chairman reserves the right to conduct the hearing either by phone or in person with the aggrieved party.

44.2. Appeal Against Disciplinary Sanction

A Player or team Official may appeal a disciplinary sanction imposed within a disciplinary infringement notice by notifying the Competition Administrator in writing within seven (7) days after the date on which the disciplinary infringement notice was received, using the application form in accordance with FFA Grievance Resolution Regulations and the following Appeal Processes:

(a) Appeal to NIF Competition Administrator.

(b) Appeal to NIF (Disciplinary Chairman).

(c) Appeal to NNSWF.

(d) Appeal to FFA

There is no appeal process for minimum mandatory match suspension(s), unless it is a case of mistaken identity.

44.3. Accumulation Of Yellow Cards

A Player who accumulates yellow cards during the course of the competition must serve mandatory match suspensions in accordance with the FFA National Disciplinary Regulations and competition rules.

(a) It is the Clubs responsibility to record and monitor all Player/team Official infringements and impose sanctions in accordance with the FFA National Disciplinary Regulations and competition rules.

(b) It is the team manager's responsibility to sign the team sheet at the end of a fixture and to record yellow and red card infringements listed by the referee on the team sheet.

- (c) The accumulation of yellow cards in a Final Series is inclusive of all grades participating in the Final Series.

44.4. Suspension

- (a) All suspension must be served in accordance with FFA National Disciplinary Regulations and Competition Rules.
- (b) Unless otherwise specified by a Competition Administrator or Disciplinary Committee, a Player who receives a suspension for an offence in a match forming part of a competition must serve that suspension in the next following match(es) forming part of any competition (i.e. the competition in which the relevant offence was committed, or another competition) in which their team participates. For the avoidance of doubt suspensions do carry over from one round to the next in the same competition, including from the preseason to the regular to the finals series and to the following season.
- (c) A Player who receives a mandatory match suspension in a friendly/trial fixture must serve that suspension in the next friendly/trial fixture. A Player who receives a match suspension in addition to a mandatory match suspension for an offence that occurs in a friendly/trial match may be required by the Competitions Administrator to serve the suspension in the next Official match(es) in which the Player participates.
- (d) A suspension imposed on a Player in terms of matches only affects that Player in that type of football i.e. a Player suspended in 11 a side football only affects that Players participation in 11-a-side football.
A suspension imposed in terms of time (days, weeks, months) affects a Players participation in all football types.

44.5. Accumulation Of Red Cards

A Player who accumulates red cards during the course of a competition must serve mandatory match suspensions in accordance with FFA National Disciplinary Regulations and competition rules.

- (a) Clubs are responsible for the collation of Player/Official infringements.

45. FINANCIAL STATUS

45.1. Competition Member

Should the accounts from NIF to a competition member remain unpaid for a period of thirty (30) days after they become due, then the competition member may, after notice of default, be declared an unfinancial competition member.

- (a) NIF may consider allowing an unfinancial competition member to continue participation in the competitions up to a period not exceeding four (4) competition fixtures. Unfinancial competition members may not receive any competition points in these four (4) fixtures.
- (b) A team may not be entitled to participate in a final series fixture if its Club has not paid accounts due in full, before its last premiership fixture. Should a vacancy occur in a final series, NIF may at its discretion fill that vacancy with the next highest placed team on the points table.

- (c) A Club may not be entitled to be considered for future membership of NIF competitions if its financial obligations, other than those subject to the normal terms of payment, have not been paid in full by 30 December each year.
- (d) NIF reserves the right to relegate a Club not fulfilling its financial obligations to a lower competition or refuse its membership.

45.2. Player/Team Official/Match Official

Should the accounts from NIF to a Player/team Official/match Official remain unpaid for a period of thirty (30) days after they become due, then the Player/team Official/match Official may after notice of default be declared unfinancial and subject to sanctions as determined by NIF.

46. NATIONAL FLAGS, SLOGANS AND EMBLEMS

- 48.1.** In accordance with the FIFA Laws of the Game and the FIFA Equipment Regulations, Clubs are prohibited from displaying foreign or national flags, political emblems, religious or racial slogans and emblems at sanctioned fixtures and on any part of the Players' attire or any uniform worn by Club Officials.
- 48.2.** NIF reserves the right at its absolute discretion to approve or deny a Club's proposed use of logos and/or emblems that breach regulation 48.1 above. One consideration NIF will take into account is whether the proposal is reflective of a Clubs' heritage or history.
- 48.3.** Clubs may not display, distribute, disseminate, broadcast or publish by any means whatsoever whether electronically or otherwise any material in a language other than English, without the prior written consent of NIF to do so.
- 48.4.** All Clubs must have the prior written approval of NIF before introducing or incorporating any design, emblem or slogan onto any Club logo or name, product or medium, including but not limited to playing strips, promotional material, Club letterhead, banners, advertisements, public announcements, website or any other form of communication.
- 48.5.** NIF may request the immediate removal of any offending material at any time.
- 48.6.** If any person is in breach of this rule, both the individual and any Club of which that person is associated may be sanctioned and disciplined in accordance with Part V of the FFA Statutes.
- 48.7.** All Clubs are required to display, enforce and abide by NIF Competition Terms of Admission. Clubs will be held responsible and liable for any breaches of the above regulations and may be subject to fines as determined by the regulations.

47. SALE OF ALCOHOL

- 47.1.** Clubs seeking to sell or supply alcohol must obtain the applicable liquor license and comply with all legislative requirements. NIF will take no responsibility for any Club participating within its Competitions that does not comply with relevant legislation.

47.2. NIF reserves the right at its absolute discretion to direct a Club not to sell or to restrict the sale of alcohol at any fixture under its jurisdiction.

48. GROUND SIGNAGE AND SPONSOR BRANDING

48.1. In accordance with the FFA Spectator Code of Behaviour, the display of any sign or banner featuring foreign flags, political emblems, religious and racial inferences is strictly prohibited at sanctioned fixtures.

48.2. In addition to regulation 48.1 above, NIF reserves the right to deny or approve at its absolute discretion the display of ground signage at fixtures sanctioned by NIF in the event that the signage:

- is determined by NIF to be inappropriate and/or offensive;
- has the potential to damage the reputation of NIF or the sport of football;
- conflicts with the NIF's Naming Rights and/or Major Sponsor of the relevant Competition;
- references a foreign nation or language; and/ or
- features a foreign emblem or symbol.

If requested by NIF, Clubs must make a submission and provide sufficient evidence as to the appropriateness and legitimacy of any sponsorship. The legitimacy of Club sponsorship will be determined by NIF at its absolute discretion.

48.3 Clubs that seek to display signage that conflicts with the terms outlined in clause 48.2 are instructed and required to contact NIF for prior written approval.

48.4 Clubs are required to remove offending signage at NIF's total discretion and direction.

48.5 The above terms also apply to any other form of sponsor branding including but not limited to equipment and Club stationery.

APPENDIX A - FINES

The below fines refer to points in the regulations.

4. Home Team Responsibilities

4.1. Failure to arrange an alternative venue	\$250 per offence
4.2. Deficiency in ground	\$100 per offence
4.3. Failure to provide approved Match Balls	\$100 per offence
4.4. Failure to post results	\$100 per offence
4.5. Failure to set up field as per competition nomination form (and acceptance thereof)	\$250 per offence

6. Ineligible Player

6.4 Playing an ineligible Player	\$200 per offence
6.6 Use of false ID tag, Team Official	\$200 per offence

7. Playing For Another Club

\$500 per offence

9. Player Bringing Code Into Disrepute

\$1000 per offence

10. Full Strength In A Fixture

\$200 per offence

12. Inducement To Bring About A Result

\$2000 per offence

Players Uniform/Gear Requirements

19.1 (c) Failure to have playing strips approved by NIF	\$200 per strip
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22. Kick Off Times

22.3. Failure to obtain consent for time change	\$50 per offence
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24. Forfeited Fixtures

\$200 per offence

27. Abandoned Fixtures/Spectator Interference

Fine - Player	\$500 per offence
Fine - Club	\$1000 per offence
Fine - Person	\$500 per offence

29. Mass Walk-Offs

\$1000 per offence

30. Refusing To Start A Fixture	\$1000 per offence
33. Failure to Lodge Team Sheet	\$50 per offence
34. Team Sheet Details	
34.1 Failure to complete Team Sheet	\$50 per offence
34.3 Illegible Team Sheet	\$50 per offence
34.6 Supplying False Information	\$1000 per offence
35. Team Sheet not available	\$50 per offence
37. Refereeing	
38.1 Failure to lodge Match Officials Report	\$50 per offence
39. Failure to pay Match Official Fees by invoice due date	2 x Official Fees
40. Ring-Ins	\$1500 per offence
41. Failure to Advise of Washed Out or Doubtful Fixtures	\$100 per offence
43. Behaviour of Players, Officials and Supporters	\$500 per offence
46. Disciplinary Procedures	\$150 per offence
48. Display of prohibited flags, slogans and emblems	\$500 per offence
49. Failure to abide by NIF's restrictions	\$500 per offence
50. Erect non-compliant signage without NIF's prior approval	\$500 per offence
50. Failure to remove identified signage at NIF's direction	\$500 per offence
Appeal/Grievance Hearing Fees	
Appeal to NIF Competition Administrator (refundable if appeal won in part or in whole)	\$150.00
Appeal to NIF Disciplinary Chairman (refundable if case won in part or in whole)	\$500.00
Appeal to NNSWF (non-refundable)	\$1000.00
Appeal to FFA (non-refundable)	\$2000.00

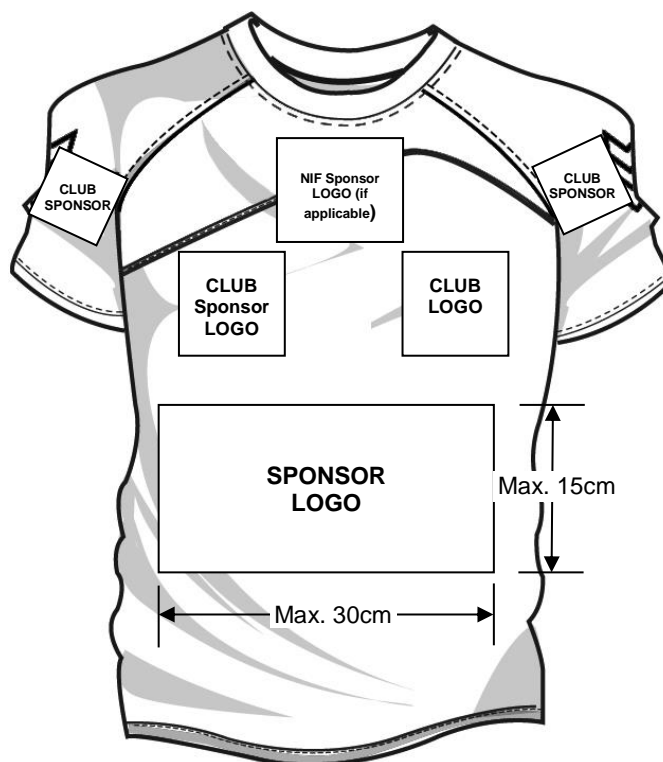
Request for a Grievance Hearing NIF Competition Administrator (non-refundable)	\$250.00
Grievance Appeal Fee NIF Disciplinary Chairman (non-refundable)	\$500.00
Grievance Appeal Fee NNSWF (non-refundable)	\$1000.00
Grievance Appeal Fee FFA (non-refundable)	\$2000.00

APPENDIX B – PLAYING STRIP BRANDING

Front of Shirt

Any Sponsor Logo that appears on the front of the shirt must not exceed 15cm in height and 30cm in length.

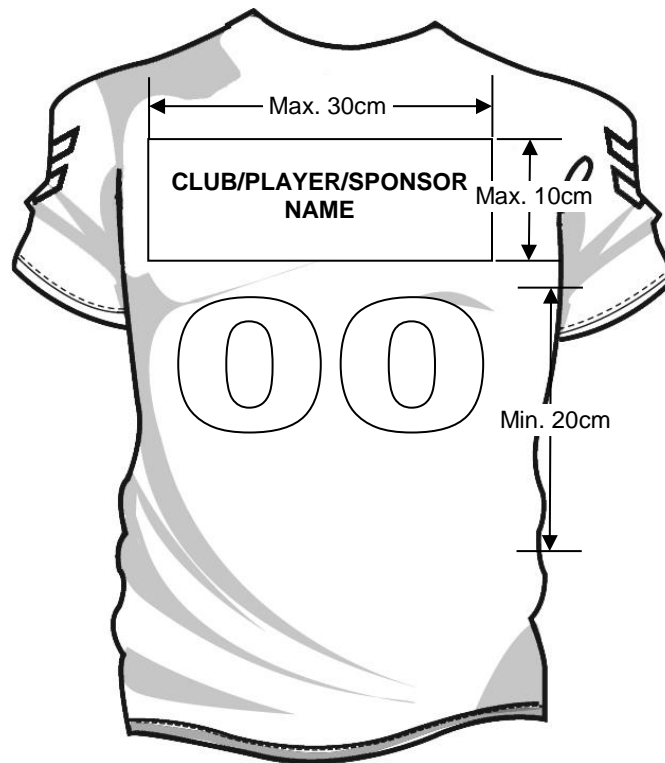
The minimum height of letters on any sponsor message is 6cm.



Back of Shirt

Any Club, Player or sponsor name that appears on the back of the shirt must not exceed 10cm in height and 30cm in length.

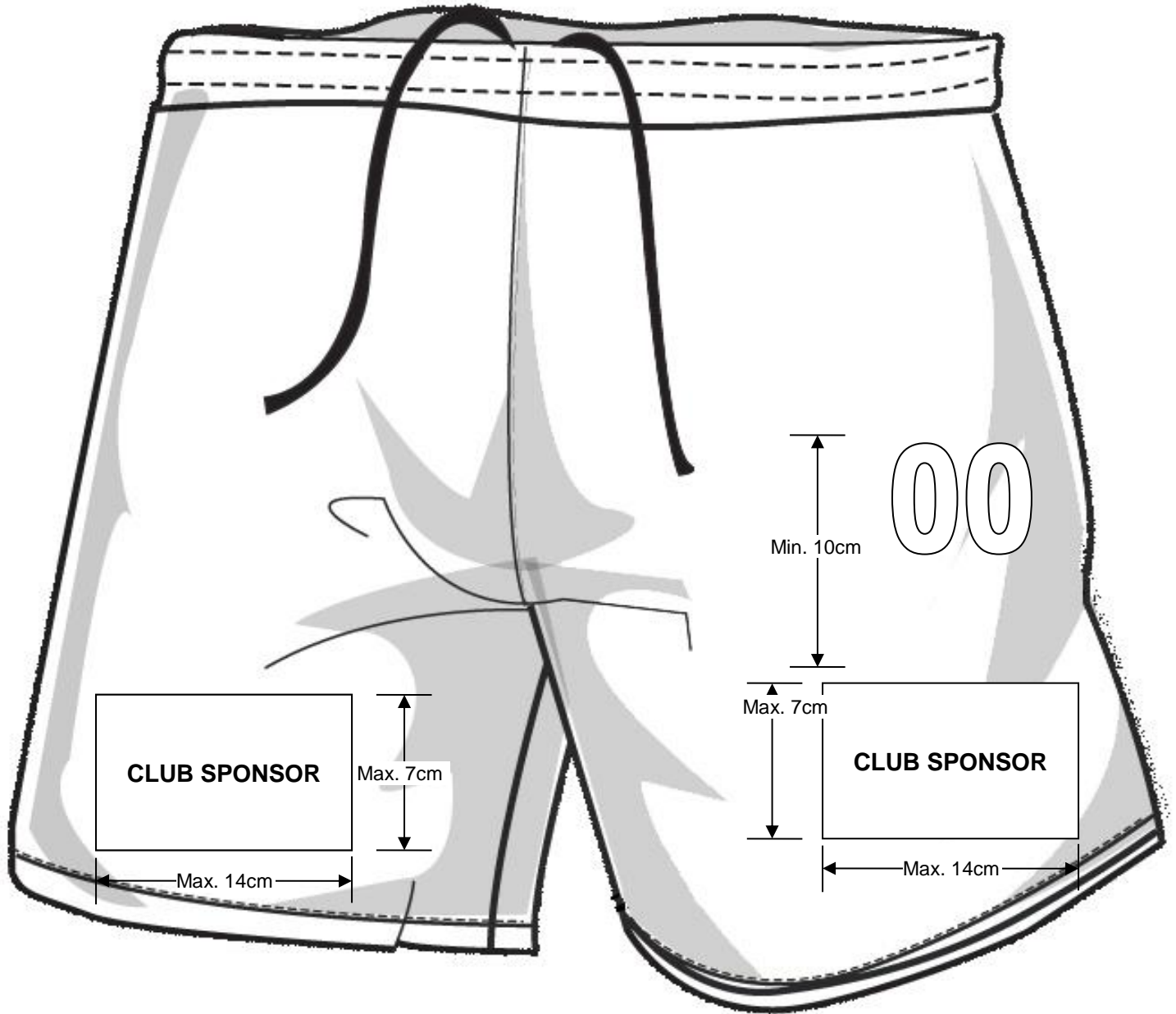
The Player numbers on the back of the shirt must be a minimum of 20cm in height for adults, with an allowance for junior shirts.



Front of Shorts

Any Club Sponsors name or logo that appears on the left leg must not exceed 7cm in height and 14cm in length and cannot exceed an area greater than 98cm².

Any Player numbers that appear on the left leg must be a minimum of 10cm in height.



APPENDIX C – NIF TERMS OF ADMISSION

1. General - The following Terms of Admission shall apply to all spectators attending the event. By attending the event spectators agree to be bound by these Terms of Admission. These Terms of Admission should be read in conjunction with the Venue Conditions of Entry and the 'FFA Spectator Code of Behaviour'.

2. Spectator Behaviour - Patrons agree to comply with the 'FFA Spectator Code of Behaviour', a copy of which is available at www.footballaustralia.com.au.

3. Tickets - In the instance that tickets must be purchased to enter the Venue, patrons must not:

- (a) resell or transfer, or attempt to resell or transfer, the ticket at a premium;
- (b) use the ticket for advertising, promotion or other commercial purposes (including competitions and trade promotions) or to enhance the demand for other goods or services or;
- (c) package the ticket with other goods and services.

Tickets must be carried at all times and produced upon request.

4. Refund/Exchange - Tickets will not be refunded or exchanged except in accordance with the "Code of Practice for the Ticketing of Live Entertainment in Australia" (the Code), available at www.liveperformance.com.au. Except as provided by the Code, to the extent permitted by law, NIF is not liable to any person for any loss (including consequential loss) arising out of, or in connection with, the cancellation or rescheduling of the event.

5. Refusal of Entry/Eviction - NIF, Club and Venue Management reserve the right to refuse entry or evict any person:

- (a) who breaches these Terms of Admission or who NIF, Club or Venue Management has reasonable grounds to believe is likely to breach these Terms of Admission;
- (b) who jeopardises safety or security at the Venue or event;
- (c) deemed to be intoxicated or disorderly or under the influence of drugs;
- (d) attempting to bring in, or found in possession of, Prohibited or Restricted Items;
- (e) engaging in a Prohibited or Restricted Activity;
- (f) failing to comply with lawful directions by FFA, NIF, Club, Venue Management, Police, or Contract Security staff;
- (g) previously issued with a Court Banning Notice, FFA Banning Notice, NIF Banning Notice or Club Banning Notice that still applies; or
- (h) not authorised to be in the Venue e.g. without a valid entry ticket or accreditation.

6. Security Screening - All persons and their possessions will be subject to searches before entering the Venue and may be subject to search upon exit. Persons who refuse to participate may be denied entry or asked to leave the Venue. Any person having entered the Venue and found to be in possession of a Prohibited or Restricted Item, shall have such item confiscated and may be evicted from the Venue.

7. Surveillance - For the safety and security of patrons and staff, surveillance cameras may be operating in and around the Venue. All persons entering the Venue consent to having their image recorded and held for a specified period. In the event of an incident, any footage obtained may be provided to FFA, NIF, Club, Police and the Contract Security Provider and used to prosecute or support the implementation of a ban on a person, or for other law enforcement purposes.

8. Prohibited/Restricted Items - The following is a non-exhaustive list of items that are prohibited by law and are not permitted to enter the Venue:

- (a) illegal substances including controlled, dangerous or illicit drugs; and
- (b) flares, fireworks, weapons, explosives and smoke bombs

The following items are considered restricted and are not permitted to enter the Venue:

- (a) alcoholic beverages;
- (b) glass bottles, cans and breakable containers;
- (c) missiles of any description;
- (d) recreational equipment such as skateboards, rollerblades and bicycles;
- (e) animals and pets (other than Assistance Dogs);
- (f) laser pointers;
- (g) non-accredited photographic equipment and recording devices for commercial purposes including audio and video equipment;
- (h) confetti or shredded paper;
- (i) flag poles composed of materials other than plastic or wood or greater than 1.5 metres in length;
- (j) signs, banners, flags and clothing displaying offensive, political, National, racial or unauthorised commercial material;
- (k) eskies, coolers and iceboxes too large to be stored under a seat; and
- (l) any item determined by FFA, NIF, Club or Venue Management that may cause injury, public nuisance or which is deemed dangerous to fellow spectators.

9. Prohibited/Restricted Activities - The following is a non-exhaustive list of activities that are restricted or prohibited within the Venue and participation in such activities may result in eviction:

- (a) smoking (other than in a designated area);
- (b) displaying commercial or offensive signage;
- (c) throwing objects of any description;
- (d) striking or igniting flares, fireworks, explosives and or smoke bombs;
- (e) the use of offensive or racist chanting or language;
- (f) storage of equipment or standing/sitting in aisles or walkways; and
- (g) unauthorised soliciting and customer surveying.

10. Responsible Consumption of Alcohol - All persons entering the Venue are advised that:

- (a) they are entering a licensed premises;
- (b) persons identified as being intoxicated will not be permitted to enter;
- (c) persons found in possession of liquor will not be permitted to enter;
- (d) persons identified as being intoxicated will be removed from the premises

- (e) it is an offence for minors to purchase and consume liquor;
- (f) it is an offence to purchase liquor for (or supply liquor to) minors;
- (g) persons supplying liquor to minors will be reported to the Police; and
- (h) penalties and fines may apply under the relevant State's Liquor legislation.

11. Liability - Viewing of football and associated activities can be dangerous and may result in injury. Patrons viewing such activities do so at their own risk. Patrons bring personal items into the Venue at their own risk and assume all risk of any damage or loss (including property damage, personal injury, economic and consequential loss) however it arises at the Venue. The hirer and the Venue will not be held responsible for any damage to, loss or theft of a patron's personal property.

12. Pass-Outs - Pass-outs are issued at the discretion of the Venue. Should pass-outs be granted, patrons wishing to re-enter the Venue must present both the pass-out and a valid ticket to regain entry. Persons will be subject to searches upon Venue re-entry.

13. Photographs and Broadcasts - Photographs taken within the Venue may be used only for private non-commercial purposes. Making or distributing of broadcasts, commentary, news reports or statistics (by any means including by mobile phone or other wireless device) is prohibited.

14. Image Release - Patrons grant NIF and Clubs the non-exclusive right to use their image and likeness in any form or medium, as part of any broadcast or recording of the match and for any other commercial purposes (including in advertising and promotional materials).

15. General Conditions - The following general conditions apply:

- (a) smoking is prohibited other than in designated smoking areas;
- (b) umbrellas are permitted into the Venue but, for the comfort of others, must not be raised in the seating areas;
- (c) for safety reasons, strollers and prams may not be permitted in the seating bowl;
- (d) unauthorised persons are prohibited from entering the field of play. Prosecutions may be pursued for unauthorised access to either the Venue or field of play;
- (e) patrons are responsible for their own conduct whilst in the Venue and must pay for the cost of repair of any damage caused to the Venue as a result of their conduct; and
- (f) drums may be permitted into the Venue on the condition that the owner is identified and receives prior approval from the Venue and Event Manager.

16. Breach of Terms of Admission - If Patrons breach these Terms of Admission they may be:

- (a) denied access to, or evicted from, the Venue;
- (b) banned from attending future matches at the discretion of FFA, NIF, Club or Venue Management;
- (c) asked for identification by NIF (including its authorised contractors, agents or employees), Club, Police, Venue Management or Contract Security staff.

Information collected from or on Patrons who breach the Terms of Admission may be shared between FFA, NIF, Club, Venue Management, Contract Security staff and or Police. This information may be used to prosecute or support the implementation of a ban on the person, or for other law enforcement purposes, and Patrons consent to such use. All information collected will be handled in accordance with FFA's Privacy Policy, which is available at www.footballaustralia.com.au.

17. Privacy Waiver - Patrons grant consent for their name, address, date of birth and photograph to be provided to NIF, by the relevant State or Federal Police or Contract Security staff, in the event that they are evicted from or arrested within the Venue and for State or Federal Police to disclose to NIF the nature and result of any action or criminal proceeding initiated by Police as a consequence of their eviction from or arrest within the Venue.

18. Privacy Notification - All persons entering the Venue are advised, in accordance with applicable State and Commonwealth Privacy legislation, that the relevant State or Federal Police may provide NIF with the name, address, date of birth and photograph of any person detained or arrested by Police at the Venue and the nature of any action or criminal proceeding initiated by Police as a consequence so that NIF can consider, and if deemed necessary, implement a ban on the person from attending future football matches at NIF sanctioned Venues.