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# RULES and REGULATIONS

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These Rules and Regulations provide information about:

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## A01 REGULATIONS – DEFINITIONS

The following Regulations, Procedures and Policies in conjunction with the Constitution and By-Laws of the Zone Association shall, with the approval of Northern NSW Football and duly Registered with Football Australia (FA), apply from the date of approval, and shall take precedence over any previous Regulations of the Zone Association. Throughout the following Regulations unless the context requires otherwise:

1. **‘Advisory Committee’** shall mean a Committee set up to advise the Directors of the Zone Association on the affairs of a Competition of the Zone Association.
2. **‘Age Grade Competition’** shall mean a Competition restricted to players who attain the Statutory Age Limit during the year of the Competition.
3. **‘Amateur Player’** means a player who is and always has been involved with the code for personal satisfaction and pleasure and without any thought to monetary or financial reward whatsoever, and as defined in the FA National Registration, Status and Transfer Regulations April 2023 *and Succeeding Documents*.
4. **‘Appeals Tribunal’** means the Committee set up by the Competition Administrator - Disciplinary to hear appeals against the determinations of the Disciplinary Committee.
5. **‘Associate Member’** shall have the same meaning as ‘Member’ in the Constitution, By-Laws, and Regulations of the Zone Association.
6. **‘Association Member’** means the Zone Association being a Member of NNSW Football and FA with responsibilities for care and control of all football activities within the boundaries of the Zone Association.
7. **‘Ball person’** means the person of the Home Club whose duty it is to return the ball when it goes out of play.
8. **‘Board’** or **‘Board of Directors’** means the Board of Directors of the Zone Association.
9. **‘Close Season’** means the period of the year outside the playing season.
10. **‘Club Ground’** in this context refers to a full-sized playing field.
11. **‘Committee Person’** means a member of the governing committee of the Member.
12. **‘Competition Administrator’** means the entity responsible for the conduct and staging of a Zone Association Competition.
13. **‘Competitions Administrator - Disciplinary’** means a person appointed by the Joint Football Zone Board to administer the Disciplinary Rules and Regulations and procedures of the Football Zone.
14. **‘Competition’** shall have meaning as per the FA National Registration Regulations April 2023 and Succeeding Documents.

15. **‘Directors,’ ‘Board of Directors’ or ‘Directors of the Zone Association’** shall have the same meaning as referred to in the Constitution, By-Laws, and Regulations of the Zone Association.
16. **‘Directors’** when used in relation to a Member of the Zone Association shall have the same meaning as in the Constitution, By-Laws, and Regulations of the Zone Association.
17. **‘Disciplinary Committee’ or ‘Judiciary Committee’** means the Committee duly set up by the Competition Administrator - Disciplinary for the purpose of determining Disciplinary matters referred to it.
18. **‘Division’** means a group of teams forming a Zone Association Competition.
19. **‘Divisional Club’ or ‘Divisional Member’** means a Member Club in one of the Zone Association Competitions.
20. **‘Divisional Fixture’** means a Fixture played between two members of the same Division of the Zone Association Competitions.
21. **‘Extra Time’** means two equal periods of play in addition to the playing time set down for the Fixture.
22. **‘FA’** means the Football Australia.
23. **‘Federation Squad’** means any duly selected group of players brought together from the Zone Association to prepare for any Federation activities.
24. **‘Finals Series Fixture’** means a Preliminary Semi-Final, Semi-Final, Final or Grand Final match.
25. **‘First Grade’** means the top Team registered by a Member Club in the Zone Association’s Zone Football League (ZFL) Competition.
26. **‘Fixture’ or ‘Match Fixture’ or ‘Scheduled Match’** means a game of football set down to be played on a given date at a given ground at a given time under the auspices of the Zone Association.
27. **‘Gate’ or ‘Gate Monies’** means the total of admission fees collected at the entrance to a Ground where such entry fees are applicable and approved by the Zone Association.
28. **‘Goal Difference’** is the difference between the goals scored by a Team and the goals scored against the Team (‘goal difference = goals for – goals against’).
29. **‘Grading Committee’** shall mean a Committee as determined by the Joint Boards of the Zones Association for the purpose of grading teams for participation in the Zone Association’s Competition.
30. **‘Ground and Facilities’** means the football Field and such spectator and Player amenities as are provided there.
31. **‘Home Team’** means the Team named first in each Fixture on the Fixture List as determined by the Zone Association.

32. **‘Joint Board’** shall mean a Joint Board of Directors consisting of Directors and Zone Administration of Macquarie Football, Newcastle Football and Hunter Valley Football Zone Associations.
33. **‘Match Official’** means the Referee, Assistant Referees and 4<sup>th</sup> Official appointed to a Zone Association Fixture.
34. **‘Member’** shall mean a **‘Registered Club’** in the Zone Association’s Competitions.
35. **‘Member Club’** means a Member of the Zone Association (as defined in the Constitution, By-Laws, and Regulations of the Zone Association) and registered as per FA National Registration, Status and Transfer Regulations April 2023 and Succeeding Documents.
36. **‘Member’** when not having the restricted meaning referred to in Regulation A 34. shall have the same meaning as in the Constitution, By-Laws, and Regulations of the Zone Association.
37. **‘MiniRoos’** means the national modified football program developed by FA for junior Players aged 5 -11 years of age.
38. **‘Minor’** means a person under the age of 18 years.
39. **‘NNSWF’** means Northern New South Wales Football.
40. **‘Number’** or **‘Player Number’** shall be the Number worn by a Player on the back of the shirt and shall correspond to the number on the Official Team Sheet.
41. **‘Official’** means any Committee Person, Director, Secretary, servant or duly authorized (expressed or implied) Agent of a Member of the Zone Association or any of its Member Clubs.
42. **‘Participant’** means any Registered Player, Club or Official participating in the Zone Association’s Competition.
43. **‘Player’** means any Registered football Player (being an Amateur Player or a Professional Player) offering to play, playing, or having played for a Member Club.
44. **‘Premiership’** means the whole of the Zone Association Competition excluding the Finals Series.
45. **‘Playing Season’** or **‘Season’** means the period of the year commencing on the date of the first Official Fixture and finishing on the date of the last Official Fixture duly determined by the Zone Association.
46. **‘Professional Player’** means a player as defined in the FA National Registration, Status and Transfer Regulations April 2023 and Succeeding Documents.
47. **‘Publicity Officer’** or **‘Media Officer’** shall mean the Agent of the Zone Association appointed for the purpose of publicizing the code and the Zone Association in every conceivable way.

48. **‘Registered Player’** shall mean a Player with a current Registration with a Member Club or the Zone Association, and a Player registered as defined in the FA National Registration, Status and Transfer Regulations April 2023 and Succeeding Documents.
49. **‘Registrar’** means the duly appointed Official whose duty it is to receive and approve the Zone Association Player Registrations.
50. **‘Match Official Appointments Officer’** (MOAO) means the duly appointed Official whose duty is to manage and appoint Match Officials to a Fixture or a Match Fixture or a Scheduled Match of a game of football set down on a given date at a given ground at a given time under the auspices of the Joint Board of the Zone Associations.
51. **‘Professional Player’** shall mean a Professional Player with a current service agreement to play for a Member Club of the Zone Association during the period for which the Club declares him/her as a Professional Player.
52. **‘Registered Office’** shall have the same meaning as referred to in the Constitution, By-Laws, and Regulations of the Zone Association.
53. **‘Regulations’** means those Regulations as adopted from time to time and such Regulations duly added to, amended, or altered and shall also include all Rules and By Laws made from time to time by the Directors of the Zone Association or by the Joint Board of Directors of the Zones Association and as approved by NSW Football and FA.
54. **‘Reserve Grade’** means the team immediately below First Grade registered by a Member Club in the Zone Association’s Zone Football League Competition.
55. **‘Season’** means the Playing Season.
56. **‘Secretary’** unless the context otherwise requires shall mean the Secretary of the Zone Association and shall have the same meaning as referred to in the Constitution, By-Laws, and Regulations of the Zone Association.
57. **‘Sponsor’** means a person, firm, corporation, or other body offering or paying monies or gifts or considerations to the Zone Association for the purpose of promoting a Zone Association Competition and/or the Code of football.
58. **‘Strip,’ ‘Club Strip’ or ‘Playing Strip’** means the shirts or jerseys, shorts and socks worn by all Registered Players in any registered Team of the Zone Association’s Competition.
59. **‘Substitute,’ ‘Substitute Player’, ‘Bona-Fide Substitute’, ‘Replacement’ or ‘Interchange Player’** means a Player taking the place of one who took the field at the start or earlier in the Fixture but is now leaving the field.
60. **‘Team Official’** means any personnel involved with the management, preparation, or participation of a Club’s team (whether paid or unpaid), including the coaches, managers, medical staff (including team or match day doctor), physiotherapists, gear persons and other support staff.

61. **‘Technical Director’** or **‘Manager – Coaching/Development’** or **‘Director of Coaching’** means the official appointed by the Zone Association to act on its behalf with respect to coaching within the Zone Association’s boundaries and in liaison with the Northern NSW Football Technical Director.
62. **‘The Zone Association’** shall mean Macquarie Football, Newcastle Football or Hunter Valley Football.
63. **‘Visiting Team’** or **‘Visitor’** shall mean the Team which appears second in each Fixture on the Fixture List and therefore the Team which plays, has played, or is set down to play a Fixture against a Home Team in the Zone Association’s Competition.  
Wherever in these Regulations the computation of time is involved, Sunday is to be reckoned to be a day.

Words or expressions contained in these Regulations shall be interpreted in accordance with the Provisions of the Act as in force at the date at which such interpretation is required.

In these Regulations, unless a different intention shall appear:

- i. words importing the singular number shall include the plural number and vice-versa.
- ii. words importing the masculine gender shall include the feminine gender.
- iii. words importing persons only shall include Companies, Corporations and Associations.
- iv. Any Heading, Marginal Notes or Numbers inserted in the Regulations are included for convenience only and shall not affect the construction thereof.

## **A02 REFERENCES TO THE CONSTITUTION & BY-LAWS OF FOOTBALL ZONE**

Throughout the Regulations of the Zone Association the context of the Constitution & By-Laws of Zone Association shall also apply.

## **A03 ZONE ASSOCIATION’S EXPENSES**

The Directors of the Zone Association or an Official of the Zone Association shall be entitled to be paid out of the funds of the Zone Association their legitimate expenses incurred in attending Meetings and Functions whether of the Zone Association or one of its Committees.

- a. A Director or Official of the Zone Association authorized to spend the Zone Association’s funds or expecting to recoup expenses shall apply and receive from the Zone Association a duly signed authorisation warrants before committing the Zone Association to any financial outgoings.
- b. Any expenses incurred by a Director or Official of the Zone Association shall be submitted to the Zone Association on the appropriate form

accompanied by receipts and/or any other such verification of expenses as the Zone Association may from time to time require.

## **A04 OFFICIAL REGISTRATION REGISTER**

Pursuant to the relevant Constitution & By-Laws of the Zone Association, a Member shall each year provide on the appropriate forms supplied by the Zone Association or on FA on-line registration the following details for the Official Registration of Registered Players for the purposes of participating in the Zone Association's Competition:

- a. Name, Address, Date of Birth, Phone Number, e-mail address, FA Number and details of previous years Registration of each Player registered by a Member participating in the Zone Association's Competitions or any other Competition approved by the Zone Association.
- b. Name, Address and Qualifications of each Team Official (Coach, Manager or Trainer) registered by a Member participating in the Zone Association's Competitions or any other Competition approved by the Zone Association.
- c. Name, Address and Home Ground(s) of each Member participating in the Zone Association's Competitions, or any other Competition approved by the Zone Association.
- d. Name, Address, e-mail contact and Telephone Number of the Executive Officers of a Member Club.

When required, a Member is responsible for establishing proof of Date of Birth for each Player registered to participate in the Zone Association's Competition.

In the event that the above information is not provided by a Member on the due date, a fine shall be imposed by the Zone Association.

## **A05 ANNUAL FEES, LEVIES AND CHARGES**

The Annual Fees payable by a Member to Register Players and/or Teams in the Zone Association's Competition shall be such Fees as may vary between the various categories of Membership or from Competition to Competition.

The Fees shall be such amounts as the Directors of the Zone Association shall from time to time prescribe by notice in writing to a Member.

- a. The Directors of the Zone Association may from time to time also decide on other Fees, Levies or Charges to be paid by a Member or Registered Participant.

Itemised accounts shall be sent periodically setting out in detail the amounts due to the Zone Association.

The nominated payment dates will also be advised.

- b.** The scale of Fees, Levies or Charges together with payment dates shall be regulated by the Zone Association.
- c.** Such Fees, Levies or Charges will be itemized and disclosed in written or electronic form to a Member or Registered Participant.

## **A06 TRAVEL TO ASSOCIATION EVENTS**

The Zone Association may prescribe the manner and details of travel by a Member or Participant to any Zone Association event.

- a.** All Travel prescribed by the Zone Association will be arranged by the Zone Association.  
  
Each Member shall notify the Zone Association no later than twenty-eight (28) days prior to the due date of departure of any special travelling arrangements it may require.
- b.** Each Member or Participant involved in travel shall be responsible for the payment of all costs in connection with travel, accommodation, meals, and other requirements.

## **A07 ANNUAL ZONE ASSOCIATION PRESENTATION NIGHT**

On a night set down in each year the Zone Association may hold a Function called the Annual Zone Association Presentation Night.

The venue and format of this Presentation Night shall be decided by the Zone Association on an annual basis.

- a.** The purpose of the Presentation Night is to honour a successful Member by the issuing of trophies, plaques, prize money or any other items that the Zone Association may determine.
- b.** Each Member shall be charged the cost of its tickets to the Presentation Night.

The number of tickets issued shall be determined by the Zone Association from time to time.

Additional tickets may be available on request by a Member on a first-come-first-served basis.

The Zone Association shall decide annually the cost of a single ticket.

- c.** A Member or any of their Officials that organizes or takes part in any function in opposition to the Annual Zone Association Presentation Night shall be dealt with as determined by the Zone Association.

## **A08 PERIODICAL PROGRAM/NEWS/SHEET/YEARBOOK**

The Zone Association may publish from time to time a Periodical Program, News Sheet, or Yearbook for distribution to a Member.

The design, format, details, and numbers of copies for distribution shall be decided by the Zone on an annual basis.

Pursuant to *Regulation A07*, the costs associated with such publications may be included in the Annual Fees payable by a Member and their Participants.

## **A09 CONSTITUTION & BY-LAWS**

The Zone Association may publish from time to time the Constitution & By-Laws of the Zone Association and the Regulations, Procedures & Policies of the Zone Association for distribution to a Member.

The design, format, and number of copies for distribution shall be as decided by the Zone Association on an annual basis.

Pursuant to *Regulation A07*, the costs associated with such publications may be included in the Annual Fees payable by a Member and its Participants.

## **A10 ADVERTISING**

The Zone Association may arrange advertising for the purpose of publicizing the activities of the Zone Association and the football Code.

Pursuant to *Regulation A07*, the costs associated with such publications may be included in the Annual Fees payable by a Member and its Participants.

## **A11 HOME GROUND DETAILS**

Each Member shall supply to the Zone Association the details of its Home Ground(s) for the Season.

A Member shall not move to another ground without first obtaining the consent of the Zone Association.

Failure to observe this Regulation shall result in a fine as determined by the Zone Association.

## **A12 REGISTERED UNIFORM AND EMBLEM**

Each Member shall register with the Zone Association its uniform and shall designate on registration both its regular strip colours and the alternate strip colours.

The registration shall be supported by the supplying of two (2) coloured photographs of each strip.

- a. A Badge and/or Emblem may be designed from time to time by a Member and such design shall be in keeping with the criteria as determined from time to time by the Zone Association.

- b. Permission to make any changes to the registered Uniform and/or Emblem shall be granted by the Zone Association only if it can be shown that the proposed changes do not clash with the Uniform or Emblem of another Member.
- c. The Zone Association shall have the power to refuse the change if, in its opinion, the proposed Uniform or Emblem is not sufficiently different from the Uniform or Emblem of another Member, or the reason for such change is considered frivolous or unacceptable.

## **A13 PROTESTS, CLAIMS AND DISPUTES**

Each Member making a Protest, Claim or Complaint (on behalf of itself, Players, or Officials) shall submit by e-mail a written submission on its official letterhead certified by the Secretary or another Executive Officer outlining the Protest, Claim or Complaint to the Competition Administrator – Disciplinary ([disciplinary@macquariefootball.com](mailto:disciplinary@macquariefootball.com)) within *two (2) days/forty-eight (48) hours* of the incident.

- a. Each Member submits exclusively to the authority of the Grievance Resolution Regulations (FA National Registration, Status and Transfer Regulations April 2023 *and Succeeding Documents* ) and agrees that it will not attempt to resolve any grievance in a Court of Law.
- b. Except as provided for in other Regulations (*see Disciplinary Rules and Regulations*) the Competition Administrator - Disciplinary shall give a determination on any Protest, Claim or Complaint expeditiously on its receipt by the Competition Administrator - Disciplinary.

Resolutions shall be dealt with in a fair and expeditious manner and given to the Member concerned, as soon as possible after the determination.

- c. A Protest, Claim or Complaint received directly from an individual shall be investigated by the Competitions Administrator - Disciplinary and if determined as justifiable upon investigation will be resolved in a fair and expeditious manner by the Competitions Administrator - Disciplinary and/or may be referred to the Disciplinary Committee for determination.

## **A14 FINANCIAL RECORDS**

Each Member shall keep its financial records and provisions in proper accounting form and shall produce such records for inspection by the Zone Association upon being requested to do so by the Zone Association.

A Member must forward a copy of its audited Balance Sheet to the Zone Association upon any request to do so by the Zone Association.

Each Member shall ensure that it keeps its Financial Records and Provisions in compliance with FA National Registration, Status and Transfer Regulations April 2023.

Each Member and/or any Nominee for the Zone Association's Competitions shall, upon receipt of a written instruction from the Zone Association, submit within seven (7) days a proposed budget of its Income and Expenditure in support of its application for entry into the Zone Association's Competitions.

## A15 COMPETITION FEES

Pursuant to **Regulation A07** a Fee shall be set for the following:

- a. **COMPETITION FEE:** A Competition Fee may be imposed on a Member participating in the Zone Association's Competitions.

Such Fee shall be used to fund the costs associated with the Competitions and the Fee may vary from Competition to Competition.

This Fee shall be lodged with the Competition Nomination Form.

- b. **TEAM REGISTRATION FEE:** This Fee may be imposed on a Member for each Team nominated in the various Zone Association Competitions.

Such Fee shall be used to fund the costs associated with the Competitions and the Fee may vary from Division to Division.

This Fee shall be lodged with the Team Registration Form.

## A16 PLAYER/TEAM OFFICIAL REGISTRATION FEE

Pursuant to **Regulation A07** a Fee known as the 'Player Team Registration Fee' or the 'Team Official Registration Fee' may be imposed on the Member Club to subsidise the costs associated with the following:

- FA affiliations
- FA national levy
- Zone Association Employees
- Zone Association Administration
- Zone Association Competitions
- Zone Association Coaching
- Development/Facilities
- Administrative Services

The Registration Fee shall be paid in full on the appropriate date as specified from time to time by the Zone Association and a Player or Team Official shall be declared ***ineligible*** to participate in a Zone Association Competition unless the Fee has been paid by the Member.

## A17 INSURANCES

The Directors of the Zone Association shall in conjunction with NSW Football arrange suitable Insurance Cover to protect a Member, its Committees, Players, Team Officials, and all other persons involved in the Playing Administration and presentation of the Code of football.

Premiums in respect of such Insurances shall be payable to the Zone Association in the following manner:

- a. For a Player or Team Official the Insurance Premiums shall be payable in conjunction with the Player or Team Official Registration Fee.
- b. For a Match Official or other person, the Insurance Premiums shall be payable on Tax Invoice/Statement issued by the Zone Association.

## A18 ADMINISTRATION OFFICER/MANAGER/GENERAL MANAGER/CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

The Zone Association may from time to time appoint an *Administration Officer/ Manager/General Manager/Chief Executive Officer* who shall, *under the delegated authority* of the Directors of the Zone Association, be responsible for conducting the day-to-day affairs of the Zone Association. Pursuant to Regulation A07, the costs associated with such an appointment shall be included in the Annual Fees payable by a Member and its Participants.

## A19 ZONE TECHNICAL DIRECTOR/MANAGER (COACHING/DEVELOPMENT)

The Zone Association may from time to time appoint a Zone Technical Director/Manager (Coaching/Development)/Director of Coaching who shall, *under the delegated authority* of the Directors of the Zone Association, be responsible for conducting the coaching/development affairs of the Zone Association.

Pursuant to *Regulation A07*, the costs associated with such an appointment shall be included in the Annual Fees payable by a Member and its Participants.

## A20 COMPETITION MANAGER

The Zone Association may from time to time appoint a Competition Manager who shall, *under the delegated authority* of the Directors of the Zone Association, be responsible for conducting the Competition affairs of the Zone Association.

Pursuant to *Regulation A07*, the costs associated with such an appointment shall be included in the Annual Fees payable by a Member and its Participants.

## A21 COMPETITIONS ADMINISTRATOR - DISCIPLINARY

The Zone Association may from time to time appoint a Competitions Administrator (Disciplinary) who shall, *under the delegated authority* of the Directors of the Zone Association, be responsible for conducting the affairs of the Disciplinary Rules & Regulations of the Zone Associations.

Pursuant to **Regulation A07**, the costs associated with such an appointment shall be included in the Annual Fees payable by a Member and its Participants.

## A22 ELECTRONIC ACCIDENT REPORT

A Zone Association Member Club must report all accidents that may result in an Insurance Claim using the online form on the Zone Association website.

A Member shall have at its Home Ground(s) access to the Zone Association's electronic Accident Report, in which injuries of a nature that may result in an Insurance claim are recorded.

The Zone Association ***shall not*** incur any liability to a Player, a Club, or others involved in football and its associated activities, for any failure by the individual to arrange adequate insurance in respect of any matter howsoever arising.

The procedures below need to be followed the Member Club Officials, as a process of "Duty of Care".

- i. The Duty Officer at the Ground where the Fixture was played shall record the date, time, Club, Team, Player's Name, and the nature of the injury sustained.
- ii. The Duty Officer or Team Official is required to contact the Member Club Secretary to inform him or her of the full details of the player injury. The Club Secretary shall submit the information using the Association online Injury form,
- iii. Notification of any player injury or first aid treatment given by a Club or Team Official at training, or at a match should be communicated by the Club, Team Official (Coach/Manager) to a Parent, Guardian, Caregiver or Partner as soon as practical.

The role of any Club and Team Officials giving first aid should be according to their level of qualification and competence.

Club and Team Officials should be instructed not to exceed their training and expertise in first aid.

**A23****ALCOHOL AND PROHIBITED DRUGS**

Drinking of alcohol is not permitted on or adjacent to the Playing Field and its availability at the venue is subject to State Government Regulations and Local Government ordinances.

- a. A Person accused of being involved in supplying or allowing a Player under eighteen (18) years of age to drink alcoholic beverages before, during or after a Fixture or other Activities under the control of the Zone Association shall have the accusation referred to and dealt with by the Competition Administrator - Disciplinary.
- b. A Person accused of being involved in distributing or taking prohibited drugs shall have the accusation referred to the appropriate Legal Authority for its action.

Any Person found guilty automatically forfeits his/her rights and entitlements to any further involvement in the Zone Association's affairs for a period as determined by the Competition Administrator - Disciplinary.

**A24****CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION**

If, in the opinion of a Member, outstanding or exceptional service has been given by a Person or Organisation to the Zone Association in promoting the interests of the Competitions or the Code of football, it may make application for recognition of that fact.

Full written details shall be submitted to the Zone Association by 31 July each year for consideration and determination by the Directors of the Zone Association.

The award shall be limited to two (2) in any one year.

If for any reason it is decided not to make the award to a Person or Organisation who has been considered, then the application shall lapse, and another is to be lodged in the following year.

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