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A. COMPETITION REGULATIONS

A1. Structure of Competitions

A1.1 BDAFA will have control over all matches in which its affiliated Clubs participate and will arrange matches as it deems fit. These include but are not limited to:

- a) The BDAFA Premiership.
- b) Other BDAFA organised round robins or matches, including MiniRoos Football (SSG Non-Competitive Soccer) and BDAFA organised Knock-Outs.
- c) BDAFA sanctioned matches. These include trial and gala matches for which BDAFA approval has been given and matches otherwise sanctioned by Football NSW Ltd.
- d) BDAFA may conduct such matches (eg Seven-a-Side) by issuing variations to these Regulations; however, these Regulations will prevail if no variation exists.

A1.2 It will be mandatory for all clubs to participate in all BDAFA Premiership rounds and Finals Series in which they are eligible.

A1.3 Clubs must gain BDAFA's approval to conduct Knockouts and/or Gala Days. Applications must state the age group(s), date of event and alternate dates should the original day be postponed. No more than one such KO/Gala Day of one age group may be held on the same day. Clubs participating in Club run KO's/Gala Days must give BDAFA two weeks' notice of their participation. BDAFA organized matches will take precedence over Club KO's/Gala Days.

A1.4 Any player registering for the O45 competition will have attained the age of 45 (see B12.4 for exemption). Please note, to compete in FNSW tournaments they will need to meet the FNSW eligibility requirements.

A1.5 Clubs will promote the participation levels of girls / ladies within their playing ranks. All clubs are to set participation and retention targets and upon request from BDAFA be able to provide details of their strategies to achieve these targets.

A2. Regulations For Miniroos (SSF Non Competition)

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

A2.2 MiniRoos goal posts must be as per Australian Standards and secured safely to the grounds.

A3. Premiership Format - All Competitive Grades

A3.1 Teams from G12 to G45 will participate in the competition in their respective age groups & divisions. This competition will be held on a home and away basis where possible allowing for ground availability. However, BDAFA may re-arrange any competition in any format should exceptional circumstances, such as extensive wet weather or other unforeseen circumstances, occur, this may not apply and rounds may need to be dropped. Also, the number of rounds included in the final competition standings maybe impacted by any regrading that occurs.

A3.2 Every effort will be taken to play matches washed out due to bad weather and deferrals within three rounds of the original fixture. In cases where the washed out / deferred matches cannot be re-scheduled the full round may be cancelled in situations

where less than 50% of matches in a competition were completed. Where a round is cancelled all points and goals for any matches played in the round are not counted. Matches from rounds not fully washed-out, and any matches which are subject of G&D investigations may be exempt from this rule at the discretion of BDAFA.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

A3.10 The format for the Finals Series will be:

- a) Semi Final 1 : The highest placed team versus the 2nd placed team.
- b) Semi Final 2 : The 3rd placed team verses the 4th placed team.

- c) Final : Loser of Semi Final 1 versus Winner of Semi Final 2.
- d) Grand Final : Winner of Semi Final 1 versus Winner of Final.

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

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

Extra time will be:

- a) G12 - 10 minutes each way.
- b) G13 and Over (other than G45s) - 15 minutes each way. G45 will progress immediately to A3.11d).
- c) When the full amount of extra time is completed the team with the higher goal score is the winner.
- d) If the match is still a draw at this time kicks will be taken from the penalty mark in accordance with FIFA's "Procedures to determine the winner of a match".

A3.12 The winner of the Grand Final will be declared Premiers.

With the exception of All Age Men, the Minor Premiers of Division 1 in applicable age groups will represent Bankstown in the Football NSW Champion of Champions. All Age Men will be represented by the Minor Premiers of Premier League (see Premier League regulations below).

If the Minor Premiers are unable to fulfil this commitment or they are deemed unsuitable due to a poor disciplinary record, to represent Bankstown District, BDAFA reserves the right to nominate another team in the current season in any BDAFA or FNSW sanctioned competitions.

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

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

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

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

A5. Promotion and Relegation (Except PL)

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

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

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

A6. Forfeits & Deferments

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

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

Note – as BDAFA's top competitions any forfeit in Premier League or All Age Ladies Division 1 will be subject to penalties under paragraph A6.2 irrespective of any notice given.

- A6.2 A breach of Regulation A6.1 will incur a fine and the offending team will be responsible for the total payment of referee's fees if official referees were appointed.
- A6.3 If a team forfeits twice during the Premiership, they will be required to provide just cause why they should not be removed from the competition and may be required to appear before the BDAFA Board.
- A6.4 If a team forfeits and BDAFA deems they gained an advantage over the other teams in the competition, the forfeited match will be rescheduled. BDAFA will penalise the offending club with a fine in addition to a loss of 6 competition points for attempting this ploy.
- A6.5 Clubs must notify the BDAFA Competition Manager of any discrepancies found in the draw.
Clubs have one week to apply for a deferment after the issue of the season calendar for a particular stand-alone match. Only one deferment per team will be considered each season, unless:
- A season calendar has not been issued.
 - The reason for the deferment could not have been foreseen within a week of the issue of the season calendar.
 - Deferment and non-deferment requests and replies are to be submitted to BDAFA in writing on Club letterhead signed by the Club Secretary of both teams involved. If such deferred games later become "washed out" or called off for any other reason they will not be rescheduled (except for deferments as per paragraph 6.5d). Washed out fixtures will receive no points.
 - Deferments may be granted for teams that play in BDAFA sanctioned outside matches (eg. FNSW State Cups). These deferments will be at the discretion of BDAFA.
- A6.6 Teams will be deemed to have forfeited a Match when:
- They fail to fulfil an engagement to play a Match on the appointed date, time or venue; or
 - They are not dressed ready to play, refuse or fail to begin a match within ten (10) minutes of the stipulated kick-off time; or
 - They field less than seven (7) of their registered players at the start of any match; or
 - At any point during the Match they cannot field at least seven (7) of their registered players; or
 - They field or list on a team sheet an ineligible player; or
 - Any other scenario within the BDAFA Regulations or the BDAFA Grievance and Disciplinary Regulations that stipulates a forfeit of the Match.

A7. Playing In A Higher Age Group Or Division (Except 17, 18, 19, 21)

- A7.1 For Premiership matches (except in the Final Series) teams are allowed to use players registered within their club in lower divisions of the same age or from all divisions of younger age groups. G30's Ladies, G35's and G45's use of players from any other grade or age group is not permitted unless the player is from a lower division of the same age group within the same club. However, the exception is that the G35 teams can utilise players from their own clubs G45 team (as per A7.4 b) iii).
Players cannot play more than two (2) years above their **registered age group date of birth age** without prior approval from BDAFA or its nominee. Written consent from the

player's parents will be one of the requirements for approval. *(Note – a new form / checklist will be introduced early in 2020 for this.)*

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

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

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

- a) No more than five (5) players can play in a higher age group or division in a single match.
- b) Note:
 - i) **G17 to G21** players can play up to any AAM or PL Division (subject to Registration Regulations Paragraph B12.4);
 - ii) G35 Players can play in any AAM Division / **PL Division**; and
 - iii) G45 can play in any G35 or AAM Division / **PL Division**.
- c) No players in a team should be left out of the team for a match for players to participate under A7.4. Any team that has been deemed by BDAFA to have done so will forfeit the match and be fined under the regulations.
- d) In regards to eligibility for the final series Paragraph A4.2 above applies. This does not apply to Miniros football.

A8. GRADES 17, 18, 19 & 21

A8.1 If practical, the G17, G18, G19 & G21 Competition will be incorporated into the PL 1st Division competition, with matches to be played before the PL 1st Division Reserve Grade match.

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

A8.2 Grade 17, 18, 19 & 21's will be deemed to be part of the Premier League Squad.

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

A9. Premier League (PL)

A9.1 **PL Competitions** - The BDAFA competition will include two squad based all age competitions namely, Premier League 1st Division - PL1, Premier League 2nd Division - PL2 (assuming 6 or more Clubs nominate for PL2).

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

A9.2 PL Licences

- a) **Premier League 1 and 2 Full Licences** - Every affiliated club will have the right to submit a nomination for one full licence PL squad – so long as they meet the PL Nomination requirements (see paragraph A9.16 of this document). This squad will be graded either PL 1st or PL 2nd. No club can nominate more than one full licence PL squad.
 - b) **Concessional Licence** - BDAFA may issue a one-year concessional licence for Clubs / PL Squads that almost comply with the PL nomination requirements – see paragraph A9.16.
- A9.3 **PL Nominations** - Nominations for the Premiership season must be submitted to BDAFA by the 1st February each year. If a nomination is accepted by BDAFA then an invoice for the PL entry fee will be issued. Note if any club subsequently withdraws its PL Squad once BDAFA has accepted it into pool of squads to be assigned, this PL Entry fee is forfeited.
- A9.4 **Registration Requirements** - Squad registrations must be submitted by the date of Grading (per the Registration Regulations) and must consist of not less than 25 players.
- A9.5 **PL1 Competition** – subject to A11.6, the PL 1 competition will consist of ten (10) Clubs.
- A9.6 **PL2 Competition** - The PL 2 competition will consist of the remaining affiliated clubs who do not qualify for the PL1 competition (as long as there are 6 or more clubs).
- A9.7 **PL Associate Licences** – The issuance of PL Associate licences to Clubs wanting to enter a second PL Squad (into the PL2 competition) will be solely at the discretion of BDAFA.
- A9.8 A Club's inclusion in a BDAFA PL Competition in the current season does not automatically guarantee their inclusion a BDAFA PL Competition in the following season. The Club nomination for the following season is still subject to paragraph A9.16.
- A9.9 **Interchange** - All matches will be played on an interchange basis. Players on bench must wear bibs.
- A9.10 **Matches** - will be played on a home and away draw allocated by the BDAFA Competition Manager, subject to availability of grounds and Official Referees.
- A9.11 **Split Rounds** - If a round is split so that the First and Reserve Grade teams of the same squad do not play on the same day, BDAFA will decide on the eligibility of players for the Reserve Grade match.
If BDAFA believes a squad has not played its regular Reserve Grade team for that match, they will fine the offending Club and re-determine the result of the match.
- A9.12 **PL Finals Series** - All Final Series matches will be played on any Canterbury-Bankstown Council grounds deemed suitable by BDAFA.
- A9.13 **PL Finals Player Eligibility** –
- a) To be eligible to play all PL players must have played in a minimum of four separate fixtures of the PL competition (Note PL first and reserve grade matches in the same round count as one fixture).
 - b) Where a club is not represented in both Reserve Grade and First Grade Semis and Finals the following is to apply. To be eligible to play in Reserve Grade semis and finals, a player MUST have:
 - i) Played for Reserve Grade a minimum of four (4) of the competition rounds.

- ii) Played more Reserve Grade games than First Grade games (other than keepers). Note that players who have played an equal number of First and Reserve Grade games are ineligible to play in reserve grade finals.
 - iii) A PL Keeper is eligible to play in Reserve Grade finals (only as a keeper) if they have played in an equal number of First and Reserve Grade games.
 - c) Where a club is represented in both Reserve Grade and First Grade Semis and Finals that are being played on the same day, the following is to apply –
 - i) Players from that squad will be able to play in either Reserve or First Grade Semis and Finals on that day.
 - ii) However, if a Reserve Grade Semi or Final game is to be played or replayed on a different day to First Grade, Regulation A9.13 b) will be applied.
 - d) Where a club is represented in both Reserve and First Grade in the Semis and Finals and the First Grade side is eliminated from further competition then Regulation A9.13 b) will come into force.
- A9.14 If a squad can submit written evidence to BDAFA that the regular goalkeeper for Reserve Grade is unavailable for the Semis and/or Finals - that squad can apply to the BDAFA for permission to play a substitute keeper who may be ineligible through Regulation A9.13 b).
- A9.15 **Squad treated as one** - For the purposes of these regulations, a squad shall mean First grade and Reserve grade, they shall be treated as one. If one team in the squad is found guilty of a breach of the regulations, the same penalties will apply to both teams in the squad. Additionally:
- a) Except in any BDAFA Judicial or Administrative determinations, any forfeit by a PL team is considered to be a forfeit by both First and Reserve Grade (ie forfeit by the squad).
 - b) A PL round (ie First and Reserve Grade matches) may be ruled as an abandoned round by BDAFA (or designated authority) if either the First or Reserve Grade team have caused their game to be abandoned.
- A9.16 **PL Nomination Requirements** – For the 2021 season and thereafter, for a club to be eligible to submit a nomination of a PL squad the club:
- a) Must not be in financial Default; and
 - b) Must have had at least 110 fully paid (registered, active and paid), registered and playing players as at 30 June of the previous season (ie at least 110 players as at 30/06/2020 to be eligible to nominate for PL in 2021).

A10. Premier League Suspensions

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

A11. Premier League Promotion And Relegation (PL1 and PL2)

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

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

A11.2 At the completion of each year, the squad whose “PL Standing Score” is the lowest in PL 1 will be relegated to the PL 2 competition in both grades. In seasons where there are 8 or more teams in PL 2 competition the lowest two teams will be relegated from PL 1 to PL 2 competition.

A11.3 At the completion of each year, the PL2 squad whose “PL Standing Score” is the highest will be promoted to PL 1. In seasons where there are 8 or more teams in PL 2 competition the highest two teams will be promoted from PL 2 to PL 1 competition.

A11.4 Should any of the “PL Standing Scores” be equal the Squads Goal Difference will be utilised using the same formula.

A11.5 Where a squad is ineligible as per A9.16 or cannot otherwise continue in PL1, their place will firstly be offered to the squad with the highest points relegated from PL1 as per A11.2, then to the other relegated team (if one exists), then to PL2 squads in order of their “PL Standing Score” until a squad willing to play in PL1 is found.

A11.6 BDAFA may alter the number of teams in PL1 and PL2 in order that a viable competition be conducted.

A12. Club Financial Status / Financial Default

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

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

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

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

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

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

- a) during the Premiership, excluding the Finals series, BDAFA may suspend or expel the Club from participating in any current or future competition. For the purposes of the Competition points mentioned in A3.7, all games they would have played in had they not been in Financial Default will be deemed to be a three-nil loss to their teams and a three-nil win to their opposing teams;

- b) during the Premiership the Finals series, the Club will be deemed to have forfeited all matches while in Financial Default. BDAFA will decide if the teams of that Club are to be replaced by teams of other clubs in the Finals Series;
- c) not participate in other fixtures or events as determined and/or approved by BDAFA;
- d) be subject to such other sanctions or penalties imposed on it as the Board may determine.

B. REGISTRATION REGULATIONS

B1. Introduction

- B1.1 These are the Regulations of the Bankstown District Amateur Football Association Incorporated. Refer Constitution Part 35.
- B1.2 They are to be circulated to Clubs no later than the 31st December of the current year (ie year preceding the year of competition) and clubs will be held responsible for notifying each member, Coach and Manager of their contents.
- B1.3 Clubs and their members are bound by the Board's implementation of these Regulations.
- B1.4 Any club, official or team who fails to obey these Regulations, (and relevant registration regulations of FNSW and FFA), or a direction of The Board is liable to a fine, suspension AND / OR expulsion.

B2. Registration Method

- B2.1 All Players and RTOs (Registered Team Official) must be registered via the BDAFA Registration System and must complete truthfully all sections of that registration process (for example a players previous country and club). It is the responsibility of the player's club to ensure / confirm that these have been completed accurately. The registration of a Player or RTO with a Club is effective from the date the individual is made Active by the Club within the Registration System.
- B2.2 All Players and RTOs must be made Active in the Registration System and have a BDAFA Registration ID before they are eligible to participate in BDAFA-sanctioned matches.
- B2.3 Players may only be registered with one team, and one club, at one time.
- a) If an Over 30 Ladies competition is available, women who have already passed their 30th birthday may register in the Over 30s team and also register in an All Age Ladies team that belongs to the same Club.
 - b) Female players can dual register and participate in Grade 11 – Grade 18 Mixed and Ladies competitions (in the same Club) to assist with the development of women's football.
- B2.4 Participants who are registered in more than one role, such as a Player who also Coaches or Manages, must have one registration ID for each role. Each participant must only have one FFA number.
- B2.5 New registrations must be submitted electronically to BDAFA by 19:00 on a Monday to receive a Registration ID by Thursday in the same week. All registrations lodged after this time will be processed in the following week.
- B2.6 BDAFA will:
- a) verify that all registration details for each Club are complete – including age eligibility (see B12.2);
 - b) withhold registration where the Club has not completed the registration record and/or made the participant Active in the Registration System;
 - c) withhold registration where proof of age or identity, or a clearance, is required but has not been provided;

- d) provide the Club with Registration IDs except where a participant is otherwise ineligible to participate;
- e) provide the Club with a report showing any Registration IDs withheld including an explanation.

B3. Identity Management

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

B4. Player Transfers

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

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

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

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

B5. Player Deregistration

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

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

B5.3 The deregistration is effective:

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

B6. Registration of RTOS – Working With Children

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

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

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

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

B7. Important Dates

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

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

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

B8. Grading Sub-Committee

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

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

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

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

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

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

B9. Grading Process

B9.1 BDAFA will provide a grading proposal prior to registrations being declared open each year by BDAFA. This "Proposed Grading" report will show the division that each team will be placed into for the next season – subject to the same clubs and teams being nominated. Senior Age Divisions will be assigned as per the published ranking lists

contained in the proposed grading issue at the end of the previous season with the aim to have 8 team divisions.

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

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

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

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

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

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

B9.8 G12 Grading Gala Day

B10. Team Withdrawals

B10.1 Any Club who withdraws a team after the draw has been published will need to be accountable to BDAFA and may incur a fee.

B11. Eligibility and Ineligibility of Players and RTOs

B11.1 An eligible Player or RTO is one that meets all registration requirements within these Regulations and is not ineligible according to any article in these Regulations.

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

- a) Unregistered Participants;
- b) Suspended Participants;
- c) A Player not listed on the team sheet;
- d) A Participant deemed to be a defaulter;
- e) A Player who is outside of the eligible age group in which the Player is registered or participating;
- f) A Participant who cannot provide their valid Registration ID for inspection by the opposing team prior to or during the match;
- g) A Participant who has been sent from the field of play and/or is cited to appear before a disciplinary body but is yet to appear before them.

B11.3 Clubs will not permit ineligible Players or RTOs to participate in match day activities without the approval of BDAFA. Clubs will be fined for non-compliance with this regulation.

B11.4 See the Competition Regulations for Eligibility in Finals for information specific to finals series.

B11.5 BDAFA Administrative Determinations in relation to player / RTO ineligibility are final and not subject to appeal.

B12. Age Eligibility

B12.1 In Grades 6 to 21 inclusive, a Player's eligible age is determined by the age they attain in the current calendar year.

B12.2 In Grades 6 to 21 inclusive, a Player may not register or participate in an age group which is more than two (2) years above the age they attain in the current calendar year. Exceptions may be made on a case-by-case basis at the discretion of BDAFA. BDAFA will check for any non-compliance and may issue fines in regard to underage or overage players assigned to teams.

B12.3 In Over 35 divisions, the Player must have already passed their 35th birthday by December 31st of the year preceding the current season. Other Over Age competitions (such as Over 45 or Over 30 Ladies) would be managed the same way.

B12.4 In order to encourage G45 teams to nominate G45 teams can have up to two 40 to 45 year olds in the G45. However, these teams will not be eligible for any Football NSW G45 competitions. **Review if this to be left in**

B12.5 In All Age competitions, including Premier League, players must have already passed their 17th birthday prior to being eligible to register and play. Exceptions may be made on a case-by-case basis at the discretion of BDAFA. *(Note – a new form / checklist will be introduced early in 2020 for this.)*

C. LOCAL REGULATIONS

C1. Players Equipment & Uniform

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

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

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

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

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

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

C2. The Ball

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

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

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

C3. Duration Of Matches

C3.1 Actual playing time will be:

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

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

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

- a) The Premiership Final Series.
- b) All PL 1 1st and PL 2 1st Grade matches
- c) Other matches approved by the BDAFA

C4. Fitness & Dressing Of Grounds

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

C4.2 Fields should be correctly dressed as follows:

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

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

C5. Ground Marshals / Team Marshals

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

C5.2 Ground Marshals are to:

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

C5.3 Team Marshals are to:

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

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

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

C6. Team Sheets

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

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

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

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

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

C6.4 Completed Team Sheets for all matches must be lodged physically with or scanned & emailed to the BDAFA Office by 6pm on the Monday following the match. If a club elects to they may scan and email the team sheets to BDAFA, then the team sheets must still be physically delivered to the BDAFA office by the following Friday at 5pm. The hosting Club must ensure these deadlines are met. Clubs may be fined for each Team Sheet not meeting the stated deadline.

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

C6.6 Small Sided Teams will be included in the weekly Infringement Summary Sheets but will be not be invoiced for any fines incurred in the first two rounds of their competitions.

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

C7. Identity Management At Matches

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

C8. Protests

C8.1 If, prior to the kick-off of a match, a team believes their opponent may be in breach of any of BDAFA's regulations they can elect to play the match under protest. Teams wishing to play under protest must inform the opposing team manager prior to the start of the match, or at the earliest opportunity if the protest is in relation to late arriving players. The protest must be noted on the Team Sheet (note only the match official can add to the team sheet once match has commenced). Failure to do so will result in the dismissal of any such protest. Such protests duly noted **must** be confirmed in writing to BDAFA by the protesting Club. BDAFA will then, and only then, consider the merits of the protest and decide if there has been a breach of the BDAFA Regulations.

- C8.2 Protests relating to the ground, goal posts and cross-bars will not be considered by BDAFA unless an objection has been lodged with the referee prior to the start of the match.
- C8.3 BDAFA will send a copy of the protest to the club against which the protest has been lodged.
- C8.4 BDAFA will not consider any protest regarding unofficial referees or refereeing decisions made in good faith by them.
- C8.5 BDAFA may order the guilty club(s) engaged in a protest to pay such sum necessary towards defraying expenses incurred.
- C8.6 If a BDAFA Board member is connected in any way with either club or the particular competition involved in a protest they will not vote on the outcome.
- C8.7 BDAFA Protest Determinations are final and not subject to appeal.
- C8.8 BDAFA will issue fines in cases where protests are deemed frivolous, vexatious or used as an insurance tool (ie where a protest is made and then withdrawn when the team wins the match).

C9. Before The Start Of Play

Before the start of each match both teams will:

- C9.1 Pay fees for the referee(s) directly to the canteen when an Official Referee and/or Assistant Referee is appointed to the match (or a registered Club Referee is officiating in the absence of Official Referees).
- C9.2 The club official in the canteen shall, on receipt of the appropriate fees, stamp the team sheet with a “paid” stamp & clear initials of the person accepting the payment in the top corner of the sheet adjacent to the list of players from the team paying the fees. The Referee is to be presented with the team sheet of their allocated game, stamped as paid by both teams before the start of play.
- C9.3 If an Official or Club Referee is not appointed to the match, both teams must agree 10 minutes before the scheduled kick-off time on which one person will referee the entire match. If no agreement is reached the match is not to be played and no points will be awarded and the match will not be replayed. However, if BDAFA deems a team is using this regulation to avoid playing the match it may award the points to the opponent.

C10. During the Match

- C10.1 All teams participating in a match must occupy the benches provided on the same side of the field, to allow for referees / assistant referees to observe interchange or replacement of players. The edge of the technical area will be a minimum of 1 metre from the touch line. This must be marked and visible on the sideline. Only registered officials and players on the Team Sheet for the match in progress are permitted in the Technical Area. RTOs are not to enter the field of play while the match is in progress, except with the referee’s permission.
- C10.2 Any player / official injured during a game where such injury is deemed serious MUST NOT be removed from the field until a determination is made of the extent of the injury by ambulance personnel or suitably qualified and certified first aid practitioner. Clubs breaching this Regulation will be fined.

- C10.3 A maximum of nine (9) persons may occupy the technical area and are made up of the following:
- a) Up to four (4) may be RTOs (registered coaches and managers); and
 - b) Up to five (5) may be substitute / interchange players for the game in progress.
- C10.4 In the technical area no mobile phones are to be used, and no hot beverages or hot food are to be present.

C11. Player Interchange

- C11.1 Unlimited interchange shall apply to all BDAFA competitions. Interchange will take place only when the ball is out of play. A maximum of 16 players for all competitive and senior grades can be included on the Team Sheet.
- C11.2 All interchanges must be made from in front of the team's own technical area unless otherwise directed or approved by the match official
- C11.3 All interchange players in competitive grades will wear an interchange bib. This bib will be handed to the player (exchanged with) they are replacing as they leave the field of play to wear while they occupy the bench.

C12. Results

- C12.1 The Club Recorder must record the results of their "Home listed" (ie those listed first in the competition draw) matches in the current BDAFA competition application by 7:30pm on Sunday each week (note this includes Small Sided matches). Results from mid-week matches must be recorded by 7:30pm of the day following the match.
- C12.2 Entering of results for all Miniroos games is only for the purpose of assisting with grading the following year, restructuring groups in the current season and will not be published.

C13. Trophies and Awards

- C13.1 Trophies or Awards will be presented to all registered players in the Non-Competitive grades
- C13.2 Trophies or Awards so decided by BDAFA will be presented to the Premiership Winners and Runners-up from G12 upwards. All registered players and RTOs of such teams will be presented with such awards to a limit of 18 medals per team. Additional medals can be provided and charged for by BDAFA.
- C13.3 Perpetual trophies and shields may be presented by BDAFA. Such awards will remain the property of BDAFA. Clubs are responsible for the return of these awards when requested by BDAFA. If such awards are lost or misplaced then the club responsible will be liable for the cost of replacing same.

C14. Member Protection Information and Reporting.

- C14.1 All clubs and their members, coaches and managers will make themselves aware of their requirements under the "Working with Children" Legislation – including the registration of all club officials with the current working with children scheme and as dictated by Football NSW.

- C14.2 Each club will have at least one (1) MPIO that is trained up to the latest Rules and Regulations. Each club will produce in writing to the Association Secretary the name, address and telephone number.

C15. Unofficial Referees

- C15.1 Although not a registered member of the Referees Association the Unofficial Referee (who may be a Club Referee, player, spectator or club official) has the same powers as an Official Referee and may officiate the game using all using the FIFA's Laws of the Game and BDAFA's Regulations. They may issue cautions and send offs as required but must record the details of those issued on the Team Sheet or appropriate forms supplied by their Club (available from the BDAFA website). The team sheet should be noted accordingly with the Club involved, players name, ID number and offence. All reports must be forwarded via the Club Secretary to reach BDAFA Secretary before Monday 5.30pm.
- C15.2 It would be preferable that the Unofficial Referee not be a Coach or the Manager of the participating teams.

E. General Regulations, Fines, Fees and Definitions

E1. Introduction

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

E2. Fines And Fees Schedules

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