



Rules of Competition

2018

Inclusive Competitions

Men's – Brisbane Premier League, Capital League, City League, U20, U18.

Women's – Brisbane Women's Premier League, Women's Capital League, City League.

Legends – Women's (Over 30).

Juniors – Brisbane Youth Premier League (U12 – U16), Divisional (U12 – U16).

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Section
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Definitions



Rules of Competition

Abandoned – means a Competition Fixture which has failed to commence for any reason or has commenced but has been stopped by the Match Official prior to its conclusion.

Cautions – means yellow and red cards received during a match.

Competition Fixture – means any match that is administered by Football Brisbane, within a competition.

Division – means a particular grade or level of competition within Football Brisbane.

Forfeit – means a failure to participate in a Competition Fixture.

Goal Difference – means the difference between goals scored by a Club/Team (Goals For) and goals scored against a Club/Team (Goals Against) in a match or season.

League – means a particular competition.

No Result – means recording a ‘0-0’ score line in a Competition Fixture with no points or goals awarded to either Team. A ‘No Result’ is recorded as a Competition Fixture played.

Postponed – means a Competition Fixture which has not commenced as scheduled.

Team – means a football team entered by a Club in a League/Competition administered by Football Brisbane.

Section

2

Competitions



Rules of Competition

If Football Brisbane engages a sponsor, a condition of entry into a Football Brisbane competition is that clubs are required to uphold any requirements stipulated in the sponsorship contract. Such requirements may include, but are not limited to, signage, the display of logos on club websites, the use of designated balls etc.

Football Brisbane will endeavour to ensure that any requirement by a sponsor has minimal financial impact and not impact on clubs' existing sponsorship contracts. At all times Football Brisbane will negotiate with clubs to minimise any disadvantage to a club's existing sponsorship.

2.1 Competition Structure

Football Brisbane reserves the right to decide on or amend the size, structure and composition of any competition.

2.1.1 All Competitions

Clubs may not field more than one (1) team in a competition or division level. Clubs may apply for exemption to this rule. All decisions regarding exemptions will be at the discretion of Football Brisbane.

2.1.2 Senior Competitions

Brisbane Premier League (BPL)

All participating clubs in the Brisbane Premier League Competition are required to field a "First Grade" team and a "Reserve Grade" team. These competitions will be contested on a "Home and Away" basis where possible. Clubs participating in the National Premier Leagues (NPL) or Football Queensland Premier League (FQPL), may not participate in the BPL.

Capital League

The Capital League Competition may consist of three (3) divisions (Capital League 1, Capital League 2 and Capital League 3). Each division will be contested on a "Home and Away" basis where possible. All participating clubs are required to field a "First Grade" team and a "Reserve Grade" team. Any club unable to fulfil these requirements, must make a written submission to Football Brisbane for determination. Clubs participating in the BPL, NPL or FQPL may not participate in any Capital League Competition.

Any club in the Men's City Leagues that is not represented in the Brisbane Premier League or the Capital Leagues, may apply to be admitted to the Capital League. This application will be reviewed by Football Brisbane for determination.

Men's City League, Men's Under 20 and Men's Under 18

Entry into these leagues is only available to clubs from within the Brisbane Zone. The composition of each competition will be determined on an annual basis. Each competition will consist of ten (10) teams where possible and will be contested on a "Home and Away" basis where possible.

Brisbane Women's Premier League (BWPL)

All participating clubs in the BWPL Competition are required to field a "First Grade" team and a "Reserve Grade" team. This competition will be contested on a "Home and Away" basis where possible. Clubs participating in the National Premier League Women's (NPLW) may not participate in the BWPL.

Women's Capital League

This competition will be contested on a "Home and Away" basis where possible. Clubs participating in the BWPL or NPLW may not participate in the Womens Capital League Competition.

Any club in the Women's City Leagues that is not represented in the Brisbane Premier League or the Capital Leagues, may apply to be admitted to the Women's Capital League. This application will be reviewed by Football Brisbane for determination.

Women's City League

Entry into the City League Competition is only available to clubs from within the Brisbane Zone. The composition of each competition will be determined on an annual basis. Each competition will consist of ten (10) teams where possible and will be contested on a "Home and Away" basis where possible.

Legends League (Women's)

Entry into the Legends Competition is only available to clubs from within the Brisbane Zone. The composition of each division will be determined on an annual basis. Each division will consist of ten (10) teams where possible and will be contested on a "Home and Away" basis where possible.

2.1.3 Junior Competitions

Football Brisbane will arrange age restricted competitions for junior players from Under 12 – Under 16. Competitions may be mixed or gender specific as determined by Football Brisbane.

2.2 Competition Winners

In each Competition, the team finishing with the most points at the conclusion of the “Home and Away” season will be the Champions. In the event of multiple teams having equal points, refer to [Section 3.11](#).

2.3 Finals Series

At the conclusion of the fixture season, a Finals Series will be conducted to determine the Grand Final Winners. Refer to [Section 4](#) for further details.

2.4 Promotion and Relegation

2.4.1 Senior Competitions

Brisbane Premier League (BPL)

The last placed team and the 2nd last placed team will be relegated to Capital League 1.

If one or both clubs eligible for promotion from Capital League 1, do not meet the requirements for promotion into the BPL (see Capital League 1 below), then the process outlined in “Other Promotion/Relegation Issues (Men’s)” will be implemented.

Capital League 1

The 1st placed team and the 2nd placed team at the completion of the fixture season (not including Finals Series) will be eligible for promotion to the BPL. To earn promotion from Capital League 1 into the BPL, Clubs must also meet the Grounds and Facilities criteria for BPL.

The last placed team and the 2nd last placed team will be relegated to the division immediately below.

Capital League 2 to Capital League 3 (or lowest Capital League Competition)

The 1st placed team and the 2nd placed team at the completion of the fixture season (not including Finals Series) will be promoted to the next highest division.

The last placed team and the 2nd last placed team will be relegated to the division immediately below. The exception to the relegation rule is the lowest Capital League Competition e.g. Capital League 3, where there will be no relegation.

Other Promotion/Relegation Issues (Men’s)

If a team which has qualified for promotion to the BPL or between Capital League Divisions advises that they do not wish to exercise the privilege, they must provide their reasons in writing to Football Brisbane, who will review the request. If the request is granted, the team which finished 2nd last in the higher division will play a two leg (home and away) play off, against the team who finished 3rd in the lower division. Details of the matches will be established at the time.

In the event that both teams who have qualified for promotion to the BPL or between the Capital League Divisions advise that they do not wish to exercise these privileges, they must provide their reasons in writing to Football Brisbane, who will review the requests. If the requests are granted, the team that finished 2nd last in the division higher shall remain in that division. While, the team that finished last in the higher division will play a two leg (home and away) play off, against the team who finished 3rd in the lower division. Details of the matches will be established at the time.

If a team from the BPL or any Capital League Division advises that it wishes to be relegated or removed from the BPL or Capital Leagues, they must provide their reasons in writing to Football Brisbane, who will review the request. If the request is granted, the team which finished 2nd last in the higher division will play a two leg (home and away) play off, against the team who finished 3rd in the lower division. Details of the matches will be established at the time.. If the 2nd last team was not relegated, the team that finished last (if relegated)will play a two leg (home and away) play off, against the team who finished 3rd in the lower division. Details of the matches will be established at the time.. If neither team was relegated, Football Brisbane can, if they choose, seek applications from any other club to fill the vacancy.

If a team withdrawal or request for relegation causes a vacancy in the BPL or any Capital League Division after the application of the above rules, Football Brisbane can, if they choose, seek applications from any other club to fill the vacancy.

Note: Promotion and relegation rules/outcomes may be subject to change, due to changes in competition structures.

All Men's City League Competitions

There is no promotion to the Capital League from City League 1. The composition of these divisions will be determined on an annual basis based on the previous season's results.

A process of application during the pre-season period will be used to determine the final competition structure. Several timeframes will be offered to clubs in which to apply to have a team regraded. These applications will be assessed and results taken into consideration when deciding on the appropriate division for all teams.

U20 and U18 Competitions

The composition of these competitions will be determined on an annual basis by nominations. Once nominations have been received, they will be assessed on previous performance.

Brisbane Women's Premier League

The last placed team and the 2nd last placed team will be relegated to the Women's Capital League.

Women's Capital League

The 1st placed team and the 2nd placed team at the completion of the fixture season (not including Finals Series) will be promoted to the Brisbane Women's Premier League.

Other Promotion/Relegation Issues (Women's)

If a team which has qualified for promotion to the BWPL or between Capital League Divisions advises that they do not wish to exercise the privilege, they must provide their reasons in writing to Football Brisbane, who will review the request. If the request is granted, the team which finished 2nd last in the higher division will play a two leg (home and away) play off, against the team who finished 3rd in the lower division. Details of the matches will be established at the time.

In the event that both teams who have qualified for promotion to the BWPL or between the Capital League Divisions advise that they do not wish to exercise these privileges, they must provide their reasons in writing to Football Brisbane, who will review the requests. If the requests are granted, the team that finished 2nd last in the division higher shall remain in that division. While, the team that finished last in the higher division will play a two leg (home and away) play off, against the team who finished 3rd in the lower division. Details of the matches will be established at the time.

If a team from the BWPL or any Capital League Division advises that it wishes to be relegated or removed from the BWPL or Capital Leagues, they must provide their reasons in writing to Football Brisbane, who will review the request. If the request is granted, the team which finished 2nd last in the higher division will play a two leg (home and away) play off, against the team who finished 3rd in the lower division. Details of the matches will be established at the time. If the 2nd last team was not relegated, the team that finished last (if relegated) will play a two leg (home and away) play off, against the team who finished 3rd in the lower division. Details of the matches will be established at the time. If neither team was relegated, Football Brisbane can, if they choose, seek applications from any other club to fill the vacancy.

If a team withdrawal or request for relegation causes a vacancy in the BWPL or any Capital League Division after the application of the above rules, Football Brisbane can, if they choose, seek applications from any other club to fill the vacancy.

Note: Promotion and relegation rules/outcomes may be subject to change, due to changes in competition structures.

All Women's City League Competitions

There is no promotion to the Women's Capital League from City League 1. The composition of these divisions will be determined on an annual basis based on the previous season's results.

A process of application during the pre-season period will be used to determine the final competition structure. Several timeframes will be offered to clubs in which to apply to have a team regraded. These applications will be assessed and results taken into consideration when deciding on the appropriate division for all teams.

Legends League (Women's)

The composition of these competitions will be determined on an annual basis by nominations. Once nominations have been received, they will be assessed on previous performance.

2.4.2 Brisbane Youth Premier League (BYPL)

The last placed team and the 2nd last placed team will be relegated to Division 1 of the following season's age group (eg teams relegated from Under 15 BYPL will be placed in Under 16 Division 1 in the subsequent season).

The highest two placed eligible teams in Division 1 at the completion of the fixture season (not including Finals Series) will be promoted to Brisbane Youth Premier League of the following season's age group (eg teams promoted from Under 15 Division 1 will be placed in Under 16 BYPL in the subsequent season).

Under 12 BYPL qualification process –

Each year a grading process will occur in order to establish which teams will participate in that season's Under 12 BYPL competition. There will be two (2) set of grading competitions, one (1) set will consist of community level clubs, while the other set will consist of clubs which have a Skills Acquisition Program (SAP) licence. The final composition of the Under 12 BYPL will see nine (9) teams from the community level clubs and three (3) from the SAP licenced clubs.

2.4.3 Junior Divisional Competitions

Under 13 – Under 16

The composition of these divisions will be determined on an annual basis based on the previous season's results.

A process of application during the pre-season period will be used to determine the final competition structure. Several timeframes will be offered to clubs in which to apply to have a team regraded. These applications will be assessed and results taken into consideration when deciding on the appropriate division for all teams.

Under 12

For allocation of teams to Under 12 divisions, two weeks of grading games, as outlined on the competition calendar, are mandatory. The format will consist of each team playing a maximum of three (3) shortened (2 x 15 minute halves) games per day.

2.5 Other Competitions & Play-Off Matches

Football Brisbane may conduct pre-season, fixture and final series competitions.

Football Brisbane may, from time to time, also schedule other competitions within the zone. Rules for these competitions shall be set prior to the commencement of any competition.

Football Brisbane may conduct Cup Competitions before, during and after the conclusion of the fixture season. Additional Rules for these Cup Competitions shall be set prior to their commencement.

All Cup Competitions are subject to and should be read in conjunction with these Rules of Competition and the additional Cup Rules. In the event of an omission or inconsistency between these Rules and the additional Cup Rules, Football Brisbane will determine and rule on the interpretation.

Football Brisbane may schedule play-off matches in order to establish the composition of a competition. Rules for the play-off matches shall be set prior to the commencement of these matches and will be read in conjunction with all Football Brisbane Rules and Policies.

2.6 Monies Owing to Football Brisbane (FB) By a Club

All amounts owed by a Club to FB must be paid within 30 days of the date of the invoice (7 days in the case of match official payments) issued by FB in relation to that amount.

If a Club fails to pay any amount owing to FB in accordance with this, FB may issue a notice giving the Club a further 14 days to pay that amount.

If a Club fails to comply with a notice issued in accordance with this, or agree to a repayment plan with FB for the amount owed, FB may, at its sole discretion:

- Not appoint match officials in cases where amounts owed relate to the payment of match official invoices.

- Rule that Club (or the applicable Team(s) within that Club) ineligible to earn competition points in any Competition Fixture or Sanctioned Match in which the Club (or Team) plays, until the debt is paid;
- Suspend or expel that Club [or Team(s)] from any Competition Fixture (including Cup Fixtures) and/or FB competitions.
- Prohibit that Club [or Team(s)] from promotion whilst the debt remains unpaid.
- Relegate that Club [or Team(s)] while the debt remains unpaid.
- Deduct points from a Club (or Team) for the following season where the debt remains unpaid or accrues after 30 September of the relevant year.

If FB and a Club agree to a repayment plan in relation to a debt owed by the Club to FB and the Club fails to meet any of the terms of that payment plan by the stipulated date and time, FB may immediately and without the need to issue a further notice, impose one or more of the sanctions referred to above.

Section
3
Fixtures



Rules of Competition

3.1 Scheduling of Matches

Football Brisbane will arrange the dates, times and venues of all matches. These scheduled matches will be advised to participating teams prior to the commencement of the season. Football Brisbane reserves the right to schedule matches on any day, time and venue and in any format as it sees fit. This includes scheduling matches to accommodate media requirements.

All Football Brisbane matches take precedence in scheduling over non-FFA affiliated matches at Football Brisbane clubs.

Football Brisbane matches must be completed two hours prior to the scheduled kick off times for Brisbane Roar home A-League fixtures and FFA Senior National Team matches which are being held in Brisbane.

3.1.1 Senior Competitions

Senior matches will normally be scheduled between Friday and Sunday each weekend. (Exception – Legends League which may be scheduled on any day.)

Brisbane Premier League

Games must be scheduled sequentially as specified below:

- Reserves, 1st team - on the same day at the same venue in that order

If BPL matches are postponed or abandoned due to any circumstances, Football Brisbane reserves the right to reschedule matches on any day, time and venue and in any format as it sees fit.

Capital League

Games must be scheduled sequentially as specified below:

- Reserves, 1st team - on the same day at the same venue in that order

If Capital League matches are postponed or abandoned due to any circumstances, Football Brisbane reserves the right to reschedule matches on any day, time and venue and in any format as it sees fit.

Brisbane Women's Premier League

Games must be scheduled sequentially as specified below:

- Reserves, 1st team - on the same day at the same venue in that order

If BWPL matches are postponed or abandoned due to any circumstances, Football Brisbane reserves the right to reschedule matches on any day, time and venue and in any format as it sees fit.

Other Leagues

Where two or more senior teams from the same club are playing at home on the same day, these matches must be scheduled consecutively.

Day & Time Scheduling/Rescheduling

Midweek/Friday

- No senior matches will be scheduled to commence before 6.30pm
- No senior matches will be scheduled to commence after 8.30pm
(Exceptions in the case of public holidays or where both teams agree)

Saturday

- No senior matches will be scheduled to commence before 11.00am
- No senior matches will be scheduled to commence after 7.30pm
(Exceptions in the case of public holidays or where both teams agree)

Sunday

- No Senior matches will be scheduled to commence before 9.00am
- No senior matches will be scheduled to commence after 6.00pm
(Exceptions in the case of public holidays or where both teams agree)

3.1.2 Junior Competitions

Listed below is the day on which each age group will be scheduled. Matches must be scheduled sequentially as specified by Football Brisbane.

	Under 12	Under 13	Under 14	Under 15	Under 16
Divisional competitions	Saturday	Saturday	Sunday	Sunday	Sunday
Brisbane Youth Premier League	Any day (Fri-Sun)				

NOTE: Any age group may be scheduled on a Friday night.

In the event that a fixture is scheduled for Friday night:

- No junior matches will be scheduled to commence before 6.30pm
- the U12 age group will not kick off later than 7pm
- the U13 age group will not kick off later than 7:45pm
- the U14 age group will not kick off later than 8pm
- the U15 & U16 age groups will not kick off later than 8:30pm.

These kick-off times will also be used for mid-week games. Exceptions may be made in the case of public holidays or where both teams agree.

3.1.3 Exemptions

Clubs may apply for an exemption from the above scheduling rules depending on their situation.

3.2 Postponed/Rescheduling of Matches

Competition fixtures may only be postponed or rescheduled by Football Brisbane competitions staff, except for in the event of severe weather.

In cases of severe weather, matches may only be postponed by the appointed match official at the match or by Football Brisbane upon advice from the HOME club prior to the match (as per [Section 10 – Wet Weather Procedures](#)). Football Brisbane may postpone an earlier match or matches on any day to allow a later match or matches to go ahead at its absolute discretion.

Football Brisbane reserves the right to record any outstanding fixtures that have not been completed by **NO LATER THAN** one (1) week after the conclusion of the fixture season as a NIL-ALL (0-0) DRAW.

Football Brisbane may decide not to reschedule a fixture that has no bearing on the finals positions.

Football Brisbane reserves the right to reschedule matches on any day, time and venue and in any format as it sees fit. Matches will generally be rescheduled with a minimum gap of 48 hours from other scheduled/rescheduled fixtures unless both teams agree or Football Brisbane determines a match needs to be played and other options are not available.

If a match is postponed while both teams are at the ground, the teams should attempt to agree to a reschedule date at that time. Should an agreed date be settled on, both teams are to advise Football Brisbane of the agreed rescheduling (via email).

3.2.1 Rescheduling Process

Generally, postponed matches will be rescheduled by Football Brisbane for the next available “catch-up” weekend. If the next available “Catch-up” weekend is more than four weeks away, then the matches may need to be rescheduled as midweek matches as determined by Football Brisbane.

For matches needing to be rescheduled midweek, once requested by Football Brisbane, the HOME club has seven (7) days to respond with advice of their preferred option/s for rescheduling. The AWAY club must respond within seven (7) days from the date of advisement from Football Brisbane.

If the HOME club’s preferred option is less than ten (10) days from the date of advice to Football Brisbane, the HOME club must supply a second option, which must be at least fourteen (14) days from the date of advice.. The opposition club has a right of refusal to a reschedule within the ten (10) day time frame. The AWAY club cannot

refuse a rescheduled match option that is at least fourteen (14) days from the date that Football Brisbane provides the advice.

In exceptional circumstances, clubs may request an exemption by sending a written request, outlining the reasons for the exemption to the Football Operations Manager for determination.

3.2.1.1 **Penalties and Outcomes**

- If the HOME club fails to provide a response within seven (7) days of Football Brisbane sending the request, the match will be awarded to the AWAY club with a 3-0 scoreline and the HOME club may be fined (See Appendix II).
- If the AWAY club fails to provide a response within seven (7) days of Football Brisbane sending the rescheduling proposals, the match will be awarded to the HOME club with a 3-0 scoreline and the AWAY club may be fined (See Appendix II).
- Should a team refuse to participate in a match that has been rescheduled by Football Brisbane, the match will be awarded to the opposition club with a 3-0 scoreline and the club may be fined (See Appendix II).

NOTE: In the event of the rescheduling of a fixture in the final four weeks of the season, the club response timeframes, outlined above, will be reduced as Football Brisbane sees fit.

3.3 Duration of Matches

The duration of matches for each age group are outlined in the table below. After normal time in each half, the match official may add on Injury/Stoppage Time as they see fit. The match official has the right to abandon any fixture match if, in their opinion, playing conditions compromise player safety.

Competition	Duration	Interval
Seniors	2 x 45 mins	10 - 15 mins
Legends	2 x 40 mins	5 – 10 mins
Under 16	2 x 45 mins	10 mins
Under 15	2 x 40 mins	10 mins
Under 14	2 x 35 mins	5 mins
Under 13	2 x 30 mins	5 mins
Under 12	2 x 25 mins	5 mins

3.4 Substitution and Return Substitution (Interchange)

Substitutions and Return Substitutions (Interchange) can only occur in accordance with the Laws of the Game. All substitutes must be seated within the technical area. They must wear bibs or an alternative coloured uniform to both team strips. Substitutes are permitted to warm up outside of the technical area, provided they are wearing bibs or an alternative coloured uniform to both team strips. When warming up, substitutes are requested to choose an area furthest from the opposing team.

3.4.1 Senior Competitions

Brisbane Premier League

In the First and Reserve Team Competitions, each team can make up to three (3) substitutions in any given match, with no more than five (5) substitutes listed on the Match Sheet.

Other Senior Competitions

In the following competitions, each team can make up to three (3) substitutions in any given match, with no more than five (5) substitutes listed on the Match Sheet:

- Men's Capital League 1 (excluding Reserves)
Capital League 2 (excluding Reserves)
Capital League 3 (excluding Reserves)
- Women's Women's Premier League (excluding Reserves)

In all other Men's and Women's Competitions, unlimited Return Substitutions (Interchange) are permitted, with no more than five (5) substitutes permitted to be named on the Match Sheet. A player who has been substituted may return to the field for another player.

In these Competitions, a player whose name appears on the Match Sheet is deemed to have participated in the match. The exception to this rule is a Reserve Goalkeeper (if marked as such on the match sheet). Referees will record whether a Reserve Goalkeeper has participated by the normal manner of recording a substitution. If no record of participation is shown, then the Reserve Goalkeeper will not be deemed to have participated in the match.

3.4.2 Junior Competitions

In all competitions, unlimited Return Substitutions (Interchange) are permitted, with no more than five (5) substitutes permitted to be named on the Match Sheet. A player who has been substituted may return to the field for another player.

In these competitions, a player whose name appears on the Match Sheet is deemed to have participated in the match.

3.5 Points

In all competition fixtures, match points will be awarded as follows:

WIN	Three	(3) Points
DRAW	One	(1) Point
LOSS	Nil	(0) Points
BYE	Nil	(0) Points
NO RESULT	Nil	(0) Points for either team

3.6 Alterations to Fixtures

3.6.1 Application for Alterations

Any application for an alteration to scheduled fixtures shall be submitted via [FBgameday](#) or email to the Football Brisbane Football Operations Manager at least ten (10) working days prior to the scheduled fixture. Each request will be determined on its merits. Applications for alterations due to "social functions" (e.g. weddings, christenings, confirmations or other social and religious events) or "work commitments" will not be considered.

All requests for alterations must come through the Football Operations Manager at Football Brisbane.

Football Brisbane's decision in regard to the rescheduling of fixtures will be final.

3.6.2 Representative Duties

Any competition team with three or more players unavailable due to representative outdoor football duties, at Football Queensland/Football Federation Australia approved tournaments including state-wide school representative tournaments, will be entitled to have their fixture rescheduled upon application. Applications must be made at least fifteen (15) working days prior to the scheduled fixture.

- Should Football Brisbane approve the application to reschedule the match, the process as outlined in [Section 3.2.1](#) will be followed.

Football Brisbane will rule as to what is reasonable and the decision will be final.

3.6.3 School Football (Junior Competitions and Under 18s only)

Applications due to involvement in local inter-school sport or non-representative sanctioned competitions including but not limited to the Kanga Cup, will not be considered.

3.6.4 School Commitments (Junior Competitions and Under 18s only)

Applications due to school commitments / functions will be assessed on their merits. All applications must be accompanied by a letter from the School Principal outlining how the event relates to the education curriculum. The application must be received at least fifteen (15) working days prior to the scheduled fixture.

If Football Brisbane approves the application to reschedule the match, the process defined in [Section 3.2.1](#) will be followed.

3.7 Non-Participation in a Fixture/Forfeiting a Fixture

Any team that fails to fulfil any of its fixture or finals obligations arranged by Football Brisbane will be deemed to have forfeited the match.

Any team that wishes to forfeit a match prior to the scheduled day and time must notify Football Brisbane either by email (if prior to the day of the scheduled match) or by phoning the Football Operations Manager (if on the day of the match). Football Brisbane will then notify the opposition team and match officials.

Any team that is not ready to commence a fixture or finals match **by 15 minutes after the scheduled kick-off time**, (this includes the ground of the **HOME** team not being ready for play in the opinion of the match officials; ie the field must be correctly marked, with nets and corner posts up and goals anchored if required), will be deemed to have forfeited the match.

If any team claims such a forfeit they must contact the Football Operations Manager via email or [FBgameday](#) and outline the events which led up to the match not being played.

A team deemed to have forfeited may submit a request, within three (3) working days to Football Brisbane, if they believe the forfeit was caused by exceptional circumstances. Football Brisbane will review the request and make a determination. Football Brisbane's decision in regard to the forfeit will be final.

If any team forfeits a fixture for any reason on two or more occasions in the same competition season without satisfactory explanation provided in writing to Football Brisbane, they will be asked to show cause as to why they should not be withdrawn from the competition.

3.7.1 Penalties and Outcomes

Any match deemed to be a forfeit will be recorded as a 3-0 win in favour of the opposing team, with the points being awarded to the opposing team. The club of the forfeiting team will be fined per offence (See Appendix II) and may be subject to further disciplinary action.

3.7.2 Senior Competitions

In the BPL, BWPL and Capital Leagues, if a club does not have sufficient players to field a Reserve and First team, the First team shall take priority. Failure to do so will result in disciplinary action against the offending club and both the Reserve and First team fixtures will be awarded 3-0 to the opposition.

3.8 Withdrawal/Removal/Suspension from Fixtures

If any team in a competition withdraws, is removed or suspended, then the following will apply:

- If the team is withdrawn, removed or suspended before the competition has started and cannot be replaced, a bye in the competition will be substituted
- If the team is withdrawn, removed or suspended during the first round, the recorded results for that team will be deleted and, if the team cannot be replaced, a bye in the competition will be substituted for the remainder of that round; if they cannot be replaced in the competition for the remaining round(s), a bye in the competition will be substituted for the remaining round(s)
- If the team is withdrawn, removed or suspended during the second or subsequent rounds, all points and goals acquired for the completed rounds will be retained by opposing teams and the recorded results for that team in the uncompleted round will be deleted and, if the team cannot be replaced, a bye in the competition will be substituted for the remainder of that round; if they cannot be replaced in the competition for the remaining round(s), a bye in the competition will be substituted for the remaining round(s)
- If Football Brisbane has doubts about the validity of any earlier round matches for a team withdrawn during the second or subsequent rounds, it may delete all results for that team
- Football Brisbane reserves the right to negotiate with the club of a replacement team as to the method by which the new team enters the competition at any point in that competition and how points are attributed to that team for the remainder of the season.

3.8.1 Penalties and Outcomes

The club of the team withdrawn will be fined (See Appendix II) and may be subject to further disciplinary action.

3.8.2 Senior Competitions

If the team to be withdrawn is not the lowest divisional team in the club, the club will be asked to show cause as to why it should be allowed to withdraw the higher divisional team.

3.9 Team Additions to Fixtures

If any team is added to a competition, then the following will apply:

Note – Points accrued in another competition prior to being added to a new competition will not carry over to the new competition.

- Where a competition is comprised of eighteen (18) fixtures:
 - If a team enters on or before Fixture 4 that team will replay any missed matches from those fixtures as required, and will accrue points for the entire season
 - If a team enters from Fixture 5 until the commencement of the second Round (Fixture 10) that team will not accrue results from those fixtures. However, the team will accrue points in the second Round,
 - If a team enters on either Fixture 10 or Fixture 11 that team will replay any missed matches from those fixtures as required, and will accrue points for Round 2 only.
 - If a team enters after the commencement of Fixture 12 that team will not accrue any points
- Where a competition is comprised of twenty-one (21) fixtures:
 - If a team enters on or before Fixture 3 that team will replay any missed matches from those fixtures as required, and will accrue points for the entire season
 - If a team enters from Fixture 4 until the commencement of the second Round (Fixture 8) that team will not accrue results from those fixtures. However, the team will accrue points in the second and third Rounds.
 - If a team enters on either Fixture 8 or Fixture 9 that team will replay any missed matches from those fixtures as required, and will accrue points for Rounds 2 and 3.
 - If a team enters from Fixture 10 until the commencement of the third Round (Fixture 14) that team will not accrue results from those fixtures. However, the team will accrue points in the third Round.
 - If a team enters on either Fixture 14 or Fixture 15 that team will replay any missed matches from those fixtures as required, and will accrue points for Round 3.
 - If a team enters after the commencement of Fixture 16 that team will not accrue any points
- Where a competition is comprised of twenty-two (22) fixtures:
 - If a team enters on or before Fixture 6 that team will replay any missed matches from those fixtures as required, and will accrue points for the entire season
 - If a team enters from Fixture 7 until the commencement of the second Round (Fixture 12) that team will not accrue results from those fixtures. However, the team will accrue points in the second Round,
 - If a team enters on either Fixture 12 or on or before Fixture 14 that team will replay any missed matches from those fixtures as required, and will accrue points for Round 2 only.
 - If a team enters after the commencement of Fixture 15 that team will not accrue any points

3.10 Abandoned Matches

If the match official abandons a Football Brisbane match at half time or later, **then the match result will stand**, unless:

- One or both of the competing clubs request the match to be replayed, or
- The matter is referred to Football Brisbane for determination

All replay requests must be made in writing within five (5) working days of the match being abandoned. Any request after this time will be disregarded and the match result will stand.

Football Brisbane shall take into consideration the following when considering a request for a replay:

- Reasons why the match was abandoned
- Result of the match at the time of abandonment
- The impact on the final league standing of a fixture
- The impact on the finals series of a finals match

The decision of Football Brisbane will be final on whether to grant a replay. Any replayed match will be played in full. Any match abandoned before half-time will be replayed unless both teams agree to forego the replaying of the match or Football Brisbane determines that the match does not need to be replayed.

Football Brisbane reserves the right to determine the match result if it is satisfied that one (or both) of the competing teams, its players, officials, members or supporters were directly responsible for the abandonment of the fixture. This includes the abandonment of a match due to a team having less than seven players on the field.

3.10.1 Penalties and Outcomes

If it is determined that one team is responsible for the abandonment, the club responsible will be fined (See Appendix II).

Football Brisbane may decide to direct any of the following outcomes:

- The match be recorded as a 3-0 win in favour of the opposing team, unless the score at the time of abandonment was of a greater margin in favour of the opposing team, and the points will be awarded to the opposing team
- Impose a fine, suspend, expel or take whatever disciplinary action it deems necessary against the offending club(s), player(s) and official(s)

If it is determined that both teams are responsible for the abandonment, the clubs responsible will be fined (See Appendix II).

Football Brisbane may decide to direct any of the following outcomes:

- The match be replayed
- The match be recorded as "NO RESULT"
- The match be recorded as 0-0 draw
- Impose a fine, suspend, expel or take whatever disciplinary action it deems necessary against the offending club(s), player(s) and official(s)

Football Brisbane's determination on the outcome of any abandoned match shall be final.

Should Football Brisbane determine that a match is to be replayed, the provisions for rescheduling as outlined in [Section 3.2.1](#) will apply.

3.11 Goal Difference

If, at the end of the fixture competition, two or more teams in a competition are equal on points, goal difference shall be taken into account in determining:

- The Champions
- The teams eligible to play in the Finals Series in the respective divisions
- The teams to be promoted to a higher division
- The teams to be relegated to a lower division
- All other positions on the points table

In the case of teams having an equal number of points, goal difference will be used to determine the higher placed team. This shall be calculated by subtracting the total number of goals AGAINST from the total number of goals FOR in all fixture matches:

- The team with the higher goal difference shall be deemed to be the higher placed team
- In the case of goal difference being equal, the team having scored the most goals FOR shall be the higher or highest placed team

In the case of teams having an equal number of points and an equal goal difference and having scored an equal number of goals FOR:

- The team with the higher or highest number of points from matches played between the teams in question shall be the higher or highest placed team
- If the number of points is equal, then the team with the superior goal difference from matches played between the teams in question, shall be the higher or highest placed team
- In the case of goal difference being equal, the team having scored the most goals FOR from matches played between the teams in question, shall be the higher or highest placed team
- If the goal difference and goals FOR are equal, then the team that scored the most away goals from matches played between the teams in question, shall be the higher or highest placed team

If teams are still equal after taking into account all of the above considerations, the following will apply:

- To determine Champions or promotion/relegation positions, the clubs concerned shall play off one or more matches on neutral ground(s), the format, timing and venue(s) of which shall be determined by Football Brisbane

- To determine Finals Series positions - an official of each team will be required to meet with an official of Football Brisbane and lots will be drawn
- To determine all other positions on the table - lots will be drawn.

Section

4

Finals Series



Rules of Competition

Football Brisbane will arrange the dates, times and venues of all Finals Series matches. Football Brisbane reserves the right to schedule or re-schedule matches on any day, time and place as it sees fit. All Football Brisbane matches take precedence in scheduling over non-FFA affiliated matches at Football Brisbane clubs.

4.1 Format

The first listed team in each match below, is the designated Home Team.

Competition	Final	Teams
All Senior Competitions (4 team Finals Series)	Semi Final 1	3 rd vs 4 th
	Semi Final 2	1 st vs 2 nd
	Preliminary Final	Loser Semi 2 vs Winner Semi 1
	Grand Final	Winner Semi 2 vs Winner Preliminary
Under 12 – Under 16 (4 team Finals Series)	Semi Final 1	2 nd v 3 rd
	Semi Final 2	1 st v 4 th
	Grand Final	Highest placed Semi winner vs Lowest placed Semi winner

4.2 Senior Competitions

4.2.1 Venues

- Qualifying, Semi & Preliminary Final Matches will be held at the Home Team venue, subject to the venue being deemed suitable for play by Football Brisbane.
(If the Home Team is unable to host the match, then it will be held at the Away Team venue or a venue determined by Football Brisbane)
- Grand Final Matches will be held at venues determined by Football Brisbane

4.2.2 Premier & Capital Leagues Scheduling (other than Grand Final)

Where there are clashes between the First Team and the Reserves (ie teams from the same club at different venues), the First Team match will take priority for scheduling and the Reserves will have to be scheduled to avoid any clash if requested by a club involved (either with sufficient time between the matches on the same day or on a different day).

4.2.3 Duration of Matches

All finals matches will be played in accordance with the fixture duration (See [Section 3.3](#)).

Premier, Capital, Mens City Leagues 1-2, Mens Under 20, Mens Under 18, Womens Premier, Womens Capital and Womens City Leagues 1-2,

If the scores are equal after normal time, then 2 x 15 minute periods of extra time will be played in full. If the scores are still equal after extra time, then a penalty shoot-out in accordance with FIFA regulations will be taken to determine the winner.

Mens City Leagues 3 & below, Womens City Leagues 3 & below, Womens Legends Competitions

If the scores are equal after normal time, then a penalty shoot-out in accordance with FIFA regulations will be taken to determine the winner (No extra time will be played).

4.2.4 Player Eligibility

BPL, BWPL & Capital League Reserves

A player who has started in more matches in the First team than has been listed in the Reserves is ineligible to play in the Reserve Team Finals Series.

In the event a player is listed on the Reserves match sheet and also starts in the First team on the same day, the Reserves game will not count toward that player's tally.

City League (Male and Female), U20, U18 (Male & Female), Legends (Male & Female)

A player who is eligible to play in a fixture for a team at the completion of the fixture season as per the Player Eligibility Rules (Seniors) - ([Section 6](#)), is then eligible to play in the finals for that team (subject to "Minimum Requirement" rules below).

Minimum Requirement

To be eligible to play for a team in the finals series, a player must have started/been listed at that team's divisional level or lower in a minimum of five (5) matches.

NOTE: The minimum requirement does not apply to the first team of Premier & Capital League teams. Any player eligible to play in the 1st team in fixtures is eligible to play in the first team in finals. (NOTE – see [Section 5.1](#))

Playing Up in Finals

A player who is eligible to play in finals at a particular divisional level is eligible to play in finals in any team higher than that level without affecting their eligibility for their qualified level.

Junior Players

Junior players are not eligible to play in Senior Finals. This does not include any Junior players who have played more than the allowed number of matches in the Senior Competition (and have therefore been “regraded” as Seniors - see [Section 6.14](#)) prior to the commencement of the Finals Series.

Exemptions

Clubs may apply to Football Brisbane for exemptions to the eligibility rules. All requests for exemptions must be made prior to the commencement of the Finals Series for each particular competition. Football Brisbane reserves the right to declare eligible any player it deems to have satisfied the intent and spirit of this rule.

4.2.5 Penalties and Outcomes

If a player is found to have participated in a match while in breach of the above eligibility requirements, the player will be deemed to be an ineligible player. The result of the match will be recorded as a 3-0 win in favour of the opposing team, unless the score at the end of the match was of a greater margin in favour of the opposing team. The club of the ineligible player will be fined (See Appendix II) and may be subject to further disciplinary action.

4.3 Junior Competitions

4.3.1 Venues

All Finals Matches will be held at venues determined by Football Brisbane.

4.3.2 Duration of Matches

All finals matches will be played in accordance with the fixture duration for each age group (See Section 2.3).

If the scores are equal after normal time, then 2 x 10 minute periods of extra time will be played in full. If the scores are still equal after extra time, the following methods will be used to determine the outcome:

Age	Division	Final Type	Method After Extra Time
Under 12	All Divisions (including BYPL)	Semi Final	Highest Placed Team
Under 12	All Divisions (including BYPL)	Grand Final	Joint Winners
Under 13	BYPL	Semi Final & Grand Final	Penalties
Under 13	Division 1 & below	Semi Final	Highest Placed Team
Under 13	Division 1 & below	Grand Final	Joint Winners
Under 14 – Under 16	BYPL & below	Semi Final & Grand Final	Penalties

Penalties = A penalty shoot-out, in accordance with FIFA regulations will be taken to determine the winner.

Highest Placed Team = The team which finished in the higher position after the fixture season will advance to the Grand Final.

Joint Winners = Both participating teams in the grand final will be declared joint winners.

4.3.3 Player Eligibility

Should teams be required to borrow players during the finals series, an application must be submitted to Football Brisbane outlining why the team in question is required to borrow player(s). Applications will be assessed on a case by case basis.

4.3.4 Penalties and Outcomes

If an ineligible borrowed player is found to have participated in a match, without Football Brisbane's approval, the result of the match will be recorded as a 3-0 win in favour of the opposing team. The exception will be where the score at the end of the match was of a greater margin in favour of the opposing team. The club of the ineligible player may be fined (See Appendix II).

Section

5

Player Eligibility (All Competitions)



Rules of Competition

Football Brisbane reserves the right to investigate the eligibility of any player participating in any competition.

5.1 Registration of Players

Amateur players who have not previously registered under FFA in Australia for the current season are permitted to be registered at any time during the season.

Amateur players registered or re-registered after 30 June are **NOT** eligible to participate at Premier League (including Reserves), Capital League (including Reserves) or Brisbane Youth Premier League level (for the avoidance of doubt, players registered after 30 June are only eligible to play in the City League, Under 20, Under 18 Divisional, Legends and Junior Divisional Competitions).

Amateur players who have previously registered under FFA for clubs based in the Football Brisbane Zone (including NPL and FQPL clubs based in the Football Brisbane Zone) for the current season are not permitted to re-register with another club within the Football Brisbane Zone after 30 June each year. (NOTE: MiniRoos are excluded from this provision, ie they are permitted to re-register with another club to play MiniRoos at any time.)

Amateur players who have registered under FFA in Australia for clubs based outside the Football Brisbane Zone for the current season may apply to Football Brisbane to allow an exemption to register within the Football Brisbane Zone after 30 June each year. The decision of Football Brisbane will be final in considering any such application.

Exemptions

Clubs may apply to Football Brisbane for exemptions to these registration rules in exceptional circumstances. The decision of Football Brisbane will be final on whether to allow an exemption.

Professional players may only be registered during one of two Registration Periods each year. The first period runs from 1 January to the last Wednesday before the first fixture round. The second period runs for four weeks ending on 30 June each year.

Unless cancelled earlier, registration is effective from date of registration until 31 December of that year.

Any player not registered as per FFA National Registration Regulations and Football Brisbane Registration Procedures and Guidelines for the current season is ineligible and is not permitted to participate in any Football Brisbane competition.

Premier, Capital, City, Under 20, Under 18 & Junior Leagues

A player can only be registered with one club at a time. During the season, a player can register for a maximum of three (3) clubs and can play for a maximum of two (2) clubs in competition matches. (See Section 4.9 of the National Registration Regulations.)

Legends League

Players registered to play in the Legends League ONLY are not eligible to participate in other Football Brisbane Competitions. If players wish to play in both competitions, (Legends and Premier, Capital or City Leagues), they will need to register separately for each competition. If a player is registered to play in the Premier, Capital or City Leagues, they may register to play Legends League at a different club to their Premier, Capital or City Leagues registration.

5.1.1 Penalties and Outcomes

If a player not registered as per FFA National Registration Regulations and Football Brisbane Registration Procedures for the current season is found to have participated in a match, the player will be deemed to be an ineligible player. The result of the match will be recorded as a 3-0 win in favour of the opposing team, unless the score at the end of the match was of a greater margin in favour of the opposing team, and the points will be awarded to the opposing team. The club of the ineligible player will be fined (See Appendix II) and may be subject to further disciplinary action.

5.2 Suspended Players

Any player under suspension by Football Brisbane or any other Federation is ineligible and is not permitted to participate in any fixture until that suspension is served. This includes mandatory suspensions for yellow and red cards along with penalties determined by a Disciplinary Committee.

5.2.1 Penalties and Outcomes

Any player under suspension by Football Brisbane or any other Federation who is found to have participated in a match is deemed to be an ineligible player. The result of the match will be recorded as a 3-0 win in favour of the opposing team, unless the score at the end of the match was of a greater margin in favour of the opposing team, and the points will be awarded to the opposing team. The club of the ineligible player will be fined (See Appendix II) and may be subject to further disciplinary action.

5.3 Player Age Requirements

These requirements apply to all competitions and must be read in conjunction with all Player Eligibility rules.

As per the National Registration Regulations, all players are classified as “Junior” players until they attain the age of eighteen (18) years. Therefore, prior to competing out of their Designated Age Group, any junior player must have a PA01 completed by their parent or guardian.

The competitions below are age restricted competitions:

Womens Legends	Players born in the year 1988 or earlier
Under 20	Players born in the year 1998 or 1999
Under 18	Players born in the year 2000 or 2001
Under 16	Players born in the year 2002
Under 15	Players born in the year 2003
Under 14	Players born in the year 2004
Under 13	Players born in the year 2005
Under 12	Players born in the year 2006

Where clubs have to combine age groups the following restrictions apply:

- The majority of players in the squad must come from the older age level (i.e. 50% + 1). Where this is not the case application must be made to Football Brisbane for permission to vary this rule. Football Brisbane's decision on any such application will be final.

Football Brisbane reserves the right to withdraw from competition any team found in breach of these rules.

5.3.1 Playing Out of Designated Age Group (Senior Competitions)

Male

Players born in 2000, 2001 and 2002 may play in any senior Men’s Competition with parental/guardian approval (OEA-01).

Players born in 2003 are NOT eligible to play in any senior Men’s Competition.

Female

Players born in 2000, 2001, 2002 and 2003 may play in any senior Women’s Competition with parental/guardian approval (OEA-01).

Players born in 2004 are NOT eligible to play in any senior Women’s Competition.

5.3.2 Playing Out of Designated Age Group (Junior Competitions)

Playing above Designated Age Group

Prior to competing above their Designated Age Group, any junior player must have a Request to Play Outside Eligible Age Form (OEA-01) completed by their parent or guardian to be held by the club and produced to Football Brisbane on request.

Players are permitted to play up one age level in all divisions subject to ‘Composite Teams’ rules as defined in 5.3 with parental/guardian approval.

Any player requesting to play more than one year out of their age group must provide evidence of Exceptional Circumstances as defined in 5.3.3.

Playing Below Designated Age Group

In all instances of players wishing to play down an age group, clubs must submit a written application to Football Brisbane.

For players who are suited to a lower age group due to their physical and/or social sense, clubs must submit, a written application accompanied by supporting medical or educational evidence along with the Request to Play Outside Eligible Age Form (OEA-01) completed by their parent or guardian.

For players who were born late in the year (eg December), clubs may apply for them to play in the age group below. The application must include the requested player's name, age and age group they wish to play into and any specific reason for the request (eg team viability) along with the Request to Play Outside Eligible Age Form (OEA-01) completed by their parent or guardian.

If approved, Football Brisbane will then confirm the decision in writing to the club. Please note that until approval is provided, the player cannot participate in matches in the lower age group as an eligible player.

5.3.3 Exceptional Circumstances

The definition of Exceptional Circumstances in relation to the Player Age Requirements includes but is not limited to;

- a) Team Viability
- b) Documented skill level report from a Technical Director designated by Football Brisbane
- c) Advice from the State Technical Director

Clubs may apply to Football Brisbane for an exemption to these rules in exceptional circumstances. Any application must contain all supporting documentation. The decision of Football Brisbane will be final on whether to allow an exemption.

5.3.4 Penalties and Outcomes

If a player is found to have participated in a match while in breach of the above age eligibility requirements, the player will be deemed to be an ineligible player. The result of the match will be recorded as a 3-0 win in favour of the opposing team, unless the score at the end of the match was of a greater margin in favour of the opposing team, and the points will be awarded to the opposing team. The club of the ineligible player will be fined (See Appendix II) and may be subject to further disciplinary action.

5.4 Virtual Match Sheets

Virtual match sheets must list all players taking part in the match and be completed via [FBgameday](#). If a player has not been listed at the commencement of the match and has participated, the player's name may be added at any time up until the commencement of the second half of the match.

A team must not list more than sixteen (16) players on their Virtual Match Sheet.

If a team does so, any player(s) over and above the first sixteen (16) players listed is (are) considered ineligible.

5.4.1 Penalties and Outcomes

Should it be found that a club failed to list a player who takes part in a competition match, then the club will be disciplined as follows:

Brisbane Premier League, Brisbane Women's Premier League and Capital Leagues

- a) The player will be deemed to be an ineligible player. The result of the match will be recorded as a 3-0 win in favour of the opposing team, unless the score at the end of the match was of a greater margin in favour of the opposing team, and the points will be awarded to the opposing team. The club of the ineligible player may be fined per offence (See Appendix II), and may be subject to further disciplinary action.
- b) In the event that both teams are found to have fielded a player without being listed on the virtual match sheet. Those players will be deemed to be ineligible and the match result will be declared a no result whereby, no points will be awarded. Both clubs may also be fined per offence (See Appendix II), and may be subject to further disciplinary action.

If a team is found to have listed more than sixteen (16) players on the virtual match sheet, any player(s) over and above the first sixteen (16) listed will be deemed to be an ineligible player(s). The result of the match will be recorded as a 3-0 win in favour of the opposing team, unless the score at the end of the match was of a greater margin in favour of the opposing team, and the points will be awarded to the opposing team. The club of the ineligible player(s) will be fined per offence (See Appendix II) and may be subject to further disciplinary action.

All Other Competitions

- a) If it is established that the player was legitimately registered and was eligible to play, then the club may be fined for each offence (See Appendix II) and the match result will stand.

If it is established that the player was not legitimately registered or was ineligible to play, the result of the match will be recorded as a 3-0 win in favour of the opposing team, unless the score at the end of the match was of a greater margin in favour of the opposing team, and the points will be awarded to the opposing team. The club of the ineligible player(s) will be fined per offence (See Appendix II) and may be subject to further disciplinary action. If a team is found to have listed more than sixteen (16) players on the virtual match sheet, any player(s) over and above the first sixteen (16) listed will be deemed to be an ineligible player(s). The result of the match will be recorded as a 3-0 win in favour of the opposing team, unless the score at the end of the match was of a greater margin in favour of the opposing team, and the points will be awarded to the opposing team. The club of the ineligible player(s) will be fined per offence (See Appendix II) and may be subject to further disciplinary action.

5.5 Clubs with Teams in the Same Competition Division

If a club has two or more teams in the same competition division, players are only permitted to play for one team in that competition division. This does not preclude them from playing for other teams within the club in other competition divisions (subject to all Player Eligibility rules and the Player Age Restrictions.)

5.5.1 Penalties and Outcomes

If a player is found to have participated in a match while in breach of the above requirements, the player will be deemed to be an ineligible player. The result of the match will be recorded as a 3-0 win in favour of the opposing team, unless the score at the end of the match was of a greater margin in favour of the opposing team, and the points will be awarded to the opposing team. The club of the ineligible player will be fined (See Appendix II) and may be subject to further disciplinary action.

5.6 Player Identity

On match day, any team has the ability to check the identity of any opposing player(s) via the virtual match sheet.

Football Brisbane requires that all players have a passport-style photograph loaded into [FBgameday](#) every year. The photograph must be in accordance with Football Brisbane Photography Policy (see Appendix I).

Should a club have any concerns over a player's identity they should submit a protest to Football Brisbane as per [section 5.7](#).

No Club Official shall have the power to refuse to allow an opposition player to take the field for any reason. Nor can they request that a Match Official refuse to allow a player to take the field.

5.7 Protest - Playing Ineligible Player

Any club is permitted to lodge a protest regarding the alleged fielding of an ineligible player(s). The protest must be lodged via [FBgameday](#) following the match. A protest can also be lodged in writing (eg email) within fourteen (14) days of the match by a designated club official or contact outlining the details of the protest and the player involved. Should the protest involve the allegation of a player playing under another player's name, the protest should include a photograph of the player(s). An investigation into the protest will be undertaken as soon as possible.

In the event that the protest is upheld, the Penalties and Outcomes as stated in 5.7.1 below will apply. In the event that the protest is dismissed, then the match result will stand.

5.7.1 Penalties & Outcomes

If it is established that a player competing in any Football Brisbane competition match was ineligible to play, the club of the ineligible player will be fined (See Appendix II).

The following will also apply:

- The club found guilty shall forfeit any goals scored and points gained in that match and the points and match will be awarded to the opposing team
- The game will be recorded as a 3-0 win in favour of the opposing team, unless the final result was of a greater margin in favour of the opposing team
- Football Brisbane may impose a fine, suspend, expel or take whatever disciplinary action it deems necessary against the offending club or player

If it is established that both clubs competing in any Football Brisbane competition match fielded players who were ineligible to play, the clubs of the ineligible player(s) will be fined see Appendix II).

The following will also apply:

- The match will be deemed as a **NO RESULT**, whereby, no points will be awarded
- Football Brisbane may suspend, expel or take whatever disciplinary action it deems necessary against the offending clubs or players

If a Finals Series match or Cup match is declared a “No Result”, Football Brisbane may determine that the match be replayed.

5.8 National Premier Leagues and Football Queensland Premier League (NPL, FQPL & NPLW)

Players registered to NPL, FQPL or NPLW clubs are not eligible to play for any clubs in any Football Brisbane competition.

Players registered to Football Brisbane clubs/teams are not eligible to play for any teams in any NPL,FQPL or NPLW competitions unless under “Exceptional Circumstances” (See NPL Rule 11.9).

5.8.1 Penalties & Outcomes

The club of the ineligible player will be fined (See Appendix II).

Section

6

Player Eligibility (Senior Competitions)



Rules of Competition

6.1 Senior Competitions

Men	Women
Brisbane Premier League / Reserves	Brisbane Women's Premier League / Reserves
Capital League 1-3 / Reserves	Women's Capital League 1-2
City League Competitions	City League Competitions
Under 20 Competitions	
Under 18 Competitions	

In determining player eligibility in Senior Football (see relevant rules below relating to each competition), the previous table sets the appropriate order of rank for each league. Specifically, the highest rank league is at the top of the table.

The Legends League is a separate competition and is not part of the Senior Leagues Rank Order above.

6.2 Junior Competition Ranking

The Junior Competition as a whole, is ranked lower than the Senior Competition.

6.3 Player Transfers During the Season

If a player changes clubs during the season, then the “count” of matches played at a level does not carryover from their previous club to their new club. Therefore, there is no restriction on what division a player is able to take part in subject to the rules below applying at their new club.

This does not include Cup Competitions, where restrictions do apply if a player changes clubs – see relevant Cup Competition Rules.

6.4 Substitution/Return Substitution (Interchange) Clarification regarding Eligibility

In relation to all rules below, “has started” refers to matches played under the Substitution rule and means commenced the match from the kick-off; “been listed” refers to matches played under the Return Substitution (Interchange) rule. For the avoidance of doubt, appearances as a Substitute in a game under the Substitution rule, **DO NOT** count towards playing in a higher ranked competition (appearances as a Return Substitute/Interchange **DO** count towards playing in a higher ranked competition).

6.5 Brisbane Premier League

Players may play without restriction between First and Reserve teams in fixtures.

All players will be classed as being graded into the team/squad where they play their first fixture match.

Players who are graded into Brisbane Premier League or Reserves are ineligible to play in a lower ranked competition for that club (ie Brisbane Premier League and Reserves is ranked higher than City League 1 and so on).

Clubs who wish to move players from one Firsts to Reserves, from one fixture match to the next fixture match may do so for a maximum of five (5) players. Should any club wish to move more than five (5) players from Firsts to Reserves from one fixture match to the next, they must advise the Football Operations Manager prior to the match by email (to competitions@footballbrisbane.com.au), supplying their reasons for this.

In the event that a player is being borrowed by a team in their first fixture, the club will need to advise the Football Operations Manager in writing that the player is being borrowed and of the player's correct team.

6.6 Capital League (Men)

Players may play without restriction between First and Reserve teams in fixtures.

All players will be classed as being graded into the team/squad where they play their first fixture match.

Players who are graded into Capital League or Reserves are ineligible to play in a lower ranked competition for that club (ie Capital League and Reserves is ranked higher than City League 1 and so on).

Clubs who wish to move players from one Firsts to Reserves, from one fixture match to the next fixture match may do so for a maximum of five (5) players. Should any club wish to move more than five (5) players from Firsts to Reserves from one fixture match to the next, they must advise the Football Operations Manager prior to the match by email (to competitions@footballbrisbane.com.au), supplying their reasons for this.

In the event that a player is being borrowed by a team in their first fixture, the club will need to advise the Football Operations Manager in writing that the player is being borrowed and of the player's correct team.

6.7 Brisbane Women's Premier League

Players may play without restriction between First and Reserve teams in fixtures.

All players will be classed as being graded into the team/squad where they play their first fixture match.

Players who are graded into Brisbane Women's Premier League or Reserves are ineligible to play in a lower ranked competition for that club (ie Brisbane Women's Premier League and Reserves is ranked higher than City League 1 and so on).

Clubs who wish to move players from one Firsts to Reserves, from one fixture match to the next fixture match may do so for a maximum of five (5) players. Should any club wish to move more than five (5) players from Firsts to Reserves from one fixture match to the next, they must advise the Football Operations Manager prior to the match by email (to competitions@footballbrisbane.com.au), supplying their reasons for this.

In the event that a player is being borrowed by a team in their first fixture, the club will need to advise the Football Operations Manager in writing that the player is being borrowed and of the player's correct team.

6.8 Women's Capital League

All players will be classed as being graded into the team/squad where they play their first fixture match.

Players who are graded into Women's Capital League are ineligible to play in a lower ranked competition for that club (ie Women's Capital League is ranked higher than City League 1 and so on).

In the event that a player is being borrowed by a team in their first fixture, the club will need to advise the Football Operations Manager in writing that the player is being borrowed and of the player's correct team.

6.9 City League (Men's and Women's)

All players participating in City League competitions will be classed as graded into the team where they play their first fixture match. Players can only be graded into one team at any one time.

Players may be borrowed to play in higher ranked competitions, but may only do so for a maximum of six (6) matches. The maximum number refers to the total number of games played up and not to each team they may play in.

Players who have started/been listed in any higher ranked competition more than six (6) times in total at their current club are ineligible to play in a lower ranked competition for that club (ie City League 1 is ranked higher than City League 2 and so on).

In the event that a club is participating in more than one (1) City League competition within the same division (for example City League 3 Blue and City League 3 Silver), those teams will NOT be permitted to borrow between them.

In the event that a player is being borrowed by a team in their first fixture, the club will need to advise the Football Operations Manager in writing that the player is being borrowed and of the player's correct team.

6.10 Men's Under 20

All players participating in Men's Under 20 competitions will be classed as graded into the team where they play their first fixture match. Players can only be graded into one team at any one time.

Players may be borrowed to play in higher ranked competitions, but may only do so for a maximum of six (6) matches. The maximum number refers to the total number of games played up and not to each team they may play in.

Players who have started/been listed in any higher ranked competition more than six (6) times in total at their current club are ineligible to play in a lower ranked competition for that club.

Players who have been listed in any higher ranked Under 20 Division more than six (6) times in total at their current club are ineligible to play in a lower ranked Under 20 Division for that club (ie Division 1 is ranked higher than Division 2 and so on).

In the event that a player is being borrowed by a team in their first fixture, the club will need to advise the Football Operations Manager in writing that the player is being borrowed and of the player's correct team.

6.11 Under 18 (Men's and Women's)

All players participating in Under 18 competitions will be classed as graded into the team where they play their first fixture match. Players can only be graded into one team at any one time.

Players may be borrowed to play in higher ranked competitions, but may only do so for a maximum of six (6) matches. The maximum number refers to the total number of games played up and not to each team they may play in.

Players who have started/been listed in any higher ranked competition more than six (6) times in total at their current club are ineligible to play in a lower ranked competition for that club.

Players who have been listed in any higher ranked Under 18 Division more than six (6) times in total at their current club are ineligible to play in a lower ranked Under 18 Division for that club (ie Division 1 is ranked higher than Division 2 and so on).

In the event that a player is being borrowed by a team in their first fixture, the club will need to advise the Football Operations Manager in writing that the player is being borrowed and of the player's correct team.

6.12 Legends (Men's and Women's)

All players participating in Legends will be classed as graded into the team where they play their first fixture match. Players can only be graded into one team at any one time.

Players may be borrowed to play in higher ranked competitions, but may only do so for a maximum of six (6) matches. The maximum number refers to the total number of games played up and not to each team they may play in.

Players who have been listed more than six (6) times in total in any higher ranked Legends Division at their current club are ineligible to play in a lower ranked Legends Division for that club (ie Division 1 is ranked higher than Division 2 and so on).

Players who are registered for both the Football Brisbane Senior Competition and the Legends League are not restricted from playing in either competition subject to the rules above relating to each competition, except in the following instance:

6.12.1 Brisbane Women's Premier League/ Women's Capital League

Players who are graded into Brisbane Women's Premier League or Reserves are ineligible to play in Legends competitions.

Players who have started/listed in the Brisbane Women's Premier League Firsts or Reserves, or the Women's Capital League competition more than six (6) times in total at their current club are ineligible to play in Legends.

6.12.2 National Premier Leagues Women

Players registered to an NPLW senior team are not permitted to participate in a Legends competition.

6.13 Cup Competitions

Participation in Cup Competitions does not contribute towards the number of times a player may be borrowed into a higher competition.

6.14 Junior Players in Senior Competitions

Any player eligible to play in the Junior Competition (including those who have received an exemption for Exceptional Circumstances) who has started/been listed in any Senior Competition more than six (6) times in total, is then no longer eligible to play in any Junior Competition.

6.14.1 Penalties & Outcomes

If a player is found to have participated in a match while in breach of the above rules, the player will be deemed to be an ineligible player. The result of the match will be recorded as a 3-0 win in favour of the opposing team, unless the score at the end of the match was of a greater margin in favour of the opposing team, and the points will be awarded to the opposing team. The club of the ineligible player will be fined (See Appendix II).

6.15 Exemptions

Clubs may apply to Football Brisbane to allow an exemption to these rules in exceptional circumstances. The decision of Football Brisbane will be final on whether to allow an exemption.

Section

7

Grading, Borrowing & Regrading of Players
(Junior Competitions)



Rules of Competition

7.1 Grading of Players

All players participating in Junior competitions will be classed as graded into the team where they play their first fixture match. Players can only be graded into one team at any one time.

In the event that a player is being borrowed by a team in their first fixture, the club will need to advise the Football Operations Manager in writing that the player is being borrowed and of the player's correct team.

7.2 Borrowing of Players

Registered competition players may be borrowed to play in equal or higher divisions and age groups provided that they have completed the appropriate Request to Play Outside Eligible Age Form (OEA-01), but may only do so for a maximum of four (4) matches within any Junior competitions. The maximum number refers to the total number of games played up and not to each team they may play in. Wherever possible, borrowing should occur from a team within the same age group.

A team playing in a fixture shall be permitted to borrow players from a lower division in that particular age group, or an equal or lower division in a lower age group (e.g. an U13 Div 3 team can borrow from an U12 Div 3 or lower team).

In the event that a club does not have a younger age team in an equal or lower division, but does have a younger age team in a higher division, the club must apply for dispensation to allow a certain number of players to be borrowed.

Players in Under 11 teams participating in the Komodo Dragons grouping are NOT permitted to be borrowed by teams in U12 Division 2 or lower. Teams in U12 Division 2 and lower are able to borrow from teams from the Under 11 Geckos and Goannas groupings.

In the event that a club is participating in more than one (1) junior competition within the same division (for example U12 Division 3 North and U12 Division 3 South), those teams will NOT be permitted to borrow between them. Additionally, where a club has two (2) teams in the same competition, those teams will NOT be permitted to borrow between them.

Players cannot be borrowed between gender specific teams and mixed teams.

Borrowing a player or players must not advantage the borrowing team's performance when compared with its usual squad.

7.3 Regrading of Players

7.3.1 Regrading Upwards – Brisbane Youth Premier League Players

If a player plays more than six (6) matches for any higher age group within the BYPL, that player is no longer eligible to play in their original BYPL age group (they are automatically regraded to the higher age group).

7.3.2 Regrading Upwards – Divisional Competition Players

If a player plays more than four (4) matches for any higher age group or division, that player is no longer eligible to play in their original age group or division (they are automatically regraded to the higher age group or division). Should a player have played up in a mixture of competitions (SYL and Divisional) in more than four (4) matches, the player's club is to advise football Brisbane who will rule on the player's eligibility.

7.3.3 Regrading Downwards

Clubs may request that a player be regraded downwards at any time. They must submit a request with the requested player's name, age and age group they wish to play into and the reason for the request.

If approved, Football Brisbane will then confirm the decision in writing to the club. Please note that until approval is provided, the player cannot participate in any lower grade matches as an eligible player.

7.4 Exemptions

Clubs may apply to Football Brisbane to allow an exemption to these rules in exceptional circumstances. The decision of Football Brisbane will be final on whether to allow an exemption.

7.5 Player Transfers During the Season

There is no restriction on what division a player is able to take part in should they change clubs during the fixture season subject to the Rules of Competition.

7.5.1 Penalties & Outcomes

If a player is found to have participated in a match while in breach of the grading, borrowing and regrading rules, the player will be deemed to be an ineligible player. The result of the match will be recorded as a 3-0 win in favour of the opposing team, unless the score at the end of the match was of a greater margin in favour of the opposing team, and the points will be awarded to the opposing team.

Section

8

Legends League Specific Match Rules



Rules of Competition

Slide Tackles

No Slide Tackles are allowed (including Goalkeepers). A Slide Tackle occurs when two or more players are challenging for the ball and any of them "slide" for the ball. Any challenge not made on two feet is to be considered a Slide Tackle. There must be a slide AND a tackle before the challenge can be penalised, but there does not have to be contact between the players.

A player is considered to be challenging an opponent for the ball if the opponent is within a radius of **one (1) metre** of the player. These rules apply to a goalkeeper who chooses to play or attempts to challenge for the ball with her feet. They do NOT apply to a goalkeeper playing or attempting to play the ball with her hands.

Tackling from Behind

No tackling from behind is allowed.

Cautionable Offences (Yellow Cards)

If a player commits a Cautionable Offence (those listed in the Football Brisbane Disciplinary Policy as well as a slide tackle or a tackle from behind), then they must spend 10 minutes in the "sin bin" (off the field), with a replacement player permitted to take the field.

Section

9

Club Responsibilities



Rules of Competition

9.1 Facilities/Ground Arrangements

Each club must ensure their compliance with the published “Playing Facilities Standards” available on the Football Brisbane website.

The home club must ensure:

- The ground is correctly marked, including the technical area
- That if portable goals are used, they are anchored as per the Australian Standards
- It provides suitable goal nets, safely fastened or pegged to the ground and corner flags
- It provides toilet facilities and dressing room facilities that are hygienic and clean
- It has adequate refreshment/canteen facilities open to the public
- It provides a safe environment for players, officials and spectators
- It provides a Referee’s Room where referees can rest and leave their belongings while officiating

The dimensions of the playing field shall conform to the Laws of the Game and preferably shall be consistent with the dimensions specified in the Laws for International matches. Any club whose facilities do not meet the requirements specified may be fined, suspended or have its home fixtures played away. The minimum acceptable dimensions for the Premier Leagues (Mens & Womens) are 90 metres (100 yards) long and 60 metres (66 yards) wide.

9.1.1 Penalties & Outcomes

In the event that the HOME team’s ground is not ready, in the opinion of the match officials, to commence a fixture or finals match **by 15 minutes after the scheduled kick-off time**; will be deemed to have forfeited the match and the result will be declared a 3-0 win to the opposition team.

9.2 Field Lighting

Clubs wishing to host night fixtures during the season must submit certified field lighting audits upon request and have approval for competition play by Football Brisbane. Certification is based on an audit of the lighting system by a suitable consultant. The Club must pay the cost of the audit.

Recommendations for football field lighting detailed in the Australian Standard AS2560 Part 2.3 “Lighting for Football” includes: Minimum Service Luminance Lux (Average) 100 and Minimum Uniformity Ratio (Min: Ave) 0.5 for competition matches. To achieve this level for the whole season, the Minimum Service Luminance (Average) at the commencement of the season must be 110 Lux.

9.3 Technical Area

Each club must have Technical Areas clearly marked as stipulated by FIFA guidelines and provide sufficient seating to allow all personnel to be seated during the match. The Technical Area must be positioned inside or on the fence line (where grounds are fenced) or at a maximum of two (2) metres from the touch line at unfenced grounds. Any structure must be at least two (2) metres from the touch line.

- A maximum of ten (10) persons are permitted to be within the confines of the Technical Area. This can include the coach, assistant coach, the substitutes and team trainer or medical staff.
- Team Officials must be selected on the virtual match sheet, to be allowed in the Technical Area.
- Only one person at a time is authorised to convey tactical instructions during the match.
- The coach and other officials must remain within the confines of the Technical Area, except in special circumstances, for example, a team physio or doctor entering the field of play, with the referee’s permission, to assess an injured player.
- All substitutes must be seated within the Technical Area. They must wear bibs or an alternative coloured uniform to their and the opposition team strip. Substitutes are permitted to warm up outside of the Technical Area, provided they are wearing bibs or an alternative coloured uniform to their and the opposition team strip. When warming up, substitutes should use an area furthest from the opposing team.
- All occupants must behave in a responsible manner. The match official has the right to expel any person from the technical area at any time as he or she sees fit. The game will not recommence until that person has left the playing field and surrounds to the match official’s satisfaction.
- Smoking or the consumption of alcohol within the confines of the playing barrier fence is strictly prohibited. This includes the team bench within the Technical Area and all of its occupants, including players, coaching staff, club marshals and officials.

9.4 Team Officials

Football Brisbane requires that all Team Officials have a passport-style photograph loaded into [FBgameday](#) every year as part of the Registration process. The photograph must be in accordance with Football Brisbane Photography Policy (see Appendix I).

Once correctly registered, Team Officials will be able to be selected for the virtual match sheet through [FBgameday](#). Team Officials must be selected on the virtual match sheet, to be allowed in the Technical Area.

Clubs are accountable for their appointed Team Officials (Coaches, Managers, and Medical staff) and they should be made aware that they are governed by a Code of Conduct. Penalties of suspension of Team Officials, fines, and good behaviour bonds, can be levied upon clubs, where it is found that Team Officials have breached the Code of Conduct.

It is the Team Officials' responsibility to ensure:

- The team has minimum number of seven (7) players to commence the match
- That the team **does not list** more than 16 players on the Virtual Match Sheet
- All players taking the field are eligible to play
- All players taking the field of play are listed on the Virtual Match Sheet
- All players are ready to commence the fixture at the scheduled kick-off time

Team Officials are also responsible for players' behaviour before, during and after any game.

9.5 Ground Officials & Team Marshals

It is the responsibility of the home club to provide sufficient Ground Officials who must be in clearly identifiable uniform and must identify themselves to the appointed Match Official prior to the match.

Ground Officials are to be visible at all times and must be designated to provide an escort to all match officials before kick-off, at half time and full time.

A Ground Official cannot be the Coach or Manager whose game is in progress on the park, nor can the Ground Official be the Canteen Supervisor.

Junior Competitions

- It is the responsibility of both participating teams to supply a team marshal who is responsible for ensuring the behaviour of their respective supporters is acceptable, and in accordance with the FFA Spectator Code of Conduct.

The Ground Official must:

Before the Match

- Check the Referees' room and make sure it is clean and comfortable.
- Upon arrival of the Referees, make known to them that you are the Ground Official in case they need assistance.
- If an official Referee is not present, ensure that a Referee is arranged either by the Club or by consent of the two teams playing.
- Check that an alternate strip is available if required.
- Ensure that three (3) appropriate match balls are available for the Referee.
- Escort the Referee and Assistant Referees to the field of play.

During the Match

- Ensure that the spectators' behaviour is orderly and is not abusive to the Referee or his Assistants, players or other spectators.
- Direct and assist any ambulance if called to attend a player or any other person.
- Escort the Referee and Assistant Referees to and from the field of play at the half-time break.
- Be of assistance wherever possible.

After the Match

- Ensure the Referees' safety at all times.
- Ensure that both teams leave the grounds in a proper and orderly manner.
- Escort the Referee and Assistant Referees from the field of play.

9.6 Admittance to Grounds

Clubs must honour all honorary admission passes issued by Football Federation Australia, Football Queensland and Football Brisbane.

9.7 Match Officials' Fees

All match officials' fees will be invoiced to the club on a weekly basis, where applicable.

9.7.1 All Competitions

- Fixtures - fees are paid by the Home club
- Elimination/Qualifying, Semi and Preliminary Finals - fees will be shared **equally** by competing teams.
- Grand Finals – fees will be paid by Football Brisbane

9.8 Virtual Match Sheets

On match day, both participating teams are required to complete the Virtual Match Sheet (via [FBgameday](#)) prior to the commencement of any match. Both teams must ensure they have the minimum number of players to commence the match (7 players). The Virtual Match Sheets **MUST** be submitted **at least 15 minutes** prior to the scheduled kick-off.

A Virtual Match Sheet must:

- List all match details (age group, division, date, fixture number, participating teams, and venue);
- List all players taking part in the match with shirt number, surname, first name (and FFA number where possible);
- Not list more than 16 players for any fixture;
- List all Team Officials;

The referee is responsible for ensuring the names of all Match Officials are correctly listed on the Match Sheet.

For further information please refer to the Coaches, Managers and Club Administrators FBgameday quick start guide.

9.9 Playing Strips

All clubs must nominate a "Home" and "Alternate" strip on the official club affiliation form. The alternate strip must be of a different colour (this applies to shirts, shorts and socks) to the nominated home strip.

All playing strips must have clearly visible numbers on the back of the jerseys. Goalkeepers may play without a number.

In the event the player's uniform or attire has blood on it, the referee will instruct that player to change his attire before being permitted to re-join the game. Should the injured player be required to change his shirt, then the referee will show discretion in allowing the player to wear an alternative numbered or unnumbered shirt if necessary.

Sponsorship advertising on playing strips shall conform to the Football Queensland guidelines. – Check with FQ

Goalkeepers can wear any colour provided it does not clash with either team or Referee/Assistants. **NB - Goalkeepers MUST NOT wear replica strips.**

9.9.1 Senior Premier & Capital Leagues

All first named clubs will be deemed the "HOME" team and will play in their nominated colours. In the event there is a clash of colours, it is the responsibility of the "**AWAY**" team to change to an alternate strip.

AWAY teams must take their alternate strip (shirts, shorts and socks) to every match and will be required to change if the appointed Match Official requests it as per requirements listed below in 8.9.4.

Team Managers should check the strip worn by their opponents to avoid the likelihood of a clash.

9.9.2 Senior City Leagues, Under 20, Under 18 & Legends Competitions

All first named clubs will be deemed the "HOME" team and will normally play in their nominated colours. In the event there is a clash of colours, it is the responsibility of the "HOME" team to change to an alternate strip.

9.9.3 Junior Competitions

All first named clubs will be deemed the "HOME" team and will normally play in their nominated colours. In the event there is a clash of colours, it is the responsibility of the "HOME" team to change to an alternate strip.

Junior teams are not permitted to advertise any alcohol or tobacco related products on their playing strips.

9.9.4 Table of Permitted Clashes of Playing Strip

Clubs and Match Officials should refer to the following table which lists which items of the strip are permitted to clash for different Leagues.

	BPL/BWPL	Capital League	City League	U20/U18	Legends
Shirt	No clash permitted	No clash permitted	No clash permitted	No clash permitted	No clash permitted
Shorts	No clash permitted	Clash permitted	Clash permitted	Clash permitted	Clash permitted
Socks	No clash permitted	No clash permitted	Clash permitted	Clash permitted	Clash permitted

9.9.5 Penalties and Outcomes

If a Competition Fixture does not commence due to an inability to resolve a clash of strips, and it can be established that a club did not comply with the requirements above, the offending club will be deemed to have forfeited the match and will be fined as per a forfeit (See Appendix II).

Should a Match Official proceed with a match in which a club has not complied with the requirements above, the Match Official is to report this to Football Brisbane and the offending club will be fined (See Appendix II).

9.10 Match Balls

The host Club shall provide three (3) footballs of correct size and in good order and condition for each match. The size of the match balls shall be as follows:

Competition	Match Ball Size
Under 12 – Under 13	Size 4
Under 14 – Senior	Size 5

9.11 Procedures Following a Match

Following the match, the match official will enter the game details (red cards, cautions, goal scorers and times). Once this has been completed the Virtual Match Sheet will become available for the coach/manger to review. To finalise the Virtual Match Sheet both teams are required to approve and accept the game details.

It is important that both teams verify the accuracy of final result, game details (red cards, cautions, goal scorers and times) and players listed.

Football Brisbane may impose a fine on clubs that fail to confirm the Virtual Match Sheet without justification (See Appendix II).

9.12 Results of Fixtures

The results of each match must be entered into Sports TG by both participating teams. Football Brisbane may impose a fine on clubs that fail to register their scores within the required timeframe (See Appendix II).

Both teams must enter the results by 9.00am on Monday for weekend matches (Fri-Sun) and by 9.00am the following day for mid-week matches (Mon-Thu).

Section

10

Wet Weather Procedures



Rules of Competition

All correspondence by Football Brisbane to Clubs shall be deemed to have been received by Clubs.

It is therefore essential for clubs to do the following:

- Ensure your Contacts for the Club is up to date in My Football Club (under the Organisation menu)
- Ensure the contact(s) has a mobile phone number listed within the My Football Club

Each club is only responsible for notifying their own club members of field closures.

10.1 Mid-week & Friday night cancellations

When closing fields, clubs must contact Football Brisbane (FB) no later than **2:00pm** on the afternoon of the match. The **HOME** club is responsible for deciding if matches are to proceed.

If any matches are called off, the **HOME** club is required to **EMAIL** Football Brisbane (competitions@footballbrisbane.com.au) with this advice (**NOT** telephone messages).

If the situation arises where conditions deteriorate after **2:00pm**, clubs are to call the Wet Weather number (**0421 271 735**) to discuss the options – do **NOT** send an email.

If matches have not been postponed **by 5:00pm**, it is then the Referee's decision, on arrival, as to whether matches are to go ahead.

- **Notification Process for weeknight matches (including Friday night)**

Matches postponed will be listed in either the "**JUNIOR GROUND CLOSURES**" section and/or the "**SENIOR GROUND CLOSURES**" section (under "**Wet Weather**") on the Football Brisbane website (clubs will NOT be advised by SMS unless there are late postponements).

10.2 Saturday and Sunday cancellations

The **HOME** club is responsible for deciding if matches are to proceed. If any matches are called off, the **HOME** club is required to **SMS** Football Brisbane on the Wet Weather Number (**0421 271 735**) (**NOT** telephone messages) no less than three (3) hours prior to the kick off time, of the first scheduled match of the day.

If the situation arises where conditions deteriorate after these times, clubs are to ring the Wet Weather Number (**0421 271 735**) to discuss the options – do **NOT** send an email.

If matches have not been postponed after following the above procedure, it is then the Referee's (this includes club referees) decision, on arrival, as to whether matches are to go ahead. Should the Referee postpone matches, the **HOME** club must notify (by **SMS**) the Wet Weather Number (**0421 271 735**).

- **Notification process for weekend matches**

Matches postponed will be listed in either the "**JUNIOR GROUND CLOSURES**" section and/or the "**SENIOR GROUND CLOSURES**" section (under "**Wet Weather**") on the Football Brisbane website (clubs will NOT be advised by SMS unless there are late postponements). Clubs will NOT be advised by SMS unless there are late postponements.

10.2.1 Penalties & Outcomes

If any **HOME** club does not abide by the Wet Weather Procedures, they will be deemed to have forfeited any matches that were due to be played on that particular day at their ground and will be fined (See Appendix II). The results of those matches will be recorded as a 3-0 win in favour of the opposing team, and the points will be awarded to the opposing team.

10.3 Complete Weekend Cancellation (Junior competitions ONLY)

In the event that Football Brisbane declares the cancellation of a complete fixture weekend due to extreme weather events, all fixtures may be declared as 0-0 draws.

Any matches which were completed during a "declared" weekend may be declared as 0-0 draws.

Football Brisbane may decide to play or replay any matches from a "declared" weekend as it sees fit.

10.4 Extreme Weather Conditions

In extreme weather conditions, Football Brisbane or the appointed Match Official reserves the right to postpone, delay or abandon any fixture. If the appointed Match Official postpones, delays or abandons any fixture, they must submit a report to Football Brisbane.

All Clubs, players, Team Officials and Match Officials are requested to review Football Brisbane's extreme weather policy.

Section

11

Match Officials



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11.1 Non-Attendance of Match Official

Should the appointed Referee fail to honour their appointment, then the next most senior Match Official will be appointed to take charge of the fixture, provided they are qualified to officiate the match in question.

In the event the appointed Referee is late on arrival, then the replacement Match Official will take charge of the fixture until the appointed Referee is ready to take over.

In circumstances where only one Assistant Referee has been appointed, **the home team is requested to provide a Club Assistant to assist the Match Referee**. If necessary, the away Club may be asked to provide an Assistant. However, the game cannot start without two Assistants if the Referee requests them.

In circumstances where no Assistant Referees have been appointed, **the home team is requested to provide two Club Assistants to assist the Referee**. If necessary, the away club may be asked to provide an Assistant. Please note, the game should not start without 2 Assistants, however this decision will be at the Referee's discretion.

If non-attendance of a match official means that a match official under the age of 18 is the only match official, then that match official is not permitted to officiate in that match without Football Brisbane permission.

11.2 Unavailability of Match Official

In the event no registered Match Official is present to take charge of the fixture, then the designated "Home" club shall appoint a Match Official to take charge of the fixture. This Match Official has the same powers as a registered Match Official. Once a game has commenced, neither team can change their agreement to the appointed Match Official.

11.2.1 Senior Competitions

If the home team is unable to provide a Match Official, the away team may provide the Match Official. If neither team is able to provide a Match Official, they may choose to postpone the match. This should be advised to Football Brisbane as soon as possible. Both teams must agree within five (5) working days on a date for the rescheduling of the match and advise Football Brisbane. If a reschedule is not agreed upon within this time, a 0-0 draw may be recorded as the result of the match. Football Brisbane reserves the right to reschedule the match.

11.2.2 Junior Competitions

All clubs are obligated to fulfil all fixtures regardless of whether a Match Official is present to take charge.

Should any club fail or refuse to participate in any fixture on the above grounds, then the following will apply:

- The match will be recorded as a 3-0 win in favour of the opposing team, and the points will be awarded to the opposing team;
- The club will be fined per offence, and will be subject to further disciplinary action

In the event both teams refuse to play, Football Brisbane reserves the right to award a **NO RESULT**, fine both clubs and recommend further disciplinary action.

Section

12

Interpretations, Disputes and
Applications for Variances



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Football Brisbane reserves the right to rule on any interpretation of these rules if any dispute arises. Clubs are advised to seek clarification from Football Brisbane if in any doubt as to the meaning of these rules. Applications for variances to these rules must be lodged by the Club Secretary to the Competitions Manager, Football Brisbane with all supporting documentation. Football Brisbane reserves the right to change or amend these rules at its absolute discretion.

Section

13

Appeal against Breach of
Competition Rules Decision



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An appeal against a decision in relation to a breach of the Competition Rules will not be allowed unless the club seeking to appeal satisfies Football Brisbane that one or more of the following grounds of appeal are involved:

- (i) That significant new or additional evidence has become available
- (ii) That the penalty imposed is not in accordance with the provisions of these Rules
- (iii) That Football Brisbane failed to follow procedures or requirements of these Rules to the significant detriment of the club seeking to Appeal

Appendix

I



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Appendix I

FOOTBALL BRISBANE ID PHOTOGRAPHY POLICY

Clubs must ensure that the information entered about individuals, into My Football Club is handled in accordance with the *Football Federation Australia's Football Member Protection Policy*. This should also be taken into account if the club is to use extracts of this data for its own club databases or for any other purpose. Breaches of this policy may result in disciplinary action or litigation being taken against individuals and/or their club.

Clubs must ensure that all members are aware that the uploading of indecent or inappropriate photos to their records within My Football Club will be viewed as the inappropriate use of the National Registration System and a breach of the *Football Federation Australia's Code of Conduct*. This may result in disciplinary action being taken against individuals and/or their club or litigation.

Therefore, the following policy must be used:

The standard of image to be uploaded will be very similar to that required for a Passport Photograph.

- Head shot only;
- Neutral expression mouth closed;
- Hair out of face edges of face visible;
- No hands in photograph;
- Look straight at the camera;
- Nothing obscuring eyes (except prescription lenses);
- No reflections on glasses or face;
- No shadows or red-eye;
- No head coverings (except religious purposes); and
- Plain light background.

Appendix

II



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Appendix II

PENALTIES AND OUTCOMES FINES

Competition Rule	Offence	\$ Amount
Match Forfeits		
2.2.1.1 2.7.1 9.3	Mens Premier League (excl Reserves) Womens Premier League (excl Reserves)	\$1000 (plus appointed match officials' fees if forfeited on day of match)
	Canale/Elaine Watson Cup Competitions	As per level of team
	Mens Capital League (excl Reserves) Womens Capital League	\$500 (plus appointed match officials' fees if forfeited on day of match)
	All other Mens Divisions All other Womens Divisions All other FB Cup Competitions	\$100 (plus appointed match officials' fees if forfeited on day of match)
2.2.2.1 2.7.1 9.3	Brisbane Youth Premier League	\$50 (plus appointed match officials' fees if forfeited on day of match)
	All other Junior Divisions	\$25 (plus appointed match officials' fees if forfeited on day of match)
Team Withdrawal - after drawing of fixtures		
2.8.1	Mens Premier League (excl Reserves/U18) Womens Premier League (excl Reserves)	\$2000
	Mens Capital League (excl Reserves) Womens Capital League	\$1000
	All other Mens Divisions All other Womens Divisions	\$200
	Brisbane Youth Premier League	\$100
	All other Junior Divisions	As determined by Football Brisbane
Match Abandonment		
2.10.1	Responsible for abandonment of match	As determined by Football Brisbane
Ineligible Players		
Sections 3, 4 & 5	Ineligible player (Seniors)	\$100
	Ineligible player (Juniors)	As determined by Football Brisbane
4.4	Unlisted player	As determined by Football Brisbane
Playing Strip		
8.9	Failure to have alternate strip available	\$50
Virtual Match Sheets		
8.11	Failure to confirm virtual match sheets	\$25
Fixture Results		
8.12	Non-advice of fixture scores	\$25