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2026

COMPETITION AND DISCIPLINARY REGULATIONS



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1. Definitions

In these Regulations the following words, terms and phrases shall have the following meanings:

“Abandoned” means a Match which, while not postponed, has failed to commence, or has commenced but has been stopped by the Referee prior to its conclusion.

“Board” shall mean the Board of Directors of FT.

“By Laws” shall mean the By Laws promulgated by Football Tasmania in accordance with the Constitution.

“Club” shall have the same meaning as defined in the Constitution and in addition include unincorporated bodies entered into FT competitions.

“Chief Executive Officer” shall mean the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) from time to time of the Company.

“Company” shall refer to “FT”

“Competition”, unless otherwise stated, shall mean any competition that is administered by FT.

“Constitution” shall mean the Constitution of FT

“Disciplinary Code” means the disciplinary code contained within the Competition Rules of FT.

“DRIBL” refers to the new Competition Management System.

“FA” shall mean Football Australia Ltd.

“Foundation Club” means one of the eight original Clubs admitted to the National Second Tier Competition by FA.

“FT” shall mean Football Tasmania Ltd.

“FIFA” shall mean Federation Internationale de Football Association (International Federation of Association Football).

“Home team” shall mean the team named first in any match fixture published by the Company.

“Match” shall mean any match played in any competition conducted by or under the auspices of the Company.

“Melee” shall mean a confrontation, altercation, use of threatening language/conduct and/or a heated exchange of words/gestures between three (3) or more persons who are either Players, Club Officials, Team Officials whether on or off the Field of Play.

“Member” shall have the same meaning as defined in the Constitution.

“National Disciplinary Regulations” shall mean the disciplinary regulations published by FA from time to time.

“National Registration Regulations” shall mean the registration regulations published by FA from time to time.

“NST Club Participation Agreement” means the agreement setting out the terms on which FA grants, and Clubs accept, the right to participate in the National Second Tier Competition.

“National Second Tier Competition” means the national competition staged by FA between the NST Clubs, known as the “National Second Tier” or any other name notified by FA from time to time.

“NST Club” means any entity admitted by FA to field a team in the National Second Tier Competition.

“Offences” shall mean behaving contrary to or not in accordance with these Rules or the Constitution or By Laws.

"Official" shall mean any Official registered with FT in accordance with the registration requirements published by FT from time to time.

"Participant" shall have the same meaning as Participant Members, Non-Participant Members and Registered Participants as defined in the Constitution and include Clubs, Registered Players and Officials.

"Playing year" shall mean period of twelve months between the 1st day of January and the 31st day of December of the same calendar year.

"Registered Player" or **"Player"** shall mean a player competing in an FT competition and registered in accordance with the National Registration Regulations.

"Rules" shall mean these competition rules of FT.

"Technical Area" shall mean a designated seated area for team officials and substitutes as outlined in the FA Laws of the Game

2. Commencement of Regulations

These Regulations shall come into effect on the date on which the Board shall resolve to adopt them, and they shall replace all other rules, which prior to that date had been adopted by FT.

3. Compliance with Regulations

These Regulations are to be read in conjunction with the National Registration Regulations, National Disciplinary Regulations, FFA Code of Conduct and National Grievance Resolution Regulations.

Each Club of FT shall comply with these Regulations and such other rules and directions as from time to time may be adopted or made by FT.

Subject to the Constitution and By-Laws, any Club competing in a FT competition that shall breach or fail to comply with any of these Regulations, or such other rule or direction adopted or given by the Board, shall be liable to disciplinary action as may be determined by the Board.

If it is considered that Clubs, registered players and or officials have breached or failed to comply with FT Regulations, By Laws or Constitution, they may be charged accordingly, and a hearing may be held as appropriate to deal with the alleged charge(s).

4. Status of Participants

All players and team officials shall be registered with FT as per the National Registration Regulations in one of the following categories.

Senior: a player who is eligible to play senior football as defined in Rule 5.1.

Youth: a player who is under 18 years as at the commencement of the calendar year in which the competition is played and is playing in an FT administered competition.

Team Officials: deemed to be coaches, trainers, team managers.

Match Officials; deemed to be referees, assistant referees, fourth officials and match managers.

5. Registration of Players and Age Criteria

The National Registration Regulations govern the registration of all players, and subsequent clauses are in addition to the National Registration Regulations.

A player must register in Play Football and registration fee must be received by FT before Wednesday 11.59pm to play in that weekend's match. Additionally, the club needs to map the player to their respective team in DRIBL. The club then needs to contact FT by 12pm Friday to request the player to be approved in DRIBL.

5.1 Senior players

- i. the transfer window for the NPL 23-man squad will be defined by the FIFA transfer window – this will be communicated by General Manager to all clubs.
- ii. the transfer deadline for all other currently registered players aligns to the NPL transfer window. The confirmation date of the transfer deadline will be sent out in a memo prior to the start of the season to all clubs.
- iii. A new player (not previously registered in the current year) may not be registered after the 31st of August of the playing season.

5.2 Youth Players

- i. The transfer deadline for all other currently registered youth players is the 31st of July of the playing season.
- ii. A new player (not previously registered in the current year) may not be registered after the 31st of August of the playing season.
- iii. Any youth player who transfers after the end of the Senior transfer deadline as a youth player is only eligible to play in Under 18 youth competitions and below, for his / her new club.

If any Club shall play an unregistered player or a player registered by another Club in any match it shall be deemed to have lost that match by a score of three (3) goals to nil (0) plus any further penalty imposed by the Company in accordance with these Regulations. If the result is a loss exceeding 3-0 then that score will remain in place.

Within Northern Associations and clubs any junior player registered with a Club can complete a dual registration with their local junior association to enable the player to compete within the association's competitions.

5.3 Age Criteria

Please refer to Appendix A - 2026 Youth Age Eligibility Rules on Football Tasmania's website.

[Appendix A – 2026 Youth Age Eligibility.pdf](#)

6. Managers

6.1 Match Managers

The successful running of matches, including meeting safety, scheduling, and logistical requirements, is best achieved with the help of individuals who take on timely and effective roles to ensure games are conducted properly.

In the Leagues and Competitions listed below, a person shall be designated to undertake the duties set out. This person shall be known as the Match Manager.

- i. The Match Manager must be present at all NPL 21s, Championship, Championship 1, Under 18, Women's Championship, and Under 21 Statewide Cup matches and be responsible to perform the duties as defined in section 6.2 and as shall be directed from time to time by Football Tasmania.

- ii. It shall be the responsibility of the Home Club in these leagues and competitions (unless section (vi) of this part applies) to nominate and provide a Match Manager.
- iii. The Match Manager must be aged a minimum of 18 years.
- iv. The Match Manager must not consume alcohol whilst performing the duties of Match Manager.
- v. The individual that is assigned the role must be listed in DRIBL as a match manager
- vi. For NPL, WSL, Lakoseljac and Women's Statewide Cup competitions both clubs (Home and Away) are required to provide a Match Manager.
 - To ease the logistics of providing Match Managers for travelling teams, the away Match Manager can be supplied by the home team. It is the responsibility of the away team to negotiate with the home team in supplying the second Match Manager.
- vii. Failure to provide the second Match Manager will result in penalties as prescribed in 6.5.

6.2 Match Day Roles & Responsibilities

The Match Manager must:

- i. Introduce yourself as Match Manager to the referees at least 30 minutes prior to the commencement of the match.
- ii. Always wear an identifying Match Manager jacket.
- iii. Be identifiable and visible to the match officials and spectators at matches.
- iv. Do not engage in the coaching of players (on or off the field) at any time.
- v. Ensure an appropriate stretcher is readily available.
- vi. Ensure all pitch perimeter fence access gates (to the field of play) are shut before a match commences, before a match re-commences after half time, and that no spectators are inside the pitch perimeter fence.
- vii. Ensure access gates to player's and referee's race are shut before, during and immediately after the completion of matches, and that no spectators are allowed access to these areas.
- viii. Ensure that Referees are escorted from the change rooms to the field of play and from the field of play to the change rooms – before the commencement of the match, at half time and following the completion of the match.
- ix. Take all reasonable steps to ensure the good order and behaviour of spectators.
- x. Have a means of summoning police or ambulance as required.
- xi. Have a means of retrieving match balls to assist with the conduct of the match. This should not interfere with other duties – specifically those relating to the safety of the players or Match Officials.

6.3 Team Managers

All Clubs shall nominate a team manager for each team who shall perform such duties as listed below and as shall be directed from time to time by Football Tasmania. This requirement applies to all Club teams in all FT competitions.

6.4 Duties of the Team Manager

The team manager shall:

- i. (Home Team) Ensure that match balls, which comply with the requirements of the Laws of the Game and Regulation 15 Match Balls of this document, are provided to the referee at least 30 minutes prior to scheduled kick-off time.
- ii. (Both Teams) Ensure that the Match Sheet in DRIBL, is Submitted, and opposition Match Sheet confirmed at least 30 minutes prior to the scheduled kick-off time. If this does not occur referees are to report this to Football Tasmania.
- iii. Amendments are permitted to be made to the Match Sheet up until kick-off of the match subject to Match Official Notification.

6.5 Breaches of Rule 6

Match Officials and FT staff are responsible for reporting any breaches and/or omission of these duties.

Failure of a Match Manager to fulfil the requirements of Rule 6.2 may result in a fine of up to \$300 being imposed on the Match Manager's Club by FT.

Failure of a Team Manager to fulfil the requirements of Rule 6.4 may result in a fine of \$100 being imposed on the Team Manager's Club by FT.

7. Match Officials

- i. Each sanctioned Match, wherever possible, shall be played under the control of a FT registered referee, who are appointed by FT.
- ii. The Appointments for the upcoming weekends matches will be posted onto the FT Website by 6pm Thursday evenings
- iii. In the event that there is no appointed Match Officials, or, an appointed Match Official is not in attendance of the match, the following is required to be provided by the participating clubs:

No Match Officials Appointed	Home Team to provide Central Referee & 1 Assistant Referee, Away team to provide 1 Assistant Referee.
Central Referee Appointed	Home & Away Teams required to provide 1 Assistant Referee each.
Central Referee & 1 Assistant Referee	Home Team to provide 1 Assistant Referee.

- a) Failure of the Home Team to provide the above referees shall result in a forfeit being awarded to the Away Team.
- b) Failure of the Away Team to accept the appointed Central Referee shall result in a forfeit being awarded to the Home Team.
- c) Failure of the Away team to provide the above Assistant referee shall result in a forfeit being awarded to the Home Team.

- iv. The appointed Central Referee shall assume full authority and jurisdiction and shall be

recognised by both participating teams as such.

- v. Where participating clubs provide a Central Referee, the referee shall record all key Match Information, including, but not limited to goal scorers, Red and Yellow cards through the [FT Match Completion Form](#) within 48 hours of the completion of the match.

8. Grounds

All clubs must take all reasonable steps to ensure that a ground, nominated for any competition match throughout the season, is in a playable condition.

8.1 Team benches & Technical Areas

- i. Only the Team and Team Officials named on the Match sheet shall be permitted in the Technical Area and allowed to sit on the bench during matches. All must be named on the Match sheet submitted to the referee 30 minutes prior to the commencement of the match.
- ii. **For WSL, NPL & NPL21s competitions**, all Team Officials must always display their Team Official Pass whilst in the Technical Area or Field of Play before, during or after the match.
- iii. **For Lakoseljac Cup, Women's Statewide Cup and U21 Men's Statewide Cup competitions**, seating for 11 people (6 substitutes, 5 non-playing team staff) is required for each team technical area. This needs to be laid out in position by the home team. Where temporary seating is required, this needs to be placed and remain in line with other fixed seating within the technical area for the entirety of the match.
- iv. **For NPL, WSL, Championship Matches and U18 Women's Statewide Cup Matches**, seating for 10 people (5 substitutes, 5 non-playing team staff) is required for each team technical area. This needs to be laid out in position by the home team. Where temporary seating is required, this needs to be placed and remain in line with other fixed seating within the technical area for the entirety of the match.
- v. All persons must remain seated within the prescribed area during the fixture, with the exception of;
 - a) Team Officials attending to an injured player.
 - b) 1 Team Official who may engage in active coaching.
 - c) Players warming up under the directions of Match Officials.
- vi. Substitutes are not permitted to sit or lie on the ground within the Technical Area at any time. Players requiring medical assistance should move to the change room or to an area behind the Technical Area and Team Benches.
- vii. Smoking is prohibited on the ground including on the team bench and in the technical area.

8.2 Pitch Exclusion Zone

All persons, apart from those named on the relevant team sheets, referees or assistant referees, must be behind fences surrounding enclosed pitches or a minimum of two (2) metres away from all sidelines or four (4) metres from all goal lines at all matches.

Such an area shall be termed the "pitch exclusion zone". For all NPL, WSL and Statewide Cup (Lakoseljac and Women's) matches, where the playing area is not enclosed by a permanent perimeter

fence on all sides, the home team shall be required to erect a temporary barrier outside the field of play, identifying the pitch exclusion zone. Where a Club is found to have not erected a temporary barrier it shall be in breach of this requirement.

8.3 Ground Marking, Goals, and Dressing Rooms

The home Club is responsible for ensuring that the ground markings as per FIFA Regulations are precise and clear and in paint – no lime product is to be used for line marking.

All portable goals must be secured as per the Standards Australia guidelines, HB227-2003 Portable Football Goalposts Safety Handbook. All fixed goals must be properly secured and not have any sharp edges.

Corner posts must be provided and conform to the Laws of the Game.

8.4 Ground Size

Field dimensions must comply with the Laws of the Game. Grounds must meet appropriate size recommendations for each level of football competition. Pitches for youth football may be appropriately modified to suit the developmental level of the players.

NPL Competition:

Minimum: 96m long and 60m wide.

Maximum: 110m long and 75m wide.

WSL, Championship, NPL21s, Statewide Cup Competitions:

Minimum: 90m long and 60m wide.

Maximum: 120m long and 90m wide.

8.5 Lighting and Night Matches

A Match may be played on any day, wholly or in part under floodlights provided that the standard of lighting shall meet the below standards. A Recent lighting LUX certificate must be provided to FT for any grounds wishing to host night games.

Competitions	Minimum LUX
NPL	200 LUX
All other competitions	100 LUX

8.6 First Aid Support/ Stretcher/ Blood Rule / Concussion

All clubs must provide First Aid support and provisions during scheduled matches and the home Club must ensure the availability of at least one stretcher suitable for first aid and emergency use at all fixtures.

8.6.1 Stretcher

Clubs must ensure that stretchers are placed inside the barrier/fence in a safe and accessible position to first aid staff. Unrestricted access to the field of play shall be provided for Ambulance vehicles when required and be clearly signed.

8.6.2 Blood Rule

In the event a player suffers an injury or wound which results in the loss of blood, the match official will request that the injured player receive attention outside the field of play and only when he/she is satisfied that the injury or wound is safely covered and contained, will the player be permitted to re-join the game.

In the event the player's uniform or attire is contaminated with blood, the referee will instruct that player to change their attire before being permitted to re-join the game. Should the injured player be required to change their uniform, then the match official will show discretion in allowing the player to wear an alternative numbered shirt if necessary. This must be notified to the match official.

8.6.3 Concussion Rule

Any player with a suspected concussion should be removed from play and should not be returned to activity until they are assessed.

In the NPL and WSL, a three-minute break in play can be requested by the team physiotherapist to make a sound assessment. The time used will be added at the end of the half.

9. Laws of the Game

All matches shall be played in accordance with the Laws of the Game as decided by the International Football Association Board and distributed by FIFA. This is in conjunction with the Competition Regulations of FT.

10. Uniforms and Badges

10.1 Uniform Approval & Advice to FT

No Club shall permit any of its teams to wear any uniform in any match, which has not first been approved by FT.

All Clubs are required to provide FT detailed information regarding the colour of their playing uniform thirty (30) days prior to the season commencing. This includes "home" socks, shorts & shirt (including goalkeeper), as well as their "away" socks, shorts & shirt (including goalkeeper)

FT will then make available to all clubs, prior to the commencement of the roster season a full team list of "home" and "away" kit colours.

Failure of clubs to provide the above information within the prescribed timeframe may result in a fine by FT based on Schedule 4 – Penalty Matrix.

The alternative playing strip shall be different to the home team playing strip to avoid a clash

between the home and visiting teams. A club's alternative playing strip must include a change of colour for shirts and socks.

The away teams shall take their first choice and their alternative playing strip to the ground where the match will be played. If, in the opinion of the assigned match official the uniforms of the teams or goalkeepers taking part are not sufficiently different, the match official shall direct the away team/goal keeper to change to a kit that is deemed appropriate for the match.

All players' uniforms, including the goalkeepers, shall show legible numerals at least 23cm high on the back of the playing shirt, and such numerals shall correspond with the name of the player wearing the uniform and that player's name on the team sheet.

No Club shall permit any of its teams to wear any badge or logo on its uniform in any match, which has not first been approved by FT.

FT may in its absolute discretion refuse to approve any uniform, badge or logo submitted to it by a Club for approval and shall advise the Club of its reason or reasons for any such refusal.

Except with the prior written approval of FT a Club shall not permit any form of advertising on its teams' playing uniform other than the distinguishing mark, badge or emblem of the manufacturer of that uniform.

Each Club shall ensure that its Players shall wear on their uniforms such as FT sponsor's badge as shall from time to time be directed by FT.

10.2 Thermal Undergarments

If thermal undergarments and/or compressions garments are worn under playing shorts and are visible, they must be the same main colour as the playing shorts. Also, they may extend beyond the knee and be full length but must be the same colour as the playing shorts.

Undershirts, if they extend beyond the shirt sleeves, must have sleeves the same colour as the playing shirt sleeves. Where an undershirt that extends below the shirt sleeve is worn, all players in the same team choosing to wear an undershirt must wear the same colour. Also, the undershirt may extend to the wrist.

10.3 Shin Guards & Tape Placed Over Socks

Shin guards must provide 'a reasonable degree of protection'. To fulfil their protective function, shin guards must cover the shins, that is, the portion of the leg from the ankle to the knee. The most vulnerable section of the leg in Football is the lower part of the shin, so the shin guard must start there. Players are responsible for the size and suitability of their shin guards.

Players must ensure any tape placed over their socks to hold shin guards in place must be the same colour as the sock being worn by their team as required under Law 4 of the Basic Equipment section of the FIFA Laws of the Game.

10.4 Captains Armband

It is a requirement for all adult competitions, that each team must have a captain on the field of play who wears an identifying armband. The arm band must be single coloured, and have the word "Captain" or the letter "C", which should also be a single colour.

Failure of clubs to fulfill this requirement may result in a fine by FT based on Schedule 4 – Penalty Matrix.

10.5 Players Equipment - Safety

A Player must not use equipment or wear anything that is dangerous.

Players are not permitted to take to the field of play if they are wearing any form of cast or hard brace.

All items of jewellery (Necklaces, rings, bracelets, leather bands, rubber bands, etc.) are forbidden and must be removed. Using tape to cover jewellery is not permitted.

The players will be inspected before the start of the match and substitutes before they enter the field of play. If a player is wearing or using unauthorized/dangerous equipment or jewellery, the referee will ask them to:

- a) remove the item
- b) leave the field of play at the next stoppage if the player is unable or unwilling to comply.

A Player who refuses to comply or wears the item again will be cautioned.

11. Team Nomination, Payment of Fees, and Fines

Subject to these Regulations each Club shall pay FT a team nomination fee. FT may prescribe such team nomination fees as from time to time it deems appropriate. Such team nomination fees to be payable within the time specified by FT.

Any Club withdrawing a team from the competition that has been entered and accepted for that competition by FT shall lose all or part of its nomination fee as the Board may determine and shall be liable to such fine or other penalty as the Board may prescribe.

FT will advise Clubs of the payment requirements of team nomination fees prior to the season.

Except as may be otherwise prescribed in these Rules all monies due and payable to FT by a participant shall be paid within thirty (30) days of being invoiced. All accounts that are sixty (60) days or more overdue shall incur an interest charge at the rate of 10% per annum as per FT Credit Policy.

Once outstanding debts to FT reach 90 days, all teams in the Club will no longer accrue points for any further games until the time that the debt has been paid.

The Australian Government has confirmed that GST is payable on all team nominations, player registrations, and player insurance imposed by FA. GST shall be included in all invoices.

12. Substitution/Interchange of Players

12.1 Substitution

In the National Premier League (NPL), Women's Super League (WSL), Men's Northern Championship, Men's Southern Championship.

A maximum of Sixteen (16) players can be named on the team sheet. A maximum of five (5) players may be named as substitutes, one (1) of whom may be the goalkeeper.

To reduce disruption to the Match, each Team will have a maximum of three (3) opportunities to make substitutions during the Match; substitutions may also be made at half time (and will not count as one (1) of the three (3));

If the Teams make a substitution at the same time, this will count as one (1) of the three (3) opportunities for both Teams.

For Matches where Extra Time is required each Team will have 1 additional opportunity to make a substitution.

12.2 Interchange

In the Women's Northern Championship, Women's Southern Championship, Men's Northern Championship 1, Men's Southern Championship 1, NPL Under 21s, Youth Leagues, Social Leagues.

A maximum of Sixteen (16) players can be named on the team sheet. A maximum of five (5) players may be named as substitutes.

Each Team will have a maximum of 3 opportunities to make interchanges each half; interchanges may also be made at half-time. If both teams make an interchange at the same time, this will count as 1 of the 3 opportunities for each team.

All interchanges shall take place at the half-way line and players to be interchanged must leave the field of play before the replacement player can enter the field of play.

No interchange is permitted within two (2) minutes of play remaining in either half of the match.

Injury Interchange in the Second Half:

If a Team has already used its three (3) interchange opportunities during the second half, an additional interchange is permitted in the case of an injured player, provided that more than two (2) minutes of player remain in the match.

The injured player who is replaced may not take any further part in the match.

13. Player Restrictions

A Member must not engage, directly or indirectly, in any conduct or behaviour intended to unfairly affect the result of a Match, including accepting, or agreeing to accept, any Benefit connected with, or relating to, the ability of a Member to exercise control over or influence the outcome of a Match so as to bring about a result other than that which would be achieved in a fair contest between the competing teams.

13.1 Player Eligibility

Players are eligible to participate in any FT competition match provided all the following are met:

- a) They are currently registered with FT.
- b) FT has received the prescribed registration fee.
- c) They are not under suspension.
- d) They meet all the age requirements in Appendix A – 2026 FT Youth Age Eligibility Policy.
- e) They have no outstanding debt with FT.
- f) They are listed on the team sheet prior to the commencement of the match.
- g) that rule 13.5 Team Stacking is not contravened.

13.2 Teams Playing Ineligible Players

- a) If a team is found guilty of fielding an ineligible player in any Competition Fixture;
 - i. The Team will lose any points earned from the Match.
 - ii. The Team will also be fined the amount specified in Schedule 4 – Penalty Matrix, Item S.13.
 - iii. The Match will be awarded as a 3-0 victory to the non-offending Team, unless the original result was already a win by a greater margin, in which case the original results will stand.
 - iv. When deciding what counts as a “greater result”, FT will prioritise the number of goals scored for the non-offending Team (for example, a 4-1 win is considered greater than a 3-0 win).
- b) If a Competition Fixture result is amended in line with Regulation 13.2, any goals and / or player award votes accumulated by the non-offending Team will be upheld.
- c) If a Competition Fixture result is amended in line with Regulation 13.2, any player award votes accumulated by the ineligible player/s of the offending Team will be removed for the fixture.
- d) If a Competition Fixture result is amended in line with Regulation 13.2, and a score awarded in line with 13.2 a) (iii), any goals for the offending Team will be upheld in the results and Official Points Table but will not be attributed to any individual Player.
- e) Any Player or Team Official infringements i.e Red / Yellow Cards for both Teams will be upheld.

- f) FT retains the authority to assess whether a Club played an ineligible Player with malice or the intent to gain an advantage. If FT determines that there was no malice or intent to gain an advantage in playing an ineligible Player, it reserves the right to decide on the suitable course of action, considering any Sporting Advantage gained as a result.
- g) A Club shall not allow a Player who is under suspension or disqualification from FT or any other FIFA / Football Australia affiliated football body to play in the competitions.
 - i. Such Player will be declared an ineligible Player.
 - ii. Any Club playing a suspended or disqualified Player during their period of suspension or disqualification may be sanctioned in accordance with Schedule 4 – Penalty Matrix, Item S.13.

13.3 Finality of Decisions

- a) All determinations made by Football Tasmania (FT) under this Regulation, including but not limited to findings of ineligibility, amendments to match results, imposition of fines, or any other disciplinary action, are final.
- b) There is no right of appeal or further review against any decision made by FT in relation to Player Eligibility, Ineligible Players, or the application of Regulation 13.
- c) By participating in FT competitions, all Clubs, Players, and Team Officials acknowledge and accept FT's exclusive authority to make and enforce such determinations and agree to be bound by all decisions accordingly.

13.4 Clubs with two teams in same League

In the case where Clubs have two teams in the same League, a MAXIMUM of three (3) players may be borrowed from one team to another on any weekend.

No further exemptions will be provided

13.5 Team Stacking

Please refer to Appendix B - 2025 Team Stacking rules on Football Tasmania's website.

[Appendix B - 2026 Team Stacking Rules](#)

13.6 North West - U10 & U12 Rules and Regulations

Please refer to Appendix C – North West U10 & U12 Competition rules on Football Tasmania's website.

[Appendix C - 2026 North West U10 & U12 Rules](#)

14. Fixtures and Forfeits

14.1 Nomination Requirements

Clubs will be required to nominate teams in competitions offered by FT.

A fixture list for each FT competition will be published on DRIBL. FT may at its discretion change any fixture list at any time with consultation of both clubs involved. However, if no agreement is made FT will determine the roster in consultation with the home team.

14.2 Match Duration

The duration of League matches for in each age group are outlined in the table below:

Age Group	Each Half	Half Time Break
Senior Competitions – Substitution Comps	45 minutes	15 minutes
Senior Competitions – Interchange Comps	45 minutes	15 minutes
Under 18s/Under 21s	45 minutes	15 minutes
Under 14s/15s/Combined15/16s	35 minutes	5 minutes
Under 13s/Combined13/14s	30 minutes	5 minutes
Under 12s	30 minutes	5 minutes
Under 10s	25 minutes	5 minutes

14.3 Forfeits

Any Club that, without just cause, fails to fulfil a fixture is deemed to have forfeited that match. The offending Club shall also be liable for any reasonable expenses incurred by its opponents and match officials cost relative to that fixture or fixtures.

A request to forfeit will not be accepted for either National Premier League (NPL) or Women's Super League (WSL).

Matches shall start within fifteen (15) minutes of the stipulated starting time. Any team that is unable to begin a match after this period shall have forfeited the match. When a match starts later than the stipulated time, the referee at their discretion can shorten the match. Two (2) equal halves shall be played at all times.

Teams must field at least seven (7) of its registered players, who are eligible to compete in that league competition, at the start of any match. Failure to do so will result in the offending team forfeiting the match.

In the event of a match being called off or abandoned due to insufficient numbers of players on one team as per Laws of the Game, then the team responsible for the match being called off or abandoned shall be deemed to have forfeited the match.

If a team other than NPL or WSL informs FT or an opposition club they are unable to field a team less than 14 days prior to the schedule match, the match will be a FORFEIT and will not be postponed.

14.4 Penalties for Forfeits

14.4.1 Senior Competition Forfeits

In the event a team forfeits its match, then full points shall be awarded to their opponent and the goals recorded being three (3) goals scored by the team getting the points to nil (0) by the team who has forfeited. Clubs must advise Football Tasmania in writing that they will be forfeiting a match by no later than 12.00 pm on the Friday prior to fixtures.

If a Club fails to provide sufficient notice and advises a forfeit less than 14 days prior to the fixture as set out in 14.3, the following penalties may be imposed on the offending Club: -

- I. A monetary fine deemed by Schedule 4- Penalty Matrix.
- II. The requirement to pay all appropriate referee and assistant referee's fees and ground hire costs.
- III. The requirement to pay compensation to opposing Clubs as determined by Football Tasmania.

Teams forfeiting on three (3) occasions within a season without a satisfactory explanation provided in writing to Football Tasmania shall be removed from the competition.

In the event of a walk-off by one Club prior to the completion of a match the team will be considered to have forfeited the match and the Club shall be liable to penalties under Rule 14.4 in addition to other penalties and/or sanctions as Football Tasmania sees fit.

14.4.2 Youth Competition forfeits

If a Club fails to provide sufficient notice as set out in 14.3 & 14.4, the following penalties may be imposed on the offending Club:

- I. A monetary fine deemed by Schedule 4- Penalty Matrix.
- II. The requirement to pay all appropriate referee and assistant referees fees should the notice of forfeit not be received prior to the match officials attending the ground.

14.5 How Forfeits Affect Suspensions

When the forfeiting Club has a player suspended in that division, the match forfeited by their Club, will not count as a match served on their suspension.

When a Club receives a forfeit, any player under suspension in that division will have one match deducted from their suspension. If the suspended player is an irregular player, then the determining factor is whether they have played most of their games in this division.

14.6 Withdrawal of Teams

14.6.1 NPL or WSL Teams

In no circumstance will FT allow a NPL or WSL team to withdraw from the competition throughout the season.

14.6.2 Northern or Southern Championship

If a Northern or Southern Championship club has a team withdrawn from either Championship or Championship Reserves during the season, they will be required to remain in the Championship Competition and will be removed from the Championship Reserves competition.

1. If a team is withdrawn before all teams have played each other once, all matches will be recorded as no played game. All goal scorer statistics and referee votes gained in Competition Fixtures played involving the withdrawn team will be removed.
2. If a team is withdrawn after the point of the season at which all teams have played each other an equal number of times the following will apply:
 - a. All results retained.
 - b. Goals scored for and against will be retained.
 - c. Referee votes will be retained.
 - d. a forfeit result of three (3) goals to nil (0) will apply to all remaining games.

14.6.3 Social Leagues

If a Social League team is withdrawn during the season, the club is required to remove their LOWEST division team from the league and filter players up into remaining teams within league.

1. If a team is withdrawn before all teams have played each other once, all matches will be recorded as a no played game. All goal scorer statistics and referee votes gained in Competition Fixtures played involving the withdrawn team will be removed.
2. If a team is withdrawn after the point of the season at which all teams have played each other an equal number of times the following will apply:
 - a. All results retained.
 - b. Goals scored for and against will be retained.
 - c. a forfeit result of three (3) goals to nil (0) will apply to all remaining games.

A club which withdraws a team from any competition will be issued a fine by FT based on Schedule 4-Penalty Matrix. Football Tasmania would consider additional sanctions if a team did withdraw from the NPL or WSL competition throughout the season.

14.7 Postponed Matches/ Weather Conditions

14.7.1 Postponement due to Weather Conditions

In the event of any match not being played due to weather, either because of ground closure by the respective local council or by the home club or a decision taken by the referee under Law 5 of the Laws of the Game, or other cause over which neither Club has any control, on being ordered to be replayed, it shall be at a time and place decided by Football Tasmania. Football Tasmania shall determine a new venue and date as soon as possible. When the home team's ground is closed, it shall, where practical, promptly inform visiting teams and Football Tasmania of the closure.

If the grounds are closed by Friday by the relevant Councils, Football Tasmania shall notify the public via its Facebook page. In the event of all games in the league round being cancelled, they shall be

replayed on the first available weekend.

Notifications of ground closures or roster alterations shall be made via the FT Facebook page, as well as notifications through DRIBL. In the case of a postponement caused by wet weather and an alternative date for the game cannot be supplied by either the Clubs or Football Tasmania, the result shall be recorded as a 1-1 result.

In the event of some games being played and others not when Football Tasmania has not cancelled the games and the Councils have not closed the grounds (or the game(s) are at grounds not under the Councils' control), the results for the played matches shall stand and the unplayed games shall be played on the first available date. If not, all rostered games can be played in the playing year (generally because of ground unavailability), Football Tasmania will record any unplayed fixtures as 1-1 results.

14.7.2 Postponement due to Team Unavailability

Where a club believes that a team will not be able to fulfil the commitment to participate in a scheduled match due to extenuating circumstances, they may submit a request in writing for a match to be postponed. Such application shall be provided to the FT Competitions Coordinator via email competitions@footballtasmania.com.au and must be received no later than fourteen (14) days prior to the scheduled match date. Any requests within fourteen (14) days will be declined, and the games will need to be played at their designated time or alternatively forfeited by the team.

FT, in its discretion, shall rule on the validity of the request and shall either assist the clubs involved to arrange a revised date for the match or require the match to be played at a time determined by FT (which may include the completion of the fixture as originally scheduled).

15. Match Balls

For all matches, the home team is responsible for providing the Match Official with the required number of match balls no later than 30minutes prior to kick off.

NPL & WSL Matches: The home team must provide four (4) match balls to the Match Official.

All Other Competitions: The home team must provide three (3) match balls to the Match Official.

All Competitions with sponsored match balls MUST use the sponsored match ball brand/model for match days as advised by Football Tasmania. These are referenced in the table below.

Competition	Ball Model
Women's Super League	Nike Flight
Men's NPL	Nike Flight
Men's NPL U21	Nike Club Elite or Nike Flight
Championship Women	Nike Club Elite or Nike Flight
Championship Men	Nike Club Elite or Nike Flight

All other competitions may use a match ball that meets IFAB Laws of the Game requirements.

All Leagues shall use size 5 match balls except for the U13 and U13/14 Youth competitions, which use Size 4 match balls.

Any breach of the match ball arrangements must be reported to FT by the Match Official.

Failure to comply with the match ball requirements may result in a fine by FT based on Schedule 2 - Penalty Matrix.

16. Match Results

DRIBL will store all match results from all games played throughout the season.

The Match Official shall record all key match information including but limited to Goal Scorers, Red and Yellow Cards, and substitutions in DRIBL.

Where the participating clubs provide the Central Referee, the referee shall record all key match information, including, but not limited to goal scorers, Red & Yellow cards through the [FT Match Completion Form](#) within 48hrs of the completion of the match.

17. Admission Fees

NPL, Women's Super League, Southern Championship and Northern Championship

Admission fees to all matches shall be determined by the Company prior to the commencement of each season and no Club shall charge a fee greater than that which has been determined by the Company:

NPL & WSL

Adults \$10

Concession \$5

Children 12 and Under Free

Southern and Northern Championship

Adults up to a maximum of \$10

Concession up to a maximum of \$5

Children 12 and Under Free

It is up to the discretion of clubs on what value to set for gate prices. Please note that the value cannot exceed the maximum stipulated above.

18. Ladder Positions, NPL & NPL21 Finals Series, NPL Relegation, Australian Championship, Statewide Cups.

18.1 Determining League Champions

The team finishing first on the table shall be deemed the League Champions.

League Champions will be determined in each Competition as follows:

- a) Greatest number of points obtained in all league matches.
- b) If two (2) or more teams are equal based on the above criterion, their place will be determined as follows:
 - i. Greater goal difference resulting from all league matches.
 - ii. Greater goals scored in all league matches.
 - iii. Greater number of points obtained in the league matches between the teams concerned (head to head).
 - iv. Greater number of goals scored in the league matches between the teams concerned (head to head).
 - v. If the teams are still equal, a playoff match between the equal teams shall take place as arranged by Football Tasmania.

Competition Points will be allocated as follows for all adult competition league matches:

- a) Win = 3 points.
- b) Draw = 1 point each team.
- c) Loss = no points
- d) Bye = no points.
- e) Forfeit = 3 points to the team receiving the forfeit.

18.2 Eligibility for Australian Championship Competition

18.2.1 Determination of NPL Men's Premiers

- a) The 2026 NPL Men's League Champions shall be determined in accordance with clause 18. Ladder Positions of these regulations (2026 NPL Men's Premiers).

18.2.2 Eligibility Criteria

- a) Subject to compliance with Section 18.2.2 b) the 2026 NPL Men's Premiers shall be eligible to represent Football Tasmania in the Australian Championship Competition.
- b) The Club qualifying for the Australian Championship Competition must, by the dates prescribed by Football Australia:
 - i. Submit to Football Australia a duly executed Australian Championship Club Participation Agreement; and
 - ii. Meet Football Australia's minimum club licensing standards for Member Federation Clubs participation in the Australian Championship Competition.
- c) In the event that:
 - i. A Foundation Club finishes as the 2026 NPL Men's Premiers; or
 - ii. The Club that finishes as 2026 NPL Men's Premiers fails to comply with Section 18.2.2 b) of the Regulations,

The allocated slot for the Australian Championship Competition shall be awarded to the next-best placed Club that is not a Foundation Club, in accordance with these Regulations.

- d) Football Australia reserves the right, in its sole and absolute discretion, to make determinations regarding any aspect of the awarding of Australian Championship Competition slots.

18.3 NPL & NPL21s Finals Series

18.3.1 NPL & NPL21s Finals Series Format:

The finals series fixtures will be conducted under the following format:

- a) Finals Series Fixtures:

Week 1			
Qualifying Final (QF)	2 nd Placed Team	v	3 rd Placed Team
Elimination Final (EF)	4 th Placed Team	v	5 th Placed Team
	Loser Eliminated		
Bye	1 st Placed Team	v	Bye
Week 2			
2 nd Semi-Final (SF2)	1 st Placed Team	v	Winner QF
1 st Semi-Final (SF1)	Loser QF	v	Winner EF
	Loser Eliminated		
Week 3			
Preliminary Final (PF)	Loser SF2	v	Winner SF1
	Loser Eliminated		
Bye	Winner SF2	v	Bye
Week 4			
Grand Final	Winner SF2	v	Winner PF

- b) Weeks 1-3 finals host venue is determined solely on the basis of first named NPL Teams as outlined in Rule 18.3.1(a).
- c) FT reserves the right to schedule NPL & NPL21s Finals Series matches at their sole discretion, taking into account all other Matches.
- d) If winners for the **NPL / NPL21s Finals Series Matches outlined in Rule 18.3.1 (a), Weeks 1-3** cannot be determined at the conclusion of normal time, then the following will occur immediately after the conclusion of the match:
- Extra time of 2 equal periods of 15 minutes will be played in accordance with FIFA Laws of the Game.
 - If at the conclusion of both periods of extra time, a winner has not been determined,

penalty kicks will be taken in accordance with FIFA Laws of the Game to determine a winner.

- e) For all **NPL & NPL21s Grand Final matches outlined in 18.3.1 (a) Week 4**, if a winner cannot be determined at the conclusion of normal time, then the following will occur immediately after the conclusion of the match:
 - i. Extra time periods will be 2 equal periods of 15 minutes.
 - ii. If at the conclusion of both periods of extra time, a winner has not been determined, penalty kicks will be taken in accordance with FIFA Laws of the Game to determine a winner.
- f) The **NPL Grand Final** will be hosted by the finalist who finished the highest at the conclusion of the NPL Home & Away season. The **NPL21s Grand Final** will be played at the same venue as the NPL Grand Final.
- g) Bus Travel Policy for all Final Series matches (including Week 1 to Week 4) will be the same as for NPL Home & Away season. This will be applicable for both NPL & NP21s Finals Series matches.

18.3.2 NPL Finals Series Eligibility:

- a) The NPL Finals Series is required to adhere with Player Roster Principles.
- b) All standard Team Stacking rules apply to all Finals Series matches, as well as other matches which may be played within the same weekend.

18.3.3 NPL21s Finals Series Eligibility:

- a) All Standard Team Stacking rules apply to all Finals Series matches, as well as other matches which may be played within the same weekend.
- b) To be eligible to participate in the NPL21s Final Series, a player must have taken the field in four (4) NPL21 matches during the season.
- c) As per Team Stacking rules, a request for exemption can be made ahead of the matches via email only, to emma.brown@footballtasmania.com.au. All requests for exemptions to the eligibility regulations must be received by no later than 4pm Friday for weekend matches.

18.3.4 Accumulation of Yellow Cards:

- a) A Player who accumulates 3 yellow cards during the finals series matches must serve a 1 match suspension.
- b) A Team Official who accumulates 2 yellow cards during the finals series matches must serve a 1 match suspension.
- c) Accumulated yellow cards from the Finals Series do not carry over to future league or cup

competitions.

18.3.5 Red Cards

- a) Red card suspensions which are yet to be served in full will be applied to the next match in which the suspended player or team official's club competes in. This includes Final Series Matches.
- b) Red card suspensions which are incurred in Finals Series Matches will apply to the next match in which the suspended Player's or Team Official's Club competes in.

18.4 NPL Relegation

18.4.1 Relegation of Teams

- a) The Competition shall consist of ten (10) teams for the 2026 season.
- b) At the conclusion of the regular season, the two (2) lowest-placed teams on the final league table shall be relegated from the Competition.
- c) Relegation shall be determined based on the final ladder positions after all scheduled league matches have been completed and all disciplinary or administrative matters affecting points or results have been resolved.
- d) In the event that two (2) or more teams are equal on points in positions affecting relegation, their place shall be determined as follows:
 - i. Greater goal difference resulting from all league matches.
 - ii. Greater goals scored in all league matches.
 - iii. Greater number of points obtained in the league matches between the teams concerned (head to head).
 - iv. Greater number of goals scored in the league matches between the teams concerned (head to head).
 - v. If the teams are still equal, a playoff match between the equal teams shall take place as arranged by Football Tasmania.

18.4.2 Competition Structure for the Following Season

- a) No teams will be promoted to replace the relegated teams at the conclusion of the 2026 season.
- b) As a result, the Competition will operate with eight (8) teams for the following season.
- c) The composition of the eight (8) teams shall consist of the top eight (8) finishing teams from the 2026 season, subject to any subsequent administrative or disciplinary decisions.

18.4.3 Exceptional Circumstances

- a) In the event of team withdrawal, merger, or other exceptional circumstances impacting league composition, Football Tasmania reserves the right to determine the final number of participating teams and the structure of the Competition for the following season.
- b) Any such determination by Football Tasmania shall be final and binding.

18.5 Statewide Cups

Please refer to Appendix D – 2026 Statewide Cup Regulations on Football Tasmania’s website.

[Appendix D - 2026 Statewide Cup Regulations](#)

19. Suspension of Play & Abandoned Matches

19.1 Suspension of Play

A suspension to the commencement of play, or a suspension of a game once play has begun, may be considered necessary by the Match Officials:

- a) when participant safety is at risk (eg. extreme weather – electrical storms, blizzard, hail, fog, excessive heat – or poor crowd behaviour); or
- b) where other circumstances affect the continuation of a match (eg floodlight failure, delay due to severe injury).

Such decisions shall be made at the Match Referee’s discretion, following a period of consultation with the other Match Officials and Team Staff (Coaches, Managers, Captains and Match Managers as deemed appropriate by the Match Referee).

19.2 Abandoned Matches

Where a match is delayed in its commencement or interrupted at any point during play by a decision to suspend play and that suspension of play lasts more than 45mins, the match shall be abandoned.

Should a match be abandoned after 65 minutes of play have elapsed, the Company shall determine whether the score shall stand.

If the match is abandoned on or before the 65th minute of play, the match shall be replayed, unless the abandonment of the match is the consequence of disciplinary or similar action taken by the referee. In such case the Company shall determine whether or not the match shall be replayed.

In such cases the home team Club shall be responsible for the payment of match fees to all referees assigned to the match in any capacity.

20. Intrastate, Interstate and Overseas Matches

At all times during a playing year a Club shall make its players available for such interstate, intrastate or representative matches as may from time to time be conducted, organised or controlled by FT.

20.1 Overseas Matches

If a Member wishes to send a team overseas, such Member shall provide FT with full details of its proposed itinerary together with supporting letters from the governing body proposed to be visited, and upon receipt of such material written permission for the visit shall be sought by FT from FA in accordance with FIFA Rules and Regulations.

20.2 Interstate Matches

No Member shall send a team to play any match interstate without first obtaining the written consent of FT.

FT may in its absolute discretion refuse to give its approval for a member to send a team interstate and shall not be required to give any reason for such refusal.

No Member shall host a match against an interstate team without first obtaining the written consent of FT. Written consent will only be given to matches or tournaments that adhere to FIFA Laws of the Game. No variations to the FIFA Laws of the Game will be approved.

FT may in its absolute discretion refuse to give approval for a Member to host a match or competition against any opposition and shall not be required to give any reason for such refusal.

20.3 Intrastate Matches

This rule pertains to any game which is not a match in a FT approved competition.

No Member shall send a team to play intrastate without first obtaining written consent from FT. FT may in its absolute discretion refuse to give its approval for a member to send a team intrastate and shall not be required to give any reason for such refusal.

21. Disciplinary System

For the purposes of this Rule, the term “Company” does not include either the Tribunal or Appeals Board.

21.1 General (all competitive leagues)

Any breach of the FIFA Laws of the Game, Constitution, By Laws or Rules shall be dealt with, where applicable, with the imposition of either:

- a) Caution (yellow card)
- b) Expulsion (red card)
- c) Misconduct charge against a participant in accordance with the provisions of these Rules.

21.2 Caution (Yellow Card Offences)

A caution (yellow card) is a warning from the referee to a player or club official during a match to sanction unsporting behaviour of a less serious nature (Law 12 of the FIFA Laws of the Game).

Minor Infringements - Yellow Card (Caution) Codes

Y1: unsporting behaviour.

Y2: dissent by word or action.

Y3: persistent infringements of the Laws of the Game .

Y4: delaying the restart of play.

Y5: failure to respect the required distance when play is restarted with a corner kick, free kick or throw-in.

Y6: entering, re-entering, or deliberately leaving the field of play without the Referee's permission.

A player or club official receiving two cautions during the same match will incur an expulsion (indirect red card and, consequently, suspension from the next match).

If a Player receives two Yellow Cards during the same Match and therefore receives an Indirect Red Card, the two Yellow Cards will be expunged from the player's record.

If a Player receives a Yellow Card and then a Direct Red Card in the same Match, the Yellow Card will not be expunged and will be counted in the Player's accumulation of Yellow Cards

No mandatory match suspension applies for the accumulation of Yellow Cards in Friendlies.

21.3 Administration of Cautions

FT will regulate and record cautions (yellow cards) as follows:

Players:

- a) When a player has accumulated five (5) cautions during the same season, they will receive a one-match suspension, as determined by FT. FT will also impose a fine based on Schedule 4- Penalty Matrix.
- b) When a player has accumulated eight (8) cautions during the same season, they will receive a two-match suspension, as determined by FT. FT will also impose a fine based on Schedule 4- Penalty Matrix.
- c) When a player has accumulated ten (10) cautions in the same season, they will receive a three-match suspension as determined by FT. FT will also impose a fine based on Schedule 4- Penalty Matrix

Club Officials:

- a) When a club official has accumulated three (3) cautions during the same season, they will receive a one-match suspension, as determined by FT. FT will also impose a fine based on Schedule 4- Penalty Matrix.
- b) When a club official has accumulated five (5) cautions during the same season, they will receive a two-match suspension, as determined by FT. FT will also impose a fine based on Schedule 4- Penalty Matrix.

- c) When a club official has accumulated eight (8) cautions during the same season, they will receive a three-match suspension, as determined by FT. FT will also impose a fine based on Schedule 4- Penalty Matrix.

Australia Cup Games:

The Lakoseljac Cup is the preliminary round for the Australia Cup and is subject to Football Tasmania's Australia Cup Supplementary rules. Yellow Cards received in this competition are NOT counted towards accumulated yellow cards outlined in 21.3 which relate to league competitions.

Statewide Cup Games:

Statewide Cup Supplementary rules will be provided to clubs, which will include yellow card accumulation rules. Yellow Cards received in this competition are NOT counted towards accumulated yellow cards outlined in 21.3 which relate to league competitions.

Finals Series Matches:

Finals Series Eligibility rules are referenced in section 18.3.2. and 18.3.3. Yellow Cards received in this competition are NOT counted towards accumulated yellow cards outlined in 21.3 which relate to league competitions.

FT will endeavour to notify Clubs whose players/team officials are suspended before the next rostered match. If FT has not notified the club of the suspension, it is the club's responsibility to ensure the player does not play in the next rostered match. Club Body Administrators can track accumulation of yellow cards through DRIBL Member Offences.

21.3.1 Serving of Accumulated Cautions Suspension

A player or team official will have served a suspension for accumulated cautions when the team in which the individual was participating has played the equal number of games as the suspension allocated, and the round of matches for that week has been fully completed.

The player or team official may not participate in any other games sanctioned by FT during the period of their suspension.

A player who receives a suspension for accumulated cautions must serve that suspension in that relevant competition. For the avoidance of doubt, this means if the player receives a suspension in the Championship, then it will be served in Championship and not the Australia Cup (Lakoseljac Cup) competition.

Clubs are responsible for tracking accumulated cautions of their players. Club Body Administrators can track accumulation of yellow cards through DRIBL Member Offences.

21.4 Expulsion (Red Card Offences)

An expulsion is the order given by the referee to someone to leave the field of play and its surroundings, including the substitutes' bench, during a match.

Expulsion takes the form of a red card for both players and coaches. The red card is regarded as direct if it sanctions serious unsporting behaviour as defined by Law 12 of the FIFA Laws of the Game; it is regarded as indirect if it is the result of an accumulation of two yellow cards.

Serious Infringements - Red Card (Expulsion) Codes

R1 serious foul play.

R2 violent conduct.

R3 spitting at an opponent or any other person.

R4 denying the opposing team a goal or an obvious goal scoring opportunity by deliberately handling the ball (this does not apply to a goalkeeper within his or her own penalty area).

R5 otherwise denying a goal or an obvious goal scoring opportunity to an opponent as prescribed by Law 12 of the Laws of the Game.

R6 using offensive, insulting, or abusive language and/or gestures.

R7 receiving a second caution in the same Match.

A player or club official shall be deemed to have served a suspension in full when the team in which the player or club official was participating when suspended has played the equal amount of games as the player's or club official's suspension allocated, and the round of matches for that week has been fully completed, even if served in a match that is later abandoned and/or cancelled.

The player or coach may not participate in any other games sanctioned by FT during the period of their suspension.

The match referee shall record the player's identification number or obtain the name of the club official from the team sheet and lodge the send-off report and/or misconduct form with the Company.

FT will impose a Club fine for send-off offences in the competition as per Schedule 4.

Players:

- a) Any player sent off the field of play, must serve a suspension of one (1) match in addition to any further suspensions. This applies to all club matches for that weekend.
- b) Any player sent off the field of play on two (2) occasions in the same season, will incur an additional one (1) match suspension, on top of any further suspensions handed down by FT. This suspension cannot be appealed and must be served immediately after the automatic game suspension as defined in the Suspensions System (clause 21.8).
- c) Any player sent off the field of play on three (3) or more occasions in the same season will incur an additional two (2) match suspension, on top of any further suspensions handed down by FT. This suspension cannot be appealed and must be served immediately after the

automatic game suspension. The player will be required to appear before the tribunal.

Expulsions (red cards) will be governed by the Suspensions System.

Team Official (Non-Playing Club Official):

In accordance with Law 5 of the Laws of the Game, a Referee may take action against a Team Official who fails to act in a responsible manner and may expel the Team Official from the field of play and its immediate surrounds, including the technical area. This will take the form of a red card.

A non-playing Club Official that has been sent off may not be present inside the perimeter fence or barrier, where one is present, or within 20 meters of the field of play where no perimeter fence or barrier is present, until at least 15 minutes following the end of the Match. This applies to all club matches assigned for that weekend.

The imposition of a one (1) match suspension is immediate. For completeness, FT must issue a Disciplinary Infringement Notice, but for the avoidance of doubt, the one (1) match suspension is effective regardless of whether or not the Disciplinary Infringement Notice is received by the Club of the expelled non-playing Club official before the next match.

A non-playing Club Official who is sent off by a referee in accordance with Misconduct Penalties (MP) may not participate in any Football Tasmania match on the same day either as a Player, coach, ground official, Club referee, Club assistant referee or in any other official capacity for the Club.

- a) A non-playing Club Official who has been sent off from the field of play, its surrounds and technical area, must serve a suspension of one (1) match in addition to any further suspensions. This applies to all club matches assigned for that weekend.
- b) A non-playing Club Official who has been expelled from the field of play, its surrounds, and the Technical Area on two (2) occasions during a Competition Season, must serve a two (2) match suspension in addition to any further suspensions. This applies to all club matches assigned for that weekend.
- c) A non-playing Club Official who has been sent off from the field of play, its surrounds, and the Technical Area on three (3) occasions during a Competition Season, must serve a suspension of three (3) matches in addition to any further suspensions. This applies to all club matches assigned for that weekend.

A medical Team Official (for example, a doctor or physiotherapist) who commits an Expulsion Offence may remain in the immediate surrounds of the field of play, including on the substitutes' bench, if the team has no other medical person available, and may act if a Player needs medical attention.

In addition to the suspensions prescribed, the non-playing Club Official will be subject to additional penalties in accordance with the Table of Offences as prescribed in Schedule 1- suspensions R8 of the Competition Regulations.”

Expulsions (red cards) will be governed by the Suspensions System.

21.5 Mistaken Identity in Decision of Match Official

- a) Football Tasmania may rectify an error where it is satisfied based on clear and verifiable video evidence, that a referee:
 - i. Issued in error a Yellow Card and / or Red Card during the Match to a Player instead of to another Player (being the Player who should have received the card as the Player who committed the offence attracting the card); or
 - ii. Expelled in error a Team Official instead of another Team Official (being the Team Official who should have been Expelled);

Or Football Tasmania may rectify the error *provided the Club complies with the process outlined in clause 21.5 b).*

- b) Clubs seeking to have any Yellow or Red Card amended due to mistaken identity must submit via the [FT Mistaken Identity Appeal Form](#) within **48 hours** of the Match concluding:
 - i. The name of the player incorrectly identified.
 - ii. The name of the player that should have received the Yellow / Red Card.
 - iii. A link to the footage; and
 - iv. The time the incident occurred.
 - v. If a club is unable to provide video evidence of the sanction, signed statements from the participant responsible for the offence, the participant charged with the sanction and a club representative must be provided.
- c) Any submission that does not meet the requirements set out in 21.5 b) will not be considered.

21.6 Obvious Error in Decision of a Match Official

- a) This section applied only to the following competitions:
 - i. WSL
 - ii. NPL Men’s
 - iii. Women’s Statewide Cup
 - iv. Lakoseljac Cup (noting that this rule is included in the Australia Cup Supplementary regulations)
- b) Where there is sufficient evidence that leads Football Tasmania to believe, in its sole and absolute discretion, that an Obvious Error (within the meaning of section 21.6 d)) may have been made by a Match Official in a Match, then Football Tasmania will refer the incident to the Clear and Obvious Error Panel.

- c) Evidence, for the purposes of these Regulations, means video and/or audio evidence and the relevant Match Official Reports.
- d) An Obvious Error, for the purpose of these Regulations means a decision by a Match Official to:
 - i. Issue a Direct Red Card when no card was warranted; or
 - ii. Expel a Team Official when no expulsion was warranted,being a decision that no reasonable Match Official, in the possession of all the facts, including the evidence relied upon by Football Tasmania in section 21.6 c) could reasonably have made.
- e) A Club may submit a request for a decision to be reviewed by the Obvious Error Panel. A Club must submit an appeal via completion of the [Football Tasmania - Obvious Error Appeal Form](#) within 48 hours of the match concluding:
 - i. An outline of the key information relating to the match decision and the outcome which the club believes should have happened.
 - ii. Video footage.
 - iii. A payment of \$300 must accompany each Obvious Error Appeal Request.
- f) Any submission that does not meet the requirements set out in 21.6 e) will not be considered.
- g) Decisions relating to the following offences will not be reviewed by the Obvious Error Panel:
 - i. Yellow Cards.
 - ii. Red Cards due to a second Yellow Card.
- h) If, after referral, the Obvious Error Panel determines that an Obvious Error has been made, Football Tasmania will make a determination that:
 - i. In the case of a Player, the Player is not required to serve the Mandatory Match Suspension, and the Red Card is expunged from the Player's Disciplinary History; or
 - ii. In the case of a Team Official, the Team Official is not required to serve the Mandatory Match Suspension.

The \$300 appeal fee will be funded to the club.

- i) If, after referral, the Obvious Error Panel determines that no Obvious Error has been made, Football Tasmania will make a determination that the Match Official's original decision will stand, and Football Tasmania will then determine a Suspension and issue a Suspension Notice to the Participant's Club. The Participant remains entitled to challenge any Suspension Notice pursuant to section 21.11.1 Tribunal request against Suspension, but neither the Red Card nor the Mandatory Match Suspension may be expunged by the

Tribunal.

- j) For the avoidance of doubt, there is no right of appeal or other review of any determination made pursuant to this section 21.6.

21.7 Match Official Abuse

The following additional sanctions will be applied to any incident of Match Official Abuse within **Southern Social League Competitions and all Youth Competitions (U13 to U18)**.

Match Official Abuse includes, but is not limited to, offences against Match Officials itemized in Schedule 1: Minimum Suspensions and Schedule 2: Misconduct Penalties.

- a) Any player, Team or Club Official within a Team who is sanctioned for Match Official Abuse, will cause that team to incur 3 competition points deduction for that team, wholly suspended for the remainder of the regular season.
- b) Should a Team, already subject to the suspended 3 point deduction as set out in 21.7 a), have a Player, Team or Club Official subject to further sanction for Match Official Abuse, the team will be deducted a further 3 competition points in addition to the previously suspended 3 points, totaling an immediate deduction of 6 competition points for this second offence within the team.
- c) Any subsequent instance of Match Official Abuse by any Player, team or Club Official will incur an immediate sanction of a further deduction of 3 competition points for that team.

21.8 Suspensions System

A Suspensions System shall apply to all expulsions (red card offences) incurred during FT competition season.

FT reserves the right to refer any send-off report to the Tribunal for determination, which may result in the penalty being increased above the penalty suspension specified.

A player who receives a red card in a FT fixture shall be subject to the suspensions at Schedule 1.

21.9 Participant Misconduct

After being shown the red card and/or ordered to leave the field of play, Technical Area or surrounds of the ground, if a Participant or non-playing participant refuses to comply or commits an additional offence in particular MP10, 11, 12 or 13 as prescribed in Schedule 2 of Misconduct Suspensions, the sanction will be added to the original send-off sanction for that Participant.

21.10 Substantiating evidence

Should a Club wish to challenge a sanction of participant misconduct based on the statements in a match official's report then the Club must present all relevant evidence to Football Tasmania, who at

their discretion may withdraw the additional sanction issued after the send-off, if there is sufficient evidence to warrant this action.

21.11 Match suspensions

A suspension from a match is a ban on taking part in a future match or competition or attending it in the area immediately surrounding the field of play.

The suspension is imposed in terms of matches/games, days, months, or years.

Suspensions incurred by a Participant shall be served in consecutive fixtures, until such time as those suspensions are completed (and may carry over to the subsequent Playing Year).

Should a Participant be suspended in another competition and/or with another affiliated organization conducting a sanctioned event (excluding International and Representative Teams), that Participant will serve the suspension, or any remaining part of, accordingly in FT competition.

When a Team Official receives a suspension, the participant for the suspended game(s) must not:

1. Enter the field of play, its surrounds, the technical area, players race or dressing rooms.
2. Enter any other place within the ground, stadium, or venue where players and/or officials are likely to assemble.
3. Have any contact with a match official.
4. In the case of a coach, they must also not;
 - a. Provide or attempt to provide coaching instructions prior to the match, during the match or at half-time and/or after the match; or
 - b. Engage or attempt to engage a third party to relay coaching instructions prior to the match, during the match, at half-time and/or after the match.

21.11.1 Tribunal request against Suspension

A Club whose Participant has been expelled (red card) and suspended in accordance with the Suspensions System may lodge a Tribunal Request. The Tribunal Request may only relate to the severity of the suspension.

The Tribunal cannot dismiss the expulsion (red card) and/or the mandatory one (1) match suspension from the player's record.

The Club must lodge with FT within four (4) business days of notification of the suspension:

- I. a letter under Club letterhead and signed by the Club secretary outlining the intention of the Tribunal Request;
- II. a payment of a fee of \$350 (GST inclusive).

Any Tribunal Request that is successful in reducing the suspension will have 100% of the fee refunded to the Club. FT will not accept a Tribunal Request that fails to meet all the requirements as specified under 21.11.1.

the outcome of the Tribunal decision, provided complying notification of an appeal has been lodged.

21.12 Misconduct

FT may initiate an investigation into any matter considered relevant to whether a Participant may have committed an offence.

The investigation may be initiated on the basis of a match official's report, a Club complaint, video evidence that may be available, a report from any other relevant person or on the initiative of the FT administration. An investigation may include written or verbal communication between FT, clubs, participants and any relevant witnesses.

Where there has been a report of a matter which could constitute a serious breach of FIFA Laws of the Game, the Constitution, By Laws, FT Competition Regulations or Rules, FT may appoint an Investigating Officer. An Investigating Officer has the power to call on all people that may be able to give greater clarity to the alleged breach.

Participants shall comply with all reasonable requests made to them by the Investigating Officer or FT for the purposes of an investigation. A failure or refusal to comply with a request, without reasonable excuse, shall constitute misconduct and hence be capable of being heard, upon charge, before the Tribunal.

FT reserves the right to decide whether any alleged breach of the FIFA Laws of the Game, the Constitution, By Laws, Rules or registration and transfer procedures is to be referred to the Tribunal as a Misconduct Charge or dealt with by the Misconduct Penalties and Suspensions System or whether no action is to be taken.

Misconduct of a Team:

An additional sanction will be imposed on a Club for the misconduct of a team, including but not limited to when:

- a) Five players and/or team officials are cautioned or sent off in one match; or
- b) Three players and/or team officials are sent off in one match; or
- c) 2 or more players and/or team officials together make threats or show force against a match official; or
- d) Its participants engage in a melee or brawl.

Sanctions will be applied as set out in Schedule 4 – Penalty Matrix, MFP9 offences.

21.12.1 Misconduct Charges

FT reserves the right to charge Participants with misconduct or with behaviour prejudicial to the interests of the game and/or FT, which shall be heard and determined by the Tribunal. The alleged misconduct or behaviour prejudicial to the interests of the game may include but, shall not be limited to breaches of the FIFA Laws of the Game, the Constitution, By Laws, FA Code of Conduct, FT Competition Regulations, Rules or registration and transfer procedures.

21.12.2 Misconduct Penalties & Suspension System

The Company has adopted a Misconduct Penalty & Suspension System that may be applied to allegations of misconduct.

The Misconduct Penalty System sets out penalties for each breach and are detailed in Schedule 2 of these Rules, specifically MP1- 9. The Misconduct Suspension System sets out penalties for each breach and are detailed in Schedule 1 of the Rules.

FT shall investigate alleged breaches detailed in a Misconduct Report, Incident Report and/or any other relevant evidence presented. This may be evidence gathered by the Investigating Officer. The participant alleged to have engaged in misconduct is not contacted by the Investigating Officer at this stage. FT may then issue any one of or a combination of Misconduct Penalty and Misconduct Suspension.

A Misconduct Notice shall clearly specify the alleged conduct upon which the Notice is based. FT reserves the right to refer any misconduct charge to the Tribunal but reserves the right to withdraw any charge on the basis of insufficient evidence.

In the event of a team receiving 5 or more cautions in a game and the official match referee submitting a match report to that effect, FT will issue the offending club with the prescribed fine for the MFP 9.

Should a club wish to challenge the misconduct sanction (s) then it must do so under the process prescribed in section 21.12.3.

21.12.3 Tribunal Request Against a Misconduct Penalty or Misconduct Suspension

The Misconduct Penalty and Misconduct Suspension outlines the minimum penalty for each offence.

Parties that have been issued with a Misconduct Penalty or Misconduct Suspension can lodge a Tribunal Request to challenge a suspension.

A Tribunal Request against the Misconduct Penalty or Misconduct Suspension must:

- I. be lodged with FT within four (4) business days of notification of the sanction.
- II. The Tribunal Request must be on Club letterhead, must clearly outline the basis for pleading not guilty to the charge(s), and
- III. be signed by the Club Secretary.
- IV. A payment of \$350 must accompany each Tribunal Request.

Any Tribunal Request that is successful in reducing the penalty or suspension, will have 50% of the fee refunded to the Club.

Once a Club formally lodges a Tribunal Request against the Misconduct Penalty or Misconduct Suspension, no penalties shall be imposed while the Tribunal decision is pending.

22. Disciplinary Procedure

22.1 Rationale

As per the FA National Disciplinary Regulations, and FA Grievance Resolution Regulations, FT has the right to impose disciplinary sanctions to enforce and encourage compliance with the FA National Registration Regulation and the FT Competition Rules.

22.2 FT's Jurisdiction

22.2.1

This Disciplinary Procedure shall apply exclusively to facilitate the expeditious and fair resolution of disputes that arise between Participants within the State of Tasmania, including an (Association or Club) and/or an individual (including a Player, Official, or Coach).

22.2.2

Each Club and/or individual shall submit exclusively to the jurisdiction of this Disciplinary Procedure, and agrees that unless this procedure has been exhausted, it will not attempt to resolve the grievance in accordance with the FA Grievance Resolution Regulations, or in a court of law.

22.3 Establishment of the Tribunal

22.3.1

A Tribunal shall be established by FT.

22.3.2

The Tribunal shall consist of at least three (3) persons appointed by FT, one (1) of whom shall be chair. Employees of FT and members of the Appeals Board may not be appointed to the Tribunal.

22.4 Jurisdiction of the Tribunal

22.4.1

The Tribunal shall hear and determine, and where appropriate impose sanctions against a Club and/or Participant in respect of:

- I. any report, charge or matter referred to it under the FA National Disciplinary Regulations and FA Grievance Resolution Regulations.
- II. any report, charge or matter referred to it under the FT Competition Rules, FT Player Code of Conduct, Officials Code of Conduct, or Coaches Code of Conduct; and/or
- III. any other report charge or matter referred to it under this Procedure.

22.4.2

A member of the Tribunal must disqualify him or herself from any hearing of the Disciplinary Tribunal if he or she may, whether directly or indirectly, have a material interest in the matter or have a relationship with a party to the matter such that the Tribunal Member may be perceived not to be independent.

22.4.3

Each member of the Tribunal shall have a single vote and all decisions of the Tribunal will be made by majority vote. If there is an equality of votes the sitting Chairperson shall have the casting vote.

22.5 Timeframes

22.5.1

The Club and/or Participant shall submit a signed written report to the Competition Manager.

The report shall detail any contravention of any rule or regulation which is observed and warrants a sanction greater than that determined by the FT Competition Regulations in accordance with the recommended FFA sanctions for major infringements.

The report shall be submitted by post or e-mail or in person within 48 hours, where possible, following the alleged infringement.

22.5.2

FT shall defer the report to the Tribunal for determination at a hearing.

22.5.3

FT shall send a Disciplinary Infringement Notice to the Club notifying them of a disciplinary hearing within 48 hours, where possible, following receipt of the written report.

22.5.4

The Disciplinary Infringement Notice shall provide:

- I. the name of the individual or club or entity to appear at the hearing.
- II. reasonable and sufficient detail of the alleged infringement.
- III. notice of possible sanctions as outlined in the rules and regulations and
- IV. date, time, and place of the disciplinary hearing.

22.5.5

FT shall only make available to the parties to the matter those matters as detailed above prior to the Tribunal Hearing.

22.5.6

FT, where possible, will set a disciplinary hearing before the next applicable match, or within five (5) business days of the alleged infringement.

22.5.7

The Tribunal/Appeal Hearing will proceed at the date and time specified on the Disciplinary Infringement Notice/Appeal Notice as provided by the FT. A request for adjournment can be made by the relevant party. Any adjournment will be at the discretion of the Tribunal.

22.5.8

The representative and/or individual shall have the opportunity to make submissions in relation to the issues of infringement and sanction prior to the Tribunal hearing.

22.6 Procedure at Tribunals

22.6.1

Tribunal hearings shall not be bound by the rules of evidence, but all hearings shall be conducted in accordance with the principles of natural justice.

22.6.2

Alleged infringements shall be determined by reference to relevant FA statutes and FT rules and regulations, including the FA National Disciplinary Regulations, FA National Registration Regulations, FA Grievance Resolution Regulations, and FT Competition Regulations.

22.6.3

The club representative and/or individual shall have had reasonable and sufficient notice of the alleged infringement, and the opportunity to be heard and to make submissions in relation to the issues of infringement and sanction.

22.6.4

The Tribunal shall hear additional evidence from the individual/entity and witnesses, prior to making a decision and determining any appropriate sanction.

22.6.5

Legal practitioners shall not act as advocates for Clubs, participants or any other parties.

22.6.6 The Tribunal may:

- i. permit individuals and clubs to attend the hearing in person or by telephone, with a representative.
- ii. a participant may write to the Company outlining a valid reason for not appearing before the Tribunal and agreeing to the charge being determined in their absence. In this situation the participant must present a plea (guilty or not guilty) and must outline a defence to the charge;
- iii. order the attendance of any person under the jurisdiction of these procedures as a witness for the purpose of asking questions relevant to the infringement;
- iv. refuse entry to any person not directly involved in the matter, including the media
- v. admit and request the production of documents, reports from a Match Official, statements from the parties and witnesses, expert opinion and video or audio recordings and may require documents and statements to be submitted prior to any hearing.
- vi. grant or order an adjournment to provide parties with additional time or to consider additional information.
- vii. take into account the contents of the match official's report;
- viii. hear and determine a matter in a party's absence if the individual or clubs fails to attend a hearing, including determining an infringement and/or sanction.

22.7 Disciplinary Sanctions

22.7.1

When determining any appropriate sanction against an entity and/or individual, the Tribunal may

consider:

- i. Recommended sanctions as contained in the FA National Disciplinary Regulations.
- ii. the nature and severity of the infringement.
- iii. the offender's past record and whether or not this is a repeated offence.
- iv. the culpability of the offender.
- v. any reasons prompting a player to commit an infringement.
- vi. any remorse of the offender; and/or
- vii. any extenuating circumstances.

21.7.2

The Tribunal may impose penalties in accordance with the FA National Disciplinary Regulations and the FT Competition Regulations.

22.8 Tribunal Determination

The Tribunal shall present its findings in person at the conclusion of the hearing. The Chair of the Tribunal will provide a written determination of these findings as determined by the Tribunal including any sanctions against a club and/or an individual within five (5) business days to the club or entity where possible.

22.9 Appeals of a Tribunal Determination

22.9.1

An appeal notice against any determination of the Tribunal shall be submitted to the Competition Manager together with the appeal fee within five (5) business days after the date of which the written determination was received.

22.9.2

Process of appealing;

- I. A letter under Club letterhead and signed by an authorised officer of the Club outlining the basis for the appeal;
- II. A payment of a fee of \$1000.00 (GST incl.)

FT will not accept an Appeal that fails to meet all the requirements as above.

Any appeal that is upheld, or is successful in reducing the penalty, partly, or wholly, will result in 50% of the fee being refunded to the Club.

All applications for appeal must fully state the grounds of the appeal as well as include supporting documentation.

No matter from the Tribunal may be brought to the Appeals Board unless:

- I. The disciplinary process has not been complied with or;
- II. Procedural fairness has been denied to the appellant or;
- III. The Tribunal's decision is in breach of the Constitution, By Laws or FFA Statutes and Regulations or;
- IV. The Tribunal's penalty is either manifestly inadequate or excessive.

22.9.3

An appeal of any determination shall only be made by clubs through FT.

22.9.4

The Appeals Board shall hear and determine appeals against any determination, taking into account any information that was put before the original Tribunal, and new or additional evidence.

22.9.5

The Appeals Board shall dismiss, allow in whole or part, or vary (reduce or increase) the determination, and impose any appropriate sanctions.

22.9.6

Participants summoned to appear before the Appeals Board must attend when advised, otherwise the appeal will be determined in their absence. The Appeals Board reserves the right to fine a participant that fails to appear.

22.9.7

A participant may write to FT outlining a valid reason for not appearing before the Appeals Board and agreeing to the appeal being determined in their absence. In this situation the participant must outline the reasons the appeal should be upheld.

22.9.8

Participants shall comply with all reasonable requests made to them by the Appeals Board. Failure to do so may constitute misconduct and may be heard at a separate hearing.

22.10 Establishment of the Tribunal Appeals Board

22.10.1

FT will appoint an Appeals Board to hear appeals against the decisions of the Tribunal. The Appeals Board shall consist of at least three (3) persons appointed by the Board, one (1) of whom shall be chair.

Employees of FT and members of the original Tribunal may not be appointed to the Appeals Board.

22.10.2

The Tribunal Appeals Board shall follow the same jurisdiction, timeframes, procedure and sanctions as the original Tribunal hearing as contained in this procedure.

22.11 Appeals of a Tribunal Appeals Board Decision

The decisions of the Appeals Board shall be final and binding on all parties.

23. Misbehaviour by Supporters/Fans

Clubs are responsible for the behaviour of their supporters and fans regardless of whether they are the home or away team in a fixture.

- a) The home team's Club has responsibility for evicting supporters or fans that do not adhere to the conditions of entry to the ground, especially with respect to the possession or consumption of alcohol.
- b) The possession and/or lighting of flares or other flammable objects or the throwing of objects is strictly prohibited at all fixtures.
- c) As per FA Code of Conduct any behaviour that creates danger, nuisance, and serious annoyance or is of an offensive nature is strictly prohibited at all fixtures.
- d) The home team's Club is responsible for admission into the ground or entry to the ground precinct. The home team Club may prevent entry to the ground and may evict any person suspected of being in possession or to have been in possession of flares, flammable objects or other items that can create danger, nuisance, or serious annoyance at a fixture.

Any Club whose supporters, members or patrons have been found to be in breach of (b), (c) or (d) above, will be held fully accountable for the actions of their supporters, members, or patrons. Clubs found to be in breach of (b), (c) or (d) shall be fined \$500 for each offence.

If the home team Club is found to have not reasonably carried out its responsibilities in this Rule 23, it shall be fined \$500. This is in addition to other penalties imposed under this clause.

Each Club must take steps to ensure that their supporters, members or patrons are made aware of these prohibitions and do not breach these requirements, regardless of whether they are playing at home or away.

FT reserves the right to take further disciplinary action if it deems that it is necessary.

24. Code of Conduct/ Behaviour

All Clubs, players, supporters and Team Officials (coaches, assistant coaches, team managers, sports trainers) must adhere to the FA codes of conduct as adopted by FT and available on the FT website, www.footballfedtas.com.au. The codes relate to behaviour of coaches, parents, players, spectators, Administrators and match officials at all matches.

Penalties may apply for breaching the specific codes and sanctions could include suspensions and or monetary fines dependent upon the nature of the breach.

25. Payment of Fines

All fines imposed for breaches of the disciplinary system will be invoiced to and be payable by the Club for which the participant who has breached the Regulations is registered.

26. Awards

Best and Fairest, Golden Boot and Golden Glove Awards will be provided in the competitions referenced.

Best and Fairest Awards:

NPL, WSL, Southern Championship, Northern Championship, Women's Southern Championship, Women's Northern Championship.

Criteria:

For the Best and Fairest Awards, the referee for each fixture will award votes. Three votes will be awarded to the best player, two votes to the next best player and one vote awarded to the third best player as judged by the referee.

The player who receives the most votes over the course of the season will win the Best and Fairest Medal for the competition, so long as the player has not received a single suspension offence of two (2) or more games during the season and becomes ineligible to win the Best and Fairest Award.

If two or more players receive the same number of votes, the prize will be split and joint winners announced.

Golden Boot Awards:

NPL, WSL, Southern Championship, Northern Championship, Women's Southern Championship, Women's Northern Championship.

Criteria:

Golden Boot awards will be awarded to the highest goal scorer in each competition.

Golden Glove Awards:

NPL, NPL U21s, WSL.

Criteria:

Golden Glove awards will be awarded to the goal keeper with the highest number of 'clean-sheets' in the respective competition.

Schedule 1 – Minimum Suspensions

Item	Offence	Minimum Suspension
R1	Serious foul play (e.g. when challenging for the ball)	Two (2) matches
R2(a)	Violent conduct (e.g. assault on a player when not challenging for the ball)	Three (3) matches
R2(b)	Violent conduct –e.g. serious nature causing or potentially causing significant bodily harm to any person	Five (5) matches
R2(c)	Violent conduct – e.g. premeditated or prolonged assault or inciting a brawl	Six (6) matches
R3	Spitting at an opponent	Six (6) matches
R4	Denies the opposing team a goal or an obvious goal scoring opportunity by deliberately handling the ball	One (1) match
R5	Denies an obvious goal scoring opportunity to an opponent moving towards the player's goal by an offence punishable by a free kick or penalty kick.	One (1) match
R6(a)	Uses offensive, insulting or abusive language and/or gesture not directed at a match official.	Three (3) matches
R6(b)	Use of discriminatory language and/or gestures, including racist, religious, ethnic or sexist	Twelve (12) matches
R7	Receives a second caution during the same match	One (1) match
R8	Team Official Specific Offences (not covered in R1-R7)	
	1. Delaying the restart of play for the opposition	One (1) match
	2. Deliberately throwing / kick an object onto the field of play	One (1) match
	3. Physical aggressive behaviour towards any person other than a match official	Two (2) matches
	4. Entering the field to confront a match official at half time or full time	Two (2) matches
	5. Entering the field to confront a match official during a match	Three (3) matches
	6. Entering the field to interfere with play or an opposing player	Two (2) matches

	7. Entering the opposing technical area in an aggressive or confrontational manner	Two (2) matches
R9	Offences Committed Against a Match Official	
	1. Disparaging or Derogatory use of Media or Social Media Media or Social Media comment(s), whether verbally or in writing, which are disparaging or derogatory towards match officials.	One (1) Match
	2. Unsporting conduct toward a Match Official	Four (4) Matches
	3. Uses offensive, insulting or abusive language and/or gesture against a Match Official	Five (5) Matches
	4. Threatening or Intimidating language or conduct towards a Match Official or his/her family or property.	Twelve (12) Matches
	5. Assault on a Match Official	Six (6) Months
	6. Biting or Spitting at a Match Official	12 Months

Schedule 2 – Misconduct Penalties (MP)

Participant Misconduct

The following constitute misconduct prejudicial to the objects and/or interests of FT and the sport of football. The following sanctions represent the minimum penalty that shall be imposed. FT reserves the right to refer any misconduct charges directly to the Tribunal.

Item	Offence	Penalty
MP 1	When Participants use Offensive, Insulting or Abusive language towards the match official/s during and/or after a fixture	\$300.00
MP 2	When Participants use intimidating behaviour towards match official/s during and/or after a fixture	\$500.00
MP 3	When Participants use Threatening language and/or behaviour towards the match official/s during and/or after a fixture. Including when 2 or more players surround any match official.	\$500.00
MP 4	When Participants enter the field of play without the permission of the match official during a fixture	\$200.00
MP 5	When a Club fails to take all reasonable steps to control participants during and/or after the fixture	\$500.00
MP 6	When Club fails to complete team sheets and/or match report as per the Rules of Competition in a fixture	\$100.00
MP 7	When three (3) or more Players, Club Officials or Team Officials are involved in a melee during and/or after a fixture	\$300.00
MP 8	When several players together use intimidating, offensive, insulting, or abusive language against the match official/s after a fixture	\$500.00
MP 9	When a team is guilty of Team Misconduct.	\$300.00

Schedule 2 – Misconduct Penalties (MP)

Player, Non-Playing Participant Misconduct

The following constitute misconduct prejudicial to the objects and/or interests of FT and the sport of football. The following sanctions represent the minimum penalty that shall be imposed. FT reserves the right to refer any misconduct charges directly to the Tribunal.

Item	Offence	Penalty
MP 10	When player, or non-playing participant uses threatening language, intimidating behaviour and/or gesture/s, offensive, insulting, or abusive language against the match official/s after being sent-off or removed from the technical area and/or after a fixture	Suspended for five (5) additional games in addition to any suspension relating to the send off in Schedule 1.
MP 11	When player, or non-playing participant uses obscene gesture/s against the match official/s after being sent-off or removed from the technical area and/or after a fixture	Suspended for one additional game to any suspension relating to the send off in Schedule 1
MP 12	When player, or non-playing participant fails when instructed by the match official/s to leave the field of play and the area immediately surrounding the field of play.	Suspended for an automatic two (2) games.
MP 13	When player, or non-playing participant interferes in the officiating of a match by the match official/s.	Suspended for three (3) games in addition to any suspension relating to the send off in Schedule 1.

Schedule 3 – Rostering and Nomination Principles

Nomination Process Principles	
Principle 1	Nomination Form - The nomination process for all Youth & Social Leagues will continue as an online Form. - Once Nominations close, confirmation of nominations will be emailed to each club.
Principle 2	Cooling Off Period - There will be a 14-day cooling off period after nominating for a competition. - If a team withdraws after the cooling off period a financial penalty will apply.
Principle 3	Financial Penalties If a team wishes to withdraw their nomination the following penalties will apply 15% of the Nomination Fee after the cooling off period. 50% of the nomination fee within four (4) weeks of the competition starting. 100% of the nomination fee if season has commenced. If a team wishes to nominate after the closing date the following administration fees will apply 5% of the Nomination Fee after the cooling off period 15% of the nomination fee within four (4) weeks of the competition starting - No nominations will be accepted after the season has commenced.
Principle 4	Duplication Football Tasmania will only accept the first nomination from the designated nomination representative. Any change to first nomination needs to be in writing to Competitions Coordinator competitions@footballfedtas.com.au

Schedule 4 – Penalty Matrix

Item	Offence	Penalty		
		Youth Matches	Senior Matches	NPL / WSL
MFP 1	When Participants use Offensive, Insulting or Abusive language towards the match official/s during and/or after a fixture	\$75	\$300	\$300
MFP 2	When Participants use intimidating behaviour towards match official/s during and/or after a fixture	\$75	\$500	\$500
MFP 3	When Participants use Threatening language and/or behaviour towards the match official/s during and/or after a fixture. Including when 2 or more players surround any match official.	\$150	\$500	\$500
MFP 3	Second MFP 3 Offence	\$200	\$750	\$750
MFP 3	Third MFP 3 Offence	\$250	\$1000	\$1000
MFP 4	When Participants enter the field of play without the permission of the match official during a fixture	\$50	\$200	\$200
MFP 5	When a Club fails to take all reasonable steps to control participants during and/or after the fixture	\$100	\$500	\$500
MFP 5	Second MFP 5 Offence	\$150	\$650	\$650
MFP 5	Third MFP 5 Offence	\$200	\$750	\$750
MFP 6	When Club fails to complete team sheets and/or match report as per the Rules of Competition in a fixture	\$50	\$100	\$100
MFP 6	Second MFP 6 Offence	\$75	\$150	\$150
MFP 6	Third MFP 6 Offence	\$100	\$200	\$200
MFP7	When three (3) or more Players, Club Officials or Team Officials are involved in a melee during and/or after a fixture	\$100	\$300	\$300
MFP7	Second MFP7 Offence	\$150	\$450	\$450
MFP7	Third MFP7 Offence	\$200	\$600	\$600
MFP8	When Several players together use intimidating, offensive, insulting or abusive language against the match official/s after a fixture	\$75	\$300	\$300
MFP8	Second MFP8 Offence	\$100	\$450	\$600
MFP8	Third MFP8 Offence	\$150	\$600	\$600
MFP9	When a team is guilty of Team Misconduct	\$100	\$300	\$300

MFP9	Second MFP9 Offence	\$150	\$450	\$450
MFP9	Third MFP9 Offence	\$200	\$600	\$600
S6	Duties as a Match Manager	N/A	\$300	\$300
S6	Duties as a Team Manager	\$50	\$100	\$100
S8.1	When WSL, NPL or NPL21s Team Officials fail to display their Team Official Pass whilst in the technical area.	N/A	\$100	\$100
S8.1	Second Offence	N/A	\$150	\$150
S8.1	Third Offence	N/A	\$200	\$200
S10. 1	When a club fails to provide FT the colours of their playing uniform thirty (30) days prior to the season commencing.	\$100	\$100	\$100
S10.4	When a team captain fails to wear a Captains Armband.	N/A	\$100	\$100
S10.4	Second Offence	N/A	\$125	\$125
S10.4	Third Offence	N/A	\$150	\$150
S13	Penalty for Breach of Player Eligibility Rules	\$50	\$200	\$200
S14.4	Penalties for Forfeits	\$100	\$200	N/A
S14.6	Penalties for Withdrawals (in addition to penalties set out within Schedule 3)	\$200	\$200	\$2,500
S15	When a club fails to fulfill match balls requirements.	N/A	\$100	\$100
S21.3	Three Cautions for an Official	\$100	\$100	\$100
	Five Cautions for an Official	\$150	\$150	\$150
	Eight Cautions for an Official	\$200	\$200	\$200
	Five Cautions for a Player	\$50	\$75	\$75
	Eight Cautions for a Player	\$75	\$125	\$125
	Ten Cautions for a Player	\$100	\$200	\$200
S21.4	R1 – Guilty of Serious Foul Play	\$75	\$125	\$125
	R2 – Violent Conduct	\$75	\$125	\$125
	R3 – Spitting at an Opponent	\$75	\$125	\$125
	R4 – DOGSO (handball)	\$50	\$75	\$75
	R5 – DOGSO	\$50	\$75	\$75
	R6 – Uses Offensive, Insulting or Abusive Language	\$75	\$125	\$125
	R7 – Receives a second caution during the same match	\$50	\$75	\$75
	R8 – Offence by a Team Official	\$50	\$75	\$75
	R9 – Offence against a Match Official	\$75	\$125	\$125
	Second Suspension During Season*	+\$75	+\$75	+\$75
	Third Suspension During Season*	+\$150	+\$150	+\$150

*All subsequent Red Card Suspensions will receive a fine in addition to the fine set out for individual Red Card sanction.