



MEMORANDUM

To: All Senior Men's Clubs
From: Wendy Carter
Club and Competition Manager
Date: 10/03/2010
Re: Revision of Rules

Dear all

The Football Federation SA (FFSA) has undertaken a review of the FFSA Rules and Regulations and the Operating Guidelines. The review process has included a review of the documents by the FFSA Competition personnel, by a representative of the FFSA Board and also a representative of the Men's Standing Committee. The final copy, outlining the recommended changes, was also sent to all members of the Men's Standing Committee for any further comments.

Please find outlined below the changes that have been implemented to the FFSA Rules and Regulations and Operating Guidelines for Season 2010. As is normal process both documents will again be reviewed at the completion of the season.

FFSA Rules and Regulations

The Clubs

1. Team Names

Any reference to team names now also refers to Team Name and/or Logo.

2. Club Colours and Uniforms

2(2)b – This rule has been amended to read:

The alternative playing uniform shall not clash with the home team playing uniform in accordance with rule 2(6), to avoid a clash of home and visiting teams. A club's alternative playing uniform must include a change of colour for shirts, shorts and socks.

4. Clubs to Field Teams

4(3) – This rule has been amended to include the following:

It must be noted that if a player plays for the higher grade team in any particular round, the player can not play in a lower grade team in that same round even if it is not played on the same weekend. Goalkeepers are exempt from this ruling.

4(6) – This rule has been amended to read approval by the FFSA Board.

6. Remuneration of Players-Senior Men's League Competitions

6(1) – This rule has been amended to read:

The total remuneration paid or provided by Leagues Clubs to their players in any financial year shall not exceed the following amounts:

- (a) **\$90,000** for a (Super League) Club, or
- (b) **\$60,000** for a (Premier League) Club, or

- (c) **\$35,000** for a (State League) Club, or

The amounts will be reviewed by the FFSA on an annual basis.

20. Control of Competitions & Matches

20(6) – An additional clause has been added to this rule that reads:

- (f) Ground stewards are not permitted to smoke or drink while acting in the capacity of a ground steward.

24. Match Result – Protests

24(1) – This rule has been amended to read:

Any protest against the result of a match shall be in writing and shall be delivered to the FFSA during normal business hours on the Monday following the weekend games. Where a game is played mid-week the protest shall be submitted within 24 hours of the end of the match to which the protest relates.

25. Abandoned Matches

25(2) – This rule has been amended to the following. This ruling now specifies when the result of a game may stand.

The FFSA shall have discretionary power to allow the result of an abandoned match to stand as long as at least 75% of the game has been completed.

35. Team Sheets & Match Reports

35(1) – This rule has been amended to include the following:

and the names of the club coach, manager and ground stewards. No game is to commence prior to the Referee receiving the team sheets from both teams.

35(2) – This rule has been amended to read:

A Club shall not play in any match a player who is not named on the team sheet for the match. If a player is not named on the team sheet and plays in the game, the team will be issued with a Level 2 fine.

35(3) – This has been amended from 48 hours to the following:

The Referee shall enter the relevant information on the team sheets and submit them to the Competition Administrator on the Monday following the weekend games. Where a game is played mid-week the match sheets shall be submitted within 24 hours of the end of the match to which the team sheets relate.

63. Registration Procedure

63(5) – The rule has been amended to include the following wording:

Clubs that determine that a player is unfinancial must notify the Football Federation SA in writing.

64. Unregistered, Ineligible and Suspended Players

64 – This rule now refers to players that are unregistered, ineligible or suspended.

64(2)b – This rule has been amended to read:

If the match was played in a league competition, any points that were awarded to the club that played an unregistered, ineligible or suspended player will be deducted and the forfeit result will be applied.

81. Reports of Contravention of Rules and Regulations

81(1)-(2) – These rules have been amended requiring reports to be submitted as outlined below:

On the Monday following the weekend games. Where a game is played mid-week the report shall be submitted within 24 hours of the end of the match to which the contravention relates.

87. Expulsion disqualification and suspension of Clubs

This rule has been amended so that determination is with the FFSA Board and not the Competition Administrator.

96. Enforcement of Rules

96(2) – This rule has been added.

The Football Federation SA is responsible for the governance of the FFSA competitions, the enforcement and determination of the rules is at the discretion of the Football Federation SA.

101. FFSA Cup Competition In Summary

This rule has been amended to include the following wording:

Where the Senior team is drawn to play at home if their Reserves and/or Under 19's are still in the competition, where possible they shall play at home.

Competition Operating Guidelines

RULES SPECIFIC TO THE FFSA SENIOR MEN'S LEAGUE

5. Senior Men's League.

5.8 – This rule has been deleted. The rule specified how many players a senior men's club could register per team, Seniors, Reserves and Under 19s.

5.11 – This rule has been amended removing any discretionary powers of the Competition Administrator when imposing fines relating to incomplete team sheets.

6. Ground Stewards and Their Role and Responsibilities

6.3 – The following information has been added to this rule:

All Ground Stewards are responsible for their own spectators, ground stewards should not become involved with the opposition spectators. If spectators from the opposing club are not behaving in accordance with the FFA Spectator Code of Conduct and no action is being taken by that club's ground stewards, a report should be submitted to the FFSA during normal business hours on the Monday following the weekend games. Where a game is played mid-week the protest shall be submitted within 24 hours of the end of the match to which the protest relates.

6.4 – This rule has been added.

While acting in the role of a Ground Steward, the person must not consume alcohol or smoke.

6.5 – This rule has been amended to reflect the same reporting period.

and shall be delivered to the FFSA during normal business hours on the Monday following the weekend games. Where a game is played mid-week the protest shall be submitted within 24 hours of the end of the match to which the protest relates.

6.7 – This rule has been added.

A level 1 fine will be applied to a club that does not provide the required number of ground stewards

7. Junior Premier League Rules

7.2(h) – The following rule has been added to reflect change to Small-Sided Games.

For age groups 6-10 years of age, please refer to small-sided games guidelines.

7.3 – This rule has been amended to indicate any discretion is with the FFSA.

7.6 – This rule has been amended to add the following wording:

Teams are not permitted to list more than 16 players on a team sheet.

7.8 – Policy relating to Non-Attendance of a Match Official has been added.

7.9 – This rule has been amended to read:

In the absence of an appointed referee for any Under 15 16 or 17 match the games shall not proceed.

9. JPL Player Registrations Cards & Player Checks

This rule has been amended to reflect the involvement of the match official in undertaking a Player Registration Card check. Also clarifies timeframe to submit reports.

13. Small-Sided Games

This rule has been amended to reflect change from Rooball Competitions to Small-Sided Games.

14. Mandatory Match Suspensions for Minor Infringements.

This has been implemented to reflect the National Disciplinary Regulations.

15. Mandatory Match Suspensions for Serious Infringements.

This has been implemented to reflect the National Disciplinary Regulations.

FINAL FIVE SERIES – IN SUMMARY

1. The Competition

1.1 – Reference to promotion and relegation has been change from SHALL to MAY.

3. Host Club Responsibilities

This has been amended to indicate that the host fee would be set by the FFSA on an annual bases and to stipulate requirements for payment of match officials and ground stewards. Ruling now reads:

A club that hosts the finals will be required to pay a hosting fee to the FFSA, these fees will be set by the FFSA on an annual bases. A host club will also be responsible for the payment of all match officials. The host club shall receive 100% of gate receipts, bar and catering profits. The clubs involved in the finals will be required to provide the necessary ground stewards as per the FFSA Competition Rules, however FFSA may require the host club to provide additional ground and/or crowd security.

4 Kick Off Times & Duration of matches

The rule has been amended to include:

However all kick-off times are at the discretion of the FFSA, fixtures that are played outside of these times will be notified to clubs, where possible, prior to the commencement of the Final Five Series.

5 Eligibility of Players

5.2 – Senior Teams eligibility of players has been deleted.

5.3 – Reserve Teams -The rule has been amended to include the following wording:

Clubs are permitted to use players from their Under 19s and/or junior teams without them having to play the required number of games as outlined above.

Note: Participated means that a player must have actually crossed the line of play during a match. A player that is named on the team sheet as a substitute but does not go onto the field of play, are not regarded as having participated in the game.

5.2 – Under 19 Teams – This rule has been amended to include the following wording:

Clubs are permitted to use players from their Under 17s and/or junior teams without them having to play the required number of games as outlined above.

Note: Participated means that a player must have actually crossed the line of play during a match. A player that is named on the team sheet as a substitute but does not go onto the field of play, are not regarded as having participated in the game.

Important Note wording outlined in these rules has been amended from weekend to read round or round of matches.

5.4 – Fielding an Ineligible Player

The rule has been amended to include a level 2 fine.

7. Player Suspensions

7.2 – Carry over player suspensions have been amended to carry over as per the National Disciplinary Regulations.

FFSA CUP COMPETITION

4. Player Suspensions

4.2 – Discretion removed from Competition Administrator

14. Draw

14.1-14.2 rule has been amended to read:

13.1 Each draw shall be undertaken by the FFSA with the participating clubs invited to attend the draw.. The name of each club involved in the competition shall be placed into the draw. Teams will be drawn out one at a time to determine the fixture. The first team drawn out will be home team, the second team to be drawn out, will be the away team. Teams will be drawn out until no further teams are left. If there is a team left in the draw, this team will be allocated a bye.

13.2 If the senior team is drawn to play at home, where possible, the Reserve and Under 19 Cup teams will play at the same venue as their senior team.