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2.2.3 Senior & Overage Registrations/ 2.7.5 Overage Competitions

- **Men's over 45's can no longer have 3 underage players registered as part of the team. All registered players must be turning 45 years of age or greater within the calendar year of competition.**
 - b. All Men's Over 35's and Over 45's players, must turn thirty five (35) or forty five (45) years of age respectively, or greater, within the calendar year of competition
 - i. All Substitute players for the Over 35's and 45's, must turn thirty five (35) or forty five (45) years of age respectively, or greater, within the calendar year of competition

- **The Women's O30's competition has replaced the WO35's competition**
 - a. All Over 30's players in the Women's competition must turn thirty (30) years of age respectively, or greater, within the calendar year of competition
 - i. All Substitute players for the Over 30's women competition, must turn thirty (30) years of age respectively, or greater, within the calendar year of competition

- **The Men's 21's competition has been omitted from the 2012 competition**

2.2.10 Player Photographs

- **Under 8 player's no longer require a photo, only player's 9 and above.**
 - a. Players in divisions Under 9's and above, must have a digital photo taken and be entered into the CCF Registrations system.

2.2.15 Transfer Of Players Between Association Clubs

- a. The transfer of the registration of a player from one club to another club shall be requested either via email or in writing to the previous club's Registrar.
- b. A club must provide clearance within 7 days of the request and provide the following:
 - i. The players FFA registration number
 - ii. The player's financial status if applicable
 - ii. Submit any protests and disputes in relation to the transfer of a player to another club to CCF as per regulation 2.2.18
 - iv. Player's identity registration card if the club is holding for the player

2.2.18 Unfinancial Players

- a. In the event of any player being in debt to their club, for equipment or other items, the burden of proof of such debt shall rest solely with the advising club.
- b. If a club still wishes to register an unfinancial player, the club the player is in debt to can protest to CCF in writing through the Club Secretary. The matter will then be dealt with as

per the protests and disputes process. Refer to section 4 of the Disciplinary Policy and Process manual.

2.2.22 Minimum Registered Players For A Team

- a. No team will be registered unless the minimum numbers of players (as per the following table) have been fully registered, and allocated to that team (including payment of appropriate registration fee to their club). Such players must be valid registered players for the nominated age group.

Division(s)	Minimum No of Registered Players
Under 10's	Nine (9)

2.3.1 Player Number In Teams

- a. Following is a table showing the number of players allowed in each team for various situations:

Division	Max Registered Players	Min Players for Match	Maximum Borrowed Players	Max Players on Team sheet	Max Players on Field
U10	Twelve (12) *	No Min**	No Restriction**	Twelve (12)	Nine (9)
W30, M35, & M45	Twenty (20)	Seven (7)	Five (5)	Sixteen (16)	Eleven (11)

2.3.3 Movement of Players Between Teams

- b. Mixed SSF, Non-Comp, Mixed Juniors, Male Junior competitions:
- iv. Valid M18B players may only play up into MPL, DIV1, or MAA 1 to 5
 - v. Valid M18C players and below may play up into MPL, DIV1, or any MAA team.
- c. Female Junior and Women's competitions
- vi. Valid W18B players may only play up into WPL or WAA 1 to 5.
 - vii. Valid W18C players and below may play up into WPL or any WAA team.
- d. Men's and Women's Competitions
- **The Introduction of a third grade team has been introduced to MPL for 2012 to replace the M21's competition. Refer to d. i and d. ii.**
 - v. A M45 player, when substituting into the M35 or MAA competitions may substitute into any M35 or MAA team.
 - vi. A WAA player who is Age Eligible for W30's, may substitute into the W30's competition

- vii. A WAA player who is Age Eligible for W30's, may substitute into the W30's competition

2.3.4 Assessment of Number of Games Played in a Grade or Division

Men's Premier League and Men's Division One (Substitutes):

- b. When calculating the number of matches played in a division or grade for eligibility purposes, the following will apply.
 - Any player who takes the field in either the first half or second half of play will be credited with a full match
 - Any player playing a credited full match in a fixture, and also a full or part match in a higher grade on the same day will be credited with the lower grade match only.

2.3.5 Four Game Restriction

The Four game Rule has been removed from the 2012 competition.

2.3.5 Final Series Eligibility

- a. All competitions other than Men's Premier League and Men's Division One:
 - i. Players who have played the majority of their competition games in a lower grade will automatically be eligible to play in a higher division or grade in the Final Series.
- b. Premier League and Division 1
 - i. All players are eligible to play for First Grade in the final series.
 - ii. A player will only be eligible to play for Reserve and Third Grade in the Final Series if one or more of the below apply.
 - a. Both First, Reserve and Third Grade for the club are still in the Final Series
 - b. The player played the majority of their season in Reserve or Third Grades
 - c. The player played the majority of the last 5 games of the season in Reserve or Third Grades.
 - iii. Goal keepers who qualify in First Grade shall be eligible to be substitutes for Reserve Grade and third grade as a goal keeper and or stand in for an injured or unavailable Reserve or third Grade goal keeper.

2.4.4 Forfeited Fixtures

- a. The club's Fixtures Officer of a team that is forfeiting a fixture, are to notify the CCF Competitions Administrator by submitting the appropriate forfeit form by 12pm Friday for weekend games or by 12pm on the day of the match for midweek games.

Outside this, it is the responsibility of the Fixtures Officer of the forfeiting team to notify the following;

- The CCF Competitions Administrator via email
- The Opposition club's Fixtures Officer via phone and email and
- The Referee Co-ordinator of CCFRB by phone.

Also in this case, the forfeiting team could be liable for paying for the appointed referee and assistant referees fees.

- b. Any club, without just cause, failing to notify correctly or fulfill an engagement to play the club's fixture on the appointed date, time or venue, shall be deemed to have forfeited that match or matches and will be liable for paying the appointed referee and assistant referee fees and also may be fined at the discretion of CCF.

2.4.6 Splitting Grades During The Competition

- a. In the event of a particular grade being split into separate competitions, once the competition has begun, the following procedure will be followed:
 - i. The splitting will occur at the completion of a specified round.
 - ii. All points, for all teams will be carried over to the new competitions

2.4.7 Notification Of Results

- a. All clubs are to advise in a manner, as required by the CCF Competitions Administrator, their match results for Grade 10 and up.

2.4.9 Postponed Matches / Wet weather Conditions

- a. For all Junior and Senior matches except for SSF, MPL, DIV 1 and WPL in the event of any match not being played owing to weather either due to ground closure or a decision taken by the Referee under Law 5 of the game, or other causes over which neither Club has any control, on being ordered to be replayed, it shall be replayed but with a minimum of two days' notice as per the table below:

Matches will only be changed or rescheduled within the following time frames:

MATCH PLAYED ON	MATCH CHANGED
Saturday	No later than 5pm Thursday
Sunday	No later than 5pm Friday
Monday	No later than 5pm Saturday
Tuesday	No later than 5pm Sunday
Wednesday	No later than 5pm Monday
Thursday	No later than 5pm Tuesday
Friday	No later than 5pm Wednesday

- b. SSF matches will not be rescheduled; all matches will be published in the draw at the beginning of the season.

- c. Depending on field availability MPL, DIV1 and WPL matches may be rescheduled up to 9am on the day of the match.

2.4.15 Team Sheets

- e. Team Sheets are only required for the following grades. The maximum numbers of players who may be listed on a team sheet for each division are:

<i>DIVISION</i>	<i>MAXIMUM ON TEAM SHEET</i>
Under 10's	Twelve (12)

- j. Team sheets can be faxed, emailed or dropped into the CCF office not sent by post.
- k. Nothing other than the above is to be written or recorded on the team sheet.

2.4.22 Finals Series (Premiers)

- b. M35's, M45's and W30's will play a refined final series format to allow extra weekends in the draw for washouts;
Semi Finals 1st v 4th and 2nd v 3rd - Winners to Grand Final and Losers eliminated
- d. The finals series format will be determined by the board during the season and may follow an extended final series format or the standard top four (4) teams on the competition table, in each league.
- f. The Finals Series match format will be as follows:
 - iv. For all Junior and Senior leagues except for MPL, DIV1 and WPL the match will be determined by the Golden Goal rule. The first team who scores a goal during the period of extra time is determined the winner. The game finishes when a goal is scored.
 - v. If the match is still drawn at the end of Extra Time the match shall be determined by a Penalty Shootout, as per FIFA's laws of the game.
 - vi. For MPL, DIV1 and WPL the golden goal rule does not apply, The full duration of extra time will be played, the match will be determined by a Penalty Shootout should the result still be drawn at the end of extra time, as per FIFA's laws of the game.
- g. At least two (2) match balls are to be provided by each junior team and at least two (2) match balls by each senior team.
- h. In the case of a clash of colours in a Final Series match, the away team shall change to their alternate strips. The referee shall be the judge as to whether a clash of colours occurs.

2.5.1 General

- a. Divisions 5, 6, 7, 8, 9 and 10 will play Small Sided Football (SSF) under the FFA format. These matches are strictly non-competition and no point scores are to be released on these matches. Game scores are only recorded on team sheets for U10's and are for grading purposes only. These results are not published.

2.5.4 Match Details

- **The table has been updated with SSF for Under 10's**

2.7.9 Men's Club Champions

- a. At the conclusion of the league fixtures in MPL and Div1, the club in each which has amassed the most points as calculated below, shall be awarded the Club Championship for the most consistent club performance:

Team grades	Total points multiplied by:
First Grade	Four (4)
Reserve Grade	Three (3)
Third Grade	Two (2)
Highest Grade All Age Team	Two (2)
All Other All Age Teams	One (1)