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1.1 INTRODUCTION

- a) These regulations pertain to the registration of players, coaches, managers and other officials in Competition and MiniRoos.
- b) These regulations apply in conjunction with FFA National Registration Regulations as amended from time to time (“the NRR”).
- c) Where there is any inconsistency between NSFA Association Regulations or Regulations and any provision in the NRR then to the extent of such inconsistency the NRR shall prevail.
- d) A player registered with a Football Club cannot move to another Football Club other than in accordance with these Regulations, and any regulation in force from time to time.
- e) A Player registered with a Football Club can only play for that Football Club for the period of the registration, unless granted dispensation under Section 1.26 b) vi) of these Regulation.
- f) The CEO shall maintain a database of Participants containing the required details.
- g) The CEO shall refuse a Participant who refuses to provide the required details at registration.
- h) NSFA and/or the club shall not use information contained in the required details for a purpose other than administrative purposes relating to conduct, control, fostering, developing, promoting and regulating the objectives, competitions and Members of NSFA.
- i) Where usage of the required details is for a purpose other than h) above, NSFA and/or the club must obtain the participant’s consent to such usage beforehand.
- j) De-registration of a participant is as per the NRR and is the sole prerogative of the CEO; clubs may not de-register a participant.

1.2 REGISTRATION OF PLAYERS

1.2.1 Freedom of Choice

- a) A player may apply to register with any club of his or her choice.
- b) The Association reserves the right to refuse an application from a player based on legitimate competition reasons, including number of players, available fields or coaches.

1.2.2 Registration Mandatory

- a) Any person wishing to play in competitions or matches conducted by the Association must register with FFA via the FFA My Football Club registration system.
- b) Players become eligible to play in Association competitions when the player’s club has approved the registration, made the participant “Active”, and placed him/her into a team.

1.2.3 Proof of Age

Every player must provide proof of his/her age to the satisfaction of the club registrar at the time of registration. The Association may call upon clubs to provide such documentation for verification. Failure to provide proof of age will nullify the player’s registration and the team(s) will be penalised by loss of points for all matches in which the player participated as an unregistered player.

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1.2.4 Period of Registration

- a) The FFA My Football Club online registration system opens on 1st January each year.
- b) All registrations are valid from the date the player submits his or her registration on the FFA My Football Club registration system until December 31st of that year.
- c) An amateur player registered with a club may move to any other club during the registration period by following the procedure set out in Section 1.2.8 of these Regulations.
- d) Any amateur player who requests a clearance from a club and that club does not provide such clearance within seven (7) days of the request made, may request the NSFA to process that request.

1.2.5 Dual Registration

- a) Players cannot be dual registered with any other club either from within the Association or outside.
- b) A player registered with FFA can only play for the club nominated on the prescribed form unless the player is playing: -
 - i) For a Representative or Development team (does not include clubs competing in FNSW National Premier Leagues and Youth Leagues and Mixed Skills Acquisition Program);
 - ii) For a futsal club for which that player is also registered;
 - iii) For a schools team that is not a club;
 - iv) In a trial match provided the player has the written permission of his/her club; or
 - v) Any other exceptional circumstances approved by FFA in its absolute discretion.
 - vi) Another NSFA club has borrowed the player under Section 2.6 of NSFA Competition Regulation 2 – Competition Football.
- c) A player may only register for a maximum of three (3) clubs during the period from 1st January to 31st December. During this period, the player may only play in matches for two (2) of those clubs.

1.2.6 Procedure for Registration with NSFA

- a) Players who do not have an 8-digit FFA number must register as a “New Player” using the FFA My Football club online self-registration system. The player will receive an 8-digit FFA number.
- b) Players, who already possess an 8-digit FFA number and nominate to register for a new club, must register using the FFA My Football club online self-registration system.
- c) Players who are returning to the same club that they were registered with in the previous season can register either by completing online self-registration through My Football Club or via the club registrar using My Football
- d) Player must provide all details at the time of registration, including an up-to-date photo of the player if he or she is playing in a competition age group.
- e) Once the player has completed online registration, his/her details will automatically upload to the Association’s registration database.
- f) The club registrar must accept a player’s application via the FFA My Football Club online registration system before a player is eligible to participate in any match. Once accepted the player’s registration status must be marked in the FFA My Football Club online registration system as “Active”
- g) Once the player is “Active”, the club must allocate the player to a team via the Association registration system in order to finalise his/her registration with the Association. A player is not eligible to play in any match until allocated to a team.
- h) Clubs must approve a registration no later than 11:59pm on the day before the scheduled date of the match.

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- i) Registrations for competition age groups are not valid if the player has not attached his/her photo.
- j) Players who have not correctly registered at the time of a match in which they participate are ineligible and the provisions of Section 2.21.1 of NSFA Regulation 2 – Competition Football may be applied.
- k) NSFA will not accept registrations after 1st August, without specific approval of the Competitions Department.

1.2.7 Change of Club within NSFA

Any amateur player wishing to move from one NSFA club to another NSFA club must do the following, in the order indicated:

- a) De-register in My Football Club.
- b) Inform his/her current club which then must confirm that the de-registration request has been approved.
- c) The club then sends a request to NSFA for approval.
- d) Once approved the player must re-register using My Football Club with the new club.
- e) The player's first club must refund to the player the FFA Levy and FNSW Accident Support Scheme payment. Any further refunds are at the discretion of the first club.

1.2.8 De-registration

Any amateur player wishing to deregister from an NSFA club must do the following, in the order indicated:

- a) De-register in My Football Club.
- b) Inform his/her current club which then must confirm that the de-registration request has been approved.
- c) The club then sends a request to NSFA for approval.
- d) The player's first club must refund to the player the FFA Levy and FNSW Accident Support Scheme payment. Any further refunds are at the discretion of the first club.

1.3 REGISTRATION OF OFFICIALS

- a) All coaches and assistant coaches (hereafter called "coaches") in both competition football and MiniRoos Football must register as a coach using the Qualification Management System (QMS) on the FFA My Football Club online self-registration system.
- b) All managers, assistant managers and other team officials (hereafter called "team officials") in both competition football and MiniRoos Football must register as a volunteer using the FFA My Football Club online self-registration system.
- c) All coaches and team officials' details must be provided at the time of registration, including an up-to-date photo uploaded to My Football Club, if applicant is intending to act as a coach or team official in any age group. Coaches in Junior Mixed and Girls' age groups must provide their current FFA Coach ID number if they have one.
- d) Coaches and team officials who already have an 8-digit FFA number as a player, coach, volunteer, administrator or a referee must use his or her existing 8-digit FFA number to register as a coach or team official.
- e) Coaches and team officials who do not have an 8-digit FFA number will be automatically allocated a number when registering.
- f) All coaches and team officials that are eighteen years of age and older must obtain a Working with Children (WWC) number and enter it into the MyFootballClub Registration system. There are no exceptions. Clubs may not employ any person in a role that requires working or volunteering with children under 18 years of age unless they have provided a verified WWC number. BOD 02/17

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- g) All coaches and team officials who are likely to have unsupervised contact with persons 17 years or younger are required to satisfy the requirements of the NSFA Competition Regulation 6 - "Member Protection".



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