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NSPD11A - Playing Strip Policy

The Board of Northern Suburbs Football Association Limited (NSFA) has adopted the following policy to maintain the integrity of club colours and playing strips so that all member clubs can participate in matches without strip clashes.

Playing Strip Requirements

- a) Clubs are permitted one (1) main strip only. The main strip must consist predominantly of the registered colours of the club. This strip must be worn by all teams in all matches except where there is a strip clash*, in which case the second named team is required to wear an alternate strip.
- b) Clubs are permitted one (1) alternate strip only. Alternate strips should ideally be the reverse of the main strip, but the NSFA CEO or Competitions Department may approve alternate strips that are of a different colour and design. This strip may only be worn when the club's main playing strip clashes with their opponent's main playing strip.
- c) Where a club has two or more teams in a division, the second named team is required to wear the alternate strip.
- d) The NSFA CEO or Competitions Department, at their discretion, may grant approval for a club to wear a "one-off" strip, taking into consideration special circumstances.
- e) Clubs are required to provide the NSFA with photographs of both the main playing strip and the alternate playing strip including shirts, shorts and socks. These photographs will be displayed on the NSFA website where practicable. New photographs must be provided by Clubs whenever either strip is changed.
- f) Any significant design or colour changes to either the main playing strip or the alternate playing strip must be approved by the NSFA CEO or Competitions Department.

Club Colours

- a) All NSFA Clubs must register their club colours with the NSFA Office. For the purposes of this policy, the registered club colours will be recorded as the principal colours of the Club's approved main strip as at the 2022 season.
- b) Any changes to a Club's registered colours must be approved by the NSFA CEO or Competitions Department.

Approval Procedure

- a) All requests to change the registered club colours must be in writing to the NSFA Office giving reasons for why the change is requested. The NSFA CEO or Competitions Department may reject the request if it feels that there are already enough clubs using those colours.
- b) All requests to change the design of the Club's main strip and/or alternate strip must include images of the proposed shirts, shorts and socks from the Supplier. The new strip must consist of the registered club colours.
- c) Where the requested design is significantly different from the existing approved strip, the NSFA CEO or Competitions Department may deny the request if it determines that the new strip would clash with another Club's existing approved strip. Examples are if a club goes from a solid colour to stripes, hoops or quarters or the solid colour is reversed.
- d) All requests for playing strip changes from Clubs must be made and approved before purchasing and receiving the new strip. The Board will not approve a strip simply because a club has already purchased or received the new kit. Clubs who purchase playing strips prior to receiving approval for new playing strips do so at their own risk.
- e) The NSFA recognises that it can be an expensive exercise to refit the club's players with a new playing strip so the Board may allow a grace period of up to three (3) years for the new playing strip to be rolled out to all playing shirts worn by players representing the Club.

Penalties

- a) Compliance with this policy will be stringently enforced and penalties for non-compliance will be imposed.
- b) A list of the relevant penalties can be found in Section 2.23 of NSFA Regulations 2 – Competition Regulations.

• Definition of “Clash”

The FIFA Laws of the Game state that teams must wear colours that distinguish them from their opponents and the match officials. The matrix of strip clashes determined by the NSFA Competitions Department will be used to determine strip clashes which should be enforced by Referees. This matrix of strip clashes is on the NSFA website. Please refer to Section 2.23 of NSFA Regulations 2 – Competition Regulations for the regulations regarding club strips.