



Competition Regulations
2021/22 Summer Football

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SECTION 1: ORGANISATION AND ADMISSION

1. Scope and Application

- a) These Regulations apply to Participants in the following competition (**the Competition**) unless stated otherwise:
 - i. Narooma Football Club Mixed Summer Soccer
- b) Where these Regulations are silent on any particular aspect, then all Clubs, affiliated bodies, and organisations will first have regard to the Constitution, By-Laws, FFA rules and regulations and, where applicable, the rules and regulations of the Asian Football Confederation (**AFC**) and FIFA.
- c) If any part of these Regulations is void that part shall be severable and will not affect the enforceability of the remaining sections of these Regulations.
- d) The Competition Administrator will interpret and apply all articles of these Regulations and any such interpretation or application will be final and binding on all parties.

2. Reference

Where these Regulations refer to a “Club” that reference is to a team that is entered into the Competition.

3. Capitalised Terms

Any capitalised terms used in these Regulations will have the meaning given to them in Schedule 3.

4. Alteration

The Competition Administrator will have the ability to vary or expand on these Regulations and make additional rules which will be set out in Schedule 2.

5. Disciplinary Sanctions and Proceedings

All Clubs, Players, Team/Club Officials, Match Officials, Spectators or any person participating in any manner at a Competition Fixture, Match, training or event will submit exclusively to the jurisdiction of the Summer Football Disciplinary Regulations and the Football NSW Grievance and Disciplinary Regulations.

6. Unforeseeable Circumstance

Nothing in these Regulations will prevent Football NSW from approving a course of action to meet unforeseeable circumstances not covered by the Regulations.

7. Control of Competitions

The administrative control and conduct of the Competition is vested with the Competition Administrator endorsed by Football NSW.

SECTION 2: TECHNICAL REGULATIONS

1. Matches Played in Accordance with the Laws of the Game

All Fixtures will be played in compliance with the Regulations in force at the time and in accordance with FFA and Football NSW By-Laws, regulations, codes and directives, and under the FIFA Laws of the Game where applicable.

2. Recommended Age Grades

The Competition Administrator may determine the age groups for which it will conduct competitions but competitions below the U6 age group are not permitted under any circumstances. For the avoidance of doubt, players who do not turn 5 or older in 2021 are not permitted to participate in Summer Football competitions.

3. Match Format

- a) The Competition Administrator may determine which of the following formats it wishes to deliver its competition in:
 - 5 v 5;
 - 6 v 6; or
 - 7 v 7.
- b) The exception to rule 3(a) above will be if a participation opportunity is offered to U6 and U7 players, for which a 4 v 4 format must be applied in compliance with FFA MiniRoos Playing Format and Rules.
- c) With the exception of the 4 v 4 format, in which there is no goal keeper, the total numbers indicated above are inclusive of the goal keeper.
- d) For age groups U6 and U7, the Competition Administrator must apply the principles of FFA MiniRoos Playing Format and Rules, including:
 - 4 v 4 format;
 - no competition tables or points; and
 - no finals series.
- e) For age groups U8 to U11, the Competition Administrator must apply the principles of FFA MiniRoos Playing Format and Rules, including:
 - no competition tables or points;
 - no finals series;
 - for the U11 age group, Football NSW will consider applications from the Competition Administrator seeking to conduct a finals series as preparation for the upcoming winter football season as a step from MiniRoos to 11-a-side football; and
 - the Competition Administrator may apply smaller team numbers than those contained in the FFA MiniRoos Playing Format and Rules, i.e. 5 v 5, 6 v 6 or 7 v 7.
- d) For age groups U12 and upwards, the Competition Administrator may conduct competitions with competition tables and/or points and with a finals series.

4. Duration of Match

- a) Match duration will be at the discretion of the Competition Administrator. This flexibility is provided given different constraints at various venues, including numbers of teams, age grades, players per team, and length of venue hire.
- b) The following table details Football NSW's preferred Match durations:

Age Grade	Match Duration
U6 and U7	Two 10 minute halves
U8 – U11	Two 12 minute halves
U12 – U16	Two 15 minutes halves
U17 and older	Two 20 minute halves

5. Added Time

It will be at the discretion of the Competition Administrator if added time is played.

6. Extra Time

It will be at the discretion of the Competition Administrator if extra time is played during the Championship of the Competition.

7. Determining the Winner by Penalty Kicks

- a) If the result of a Match in the Championship is a draw (including after extra time where applicable) alternate kicks from the penalty mark will be taken to determine the winner, consistent with the principles described in the FIFA Laws of the Game.
- b) If the taking of kicks from the penalty mark cannot be completed because of weather conditions or for other reasons beyond the control and not the direct result of actions by either Team, the result will be decided by the drawing of lots by the Match Official in the presence of the two (2) Team captains.
- c) If, through the fault of a Team / Club (as determined by the Competition Administrator, in its absolute discretion), the taking of kicks from the penalty mark cannot be completed, the Match will be deemed forfeited against that Team / Club.
- d) If, through the fault of both Teams / Clubs (as determined by the Competition Administrator, in its absolute discretion), the taking of kicks from the penalty mark cannot be completed, the Match will not be replayed and no match result will be applied.
- e) A determination made by the Competition Administrator under Rule 7(b), (c) or (d) is final and not subject to any challenge, appeal or review.

8. Footballs

- a) The Competition Administrator is responsible for either providing the match balls or communicating to the Clubs that they are required to provide the match balls.

- b) The following ball sizes are applicable to the different age grades:

Grade	Size
U14 and older	5
U10 to U13 inclusive	4
U9 and under	3

9. Premiership Ranking

The following process applies when determining the ranking of Teams within each grade of Competition:

- a) Greater number of points obtained in all Premiership Matches.
- b) If two (2) or more Teams are equal on the basis of the above criteria, their place will be determined as follows:
 - i. Greater goal difference resulting from all Premiership Matches;
 - ii. Greater goals scored from all Premiership Matches;
 - iii. Greater number of points obtained in Premiership Matches between the Teams concerned (head to head); and
 - iv. Greater number of goals scored in Premiership Matches between the Teams concerned (head to head).

10. Competition Points

Points will be allocated as follows for all Premiership Matches:

- a) Win - 3 points;
- b) Draw - 1 point each Team;
- c) Bye - No points;
- d) Loss - No points; or
- e) Forfeit - 3 points to the Team receiving the forfeit.

11. Competition System

The Competition Administrator may conduct a Premiership or Premiership and Championship which will include:

- a) A Premiership consisting of a league format as approved by the Competition Administrator; and, if applicable,
- b) A Championship consisting of knockout Matches in a format approved by the Competitions Administrator.

12. Technical Rules for the Championship

- a) All Championship Matches (where applicable) will be played in accordance with the knockout system, single match.
- b) Teams will play a single match and the Team having scored most goals in the Match will win the Match.
- c) If extra time or penalty kicks are required to determine the winner of a Championship Match, they will be conducted as per these Regulations.

13. Clash of Colours

Resolving a clash of colours will be at the direction of the Competition Administrator.

14. Interchange

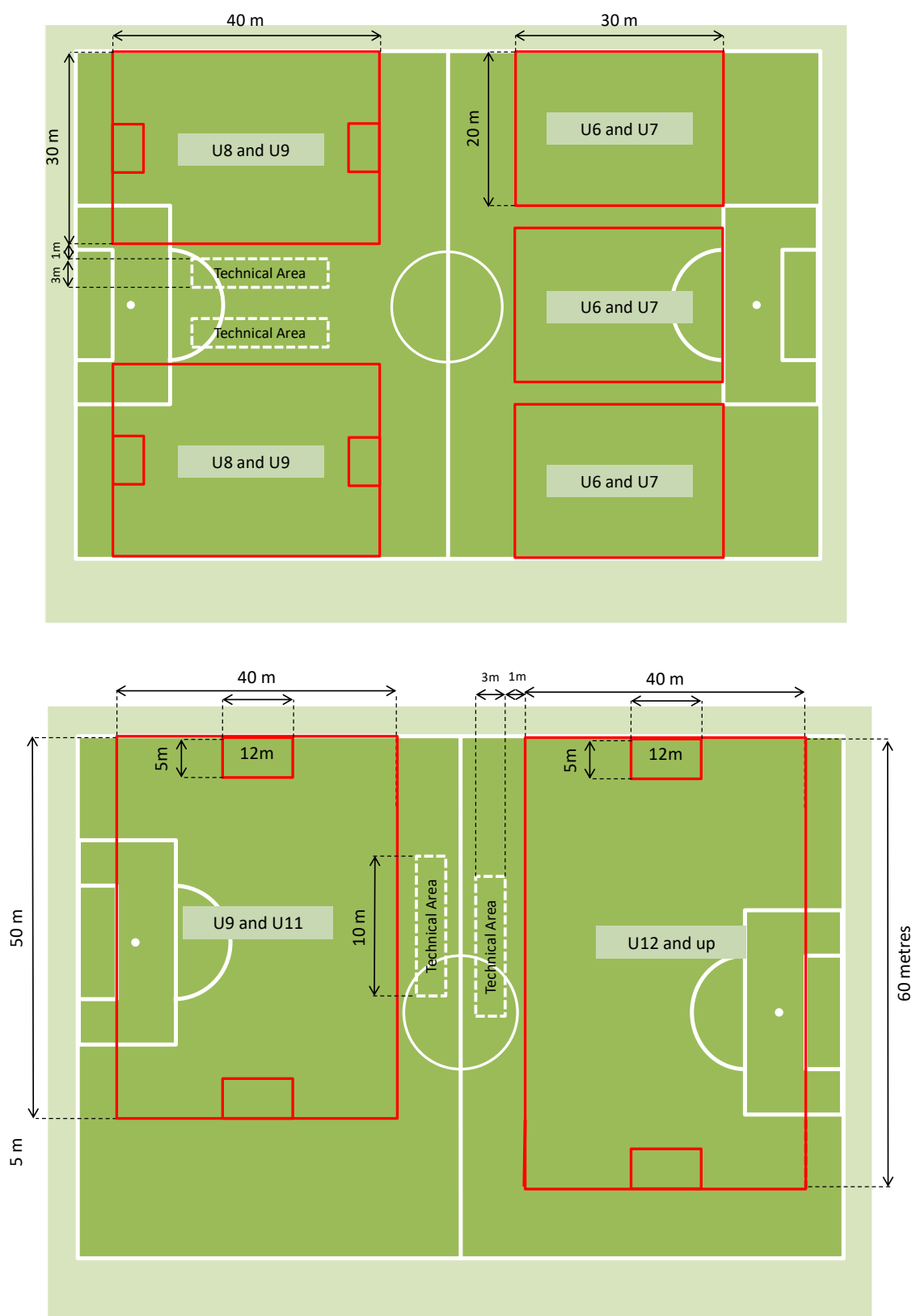
- a) For all Competitions, unlimited interchange applies.
- b) The following is the procedure and rules for the unlimited interchange of Players:
 - i. The "Interchange zone" will be an area one (1) metre either side of the half-way line.
 - ii. An interchange is one which is made when the ball is out of play, and for which the following conditions will be observed:
 - a. the Player leaving the field will do so from the touch line, crossing over at the Interchange zone"; and
 - b. the Player entering the field will also do so from the Interchange zone, but not until the Player leaving the field has passed completely over the touch line.
 - iii. If penalty kicks are required to obtain a result, any Player that participated in the Match is able to participate in the taking of penalties.
- c) Substitutes and interchange Players cannot be used to replace any Player who has been dismissed from the Match by the Match Official.

15. Preferred Field Dimensions

- a) The following table details Football NSW's preferred pitch dimensions and goal sizes:

Category	U6 & U7 (4v4)	U8 & U9	U10 & U11	U12 and up
Field size	Length: 30m Width: 20m	Length: 40m Width: 30m	Length: 50m Width: 40m	Length: 60m Width: 40m
Field markings	Markers or lines markings or combination	Markers or lines markings or combination	Markers or lines markings or combination	Markers or lines markings or combination
Penalty area	Not required	Depth: 5m Width: 12m	Depth: 5m Width: 12m	Depth: 5m Width: 12m
Goal size	Height: 1m Width: 2m	Height: 2m Width: 3m	Height: 2m Width: 5m	Height: 2m Width: 5m
Goal type	Pop-up goals	Portable goals	Portable goals	Portable goals

b) The following is the preferred field orientation for each age group:



16. Clubs Removed or Withdrawn from Competitions

In the event of any Team withdrawing or being removed from the Competition, all Matches against that Team will be treated as a bye or forfeit.

17. Restarts (goals kicks, throw-ins or kick-ins)

- a) The Competition Administrator may either apply throw-ins or kick-ins as the approved method of restarts should the ball leave the Field of Play across a touch line.
- b) The Competition Administrator may require the goal keeper to either throw the ball into play or kick the ball into play to restart the match after a “goal kick” is awarded by the Match Official.

18. Match Schedule and Kick-Off Times

Match scheduling will be flexible and rests with the Competition Administrator.

19. Wet Weather Affected Fixtures

In all instances where rain preceding a Match raises doubt as to the possibility of play taking place, the Competition Administrator will establish a process by which Clubs are informed of the status of that day’s Matches. This may include the responsibility being passed to the Clubs to check a wet weather phone line or website notification.

20. Abandoned Matches

- a) When a Match is abandoned for any reason for which neither Club is responsible, the Match may be replayed at the discretion of the Competition Administrator.
- b) Should a Club, its Players, Officials, or Spectators be found to have caused the abandonment of the Match, the Match will be forfeited by that Club to the opposition.
- c) Should both Clubs, their Players, Officials, or Spectators be found to have caused the abandonment of the Match, the Match will not be replayed and no match result will be applied.
- d) A decision in relation to the responsibility for causing an abandonment under this Rule 20 is to be made by the Competition Administrator in its absolute discretion and that decision is final and not subject to any challenge, appeal or review.

21. Forfeits

- a) Teams will be deemed to have forfeited a Match when:
 - i. they fail to fulfill an engagement to play a Match on the appointed date, time or venue;
or
 - ii. they refuse or fail to begin a Match within ten (10) minutes of the stipulated kick-off time;
or
 - iii. they field fewer than the required players as communicated by the Competition Administrator; or
 - iv. they field an ineligible Player; or

- v. any other scenario within these Regulations or the Grievance and Disciplinary Regulations that stipulates a forfeit of the Match.
- b) In the event of any Team forfeiting its Match, full points allocated for the Match will be forfeited to the opposing Team (**Opposing Team**) and the goals will be recorded as three (3) goals scored by the Opposing Team and 0 goals by the Team who has forfeited, unless the Opposing Team won by more than 3 goals, in which case the result on the pitch will be upheld.

22. Protests

- a) Protests must be lodged and received by the Competition Administrator no later than two (2) hours after the Match was played.
- b) The Competition Administrator will only consider protests for obvious breaches of the Laws of the Game that clearly had a material effect on the outcome of the Match.
- c) No protests as to the result of a Match will be considered in relation to disciplinary decisions of the Match Officials or decisions of facts relating to play.
- d) Protests must be accompanied by a \$50 administration fee in order to be considered. The administration fee must be lodged together with the written protest.
- e) The Competition Administrator may, in its absolute discretion, refund the administration fee if the protest is upheld.
- f) A decision by the Competition Administrator in relation to a protest is final and not subject to any challenge, appeal or review.

SECTION 3: ELIGIBILITY

1. Age Eligibility

Eligibility to age grades will be determined by the age in which the player turns in 2021. For example, a player turning 12 at any time during 2021 is eligible for the U12 age grade.

2. Eligibility and Ineligibility of Players General

- a) Eligible Players: An eligible Player is one that meets all registration requirements within these Regulations and is not ineligible according to any article of these Regulations.
- b) Ineligible Players: Ineligible Players include:
 - i. unregistered Players;
 - ii. suspended Players;
 - iii. a Player who is required to stand down for receiving the required number of cautions; and
 - iv. a Player that is deemed ineligible due to any article of these Regulations, the Summer Football Grievance and Disciplinary Regulations or the Football NSW Grievance and Disciplinary Regulations.
- c) Any Team that fields an ineligible Player will automatically lose that Match on forfeit.
- d) Additionally, the Club, its Official/s and the Player may be further sanctioned in accordance with the Summer Football Grievance and Disciplinary Regulations or the Football NSW Grievance and Disciplinary Regulations.

- e) For clarity, it is the Club's absolute responsibility to ensure that they field eligible players in any Match.

SECTION 4: REGISTRATION

1. Player Status

- a) All Players registered to the Competition must be amateurs.
- b) Clubs are required to record the status of each Player on PlayFootball by having the Player self-register.
- c) Players are permitted to play for any number of Clubs in Summer Football competitions affiliated with Football NSW, but not for multiple Clubs within the one division of any Competition.

2. Process for the Registration of an Amateur

- a) All Players must be registered via the PlayFootball system. The registration of an amateur Player with a Club is effective from the date the individual is made active by the Club on PlayFootball.
- b) The registration must be effected through:
 - i. the player self-registering via PlayFootball and the Club accepting the Player's registration; and
 - ii. if a Player is registering for the first time, that Player must provide the Competition Administrator with evidence of name and age, by producing an original birth certificate, passport or drivers licence.

3. Submission of Registrations

All registrations must be submitted via PlayFootball and a head and shoulders photo is to be uploaded into the Player profile within the communicated registration period.

4. Registration Periods

The Competition Administrator will communicate the Competition registration period.

5. Player Deregistration

- a) A Player may be de-registered by applying to de-register via PlayFootball, which will notify the Club and the Competition Administrator of the Player's intention to deregister.
- b) If a Club no longer wants a Player to play for the Club, that Club needs to apply to deregister that Player via PlayFootball, which will notify the Player and the Competition Administrator and Football NSW of the Club's intention to deregister the Player.
- c) The deregistration is effective:
 - i. When the other party (i.e. Club or Player as the case may be) has confirmed the notification or cancellation; or
 - ii. Players: seven (7) days from the date the Player requested the deregistration via PlayFootball unless a grievance has been initiated with the Competition Administrator

- d) Any disputes relating to Player deregistration will be settled in accordance with the FFA National Grievance Resolution Regulations and the Football NSW Grievance and Disciplinary Regulations.

6. Maximum Player Rosters

The Competition Administrator will communicate maximum team roster if applicable.

SECTION 5: TEAM SHEETS, REPORTING AND MATCH OFFICIALS

1. Match Official Appointments

The appointment of all Match Officials will be made by the Competition Administrator in consultation with the Referee Branch or Association providing the Match Officials.

2. Match Official Powers, Duties and Obligations

- a) The Match Officials are charged with all duties, responsibilities and obligations as contained within the FIFA Laws of the Game.
- b) Unless otherwise stated, the Match Official will be the sole arbiter as to whether a game will proceed, having regard to the condition of the ground, the weather at the time of inspection, and the projected weather forecast.
- c) If the Match Official finds it necessary to stop play for whatever reason, he / she should wait a reasonable time before deciding to abandon the Match.
- d) The Match Officials may abandon, postpone or forfeit a Match in accordance with any relevant articles of these Regulations.
- e) In addition, the Match Officials are required to, immediately after the conclusion of each Match, forward to the Competition Administrator send-off reports and any incident reports.

3. Welfare of the Match Officials

The Competition Administrator will be responsible for the welfare of the Match Officials, from the time they arrive at the venue, until the time they depart the venue.

4. Non-attendance of Match Officials

Should an official referee not be appointed, or be appointed and not attend, it is the Competition Administrator's responsibility to determine who will officiate the Match. This may be a volunteer, employee or Club representative, or combination of any of the above throughout the Match.

5. Team Sheets

- a) The Competition Administrators is required to prepare team sheets for each Match. These can be either via the SportsTG online platform or hard copy.
- b) The numbers on the back of the Player's jerseys will correspond to the numbers on the team sheet handed to the Match Official before the commencement of a Match.
- c) When a Match is forfeited, the team sheet will be endorsed accordingly by the Match Official.

- d) A Team/Club Official from both the home and away Club is to sign the team sheet at the completion of the Match to confirm the information is correct.
- e) Unless otherwise stated in the Summer Football Grievance and Disciplinary Regulations, or in these Regulations, a Player listed on the team sheet will be deemed to have participated in the Match.
- f) The home Club Team appears first on the team sheet (left side).

6. Match Result Reporting

The Competitions Administrator will upload the scores of each match to the Competition website.

7. Expulsion and Caution Reporting

Expulsion and caution reporting is as per the Summer Football Grievance and Disciplinary Regulations.

SCHEDULE 1: ADDITIONAL RULES CHAMPIONS & CHAMPIONS

1. Champions of Champions

- a) Football NSW will conduct a Champion of Champions for the open men's and women's age grades of the 2021/22 Summer Football season (**2021/22 Summer Football Champion of Champions**).
- b) Competition Administrators will be invited to nominate one open men's and one open women's team to compete in the 2021/22 Summer Football Champion of Champions competition.
- c) The team nominated by the Competition Administrator must meet the following criteria:
 - be comprised of players that competed as a team in the 2021/22 Summer Football Competition delivered by the Competition Administrator; and
 - have finished as the Premier or Champion (which should be noted in the respective competition regulations of the Summer Football Competition); or
 - be the highest positioned team on the ladder should nominations be required prior to the completion of any Summer Football Competition.
- d) The Summer Football Champion of Champions competition will be facilitated by Football NSW at no extra cost to affiliated Summer Football Competition Administrators or participating Teams.
- e) Additionally, regardless of the format participated in at the respective Summer Football Competition, teams that qualify and participate in the Summer Football Champions of Champions competition will do so in a 6 v 6 format.
- f) The Summer Football Champion of Champions competition will be conducted in 2021, before the Christmas break.

Football NSW will issue further regulations, competition dates and match schedules once the number of Competition Administrators that intend on nominating teams is confirmed.

SCHEDULE 2: ADDITIONAL RULES – COMPETITION SPECIFIC

1. Scope and Application

- a) These additional regulations expand on the Regulations presented above.
- b) These additional regulations are specific to the following Competition only:
 - i. Narooma Football Club Mixed Summer Soccer

2. Age Grades

Under 14 and over.

3. Match Format

5 v 5

4. Duration of Match

Two 20 minute halves.

5. Added Time

No added time is to be played.

6. Extra Time

No extra time is to be played.

7. Footballs

Size 4 futsal balls are to be used for all matches.

8. Competition System

Premiership competition format with no finals.

9. Clash of Colours

In the event of a clash of colours, the Away Club (i.e. team) is required to wear bibs.

10. Restarts (goals kicks, throw-ins or kick-ins)

Kick-ins are to be used to restart play should the ball leave the Field of Play across a touch line. The goal keeper must throw the ball into play or kick the ball off the ground to restart the match after a “goal kick” is awarded. Goal kicks/throws must bounce in the defensive half before travelling over the halfway line.

11. Registration Periods

Registrations must be approved in the PlayFootball system prior to a player taking the field of play.

12. Maximum Player Rosters

Each Club (i.e. team) must consist of at least 7, but no more than 10, registered players.

13. Other Competition Specific Regulations

Two female players must be on the field of play at all times.

Studded football boots are not permitted. Futsal shoes or sneakers must be worn. The use of shin pads is strongly recommended.

Slide tackles are not permitted. The Match Official shall award a free kick to the opposing team if a player attempts a slide tackle. Repeated offenses will result in exclusion from the fixture.

Futsal court dimensions and markings will be used for all matches. Portable 1m (high) x 2m (wide) goals will be used.

Match Officials have the authority to “sin bin” players for 5 minutes if they consider that a player is using excessive force, particularly when shooting for goal.

If a match ball enters one of the adjacent bowling greens, one player must walk (not run) onto the green to retrieve it.

All participants are required to sign in upon arrival for COVID safety purposes.

All participants are required to abide by any COVID Safety directive given by the Narooma FC COVID Marshal.

The Narooma FC COVID Marshal has the authority to eject any player or spectator from Club Dalmeny property if their behaviour is deemed to be inappropriate.

SCHEDULE 3: DEFINITIONS

“By-Laws” means the by-laws of Football NSW as amended from time to time.

“Championship” means the final series conducted at the completion of the Premiership in accordance with the Regulations.

“Club” means any entity, team or group of individuals registered with FFA and/or Football NSW or admitted to participate in the Competition.

“Club Official” means any person involved with the administration, management or organisation of a Club (whether paid, unpaid or honorary), including employees, contractors, directors, representatives and volunteers.

“Competition” mean the relevant organised Summer Football matches delivered by the Competition Administrator.

“Competition Administrator” means the entity endorsed by Football NSW to administer and conduct the Competition, including enforcement of its rules and regulations, and/or its delegate.

“Constitution” means the constitution of Football NSW as amended from time to time.

“FFA” means Football Federation Australia Limited, the governing body for football (soccer) in Australia.

“Field of Play” or **“playing area”** means the field of play and any perimeter area between the line markings of the pitch and the spectator area.

“FIFA” means Federation Internationale de Football Association, its successor or assignee.

“Fixture” means a meeting of two (2) Clubs as scheduled in all grades applicable.

“Football NSW” means Football NSW Limited ACN 003 215 923 which is the governing body for football (including Futsal) in the State.

“Home Club” means the Club playing the Match at its home ground and/or appearing first on the fixture list in the event a Match is conducted at a neutral venue.

“Laws of the Game” means the official laws of the game of football and futsal as promulgated by FIFA.

“Match” means any match played in the Competition, a Football NSW Competition, Cup, Premiership, other event or tournament under Football NSW’s control.

“Match Official” means a referee, assistant referee, fourth official, match commissioner, any person in charge of safety or any other person appointed by FFA, Football NSW, a Referee’s Body, a Centre, an Association Member, a Club or the Competition Administrator to assume responsibility in connection with a Match but does not include a Team Official or Club Official.

“Official” means a Club Official, Match Official or Team Official.

“Participant” means a Player, Official or Spectator.

“Player” means any person who participates in a Match (irrespective of whether he or she is registered with FFA, junior or senior or an amateur or professional).

“Premiership” means the round robin Matches (both home and away) that a Team competes in during a Season in accordance with these Regulations.

“Regulations” means these Regulations.

“Season” means from the commencement of the Competition to the conclusion of the Competition unless otherwise directed by the Competition Administrator.

“Spectator” means a person who attends a Match.

“State” means the state of New South Wales with the exception of the northern regions of NSW which are identified by FFA as “Northern NSW”.

“Summer Football Grievance and Disciplinary Regulations” means the Grievance and Disciplinary Regulations of the Competition as endorsed by Football NSW.

“Suspensions” means the suspensions issued by a Body pursuant to these Regulations or the Summer Football Disciplinary Regulations.

“Team” means any team registered with FFA and/or Football NSW or any team admitted by the Competition Administrator to participate in the Competition.

“Team Official” means any person involved with the management, preparation or participation of a Team (whether paid or unpaid), including the coaches, managers, medical staff, other support staff or any other person acting for or on behalf of a Team.