

# **Limestone Coast Football Association (LCFA) COMPETITION RULES and REGULATIONS**

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***This document should be read in conjunction with the Rules & Regulations of the Football Federation SA, the FFA Regulations & the FIFA Laws of the Game.***

## **LCFA PREMIERSHIP COMPETITION**

The LCFA Competition shall be conducted in accordance with the FIFA Laws of the Game, FFA National Polices and Statutes, FFSA Competition Rules and Regulations in addition to the Competition Rules and Regulations. These guidelines are to be read in conjunction with all other FFA and FFSA Rules and Regulations.

All teams must fulfil the competition entry requirements to be eligible for admission into the relevant league.

## **LCFA - ESSENTIAL GROUND REQUIREMENTS**

### **1. PLAYING SURFACE AND AREA**

- a. The pitch markings must fall between the following range:
  - i. minimum length of 90m and maximum length of 120m
  - ii. minimum width of 45m and maximum width of 90m
- b. The field of play must be rectangular. The length of the touch line must be greater than the length of the goal line.
- c. The pitch shall be an evenly grassed surface and all internal field markings must be in accordance with the Laws of the Game.
- d. Clubs encouraged to fence, fully enclosing the field of play and that is a minimum of 2m in distance from the side lines and goal lines. The fence must be in a good condition and safe.
- e. Clubs encouraged to have a covered player's race from the dressing rooms to the playing area.
- f. Goalposts, goal nets and corner flags of approved material, colour and dimensions as per the current Laws of the Game.
- g. Laws of the Game stipulate that a corner posts, not less than 1.5m high, with a non-pointed top and flag must be placed at each corner. Flag posts may also be placed at each end of the halfway line, not less than 1m outside the touch line.
- h. Two covered coaches/substitutes benches/dugouts, with adequate seating for 10 people. All must be named on the Team Sheet.

### **2. PLAYER'S AND MATCH OFFICIAL AMENITIES**

- a. Separate dressing rooms to accommodate home and away teams and one dressing room or area set up for match officials, each dressing room is to be lockable.

#### **Each home and away players' dressing room must include:**

- i. Sufficient space to comfortably accommodate at least 16 players and 5 officials at any one time.
- ii. Shower facilities with a minimum of two shower heads providing hot and cold water.

- iii. Toilet facilities that are adequately maintained and include at least one hand basin.
- iv. Lockers or hanging facilities for player's clothing.
- v. Trainer's Table.

**Match Official's Dressing Room or Designated Area should have:**

Sufficient space to comfortably accommodate up to four match officials at any given time.

- i. Sufficient space to comfortably accommodate up to four match officials at any given time.
  - ii. Shower facilities providing hot and cold water.
  - iii. Toilet facilities that are adequately maintained and that include a hand basin.
  - iv. Locker or hanging facilities for match officials clothing.
  - v. Table
- b. All changing room facilities must be permanent buildings.
  - c. All Clubs must have an approved stretcher onsite.

**3. SPECTATOR AMENITIES**

- a. Spectator amenities prefer they be fully enclosed with a perimeter fencing ensuring admission into the ground is controlled.
- b. A toilet block for male and female patrons that is situated within the playing venue. Encouraged to provide disabled toilet access.
- c. A canteen/kiosk serving hot and cold drinks and foods compliant with all health and council regulations.

**4. OTHER**

- a. Access is available for emergency vehicles including access to the playing field.
- b. Refer FFSA Smoke Free Policy and LCFA to prefer smoke free within 5metres of the playing pitch on match day.
- c. Alcohol that is consumed outside of the clubroom must not be served in glass containers.

**5. Ground Criteria to be fulfilled as at the commencement of Season**

- a. The FFSA recommends that the Australian Standard AS2560.2.3-2007, Sports Lighting be implemented across all competitions. The FFSA will permit night games to be played at all levels of competition if the floodlighting is a minimum of 100 Lux.
- b. FFSA/LCFA will work with all clubs through the FFSA Facility Strategy to assist in the upgrading of floodlighting with the aim of implementing the Australian Standards.

## **LCFA — GENERAL ESSENTIAL REQUIREMENTS**

### **1. TEAMS**

#### **1.1 Number of Teams**

All LCFA Clubs are encouraged to field the following teams: But to be in Association clubs must have a minimum of a Senior Team and a Junior Team

- i. Seniors
- ii. Reserves
- iii. Under 17s
- iv. Under 14s
- v. Under 12s
- vi. Mini Roos (Under 6s, Under 8s & Under 10s)

### **2. COACHING APPOINTMENTS AND ACCREDITATION**

#### **2.1 LCFA Technical Director**

LCFA is encouraged to appoint a Technical Director (Director of Coaching) accredited to a minimum of a Senior Licence to oversee the football operations of their Association.

#### **2.2 Coach Accreditation**

All LCFA Clubs are required to appoint suitably qualified coaches to all of the teams that they field.

#### **2.3 Coaching Accreditation Requirements**

The minimum requirement is Skilled Acquisitions Certificate.

### **3. DOCUMENTATION AND REPORTING**

All clubs are to implement the following club liaison officers and reporting mechanisms:

#### **3.1 Club Liaison Officers**

All LCFA Clubs will be required to implement people to the following positions to assist with communication between the FFSA and the club:

- a. Club Registrar – PlayFootball
- b. Publicity Officer

#### **3.2 Annual Report**

All LCFA Clubs on request are to submit an Annual Report to LCFA by 1 January each year outlining their activities for the year. The report is to also include an audited financial report.

#### **3.3 Business and Strategic Plan**

All LCFA Clubs are encouraged to develop an annual Business Plan and a longer term Strategic Plan that outlines the vision, goals and action plans of the club in all areas. These plans should include facility development.

## **4. MEDICAL REQUIREMENTS**

### **4.1 Medical Personnel**

All Teams should have a qualified First Aid Officer available, identified to match officials.

### **4.2 Medical Equipment**

All LCFA clubs are encouraged to provide medical equipment, including strapping to their Senior Teams. Each team is to be provided with a first aid medical kit.

## **5. LOGO REQUIREMENTS**

- a. The logo of LCFA Major sponsor must appear on the right-hand side of the chest of all teams involved in the Association, including away strips, excluding Mini Roos.
- b. The logo of the LCFA is to be placed on the playing shirt of all teams that compete in the LCFA/FFSA Competitions. The logo to be placed on rear of the strip on the collar, and the ball must be 40mm in diameter. Any logo colour changes must be approved by LCFA.  
Level 3 fine applies per match.
- c. Club logo to be placed on left hand side of the chest.
- d. On junior strips there is to be no alcohol or cigarette logos.

## **6. PRESENTATION OF GAMES**

Implement match day guidelines as established by the LCFA at the commencement of each season.

## **7. RESPECT PROGRAM**

All clubs that participate in LCFA/FFSA competitions are required to implement the Respect Program. This includes displaying all required resources attached to the program and following all directives relating to this program.

## **COMPETITION OPERATIONS**

### **1. Admission Charges & Official Passes**

- a. The following admission charges shall apply for all matches of the LCFA competitions played at local club grounds, the LCFA shall review admission charges on an annual basis.

### **LCFA Premiership & Cup Rounds and Semi Finals.**

a \$6.00 Adults, \$3.00 Concession, Under 17 Free

### **LCFA – Grand Final.**

\$10.00 Adults, \$6.00 Concession, Under 17 free  
Concession is a pension card (Aged, Disability Support etc.) not Health Care card.

- b. The LCFA shall issue on a yearly basis to designated persons an Official LCFA entry pass to cover admission into specified matches throughout the season as determined by the FFSA. Passes will be provided to each Life Member, Meritorious Member, LCFA Board Members and Referees. These passes shall allow INDIVIDUAL

entry to matches unless otherwise specified. LCFA Clubs each to receive two (2) Season Passes marked with the club name and 1 & 2.

LCFA to provide each club with the list of free passes for the season.

The passes will be valid for any final series conducted and grand finals unless otherwise determined by the LCFA.

## **2. Kick-off Times and Duration of Games**

a. The standard kick-off times shall be as listed unless otherwise approved by the Competition Administrator.

Seniors	3:00pm - 2 x 45 minute halves, with 10 minute interval at half time.
Under 14's	1:35pm - 2 x 30 minute halves, with 5 minute interval at half time.
Reserves	11:45am - 2 x 45 minute halves, with 10 minute interval at half time.
Under 17's	10:10am - 2 x 40 minute halves, with 5 minute interval at half time.
Under 12's	9:00am - 2 x 25 minute halves, with 5 minute interval at half time.

**\* Night Games add 3 hrs to starting times.**

If for any reason a game starts later than their scheduled time, both halves will be shortened equally, the game still must finish on time.

Mini Roos – Under 6's, Under 8's and 10's at a time designated by the LCFA (depending on the number of team/clubs involved)

b. All Senior, and Reserve games shall be of 90 minutes duration.

Under 17 Matches shall be of 80 minutes duration, Under 14 matches shall be of 60 minutes duration and Under 12 matches shall be 50 minutes duration.

In all cases additional allowances for lost time as per the FIFA Laws of the game is permissible subject to time restrictions at each venue on match days. Match Officials shall adjust playing times accordingly ensuring the proceeding games kick off at the scheduled time. Unless otherwise notified by the LCFA.

The game that commences late is to finish on time ie: shorten both halves equally.

## **3. Registration of Players**

a. All players must be registered to participate in the LCFA/FFSA Competitions on PlayFootball and must be financial to LCFA 5pm Friday prior to match day.

b. The LCFA will provide to clubs on an annual basis the dates that players can be registered – 01.01 of the current year.

c. No Transfers or clearances will be accepted after 30th June of that season.

d. Once a player has signed for any LCFA Club the player must obtain a clearance from that club to register for another, this includes at the end of a season.

For further information on registration of players refer to the FFSA Competition Rules and Regulations and also the National Registration Regulations.

## **4. Eligibility of Players**

a. Players who are aged up to 17, or who turn 17 in the year of competition, are eligible to play in the Under 17.

Any club who breaches this rule shall be subject to the sanctions as per the unregistered, suspended and ineligible players rule.



Penalty loss of another 3 competition points, also See appendix 1 part b.

b. Players can only play 1 grade up, IE: U 17 can play Seniors/Reserves, Under 14's can play U17's, Under 12's can play in U14's, and 8 – 10's can play in U12's, Under 5 -7's can play in Under 8 – 10's.

### **5. Substitution of Players in Senior & Reserves Matches**

- a. A team may only use in a match, substitutes named on the team sheet.
- b. Clubs shall not nominate more than five substitutes on their team sheets.
- c. No Senior team shall use more than three of the five substitutes in any match.
- d. Reserves can use interchange, using only the substitutes named on the Team Sheet and only 8 changes per match.

### **Substitution of Players in Junior Matches**

- a. A team may only use in a match, substitutes named on the team sheet.
- b. Junior matches can use interchange, using only the substitutes named on the Team Sheet.

### **6. Mandatory Match Suspensions for RED & Yellow Cards**

#### **Premiership**

a. A player must serve a mandatory match suspension for the accumulation of yellow cards in line with the LCFA Competition Rules and Regulations.

A Club will be ADVISED by the LCFA on any penalties/suspensions

If a player receives 5 Yellow cards in the current playing LCFA Season they will received a 1 Week Suspension

If a player receives 8 Yellow cards in the current playing LCFA Season they will received an extra 1 Week Suspension

If a player receives 11 Yellow cards in the current playing LCFA Season they may be required to attend a DC Hearing.

If a player receives 14 Yellow cards in the current playing LCFA Season they will be required to attend another DC Hearing.

A Player receiving 1 Direct Red Card serves an automatic minimum 1 week suspension, more suspension can be given.

A Player receiving 2 Direct Red Cards in a Season serves an automatic minimum 1 week suspension, more suspension can be given and the player may be required to attend a DC Hearing.

A Player receiving 3 Direct Red Cards in a Season serves an automatic minimum 1 week suspension, more suspension can be given and the player will be required to attend a DC Hearing.

A Player receiving any further Red Cards serves an automatic minimum 1 week suspension, more suspension can be given and the player will be required to attend another DC Hearing.

Any suspension given by CDAC (Competition Disciplinary Administrative Committee) over the minimum sanction can be appealed to IDC (Independent Disciplinary Committee) see appendix 3

## Refer National Disciplinary Guidelines

### **"Belgiorno" Cup**

a. A player who receives three (3) yellow cards during the cup competition shall be suspended for one (1) match in their next round match of the cup competition including next season.

b. A player who receives a red card during the cup competition shall be suspended for one (1) match in their club next competitive match including next season.

Penalty - \$15.00 / \$30.00 (yellow/red) Fine

A player must serve a mandatory match suspension for the accumulation of yellow cards in line with the LCFA Cup Competition Rules and Regulations.

A Club will be ADVISED by the LCFA on any penalties/suspensions

If a player receives 2 additional Yellow cards in the Cup Competition they will received an extra 1 Week Suspension

c. A player who receives a direct Red Card during the cup competition shall be suspended in accordance with the LCFA Competition Rules and Regulations. The suspension is to be served in the next competitive game/s.

A Player receiving 2 Direct Red Cards in the Cup Competition will be required to attend a DC Hearing.

A Player receiving 3 Direct Red Cards in the Cup Competition will be required to attend another DC Hearing.

d. Any suspension incurred during Cup Matches if not served during Cup Competition will be service at your next club competition match.

Penalty \$30.00 per red card

### **Accumulation of Cards (Premiership and Cup)**

Players accumulation of Yellow/Red Cards is divided into two categories: Juniors (U12's, U14's & U17's) and Seniors (Seniors & Reserves). Individual Competition Rules apply. E.g. U17 player gains a yellow card in his U17 match and then receives a yellow card in the Seniors Match on the same day. The player has now accumulation 1 yellow in the Juniors and 1 yellow in the Seniors.

### **7. Match Officials**

a. The Referees Association will appoint match officials, being a Referee and two (2) assistant referees where possible.

In the case of the senior/reserves games, if the Central match official is not present within 15 minutes after the scheduled starting time, the host club will provide a suitable person, agreed to by both clubs; if no suitable person can be agreed to the match will be postponed.

b. Referees must log a match report regarding any red cards within 24 hrs of match finishing. This is mandatory. Referees not complied with this clause will forfeit match payments.

## **8. Notification of Results**

Unless the LCFA direct otherwise, the match official of the senior grade game shall be responsible for reporting the result of each match, by way of lodging the Team Sheet Envelope at LCFA House, James St, Mt Gambier by 8.00pm (Sunday Night) (3hrs after the completion of the days matches) unless other arrangements are made with the Competitions Director.

## **9. Ground Stewards**

- a. All teams shall provide at each match a minimum of 2 ground stewards.
- b. The LCFA BOARD has the discretionary power to require a club to allocate more Ground Stewards where the club has been reported for poor behaviour.

For further information on Ground Stewards refer to the FFSA Competition Rules and Regulations. Appendix 2 – Ground Stewards (White Coat Officials)

## **10. Meetings**

All LCFA clubs shall ensure that a club representative attends all meetings as scheduled by the LCFA. Meetings will be notified in a timely manner, where possible. First non-attendance No fine  
Non-Attendance there after Penalty \$50.00 per meeting, note an apology does not negate the penalty. (4 Scheduled Presidents Meetings to be held per year excluding the AGM)

## **11. Forfeit of Matches**

Notification must be received by club secretary via email to LCFA that a club grade will forfeit a match. For junior grades notification must be received by Wednesday 5pm and Seniors/Reserves by Thursday 5pm prior to Sunday match day. Fines see Appendix 1

Clubs who forfeit a Cup match, will forfeit the game by 3 goals to 0 and will incur the prescribed fine. As per Appendix 1

## **PREMIERSHIP COMPETITION**

These guidelines should be read in conjunction with the FIFA Laws of the Game, FFA National Polices and Statutes, FFSA Competition Rules and Regulations in addition to the Competition Entry Requirements and Operating Guidelines, LCFA Competition Rules and Regulations in addition to the Operating Guidelines.

### **1. The Competition**

- a. A final series will be conducted in the LCFA at the conclusion of their respective home and away season. The final series will involve Seniors, Reserves and Under 17, Under 14 and Under 12 teams. The LCFA will determine on an annual basis the structure and format of any final series to be conducted.
- b. Where there is no final series, the team that finishes first in their respective competition will be declared the League Champions.

## 2. Kick Off Times & Duration of matches

a. The following starting times are applicable unless otherwise approved by the Competition Administrator;

<b>Seniors</b>	3:00pm
<b>Under 14</b>	1:35pm
<b>Reserves</b>	11:45am
<b>Under 17</b>	10:10am
<b>Under 12</b>	9:00am

b. Fixtures that are played outside of these times will be notified to clubs, and must be approved by LCFA Competitions Director, Referees and both Clubs involved.

### SENIORS

90 minutes in duration, 45 minutes each way with a 10 minute interval at half time.

### RESERVES

90 minutes in duration, 45 minutes each way with a 10 minute interval at half time.

### UNDER 17

80 minutes in duration, 40 minutes each way with a 5 minute interval at half time.

### Under 14

60 minutes in duration, 30 minutes each way with a 5 minute interval at half time.

### UNDER 12

50 minutes in duration, 25 minutes each way with a 5 minute interval at half time.

*Note: No Club shall be permitted to play matches which are deemed to be in conflict with this competition.*

## 3. Eligibility of Players - Premiership

No player shall be permitted to play for more than one Club in this Competition, as per PlayFootball and must be financial to LCFA by 5pm Friday prior to match day.

### Penalty due to fielding ineligible players

Any club that fields a team with an ineligible player that is in breach of the age and match qualifications as detailed in these operating guidelines will be deemed to have breached the ineligible, unregistered or suspended rule as outlined in the Competition Rules and Regulations.

See Appendix 1

## 4. Substitution of Players

In Senior Matches there shall not be more than Three (3) field players permitted to be substituted during any stage of the match.

Reserves Interchange refer [page 9 – 5d](#)

Junior grades –normal full interchange

## 5. Mandatory Match Suspensions for RED & Yellow Cards

As outlined in these Competition Operations [page 9 - 6.](#)

## **6. Match Officials and Match Official Fees**

The LCFA/Referees Association shall appoint Match Officials for all matches of this competition. LCFA shall cover all related Match Officials fees, including the Grand.

## **7. Notification of Results**

As outlined in these guidelines.

## **8. Admission Charges**

Admission charges shall apply for all matches of this competition as outlined in the clause

Admission Charges. Official Passes are permitted to be used during the Final Series. Admission charges for the Grand Final shall be set by the LCFA on an annual basis.

## **9. Prize Money and Presentation**

Minor Premiership for Senior receive \$500.

## **10. Match Balls**

LCFA will provide approved match balls to every club (2x size 5 and 1x size 4) which must be use in LCFA competitions. Both clubs participating must have match balls available, not just the home venue.

# **PREMIERSHIP FINAL SERIES**

## **1. The Final Premiership Competition**

a. A final series will be conducted at the conclusion of their respective home and away season. Top 4 Teams in all grades (Seniors, Reserves and Under 17, Under 14 and Under 12 teams) at the conclusion of the Premiership will compete in final series.

*Qualifying Final* - 1<sup>st</sup> versus 2<sup>nd</sup>. Winner of the Qualifying Final proceeding to the Grand Final and loser proceeding to the Preliminary Final.

*Elimination Final* - 3<sup>rd</sup> versus 4<sup>th</sup>. Winner of the Elimination Final proceeding to Preliminary Final and loser being eliminated.

*Preliminary Final* - Loser of Qualifying Final versus Winner of Elimination Final, winner of match proceeding to Grand Final.

*Grand Final* – Winner of Qualifying Final versus Winner of preliminary Final.

b. Where there is no final series, the team that finishes first in their respective competition will be declared the League Champions.

## **2. Host Clubs Responsibilities**

a. The LCFA will have sole discretion over the allocation of venues for all games played in the final series. Ground will be inspected by LCFA 14 days prior to confirm suitability.

b. LCFA will also be responsible for the payment of all match officials.

c. The LCFA shall receive 100% of gate receipts, to be divided between the LCFA Clubs. The Host Club shall receive 100% of bar and catering profits.

d. The clubs involved in the final series will be required to provide the necessary ground stewards as per the LCFA Competition Rules and Regulations and Operating Guidelines however LCFA may require the host club to provide additional ground and/or crowd security.

### **3. Kick Off Times & Duration of matches**

a. The following starting times are applicable unless otherwise approved by the Competition Administrator;

<b>Seniors</b>	2:30pm
<b>Under 14</b>	1:05pm
<b>Reserves</b>	11:15am
<b>Under 17</b>	9:40am
<b>Under 12</b>	8:30am

b. Fixtures that are played outside of these times will be notified to clubs, and must be approved by LCFA Competitions Director, Referees and both Clubs involved.

#### **SENIORS**

90 minutes in duration, 45 minutes each way with a 10 minute interval at half time. In the event of a match being drawn at the end of normal time, two periods of extra time

2 x 15 minutes will be played. If the match is still drawn at the end of extra time, then the result shall be decided by penalty kicks in accordance with FIFA Laws of the Game.

#### **RESERVES**

90 minutes in duration, 45 minutes each way with a 10 minute interval at half time. In the event of a match being drawn at the end of normal time, two periods of extra time

2 x 10 minutes will be played. If the match is still drawn at the end of extra time, then the result shall be decided by penalty kicks in accordance with FIFA Laws of the Game.

#### **UNDER 17**

80 minutes in duration, 40 minutes each way with a 5 minute interval at half time. In the event of a match being drawn at the end of normal time, then the result shall be decided by penalty kicks in accordance with FIFA Laws of the Game.

#### **Under 14**

60 minutes in duration, 30 minutes each way with a 5 minute interval at half time. In the event of a match being drawn at the end of normal time, then the result shall be decided by penalty kicks in accordance with FIFA Laws of the Game.

#### **UNDER 12**

50 minutes in duration, 25 minutes each way with a 5 minute interval at half time. In the event of a match being drawn at the end of normal time, then the result shall be decided by penalty kicks in accordance with FIFA Laws of the Game.

*Note: No Club shall be permitted to play matches which are deemed to be in conflict with this competition.*

#### **4. Eligibility of Players - Premiership**

No player shall be permitted to play for more than one Club in this Competition, as per PlayFootball and must be financial to LCFA by 5pm Friday prior to match day.

##### **To qualify to play in finals**

Senior/Reserve Players must have played (4) matches for their respective club in their respective grade during the Home & Away rounds.

Junior Players must have played (4) matches for their respective club in their respective grade during the Home & Away rounds. Once Juniors have qualified ie: played 4 matches in their own grade they may play 1 grade up without having qualified for that grade

Example

U12 player has played 4 Under 12 matches, but only 1 Under 14 matches, the player still qualifies for Under 14 Finals.

U14 player has played 4 Under 14 matches, but only 2 Under 17 matches, the player still qualifies for Under 17 Finals.

U17 player has played 4 Under 17 matches, but only 3 Under Senior/Reserves matches, the player still qualifies for Senior/Reserves Finals

\*\* Senior/Reserve Players are not Team/Grade tied if BOTH Seniors and Reserves are both playing on the same day

Note: Seniors - 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.

##### **Penalty due to fielding ineligible players**

Any club that fields a team with an ineligible player that is in breach of the age and match qualifications as detailed in these operating guidelines will be deemed to have breached the ineligible, unregistered or suspended rule as outlined in the Competition Rules and Regulations.

See Appendix 1

#### **5. Substitution of Players**

In Senior Matches there shall not be more than Three (3) field players permitted to be substituted during any stage of the match.

Reserves Interchange refer page [9 – 5d](#)

Junior grades –normal full interchange

#### **6. Player Suspensions Finals Series**

Carry over Suspensions, Red Card, DC Penalties or accumulation of Yellow Cards from the Home & Away league shall apply, all other penalties (Yellow Cards) are expunged.

a. A player who receives three (3) yellow cards received during these finals competition shall be suspended for one match in the next match of this competition. All yellow cards at the conclusion of the series shall be expunged prior to the next scheduled competition unless the player has received a suspension due to the

accumulation of yellow cards If a player receives a suspension due to the accumulation of yellow cards and his club is no longer involved in the final series, the suspension will be served in the next competitive game/s. Competition Operating

b. A player who receives a Red Card during this competition shall be suspended in accordance with the Competition Rules and Regulations and National Disciplinary Regulations. If the player receives a red card and his team is no longer in the competition, the suspension is to be served in the next competitive game/s.

## **7. Match Officials and Match Official Fees**

The LCFA/Referees Association shall appoint Match Officials for all matches of this competition. LCFA shall cover all related Match Officials fees, including the Grand.

## **8. Notification of Results**

As outlined in these guidelines.

## **9. Admission Charges**

Admission charges shall apply for all matches of this competition as outlined in the clause

Admission Charges. Official Passes are permitted to be used during the Final Series. Admission charges for the Grand Final shall be set by the LCFA on an annual basis.

## **10. Match Balls**

LCFA will provide approved match balls to every club (2x size 5 and 1x size 4) which must be use in LCFA competitions. Both clubs participating must have match balls available, not just the home venue.

Each club in the finals must supply a spare match ball.

## **"BELGIORNO" CUP COMPETITION**

A cup competition will be conducted on an annual basis. All Grades of competition Seniors, Reserves, Under 17's, Under 14's and Under 12's. No Cup Competition will be conducted for Mini Roos

Naming rights to the competition shall be determined by the LCFA and announced accordingly. The structure of the Association Cup may be altered at the discretion of the LCFA.

### **1. The Competition**

a. A draw shall be undertaken by the LCFA.

b. If the senior team is drawn to play at home, the other Teams will play at the same venue as their senior team.

### **2. Kick off Times and Duration**

The following starting times are applicable.

Seniors	3:00pm - 2 x 45 minute halves, with 10 minute interval at half time.
Under 14's	1:35pm - 2 x 35 minute halves, with 5 minute interval at half time.
Reserves	11:45am - 2 x 45 minute halves, with 10 minute interval at half time.
Under 17's	10:10am - 2 x 40 minute halves, with 5 minute interval at half time.
Under 12's	9:00am - 2 x 30 minute halves, with 5 minute interval at half time.



If for any reason a game starts later than their scheduled time, both halves will be shortened equally, the game still must finish on time.

### **3. Eligibility of Players**

a. All players must be registered on PlayFootball and must be financial to LCFA by 5pm Friday prior to match day.

### **To qualify for Cup Final (not semi-final)**

A player must have played 1 match for the club in the cup competition.

### **4. Substitution of Players**

As per premiership rules [page 12 - 4](#).

### **5. Player Suspensions**

As outlined in these Competition Operations [page 9 - 6](#).

### **6. Home Venues**

a. The first named team shall be the Home team.

b. The Home team shall keep the gate receipts in total, except Semi Final and Final, unless otherwise notified by the Competition Administrator.

c. Once the Competition reaches the Final stage, Clubs whose registered ground does not meet the Competition Rules Ground Criteria and have been drawn to play at home against a Club whose ground does meet the prescribed regulations will have the fixture transferred to the opposing Club's ground or as determined by the LCFA.

### **7. Match Officials and Match Official Fees**

a. The LCFA shall appoint Match Officials for all Cup Matches. The home team or hosting club shall cover all related Match Officials fees, excluding the Semi Finals and Final.

b. Match Official fees for cup competitions will be set by the LCFA and published on an annual basis.

### **8. Notification of Results**

In accordance with the Competition Operating Guidelines.

### **9. Admission Charges**

a. The fees shall be: LCFA \$6.00 Adults \$3.00 Concession Under 17 Free

### **10. Match Balls**

LCFA will provide approved match balls to every club (2x size 5 and 1x size 4) which must be used in LCFA competitions. Both clubs participating must have match balls available, not just the home venue.

## **“ BELGIORNO” CUP FINALS COMPETITION**

### **1. The Final Series**

a. Clubs are divided into two pools and play 3 rounds. A final series will be conducted at the conclusion of their group rounds.

*Semi Finals* – 1<sup>st</sup> Group A versus 2<sup>nd</sup> Group B & 1<sup>st</sup> Group B versus 2<sup>nd</sup> Group A.

*Grand Final* – Winners of semi Final.

- b. Semi-Final and Final games shall be played at venues allocated at the discretion of the LCFA, at the beginning of the competition.
- c. The first team named in the draw for semi-final and final games will be the home team and will wear their allocated home playing strip.
- d. The admission fee for Semi-Final or Final game will be set by the LCFA on an annual basis.
- e. Match Official Fees for the Semi Finals and Final of the cup competition shall be paid by the LCFA at the agreed fees.
- f. LCFA will be responsible for organizing trophies and medals for all cup competitions and the presentation of them to teams.

## **2. Host Clubs Responsibilities**

- a. The LCFA will have sole discretion over the allocation of venues for all games played in the final series. Ground will be inspected by LCFA 14 days prior to confirm suitability.
- b. LCFA will also be responsible for the payment of all match officials.
- c. The LCFA shall receive 100% of gate receipts, to be divided between the LCFA Clubs. The Host Club shall receive 100% of bar and catering profits.
- d. The clubs involved in the final series will be required to provide the necessary ground stewards as per the LCFA Competition Rules and Regulations and Operating Guidelines however LCFA may require the host club to provide additional ground and/or crowd security.

## **3. Kick Off Times & Duration of matches**

- a. The following starting times are applicable unless otherwise approved by the Competition Administrator;

<b>Seniors</b>	2:30pm
<b>Under 14</b>	1:05pm
<b>Reserves</b>	11:15pm
<b>Under 17</b>	9:40am
<b>Under 12</b>	8:30am

- b. Fixtures that are played outside of these times will be notified to clubs, and must be approved by LCFA Competitions Director, Referees and both Clubs involved.

## **4. Eligibility of Players**

No player shall be permitted to play for more than one Club in this Competition, as per PlayFootball and must be financial to LCFA by 5pm Friday prior to match day.

### **To qualify to play in finals**

To qualify for Cup Final (not semi-final)

A player must have played 1 match for the club in the Cup Competition in their grade.

\*\* Senior/Reserve Players are not Team/Grade tied if BOTH Seniors and Reserves are both playing on the same day

Note: Seniors - 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.

### **Penalty due to fielding ineligible players**

Any club that fields a team with an ineligible player that is in breach of the age and match qualifications as detailed in these operating guidelines will be deemed to have breached the ineligible, unregistered or suspended rule as outlined in the Competition Rules and Regulations.

See Appendix 1

## **5. Substitution of Players**

In Senior Matches there shall not be more than Three (3) field players permitted to be substituted during any stage of the match.

Reserves Interchange refer [page 9 – 5d](#)

Junior grades –normal full interchange

## **6. Player Suspensions Finals Series**

a. A player who receives three (3) yellow cards received during cup competition shall be suspended for one match in the next match of this competition.

b. A player who receives a Red Card during this competition shall be suspended in accordance with the Competition Rules and Regulations and National Disciplinary Regulations. If the player receives a red card and his team is no longer in the competition, the suspension is to be served in the next competitive game/s.

## **7. Match Officials and Match Official Fees**

The LCFA/Referees Association shall appoint Match Officials for all matches of this competition. LCFA shall cover all related Match Officials fees, including the Grand.

## **8. Notification of Results**

As outlined in these guidelines.

## **9. Admission Charges**

Admission charges shall apply for all matches of this competition as outlined in the clause Admission Charges. Official Passes are permitted to be used during the Final Series. Admission charges for the Grand Final shall be set by the LCFA on an annual basis.

## **10. Match Balls**

LCFA will provide approved match balls to every club (2x size 5 and 1x size 4) which must be use in LCFA competitions. Both clubs participating must have match balls available, not just the home venue.

Each club in the finals must supply a spare match ball.

**Competition Disciplinary Administration Committee (CDAC)** This committee meets weekly after match days to discuss any suspension occurred and referee match reports.

**Independent Disciplinary Committee (IDC)** This is an independent committee meets when call on for DC Hearings and Appeals.

**Governance Committee (GC)** meets regularly to review documentation.