

NORTHERN NSW CHRISTIAN CHURCHES SOCCER ASSOCIATION

Standing Orders 2003

RULES OF COMPETITION AS RELATING TO TEAMS

1) Teams are to be registered by the March General Council Meeting. Any team not completing registration by the due date will be liable for a late registration fee of \$50.00 per team. Teams will be deemed not to be registered if the following is not supplied on or before registration night:

- Team Nomination Form detailing:
 - Club officials,
 - Club delegates for General Meetings
 - Email address for Contact Details
 - Team colour (shirts, shorts and socks)
- Team Registration Form
- Player Registration Forms
- Player Transfer Forms (for new players who have played with another club in the past five (5) years)
- Sponsorship forms (for all teams that carry sponsorship on strip to be supplied annually)
- Letter on church letterhead and signed by Minister/Pastor of sponsoring church confirming clubs affiliation
- All registration and insurance fees or proof of alternative insurance cover where applicable
- Deposit form with player fees (GST inclusive)
 - Senior Men & Women \$ 95.00
 - Junior Men & Women \$ 40.00
- Cheque only, no cash

2) The minimum age will be 14 years as at the start of the season. Registration requirements for players under 18 years of age-

- 16 to 18 years of age as at start of season – parent/guardian must sign registration consent form
- 14 to 16 years of age as at start of season – consent form and a letter from parent/guardian giving permission to play in an all age competition

3) Each Team shall have a minimum of thirteen (13) registered players.

4) Teams that forfeit without notice 3 times within the season will be disqualified from the competition.

5) A team will be regraded within the first round of games if that team is considered to be over or under graded to make it a fair competition. When a team is regraded, whether up or down, the points and the goals for and against at the time of the regrade stay with the regraded team. If at the end of the regular competition the regraded team and another team are equal on points, then the final's position will be decided by –

- the points(wins and draws) from the games the two teams played against each other,
- if equal, then the goal difference in the games the two teams played against each other,
- if equal, then the last game played against every other team in that division, points first then goal difference,
- if equal, then the final goal difference,
- if still equal, then a mid week play off.

RULES RELATING TO PLAYERS

1) All new player registrations after registration night, accompanied by appropriate fee, shall be accepted and approved by the Registrar or if not available the secretary by 7.00pm on Wednesday night prior to the Saturday the player wishes to play.

2) No player will be eligible to play unless a registration number has been obtained from the Registrar. No registration number will be provided until all fees are paid.

- 3) A player is only eligible to play in the final series if they have participated in a minimum of four (4) competition games.
- 4) Players who play in a higher grade than registered can do so for three (3) games or part thereof and then will be permanently registered in that higher grade and cannot play in the lower grade until regraded by the Management Committee. A player will only be regraded once. Such applications must be provided in writing to the Secretary by the Tuesday prior to the game in which the player wishes to play.
- 5) No player can play in or return to a lower grade until his registration to play in a lower division is confirmed in writing.
- 6) A player who is eligible to play in two different divisions in the final series must decide before the semi finals which division they want to play in and play ONLY in that division for the final series. In some circumstances the management committee may give individual players permission to change to another division. Application for this must be made in writing to the management committee by the Wednesday prior to the final series.
- 7) A player who the Management Committee deems has the ability to play in a higher grade but chooses to register in a low division may do so but they are only permitted to play three (3) games in a higher division and only eligible to play the final series in the lower division.

RULES RELATING TO RUNNING OF COMPETITION

- 1) Teams that have not paid their team registration by the May General Meeting will lose one competition point. If still unfinancial by the June, July or August meetings, then a further competition point will be lost per month. Clubs who are not financial one week prior to the semifinals will not be eligible to play. Non financial means clubs that owe any fee to the Association.
- 2) All Referees fees shall be paid prior to the start of the game.

The fees are	All Divisions	\$ 20 per team
	Assistant Referees	\$ 10 per team per line
- 3) Judiciary committee will meet every Wednesday Night at 6.30pm at New Lambton Baptist Church as required.
- 4) Players not appearing or represented will be dealt with in their absence.
- 5) The Association General Council Meeting will be held on the first Tuesday Of the Month at New Lambton Baptist Church commencing at 7.30 pm.
- 6) Non attendance at the monthly Council Meeting will result in a loss of one competition point. For clubs with more than one team the point will be lost from the highest placed team.
- 7) Penalty fines exists for the following instances
 - Non payment of referee \$10 plus referees fees
 - Forfeit (if not notified in accordance with these orders) \$20 plus total match fees
 - Playing unregistered players \$20 plus loss of all of competition points for each occurrence
 - Incorrectly filled in Teamsheets \$5 for the first occurrence and \$10 for each occurrence thereafter
- 8) Determination of semi finals/finals/grandfinals
 - If the game at the end of normal time is drawn then
 - 10 minutes each way of sudden death extra time (golden goal) will be played (i.e. first goal wins)
 - If at the end of extra time the match remains drawn, than penalty kicks will determine the result.
- 9) The draw for the semifinals will be
 - First plays Second (match A)
 - Third plays Fourth (match B)
 The final will be played between the loser of match A and the winner of Match B with the winner of match A progressing direct to the Grand Final.

10) The number of Substitutes shall be four (4) in all grades except the two (2) lowest divisions where the number of substitutes will be five (5).

11) At the completion of the game the winning team or in the case of a draw the home team shall be responsible for ensuring that the team sheets are delivered to the Registrar by 7.00pm on the day of the game. Alternatively the results can be faxed on 4952 8191 by 7.00pm provided both sides of the sheet are sent and the original is received by the registrar by Tuesday. Failure to do so will result in the lose of points for that game.

12) Points for games shall be as follows

Win 2 points

Draw 1 point

Loss 0 points

Bye 0 points

Forfeit 2 points plus three goals

13) Closing date for registrations shall be six (6) weeks prior to the semifinals

14) Closing date for regrades shall be six (6) weeks prior to the semifinals

15) If in the opinion of the referee the colours of the opposing teams clash then the home team shall change unless it is in the final series when both teams shall change

16) The home team shall be the team nominated first in the draw

17) Each team shall supply a match ball, net and at least two corner posts with flags in accordance with FIFA requirements. If teams fail to provide the equipment than the Management committee will determine any penalty to be applied

18) Teams who fail to notify the Secretary by 7.00pm Thursday of an intending forfeit, then that team will be charged the full match fees for both teams

19) Starting times shall be as follows:

Games shall commence at 1.00pm and 3.00pm

Team sheets shall be in the hands of the referee 5 minutes before starting time

Time for a team to claim a forfeit shall be fifteen (15) minutes after the time the referee is required to have the team sheet.

20) **Wet Weather** - If weather or ground conditions are unsuitable for playing, please phone 1902 261 618 for ground changes or cancellations. Details will be placed on this service by 9.00 am on Saturday morning. Please do not call the Fixtures Officer or any of the Management Committee. If you need to call someone, please contact your own team management.

If competition for the day is cancelled completely then the first washout day will be played at the end of the season on the first spare Saturday and the second washout day will be played at the end of the season on the second spare Saturday. Any other washouts will be cancelled with nil results for that round.

When there is limited grounds available due to wet weather, priority is given to playing all games in a division with the least amount of team changes and then to finishing a full round where every division has played the same number of games.

NON ATTENDANCE OF A REFEREE AT A FIXTURE

If in the unfortunate circumstance that an official referee had not arrived by the starting time then,

1. The Home team should provide a referee approved by both teams,

2. If no referee can be obtained than the game shall be replayed or given as a draw at the discretion of the management committee.