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1.0	<b>INTRODUCTION</b>		
1.1	These are the Competition By-Laws of the Bankstown District Amateur Football Association Incorporated.		
1.2	These By-Laws may be altered at a meeting of the Annual Presidents & Secretaries of Clubs affiliated to the BDAFA. Changes to By-Laws will operate from the year after that in which they are altered. An alteration to any part of these By-Laws for the current season may be made by a motion that is passed and seconded and has majority of attending clubs approval. This motion is only current for the season in which it is passed.		
1.3	The By-Laws will be circulated to Clubs at the 1st Delegates.		
1.4	These By-Laws are to be prominently displayed by Clubs. Clubs will be held responsible for notifying each member, Coach and Manager of their contents.		
1.5	If BDAFA conducts any competition jointly with another body these By-Laws may be amended, replaced or ignored and other By-Laws adopted for the purpose of that competition at the MC's discretion		
1.6	All Clubs must obtain BDAFA's approval before playing in matches outside BDAFA. The Football NSW Ltd. Insurance Scheme will only apply to matches/training sanctioned by BDAFA.		
1.7	Clubs and their members are bound by the MC's implementation of these By-Laws.		
1.8	Except in cases of verbal or physical abuse or abandoned matches any Club, Club Official, Team or Player who fails to obey these By-Laws or a direction of the MC is liable to a fine of \$50 unless another penalty is specified in these By-Laws.		
1.9	The MC may suspend or expel any Club or Club member guilty of a breach of these By-Laws.		
1.10	Only information written on BDAFA letterhead and signed by the Secretary of BDAFA or in the absence of the Secretary the President of BDAFA will be deemed to be BDAFA's answer to any question regarding the implementation of these By-Laws.		
1.11	All clubs must be able to send and receive information to and from BDAFA via an electronic method. Preferred method is via email. Club Recorders and Registrars must also be able to send information to BDAFA via electronic method. <b>“All official correspondence sent and received by secretary of the club and BDAFA will be acknowledge with a receipt of acceptance”</b>		
1.12	All Clubs must provide BDAFA with the telephone number of their ground facilities under “Duty of Care”. Failure to provide contact number will result in no games being set for those grounds.		
1.13	Football NSW will be advised of all persons suspended by BDAFA and who have received sentences longer than 8 weeks/matches/rounds.		

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2.0	<b><i>BONDS / ABANDONNED GAMES &amp; SERIOUS MISCONDUCT</i></b>		
2.1	At the AGM of each year each Club will lodge a \$100 Bond which will be deposited in a specific account for this purpose.		
2.2	If a club forfeits its bond, the MC will set the value of a new bond, which will not exceed twice the bond forfeited. The Club must pay their new bond to BDAFA prior to playing any further matches. The Club’s teams will be deemed to be forfeiting all matches until the new bond is paid.		
2.3	If a Club does not affiliate with BDAFA at the AGM of the current season their Bond will be returned.		
2.4	Where the MC is concerned about consistent breaches of Competition By-laws and/or accepted standards of behaviour by a Club or Club Team, the MC will place the offending Club or Club Team on either a special Good Behaviour Bond of \$1,500 or suspend them from the Association for the remainder of the season. <i>Any further breaches after a bond is placed on that club or club team will incur a mandatory removal of the Club or Club Team from the competition.</i> The special bond is to stand for one (1) year from the date imposed and will be refunded to the Club if the MC is satisfied that the Club is meeting all its obligations.		
2.5	It is mandatory that any team or squad charged and found guilty by the MC of “Bringing the Game into Disrepute” or “Abandoned Match” or “Serious Misconduct” for the 2 <sup>nd</sup> time in a season will be removed from the competition for the remainder of the season. (Actions by one team within a squad will be deemed by MC to affect both or all teams in that squad with no exceptions). (Matches abandoned due to injuries or weather related incidents are exempt from these provisions).		
2.6	<p>Abandoned Games &amp; Serious Misconduct</p> <p>a/ A team found guilty of causing a game to be abandoned and/or of Serious Misconduct will incur a penalty of a loss of 3 points to their competition point score.</p> <p>b/ A team found guilty of causing a game to be abandoned and/or of Serious Misconduct for the 2<sup>nd</sup> occasion will be removed from the competition.</p> <p>c/ No Abandoned game will be replayed. Once all evidence is heard the MC/P&amp;DC Committee will decide which team, if any, is awarded the game, and/or any goals scored. (Exceptions listed in Item d)</p> <p>d/ Any game abandoned due to the following</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1/ Injured player on the field unable to be moved</li> <li>2/ Field equipment failure.</li> <li>3/ Lightning or severe weather in accordance with published directives.</li> </ol> <p>may at the MC discretion be restarted at the time the game was originally stopped to complete the remaining time in the match.</p>		

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	<p>e/ Games required to be restarted must be played within 2 weeks</p> <p>f/ Only the players on the original team sheet may participate in the restarted game.</p> <p>g/ If the game that is stopped due to an Injured Player is replayed, the injured player that caused the stoppage may be replaced in the restarted game, provided BDAFA is notified in writing by the Club Secretary and a Doctor's Certificate is provided to BDAFA to confirm the inability of that player to participate in the match by 4.00pm prior to the day of the rescheduled match. This only applies to the injured player who caused the stoppage.</p> <p>h/ Fees for official for any restarted match will still be required to be paid.</p> <p>Fees will be normal full match fees if the game time to be played in the restarted match time is more than half of the match. Half normal match fees will apply if the restarted match time is scheduled for less than half of the match.</p>		
3.0	<b>STRUCTURE OF COMPETITIONS</b>		
3.1	<p>The MC will have control over all matches in which its affiliated Clubs participate and will arrange matches as it deems fit. The matches will be either;</p> <p>(a) The BDAFA Premiership</p> <p>(b) Other BDAFA organised round robins or matches, including Non Competitive Soccer. The MC may conduct such competitions (eg seven-a-side) by issuing variations to these By-Laws. However, these By-Laws will prevail if no variation exists.</p> <p>(c) BDAFA organised Knock-Outs.</p> <p>(d) BDAFA sanctioned matches. These include trial and gala matches for which BDAFA approval has been given and matches otherwise sanctioned by the Football NSW Ltd</p> <p>(e) <b>Any alterations to the draw after Thursday night will be published to club secretaries by email and clubs to be notified by phone call or txt</b></p>		
3.2	<p>It will be obligatory for all clubs to participate in the Premiership. (Premiership includes Round matches, Finals series, Assoc Cup.)</p>		
3.3	<p>Clubs must gain BDAFA's approval to conduct Knockouts and/or Gala Days. Applications must state the age group(s), date of event and alternate dates should the original day be postponed. More than one such KO/Gala Day in the same age group may be held on the same day. Clubs participating in Club run KO's/Gala Days must give BDAFA two-weeks notice of their participation. BDAFA organized matches will take precedence over Club KO's/Gala Days.</p>		
3.4	<p>The MC may abandon or restructure any competition.</p>		
3.5	<p>The MC may conduct any further competition it deems necessary to complete the season.</p>		

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3.6	Entrance fees for teams and fees for players in all competitions will be fixed by the President and Secretaries meeting each year.		
3.7	Teams may not arrange matches without consulting the BDAFA Competition Secretary.		
3.8	Grade 6, 7, 8 & 9 will be non-competitive <b>and conducted in accordance with the FFA rules of Small-Sided Football</b> . <b>Published as at 31<sup>st</sup> January of the current year</b>		
3.9	All competitions, except G35, shall be open to players whose age range is determined as being from the 1st day of January to 31st day of December in the year of the competition. A player must have passed his 35 <sup>th</sup> birthday to be eligible for registration in a G35 team.		
3.10	<b>Where possible “All competitive grades shall have a minimum of an 8 team for division one and minimum of six team for all other divisions”. However depending on team numbers final grading will be at the discretion of BDAFA.</b>		
4.0	<b>PREMIERSHIP FORMAT</b>		
4.1	Teams from <b>G10</b> to G35 will participate in the Premiership in their respective age groups & divisions. For Ladies only G10 to AAL there will be competitions conducted. Games to be played on a home and away basis where fields are available. <b>a) “One division of G35 and one division each of all age Ladies and all age men may be played as non-competitive football. These divisions are in addition to all other divisions in those age groups and do not replace any. No finals series is to be scheduled; teams play each other on a round robin basis until the end of the regular season. This is only necessary where four or more teams per division register interest in non-competitive football”.</b>		
4.2	Each team will play all matches against all other teams in their age/division at least twice		
4.3	Any Games not played to the satisfaction of the MC must be made up within a three (3) week span and not at the end of the competition when deemed necessary. <b>(Excludes wet weather)</b>		
4.4	The MC will issue Clubs with copies of the Premiership draw. All teams’ games will be allocated to fields generally on a home and away basis. Each field will be divided into time slots. Games will be allocated to these time slots. Excess games will be allocated to other fields. Clubs have one week only from issue of this draw to notify the MC of any discrepancies or advise the MC of any dates for which deferments may be sought. At the end of this period the draw will be finalised and no further alterations will be allowed unless a clash of game locations is discovered.		

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4.5	Matches will only be played on Sundays; (a) In the Ladies competitions (b) In 10 team competitions (c) Where deemed necessary by the Competition Secretary <b>(d) To make up matches rescheduled due to wet weather, redraws or deferments or replays deemed necessary to complete the requirements of By-Law 4.3.</b>		
4.6	Points for each match will be awarded as follows; (a) A win, including a win by forfeit - three points to the winning team (b) A draw – one point to each team (c) a loss, including a loss by forfeit - no points to the losing team (d) A bye - no points (e) An abandoned match - at the MC’s discretion; refer By-Law 15 (f) A match not completed for any reason that requires an MC decision regarding the status of that match.		
4.7	If a team withdraws or is suspended from the competition by the MC, points awarded to that team’s opponents and goals scored & conceded by that team will remain in if the first (1st) round has been completed by all teams. All second (2nd) round games become a bye.		
4.8	Once all matches have been played as per By-Law 4.2, there will be a Final Series among the four teams with the highest number of points within that age division.		
4.9	<b>“Where teams finish on equal competition points their respective places will be decided by goal difference. Goal difference is calculated by subtracting the number of goals against from the number of goals for. The team with the higher goal difference will be the higher ranked team”. If goal differences are equal than the higher goals for will be the higher ranked team if the goals for are equal then head to head results from that season will determine the higher ranked team if the teams are still equal than the higher ranked team will be at discretion of BDAFA.</b>		
4.10	To be eligible to play in the Final Series a player must have played in three Premiership matches prior to the Final Series for the team in which they are registered. Substitutes will only be deemed to have played when the team sheet clearly shows this as per By-Laws 22.5. During the Final Series a player can only play for the team in which they are registered. A team who has played a player who has not played three (3) games prior to the final series is then deemed to be ineligible and Rule 7.4 applies.		
4.11	All matches in the Final Series must be under the control of an Official Referee.		

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4.12	<p>The format for the Final Series will be;</p> <p>Match A: Semi Final 1 The highest placed team versus the 2nd placed team.                      Match B: Semi Final 2 The 3rd placed team versus the 4th placed team.                      Match C: Final Loser of Semi Final 1 Versus Winner of Semi Final 2.                      Match D: Grand Final Winner of Semi Final 1 Versus Winner of Final.</p> <p>The location of the above games will always be at the MC's discretion but generally will be in the following format. (Fields out of service for any reason or not suitable will not be included.) MC may play Finals Series matches of any age/division at any location it deems necessary</p> <p>Match A 4th Placed team home ground.                      Match B 3rd Placed team home ground.                      Match C 2nd Placed team home ground.                      Match D 1st Placed team home ground.</p>		
4.13	<p>In the Final Series, normal playing time as per By-Law 15.1 plus stoppage time must be played. Extra time will be played if the score in goals is equal at the end of this normal playing time.</p> <p>Extra time will be;</p> <p>(a) G10 to G12 x 10 minutes each way.                      (b) G13 and Over x 15 minutes each way.</p> <p>When the full amount of extra time is completed (Golden Goal does not apply anymore) the team with the higher goal score is the winner. If the match is still a draw at this time kicks will be taken from the penalty spot until a result is reached in accordance with FIFA rules.</p>		
4.14	<p>The winner of the Grand final will be declared Premiers. The Minor Premiers of Division 1 in applicable age groups will represent Bankstown in the Football NSW Champion of Champions. However, BDAFA reserves the right to nominate another team if the Minor Premiers are unable to fulfil this commitment or if they are deemed unsuitable to represent Bankstown District <b>and/or</b> have a <b>poor</b> disciplinary <b>record in the current season. Remains the same and add and/or etc.</b></p>		

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5.0	<b>ASSOCIATION CUP</b>				
5.1	BDAFA may organise a competition to be known as the Association Cup.				
5.2	The Association Cup will be played by teams not involved in the Premiership Final Series in the <b>G10</b> to G16 age groups. There will be no Association Cup where 6 teams or less were in an age division, unless the MC decides otherwise.				
5.3	The format of the competition will be as follows: <table style="width: 100%; border: none;"> <tr> <td style="width: 50%; vertical-align: top;"> <b>8 Team Competition</b>                      Wk 1 ASC1 Team 5 vs Team 6                      Wk 1 ASC2 Team 7 vs Team 8                      Wk 2 ASCMF ASC2 vs Loser ASC1                      Wk 3 ASCF Winner ASCMF vs Winner ASC1                 </td> <td style="width: 50%; vertical-align: top;"> <b>10 Team Competition</b>                      Wk 1 ASC1 Team 7 vs Team 8                      Wk 1 ASC2 Team 9 vs Team 10                      Wk 2 ASC3 Team 5 vs Winner ASC1                      Wk 2 ASC4 Team 6 vs Winner ASC2                      Wk 3 ASCF Winner ASC3 vs Winner ASC4                 </td> </tr> </table>	<b>8 Team Competition</b> Wk 1 ASC1 Team 5 vs Team 6 Wk 1 ASC2 Team 7 vs Team 8 Wk 2 ASCMF ASC2 vs Loser ASC1 Wk 3 ASCF Winner ASCMF vs Winner ASC1	<b>10 Team Competition</b> Wk 1 ASC1 Team 7 vs Team 8 Wk 1 ASC2 Team 9 vs Team 10 Wk 2 ASC3 Team 5 vs Winner ASC1 Wk 2 ASC4 Team 6 vs Winner ASC2 Wk 3 ASCF Winner ASC3 vs Winner ASC4		
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5.4	Unless otherwise advised by the MC, the following applies to all Assoc Cup matches; Refer to By-Law 4.13 for matches drawn at completion of normal playing time				
6.0	<b>GRADING</b>				
6.1	The MC may grade any team at any time into a division of an age group in which such team is eligible to play.				
6.2	Teams finishing the season as Premiers and Minor Premiers of each division will be promoted one grade in the following season. Should Premiers and Minor Premiers be the same team, the second placed team in the Premiership Rounds will also be promoted. Teams finishing the season last and second last of each division will be relegated one grade in the following season. This is subject to relevant divisions being available. (Where the number of divisions in an age group is reduced, teams in the lowest & second lowest division will be graded higher according to their previous years finishing position, previous grade and information contained on the grading sheet).				
6.3	BDAFA will provide a grading proposal listing the division in which teams will be placed for the following season. This proposal will be printed in the BDAFA Annual Report for the current season.				
6.4	For the purpose of grading, each Club will provide the MC with one (1) Grading Sheets for each team it has nominated for the Premiership. An example of the Grading sheet is Form A to these By-Laws. Grading Sheets are to be completed by the club to the MC's satisfaction. If a Club fails to satisfactorily complete their Grading Sheets by the date set by the MC, the club will be fined \$25 for each late or incomplete Grading Sheet. If all information as required is not included, the MC reserves the right no to grade the team in the competition.				
6.5	Age Groups will be decided by the age the players attained during the current calendar year. Refer by-law 3.9. A player				

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	will never be permitted to play in an age group younger than the age he/she attained in the current calendar year. With the Grade 35 age, players being 35 or over at the time of registering with BDAFA		
6.6	Teams will not be graded into a higher age group without the consent of their Club.		
6.7	The MC will after publishing Grading Results for the season hold a Grading Meeting where clubs may represent to that meeting and appeal any issues they have regarding the gradings issued to that club before the draw is issued. Justification of all appeals must be in writing on Club Letterhead and signed by the Club Secretary. There will be no further grading changes after this process is complete.		
6.8	A minimum number of 9 players must be nominated on each grading sheet <b>for competitive grades.</b> <b>a) “For small sided football, the minimum number of players nominated on each grading sheet will be the number of players who take the field in that age group for one team (eg; 4 players for 4v4)”</b>		
6.9	Players listed on the Grading Sheet for the purposes of Grading must be the players used on the registration sheet to register the team. Players can only be listed on one grading sheet. Once a player is listed on a grading sheet they cannot be transferred to another team without MC permission. Failure to obey this By-Law will result in that club being fined \$50 and club must provide evidence why team should be registered. (Excludes Non Competitive).		
7.0	<b>ELIGIBILITY</b>		
7.1	The following By-Laws apply to the eligibility of players, team & club officials		
7.2	Clubs will not permit suspended players or officials to take part in their affairs without the approval of the MC. Clubs breaching this by-law will be fined \$100. If the suspended person is a registered member of a team, then that team will be suspended from all further competitions in the current year.		
7.3	If a player or official is also a member of the NSWSR and he/she is suspended by BDAFA, that person is also suspended from all Referee appointments until the suspension is deemed served. Likewise, if a NSWSR member is suspended by the NSWSR he will be suspended in BDAFA until the NSWSR suspension has been completed.		
7.4	The following persons are not eligible to take part in BDAFA sanctioned matches; (a) A suspended player or official. (b) A player or official deemed to be a defaulter (c) A player or official not deemed to be registered by BDAFA, including any player or official whose ID card is not stamped. (d) A player who is older than the age group in which he is registered, excepting where BDAFA assume responsibility		

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	<p>for incorrectly registering this player.</p> <p>(e) A player who has played 4 or more times outside the age/division in which they are registered. Refer By-Law 21.4</p> <p>(f) A player or official who cannot provide his valid ID card for inspection by the opposing team prior to or during a match.</p> <p>(g) A player or official who has been sent from the field of play and/or is cited to appear before the P&amp;DC, or MC but is yet to appear before such committees.</p> <p>(h) A player registered in BDAFA, may not be registered in any other Association.</p> <p>(i) A player who has not played at least three (3) games in that age/division prior to the Final Series.</p>		
7.5	In the Premiership Final Series, BDAFA knock-outs and in other matches specified by the MC all players must play in the age & division in which they are registered.		
7.6	<p>For each match in which By-Law 7.4 and/or 7.5 are breached;</p> <p>(a) The club of the offending team(s) will be fined \$100.</p> <p>(b) The offending team will be deemed to have lost the match by forfeit and 3 points will be awarded to the opposing team. However, if both teams have offended in the same match no points will be awarded. If both teams have offended in the same Premiership Final Series Match, the match will be replayed.</p> <p>(c) The Team Officials and Club Officials of the offending team(s) must appear before the MC to explain their misconduct.</p> <p>The MC may place additional sanctions on the offending parties.</p>		
7.7	Once a Divisions Finals Series is complete all players in that Division are deemed to have completed their season and are ineligible to play in other divisions unless prior approval is applied for in writing and is obtained in writing from the BDAFA MC. A team using a player from another team who has completed their own season will result in the team using the ineligible player to loss the match/s the player participated in.		
8.0	<b>REGISTRATION (Within Reference to By-Law 7.4H)</b>		
8.1	All competitions will be played using an Identity Card System. All players and officials must be registered and be in possession of an ID Card as nominated by BDAFA in order to prove their eligibility to participate in any match. All non playing officials must have their Identity Cards displayed around their neck while officiating at a match. A referee will ask for the removal of an official from the playing area who is not displaying his Identity Card. A player may only be registered with BDAFA as a player with one team at any one time.		

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8.2	<p>Player registrations are recorded on;</p> <p>(a) Submit all registrations recorded in their CMP Register to the BDAFA Register when requested on a USB Flash Drive.</p> <p>(b) Any club who does not submit their registration information by the requested date to the BDAFA Registrar will incur a \$50 fine per team that the information is overdue.</p>		
8.3	<p>This is the procedure for registering with BDAFA. The Club applying for registration will;</p> <p>(c) All registrations must have a photo which is no more than one (1) year old                      *If a person is a Team Official (Coach/Manager) this should be clearly marked. This should be recorded with their registration in the CMP Register                      ❖ Team Officials that also play must have a separate registration (not an FFA Number) to their Registered Playing Number (FFA Number).                      ❖ Any registration that is not complete, i.e. missing information, date of birth or photo relevant to registration will not be registered until it is completed.</p> <p>(d) Complete a Team Registration Sheet. Sheets must be typed or computer generated, not hand written. The sheet should duplicate the information on the ID Cards of the Players and Officials registered in a division of an age group.</p> <p>(e) Lodge the Team Registration Sheets (original plus one copy) as above with the BDAFA Registrar as per By-Law 8.5.</p> <p>(f) Register a minimum of nine (9) players in each team for <b>competitive grades</b>.</p> <p>(g) Provide the BDAFA Registrar with proof of age or other proof of the eligibility of the player to be registered.                      *All new players from G06 to G21 and G35 must provide their Birth Certificate or similar proof of age as approved by the BDAFA Registrar.                      *Players attaining the age of 5 years before the 31<sup>st</sup> December of the current playing year may be registered without the consent of the MC.                      *A player may not be registered in an age group which is more than two-years above the age the player attains in the current season. The exceptions will be in All Age or where MC approval has been granted to that player.                      *Clearances are required if a person was last registered outside BDAFA. Such clearances must come from the Club or Association with whom the player was last registered.</p> <p>(h) Should clubs have to print an Interim ID/Registration Card they must be submitted to BDAFA by the requested date for verification and stamping before a player can be fully registered and eligible to play.</p>		

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	❖ Stamps will be a different colour or shape each year.		
8.4	<p>The BDAFA Registrar will;</p> <p>(a) Verify that the details, including age group &amp; division provided by the Club are complete</p> <p>(b) Withhold registration where the Club has not completed the ID card or registration sheet.</p> <p>(c) Deny registration where proof of age or a clearance from another Association or Club is required but has not been provided.</p> <p>(d) Provide the Club Secretary or Registrar with the copy of the Registration Sheet, plus the stamped completed ID Cards except where the player or official registered is otherwise ineligible to play due to suspension or other reason provided by the MC</p> <p><b>(e) Provide the club secretary or registrar with the copy of the registration sheet, plus the complete ID Cards except where the player or official registered is otherwise ineligible to play due to suspension or other reason provided by the MC”.</b></p>		
8.5	ID Cards & Team Registration Sheets must be in the hands of BDAFA Registrar two weeks prior to the start of the competition or by any other deadline set by the MC. Registrations will re-commence after the 1st round of competition matches have been played. The Registrar will set a weekly cut-off time after which registrations will not be accepted. ID Cards (as per by law 8.3h) and Registration Sheets not submitted by the due date or completed to the satisfaction of the BDAFA Registrar will incur a fine of \$50 per each team.		
8.6	ID Cards are the property of BDAFA and must be provided to the MC at their request. If a team disbands all their ID Cards must be returned to the MC with a letter advising their withdrawal from the competition.		
8.7	Players may not register with the Association after 30th June of the current year.		
8.8	Any player coming back from Super League/State League must stand down eight (8) calendar weeks from their last competition game in that league.		
8.9	Clubs withdrawing teams once the draw has been distributed to clubs will be fined \$100 for each team withdrawn.		
9.0	<b>TRANSFERS</b>		
9.1	<p>Once a person is registered they must apply to BDAFA for permission to:</p> <p>(a) Transfer to a team from another club once the season has started.</p> <p>(b) Transfer from one team to another in the same club.</p>		

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9.2	All requests for transfers must be made using the Transfer/Clearance Form, an example of which is Form D of these By-Laws. If the MC approves the Transfer, the BDAFA Registrar will endorse the person's ID Card noting the date the transfer was completed.		
9.3	Transfers will not be approved after 30th June each year.		
9.4	Where a team withdraws or disbands the transfer of players will be decided by the MC regardless of the date.		
10.0	<b>FORFEITS &amp; DEFERMENTS</b>		
10.1	<b>BDAFA</b> Clubs must advise the BDAFA Secretary & <b>BDAFA Competition Secretary</b> in writing at least 48 hours prior to the scheduled kick-off that a team intends to forfeit. Irrespective of the date of advice, the BDAFA Competition Secretary will advise the opposing club and the Referees' Appointment Secretary.		
10.2	If a Club does not give written advice (to be received by BDAFA by Monday 5.30pm following the match) as above they will incur a fee of \$25 and pay the fees of any Official Referee(s) appointed to the match.		
10.3	If a team forfeits two (2) times during the Premiership, that team will be removed from the competition. On the first (1 <sup>st</sup> ) occasion the BDAFA Recorder will advise the Competition Secretary who will advise the club in writing that the offending team will be removed from the competition if the second (2 <sup>nd</sup> ) forfeit occurs. The Club will be then asked to explain to the MC why these forfeits have been allowed to occur.		
10.4	If a team forfeits and the MC deems they gained an advantage over the other teams in the competition, the forfeited match will be rescheduled. The MC will penalise the offending club \$100 and loss of 3 additional competition points for attempting this ploy.		
10.5	Clubs have one week from the issue of the draw to ask the MC to grant deferments of matches. The MC may also grant deferments if either; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) A draw has not been issued.</li> <li>(b) The reason for the deferment could not have been foreseen within a week of the issue of the draw. Deferment and non deferment requests and replies are to be submitted to BDAFA in writing on Club letterhead signed by the Club Secretary of both teams involved.</li> <li>(c) If no agreement between clubs then MC will make decision.</li> </ul>		
10.6	Deferments will be granted for teams that play in the Final Series of BDAFA sanctioned outside matches (eg. Amateur Cup). Etc. These deferments may also be granted where teams are obliged to travel more than 100 kilometres from Bankstown.		

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11.0	<b>NUMBER OF PLAYERS</b>		
11.1	For all <b>competitive grades</b> - seven players including a goalkeeper will constitute a team.		
11.2	A team will not start a match short of players if further members of the team are present, able and eligible to play.		
11.3	A team may field late players (including substitutes) provided they do not breach these By-Laws. FIFA Law 3 states that substitutes must be listed on the Team Sheet prior to the game. However, names may be added to the Team Sheet after the commencement of play to make up the nominal eleven players on the field.		
11.4	The match will commence at the scheduled time as soon as there are two teams as defined in By-Laws 11.1. However, a forfeit may be claimed ten minutes after the scheduled start of a match if the opposing cannot field a team.		
11.5	Where a team is reduced to less than seven players after the start of a match, play will stop. The match will be deemed to have been forfeited by that team. However, the MC may deem the match to have been completed as per By-Law 15.3d		
12.0	<b>FITNESS &amp; DRESSING OF GROUNDS</b>		
12.1	If an Official Referee is appointed to a match he/she will decide as to the fitness of the ground. Where such a referee has not been appointed an MC member who is present or an Executive Officer from the host club may declare the ground unplayable. The BDAFA Secretary is to be advised of this decision immediately. Under no circumstances shall either the host club or MC member direct teams or clubs scheduled for the affected field to cancel their allocated game. This is the responsibility of the Competition Secretary who will endeavour to find another field for the match to be played on before cancellation.		
12.2	Fields should be correctly dressed; that is; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) Flag posts placed at each corner. Such corner posts will not be less than 1.5m high (5ft), will be safe &amp; will not have pointed tops.</li> <li>(b) Benches are to be provided at the half way mark on the same side of the field to accommodate each player and official of each team participating in match.</li> <li>(c) Nets are required and must be taped/secured to the goal-posts other than by nails and mini goal posts secured safely to the grounds as per Australian Standards.</li> <li>(d) Ropes or barrier must be provided for spectator/player safety, but not tied to a fixed structure</li> <li>(e) <b>Refer to FFA Small Sided Football rules for dressing of Small Sided Games.</b></li> </ul>		

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13.0	<b>PLAYERS EQUIPMENT &amp; UNIFORM</b>		
13.1	<p>All players in all matches must wear shorts, socks &amp; shirts in their Club’s registered colours. If thermal shorts are worn they must be the same main colour as the shorts. Goalkeepers must wear colours which distinguish them from the other players and referees.</p> <p>(a) Each club within the BDAFA shall register their colours for all teams (i.e. shirts, shorts and socks) and provide photographs of all club strips at each Annual General Meeting of BDAFA.</p> <p>(b) If a club wishes to change the colour or style of their playing or alternate strip, that club shall supply a sample uniform at the Delegates meeting for approval.</p> <p>*If approval is given, the club shall supply to BDAFA a photograph of all changed uniform.</p> <p>(c) Where more than one Club seeks to register the same or similar colours, preference will be given to the Club which participated in the previous season’s competition, provided the same colours are retained.</p>		
13.2	When the shirt colours of the two teams are similar, the home team will change.		
13.3	Excepting goalkeepers, Team Shirts must be numbered in <b>all competitive grades</b> .		
13.4	Advertisements may be displayed on shirt fronts/sleeves & shorts only and then only with the MC’s approval.		
13.5	Players must wear approved footwear and shin pads and must not wear anything dangerous.		
13.6	Excepting the wearing of anything dangerous, the Club for which the offending player is registered will be fined \$5 for each team infringing this by-law		
13.7	<p>(a) Eye Glasses: A player required to wear prescription sports glasses to participate may play, provided that player, provides BDAFA with a letter from the Optometrist of that requirement, <b>and evidence that the glasses are in fact sports safety glasses (nb, Glass lenses are not permitted)</b>. The player shall also have their players photograph taken showing the player wearing those glasses. If the original photograph does not show this it must be replaced and the player’s card amended. The player’s card should be notated by the registrar of BDAFA that glasses have been approved.</p> <p>(b) Medical Alert Bracelet: A player who suffers from a condition (ie puffer for asthma or the like) that may require more urgent attention when becoming injured on the field should wear a yellow sweatband or rubber/elastic armband to notify the referee of that condition. The referee should be advised at the start of the match.</p>		

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14.0	<b>THE BALL</b>		
14.1	In all matches each team must have at least one ball available for match play. The referee will decide as to the fitness of the ball, which must not be dangerous and must meet the following size requirements. (a) No. 3 size not less than 22” nor more than 23” for G06 – G09. (b) No. 4 size not less than 25” nor more than 26” for G10 – G13. (c) No. 5 size not less than 27” nor more than 28” for G14 and over.		
15.0	<b>DURATION OF MATCHES</b>		
15.1	Actual playing time will be;  <b>G06-G09 playing times are specified in FFA Rules of small sided football</b> <b>G10-G12 – 25 minutes each way</b> <b>G13-G14 – 30 minutes each way</b> <b>G15-G16 – 35 minutes each way</b> <b>G17-AA – 45 minutes each way</b>		
15.2	The half-time interval will be a maximum of 5 mins		
15.3	Time for stoppages will only be added in; (a) The Premiership Final Series. (b) All PL 1 1st and PL 2 1st Grade matches (c) Other matches approved by the MC		
15.4	A match stopped before actual playing time is complete due to an injured player or because of a weather interruption only may be deemed complete by the MC when 75% of the actual playing time has been completed. A final series as per By-Law 4.8 match will be deemed complete when 100% of normal playing time is completed. Both matches will be subject to additional by-laws regarding a restart of the match if required.		
16.0	<b>PROTESTS</b>		
16.1	If, prior to the kick off of a match, a team believes their opponent may be in breach of these By-Laws they must play the match under protest. Teams wishing to play under protest must inform the opposing team manager prior to the start of the match. The protest must be noted on the Team Sheet. Failure to do so will result in a fine of \$25 and may lead to the dismissal of any such protest. Such protests duly noted must be confirmed in writing to the MC by the protesting Club.		

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	The MC will then, and only then, consider the merits of the protest and decide if there has been a breach of these By-Laws.		
16.2	Protests relating to the ground, goal posts and cross-bars will not be considered by the MC unless an objection has been lodged with the referee prior to the start of the match.		
16.3	The Secretary of BDAFA will send a copy of the protest to the club against which the protest has been lodged.		
16.4	The MC will not consider any protest regarding unofficial referees or refereeing decisions made in good faith.		
16.5	The MC may order any club engaged in a protest to pay such sum necessary towards defraying expenses incurred.		
16.6	If an MC member is connected in any way with either club involved in a protest they will not vote on the outcome.		
17.0	<b>BEFORE THE START OF PLAY</b>		
17.1	<p>Before the start of each match both teams will;</p> <p>(a) Pay fees for the referee(s) directly to the canteen, when an Official Referee and/or Assistant Referee is appointed to the match. The club official in the canteen shall, on receipt of the appropriate fees, stamp the team sheet with a “paid” stamp &amp; clear initials of the person accepting the payment in the top corner of the sheet adjacent to the list of players from the team paying the fees. The Referee is to be presented with the team sheet of their allocated game, stamped as paid by both teams before the start of play.</p> <p>(b) If an Official Club or Team Referee is not appointed to the match, both teams must agree 10 minutes before the scheduled kick-off time on <b>which one person will referee the entire match</b>. If no agreement is reached the match is not to be played and no points will be awarded and the match will not be replayed. However, if the MC deems a team is using this by-law to avoid playing the match it may award the points to the opponent.</p> <p>(c) Agree on who will act as Assistant Referee if Official Assistant Referee(s) have not been appointed. Each team will provide an assistant referee who will report to the referee prior to the commencement of each match. Ensure the field is roped off.</p>		
18.0	<b>DURING THE MATCH</b>		
18.1	Each player is to have a personal drink bottle. The sharing of drink bottles is not permitted.		
18.2	Buckets, sponges or stretchers (to remove injured players) are not to be used.		
18.3	All teams participating in a match must occupy the benches provided on the same side of the field, to allow for referees/assistant referees to observe interchange or replacement of players. The edge of the technical area will be a minimum of 1 metre from the touch line. This must be marked and visible on the sideline. Only registered officials and		

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	players on the Team Sheet for the match in progress are permitted in the Technical Area. Team Officials are not to leave the Technical Area while the match is in progress, except to administer medical aid to injured players or otherwise with the referee's permission.		
18.4	The MC may direct that a club provide two (2) Officials from that club to attend matches to oversee their players and or spectator's if a complaint has been lodged concerning that team or spectators behaviour.		
18.5	Any player/official injured during a game where such injury is deemed serious MUST NOT be removed from the field until a determination is made of the extent of the injury by ambulance personnel. Clubs breaching this by-law will be fined \$200.		
18.6	A maximum of nine (9) persons may occupy the technical area and are made up of the following; *Up to four (4) may be team officials and five (5) may be substitute players for the game in progress.		
19.0	<b>TEAM SHEETS</b>		
19.1	<b>Each team will provide their own team sheet, which is to be handed in at the canteen of the field at which the game is played.</b>		
19.2	An official of each team will write each of their players' names and ID Numbers in blue or black pen (not felt-tipped) on the Team Sheet prior to the start of the match. Only players playing in the match must be listed on the Team Sheet. Players who commence the match may not be listed as substitutes. The number on the player's shirt must correspond with his/her name and ID Number.		
19.3	If a player takes the field in a match and it is found that their ID number or shirt number is not listed on the Team Sheet the following fines will apply providing they are otherwise eligible to play Players not eligible to play are listed in By-Law 7.4 * No ID Numbers - \$5 per team for having an "incorrectly completed Team Sheet". * No Shirt Numbers - \$5 per team for having an "incorrectly completed Team Sheet".  In addition to the above, to complete the Team Sheet; (a) <b>Both teams</b> will complete the match details (date/age/division/round/ground). (b) The Ground Marshall will verify their attendance by signing the Team Sheet and will also sign to verify the agreement from both teams on an unofficial referee. (c) A registered Team Official of both teams will; * Verify their agreement if an unofficial referee was used.		

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	<p>* Endorse the Team Sheet where a player played in a higher age group or division by marking beside his/her name the age-group and division in which he/she is registered.</p> <p>(d) The Referee will complete the result and sign the Team Sheet and record any player substitutions (but not interchanges)</p> <p>(e) A Team Official from each team will sign the Team Sheet at the conclusion of the match to verify the details of their team and the score.</p> <p>Teams will be fined \$5 for each infringement of (a) (b) (c) and (e)</p>		
19.4	<p>Excepting where an official referee was appointed, completed Team Sheets for all matches must be lodged with BDAFA by 6pm on the Monday following the match. Where a NSW SR referee did not officiate, the home team must ensure this deadline is met.</p> <p>Clubs will be fined \$5 for each Team Sheet not meeting the 6pm deadline.</p>		
20.0	<p><b>IDENTITY CARDS AT MATCHES</b></p>		
20.1	<p>Prior to the start of each match, all players present &amp; listed on the Team Sheet will take their ID Card onto the field. A registered team official will verify the eligibility of their opponents by checking each opposing player's ID Card. A player will not take the field of play without producing his/her ID Card as proof of his/her registration.</p>		
20.2	<p>All ID Cards are to be handed to the opposing team's manager prior to the start of the match. All ID Cards, once exchanged, are to remain with the registered official of the opposing team until the end of the match.</p>		
20.3	<p>If a player's eligibility is in doubt, the opposing manager may take details from the questioned player's card. The match must be played under protest and duly noted on the team sheet.</p>		
20.4	<p>Details contained on ID Cards may only be used for the administration of the game of football.</p>		
20.5	<p>A team will not take the field nor a match start without ID Cards being verified. Teams will be allowed ten minutes after the scheduled kick-off time to provide their ID Cards. The offending team will be fined \$25.</p>		
20.6	<p>Team Officials must display their ID Cards so that they can be readily identified by a Ground Marshall, Club Committee member, MC Member, Referee or other Official duly recognised by the MC. A fine of \$10 will be imposed on the offending club each time a Team Official fails to do so.</p>		
20.7	<p><b>If a player is sent from the field of play by the Referee, the player's ID Card is to be retained by the player's club for presentation to the association.</b></p>		

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21.0	<b>PLAYING IN A HIGHER AGE GROUP OR DIVISION</b>		
21.1	For Premiership matches (except in the Final Series) teams are allowed to use players registered within their club in lower divisions of the same age or from all divisions of younger age groups. G35's use of players from any other grade or age group is not permitted		
21.2	<b>All junior non competitive grades teams are allowed to draw from any team of the same age group or lower within their club.</b>		
21.3	Where a player plays for a team other than the one in which he/she is registered, his/her registered team and grade must be shown on the Team Sheet. Failure to have the Team Sheet endorsed will make the player's club liable for a fine of \$5.		
21.4	A player may play three (3) games in a higher age group or division, but on playing the fourth (4 <sup>th</sup> ) game they must be re-registered in that team in which he/she last played unless the MC approves for the player to remain in his/her original registered team. This does not apply to G06, G07 and G08 non-competition soccer. (Refer By-Law 7.4c for penalties for playing more than 3 such matches).  <b>This does not apply to junior or non competitive football.</b>		
22.0	<b>SUBSTITUTIONS AND INTERCHANGE</b>		
22.1	Unlimited interchange shall apply to all BDAFA competitions excepting PL 1 and PL 2. Interchange will take place only when the ball is out of play. A maximum of 16 players <b>for all competitive and senior grades</b>		
22.2	In PL 1 and PL 2 five players may be substituted but once substituted cannot participate any further in the match.		
22.3	All substitutions and interchanges must be made at half-way on the technical area side of the field.		
22.4	Where a player is dismissed from the field of play, no substitution or interchange can be made for that player.		
22.5	The Team Sheet must be clearly marked by the Referee to show all substitutions (not interchange) that took place in the match.		
22.6	In PL 1 and PL 2 where a players name is listed on the Team Sheet as a substitute but they do not take the field of play, they will not be deemed to have played in that team in that match.		

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23.0	<b>BDAFA GENERAL PURPOSE TRIBUNAL (GPT).</b>		
<b>23.1</b>	<p><b>Mandate of the Tribunal</b></p> <p>a) The GPT shall deal with all disputes, abandoned games, incident reports submitted by Referees, Officials and Spectators, and any other matter arising from all games and competitions run by BDAFA.</p> <p>b) The GPT shall meet at any time or place deemed necessary by the Executive.</p> <p>c) The GPT Chairperson will keep a record of decisions reached and advise the Executive, and interested parties in writing within seven days of those decisions.</p> <p>d) The GPT shall keep a record of its business and of all cautions, sanctions etc issued to any player(s), team(s) or club(s) registered with BDAFA, and inform players or officials via their Club Secretary when they are suspended.</p>		
23.2	<p><b>Structure of the GPT</b></p> <p>a) The GPT quorum shall be three (3), one of whom is Chair. A maximum of five (5) persons may be panel members in one inquiry.</p> <p>b) The GPT members for each inquiry will be appointed by the Executive, or by the person the Executive elects to appoint GPT members.</p> <p>c) The GPT Chairperson will have the same voting rights as the other panel members.</p> <p>d) The determination of any tribunal shall be in accordance with majority opinion, and if equally divided the Chairperson's determination shall prevail.</p> <p>e) All panel members are to be independent of each other in terms of club affiliation, and also independent of the parties involved in the complaint.</p>		
23.3	<p><b>Powers of the GPT</b></p> <p>The GPT has the power to:</p> <p>a) Take evidence. The admissibility and weight to be given to any evidence in the proceedings shall be at the discretion of the Tribunal. The GPT will also take into account other conduct that might arise from the evidence.</p> <p>b) Require the attendance of any participant to give evidence.</p> <p>c) Require the production of any document, information or other material in whatever form held by any party under the jurisdiction of BDAFA, including BDAFA.</p> <p>d) Where the participant required to give evidence fails to do so, the GPT may suspend the participant from competition or membership privileges of BDAFA until they have done so.</p> <p>e) Determine whether a complaint is proved.</p> <p>f) Determine and set any punishments or sanctions against players, officials, teams, clubs and/or others that they consider appropriate. The GPT is not restrained by the sentencing guidelines in By-Law 26.13, though will usually</p>		

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	<p><b>be guided by those sanctions.</b></p> <p><b>g) Set the starting and finishing dates of any suspensions or other sanctions it imposes.</b></p> <p><b>h) Impose appropriate fines and/or bonds on any player, official, team and/or club.</b></p>		
23.4	<p><b>Procedural Fairness</b></p> <p><b>a) The GPT must keep an open mind about all matters before it until all evidence is submitted.</b></p> <p><b>b) The person(s) subject of complaint will be introduced to the GPT and may challenge the appropriateness of any panel member(s). It is then up to the panel, under all circumstances, to rule on any such challenge.</b></p> <p><b>c) The general form of proceedings will be explained, including any assistance afforded the person(s) subject of complaint throughout.</b></p> <p><b>d) Witnesses shall be called separately when considered appropriate by the GPT.</b></p> <p><b>e) Both the panel and any person(s) subject of complaint shall be present throughout the hearing, except in <i>ex parte</i> circumstances outlined in By-Law 23.8. The person(s) subject of complaint shall be given every opportunity to present a case; the same opportunity is afforded the complainant. However, the Chairperson has the right to call a halt to duplication or repetition of evidence, or anything straying outside the bounds of the case before the committee.</b></p> <p><b>f) The GPT is not a court of evidence. The determination of any matter before the GPT is therefore not required to be “beyond reasonable doubt”, but rather a standard of proof that the panel is comfortable with, based on the balance of probabilities and having regard to the seriousness of the matter.</b></p> <p><b>g) The rights and procedures of appeal must be provided to any person against whom adverse findings were made at the time those findings are published, including any time limit that applies.</b></p>		
23.5	<p><b>Meeting Times</b></p> <p><b>The GPT will generally meet on a Wednesday evening commencing at 19:00. Exact times, dates and venue details will be published in the Notices issued to persons required to attend. Times, dates and venues are always at the discretion of the Executive.</b></p>		
23.6	<p><b>Notification of Complaint</b></p> <p><b>Every person required to attend a hearing before the GPT must be informed in writing no less than four (4) days prior to the hearing. The Notice of Complaint must include</b></p> <p><b>a) The name(s) of those subject of complaint</b></p> <p><b>b) The name(s) of those making complaint</b></p> <p><b>c) Particulars of the matter including any By-Law or regulation pursuant to which it is made</b></p> <p><b>d) The time, date and place the return notice is due to be submitted</b></p>		

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23.7	<p><b>Persons required to attend</b></p> <p>a) Any person(s), team(s) or club(s) required to appear must do so at the prescribed date, time and venue. Failure to do so will result in the suspension of those person(s) etc until such time as they do appear at the GPT, and may also result in the imposition of a fine.</p> <p>b) The minimum age group to appear in front of the GPT is Grade 13. Players younger than 13 who play in Grade 13 games or teams must also appear. Persons playing in games or teams younger than Grade 13 must be dealt with by their club within four (4) days of notification of the incident. The club will be required to submit the minutes of the disciplinary meeting to the GPT Chairperson within two (2) days of that meeting, including what action has been taken. The GPT Chairperson may direct the club to alter any sanctions that are considered inappropriate.</p> <p>c) Any party may be required to give evidence, but always at the discretion of the GPT. Referees required to attend GPT hearings will submit invoices to BDAFA for reimbursement of an amount agreed at the annual Presidents' &amp; Secretaries Meeting.</p>		
23.8	<p><b>Persons subject of complaint failing to respond or attend</b></p> <p>a) If a person, team or club fails to respond to a Notice, or fails to attend the GPT hearing without adequate reason, the GPT shall determine the matter <i>ex parte</i>.</p> <p>b) An <i>ex parte</i> decision of the GPT has the same force and effect as if the determination was made after a full hearing before the tribunal.</p>		
23.9	<p><b>Notice of Costs</b></p> <p>a) At the commencement of any proceedings, a Notice of Costs shall be provided to each party in the proceedings.</p> <p>b) Where the convening of a tribunal will subject BDAFA to costs or expenses, those costs or expenses shall be paid by the unsuccessful party or the party against whom a complaint has been proven.</p>		
23.10	<p><b>Representation</b></p> <p>A party may be represented by legal counsel or by another person nominated by that party. If a party decides to have legal representation, they must notify the GPT no less than two (2) days prior to the scheduled hearing. In these cases, provision may be made for the GPT to have legal counsel, and the cost of this may be charged to the unsuccessful party or against whom a complaint has been proven. The party opting for legal counsel must be advised of the cost of this prior to the hearing.</p>		
23.11	<p><b>Application of suspensions</b></p> <p>a) Players, officials, teams and/or clubs may be suspended for a number of competition matches, or for a specified time.</p> <p>b) Where the suspension is in a number of matches, the suspended party may not participate in any match day</p>		

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	<p>activities, including but not limited to the match itself, warm up/warm down activities, pre-game or half-time talks, entry into team dressing rooms etc. The party may continue to train and participate in other team activities other than on match day unless otherwise notified in the decision of the GPT. These suspensions will be served in BDAFA winter football matches, and in any Football NSW competitions in which the party is registered (such as State Cup, Champion of Champions). Neither Futsal matches nor any summer football competitions will count as matches served unless otherwise directed by the GPT.</p> <p>c) Where the suspension is for a specified time frame, the party is suspended from ALL FOOTBALL ACTIVITIES that are under the jurisdiction of BDAFA and/or Football NSW. Unless otherwise determined by the GPT, this includes, but is not limited to: football matches and competitions, training, coaching, managing, refereeing, participation on club or BDAFA committees or working groups, Futsal competitions, and match day officiating (eg Team Marshal, Ground Marshal).</p> <p>d) The GPT will include in any decision the start and end date of any suspension, or the number of matches that the party must stand down. Also included will be any consideration given to matches stood down prior to the hearing.</p> <p>e) All suspensions over one (1) month or five (5) matches will be reported to Football NSW, who records disciplinary histories for publication to other associations. Also reported will be players deemed unfinancial or who have failed to appear when directed to do so.</p> <p>f) Parties may also be barred from entering grounds hired by BDAFA during games. In all instances this means that where there is a fence on any side of a ground the barred person must remain outside that fence. Where there is no fence the barred person may not come any closer than 10 metres of the outer boundaries of the playing field. Clubs will be held responsible for ensuring that such sanctions are complied with.</p> <p>g) Sentences imposed carry over from one year to the next. Players do not have to be registered in the following year for suspensions to expire.</p> <p>h) Parties who participate in games while suspended will receive an additional suspension of one (1) match per match they participated in, served consecutively after the original suspension. The GPT may also order fines be imposed on the club to whom the party belongs.</p> <p>i) Washed-out matches, Byes, and Forfeits by a suspended player's team will not be counted as matches served in any suspension. Abandoned matches will only be counted at the discretion of the Executive.</p> <p>j) Clubs must submit a Notification of Suspension Served form within seven (7) days of the completion of the suspension.</p>		
23.12	<p><b>Contempt in the face of the Tribunal</b></p> <p>a) A person must not:</p>		

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	<p><b>1) Insult a member of a Tribunal in or in relation to the exercise of the powers or functions of a member; or</b>  <b>2) Repeatedly interrupt the proceedings of a Commission/Tribunal; or</b>  <b>3) Create a disturbance or take part in creating or continuing a disturbance in or near a place where a Tribunal is sitting; or</b>  <b>4) Obstruct or hinder the Tribunal or a member in the performance of the functions of the Tribunal; or</b>  <b>5) Fail to comply in full with an order of the Tribunal; or</b>  <b>6) Do any other act or thing that would, if a Tribunal were a Court of record, constitute a contempt of Court.</b></p> <p><b>b) Upon a finding of a breach of 23.12a above, the Tribunal may refer the conduct to the Executive seeking an order for:</b></p> <p><b>1) Payment, by a person who has committed the offence or been found to have acted in contempt or abused the process of the tribunal, of the whole or any part of the costs of a party to proceedings occasioned by the contempt or abuse of process; and/or</b>  <b>2) Deduction of points from any Club in a BDAFA Competition; and/or</b>  <b>3) Expulsion, suspension or disqualification of any Participant or Club from any Football Activity for such time as it deems fit; and/or</b>  <b>4) Expulsion, suspension or disqualification of any Member from membership of</b></p>		
24.0	<b>GROUND and TEAM MARSHALS</b>		
24.1	All host Clubs must have a Ground Marshal Present and Visible for each team at every home game. All Clubs must have a Team Marshall (minimum of one for competition matches and minimum of two for Finals matches) present and visible for each team at every match.		
24.2	Ground and Team Marshals are to; (a) Identify themselves to team officials and the referee(s) prior to the match and wear an identifying official jacket. Ground Marshals must always be readily available to the referee(s) during the match. (b) Assist referees, team, club or BDAFA officials in the enforcement of these By-Laws. (c) Ground Marshall shall patrol grounds and assist in the control of spectators at the ground. Team Marshals shall control spectators within their own team. (d) In no way places themselves in a position where physical violence could result. (e) Submit a report to their Club Secretary on Form F for any incident that may be investigated by the MC.		

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	(f) Ground Marshal shall carry out By-Law 19.3B		
24.3	Ground Marshals and Team Marshal must be at least 18 years old.		
24.4	If a club fails to enforce these By-Laws for Ground Marshals and Team Marshals they will be liable to a minimum fine of \$50 and a maximum of \$100 as decided by the MC.		
25.0	<b>RESULTS</b>		
25.1	In addition to forwarding team Sheets to the MC each club must; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) Advise the results of their Club's Teams to the BDAFA Recorder by 7.30pm on the day of the match (or other time agreed by the BDAFA Recorder). The Club will be fined \$5 for each late, missing or incorrect result.</li> <li>(b) <b>Submit a completed result form via email by 7.30pm Sunday on the weekend of the match. Any club failing to comply with this by law will be fined \$5 per result form.</b></li> </ul>		
26.0	<b>BDAFA DISCIPLINARY COMMITTEE (DC)</b>		
26.1	<b>Mandate of the Disciplinary Committee</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) <b>The DC shall deal with any offence on the field of play other than an offence which carries a maximum one (1) match suspension in accordance with the sentencing guidelines (By-Law 26.13).</b></li> <li>b) <b>The DC shall impose any sanction provided for by the Laws of the Game and/or the sentencing guidelines pursuant to these By-Laws.</b></li> </ul>		
26.2	<b>Structure of the DC</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) <b>The DC quorum shall be three (3):</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o <b>one of whom is Chair.</b></li> <li>o <b>two other panel members.</b></li> </ul> <b>For hearings, the panel may include a delegate from the Bankstown Football Referees who will offer assistance with questions regarding the Laws of the Game. The Referees' delegate will not be included in any determinations.</b> </li> <li>b) <b>The DC members for each inquiry will be appointed by the Executive, or by the person the Executive elects to appoint DC members.</b></li> <li>c) <b>The DC Chairperson will have the same voting rights as the other panel members.</b></li> <li>d) <b>The determination of any tribunal shall be in accordance with majority opinion and if equally divided the</b></li> </ul>		

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26.3	<p><b>Powers of the DC</b></p> <p><b>The DC has the power to:</b></p> <p><b>a) Take evidence. The admissibility and weight to be given to any evidence in the proceedings shall be at the discretion of the DC.</b></p> <p><b>b) Require the attendance of any participant to give evidence.</b></p> <p><b>c) Require the production of any document, information or other material in whatever form held by any party under the jurisdiction of BDAFA, including BDAFA.</b></p> <p><b>d) Where the participant required to give evidence fails to do so, the DC may suspend the participant from competition or membership privileges of BDAFA until they have done so.</b></p> <p><b>e) Determine whether a complaint is proved.</b></p> <p><b>f) Determine and set any punishments or sanctions against players that they consider appropriate, in accordance with the sentencing guidelines in By-Law 26.13.</b></p> <p><b>g) Set the starting and finishing dates of any sanctions it imposes.</b></p>		
26.4	<p><b>Operation of the DC</b></p> <p><b>a) The DC will meet on a weekly basis as directed by the Executive.</b></p> <p><b>b) New cases since the last meeting of the DC will be examined and determinations made based on the Referees’ reports, and with consideration of the player’s previous disciplinary history. These determinations will then be published to the player’s club. If the club or player wishes to appear before the DC to challenge the determination, they may apply to the Executive for a hearing date. Unless otherwise advised by the Executive, the player is stood down until that hearing.</b></p> <p><b>c) Determinations accepted by the club (or not responded to within the timeframe set in the Notice of Penalty) cannot be appealed. Determinations challenged at a DC hearing can be appealed to BDAFA in the first instance.</b></p>		
26.5	<p><b>Procedural Fairness at DC Hearings</b></p> <p><b>a) This By-Law applies when a DC finding is being challenged before a DC hearing.</b></p> <p><b>b) The DC must keep an open mind about all matters before it until all evidence is submitted.</b></p> <p><b>c) The player will be introduced to the DC and may challenge the appropriateness of any panel member(s). It is then up to the panel, under all circumstances, to rule on any such challenge.</b></p>		

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	<p>d) The general form of proceedings will be explained, including any assistance afforded the player throughout.</p> <p>e) Any witnesses shall be called separately when considered appropriate by the DC.</p> <p>f) Both the panel and any player shall be present throughout the hearing, except in <i>ex parte</i> circumstances outlined in By-Law 26.9. The player shall be given every opportunity to present a case. However, the Chairperson has the right to call a halt to duplication or repetition of evidence, or anything straying outside the bounds of the case before the committee.</p> <p>g) The DC is not a court of evidence. The determination of any matter before the DC is therefore not required to be “beyond reasonable doubt”, but rather a standard of proof that the panel is comfortable with, based on the balance of probabilities and having regard to the seriousness of the matter.</p> <p>h) The rights and procedures of appeal must be provided to any person against whom adverse findings were made at the time those findings are published, including any time limit that applies.</p>		
26.6	<p><b>Meeting Times</b></p> <p>a) The DC will generally meet on a Tuesday evening commencing at 19:00. Exact times, dates and venue details will be published to those applying for a hearing. Times, dates and venues are always at the discretion of the Executive.</p> <p>b) Where junior players are attending hearings, the youngest players will be heard first, then seniors, in order of appointment.</p>		
26.7	<p><b>Notifications</b></p> <p>a) For send-off offences, it is the responsibility of the Team Manager (or other registered team official if the Manager is not available) to politely approach the Referee at the end of the game to learn the charge against his or her player.</p> <p>b) The Notice of Penalty initially published by the DC will contain the Referee’s charge from the team sheet, and the penalty determined by the DC. The Notice will also contain instructions for the processing of the player’s BDAFA identification card, the deadline to apply for a DC hearing to challenge the finding, and how to do so.</p>		
26.8	<p><b>Persons required to attend</b></p> <p>a) In the event of a DC hearing, a player required to appear must do so at the prescribed date, time and venue. Failure to do so will result in the suspension of those person(s) etc until such time as they do appear at the DC, and may also result in the imposition of a fine.</p> <p>b) The minimum age group to appear in front of the DC is Grade 13. Players younger than 13 who play in</p>		

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	<p style="color: red;">Grade 13 games or teams must also appear. Persons playing in games or teams younger than Grade 13 must be dealt with by their club within four (4) days of notification of the incident. The club will be required to submit the minutes of the disciplinary meeting to the DC Chairperson within two (2) days of that meeting, including what action has been taken. The DC Chairperson may direct the club to alter any sanctions that are considered inappropriate.</p> <p style="color: red;">c) Any party may be required to give evidence, but always at the discretion of the Chair.</p>		
26.9	<p style="color: red;"><b>Players failing to attend</b></p> <p style="color: red;">a) If a player fails to attend the scheduled DC hearing without reason, the DC may determine the matter <i>ex parte</i>.</p> <p style="color: red;">b) An <i>ex parte</i> decision of the DC has the same force and effect as if the determination was made after a full hearing before the DC.</p>		
26.10	<p style="color: red;"><b>Notice of Costs</b></p> <p style="color: red;">a) At the commencement of any proceedings, a Notice of Costs shall be provided to each party in the proceedings.</p> <p style="color: red;">b) Where the convening of a DC panel will subject BDAFA to costs or expenses, those costs or expenses shall be paid by the party against whom a complaint has been proven.</p>		
26.11	<p style="color: red;"><b>Representation</b></p> <p style="color: red;">The use of legal representatives is not permitted at DC hearings. A legal representative who is a Club President or Secretary may argue for an accused person in their official Club capacity, but no more than that. A player may have a legal representative present at a DC hearing, but only to advise the player, and not to argue a case on behalf of the player.</p>		
26.12	<p style="color: red;"><b>Application of suspensions</b></p> <p style="color: red;">a) Players may be suspended for a number of competition matches, or for a specified time.</p> <p style="color: red;">b) Where the suspension is in a number of matches, the suspended player may not participate in any match day activities, including but not limited to the match itself, warm up/warm down activities, pre-game or half-time talks, entry into team dressing rooms etc. The player may continue to train and participate in other team activities other than on match day unless otherwise notified in the decision of the DC. These suspensions will be served in BDAFA winter football matches, and in any Football NSW competitions in which the party is registered (such as State Cup, Champion of Champions). Neither Futsal matches nor any summer football competitions will count as matches served unless otherwise directed by the DC.</p> <p style="color: red;">c) Where the suspension is for a specified time frame, the player is suspended from ALL FOOTBALL</p>		

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	<p><b>ACTIVITIES that are under the jurisdiction of BDAFA and/or Football NSW. Unless otherwise determined by the DC, this includes, but is not limited to: football matches and competitions, training, coaching, managing, refereeing, participation on club or BDAFA committees or working groups, Futsal competitions, and match day officiating (eg Team Marshal, Ground Marshal).</b></p> <p><b>d) The DC will include in any decision the start and end date of any suspension, or the number of matches that the party must stand down. Also included will be any consideration given to matches stood down prior to the hearing.</b></p> <p><b>e) All suspensions over one (1) month or five (5) matches will be reported to Football NSW, who records disciplinary histories for publication to other associations. Also reported will be players deemed unfinancial or who have failed to appear when directed to do so.</b></p> <p><b>f) Players may also be barred from entering grounds hired by BDAFA during games. In all instances this means that where there is a fence on any side of a ground the barred person must remain outside that fence. Where there is no fence the barred person may not come any closer than 10 metres of the outer boundaries of the playing field. Clubs will be held responsible for ensuring that such sanctions are complied with.</b></p> <p><b>g) Sentences imposed carry over from one year to the next. Players do not have to be registered in the following year for suspensions to expire.</b></p> <p><b>h) Parties who participate in games while suspended will receive an additional suspension of one (1) match per match they participated in, served consecutively after the original suspension. The DC may also order fines be imposed on the club to whom the party belongs.</b></p> <p><b>i) Byes and Forfeits by a suspended player’s team will not be counted as matches served in any suspension. Abandoned matches will only be counted at the discretion of the Executive.</b></p> <p><b>j) Clubs must submit a Notification of Suspension Served form within seven (7) days of the completion of the suspension.</b></p>		
26.13	<p><b>Contempt in the face of the DC</b></p> <p><b>a) A person must not:</b></p> <p><b>1) Insult a member of a Tribunal in or in relation to the exercise of the powers or functions of a member; or</b></p> <p><b>2) Repeatedly interrupt the proceedings of a Commission/Tribunal; or</b></p> <p><b>3) Create a disturbance or take part in creating or continuing a disturbance in or near a place where a Tribunal is sitting; or</b></p>		

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		towards the player's goal by an offence punishable by a free kick or a penalty kick.				
	R6 i	Offensive, insulting or abusive language and/or gestures	2 matches	8 matches		
	R6 ii	Discriminatory (including racist, religion, ethnic or sexist) language and/or gestures	6 matches	12 matches		
	R6 iii	Offensive, insulting or abusive language and/or gestures to a match official	6 matches	12 matches		
	R7	Second caution in the same match	1 match	n/a		
<b>SECTION B – Other Offences by players and team officials</b>						
	Code	Offence	Minimum	Maximum		
	1	Inciting the crowd	10 matches	5 years		
	2	Attacking or fighting with spectators	1 year	Life		
	3	Bringing the game into disrepute	6 matches	Life		
<b>Example Offences</b>						
	Serious Foul Play	Excessive force or brutally challenging for the ball when it is in play, eg: tackle from behind that endangers the safety of a person.				
	Violent Conduct	Excessive force or brutality when not challenging for the ball, including striking, elbowing, head-butting or kicking. May occur either on the field of play or outside its boundaries, whether or not the ball is in play, against an opponent or team-mate.				
	Serious	Violent	Violent conduct of a more serious nature that intends to cause			

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<p><b>Notes on Sentencing</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) The application of BDAFA sanctions will not preclude cases being passed on to Police, Government authorities or higher football bodies where appropriate.</li> <li>b) Players will include named substitutes, substituted players and squad members.</li> <li>c) Team Officials will include Coaches, Managers, Assistants, trainers and any other person permitted in the Technical Area.</li> <li>d) Match Officials will include Referees and Assistant Referees, Referee Inspectors, BDAFA Committee Members, BDAFA Life Members and on-duty Team and Ground Marshals.</li> </ul>									
<b>27.0</b>	<b>CAUTIONS (YELLOW CARDS)</b>								
27.1	Cautions received by players will only stand in the competition in which they are received.								
27.2	Yellow Cards are not eligible for appeals except in cases of mistaken identity.								
27.3	The procedure for the notification and suspension will be; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) The P&amp;DC Chairperson will advise the Club Secretary that the player has accumulated their first 5 cautions. The player will then be suspended from his team’s next two (2) matches.</li> <li>b) For two (2) further cautions received by this player the suspension will be one (1) match. Any further cautions will require the player to Appear before the P&amp;DC Committee.</li> </ul>								
27.4	All yellow cards will be accumulated from the start of the season and will cease at the last game of the season or the end of any finals series, whichever is later.								
27.5	Suspensions for cautions will carry over into the next season; card tallies will not.								
27.6	Two yellow cards in one match, resulting in a red card (R7), will not count toward a player’s yellow card tally. A single								

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	yellow, followed by a direct red card in the same match (R1 – R6) will count toward their tally.		
27.7	Clubs must submit the “Notification of Suspension Served” form for all completed suspensions within 7 days of said completion. Clubs failing to do so will be fined \$50 and at the discretion of the MC may have points deducted whilst playing a player under suspension.		
	<b>Cautionable Offences;</b>		
<b>Code</b>	<b>Offence</b>		
<b>Y1</b>	Unsporting Behaviour		
<b>Y2</b>	Dissent by word or action		
<b>Y3</b>	Persistently infringes the laws of the game		
<b>Y4</b>	Delays the restart of the game		
<b>Y5</b>	Fails to respect the required distance when play is restarted with a free kick, corner kick or throw in		
<b>Y6</b>	Enters or re-enters the field of play without the permission of the Referee		
<b>Y7</b>	Deliberately leaves the field of play without the permission of the Referee		
28.0	<b>BDAFA Appeals Tribunal (AT)</b>		
28.1	<b>Mandate of the Tribunal</b> a) The AT shall be established to hear appeals from a Determination at First Instance, including any determinations made by the BDAFA Executive, the GPT or the DC. b) The AT shall meet at any time or place deemed necessary by the Executive. c) The AT Chairperson will keep a record of decisions reached and advise the Executive, and interested parties, in writing within seven days of those decisions.		
28.2	<b>Structure of the AT</b> a) The AT quorum shall be three (3), one of whom is Chair. b) The AT members for each inquiry will be appointed by the Executive, or by the person the Executive elects to appoint DC members. c) The AT Chairperson will have the same voting rights as the other panel members. d) The determination of any tribunal shall be in accordance in with majority opinion and if equally divided		

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28.3	<p><b>Powers of the AT</b></p> <p><b>The AT has the power to:</b></p> <p><b>a) Take evidence. The admissibility and weight to be given to any evidence in the proceedings shall be at the discretion of the Tribunal. The AT will also take into account other conduct that might arise from any new evidence presented.</b></p> <p><b>b) Dismiss, allow in whole or in part, or vary (whether by way of reduction or increase) any Determination at First Instance.</b></p> <p><b>c) Impose any sanction or make any order or determination that the Determination at First Instance could have imposed or made.</b></p> <p><b>d) The AT may NOT overturn a one (1) match automatic suspension for a player sent from the field of play.</b></p>		
28.4	<p><b>Rights of Appeal</b></p> <p><b>a) Any party including BDAFA party to the proceedings aggrieved by a Determination at First Instance has a right of appeal.</b></p> <p><b>b) All appeals related to BDAFA proceedings must be made to the BDAFA Appeals Tribunal.</b></p>		
28.5	<p><b>Procedure for Appeal</b></p> <p><b>a) Unless otherwise stipulated by BDAFA Executive or GPT, the appellant has seven (7) days from the Notice of Penalty to submit an application for appeal. If the application for appeal is not received within the specified time frame, the AT Chair may dismiss the appeal.</b></p> <p><b>b) The application for appeal must include the grounds for appeal from the list below, and on receipt of official notice of Appeal from the Club BDAFA will invoice the club a fee of \$110 including GST.</b></p> <p><b>c) An appeal from any Determination at First Instance shall only be made on the following grounds:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>○ failure to afford procedural fairness;</b></li> <li><b>○ lack of jurisdiction;</b></li> <li><b>○ insufficient evidence;</b></li> <li><b>○ incorrect interpretation of the By-Laws or Regulations;</b></li> <li><b>○ involves a question or principle of importance to BDAFA;</b></li> </ul>		

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ severity.</li> <li>d) Where the appellant cannot appear, a representative may appear but only with the appellant's written permission and version of events relevant to the appeal. These documents must be tendered to the BDAFA Executive prior to the hearing. In such cases the Appellant will be bound by the decision made in his absence.</li> <li>e) If the club does not front, the appeal will lapse and the appeal fee will be forfeited and in addition a fine of \$220 will be imposed on the appellant.</li> <li>f) The AT Chair will confirm the grounds of appeal. If the grounds of appeal are incorrectly notified, the appeal will lapse.</li> <li>g) Where a party remains aggrieved after receiving the determination of the Appeals Tribunal, they may appeal to Football NSW, Sydney Branch. The AT Chair will provide the procedure for this to the appellant during the hearing.</li> <li>h) At the discretion of the tribunal the appeal fee may be refund in full or in part for a successful appeal.</li> </ul>		
29.0	<b>BY-LAWS FOR NON COMPETITION &amp; MINI SOCCER</b>		
29.1	<p>Non-Competition Soccer will be played in the G06, G07, G08 &amp; G9 age groups.                      The following variations and additions to the By-Laws will apply;                      The following are common to G07 and G08 age groups;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Matches will be non-competitive</li> <li>b) Each team will provide a size 3 match ball</li> <li>c) Unlimited interchange will apply</li> <li>d) All players are to play at least half a match</li> <li>e) Goal-kicks will be taken anywhere within the defending team's goal-arc</li> <li>f) There will be no off-side but teams must not deliberately keep a player in an offside position</li> <li>g) Throw-ins will be taken as per FIFA Law 15</li> <li>h) Corner-kicks are to be taken 10 metres from goal-post closest to where the ball crossed the goal-line</li> <li>i) Players of the opposing team must stand at least 5 metres from the ball at the taking of corners, goal-kicks and free-kicks</li> <li>j) No coaching is permitted on the field. The coach may do so from the side-line in a quiet and non-hysterical manner. Coaching from behind the goals is not permitted</li> </ul>		

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	k) Spectators are not allowed to stand on the centre-line of a full size field l) Junior/Cadet referees may be appointed m) All Free-kicks should be Indirect Free Kicks n) <b>No of Players (all player numbers listed below include goalkeeper)</b> * Existing fixed posts must be bagged for injury protection.		
29.2	<b>Trophy Gala Day for G10 to be played using a full size field with posts in Grade 10 age Division positions with a maximum of 11 players on the field.</b>		

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<b>30.0</b>	<b>PREMIER LEAGUE and OTHER SQUADS</b>		
30.1	The following By-Laws specifically apply to competitions for Premier League or the like when played as Squads. I.e. Two (2) teams playing with interchangeable players from one team to another in a 1 <sup>st</sup> & Res grade arrangement. If the division is not played as a squad then these by-laws do not apply.		
30.2	Each squad will consist of two teams called First Grade and Reserve Grade. There will be separate competitions for each grade. A Suspension of one team in a squad will result in a suspension for the entire squad.		
30.3	Where possible, each competition will be for a maximum of 10 teams.		
30.4	Nominations for the current Premiership season must be submitted in writing on a club letterhead to the BDAFA Secretary by the 1st February. <b>a) Each club will pay an entrance fee of \$500 per Premier League Squad.</b>		
30.5	No club can nominate more than one squad in either PL1 or PL2.		
30.6	Squad registrations must be submitted by the date of Grading (as per By-Law 6.3) and must consist of no less than 25 players.		
30.7	As Promotion and Relegation applies, the squad that; a) Finishes last in PL 1 First Grade shall be relegated to PL2 b) Are Premiers in PL 2 First Grade will be promoted to PL 1. c) Finishes last in PL 2 will be relegated to the highest All Age Division. d) Winners of the highest all age division to be invited to PL 2. Should that club not be able to accept the promotion as per By Law 30.5 other clubs will be invited to participate/nominate in order to make a ten (10) team competition. Should more than one team be invited/nominate, a play off to occur to determine the club to participate in PL 2 for that season. e) No club can nominate more than one squad in either PL 1 or PL 2 Premiership as per By-Law 30.5.		
30.8	If the PL 2 squad that wins Promotion under By-Law 30.7 (b) is ineligible under By-Law 30.7 (d) a play off from nominating clubs to fill the vacancy will occur. Subsequently, there will be a play-off when the PL 1 squad that is relegated under By-Law 30.7 (a) cannot move back to PL 2 division. By-Law 30.7b		
30.9	Matches will be played Saturday or Sunday on a home and away draw allocated by the Competition Secretary, subject to availability of grounds and Official Referees.		
30.10	All Matches in PL 1 must have an Official Referee. BDAFA approved Club Referee can officiate at PL 2 matches.		
30.11	Clubs failing to play matches when directed by the Competition Secretary will be fined \$250.		
30.12	Deferments will be granted as per By-Law 10.5.		

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30.13	<b>ELIGIBILITY FOR SEMI FINALS AND FINALS. IN PREMIER LEAGUE</b>		
30.13.1	Where a club is not represented in both Reserve Grade and First Grade in the semis and finals the following is to apply: * Players who have taken the field at the commencement of a First Grade match (i.e. the starting 11 players NOT substitutions) in more than half of the competition rounds will be ineligible for Reserve Grade Semis and Finals.		
30.13.2	Where a club is represented in both Reserve Grade and First Grade in the Semis and Finals that are being played on the same day the following is to apply: * Players from that squad will be able to play in either Reserve or First Grade Semis and Finals on that day. However, if a Reserve Grade Semi or Final game is to be played or replayed on a different day to First Grade, By-Law 30.13.1 will be applied.		
30.13.3	Where a club is represented in both Reserve and First Grade in the Semis and Finals and the First Grade side is eliminated from further competition then By-Law 30.13.1 will come into force.		
30.13.4	If a squad can submit evidence to the MC that the regular goalkeeper for Reserve Grade in unavailable for the Semis and/or Finals - that squad can apply to the MC for permission to play a substitute keeper who may be ineligible through By-Law 30.13.1.		
30.13.5	All Final Series matches will be played on BDAFA grounds.		
30.14	Suspensions will be served as “rounds” rather than as “matches”. A “round” is a set of 1st and Reserve Grade matches on the same day or as otherwise deemed by the MC.		
30.15	If a “round” is split so that the 1st and Reserve Grade teams of the same squad do not play on the same day, the MC will decide on the eligibility of players for the Reserve Grade match. If the MC believes a squad has not played its regular Reserve Grade team for that match, they will fine the offending Club \$100.		
31.0	<b>GRADE 18, 19 &amp; 21</b>		
31.1	If practical, the <i>G18, G19 &amp; G21</i> Competition be incorporated into the PL 1 Competition and with matches to be played before the Reserve Grade. For those <i>G18, G19 &amp; G21</i> teams without PL 1 they will still participate in the Competition but play their games as per the draw.		
31.2	<i>Grade 18, 19 &amp; 21's</i> will be deemed to be part of the PL 1 Squad for the purpose of reserves only. They will not be eligible to be part of the commencing line-up unless making up the starting eleven players.		

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32.0	<b>TROPHIES and AWARDS.</b>		
32.1	Trophies or Awards will be presented to all registered players in the Non-Competitive grades		
32.2	Trophies or Awards so decided by BDAFA will be presented to the Premiership Winners and Runners-up from G10 upwards. All registered players and Team Officials of such teams will be presented with such awards.		
32.3	Additional Awards for non registered persons may be acquired by notifying BDAFA and will be at the Club's expense.		
32.4	Trophies or Awards may be given to participants in other BDAFA Competitions including knock-outs.		
32.5	The BDAFA EC will organize for the supply of trophies.		
32.6	Perpetual trophies and shields may be presented by BDAFA. Such awards will remain the property of BDAFA. Clubs are responsible for the return of these awards when requested by BDAFA. If such awards are lost or misplaced then the club responsible will be liable for the cost of replacing same.		
<b>33.0</b>	<b>CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP</b>		
33.1	Perpetual awards will be given annually to the Champion Club based on points gained in the BDAFA Premiership, ie; <b>in competitive grades.</b>		
33.2	Clubs eligible for Club Championship must have 10 or more teams competing in the BDAFA Premiership.		
33.3	For the purpose of calculating points for the Club Championship Final Series matches will not be included. Points will be adjusted to reflect the position of each had there been 18 Premiership matches played by each team in each competition.		
33.4	The winner of the Club Championship will be determined by adding together Premiership points a adjusted above for each club and dividing that figure by the number of teams competing for that club. The club with the highest average will be the Champion Club in each division.		
33.5	In the event that a club withdraws a team at any time after the first match of any age/division Premiership, that team will be included in the total number of teams competing when determining averages for the Club Championship.		
<b>34.0</b>	<b>METROPOLITAN LEAGUE.</b>		
34.1	BDAFA will enter squads in the Football NSW Ltd. Grade 11 and Grade 12 Metropolitan League. These squads will adhere to FOOTBALL NSW LTD. By-Laws and Guidelines.		
34.2	Squads in each age group will consist of a coach, a manager and up to 16 players.		
34.3	Applications for the positions of Manager or Coach are to be submitted in writing. All Applicants must appear before the		

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	MC, EC who will evaluate all applications allocate age groups to the successful applicants.		
34.4	The manager will ensure proper behaviour of the team at all times.		
35.0	<b>FINANCIALS</b>		
35.1	The BDAFA Treasurer will issue <b>“electronic” tax invoices and Statements</b> to the Clubs. Such Tax Invoices will include the payment terms and due date. Tax invoices will be issued at least two (2) weeks before due date.		
35.2	All payments to or by BDAFA will be by cheque only. All cheques must have accompanying explanation of what invoice it pertains to and accounts should be sent directly to the BDAFA Secretary.		
35.3	Any Club failing to pay any account by the due date and after a final payment notice has been issued will not be allowed to participate in any BDAFA Competition until the account is paid. A Club has the right to forewarn the MC of any financial difficulty and request an extension of time.		
35.4	Clubs claiming student insurance rate for players over 16 years must do so in writing on Club Letterhead when the player’s registration is submitted. They must also mark the Registration Sheet as per By-Law 8.3 (d).		
35.5	All accounts must be finalised by the 23rd of September so that BDAFA’s books may be audited.		
35.6	Fees for Affiliation to BDAFA for the next playing year are payable by each Club two weeks prior to the current year’s AGM.		
35.7	Clubs and their Officers will produce their financial records at any time as the MC may desire. Failure to do so will make the Club liable to suspension of all teams from BDAFA Competitions.		
36.0	<b>REGISTRATION OF COACHES.</b>		
36.1	Any person wishing to register with BDAFA as coach any team, (G06 and above), must be accredited with the Australian Coaching Council and must be duly registered. Proof of Accreditation must be submitted with BDAFA registration. Persons not accredited may show that they are nominated to take a Junior License Course prior to 30th July of the current season. Failure to do so will mean that Coach’s Registration will not be accepted by BDAFA.		
36.2	All coaches must also comply with regulations to attain a predetermined number of points to hold their accreditation.		
36.3	BDAFA will authorise for Junior Licence Courses to be conducted for all Club’s to enable persons to become accredited. The BDAFA Secretary will inform Clubs of the dates that such courses will operate.		
36.4	Clubs will not organise their own courses without first seeking approval from BDAFA.		

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36.5	All Coaches and Team Officials must submit to BDAFA when applying for registration their signed acceptance of the “Code of Conduct”.		
37.0	<b>MEMBER PROTECTION INFORMATION AND REPORTING.</b>		
37.1	All clubs and their members, coaches and managers will make themselves aware of their requirements under the “Working with Children” Legislation.		
37.2	All club’s will ensure that prior to the commencement of the competition, a schedule of all coaches, managers, officials and volunteers, listing names, date of birth, address and phone numbers, together with the relevant approval forms will be submitted to BDAFA.		
37.3	Any person, who has not been registered with BDAFA, under the “Working with Children” requirements, will be unable to be involved in coaching, managing or officiating, in any activity involving children. A fine of \$200 will be imposed on any club breaching this requirement and also the matter reported to the relevant authorities.		
37.4	Any person, who abuses, intimidates or threatens a child under the age of 18 years, will be reported immediately to Police. Failure to report any incident by clubs or parents and the Associations, will result in fines and further action by the relevant authorities.		
37.5	Each club will have at least one (1) MPIO that is trained up to the latest Rules and Regulations. Each club will produce in writing to the Association Secretary the name, address and telephone number along with the club members latest training.		
38.0	<b>UNOFFICIAL REFEREES</b>		
38.1	Although not a registered member of the Referees Association the Unofficial Referee (who may be a player, spectator or club official) has the same powers as an Official Referee and may officiate the game using all the FIFA rules. They may issue cautions and send off’s as required but must record the details of those issued on the appropriate (Yellow Caution, Red Send off or Blue Referees Report) forms supplied by their Club. The team sheet should be noted accordingly with the Club involved, players name, ID number and offence. All reports must be forwarded via the Club Secretary to reach BDAFA Secretary before Monday 5.30pm.		
38.2	It would be preferable that the Unofficial Referee be not a Coach or the Manager of the participating teams.		

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39.0	<b>GRADE 35</b> <b>Grade 35 competition by played on Friday Night where possible submitted by Laurie Simpson Secretary BDAFA.</b>		
40.0	<b>GRADE 45.</b> <b>From 2010 Season that an over 45 competition be introduced into the Men's Competition.</b> <b>The 45 competition be played on a Friday night, where possible.</b>		

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	<p><b>ABBREVIATIONS USED</b> (Unless otherwise specified all references to males apply equally to females).  Throughout these By-Laws the following abbreviations and meanings are used.  “AA” means “All Age” i.e. groups of players or competitions without age limitation  “AGM” means the Annual General Meeting of BDAFA  “AAL” means “All Age Ladies”  “(the) Association” means “Bankstown District Amateur Football Association Inc”.  “BDAFA” means “Bankstown District Amateur Football Association Inc.”  “BUASC” means “Bankstown United Association of Soccer Clubs”  “Club” may mean “team” if the context implies this “Club(s)” means a Club affiliated to BDAFA, unless otherwise specified  “(Competition/Premiership) Draw” means “a schedule for matches in an age/division”  “(the) EC” means “(the) Executive Committee of BDAFA”  “Federation” means “Soccer NSW Ltd.”  “FIFA” means “Federation Internationale de Football Association”  “FIFA Law” or “The Laws” means “The Official Laws of the Game (of Soccer)”  “G” as in “G08”, “G09” means “Grade 8”, “Grade 9” etc, being player age groups  “Home Club” means “the Club who uses the permits granted to BDAFA for the field specified”  “Home Team” means “the team named firstly on the draw for each match”  “ID” means “Identity” “ID Number” means “the number of ID card on which the person is registered”  “JL” means “Junior League” “KO” means “Knock-Out”  “(the) MC” means “The Management Committee of BDAFA” unless otherwise specified  “G35” means “The Over 35 years age group or competition:  “Official” or “Team Official” means a registered coach, manager, or other official  “Official Referee” means “a member of Bankstown Soccer Referees Inc. or NSW Referees”  “P &amp; D” means “The Players Disputes Committee”  “PL 1” means “Premier League 1” “PL 2” means “Premier League 2.”  “(the or these) By-Laws” means “the Competition By-Laws of BDAFA”  “Sydney Branch” means “The Sydney Branch of Football NSW Ltd.”  “Visiting Team” means “the second named team on the draw for each match”  “YL” means “Youth League”</p>		