



## **SUNSHINE COAST CHURCHES FOOTBALL Inc**

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# **BY - LAWS Amendment Proposal**

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## **2018 Amendment Introduction:**

Contained within is the proposed amendments to the SCF By-Laws to be voted into effect at the 2018 AGM.

This document will be split into two parts.

The first part contains the updates, revisions, etc of the existing by-laws and will be presented with the existing laws in black text immediately followed by the proposed new laws in blue text. This is done so that the new is easily comparable to the old, and suggestions can be made. The old text will be completely removed prior to voting it in the new laws.

The second section will contain any new laws proposed. We're actively seeking feedback on these, however for simplicity please use the template below. This feedback will then be reviewed and consolidated. New laws that have clear majority support will be added to the laws to be voted in. Those that do not have a clear majority will be deferred for further discussion or removed.

The first and foremost goal of this exercise is to clean up the existing laws and remove ambiguity. To this end, any changes or additions that cause significant divide will defer to the existing laws.

## **Feedback Template**

Section\*:  
(eg 1Ci)

New Proposal\*:

Reasoning:  
(Not mandatory)

Email this feedback to [sccfbylaws@gmail.com](mailto:sccfbylaws@gmail.com)

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## ABREVIATIONS

SCCSA	-	Sunshine Coast Churches Soccer Association
SCCF	-	Sunshine Coast Churches Football inc
FIFA	-	Federation Internationale de Football Association

# 1. PLAYERS, REGISTRATIONS & RESTRICTIONS

## 1. A Registration Of Players

- (i) Ages: For the current season, ages shall be determined as at midnight of 31<sup>st</sup> December of preceding year.
- (ii) All players must be registered with a SCCSA affiliated club or SCCSA representative team in order to play in SCCF Tournaments & Fixtures
- (iii) A player is registered and eligible to play in a SCCF senior, Over 35s or Ladies competition when the SCCF Registrar is in possession of:
  - (A) A completed and signed SCCF **Registration / Identity Card with Photos.**
  - (B) A current and signed **Player Indemnity/Insurance form.**
  - (C) The current **Team Nomination sheet** with the player's full name on it.
  - (D) The full fee for Team Nomination/Insurance.

**No player is to take the field unless the REGISTRAR is in possession of the above documents. (delete) and an Identity Card has been processed.**

- (iv) Registration cards:
 

Senior men division 1,2 3	<b>Blue</b>
Over 35 men	<b>Gold</b>
Ladies	<b>Yellow</b>
- (v) Each player shall be allocated a jersey number in which he/she plays for the entire season.  
 Full time goalkeepers should be allocated jersey number 1  
 Teams not using a full time goalkeeper should **not** allocate jersey number 1.  
 The allocated jersey numbers will be the same as the numbers on the **Team Nomination Sheet.**
- (vi) Each player is to supply **2** current **passport** photos ( 35 mm X 45 mm ) for the **Player Identity Card & SCCF Registration Card.**
- (vii) Team managers/co-ordinators are to keep all player ID cards and the Team List of Players together in the (supplied) SCCF folder which must be returned at the end of the season
- (viii) Player ID cards and the Team List of Players must be made available for inspection by the SCCF executive or opposing team manager/co-ordinator before and after any fixture or tournament game. Effective from Round 3 onwards.
- (ix) SCCF inc reserves the right to refuse, reject or cancel player registration
- (x) **SCCF registration Fees shall be determined preseason by the SCCF Executive and these fees are non refundable**

# 1. PLAYERS, REGISTRATIONS & RESTRICTIONS

## 1. A Registration Of Players

- (iii) All players must be registered with a SCCF affiliated team in order to play in SCCF Tournaments & Fixtures.
- (iii) A player is registered and eligible to play in a SCCF competition once their online registration is completed.

**Any team who fields a player that is not properly registered will be deemed to have forfeited the game.**

- (v) Each player shall be allocated a jersey number in which he/she plays for the entire season. The allocated jersey numbers will be the same as the numbers on the **Team Nomination Sheet**.
- (vi) Each player is to upload a photo ID (student ID, Drivers License etc) for the online registration.
- (ix) SCCF reserves the right to refuse, reject or cancel player registration without notice.
- (x) SCCF registration Fees shall be determined preseason by the SCCF Executive and these fees are non-refundable.
- (xi) Any residual fees will be the responsibility of the team for whom that player registered and may be recovered from the team bond.

### 1.B Player Restrictions

- (i) A male player must have turned 15 by December 31<sup>st</sup> of the preceding year to play in SCCF fixtures & Tournaments. [14 years for ladies] There is no upper age limit
- (ii) A player must have turned 35 years of age by December 31<sup>st</sup> of the preceding year to play in an Over 35s competition **or turning 35 during the current season**
- (III) Registered division TWO players may play in division ONE competitions **for the same club** but **NOT** vice versa after round 3.
- (iv) A player that plays six (6) games in a higher division must remain in that team for the remainder of the season.
- (v) An over 35 registered player may also play in divisions one or two **for the same club**
- (vi) A player must play a minimum of 4 fixture games to be eligible to play in the Finals Series in that team. Byes & forfeits are not included in these 4 games
- (vii) A player may only play in the Finals Series in **one team**.
- (viii) A player may only play in **one team** for the Knockout Cup Competition.
- (ix) **A player must play a minimum of 4 fixture games to be eligible to play in the Knockout Cup Competition Final**

### 1.B Player Restrictions

- (i) The age of a player shall be determined as at midnight of 31<sup>st</sup> December of preceding year. There is no upper age limit, the minimum age for Seniors competitions are;
  - Males: 15 years
  - Females: 14 years
  - Over 35s: 35 years
- (III) Players may play in a higher division for the same club. Players may not play not in another team in their own division. Divisions are ranked in order of;
  - Highest: 1<sup>st</sup> Division
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> Division
  - Over 35s 1<sup>st</sup> Division
  - Lowest: Over 35s 2<sup>nd</sup> Division
- ii) Special dispensation may be sought for players wishing to play in Senior Men's or Womens and will be considered by the SCCF committee on a case by case basis.
- (iv) A player that plays six games in a higher division must remain in that team for the remainder of the season.
- (vi) A player must play a minimum of four games to be eligible to play for that team in the Championship competition or the Cup final. Byes or games in which a player is formally suspended are not included in these four games. Forfeits or abandoned games are included in these four games.

- (vii) A player may only play in **one team** for the SCCF Championship competition.
- (viii) A player may only play in **the team with whom they are registered** for the Knockout Cup Competition.

### **1.C Player Transfers**

- (i) Player Transfers between clubs/teams may be granted by the Secretary/Registrar of SCCF providing that both clubs/teams agree to the transfer.
- (ii) Executive has the power to resolve any dispute involving the transfer of players.
- (iii) A player has to be a registered member of his/her old club before a transfer is permitted.
- (iv) Player transfer requests must be submitted to SCCF at least 48 hours prior to the player taking the field for his/her new club
- (v) **[DELETED]**.
- (vi) **A player may only transfer once during a season**

### **1.C Player Transfers**

- (i) Players wishing transfer between teams must apply in writing to the SCCF committee. Consent will be sought from the incoming team.
- (iv) Transfer applications must be approved by SCCF committee prior to the player taking the field for their new team. We recommend providing at least five days' notice.
- (vi) A player may only transfer once during a season.
- (iv) **A player may transfer to a lower division team at any point in the season.**



## 2. TEAMS

### 2.A Team Eligibility

- (i) Only teams from SCCSA affiliated clubs or SCCSA representative teams are eligible to compete in SCCF Fixtures & Tournaments. Team nominations and entry fees must come directly from the SCCSA member club or their nominated Seniors Co-ordinator/manager.
- (ii) Teams shall be identified first and foremost by their club name [Buderim, Caloundra etc] or SCCSA Representative name [SCCSA Colts].
- (iii) Teams may also be identified by a SCCSA /SCCF approved name or colours [Lions, Chiefs, Blades, Stingrays, Gold, Blue etc].
- (iv) Team names must not be offensive.
- (v) Teams may not use names that conflict with other SCCSA **club** names
  - e.g. Eagles - [Noosa]
  - Warriors - [Woombye] {**Palmwoods**}
  - Wildcats - [Nambour]
- (vi) Clubs should only enter one team in each division

## 2. TEAMS

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- (vii) Team nominations must be submitted by a nominated team official.
- (viii) Teams shall be identified first and foremost by their club name [Buderim, Caloundra etc]
- (ix) Teams must also be identified by a unique team name. [Lions, Chiefs, Reds, etc].
- (x) Teams may not use names that conflict with other SCCSA **club** names
  - e.g. Eagles - [Noosa]
  - Warriors - [Palmwoods]
  - Wildcats - [Nambour]
- (xi) SCCF committee reserves the right to reject any team names that may be deemed inconsistent with SCCF values.

## **2.B Team Strip**

- (i) Each team/club's original strip must be approved by the SCCF .
- (ii) Advertising is permissible on soccer strips with prior approval from the Executive.
- (iii) When two teams **or clubs** have similar strips, the team / **club** with the original strip shall not be required to change.
- (iv) Each player shall wear a number not less than 100mm [4"] high, clearly displayed on the rear of their shirt/jersey
- (v) All players shall wear full team strip, i.e. correct coloured shirt, shorts & socks. [see Sanctions & Penalties]
- (vi) If the team strips of opposing teams are too similar for a game, the **AWAY** team shall wear alternative colours or bibs. [ The 'away' team is the team that is listed second in the advertised fixture].
- (vii) Numbered bibs shall be provided at each venue by SCCF .
- (viii) Each team must have a captain on the field at all times and (s)he must wear an appropriate, identification arm band.

## **2.B Team Strip**

- (ii) All teams must ensure any advertising on team strips is consistent with SCCF values.
- (iv) Each player shall wear their SCCF allocated number, not less than 100mm high, clearly displayed on the back of their shirt.
- (v) All players shall wear correct full team strip, i.e. correct coloured shirt, shorts & socks.
- (vi) If the shirts of opposing teams are too similar one team must wear bibs. The team who wears the bibs shall be that whose shirt does not match their affiliated club colours. If both teams' shirts are aligned to club colours, it shall be the team listed second in the advertised fixture.
- (viii) Each team must have a captain on the field at all times and he/she should wear an appropriate, identification arm band.
- (xii) SCCF committee reserves the right to revoke any team strips that may be deemed inconsistent with SCCF values.

## 2.C Team Sheets

- (i) In the absence of pre-printed team sheets, players & substitutes must legibly **print** their names & sign the SCCF official team sheet beside their name before the kick off.
- (ii) A club official, manager or co-ordinator must clearly complete the team sheet prior to the game and sign the team sheet to verify that all players are correctly registered with SCCF.
- (iii) Players arriving after the kick off may only take the field if they were listed on the team sheet at the start of the game.
- (iv) Late players must sign the team sheet **before** entering the field of play.
- (v) Referees will not accept incomplete or illegible team sheets. The kick off will not take place until the officials are in possession of the 2, properly filled out and legible team sheets.
- (vi) Only players that have signed the team sheet are deemed to have played
- (vii) Teams with players on the field that have not signed the team sheet will be fined [ see Fines & Sanctions]

## 2.C Team Sheets

- (v) Referees will not accept incomplete or illegible team sheets. The kick off will not take place until the officials are in possession of one, properly filled out and legible team sheet from each team.
- ii) Team sheets must clearly include;
  - a) The details of the match – time, date & opposition,
  - b) each players name and signature and
  - c) team officials signature to verify that all players are correctly registered with SCCF. SCCSA administration will assist by providing teams sheets with players names printed.
- (iv) Late players must sign the team sheet **before** entering the field of play.
- (vi) Only players that have signed the team sheet are deemed to have played

### 3. COMPETITIONS

#### 3.A Competition Description

- (i) A **Premiership** competition and **Knockout Cup** competition shall be conducted over a given period, to be set each season by the SCCF Executive.
- (ii) The format shall be agreed upon at a pre-season meeting of all senior team representatives. This meeting will determine the number of divisions and the number of teams in each division
- (iii) The SCCF executive may reallocate teams to different divisions to ensure a fair and balanced competition. Up to round 6.
- (iii) Three (3) points for a win, one (1) point for a draw, Nil (0) for a loss
- (iv) The team with the highest number of points in each division at the end of the allotted Premiership games shall be Premiers of that division.  
In case of a tie in the competitive fixtures, the winner will be decided by:
  - Goal difference - Most goals - Most wins - Least red cards
  - Least yellow cards
- (v) The Championship competition shall be conducted between the four (4) top teams in each division at the end of the Premiership competition. The minor Semi Final shall be between the third and fourth teams on the ladder. The loser is to vacate the competition. The major Semi Final shall be between the first and second teams on the ladder. The winner to go into the Grand Final, and the loser to play against the winner of the minor Semi Final, called the Preliminary Final. The winner of the Preliminary Final to enter the Grand Final, the loser to vacate the competition
- (vi) Should there be 8 or more teams in a division, then there will be a "Plate Competition". This shall be conducted between teams 5 to 8 at the end of the Premiership competition. The minor Semi Plate Final shall be between the 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> teams on the ladder. The loser is to vacate the competition. The major Plate Semi Final shall be between the 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> teams on the ladder. The winner to go into the Plate Grand Final, and the loser to play against the winner of the minor Semi Final, called the Preliminary Final. The winner of the Preliminary Final to enter the Plate Grand Final, the loser to vacate the competition. The winner of the Plate Grand Final will be called the "The ( Division ) Plate Champions"
- (vii) The last fixture date shall be the cut off date for the fixture games.
- (viii) The SCCF Executive has the power to decide if any fixture date is to be postponed or abandoned because of weather conditions.
- (ix) Deferring of any Final games will be determined by the SCCF Executive.
- (x) Any application for departure from the fixtures shall be by permission of the Match Controller.

### **3. SENIOR COMPETITIONS**

#### **3.A Competition Management**

- (v) A Premiership, Championship and Cup competitions will be conducted each year. All details including season dates, draws, divisions and venues will be set by the SCCSA administration.
- (iii) Before round seven of the Premiership, the SCCSA administration in conjunction with the SCCF committee may reallocate teams to different divisions to ensure a fair and balanced competition.
- (vii) The last fixture date is the last date for rescheduled games to be played. In the event where some teams have played less games than the others in their division, the SCCSA administration in conjunction with the SCCF committee will determine the most fair and practical resolution.
- (viii) The SCCF Executive may decide if any game, including finals, is to be rescheduled or abandoned for any reason.
- xi) The Cup competition is open to all SCCF registered Senior Men's and Over 35s teams. Each team must nominate for the Cup **before round two** of the Premiership competition.

#### **3.B Competition Structure**

- b) The Premiership will be decided by the accumulation of points from each fixture, three points for a win, one point for a draw and zero points for a loss. If there is a tie on points, the Premiership ladder will be ordered by; best goal difference, most goals scored, most wins, least red cards, least yellow cards.
- (v) The Championship will be conducted between the four top teams in each division at the end of the Premiership competition. The minor Semi Final will be between the third and fourth teams on the ladder. The loser is to vacate the competition. The major Semi Final shall be between the first and second teams on the ladder. The winner to go into the Grand Final, and the loser to play against the winner of the minor Semi Final, called the Preliminary Final. The winner of the Preliminary Final to enter the Grand Final, the loser to vacate the competition.
- (vi) If there are 10 or more teams in a division, then there will be a "Plate Championship". This will be conducted between teams 5 to 8 at the end of the Premiership competition. The minor Semi Plate Final shall be between the 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> teams on the ladder. The loser is to vacate the competition. The major Plate Semi Final shall be between the 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> teams on the ladder. The winner to go into the Plate Grand Final, and the loser to play against the winner of the minor Semi Final, called the Preliminary Final. The winner of the Preliminary Final to enter the Plate Grand Final, the loser to vacate the competition. The winner of the Plate Grand Final will be declared the "The Plate Champions"
- x) The Cup competition will be a knockout competition.

### 3.B **Finals**

- (i) Eligibility of players: At least four (4) fixture appointed games must be played with a team during the season for a player to be eligible to play in the finals series for that team
- (ii) A player may only compete for one team in the finals series.
- (iii) All finals games must be played until a result is obtained, with extra time and penalties being the procedure, according to F.I.F.A. regulations. (Golden Goal rule NO LONGER applies)

### 3.C **Championship & Cup Results**

- (iii) All Championship and Cup games must be played until a result is obtained.
- (iv) Games resulting in a draw in normal time will proceed to extra time and then penalties, as per F.I.F.A. regulations

### 3.C **Summer Soccer [Competition]**

(Refer to Annex A “Summer Soccer Competition Rules”)

- (i) The SCCF shall run 6 – a – side, Summer Soccer [competition] for Ladies & Men’s teams.
- (ii) This [competition] is a means to maintain fitness over the summer months and should be played & refereed with fun in mind at all times.
- (iii) All players must be registered with SCCF or SCCSA, sign the appropriate Waiver/Indemnity form and pay the scheduled registration fee.

### 3.C **Summer Soccer Competition**

- (i) The SCCF may run Summer Soccer competition for ladies, men’s and mixed teams.
- (iii) All players must be registered with SCCF or SCCSA and pay the scheduled registration fee.
- iv) Specific rule changes are outlined in Annex A.

## **4. COMPETITION RULES & LAWS**

### **4.A Fixtures & Tournaments**

Fixtures & tournaments will be played according to current F.I.F.A. Laws except as detailed below;

### **4.B Local rules**

- (i) Unlimited Interchange of up to six (6) players is allowed in all competitions as per F.I.F.A guidelines.
- (ii) Players may only play for one SCCF club. Teams using players from other clubs will be penalised with a 3 goal forfeit for that game. [This includes ladies teams 2008 onwards]
- (iii) Special Law for Over 35s competitions: NO slide tackles [that endanger other players.]  
Sanction: Indirect free kick.
- (iv) The kick off time must be strictly adhered to; no period of grace is permitted. When teams are not ready to play and the kick-off time is delayed, time will be deducted from each half so that the game **finishes** on time.
- (vi) Sock tape does not have to be the same colour as the sock colour

## **4. COMPETITION RULES & LAWS**

### **4.A Fixtures & Tournaments**

Fixtures & tournaments will be played according to current F.I.F.A. Laws except as detailed below;

### **4.B Local rules**

- (iii) Special Law for Over 35s competitions: No slide tackles. Sanction: Indirect free kick. Note: Players may slide for the ball if it is not near an opponent.
- (iv) The kick off time must be strictly adhered to; no period of grace is permitted. When teams are not ready to play and the kick-off time is delayed, time will be deducted from each half so that the game finishes on time.
- (vii) Sock tape does not have to be the same colour as the sock colour

v) For women, a game will consist of two 40 minute halves separate by a 10 minute half time break. If extra time is required it will consist of two 10 minute halves, separated by no break.

**4.C Game Time Details:**

(i) Senior men: 2 X 45 minute halves

(ii) Over 35s: 2 X 45 minute halves

(iii) Ladies: 2 X 40 minute halves

(iv) Extra time for Finals &amp; Cup competitions:

Deleted and included in 4B.  
Men's times covered by 4A.Do women wish to continue  
with shorter games? Yes

Senior men: 2 X 15 minute halves

Over 35s: 2 X 15 minute halves

Ladies: 2 X 10 minute halves

**5. AWARDS****5.A Presentation Of Trophies**

Competition trophies and other awards will be presented at a time nominated by SCCF Executive.

**5.B Premiership Team**

The team in each division that finishes on the top of the Fixtures ladder

**5.C Championship Team**

The team in each division that wins the Grand Final.

**5.D 10 Year Medal**

Presented to members who have been registered with SCCF/SCCSA for 10 years.

Other awards may be presented by SCCF at the discretion of the executive.

**5. AWARDS****5.A Awards**

i) Yearly awards will include but are not limited to;

Premiership Team The team at the top of the Premiership ladder at the end of the season.

Championship Team The team that wins their respective grand final.

Player of the Year The best and fairest player of the year as voted by Senior teams.

Golden Boot The player from each division who scores the most number of goals.

Membership Medal Awarded to players registered with SCCSA for 10 years and every 5 years thereafter.



## **6. OFFICIALS**

### **6.A Team Officials**

- (i) Team Coaches/Managers/Co-ordinators are appointed by their club and are responsible for the organisation and conduct of their team
- (ii) Coaches/Managers/Co-Ordinators are to remain in the technical area while the game is in progress.
- (iii) Under no circumstances shall any person, apart from the referee and players, enter the field of play unless called upon by the referee.  
Strong disciplinary action will be taken for breaches of this By-Law

### **6.B Ground Official**

A Ground Official must be identified and on duty at each SCCF game.

## **6. OFFICIALS**

### **6.A Team Officials**

- (i) Team officials are appointed by their team and are responsible for the organisation and conduct of their team. Team officials include managers, coaches etc.
- (ii) Unless playing, team officials are to remain in the technical area while the game is in progress.
- (iii) Under no circumstances shall any person enter the field of play unless called upon by the referee. Strong disciplinary action may be taken for breaches of this By-Law.
- (iv) Only players and two team officials are permitted in the technical area.

### **6.B Ground Official**

A Ground Official will be identified and on duty at each SCCF game. They will be appointed by SCCSA administration.

### **6.C Referees**

- (i) Referees shall be appointed by the Referees body as nominated by SCCF.
- (ii) Referees shall have complete authority before, during and after the game in question as per the Laws of Football/Soccer as laid down by F.I.F.A.
- (iii) Referee's fees will be negotiated annually with the nominated Referees body.
- (iv) The method of payment will be by negotiation with SCCF.
- (v) Referees will wear alternative coloured strip if requested by teams or by SCCF
- (vi) Only senior referees [18years +] shall be appointed as centre referees in senior men's games.
- (vii) Assistant referees and referees for ladies games must be 16 years of age or older

**6.C Referees**

- (i) Referees shall be appointed by the Referees body as nominated by SCCF.
- (ii) Referees shall have complete authority before, during and after the game in question in accordance with the Laws of The Game as laid down by F.I.F.A.
- (iii) Referee's fees and payment method will be negotiated annually with the nominated Referees body.
- (v) Referees will wear alternative coloured strip if requested by teams or by SCCF

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## 7. FINES & SANCTIONS

### 7.A Bonds

- (i) **\$200 bond** from each **Men's team & \$100 from ladies teams** is to be deposited with SCCF prior to commencement of fixtures matches. Fines will be deducted from this during the season if required. Should the bond fall below this level [ **be exhausted**] prior to the conclusion of the season **a further amount** [ **another \$100**] is required to be deposited.  
Balance of monies unused will be refunded at the conclusion of the season.
- (ii) The bond must be in credit prior the kick off of any fixture or tournament.

### 7.B Statutory fines & Sanctions

	<b>OFFENCE</b>	<b>SANCTION</b>	<b>FINE</b>
1	Playing an unregistered player in a SCCF fixture or tournament	Loss of 3 competition points – 3 goal forfeit	-----
2	Second offence	Loss of 3 competition points – 3 goal forfeit	\$50 fine
3	Third & subsequent offence(s)	Loss of 3 competition points – 3 goal forfeit	\$100 fine
4	Not having Player I.D. Cards available before or after a game ( <b>After</b> Round 3 )		\$10 fine
5	Second offence		\$20 fine
6	Third and subsequent offence(s)	Loss of 3 competition points – 3 goal forfeit	\$30 fine
7	Unlisted Player		\$20 fine
8	Playing a suspended player in a SCCF fixture or tournament	Loss of 3 competition points – 3 goal forfeit	\$50 fine
9	Second & subsequent offence(s)	Loss of 3 competition points – 3 goal forfeit	\$100 fine
10	Failure to lodge/maintain bond monies	Loss of 3 competition points – 3 goal forfeit	
11	Playing in non matching club colours [ <b>After</b> round 5]	.....	\$10 fine Per player
12	<b>Player/manager not signing the team sheet</b>	.....	\$10 fine Per player
13	Failure to return the team/player I.D. folder at the end of the season	- -	\$ 50 fine

\* Random checks will be conducted throughout the season to ensure that all players, teams & clubs comply with the registration requirements of the SCCF

**7.C** The SCCF reserves the right to impose fines and sanctions on teams or players that bring Churches Football/Soccer into disrepute.

## 7. FINES & SANCTIONS

### 7.A Bonds

- (i) A \$200 bond from each team is to be deposited with SCCF prior to commencement of fixtures matches. Fines will be deducted from this during the season if required. Should the bond fall below \$100, another \$100 is required to be deposited before the team may play again. Balance of monies unused will be refunded at the conclusion of the season.

### 7.B Fines & Sanctions

	<b>OFFENCE</b>	<b>SANCTION</b>	<b>FINE</b>
1	Playing an ineligible player in a SCCF fixture or tournament. (Including suspended, unregistered or from a higher division)	3 goal forfeit of impacted game.	\$50 fine
2	Second offence & subsequent offence(s)	3 goal forfeit of impacted game.	\$100 fine
3	Bond balance not in credit.	3 goal forfeit of impacted game.	Nil
4	Player/manager not signing the team sheet	Nil	\$10 fine per person
5	Playing in non-matching team colours after round 3.	Nil	\$10 fine per player
6	Walk offs	3 goal forfeit of impacted game.	Match Fee (paid to opposition)
7	Where the SCCF committee deem the offence to have potentially impacted the outcome of a game.	3 goal forfeit of impacted game.	Nil
8	Where the SCCF committee deem the offence did not impact the outcome of the game.	Warning	As deemed by SCCF committee
9	Where fines or sanctions are not adhered to by the due date.	Deduction of competition points as deemed by SCCF committee	As deemed by SCCF committee

Random checks will be conducted throughout the season to ensure that all players, teams & clubs comply with the registration requirements of the SCCF.

- 7.C** The SCCF committee reserves the right to impose sanctions on teams or players that bring Churches Football/Soccer into disrepute. These include but are not limited to fines, suspensions, deduction of competition points, and removal from competition or deregistration.

## **8. CANCELLATION OF GAMES:**

### **8.A Wet Weather**

- (i) In the event of wet weather and cancellation of all scheduled games; **no points will be awarded to any team at all.**
- (ii) SCCF may reschedule games that have been cancelled or abandoned due to wet weather
- (iii) The SCCF executive & the Referee have the right to cancel or abandon games if conditions are considered to be unsafe for players or excessive damage to the playing surface would occur.

### **8.B Postponed Games**

- (i) Postponed games are to be rescheduled by the Match Controller.
- (ii) Abandoned games are to be rescheduled by the Match Controller. Referees fees are payable.

### **8.C Alteration to Scheduled Game Times**

- (i) A proposal to change times/days of any game must be received in writing by the Match Controller at least 10 days prior to the original, advertised time.

## **8. CHANGES TO SCHEDULED GAMES:**

### **8.A Postponed, Cancelled & Abandoned Games**

- (i) In the event of wet weather that results in the cancellation of all scheduled games, no points will be awarded to any team. These may be rescheduled at the discretion of the SCCSA administration.
- (iii) The SCCF committee & the Referee have the right to cancel or abandon games if conditions are considered to be unsafe for participants or excessive damage to the playing surface would occur.
- (i) Postponed or abandoned games will rescheduled by the SCCSA administration.

### **8.C Fixture Alteration Requests**

- (i) A proposal to change times, dates or venues of any game must be received in writing by SCCSA administration at least 14 days prior to the original, advertised time.

### 8.D Forfeits

- (i) Three (3) match points and three (3) goals shall be allotted to the available team.
- (ii) When a forfeit is offered to an opposing team, that team shall accept the forfeit. This game will not be re-scheduled
- (iii) The forfeiting team is responsible for notifying the Match Controller by 8pm [12 noon] on the preceding day of the scheduled kick-off or they will be responsible for all the referee's fees for **both** teams.
- (iv) The match controller will notify the referees of any forfeit in a reasonable time [24 hours] prior to the scheduled kick-off.
- (v) Teams using non registered players or players from other club teams will automatically forfeit that game (3 goals & 3 points against.).[See “Fine & Sanctions”] The game may then proceed on a ‘friendly’ basis.
- (vi) A team (seven players minimum) that has not presented itself within 15 minutes of the scheduled kick off time will be deemed to have forfeited that game.
  - a) If there is no play, the forfeiting team is responsible for **ALL** the officials’ fees.
  - b) If a friendly game is played, the teams will each pay their normal game fee.

### 8.D Forfeits

- (i) When a forfeit is offered to an opposing team, that team shall accept the forfeit. This game will not be re-scheduled.
- (ii) The available team will be awarded a three goal to nil win.
- (iii) If the forfeiting team notifies the SCCSA administration by 12 noon on the day of the scheduled kick off, no match fees will be charged. If this deadline is not met, the forfeiting team will be responsible for the match fees of both teams.
- (vi) A team (minimum seven players) that has not presented itself within 15 minutes of the scheduled kick off time will be deemed to have forfeited that game.
  - a) If there is no play, the forfeiting team is responsible for the match fees of both teams.
  - b) If a friendly game is played, the teams will each pay their normal game fee.

### 8.E Walk Offs

- (i) Walk-offs are not permitted. Offending team and/or offending official will be liable to disciplinary action as deemed by the Executive.

### 8.E Walk Offs

- (i) Walk-offs are disrespectful of the time and costs invested by all participants and are not endorsed. As per section 7C, the offending team or official may be liable to disciplinary action as deemed by the SCCF committee.

## 9. INJURIES & INSURANCE

### 9.A Exclusion/Waiver

- (i) All players are required to read and sign an appropriate 'Exclusion/Waiver of Claim' for personal injury or property damage against SCCF/SCCSA'

### 9.B Health warning/Insurance advice

- (i) The SCCF registration card signed by the player/parent/guardian contains advice regarding health assessment by a health professional and advice on private health cover.

### 9.C Injury Of Members & Associate Members

- (i) Only the Manager, Coach or suitably qualified medical person is allowed on the field, after being called on by the Referee. Assessment of the injury by a suitably qualified person should take place before the player is moved from the field.
- (ii) A player that is injured during a SCCF sanctioned game **must ensure that the injury is reported on the team sheet by the referee prior to leaving the venue.**
- (iii) An injured player must notify the SCCF administration and fill in the appropriate injury report form **within one week** of the injury.
- (v) Any person that is injured during a SCCF sanctioned activity must notify the appropriate official as soon as practical.

### 9.D Insurance Claims

- (i) Should the injury be the subject of an Insurance Claim, the person must advise his team manager/co-ordinator, fill in a Claim form which the manager/co-ordinator then forwards to the SCCF secretary. The manager/co-ordinator must notify the SCCF in writing detailing the extent and circumstances surrounding such incident.

## **9. INJURIES & INSURANCE**

### **9.C Injury Of Members & Associate Members**

- (i) Only the team official or suitably qualified medical person is allowed on the field, after being called on by the referee. Assessment of the injury by a suitably qualified person should take place before the player is moved from the field.
- (iii) A person (typically a team official) that witnessed the injury must notify the SCCSA administration and fill in the appropriate Incident Report Form **within seven days** of the injury.
- (iv) Any person that is injured during a SCCF sanctioned activity must notify the appropriate official as soon as practical.

### **9.D Insurance Claims**

- (i) Should an injury be the subject of an Insurance Claim, the person must;
  - a. advise their team official
  - b. fill in a Claim form which the team official then forwards to the SCCSA administration.
  - c. The team official must notify the SCCF in writing detailing the extent and circumstances surrounding the incident.

**NB: Incident Report Form and Insurance Claim Form are kept up to date on the SCCSA webpage.**

## **10. REPRESENTATIVE ISSUES - SCCF/SCCSA**

### **10.A Representative Squads And Teams**

Final team selection is at the sole discretion of the representative coach.

### **10.B. Representative Coaches**

Representative Coaches shall be appointed by the Executive, from nominations received.

### **10.C Representative Colours**

SCCF Registered colours are BLACK & GOLD.

### **10.D Payment And Ownership Of Representative Strip**

- (i) SCCF provides a representative strip (shirt and shorts) for each team. This strip remains the property of SCCF
- (ii) This strip must not be worn unless playing an authorised representative match.



**10.E Travelling Costs For Representative Players**

Travelling and accommodation costs are paid by each player.

**10.F Travelling Costs For Representative Coaches & Managers**

Travelling and accommodation costs are paid by each coach or manager

**10.G Nomination Fees For Representative Tournaments**

- (i) The SCCF may pay nomination fees (subject to approval by the Executive) for all SCCF approved tournaments in which the Rep Teams participate.
- (ii) All equipment or items given out such as equipment bags or soccer balls, where SCCF has paid the nomination fee, remain the property of the SCCF

**10. Representative Team - SCCF/SCCSA****10.A Representative Teams**

- I. Final team selection is at the sole discretion of the representative coach.
- II. Representative Coaches shall be appointed by the SCCF committee, from nominations received.
- III. SCCF Registered colours are BLACK & GOLD.
- IV. SCCF provides a representative strip (shirt and shorts) for each team. This strip remains the property of SCCF.
- V. This strip must not be worn unless playing an authorised representative match.
- VI. Travelling and accommodation costs are paid by each player, coach or manager.
- VII. The SCCF may pay nomination fees (subject to approval by the committee) for all SCCF approved tournaments in which the representative teams participate.
- VIII All items supplied by SCCF, such as training equipment, footballs etc, remains the property of SCCF and must be returned.

## **11. DISCIPLINARY MATTERS AND RIGHTS OF APPEAL**

### **11.A Disciplinary Committees**

- (i) A disciplinary committee may be convened within 7 days to consider red card (send off) reports from the officials -
- (ii) If required, a disciplinary committee of at least 3 persons shall be appointed by the SCCF Judicial Co-ordinator [ or the SCCF Executive Committee in his/her absence].
- (iii) A disciplinary committee can alter the standard [ one week] suspension period for a red card (Send off) infringement.
- (iv) Suspensions will be based on the “Player Suspension Guidelines” in ANNEX D of these By-Laws
- (i) A disciplinary committee must inform the player’s club of any disciplinary action immediately.

## **11. DISCIPLINARY MATTERS AND RIGHTS OF APPEAL**

### **11.A Disciplinary Committees**

- (v) The SCCF committee or a person or persons appointed by the SCCF Committee for that purpose, shall decide on the suspension period based on the referee’s report and/or supplementary reports.
- (vi) Suspensions will be based on, but not limited to, the “Player Suspension Guidelines” in ANNEX D of these By-Laws.
- (vii) Suspensions will apply to the players following SCCF sanctioned game, regardless of competition or year.
- (i) The SCCF committee will inform the SCCSA administration of their decision. The SCCSA administration will record the decision and inform the player’s team officials.

### **11.B Appeals against Suspensions or the Disciplinary Committee Decisions.**

- (i) Appeals against suspensions or any of the Disciplinary Committee’s decisions must be lodged in writing with the Secretary of the SCCF P.O. Box 5020 SCMC 4560
  - (a) Within seven (7) days of the committee’s decision.
  - (b) The appeal application must be accompanied by a \$50.00 fee; refundable if the appeal is upheld.
- (ii) Upon receipt of an appeal;
  - (a) A Tribunal Committee will be set up involving three (3) members of the Executive, or appointees, not involved with the club(s) or player(s) involved in the dispute.

- b) Any player, team official and referee involved are to be invited to attend or be represented before the Tribunal and MUST notify the Tribunal Chairman if they cannot attend or be represented.
- c) Each party (player, referee, team official) shall be given fair opportunity to present further evidence or witnesses and argue their case.
- d) The Tribunal Committee will consider all aspects of the matter before making a final decision.
- (e) The Tribunal Committee's decision is final – no further appeals will be accepted.

### **11.B Appeals against Suspensions or the Disciplinary Committee Decisions.**

- (i) Appeals against any disciplinary decision must be;
  - (a) Lodged in writing to SCCSA administration within seven (7) days of the committee's decision and,
  - (b) Be supported with payment of a \$50 application fee into an account nominated by SCCSA administration.
- (ii) Upon receipt of an appeal;
  - (a) A Tribunal Committee will be set up involving three appointees, not involved with the original decision, the club/s or the player/s involved in the dispute; at a time decided by the Tribunal Chairman.
  - (b) The players, team officials and referees involved are to be invited to attend the tribunal and **must** notify the Tribunal Chairman if they cannot attend.
  - (c) Each party will be given fair opportunity to present further evidence or witnesses and argue their case. The Tribunal may like to ask questions and so written statements will not be accepted however they may call an absent party if deemed necessary and a phone number is made available.
  - (d) The Tribunal Committee will consider all aspects of the matter before making a final decision.
  - (e) The Tribunal Committee's decision is final – no further appeals will be accepted.

(This section should come after player behaviour)

## 12. **PLAYER BEHAVIOUR** (Refer also to Annex B – “Fair Play Policy” )

### 12.A **CAUTIONS:**

- (i) In the event of a Caution, the player shall be shown the Yellow Card, and the fact noted on the Team Sheet, by the Referee.
- (ii) The appropriate number of points shall be forwarded within 48 hours, to the Match Controller.
- (iii) When 8 points are accrued the club/team concerned shall be notified.
- (iv) Upon reaching 12 points, the case shall be considered by the Disciplinary Committee.
- (v) A minimum of one match suspension being applicable.
- (vi) There is no appeal against a caution.
- (vi) Yellow card point reset upon finals commencing (this does not include red cards)

## 12. **PLAYER BEHAVIOUR** (Refer also to Annex B – “Fair Play Policy” )

### 12.A **CAUTIONS:**

- (i) In the event of a Caution, the player shall be shown the Yellow Card, and the Y# noted on the Team Sheet by the Referee.
- (ii) Each Yellow Card number has an associated number of penalty points as outlined in Annex C
- (ii) The appropriate number of points will be allocated to the sanctioned player based on the Y# on the team sheet.
- (iii) When 8 points are accrued the players’ nominated team official shall be notified.
- (iv) Upon reaching 12 points, the case shall be considered by the Disciplinary Committee.
- (v) A minimum of one match suspension will be applicable.
- (vi) There is no appeal against a caution.
- (viii) If two yellow cards are received in a match and a red card issued, the two yellow cards are expunged.
- (ix) If a yellow card is received and later a direct red card, the yellow card will remain valid and accrue the appropriate number of penalty points.

### 12.B **SEND OFFS:**

- (i) In the event of a “Send Off” the player shall be shown the Red Card and the fact noted on the Team Sheet by the Referee.
- (ii) The red "Send Off" form shall be completed in duplicate (original to SCCF, duplicate to Referee Advocate) within 48 hours.
- (iii) All “Send Off” reports will be considered by the Executive Committee or the Disciplinary Committee
- (iv) The player shall receive an automatic one-week suspension.
- (v) Based on the severity of the referee’s report, a Disciplinary Committee can alter the suspension period and notify the player through their club immediately.

Should the player or club object to the suspension period, they can appeal through the appeal process as stipulated in the SCCF By-Laws.

- (vi) The judgment handed down by the Tribunal or Disciplinary Committee shall be given to the SCCF Secretary, who shall officially inform the club as to the result.
- (vii) **Players receiving red cards in State Title games shall serve an automatic one game suspension either during the State Titles or the next SCCF scheduled game, whichever comes first**

#### **12.B SEND OFFS:**

- (i) In the event of a "Send Off" the player shall be shown the Red Card and the fact noted on the Team Sheet by the Referee.
- (ii) A red card report will be sent to the SCCF committee for a decision as the length of suspension. These decisions will be made as per Annex D – Suspension Guidelines.
- (iii) Players receiving red cards in any other SCCF sanctioned game including friendlies, state titles, nationals etc, shall serve a suspension as deemed appropriate by the SCCF committee, in line with the current by-laws. This sanction will apply to the players' next SCCF sanctioned game, regardless of competition.

#### **12.C PLACED ON REPORT:**

- (i) When a misdemeanour has been committed by a player prior to, or following a game or by an official of a club or a spectator, that person shall be placed on report.
- (ii) The procedure for the "Send Off" shall then come into effect, except that the Management Committee of the SCCF shall take the place of the Disciplinary Committee.

#### **12.D APPEALS:**

- (i) Appeals made to the SCCF Management Committee Secretary are to be accompanied by a fee of \$50.00, which shall be refunded if the Management Committee so decides.

#### **12.C PLACED ON REPORT:**

- (i) When a misdemeanour has been committed by a player prior to, or following a game or by an official of a club or a spectator, the referee has the authority to place that person/s on report.
- (ii) The procedure for the "Send Off" shall then come into effect.

## **14 MISCELLANEOUS**

### **14.A ALCOHOL**

- (i) No alcohol or drugs are to be consumed at SCCF sanctioned games or training.
- (ii) No person whether appointed or otherwise who is representing SCCF shall consume or be affected by alcohol (or non prescription drugs that would affect a persons judgement) at SCCF games.

### **14.B COMPLAINTS**

- (i) All complaints addressed to SCCF are to bear the signature of the Club President, Secretary or Team Manager.

### **14.C DOGS**

- (i) Dogs are not permitted at any SCCF controlled venue for fixtures, finals, training, representative games, trials or carnivals whether on a leash or not.
- (ii) It is the responsibility of the Ground Official to ensure compliance.

### **14.D GROUNDS**

- (i) The SCCF executive will determine which grounds to use for Senior, Over 35s & Ladies competitions.

## **14 MISCELLANEOUS**

### **14.A ALCOHOL**

- (i) No alcohol or drugs are to be consumed at SCCF sanctioned games or training.
- (ii) No person whether appointed or otherwise who is representing SCCF shall consume or be affected by alcohol (or drugs that would affect a person's judgement) at SCCF/SCCSA games or events.

### **14.B COMPLAINTS**

- (i) For minor concerns, teams may air their grievances with the SCCF committee who will endeavour to provide avenues for resolution. Please ensure correspondence is polite and constructive and funnelled through team officials wherever possible.
- (ii) For any serious or official complaints please review and follow the complaints procedure outlined on the SCCSA webpage.

### **14.C DOGS**

- (i) Dogs are not permitted at any SCCF controlled venue for fixtures, finals, training, representative games, trials or carnivals whether on a leash or not.
- (ii) It is the responsibility of the Ground Official to ensure compliance and players responsibility to support the Ground Official.

## New Rules

The rules below have been proposed by people within the SCCF community and are at this point in the concept phase. As a smaller group of reviewers, if we can add information/detail that we think is necessary to these rules, we can then gather feedback from the wider SCCF group and make a consensus decision as to whether we add them to our by-laws.

### Mercy Rule

Game results will have a mercy rule and will be enforced with goal difference of 10 goals. The game will not stop once the goal difference is reached by one team. Referees will record all goals scored in the game but SCCSA Administration will amend the end result with a goal difference of 10 goals. (taken from junior by-laws)

### Start/Finish times of games

Games will be played with stoppage time as determined by the referee.  
A game may be delayed up to 15 minutes without it reducing the game time.  
(Games must finish at 10:45pm)

### Trophy names

The trophies shall be known as;  
Premiership Trophy – [insert here]  
Championship Trophy – [insert here]  
Knockout Cup Trophy – Kevin McDiarmid Cup  
Wooden Spoon – [insert here]  
Are any sponsorships available?

### Different Penalties – Advantage Rule

Henry Birtles' "Advantage" proposal is for the shoot-out to be held **before** extra-time, and only acting as a tiebreak if the game remains a draw after the full 120 minutes. Proponents of this idea state that it would lead to a more offensive extra-time as one of the teams would know they have to score and there would never be a match in which both teams are simply waiting for penalties. Another advantage is that players who have missed would have a chance to redeem themselves in extra-time. The obvious flaw is that the team that wins the penalty shoot-out would be inclined to play defensively in extra time in the knowledge that a draw would put them through. However, this flaw is not so clear because a single goal makes the difference between winning and losing, as opposed to a team which defends a single goal lead more comfortably because a conceded goal is the difference between winning and drawing.

### Open the KevMc Cup to Under 17 teams

To expand the cup competition and encourage junior members through to senior football, we open the Kevin McDiarmid cup to under 17 teams.

### No slide tackles in the women's competition.

As per the Over 35s local laws, slide tackles will not be permitted in the women's division.  
Sanction: in-direct free kick.

### Suspensions for Yellow Cards

The penalty point system will be abandoned.

A player will be suspended for Yellow Cards as follows;

A player who accumulates the following number of yellow cards during the course of the Competition must serve the following Mandatory Match Suspension:

- a) Five (5) yellow cards, equates to a one match suspension
- b) A further three (3) yellow cards during a season (8 in total), a two match suspension will apply
- c) suspension will apply
- d) A further two (2) yellow cards during a season (10 in total), a three match suspension will apply
- e) Every one (1) yellow card thereafter during a season (11+ in total), a four match suspension will apply.

*As per fed – [http://websites.sportstg.com/get\\_file.cgi?id=36128290](http://websites.sportstg.com/get_file.cgi?id=36128290)*

*Simpler but more closely aligned to A-league - [http://www.footballaustralia.com.au/dct/ffa-dtc-performgroup-eu-west-1/16-0825%20-%20A-League%20Disciplinary%20Regulations%20Season%202016-17%20-%20\(final\)\\_ohse1brakr3r1cvun5jho5cw9.pdf](http://www.footballaustralia.com.au/dct/ffa-dtc-performgroup-eu-west-1/16-0825%20-%20A-League%20Disciplinary%20Regulations%20Season%202016-17%20-%20(final)_ohse1brakr3r1cvun5jho5cw9.pdf)*

### Fines for Red/Yellow Cards

- (i) Accumulated Yellow Cards

Five yellow cards accumulated by the same player **\$30.00**

Next Three yellow cards (Eight (8) in total) accumulated by the same player **\$30.00**

Next Two yellow cards (Ten (10) in total) accumulated by the same player **\$20.00**

Every yellow card thereafter (Eleven (11) in total) accumulated by the same player **\$10.00**

- (ii) Indirect Red Cards

Indirect red card (2 yellows in the same game) incurred by a player **\$25.00**

- (iii) Direct Red Cards

First direct red card incurred by a player **\$30.00**

Second direct red card incurred by the same player **\$50.00**

Third or subsequent direct red card incurred by the same player **\$100.00**

*Similar to fed – [http://websites.sportstg.com/get\\_file.cgi?id=36128290](http://websites.sportstg.com/get_file.cgi?id=36128290)*

### Expectations on the committee.

*The committee is in place to support the playing group and when decisions are needed, that they be based on the best interest of the group as a whole.*

The committee are a group of volunteers from within the SCCF community that would like to help towards the smooth running and betterment of the association. They are firstly there to assist SCCSA in making sure the whole SCCF community have the best football experience possible and players and teams are able to play as much as possible. If sanctions are required the committee ensure they are reasonable and consistent.

Regarding sanctions, any committee member that has a conflict of interest including a close relationship, playing in the same division etc are expected to excuse themselves from the sanction discussion.

If all committee members may have a conflict of interest eg red card for a committee member, the decision will be referred to the SCCSA Executive Committee (Juniors) for a decision.



**Sin Bin/Temporary Dismissal**

IFAB/FIFA have issued guidelines whereby players may be temporarily dismissed from a match. There are many options we could choose to go with as an association. I think that whatever we decide needs to be really simple and clear to start with, I like the English FA idea of it only being for dissent in an effort to reduce on field shenanigans but also keep players on the pitch.

The published guidelines are available at:

[http://resources.fifa.com/mm/document/footballdevelopment/refereeing/02/90/11/67/124738\\_310517\\_lotg\\_17\\_18\\_notes\\_modifications\\_neutral.pdf](http://resources.fifa.com/mm/document/footballdevelopment/refereeing/02/90/11/67/124738_310517_lotg_17_18_notes_modifications_neutral.pdf)

The FA (England) have opted to use sin bins for dissent only. See article <https://www.thesun.co.uk/sport/football/3468923/fa-to-trial-sin-bins-in-football-next-season-as-they-look-to-shake-up-on-pitch-disciplinary-system/>

## **ANNEX A** Summer Soccer [Competition] Rules

All FIFA rules apply outside of the following modifications:

- Only six (6) players are on the field at any one time – Maximum **10** in a team.
- Unlimited interchange of **3** substitutes. (During play is permitted)
- A goal can only be scored by kicking the ball from outside the semi circle.
- If a player is inside the semi circle he/she has the following options:
  1. Head the ball into the goal, or
  2. Kick or pass the ball outside the semi circle and then a goal may be scored.
- If a player kicks a goal from inside the semi circle then a free kick is awarded to the defending team.
- The goal Keeper may not throw or drop kick the ball directly over the half way line on the full.
- Goal kicks & free kicks from inside the semi-circle may not cross the half way line without being touched. (This rule is in place because of the small field sizes).
- Should the above rule be broken a free kick to the opposite team on the half way line close to where the ball landed is awarded.
- No offside rule is in place. However, it is not good sportsmanship to place players up close to the opposing goal keeper and this should bring on a warning or indirect free kick from the referee.
- If a goal is scored by a player who would normally be considered to be in an offside position (very obvious) then the goal should be disallowed.
- Red & Yellow cards still apply the same as for Winter Competition.
- 2 x 20 minute halves with a 5 minute break at half time will be played.
- All Free Kicks are indirect, so they must touch another player before scoring a goal.
- No player is allowed to slide tackle another player who is in possession of the ball or in a manner considered dangerous by the referee. Sanction: Indirect free kick
- Over 35s means that EVERY player must be 35 or older
- MIXED TEAMS: 3 ladies on the field at all times – only male goalkeepers allowed

Referees must ensure that the Team Sheets presented by Teams have been signed and stamped by the administrator prior to commencement. The signature will indicate to Referees that the Teams have fully paid prior to play.

No team will take to the field without:

1. A completed team sheet all players having signed, and
2. The administrator's signature showing the team has paid fully.

**SUMMER SOCCER is a means to maintain fitness over the summer months and should be played and refereed with fun and safety in mind at all times.**

**\*\*\*Add these rules to the website at 6-a-side time**

## **ANNEX A**      **Summer Soccer Rules**

All FIFA rules and SCCF By-Laws apply outside of the following modifications:

- Only six (6) players are on the field at any one time – Maximum **10** in a team.
- Unlimited interchange of **4** substitutes. (During play is permitted)
- A goal can only be scored by kicking the ball from outside the semi-circle.
- If a player is inside the semi-circle he/she has the following options:
  1. Head the ball into the goal, or
  2. Kick or pass the ball outside the semi-circle and then a goal may be scored.
- If a player kicks a goal from inside the semi-circle then a free kick is awarded to the defending team.
- The goalkeeper may not throw or kick the ball (including goal kicks) directly over the half way line on the full without being touched. Sanction: Free kick from where the ball crossed the half-way line
- No offside rule is in place. However, it is not good sportsmanship to place players up close to the opposing goal keeper and this should bring on a warning or indirect free kick from the referee.
- 2 x 20 minute halves with a 5 minute break at half time will be played.
- All Free Kicks are indirect, so they must touch another player before scoring a goal.
- Slide tackles are not permitted. Sanction: Indirect free kick
- MIXED TEAMS: Only male goalkeepers allowed and no more than 3 males on the field at once.

Referees will ensure that no team will take to the field without:

3. A completed team sheet all players having signed, and
4. The administrator's signature showing the team has paid fully.

**SUMMER SOCCER is a means to maintain fitness over the summer months and should be played and refereed with fun and safety in mind at all times.**

**\*\*\*Add these rules to the website at 6-a-side time**

**No changes have been made beyond this point**

**ANNEX B****SUNSHINE COAST  
CHURCHES FOOTBALL Inc**

# FAIR PLAY POLICY

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## **[1] Aim**

The aim of Sunshine Coast Churches Football Inc. is to provide a safe environment for Soccer players in a competition that enhances the good spirit of the game, by the good nature in which it is played.

## **[2] Objective**

The objective is to enable players and non-players of all backgrounds, pastimes and sporting abilities the opportunity to play Soccer safely, competitively and with the highest regard for their fellow player's enjoyment and safety.

## **[3] Overview**

It is within the guidelines of the S.C.C.F by-laws to ensure that all participants understand fully the aim and objectives that playing within this competition means.

In the first instance, the zero tolerance towards abuse of officials, fellow players, coaches, admin staff and spectators; this is mandatory.

Secondly, play must be within the guidelines of FIFA Laws and never pass the point where a deliberate act or action could injure a fellow participant.

All participants must understand that the SCCF is a competition to enjoy at all times, never to hurt, injure or abuse any person involved.

## **[4] Fair Play**

Fair play is exactly what is expected of all participants.

## **[5] Policy**

All players, coaches, administration staff and spectators must abide by the policies herein at all times. Failure do so will result in a disciplinary hearing being conducted and may well result in suspension or expulsion from the competition permanently.

- The game is to be played in a non aggressive manner at all times.
- Retaliation of any sort will not be permitted.
- Foul, abusive language or gestures are not permitted towards any other player, officials or spectators at any time.
- The SCCF has a Zero Tolerance policy towards swearing, foul or abusive language.
- The SCCF has a Zero Tolerance towards abuse of Officials.
- The SCCF has a Zero Tolerance towards racial abuse

**[6] PLAYERS      *PLAY FOR FUN AND ENJOYMENT***

- Play for the fun of it.
- Play by the rules.
- Never argue with an official. If you disagree, have your captain or coach approach the official during a break or after the game.
- Control your temper. Verbal abuse of officials or other players, deliberately fouling or provoking an opponent and throwing equipment is not acceptable or permitted in any sport.
- Work equally hard for yourself and for your team. Your team's performance will benefit; so will you.
- Be a good sport. Cheer all good plays whether they are from your team or the other team.
- Treat all players the way you would like to be treated. Do not interfere with, bully or take unfair advantage of another player.
- Co-operate with your coach, team mates and opponents. Without them there would be no game.

**ANNEX C****List of Cautionable (YELLOW CARD) Offences**

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## CAUTION CODES

<b>Y1</b>	Unsporting Behaviour (including dangerous play)	4
<b>Y2</b>	Dissent by Word or Action	4
<b>Y3</b>	Persistent Infringements	4
<b>Y4</b>	Delaying the Restart of Play)	4
<b>Y5</b>	Failure to Respect Distance when Play Restarted)	4
<b>Y6</b>	Entering or Re-entering the Field of Play without the Referee's permission	2
<b>Y7</b>	Deliberately Leaves the Field of Play without the Referee's Permission)	2

**List of Sending Off (RED CARD ) Offences**

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## SEND OFF CODES

<b>R1</b>	Serious Foul Play
<b>R2</b>	Violent Conduct
<b>R3</b>	Spitting at Anyone
<b>R4</b>	Deliberately handling the ball thereby denying a goal scoring opportunity to the opponent (except for the goalkeeper in his/her own penalty area)
<b>R5</b>	Deliberately commits a direct free kick offence, which denies a goal scoring opportunity
<b>R6</b>	Uses offensive, insulting or abusive language and/or gestures
<b>R7</b>	Receives a second caution in the same match

## ANNEX D

**PLAYER SUSPENSION GUIDELINES**

Offence	Suspension
Accumulation of 12 yellow card points in a season; R4, R 5 or R7 Offence	1 – 2 weeks
R 1 Offence - Serious Foul Play R 6 Offence - Language - Gestures	1 - 4 weeks
Accumulation of 24 yellow card points in a season; Second red card in a season; R 3 Offence - Spitting at a player	2 weeks
R 2 Offence - Violent Conduct	2 - 8 weeks
Third red card in a season	3 weeks
Verbal abuse towards a referee/official	1 - 6 weeks
Physical abuse towards a referee - light push	4 - 12 weeks
Physical abuse towards a referee - substantial push - body slap	6 - 24 weeks
Physical abuse towards a referee - attempted punch	12 months
Physical abuse towards a referee - landed punch	life

- \* The above is only a guide for Disciplinary & Tribunal Committees.
- \* Sanctions may be varied depending on the severity of the reports from the officials.
- \* Committees may deem multiple offences to be served consecutively or concurrently.
- \* Committees should consider at what time in the game the offence took place and the effect that the offence had on the outcome of the game.
- **Review other leagues' disciplinary guidelines.**





**PRE-AMBLE:**

Whilst SCCF inc. predominately caters for senior players, it is acknowledged that there are a significant number of players both male and female that are under the age of 18 and therefore potentially 'at risk'. Consequently, SCCF fully endorses the SCCSA "Child Protection Policy" and incorporates it as part of the SCCF inc, constitution.

SCCF also endorses the following:

- SCCSA "Fair Play Policy"
- Department of Sport & Recreation "Codes of Behaviour"

In addition to the above documents, SCCF inc. provides the following risk management strategy particular to its own operation

<b>RISK</b>	<b>LIKELIHOOD</b>	<b>CONTROL MEASURES</b>
Description of the Risk: Source, Effects, consequences	V.High, High, Moderate, Low, V.Low	Policies, Procedures, Regulations currently in place. Personnel Expertise.
1. Injury or abuse to players from other players	High	Games controlled by experienced, <b>senior</b> referees according to FIFA laws of the game and directives from FFA. Boot inspection & Pre kick-off instructions to the teams from the referees. <i>Red Card &amp; Incident reporting scheme</i> <i>Player Suspension Guidelines</i> issued to manager Refusing renewal or cancelling registration of troublesome players Non registration of players banned or suspended by other associations. Divisionalised competition.

2. Injury to players due to grounds & equipment	Low	Regular ground & equipment inspections by SCCF ground controllers, clubs and referees. Properly constructed goals - installed to prevent tipping over. Referees to cancel or abandon games if playing conditions are not deemed safe
3. Injury or abuse to referees from players	Low	Games controlled by experienced, <b>senior</b> referees according to FIFA laws of the game and directives from FFA. <i>General Information</i> issued to manager <i>Red Card &amp; Incident reporting scheme</i> <i>Player Suspension Guidelines</i> issued to manager <i>Refereeing with SCCF</i> instructions issued to referees Refusing renewal or cancelling registration of troublesome players.
4. Injury due to environmental hazards: Heat, Storms.	V. low	Night games Referee implementation of 6 second storm rule
5. Serious or long term injuries due to incorrect injury management.	low	First Aider in attendance at all venues Ice always available General info in Team Folder outlines current injury management strategy All players covered by ambulance cover Mobile phones always available Stretcher available at each venue First Aid kit available at each venue Injured players referred to professionals

6. Litigation for injuries to players	Low	<p>All players sign an insurance / indemnity / waiver  Only registered players with a current SCCF issued photo ID card are permitted to play  Team insurance fee paid to SCCSA prior to commencement of fixtures  <b>Players advised to:</b> seek professional health advice regarding their fitness or any medical condition they may have. Private medical insurance should be seriously considered before participating in any active sport. The Association will not in any circumstances be liable for any loss, injury or damage, howsoever caused, to any player</p>
7. Abuse to minors	Low	<p>SCCF Executive members to have a Blue Card  All referees to have a Blue Card  All managers/coaches/co-ordinators to have a blue card  Parental consent /countersigning of insurance and registration cards  SCCF ground controller/representative at all games  Adherence to SCCSA 'Child Protection Policy' guidelines</p>
8. Discrimination / Racial Abuse to players or referees	Low	<p>Games controlled by experienced, <b>senior</b> referees according to FIFA laws of the game and directives from FFA.  SCCF ground controller/representative at all games  <i>Fair Play Policy</i>  <i>Red Card &amp; Incident reporting scheme</i>  <i>Player Suspension Guidelines &amp; General Information</i> issued to manager  <i>Refereeing with SCCF</i> instructions issued to referees  Refusing renewal or cancelling registration of troublesome players.</p>
9. Spectator problems	Low	<p>Few spectator numbers at all venues  Monitoring by SCCF Ground Official</p>

10. Player misconduct	Med	<p>Games controlled by experienced, <b>senior</b> referees according to FIFA laws of the game and directives from FFA.</p> <p><i>Red Card &amp; Incident reporting scheme</i></p> <p><i>General Information</i> issued to manager</p> <p><i>Player Suspension Guidelines</i> issued to manager</p> <p><i>Refereeing with SCCF</i> instructions issued to referees</p> <p>Refusing renewal or cancelling registration of troublesome players</p> <p><i>Disciplinary Action guidelines &amp; policy. Fair Play Policy</i></p> <p>SCCF ground controller/representative at all games</p> <p>Judiciary Co-ordinator position on SCCF executive</p> <p>Complaints reporting system via team manager</p>
11. Public Litigation	Low	<p>Club incorporation</p> <p>Member of SCCS Association</p> <p>Public Liability insurance</p>
Other		