

NEW SOUTH WALES CHURCHES FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION INC



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1. Affiliation, Competition Entry & Fees

All Clubs or Associations must affiliate or associate by the Council meeting held in February each year or other date determined by the Management Committee, paying the prescribed affiliation fee. Notice of withdrawal by a Club or Association must be received by the Annual General meeting of the New South Wales Churches Football Association Inc. or then the Club will be considered as bona fide for affiliation for the following year.

The prescribed entry fee of the Premier League, Raahauge Cup, All Age and under age competitions must accompany the entry, which must be made in writing on the team entry form provided. The team entry form and fee must reach the Honorary Secretary by the date detailed on the entry form each year.

Late entries will be accepted, subject to an available competition position. Late entries cannot be guaranteed local competition. There will be no late entry fee.

Any team withdrawing from a competition after having duly entered will be subject to withdrawal fee determined each year by the Management Committee.

The entry fees for the competitions detailed in the Bylaw will be determined from time to time by the Management Committee and advised to all members Clubs and Associations.

Any player belonging to a Club which is in arrears on its financial obligations must pay his portion of such arrears before playing with another club.

2. Knock out, Six a side and other Competition Entries:

The entry dates for other competitions run by the New South Wales Churches Football Association Inc (including the State Cup competition, the Knock out competition and the Six A side competition) will be determined by the Management Committee and will be advised to all affiliated Clubs and Associations.

Entries to these other competitions must be on the appropriate entry form available from the New South Wales Churches Football Association Inc. and should be lodged by the date indicated on the respective entry form.

Late entries will be accepted subject to the availability of a competition position. Any team withdrawing from any competition covered by this Bylaw will be subjected to a withdrawal fee determined each year by Management Committee.

3. Registration of Players

All players must be registered with the New South Wales Churches Football Association Inc. And all registration forms must be lodged with the New South Wales Churches Football Association Inc. by a date to be determined by the Management Committee each year.

The Management Committee can register individual players after the specified date provided that each such player's registration be accompanied by a properly completed and appropriately signed registration form (Form C) as well as any fees that are required by the Management Committee to be paid.

It shall be the responsibility of Clubs Secretaries to ensure that

- (a) All players are registered and that acknowledgment of receipt of registration forms has been received from the New South Wales Churches Football Association Inc.
- (b) No ineligible or unregistered players are fielded by their Club. All competition points may be forfeited for a breach of this Bylaw.
- (c) All Club members and players adhere to the Constitution and Bylaws of the New South Wales Churches Football Association Inc.

A player registered with the New South Wales Churches Football Inc. shall be under the jurisdiction of the New South Wales Churches Football Association Inc. and the Club or Association through which such player registers until the 31st December of that year. A registered player must not play for any Club, other than the Club with which he has registered unless a transfer has been granted by such Club and by the Management Committee.

No player shall participate in any game until the Management Committee has received such player's registration on the appropriate form and has advised the Club concerned in writing of the acceptance of the player's registration.

Any player who has qualified (by registration) with a team in any Association shall not be eligible to player with any team in another Association without a clearance being obtained in writing form the New South Wales Churches Football Association Inc. under whose jurisdiction

he plays. This provision shall not apply to schools or business house competitions.

Players may, with the consent of the Club with which they are registered and with the approval of the Management Committee, transfer to only one other Club during the same season. No transfers will be granted after the 15th July year.

Players selected for representative teams must not play for their Clubs until they have fulfilled their obligations to the Association.

4 Grading of Teams

The grading of all teams will be determined each year by the Management Committee of the New South Wales Churches Football Association Inc.

Juvenile players must be under the age of the competition in which they play on 31st of July of the year prior to the competition.

No player shall play in a grade lower than that in which he played during the previous season except with the consent of the Management Committee, following written application stating reasons for the request to play in a lower grade.

Any Club having more than one team in any one grade may not interchange players between teams without the approval of the Management Committee.

5 Match Conditions

5.1 Duration of Games:

Under 6 shall play fifteen (15) minutes each way.

Under 7 – Under 12 shall play twenty (20) minutes each way.

Under 13 and Under 14 shall play thirty (25) minutes each way.

Under 15 & Under 16 shall play thirty (30) minutes each way.

Premier League, Raahauge Cup and All Age shall play forty five (45) minutes each way.

Every game shall finish at the scheduled time to allow any following games to commence on time. Should a game commence later than the scheduled time for whatever reason, the available playing time shall be divided into two equal halves, with allowances for a five

minute half time break, in accordance with Law & (Duration of the Game).

5.2 Football Sizes:

Under 6 to Under 8 shall play with a size 3 ball.

Under 9 – Under 14 shall play with a size 4 ball

Under 15 – Under 18, Youth League, Premier League, Raahauge Cup and All age shall play with a size 5 ball.

5.3 Under Age Special Conditions:

Goal Kicks

Under 8 and Under 9 age groups will take any goal kicks from a goal area that is extended by six (6) yards on both sides and the front boundary, (i.e. twelve (12) yards out from each goal post and extending twelve (12) yards into the field of play and joined by an imaginary line drawn parallel to the goal line).

In Under 8 & Under 9 age groups if a free kick is awarded to a defending team within its own goal area, the extended goal area applies for the taking of such a free kick.

Corners Kicks

Under 8 & Under 9 age groups will take their corner kicks from the intersection of the goal line and the penalty area (i.e. eighteen (18) yards along the goal line from the goal post), and in an assumed quadrant of one (1) yard radius.

Under 10 – Under 12 age groups will take their corner kicks from a point eight (8) yards out from the intersection of the goal line and the penalty area (i.e. twenty six (26) yards along the goal line from the goal post), and in an assumed quadrant of one (1) yard radius.

6 Competition Matches, Points, Forfeits

No Match as laid down in the competition draw may be altered except by the Honorary Secretary of the New South Wales Churches Football Association Inc.

Competition points shall be awarded as follow:

2 points for a win or a bye.

1 point for a draw.

Three days' notice of intending forfeit must be given to the Honorary Secretar. Failure to provide three days' notice of intention to forfeit shall render such team liable for the entire match expenses.

Any Premier League or Raahauge Cup team which contests the reserve grade match, but fails to contest the first grade match without a cogent reason for so doing, and without this reason being duly notified to the Honorary Secretary of the Association will not have competition points awarded for either match scheduled for that day.

7 Referees

A referee shall be appointed by the Management Committee or otherwise an Associate referee shall be appointed by the home club. In the event of the appointed referee not attending, the captains of the competing teams shall, except in the case of a State Cup match, select a person to control the match within five (5) minutes of the scheduled starting time.

Such person shall be deemed to be the referee with full powers and duties as detailed in Law 5. Each team shall advise the Honorary Secretary of the name of the person selected and, if the captains are unable to agree on the selection of a person to be the referee and as a result the game is not played, no competition points will be awarded to either team.

8 Match Cards and Results

In all competition matches, players shall sign the Match Card in the presence of the referee. The Match Card shall, when complete in every detail, be forwarded by the referee. The Match Card shall, when complete in every detail, be forwarded by the Honorary Secretary within two days of the date on the match was played.

Players Under 9 and Under 10 may print their names on the Match Card, while Team Managers may sign for players who are Under 6 to Under 8.

All Clubs must telephone their teams match results on the day of play to the Association and must submit a completed result sheet of all their teams match results to the Honorary Secretary within four (4) days of the match.

9 Playing Fields

Clubs shall be responsible for ensuring that their playing fields are correctly mark and maintained in a playable condition, marked and dressed with corner flags and nets if available. When a Club is forbidden by the local council or other authority to mark or otherwise maintain their playing fields, the Club must inform the New South Wales Churches

Football Association Inc. who will approach the local council or other authority concerned to negotiate the matter.

Clubs must not allow players or spectators to drive or park vehicles on playing fields.

10 Questions, Protests and Problems

All questions, disputes or protests whatever, relating to the qualification of players or interpretation of the competition rules or any other matter, must be submitted in writing, containing grounds upon which questions, disputes or protests are founded.

11 Competing with other Associations

No Club or team may play against a Club or team from another Association or Federation, in either a competition or a trial match, without first applying in writing and obtaining approval from the Honorary Secretary of the New South Wales Churches Football Association Inc.

12 Send offs

Any player who is sent from the field of play must appear before the Judiciary Committee at its next meeting following his send off. No player who has been sent off will participate in any match or any other activity of the New South Wales Churches Football Association Inc. until he appears before the Judiciary Committee.

13 Citation to Appear before the Association

Any player, Club official or Club member who is cited to appear before the Association by an official of the New South Wales Churches Football Association Inc, or by a referee must appear as directed. Any person so cited will not participate in any match or any other activity of the New South Wales Churches Football Association Inc. until such person has appeared as directed in the citation.

Authority to Issue a Citation

A citation for misconduct or for bringing the game or the Association into disrepute may be issued by any member of the Management Committee or any member of the Judiciary Committee of the New South Wales Churches Football Association Inc or any person authorised by the Management Committee and in possession of a written authority from the Management Committee or displaying a New South Wales Churches Football Association Inc "OFFICIAL" badge.

Who Cannot issue a Citation

Clubs cannot cite other clubs or players, but may report any incident to the Management committee for investigations. A referee cannot cite a player during a game, and an official cannot cite a player who is on the playing field participating in a game under the control of a referee. An official who is participating in a game under the control of a referee. An official who is participating in a match is deemed to be a player and has no authority to issue a citation.

14 Abandoned Matches and Teams Leaving the field of Play

If a match is abandoned by a referee, or terminated by a referee or an official of the Association for reasons of misconduct, both teams are automatically cited to appear before the Judiciary Committee of the Association, and may not participate in any Association activity until the case has been heard and determined.

Under such circumstances, only the executive of each club and the captain of each team involved in the match appear before the Judiciary Committee of the New South Wales Churches Football Association Inc. to represent their respective teams. The entire teams are not required to appear. However, the Honorary Secretary of the New South Wales Churches Football Association Inc. may demand that particular member or members of a club or team to appear before the Judiciary Committee when the inquiry into the incident is conducted. The Honorary Secretary may also demand that any member of either club present at the abandoned match appear at the inquiry. It is the responsibility of the Club executive to ensure that any such individual or individuals appear.,

A Club may seek approval from the Honorary Secretary for members, other than those previously named, to appear at the inquiry. The Club concerned must satisfy that Honorary Secretary that the evidence that such members can give is pertinent and relevant to the incident. Such approval must be obtained prior to the day of the inquiry.

Team Leaving the Field

A team leaving the field of play without the permission of the referee is automatically cited by the New South Wales Churches Football Association Inc. and is suspended from participation in any activity of the New South Wales Churches Football Association Inc. until the Executive members of each club and the captains of each team involved in the match appear before the Judiciary Committee.

The person refereeing must report the incident to the Honorary Secretary of his appointee and must prepare a written report for the next meeting of the Judiciary Committee that follows the date of the match.

Where such a person is not an appointed referee, he must report the incident to the secretary of the Club with which he is affiliated, and the Club Secretary must report the incident to the Honorary Secretary of the New South Wales Churches Football Association Inc. immediately.

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