

FFSA COMPETITION RULES AND REGULATIONS RECOMMENDED CHANGES FOR SEASON 2020

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| Throughout the document | Change Football Federation SA/FFSA to Football SA. | Reflects the change to the new name. | |
| Throughout the document | Grammatical changes. | Grammatical changes have been made throughout the document. Substance of the rule unchanged. | |
| Throughout Document | Clauses renumbered | Deletion of clauses require renumbering to occur. | |
| A. Definitions | Added a longer list of definitions. | To make it easier for users to understand terminology. | Updated definitions for Amateur Player, club, coach and suspension, following meeting. |
| 1.Team Name | Inclusion of Sub-Clause 6 – Any club that does not adhere to sub-clause 1-5 will be prohibited from participating until they are compliant. | Inclusion of this clause verifies what occurs if clubs do not adhere to the requirements. | |
| 13. Ground Facilities and Club Signage | Inclusion of – Penalty – A fine will be implemented in accordance with the relevant Competition Operating Regulations. | Verifies the penalty associated with not fulfilling requirement of the clause. | |
| 23. Ground Stewards | Inclusion of wording to 23(6)© Neutral spectators, spectators that are not aligned to either team participating, the Ground Stewards from the home team will be responsible for monitoring and enforcing the FFA Spectator Code of Conduct with these spectators. | Clarifies the responsibility of addressing spectators who may not be associated with either team. This has been an area that clubs had requested clarification. | |

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| 24. Medical Requirements | Inclusion of 24(5) – By the commencement of Season 2021, all clubs that participate in Football SA competitions must have a defibrillator installed at their venue/s and ensure that it is maintained fit for purpose. | Part of a club’s risk management | |
| 40. Match Balls | Remove 40(3) – The ball selected by the match official shall be used during the entire match unless it is lost, is not returned promptly after being kicked out of touch or becomes unfit for play. | Not needed to be included as a clause as it is undertaken naturally. | |
| 48. Goal Difference | Removal of sub-clause 48(f) | Outcome of a competition should not be determined by Disciplinary outcomes. | Recommendation of the committee. |
| 56. Register of Team Officials | 56(2)(b) – Change wording to represent new Working with Children Checks. | Change reflects the new process that is to be undertaken in relation to Working with Children. | |
| 61. Unregistered, Ineligible and Suspended Players | Remove 61(2)(b) as it is a repeat of 61(2)(a) | Clause repeated. | |
| 62. Ring-Ins (Playing players under assumed or false names) | Remove 62(1)(c) as it is a repeat of 62(1)(b). | Clause repeated. | |
| 63. Visa Players | Reword 63(1) to - A maximum of two (2) Visa Players are permitted to be on a First Team’s team sheet in the National Premier Leagues, State League 1 and State League 2. | Reworded to clarify the use of Visa Players across all Senior Men’s Competitions. | |
| 65. Status of Players | Remove 65(4) – Outlines details relating to an amateur player. | Detailed information contained in Senior Men’s Operating Regulations and National Registration Regulations. | Amateur Player definition changed to bring in line with National Registration Regulations. |

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| 72. Registration of Match Officials | 72(2)(b) – Change wording to represent new Working with Children Checks. | Change reflects the new process that is to be undertaken in relation to Working with Children. | |
| 73. Disciplinary Provisions | Remove 73 Clause. | Duplicated in other clauses. | |
| 76. Expulsion of Team Official | Inclusion of 76(1) offences relating to the accumulation of yellow cards. | Reflects the introduction of yellow cards for Team Officials. | |
| 81. Procedure of Hearings; and 82. Appeals from Disciplinary Committee | Remove wording and add refer to Grievance and Disciplinary Regulations. | Reflects the document used in relation to Grievance and Disciplinary matters. | |
| 95. National and State Representative Teams | Inclusion to 95(10) (a) of the wording - the player is not eligible to play with their club. | The addition of this wording clarifies the sanction imposed on a player for not fulfilling their obligations under this clause. | |