

SENIOR MEN'S OPERATING REGULATIONS RECOMMENDED CHANGES FOR 2021 SEASON

CURRENT RULE	RECOMMENDED CHANGE	RATIONALE
Throughout the document	Change Football Federation Australia to Football Australia	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.
Definitions	Amateur Competition – Definition added.	To reflect changes to registration of players to different types of competitions.
	Football SA – remove is the Football South Australia to read Is the Governing Body of Football in the State of South Australia.	More concise.
	Professional Competition – Definition added	To reflect changes to registration of players to different types of competitions.
	National Premier League – Remove Hyundai	Hyundai no longer sponsor of A-League.
MINIMUM COMPETITION REQUIREMENTS		
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Field Dimensions	Stipulate minimum size of field for NPL and State League 1 being 100m by 60m	Reflects requirements outlined in Venue Requirement Document.
Player's Race	Remove enclosed.	Most player races in use are not enclosed.
Junior Teams	Remove the word required to recommend. Remove non-compliance penalties.	Ruling has not been applied when it has been breached. Some clubs may struggle due to their demographics of their area. It is in the interest of clubs to field Junior Teams
Senior Coaching Accreditation	Implement correct names of the coaching accreditations. Recommend any goalkeeper coaches have a minimum Football Australia Goalkeeper Level 1	Consistency with the naming of the accreditations. Football Australia require Goalkeeper Coaches to be accredited.

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Reporting Mechanisms	Remove requirement to have a Youth Training Plan. Clarify dates for Annual Report and Financial Reports given timing of club's Financial year.	There are no benefits or penalties implemented for the clubs to provide this document. Date included that takes into consideration clubs that may have a calendar year financial year.
Medical Equipment	Defibrillators now a minimum requirement	

COMPETITION OPERATING REGULATION RULE CHANGES

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Throughout the Document	Clauses has been re-numbered to reflect continuous numbering.	Ensures the document flows.
3. Registration of Players	Inclusion of definition of Professional and Amateur Competitions in relation to when a player may be registered. Change date from 30 June to 31 July for cut-off date of Amateur Registration. Inclusion of clause (5) and (6) defining eligibility of players to register to the Reserve Grade outside of the Registration Windows. Provides a qualifying number of games for players 21 years or older to move up to the Seniors. Also stipulates eligibility of players that have registered to Senior Grade Team and moves to another team.	Reflects registration procedure for Professional and Amateur Competitions. Reflects change in season dates. The clause will prohibit clubs from registering senior grade players to Reserve Grade Teams to circumvent registration windows
4. Eligibility of Players	Inclusion of clause (3) permitting the players that have played in a higher-grade team to go and play in a lower grade team in the same round if they have come on as a substitute 75 minute or later.	The inclusion of the rule provides more playing time for players that are generally of a younger age.
6. Substitution and Interchange of Players	Update ruling relating to the number of substitutions permitted and the process to be used. Recommendation for Under 18 Grade to have interchange.	Reflects the changes to the number of substitutions permitted. Provides greater playing time for younger players.

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8. Player Points System	Remove Player Remuneration and create a separate clause.	No relevance for the clauses to be linked.
9. Player Remuneration	Remove reference to salary cap.	It was agreed by the clubs to remove the salary cap.
10. Adelaide United	Clause updated to define overage players and the number that can be played on any given round. Can now register 6 but only play 3 in any given round.	Provides greater flexibility for younger players from Adelaide United to play NPL. The rule also is a transition to the changes that Football Australia are mandating.
16. The Competition	16(6) addition of the wording that away goals rule do not apply during extra-time.	Further clarifies when the rule is to be used.
20. Substitutions and Interchange	Change number of players that can be substituted during normal and extra-time. Include reference to interchange (Under 18 grade).	Reflects change in number of players that can be substituted. To be implemented if Under 18s go to interchange.