

SENIOR WOMEN AND JUNIOR OPERATING REGULATIONS RECOMMENDED CHANGES FOR SEASON 2021

CURRENT RULE	RECOMMENDED CHANGE	RATIONALE
Throughout the document	Change Football Federation Australia/FFA to Football Australia	Reflects the change to the new name.
Throughout the document	Inclusion of the Women's State League where relevant.	
Definitions	Added definition of Amateur and Professional Competition	Reflects changes made by FIFA
Membership Application	Change to from 50% to actual number, being 5.	Consistent with the Junior Movement Rule.
MINIMUM COMPETITION REQUIREMENTS		
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Field Dimensions	Minimum requirement to be 100m by 60m.	In line with Football SA Venue Requirements.
Junior Teams	Remove the word required to recommend. Remove non-compliance penalties.	In line with the changes to NPL/State League 1.
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 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.	
Women's State League	Add minimum requirements.	Re-introduction of this competition in 2021 requires the minimum requirements to be added.
COMPETITION OPERATING REGULATION RULE CHANGES		
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3. Registration of Players	Implementation of (3) stipulating requirements of players being registered in a Professional Competition.	Reflect Change to FIFA Requirements

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3. Registration of Players	<p>Inclusion of definition of Professional and Amateur Competitions in relation to when a player may be registered.</p> <p>Inclusion of clause (3) and (4) defining eligibility of players to register to the Reserve Grade outside of the Registration Windows. Provides a qualifying number of games to be played in the Reserve Grade prior to being eligible to move up to the Senior Grade. Also stipulates eligibility of players that have registered to Senior Grade Team and moves to another team.</p> <p>Change date from 30 June to 31 July for cut-off date of Amateur Registration.</p>	<p>Reflects registration procedure for Professional and Amateur Competitions.</p> <p>The clause will prohibit clubs from registering senior grade players to reserve teams to circumvent registration windows.</p> <p>Reflects change in season dates.</p>
4. Registration of W-League Players and NTC Players	<p>Rule amended to permit a maximum of three (3) W-League and NTC players to be registered with any one club. Goalkeepers are exempt and not included as one of the three players.</p>	<p>Safeguards clubs and the WNPL Competition with the change to the timing of the W-League.</p>
13. Player Remuneration	<p>Separate clause created, previously was included with the Player Points System.</p> <p>Increase amateur remuneration to \$200.00</p>	<p>Relevant for it to sit as a separate clause.</p> <p>Brings the amount inline with the Senior Men's Competitions.</p>
Substitution Rules – 10, 26 and 37	<p>Increase the number from (5) to six that can be named on the bench, with 5 to be used.</p> <p>Where extra time is used, the number goes to 7 with 5 to be used during normal time and a sixth if goes into extra time.</p>	<p>Current requirement.</p>
Appendix 2	<p>Inclusion of Appendix 2 – Final Series Structure.</p>	