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Venue Requirements

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SECTION 1: ADMINISTRATION, SCOPE AND BREACH



1. **Scope and Application**

These Regulations apply to Participants in the following competitions unless stated otherwise:

- i. National Premier Leagues (Men's and Women's)
- ii. State Leagues (Men's 1 & 2, Women's)
- iii. Community and Junior Competitions
- iv. Cup Competitions
- vi. Any other competition under the auspices of Football SA.

Reference to a Club also refers to clubs that participate in Affiliated Association competitions.

2. **Venue Non-Compliance**

Where a venue does not meet the criteria as outlined in the Competition Minimum Requirements or Competition Rules and Regulations or where a Club does not complete a schedule of work within the timeframe specified to bring the venue up to the required criteria, Football SA will implement one or more of the following:

- a) The Club will nominate an alternative venue that does meet the criteria; or
- b) All or part of the Club's matches will be played at the opponent's venue where available; or
- c) Football SA will nominate an alternative venue for the Club's matches; or
- d) The Club may be removed from the competition and placed, where possible, in a competition where their venue meets the required criteria.

3. **Exemption**

- a) Football SA may grant an exemption to a Club in the process of upgrading their facility that currently does not meet the required venue criteria. Any exemption provided will be valid for that upcoming Season only.
- b) To request an exemption, a club is required to complete the Venue Exemption Form and submit it to Football SA prior to the generation of fixtures, for that season.
- c) Should the required upgrades not be completed within the stipulated timeframe, one or more of the following may be undertaken:
 - I. The Club will nominate a venue that does meet the criteria; or
 - II. Football SA will nominate an alternative venue for the Club's matches; or
 - III. The Club may be removed from the competition and placed, where possible, in a competition where their venue meets the criteria.
- d) Football SA may permit the temporary use of a non-compliant venue in order to

complete fixtures in a timely manner. Such action may be undertaken where the scheduling of games is not possible at a compliant venue for reasons out of the control of the club, such as extreme weather conditions. Any such decision is at the sole and absolute discretion of Football SA.

4. Venue Inspection

From time-to-time Football SA may undertake a venue inspection on any club affiliated to Football SA to ensure the venue meets competition requirements. Football SA will provide a report on completion of the inspection including outlining any upgrades the club is required to complete to ensure the venue is compliant.

SECTION 2: ACCESS, SAFETY AND SECURITY



1. Responsibility

It is the responsibility of each individual Club to ensure the safety and security of all individuals participating in, officiating, working or otherwise attending matches at the Club's nominated venue.

2. Enclosed Venues

Clubs that participate in the Men's and Women's National Premier League and State League 1 must have an enclosed venue.

The fence surrounding the venue must be a minimum 1.8 meters in height and constructed of solid materials without gaps or faults that could provide unauthorised entry or could cause injury.

3. Prohibited Items and Terms of Admission

- a) All Clubs are required to comply with the FA National Club Identity Policy, including but not limited to their name and logo.
- b) The following items are prohibited at all venues:
 - i. Flares;
 - ii. Fireworks;
 - iii. Other flammable objects;
 - iv. Loudhailers;
 - v. Instruments prohibited by law;
 - vi. Anything of any nature that does not positively reflect the image of the Club, Association, Football SA or the game in general.
- c) In relation to *clause 3 c) i – iii*, should a person associated with a club be found to have breached this clause, the following penalties will be imposed:
 - I. First offence – A Level 4 Fine (Fines are outlined in the Football SA Competition Operating Regulations)
 - II. Second offence in the same calendar year - referred to Football SA Disciplinary Committee.
- d) It is the responsibility of the club to ensure that its supporters (at both home and away matches) are aware of the Prohibited Items and reasonable steps are taken to prohibit any such items from coming into a venue. Terms of admission should be displayed at entry areas of all clubs.
- e) Football SA or any Football SA appointed official, or club official may request the immediate removal of any Prohibited Item.
- f) All venues are required to display the Terms of Admission and Spectator Code of Conduct.

- g) Failure of Individuals, Clubs and associations to comply with the Prohibited Items, Code of Conduct and Terms of Admission requirement may result in further action being taken by Football SA.

4. Emergency Exit Plan

All venues that are enclosed must have an Emergency Exit Plan. The Emergency Exit Plan must be clearly displayed at all points of entry and exit as well as at other strategic areas in the venue.

5. Emergency Exits

All Emergency Exits must be clearly signposted and adequately lit, in accordance with Australian Standards, and must be free of any form of obstruction.

6. General Access Security

At venues that are required to have enclosed fencing, all access points must be staffed by appropriate personnel (i.e. Club Officials or Security) and have an identified area on entry to the venue in which to conduct bag checks.

7. Emergency Services Access

The venue must enable Emergency Service vehicles to gain direct access into the Venue and on to the Field of Play.

8. Fire Prevention

The venue must be equipped with all fire prevention devices as required by Government and Australian Standards.

9. Smoking and Drinking

All Football SA venues are designated smoke free. It is the responsibility of the venue management, hirer and/or club personnel to police and enforce this requirement.

Serving of alcohol must be in accordance with the venues liquor license regulations. Alcohol consumed outside of the clubrooms must be placed in plastic cups. A designated alcohol-free zone is to be provided.

10. Risk Assessment

Football SA may from time to time, due to actual or perceived spectator behaviour, require Clubs to submit a Risk Assessment for any match played at their home venue.

The Risk Assessment must at minimum consider and include the following:

- a) Projected crowd figures;
- b) Minimum security requirements for the game including number of security personnel and/or ground stewards;
- c) Venue Access points for players, officials, spectators, media etc.;
- d) Spectator flow into and out of the venue;
- e) Access for Emergency Services;
- f) Signposting of entry and exit points;
- g) Emergency Exit Plan.

11. Restricted Access Areas

Clubs are required to implement Restricted Access to the following areas on game day;

- a) Changing Rooms for Players and Team Officials only;
- b) Referees' Changing Rooms for Match Officials only;
- c) Players Race (where required) for Players, Team Officials, Match Officials, Security (including Ground Stewards) Personnel, Emergency Services and Home Club or Hosting Club Officials only;
- d) Field of Play for Players, Team Officials, Match Officials, Security (including Ground Stewards) Personnel, Emergency Services and registered photographers only.

In addition to the above, Clubs in the National Premier League and where applicable, Women's National Premier League, are required to implement a Restricted Access to the Media Area and PA Area.

- a) The Media Area is to be restricted to Registered Media, Football SA Appointed Officials and Home Club or Hosting Club Staff.
- b) The PA Area is to be restricted to Home Club or Hosting Club Game Day Staff and Football SA Appointed Officials.

All Restricted Access Areas must be clearly labelled indicating the identification, pass or ticket required to access the area.

All Clubs are encouraged to further define restricted access areas to the Venue, for example a function area, to promote a professional environment on match days.

12. Admission Area

Where the venue is enclosed and admission into the venue is controlled, the venue must have a clearly distinguishable Admission Area.

Admission fees are in accordance with the Competition Operating Regulations.

SECTION 3: FIELD OF PLAY



1. Field of Play Dimensions

The following diagram details the minimum, maximum and compulsory dimensions for Field of Play markings in accordance with the Laws of the Game. All fields used in Football SA Competitions must conform to these dimensions.

- a) 11 a side Football
 - i. The minimum and maximum dimensions of a field are:
 - Length – Minimum 90m, Maximum 120m
 - Width - Minimum 45m, Maximum 90m
 - ii. Specific Competition Operating Regulations may provide minimum and maximum dimensions within the range outlined in the above Clause.
 - iii. There must be a buffer zone between the Field of Play line marking and any Advertising Boards or Perimeter Fence. The minimum distance from the touch line or goal line is 1 metre.
 - iv. The Technical Area must be a minimum of 1 metre in distance from the touch line.

2. Playing Surface

The Playing Surface must be even and flat with a complete coverage of grass, where possible. Either natural grass or FIFA approved artificial grass pitches may be used.

The surface must be free of potholes or any kind of abnormalities that could be hazardous to players or match officials during play. All clubs are strongly encouraged in conjunction with their local council to ensure that there is adequate drainage to the field to allow play during rain and periods of extended rainfall.

3. Line Markings

The Field of Play must be rectangular and marked with lines. The longer lines being touch lines, the shorter lines goal lines.

Line markings must be in accordance with the Field of Play Dimensions, not exceeding 12 cm's in width as per FIFA Laws of the Game and are clear and accurate. The field should be free of other markings, should other markings exist they must be a different colour and clearly distinguishable from the football field markings.

Clubs are responsible for ensuring substances that will not harm users or damage turf grasses are used for line marking. Clubs should also consult their local council.

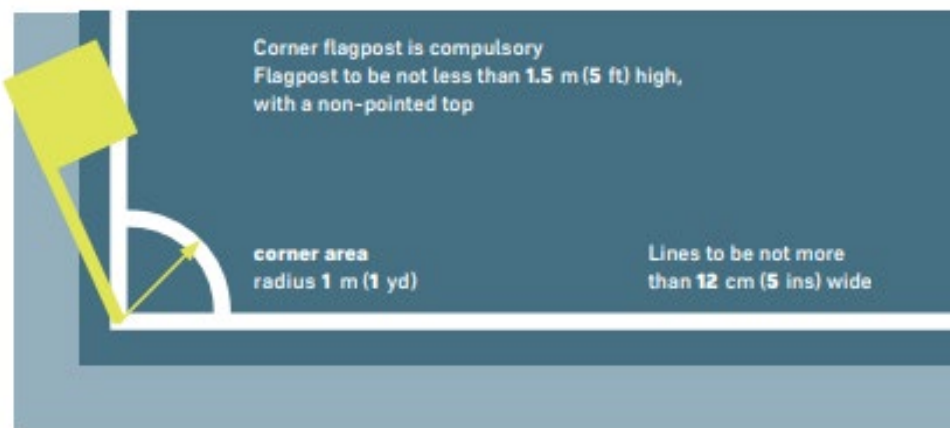


4. Corner and Halfway flags

Corner flags are compulsory and are required at the joint of the touch line and goal line on every field.

Halfway flags are optional and should be located no less than 1 metre off the touch line directly in-line with halfway.

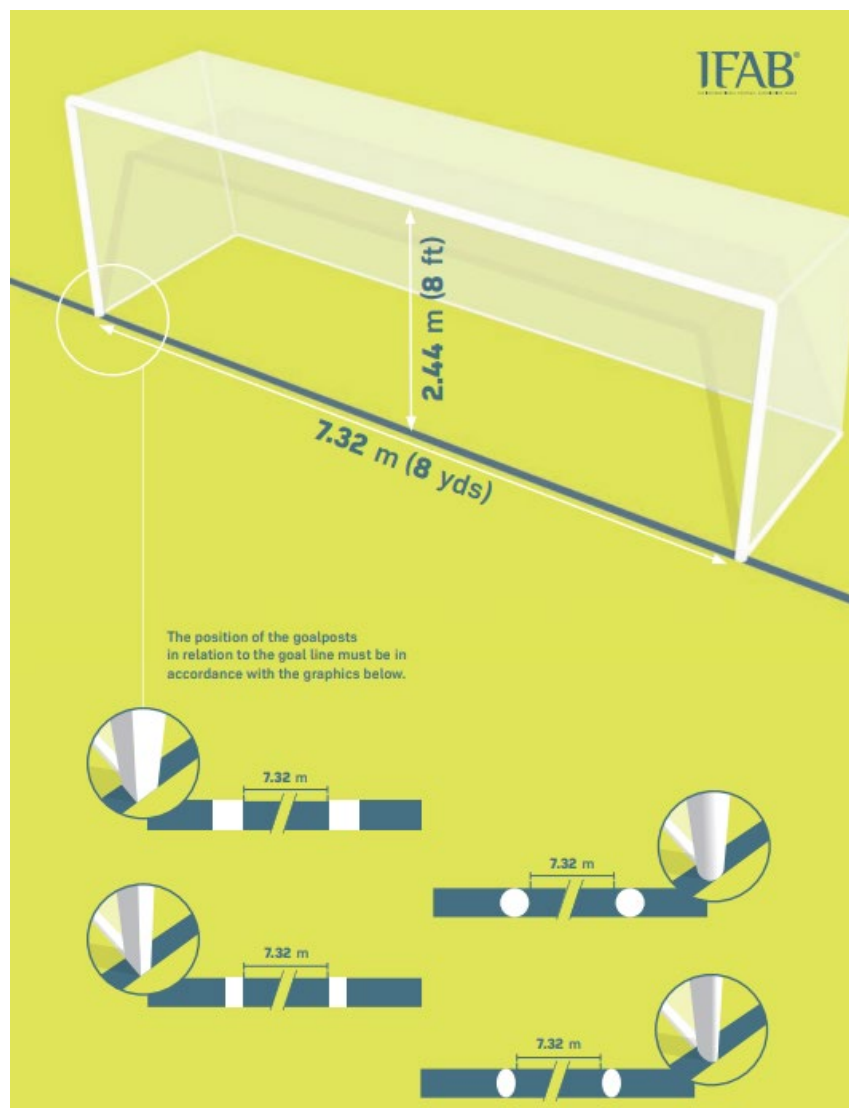
A flag post is to be at least 1.5 meters high, with a non-pointed top and a flag must be placed at each corner. This is in accordance with the requirements listed in the FIFA Laws of the Game.



5. Goal Posts and Goal nets

Permanent and portable goals that meet the Football SA Goal Post Safety Requirements and Australian Standards must be provided.

The goalposts and crossbar must be painted white and must not exceed 12cm, and the goal line must be the same width as the posts.



6. Technical Area

All fields must have marked out Technical Areas. The Technical Areas must provide the requirements as specified in the minimum competition requirements for each competition or as outlined in the Football SA Competition Rules and Regulations.

Technical Areas, where possible, should be located on the opposite side of where the majority of spectators will congregate.

Where a fourth official is appointed to a game, a table and chair may be provided and must be placed a safe distance from the field of play.

7. Interchange Area

An Interchange Area must be marked for all Competitions where unlimited interchange applies. The Interchange Area may form part of the pitch marking or may be identified with cones.

The Interchange Zone will commence 1 metre either side of the touchline from the halfway line and extend one (1) metre from the Field of Play.

8. Pitch Fence

Where a Pitch Fence is required, in accordance with the minimum requirements of the competition, the Pitch Fence must:

- a) Be located the required distance from the touch line and goal line as defined in the Field of Play. Dimensions, being a minimum of 2 metre from the sideline.
- b) Be at least one (1) metre in height.
- c) Must be constructed of substantial material (i.e. cyclone wire).

Advertising signs, where installed on perimeter fencing, are to be properly secured and be constructed of a material that will not cause injury to Players or Officials.

SECTION 4: PLAYER AND REFEREE FACILITIES



1. **Player Changing Rooms**

Changing facilities for players must be provided in accordance with the relevant competition minimum standards.

Where the competition requirements are silent in the area of changing rooms, the venue must provide a facility where a person may change.

2. **Referee Dressing Rooms**

Changing facilities for match officials must be provided in accordance with the relevant competition minimum standards.

Where the competition requirements are silent in the area of changing rooms, the venue must provide a facility where a person may change.

3. **Players Race**

Where a Players Race is required in accordance with the minimum requirements of the competition, the Player's Race must:

- a) Provide direct and exclusive access for Players, Team Officials and Match Officials from their Changing Room to the Field of Play.
- b) Be constructed from heavy duty material.
- c) Be enclosed.

At no stage should any unauthorized person gain access into the Player's Race. The home or host team is responsible for ensuring that the players race is secured, providing access only to those authorized personnel.

SECTION 5: LIGHTING



1. **Field of Play Lighting for Games**

The Field of Play Lighting requirements for games are in accordance with the specified Australian Standards:

Semi-Professional	200 lux with uniformity of 0.6
Amateur	100 lux with uniformity of 0.5

2. **Training Area Lighting**

The lighting requirements for training is in accordance with the specified Australian Standards:

Semi-Professional	100 lux with uniformity of 0.5
Amateur	50 lux with uniformity of 0.3

Please refer to the minimum requirements of the competition and the Lighting Policy, Appendix 6 for full details.

SECTION 6: SPECTATOR FACILITIES



1. **Canteen and Bar**

The provision of canteen and bar facilities is in accordance with the minimum requirements of the relevant competition. Where the competition requirements are silent in this area, it is recommended that the club provide a facility for the sale of food and non-alcoholic drinks.

The canteen facility must:

- a) Be maintained and operated in a clean condition that meets Local Government Standards and Health Regulations.

2. **Sale and Consumption of Alcohol**

The following conditions must be complied with where alcohol is sold and consumed:

- a) The Club must obtain a license as required under the Liquor Licensing Act;
- b) The point of sale must be separate to other food or beverage, and to which minors are restricted;
- c) Consumption must not occur in the vicinity of the player's race or team benches;
- d) Alcohol consumed outside of a club room must be placed in a plastic cup;
- e) Under no circumstances is alcohol to be served to people who are intoxicated;
- f) The sale, provision or consumption of alcohol is not permitted at any underage game or event;
- g) A designated dry zone must be established within the venue.

All clubs and affiliated associations that serve alcohol are required to undertake the good sports program, <http://goodsports.com.au/this-is-good-sports/>

3. **Seating**

Seating is to be provided in accordance with the minimum standards of the relevant competition. Where the competition requirements are silent in this area, seating is not required.

4. **Toilets**

Adequate public toilet facilities are to be made available.

APPENDIX

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NATIONAL PREMIER LEAGUE

Minimum Requirements

FIELD OF PLAY AND TEAM AMENITIES		
Criterion	Minimum Requirement	Comments
Field Dimensions	Field of Play must satisfy the requirements of the Laws of the game; minimum length of 90m and maximum length of 120m and minimum width of 45m and maximum width of 90m. Field must be rectangular. In accordance with Venue Requirements, NPL minimum field size is to be 100m length by 60m width.	
Playing Surface	The pitch shall be natural grass, or a FIFA approved synthetic surface with all internal field markings in accordance with the Laws of the Game.	Clubs must ensure they consult their council in relation to permitted substances that can be used on playing surfaces.
Field Markings	Line markings must be clearly visible and in accordance with the Laws of the Game.	Clubs must ensure they consult their council in relation to substances that can be used to mark the fields or that can be used on fields.
Field Fence	A permanent fence or fencing as approved by Football SA fully enclosing the field of play and that is a minimum of 2m in distance from the side lines and goal lines. The fence must be in a good condition and safe.	Football SA reserves the right not to sanction a venue if the field is not adequately fenced. Non-Compliance: Once the venue is sanctioned the onus is on the club to maintain fencing. If a club is not compliant a Level 2 fine will be imposed and the venue will need to be compliant prior to further use.
Player's Race	A player's race that leads directly from the dressing room of the players and match officials to the field of play must be implemented.	The player's race must be secured ensuring the safety of the players and match officials as they move between the two areas and be inaccessible by spectators and unauthorised persons. Non -Compliance – (Refer to page 50-52 for details relating to fines) A. Football SA reserves the right not to sanction the use of a venue if the player race does not meet the requirements. B. Failure to secure a player race resulting in access by unauthorised person/s: a. First occasion Level 2 Fine and may be referred to a Disciplinary Hearing. b. Second occasion Level 3 Fine and may be referred to a Disciplinary Hearing. c. Subsequent offences referred to Disciplinary Hearing.

FIELD OF PLAY AND TEAM AMENITIES		
Criterion	Minimum Requirement	Comments
Technical Area	Two covered coaches/substitutes benches/dugouts or as approved by Football SA, with adequate seating for at least 13 people, 6 substitutions and 7 team officials.	All team officials are required to wear the accreditation provided by Football SA at all times.
Field Equipment	Goalposts, goal nets and corner flags of approved material, colour and dimensions as per the current Laws of the Game.	Laws of the Game stipulate that a corner posts, not less than 1.5m high, with a non-pointed top and flag must be placed at each corner. Flag posts may also be placed at each end of the halfway line, not less than 1m outside the touch line.
Team Changing Rooms	<p>Allocation of separate changing rooms to accommodate home and away teams. Each changing room must be lockable and provide the following minimum requirements;</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Sufficient space to comfortably accommodate at least 18 players and officials at any one time. Shower facilities with a minimum of three shower heads providing hot and cold water. Toilet facilities that are adequately maintained and include at least one hand basin. Lockers or hanging facilities for player's clothing. Trainers Table. 	<p>All dressing room facilities are to be maintained in a clean and hygienic condition at all times.</p> <p>All dressing room facilities must be permanent buildings or as approved by Football SA and have the appropriate council approval.</p> <p>Other equipment recommended:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Whiteboard and pens Power Points <p>Each room is to be clearly signed as home and away.</p>
Match Officials Changing Room	<p>Allocation of a changing room that comfortably accommodates up to four match officials at any given time. If possible, where male and female match officials are appointed, a separate changing room should be provided for female match officials.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Sufficient space to comfortably accommodate up to four match officials at any given time. Shower facilities providing hot and cold water. Toilet facilities that are adequately maintained and that include a hand basin. Locker or hanging facilities for match officials clothing. Table 	<p>All dressing room facilities are to be maintained in a clean and hygienic condition at all times.</p> <p>All dressing room facilities must be permanent buildings or as approved by Football SA and have the appropriate council approval.</p> <p>Other equipment recommended:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Power Points <p>Match Officials room is to be clearly signed.</p>

FIELD OF PLAY AND TEAM AMENITIES		
Criterion	Minimum Requirement	Comments
Floodlighting	<p>Football SA stipulates that the <i>Australian Standard AS2560.2.3-2007, Sports Lighting</i> is to be implemented. To be eligible to play senior fixtures, the field floodlighting must be a minimum of 200 lux with a uniformity of 0.6.</p> <p>For Under 18 and Reserve Grade fixtures to be conducted as night games the minimum floodlighting requirements is 100 lux with a uniformity of 0.5.</p>	<p>Prior to a club being sanctioned to conduct night fixtures, a lighting certificate must be submitted to Football Federation SA verifying the floodlighting meets the minimum lighting standards.</p> <p>A lighting certificate is valid for a period of two years. On expiry, a club will be required to provide Football SA a new lighting certificate prior to Football SA sanctioning of games.</p>
Medical Room and Equipment	A first aid room including basic first aid equipment including a suitably approved stretcher and a massage table. A stretcher is to be located on the sideline of the field of play from the commencement of a game.	All must be maintained in a clean and sterile condition.

- A. Football SA reserves the right not to sanction the use of a venue if any of the ground criteria is not fulfilled.
- B. Football SA reserves the right to modify the ground criteria for non-competitive games and competitive games involving Under 18 and Reserves Grades.
*Football SA reserves the right not to sanction the use of a venue if any of the venue criteria is not fulfilled.
- C. For a full outline of venue requirements please refer to the Football SA Venue Requirements document.

SPECTATOR AND OTHER VENUE FACILITIES		
Criterion	Minimum Requirement	Comments
Spectator Amenities Spectator amenities shall be fully enclosed with a perimeter fencing ensuring admission into the ground is controlled.		
Access and exit to the venue	There must be more than one exit point to the venue to accommodate the evacuation of spectators. Access is available for emergency vehicles including access to the playing field	
Admission into the Venue	Each venue is to have a admission entrance of a structure and design as approved by Football SA for the collection of admission fees.	
Canteen and Bar	Serving hot and cold drinks and foods compliant with all health and council regulations. The serving of alcohol must be in accordance to the license regulations.	Alcohol consumed outside of the clubrooms must be in plastic containers. An area designated as a dry zone free from alcohol consumption must be allocated.
Car Parking	Car parking is to be available that is in close proximity to the venue. Car Parking located at the venue must be made available to the appointed match officials	
Media Area	A media area that provides unobstructed views of the playing field and scoreboard is required to be provided at each venue.	
Scoreboard	A fully functional scoreboard (including the names of each participating team), which is clearly visible to spectators and the media/ press box.	Preference is for the scoreboard to include a clock that displays the match time
Seating Capacity	Seating for 200 people.	Recommended that the seating is undercover.
Smoke Free Venues	All venues are to be designated smoke free.	It is the responsibility of venue management to police and enforce a smoke free venue.
PA System	A fully operational Public Address System that is audible to all parts of the venue.	Recommended that the system can play music and announce simultaneously. Must also have the means to play music. A wireless microphone is recommended.
Toilets	Male and Female public toilets including disabled toilet access that are situated in the venue.	A public disabled toilet must be provided.

*Football SA reserves the right not to sanction the use of a venue if any of the venue criteria is not fulfilled.

TEAMS AND COACHING REQUIREMENTS

Criterion	Minimum Requirement	Comment
Senior Teams	Each club is to field three grades of senior teams: a. Under 18s b. Reserves c. Seniors	Non-Compliance If a club is unable to field Senior, Reserve or Under 18s Grade Teams, the club will not be permitted to enter the National Premier League Competition.
Junior Teams	It is strongly recommended that clubs field the following junior teams: a. Under 12, 13, 14, 15 ,16 and 17 b. MiniRoos Teams at least one team in each age group, Under 6, 7, 8, 9, 10 and 11	
Player Points System	Each club will be required to implement the Player Points System when selecting their senior grade team.	Football SA will provide the Player Points System to each club.
Technical Director	Each club is required to appoint a Technical Director to oversee the football development of teams aged 12-18 years of age. The person appointed to this position is required to be accredited to a minimum of an AFC B Licence .	The Technical Director is required to work with the Football SA Technical Director as required. Technical Director must be registered on Football Australia Registration System and must, if working with minors, Under 18, provide the club a Working with Children Check.
Senior Coaching Accreditation	<p>First Team Coach Minimum of AFC B Licence</p> <p>Reserve Team Coach Minimum of AFC C Senior Licence</p> <p>Under 18s Coach Minimum of AFC C Senior Licence</p> <p>All Assistant Coaches Minimum of AFC C Senior Licence</p> <p>*Coaches that hold overseas accreditation must have their accreditation recognised and endorsed by AFC.</p>	<p>All coaches must have the minimum accreditation to coach at the appointed level.</p> <p>All coaches must be registered on Football Australia Registration System and must, if working with minors, Under 18, provide the club a Working with Children Check.</p> <p>Goalkeeper Coaches are recommended to have a minimum of a Football Australia Goalkeeper Level 1.</p>

Junior Coaching Accreditation	Under 13 – 17 Coach Minimum of AFC C Youth Licence MiniRoos – Under 12 Minimum of Skill Training Certificate.	All coaches must have the minimum accreditation to coach at the appointed level. All coaches must be registered on Football Australia Registration System and must, if working with minors, Under 18, provide the club a Working with Children Check.
Annual Coaching Conference	The Technical Director and Head Coach of each club are required to attend Football SA annual Coaching Conference.	Coaches should be encouraged by their club to attend the conference to assist with Professional Development and revaluation of their coaching accreditation.
Community Club Academy	Each club is encouraged to establish a Community Club Academy within their club.	Football SA Coaching and Development Department will assist clubs in the establishment of the club academy.
Football for Girls and Women	Each club is required to demonstrate a commitment to football for girls and women. This may be achieved by developing a partnership with a local girls' and women's club or by fielding girls' and/or women's teams.	

CLUB PERSONNEL AND REPORTING MECHANISMS		
Criterion	Minimum Requirement	Comment
Club Liaison Officers	<p>Each club is required to implement people to the following positions to assist with communication between the Football SA and the club:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Paid Club Administrator – minimum 15 hours per week • Club Registrar - Football Australia Registration System • Senior Competition Liaison Officer • Media Liaison Officer • Junior Competition Liaison Officer and MiniRoos Games Liaison Officer • Club Development Liaison Officer <p>All appointed officers must be registered on Football Australia Registration System and must, if working with minors, Under 18, provide the club a Working with Children Check.</p>	Job descriptions for each role will be provided by Football SA and is available on the Football SA website.
Annual Budget	All clubs are required to provide to Football SA a yearly budget by the 1 January of each year.	This requirement is to be provided to Football SA prior to the club being permitted to participate in the competition.
Annual Report	Clubs are to submit an Annual Report to Football SA summarising the activities undertaken by the club for the year and providing audited financials.	Due date 1 February each year. Where a club's financial year is in line with the calendar year. An unaudited Financial Report is to be provided by the 1 February with audited financials being provided by 1 May of each year.
Business Plan	Each club is required to develop and implement a Business Plan and a longer-term Strategic Plan that outlines the vision, goals and action plans of the club in all areas. These plans should include facility development.	On application of the new licence period and then 1 February each year as updated.
Date of AGM	Each club is to notify Football SA of the date and time of the Club's Annual General Meeting for each year.	14 days prior to the date of the AGM.

MEDICAL REQUIREMENTS		
Criterion	Minimum Requirement	Comment
Senior Team Medical Personnel	<p>Minimum Level 2 Sports Trainer or physiotherapist is required.</p> <p>Each appointed person is to register in the Football Australia Registration System registration system and provide proof of accreditation/ qualification by uploading their accreditation into the system.</p> <p>Appointed medical staff must, if working with minors, Under 18, provide the club Working with Children Check</p>	
Junior Teams Medical Personnel	<p>U12s – 17s Teams Minimum Senior First Aid Officer</p> <p>MiniRoos Teams Minimum Senior First Aid Officer</p> <p>Each appointed person is to register in the Football Australia Registration System registration system and provide proof of accreditation/ qualification to their club.</p> <p>Appointed medical staff must, if working with minors, Under 18, provide their club with a Working with Children Check</p>	
Medical Room	A first aid room including basic first aid equipment including a suitably approved stretcher and a massage table. A stretcher is to be located on the sideline of the field of play from the commencement of a game.	All must be maintained in a clean and sterile condition.

Medical Reporting	<p>Each club is to ensure that all players and appointed team officials complete a medical form. Medical form should be retained by medical personnel appointed to the team.</p> <p>If an injury or medical incident does occur, Sports Trainer/First aid person is to complete an injury report form.</p>	<p>All medical forms should be treated with strict confidentiality. Only appointed medical personnel, team manager and nominated club person should have access.</p> <p>Incident report forms are to be provided to the club and Football SA if required.</p>
Professional Development	<p>Appointed medical personnel are required to attend first aid workshops as scheduled annually by Football SA.</p>	<p>Clubs are encouraged to identify people within the club that may move into such roles.</p>
Medical Equipment	<p>Each club is required to provide medical equipment, including strapping to their Senior Teams. Each team is to be provided with a first aid medical kit that is to be used by the nominated medical personnel.</p> <p>All clubs must have a defibrillator installed and maintained at their venue.</p>	<p>Medical personnel should be responsible for the first aid kit ensuring that it is restocked as required.</p>

SIGNAGE AND LOGOS		
Criterion	Minimum Requirement	Comment
Ground Signage	Each club is to provide space 2400-3000 x 1000 for Football SA signs to be displayed at all home venues.	Football SA will determine the signage to be displayed and may include the major sponsor of the Competition or any other sponsor as determined by the Football SA.
Logo - Football SA	The logo of the Football SA is to be placed on the playing shirt of all teams that compete in Football SA Competitions. The logo is to be placed on the right sleeve and is the size specified by Football SA.	
Logo – Football SA Sponsor	The logo of the Football SA major sponsor is to be placed on the left sleeve of all teams involved in the National Premier League as directed by Football SA	
Logo – National Premier League	The National Premier League Logo is to be placed on right breast of the Senior Team home and away playing shirt as directed by Football Australia and Football SA.	
Logo – Club	Football SA must approve all club's logos that appear on a club playing strip. Approval will be provided in accordance with the National Club Identity Policy.	

Non-Compliance

Football SA will not sanction the use of a clubs playing strip if it does not meet the logo requirements. If a club uses a playing strip that does not meet the logo requirements, the following sanctions will be imposed, refer to page 50-52 for details of fines;

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| A. First Offence | A level 3 fine |
| B. Second Offence | A level 3 fine plus loss of one competition point |
| C. Third or subsequent Offence | A level 4 fine plus loss of three competition points |

CLUB DEVELOPMENT AND PROMOTION

Criterion	Minimum Requirement	Comment
Game Day Presentation	<p>Each club is to implement the following game day requirements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Implement match day guidelines as provided by the Football SA b. Produce a match day program. c. All Premier League Clubs are required to conduct half time entertainment at all home league fixtures. This may involve the conducting of MiniRoos Games. 	
Team/player photographs	Each club is required to provide Football SA with a headshot of each registered player and coach in Seniors, Reserves and Under 18's. If a player or coach joins the club during the season, the club must provide Football SA with a headshot of the player or coach with the new club shirt.	Football SA will organise for all registered NPL Senior players to have a photoshoot prior to the commencement of the season. Clubs are required to provide headshots of players and coaches who do not attend the photoshoot and Reserves and Under 18 players.
Family Friendly Area	Each club is to implement a designated Family Friendly Area. This area is to be sectioned off and signs prohibiting alcohol or obscene language must be displayed. This area is to be patrolled by a designated ground steward who will enforce the requirements of the Family Friendly area.	Clubs are encouraged to promote family friendly venue/environment. The inclusion of activities for children such as face painters, designated play area are strongly encouraged.
Club Development	<p>Each club must demonstrate a commitment to club development. Each club is required to complete the National Club Accreditation Program as directed by Football SA.</p> <p>Each club is required to register and work through the STARCLUB Program and the Good Sports Program</p> <p>Each club must send a minimum of one person to attend the annual Club Conference conducted by Football SA.</p>	Football SA will provide assistance and guidance in relation to the club development programs.

CLUB DEVELOPMENT AND PROMOTION		
Criterion	Minimum Requirement	Comment
Community Development and Engagement	<p>Each club is required to develop partnerships with their local schools and at minimum conduct the following activities with each school:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Program and conduct at least two (2) coaching clinics with local schools. b. Provide local school teams with the opportunity to participate in half-time entertainment. c. Provide a link for school players to progress into club-based football. 	
Regional Development and Engagement	<p>Each Club will be required to develop a partnership with a regional association and at minimum undertake the following activities within their regional area:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Visit the regional area at least once a year to play a game and conduct coaching clinics with juniors within the area. b. Develop a relationship with the coaches or regional coaching director to assist in the identification of players. c. Invite players to the club to provide a career pathway and talent identification. 	
Respect Program	Each club is required to implement any Respect Program that is implemented by Football Australia and/or Football SA. This includes displaying any resources associated with the program and following all directives relating to this program as provided by Football SA.	It is the responsibility of each club to ensure that all players, team and club officials and spectators are aware of their responsibilities under any Respect Program.
Child Safe Environment	Each club is required to implement the Child Safe Environment Guidelines. This includes ensuring that all volunteers that have direct contact with participants under the age of 18, undertake a Working with Children Check. Each club is also required to undertake reference checks when appointing all volunteers.	A copy of the Child Safe Environment Requirements can be obtained from Football SA. All clubs are required to abide by the Football Australia Member Protection Policy.

STATE LEAGUE 1

Minimum Requirements

FIELD OF PLAY AND TEAM AMENITIES		
Criterion	Minimum Requirement	Comments
Field Dimensions	Field of Play must satisfy the requirements of the Laws of the game, minimum length of 90m and maximum length of 120m and minimum width of 45m and maximum width of 90m. Field must be rectangular.	In accordance with Venue Requirements, NPL minimum field size is to be 100m length by 60m width.
Playing Surface	The pitch shall be natural grass, or a FIFA approved synthetic surface with all internal field markings in accordance with the Laws of the Game.	Clubs must ensure they consult their council in relation to permitted substances that can be used on playing surfaces.
Field Markings	Line markings must be clearly visible and in accordance with the Laws of the Game.	Clubs must ensure they consult their council in relation to substances that can be used to mark the fields or that can be used on fields.
Field Fence	A permanent fence or fencing as approved by Football SA fully enclosing the field of play and that is a minimum of 2m in distance from the side lines and goal lines. The fence must be in a good condition and safe.	Football SA reserves the right not to sanction a venue if the field is not adequately fenced. Non-Compliance: Once the venue is sanctioned the onus is on the club to maintain fencing. If a club is not compliant a Level 2 fine will be imposed and the venue will need to be compliant prior to further use.
Player's Race	An player's race that leads directly from the dressing room of the players and match officials to the field of play must be implemented.	The player's race must be secured ensuring the safety of the players and match officials as they move between the two areas and be inaccessible by spectators and unauthorised persons. Non -Compliance – (Refer to page 50-52 for details relating to fines) A. Football SA reserves the right not to sanction the use of a venue if the player race does not meet the requirements. B. Failure to secure a player race resulting in access by unauthorised person/s; a. First occasion Level 2 Fine and may be referred to a Disciplinary Hearing. b. Second occasion Level 3 Fine and may be referred to a Disciplinary Hearing. Subsequent offences referred to Disciplinary Hearing.

FIELD OF PLAY AND TEAM AMENITIES		
Criterion	Minimum Requirement	Comments
Technical Area	Two permanent covered coaches/substitutes benches/dugouts or as approved by Football SA, with adequate seating for 13 people 6 substitutes and 7 team officials.	All Teams Officials in the Technical Area must wear their Football SA Accreditation at all times.
Field Equipment	Goalposts, goal nets and corner flags of approved material, colour and dimensions as per the current Laws of the Game.	Laws of the Game stipulate that corner posts, not less than 1.5m high, with a non-pointed top and flag must be placed at each corner. Flag posts may also be placed at each end of the halfway line, not less than 1m outside the touch line.
Team Changing Rooms	<p>Allocation of separate changing rooms to accommodate home and away teams. Each changing room must be lockable and provide the following minimum requirements;</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Sufficient space to comfortably accommodate at least 18 players and officials at any one time. Shower facilities with a minimum of three (3) shower heads providing hot and cold water. Toilet facilities that are adequately maintained and include at least one hand basin. Lockers or hanging facilities for player's clothing. Trainers Table. 	<p>All dressing room facilities are to be provided in a clean condition at all times.</p> <p>All dressing room facilities must be permanent buildings or as approved by Football SA and have the appropriate council approval.</p> <p>Other equipment recommended:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Whiteboard and pens • Power Points <p>Each room is to be clearly signed as home and away.</p>
Match Officials Changing Room	<p>Allocation of a changing room that can comfortably accommodate up to four match officials at any given time. If possible, where male and female match officials are appointed, a separate dressing room should be provided for female match officials.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Sufficient space to comfortably accommodate up to four match officials at any given time. Shower facilities providing hot and cold water. Toilet facilities that are adequately maintained and that include a hand basin. Locker or hanging facilities for match officials clothing. Table 	<p>All dressing room facilities are to be provided in a clean condition at all times.</p> <p>All dressing room facilities must be permanent buildings or as approved by Football SA and have the appropriate council approval.</p> <p>Other equipment recommended:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Power Points <p>Match Officials room is to be clearly signed.</p>

FIELD OF PLAY AND TEAM AMENITIES		
Criterion	Minimum Requirement	Comments
Medical Room and Equipment	A first aid room including basic first aid equipment including a suitably approved stretcher and a massage table. A stretcher is to be located on the sideline of the field of play from the commencement of a game.	All must be maintained in a clean and sterile condition.
Floodlighting	Football SA stipulates that the <i>Australian Standard AS2560.2.3-2007, Sports Lighting</i> is to be implemented. To be eligible to play night games, field floodlighting must be a minimum of 100 lux with a uniformity of 0.5.	<p>Prior to a club being sanctioned to conduct night fixtures, a lighting certificate must be submitted to Football Federation SA verifying the floodlighting meets the minimum lighting standards.</p> <p>A lighting certificate is valid for a period of two years. On expiry, a club will be required to provide Football SA a new lighting certificate prior to Football SA sanctioning of games.</p>

- A. Football SA reserves the right not to sanction the use of a venue if any of the ground criteria is not fulfilled.
- B. Football SA reserves the right to modify the ground criteria for non-competitive games and competitive games involving Under 18 and Reserves Grades.
 *Football SA reserves the right not to sanction the use of a venue if any of the venue criteria is not fulfilled.
- C. For a full outline of venue requirements please refer to the Football SA Venue Requirements document.

SPECTATOR AND OTHER VENUE FACILITIES		
Criterion	Minimum Requirement	Comments
Spectator Amenities Spectator amenities shall be fully enclosed with a perimeter fencing ensuring admission into the ground is controlled.		
Access and exit to the venue	There must be more than one exit point to the venue to accommodate the evacuation of spectators. Access is available for emergency vehicles including access to the playing field.	
Admission into the Venue	Each venue is to have a admission entrance of a structure and design as approved by Football SA for the collection of admission fees.	
Canteen and Bar	Serving hot and cold drinks and foods compliant with all health and council regulations. The serving of alcohol must be in accordance to the license regulations.	Alcohol consumed outside of the clubrooms must be in plastic containers. An area designated as a dry zone free from alcohol consumption must be allocated.
Car Parking	Car parking is to be available that is in close proximity to the venue. Car Parking located at the venue must be made available to the appointed match officials	
Media Area	No requirement.	It is preferred that a media area that provides unobstructed views of the playing field and scoreboard is provided at each venue.
Scoreboard	A fully functional scoreboard (including the names of each participating team), which is clearly visible to spectators and the media/ press box.	Preference is for the scoreboard to include a clock that displays the match time
Seating Capacity	No requirement	It is preferred that there is seating provided for 200 people and that the seating is covered.
Smoke Free Venues	All venues are to be designated smoke free.	It is the responsibility of venue management to police and enforce a smoke free venue.
PA System	No requirement.	It is recommended that a fully operational Public Address System that is audible to all parts of the venue is available at all venues. Recommended that the system can play music and announce simultaneously. Must also have the means to play music. A wireless microphone is recommended.
Toilets	Male and Female public toilets including disabled toilet access that are situated in the venue.	A public disabled toilet must be provided.

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TEAMS AND COACHING REQUIREMENTS

Criterion	Minimum Requirement	Comment
Senior Teams	Each club is to field three grades of senior teams: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Under 18s b. Reserves c. Seniors 	Non-Compliance If a club is unable to field Senior, Reserve or Under 18s Grade Teams, the club will not be permitted to enter the State League 1 Competition.
Junior Teams	It is strongly recommended that clubs field the following junior teams: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. At least three junior teams in three of the following age groups Under 12, 13, 14, 15, 16 b. At least three MiniRoos teams in three of the following age - Under 6, 7, 8, 9, 10 and Under 11 	
Technical Director	Each club is required to appoint a Technical Director to oversee the football development of teams aged 12-18 years of age. The person appointed to this position is required to be accredited to a minimum of an AFC C Senior Licence . Technical Director must be registered on Football Australia Registration System and must, if working with minors, Under 18, provide the club with a Working with Children Check.	It is recommended that the Technical Director is accredited to an AFC B Licence. The Technical Director is required to work with the Football SA Technical Director as required.
Senior Coaching Accreditation	<p>First Team Coach Minimum of AFC C Senior Licence</p> <p>Reserve Team Coach Minimum of Senior Certificate</p> <p>Under 18s Coach Minimum of Senior Certificate</p> <p>All Assistant Coaches Minimum of Senior Certificate</p> <p>*Coaches that hold overseas accreditation must have their accreditation recognised and endorsed by AFC</p> <p>All coaches must have the minimum accreditation to coach at the appointed level.</p> <p>All coaches must be registered on Football Australia Registration System and must, if working with minors, Under 18, provide the club a Working with Children Check.</p>	<p>It is recommended that coaches hold the following accreditation:</p> <p>First Team Coach Minimum of AFC B Licence</p> <p>Reserve Team Coach Minimum of AFC C Senior Licence</p> <p>Under 18s Coach Minimum of AFC C Senior Licence</p> <p>All Assistant Coaches Minimum of AFC C Senior Licence</p> <p>It is recommended that Goalkeeper Coaches have a minimum accreditation of Football Australia Goalkeeper Level 1</p>

Junior Coaching Accreditation	<p>Under 13 – 17 Game Training Certificate MiniRoos – Under 12 Skill Training Certificate.</p> <p>All coaches must have the minimum accreditation to coach at the appointed level.</p> <p>All coaches must be registered on Football Australia Registration System and must, if working with minors, Under 18, provide the club with a Working with Children Check.</p>	<p>It is recommended that coaches hold the following accreditation:</p> <p>Under 13-17 Coach Minimum of AFC C Youth Licence</p>
Annual Coaching Conference	The Technical Director and Head Coach of each club are required to attend Football SA annual Coaching Conference.	Coaches should be encouraged by their club to attend the conference to assist with Professional Development and revaluation of their coaching accreditation.
Community Club Academy	No Requirement	Each club is encouraged to establish a Community Club Academy within their club. Football SA Coaching and Development Department will assist clubs in the establishment of the club academy.
Football for Girls and Women	No Requirement	Each club is encouraged to demonstrate a commitment to football for girls and women. This may be achieved by developing a partnership with a local girls' and women's club or by fielding girls' and/or women's teams.

CLUB PERSONNEL AND REPORTING MECHANISMS		
Criterion	Minimum Requirement	Comment
Club Liaison Officers	<p>Each club is required to implement people to the following positions to assist with communication between the Football SA and the club:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Club Registrar - Football Australia Registration System • Senior Competition Liaison Officer • Media Liaison Officer • Junior Competition Liaison Officer and MiniRoos Games Liaison Officer • Club Development Liaison Officer <p>All appointed officers must be registered on Football Australia Registration System and must, if working with minors, Under 18, provide the club with a Working with Children Check.</p>	Job descriptions for each role is available on the Football SA website.
Annual Budget	All clubs are required to provide to Football SA a yearly budget by the 1 January of each year.	This requirement is to be provided to Football SA prior to the club being permitted to participate in the competition.
Annual Report	Clubs are to submit an Annual Report to Football SA summarising the activities undertaken by the club for the year. The report is to include an audited financial report.	Due date 1 February each year. Where a club's financial year is in line with the calendar year, an unaudited Financial Report is to be provided by the 1 February with audited financials being provided by 1 May of each year.
Business Plan	Each club is required is to develop and implement a Business Plan and a longer-term Strategic Plan that outlines the vision, goals and action plans of the club in all areas. These plans should include facility development.	On application of the new licence period and then 1 February each year as updated.
Date of AGM	Each club is to notify Football SA of the date and time of the Club's Annual General Meeting for each year.	14 days prior to the date of the AGM.

MEDICAL REQUIREMENTS		
Criterion	Minimum Requirement	Comment
Senior Team Medical Personnel	<p>Minimum Level 1 Sports Trainer is required</p> <p>Each appointed person is to register in the Football Australia Registration System registration system and provide proof of their accreditation/ qualification to their club.</p> <p>Appointed medical staff must, if working with minors, Under 18, provide a Working with Children Check to their club.</p>	Recommend a minimum Level 2 Sports Trainer be appointed.
Junior Teams Medical Personnel	<p>U12s – 17s Teams Minimum Senior First Aid Officer</p> <p>MiniRoos Teams Minimum Senior First Aid Officer</p> <p>Each appointed person is to register in the Football Australia Registration System registration system and provide proof of accreditation/ qualification by uploading their accreditation into the system.</p> <p>Appointed medical staff must, if working with minors, Under 18, must provide a Working with Children Check to their club.</p>	
Medical Room	A first aid room including basic first aid equipment including a suitably approved stretcher and a massage table. A stretcher is to be located on the sideline of the field of play from the commencement of a game.	All must be maintained in a clean and sterile condition.
Medical Equipment	<p>Each club is required to provide medical equipment, including strapping to their Senior Teams. Each team is to be provided with a first aid medical kit that is to be used by the nominated medical personnel.</p> <p>All clubs must have a defibrillator installed and maintained at their venue.</p>	Medical personnel should be responsible for the first aid kit ensuring that it is restocked as required.

MEDICAL REQUIREMENTS		
Criterion	Minimum Requirement	Comment
Medical Reporting	<p>Each club is to ensure that all players and appointed team officials complete a medical form. Medical form should be retained by medical personnel appointed to the team.</p> <p>If an injury or medical incident does occur, Sports Trainer/First aid person is to complete a injury report form.</p>	<p>All medical forms should be treated with strict confidentiality. Only appointed medical personnel, team manager and nominated club person should have access.</p> <p>Incident report forms are to be provided to the club and Football SA if required.</p>
Professional Development	Appointed medical personnel are required to attend first aid workshops as scheduled annually by Football SA.	Clubs are encouraged to identify people within the club that may move into such roles.

SIGNAGE AND LOGOS		
Criterion	Minimum Requirement	Comment
Ground Signage	Each club is to provide space 2400-3000 x 1000 for Football Federation SA signs to be displayed at all home venues.	Football SA will determine the signage to be displayed and may include the major sponsor of the Competition or any other sponsor as determined by the Football SA.
Logo - Football SA	The logo of the Football SA is to be placed on the playing shirt of all teams that compete in the Football SA Competitions. The logo is to be placed on the breast or right sleeve and is the size stipulated by Football SA.	
Logo – Football SA Sponsor	The logo of the Football SA major sponsor is to be placed on the left sleeve of senior grade playing strips.	
Logo – Club	Football SA must approve all club's logos that appear on a club playing strip. Approval will be provided in accordance with the National Club Identity Policy	

Non-Compliance

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CLUB DEVELOPMENT AND PROMOTION		
Criterion	Minimum Requirement	Comment
Game Day Presentation	Each club is to implement match day guidelines as provided by the Football SA.	It is recommended that each club implements the following; a. Produce a match day program. b. Conduct half time entertainment at all home league fixtures. This may involve the conducting of MiniRoos Games.
Team/player photographs	Each club is required to provide Football SA with a headshot of each registered player and coach in Seniors, Reserves and Under 18's.	If a player or coach joins the club during the season, the club must provide Football SA with a headshot of the player or coach with the new club shirt.
Family Friendly Area	No Requirement	Clubs are encouraged to promote family friendly venue/environment. The inclusion of activities for children such as face painters, designated play area are strongly encouraged and the implementation of family friendly areas free from alcohol and obscene language.
Club Development	<p>Each club must demonstrate a commitment to club development. Each club is required to complete the National Club Accreditation Program as directed by Football SA.</p> <p>Each club is required to register and work through the STARCLUB Program and the Good Sports Program</p> <p>Each club must send a minimum of one person to attend the annual club conference conducted by FOOTBALL SA.</p>	Football SA will provide assistance and guidance in relation to the club development programs.
Community Development and Engagement	No Requirement.	<p>It is recommended that a club develop partnerships with their local schools and at minimum conduct the following activities with each school:</p> <p>a. Program and conduct at least 2 coaching clinics with local schools.</p> <p>b. Provide local school teams with the opportunity to participate in half-time entertainment.</p> <p>c. Provide a link for school players to progress into club based football.</p>

CLUB DEVELOPMENT AND PROMOTION		
Criterion	Minimum Requirement	Comment
Respect Program	Each club is required to implement the any Respect Program implemented by Football Australia and/or Football SA. This includes displaying of all resources associated with the program and following all directives relating to this program as provided by Football SA.	It is the responsibility of each club to ensure that all players, team and club officials and spectators are aware of their responsibilities under the Respect Program.
Child Safe Environment	Each club is required to implement the Child Safe Environment Guidelines. This includes ensuring that all volunteers that have direct contact with participants under the age of 18, undertake a Working with Children Check. Each club is also required to undertake reference checks when appointing all volunteers.	A copy of the Child Safe Environment Requirements can be obtained from Football SA. All clubs are required to abide by the Football Australia Member Protection Policy.

STATE LEAGUE TWO

Minimum Requirements

FIELD OF PLAY AND TEAM AMENITIES		
Criterion	Minimum Requirement	Comments
Field Dimensions	Field of Play must satisfy the requirements of the Laws of the game; minimum length of 90m and maximum length of 120m and minimum width of 45m and maximum width of 90m. Field must be rectangular.	
Playing Surface	The pitch shall be natural grass, or a FIFA approved synthetic surface with all internal field markings in accordance with the Laws of the Game.	Clubs must ensure that they consult with their council in relation to permitted substances that can be used on playing surfaces.
Field Markings	Line markings must be clearly visible and in accordance with the Laws of the Game.	Clubs must ensure that they consult their council in relation to substances that can be used to mark the fields or that can be used on fields.
Field Fence	No Requirement	It is recommended that a permanent fence or fencing as approved by Football SA, fully enclose the field of play and that it is a minimum of 2m in distance from the side lines and goal lines. The fence must be in a good condition and safe.
Player's Race	No requirement	It is recommended that the venue has an player's race that leads directly from the dressing room of the players and match officials to the field of play. The player's race must be secured ensuring the safety of the players and match officials as they move between the two areas and be inaccessible by spectators and unauthorised persons.
Technical Area	Two covered coaches/substitutes benches/dugouts or as approved by Football SA, with adequate seating for 13 people, 6 substitutes and 7 Team Officials.	All Team Officials must wear their playing accreditation in the Technical Area.
Field Equipment	Goalposts, goal nets and corner flags of approved material, colour and dimensions as per the current Laws of the Game.	Laws of the Game stipulate that corner posts, not less than 1.5m high, with a non-pointed top and flag must be placed at each corner. Flag posts may also be placed at each end of the halfway line, not less than 1m outside the touch line.

FIELD OF PLAY AND TEAM AMENITIES		
Criterion	Minimum Requirement	Comments
Team Dressing Rooms	<p>Separate dressing rooms are required to accommodate home and away teams. Each dressing room must be lockable and provide the following minimum requirements;</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Sufficient space to comfortably accommodate at least 18 players and officials at any one time. Shower facilities with a minimum of one (1) shower head providing hot and cold water. Toilet facilities that are adequately maintained and include at least one hand basin. 	<p>All dressing room facilities are to be maintained and provided in a clean condition.</p> <p>All dressing room facilities must be permanent buildings or as approved by Football SA and have the appropriate council approval.</p> <p>Other equipment recommended:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hooks to hang clothes • Massage table • Whiteboard • Power points <p>Each room is to be clearly signed as home and away.</p>
Match Officials Dressing Room	<p>Separate changing room to accommodate match officials. If possible, where male and female match officials are appointed, a separate dressing room should be provided for female match officials.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Sufficient space to accommodate up to four match officials at any given time. Shower facilities providing hot and cold water. Toilet facilities that are adequately maintained and that include a hand basin. 	<p>All dressing room facilities are to be maintained in a clean and hygienic condition at all times.</p> <p>All dressing room facilities must be permanent buildings or as approved by Football SA and have the appropriate council approval.</p> <p>Other equipment recommended:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hooks to hang clothes • Power points <p>Match Officials room is to be clearly signed.</p>
Floodlighting	<p>Football SA stipulates that the <i>Australian Standard AS2560.2.3-2007, Sports Lighting</i> are to be implemented. To be eligible to play night games, field floodlighting must be a minimum of 100 lux with a uniformity of 0.5.</p>	<p>Prior to a club being sanctioned to conduct night fixtures, a lighting certificate must be submitted to Football SA verifying that the floodlighting meets the minimum lighting standards. A lighting certificate is valid for a period of two years. On expiry, a club will be required to provide Football SA a new lighting certificate prior to Football SA sanctioning of games.</p>

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C. For a full outline of venue requirements please refer to the Football SA Venue Requirements document.

SPECTATOR AND OTHER VENUE FACILITIES

Criterion	Minimum Requirement	Comments
Access and exit to the venue	Access is available for emergency vehicles including access to the playing field	
Canteen and Bar	Serving hot and cold drinks and foods compliant with all health and council regulations. The serving of alcohol must be in accordance to the license regulations.	Alcohol consumed outside of the clubrooms must be in plastic containers. An area designated as a dry zone free from alcohol consumption must be allocated.
Car Parking	Car parking is to be available that is in close proximity to the venue. Car Parking located at the venue must be made available to the appointed match officials	
Scoreboard	No Requirement	It is recommended that the venue has a scoreboard, identifying home and away teams.
Smoke Free Venues	All venues are to be designated smoke free.	It is the responsibility of venue management to police and enforce a smoke free venue.
Toilets	Male and Female public toilets including disabled toilet access that are situated in the venue.	A public disabled toilet must be provided.

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TEAMS AND COACHING REQUIREMENTS												
Criterion	Minimum Requirement	Comment										
Senior Teams	Each club is to field three grades of senior teams. a. Under 18s b. Reserves c. Seniors	Non-Compliance If a club is unable to field Senior, Reserve or Under 18s Grade Teams, the club will not be permitted to enter the State League 2 Competition. Exceptional circumstances may be provided.										
Junior Teams	No Requirement	Each club is encouraged to field junior and MiniRoos teams in the following age groups: Junior Teams – Under 12, 13, 14, 15, 16 and 17 MiniRoos Teams – Under 6, 7, 8, 9, 10 and 11										
Technical Director	No Requirement	It is recommended that if the club field junior teams that a Technical Director is appointed. Technical Director should be accredited to a minimum of an AFC C Licence.										
Senior Coaching Accreditation	<table><tr><td>First Team Coach</td><td>Minimum of Senior Certificate</td></tr><tr><td>Reserve Team Coach</td><td>Minimum of Senior Certificate</td></tr><tr><td>Under 18s Coach</td><td>Minimum of Senior Certificate</td></tr><tr><td>All Assistant Coaches</td><td>Minimum of Senior Certificate</td></tr></table> <p>*Coaches that hold overseas accreditation must have their accreditation recognised and endorsed by AFC</p> <p>All coaches must have the minimum accreditation to coach at the appointed level.</p> <p>All coaches must be registered on Football Australia Registration System and must, if working with minors, Under 18, provide A Working with Children Check to their club.</p>	First Team Coach	Minimum of Senior Certificate	Reserve Team Coach	Minimum of Senior Certificate	Under 18s Coach	Minimum of Senior Certificate	All Assistant Coaches	Minimum of Senior Certificate	<p>It is recommended that the Head Senior Coach hold the following accreditation:</p> <table><tr><td>First Team Coach</td><td>Minimum of AFC C Senior Licence</td></tr></table>	First Team Coach	Minimum of AFC C Senior Licence
First Team Coach	Minimum of Senior Certificate											
Reserve Team Coach	Minimum of Senior Certificate											
Under 18s Coach	Minimum of Senior Certificate											
All Assistant Coaches	Minimum of Senior Certificate											
First Team Coach	Minimum of AFC C Senior Licence											

Junior Coaching Accreditation	<p>If clubs do field Junior Teams, coaches need to have the following accreditation</p> <p>Under 13 – 17 Game Training Certificate MiniRoos – Under 12 Skill Training Certificate.</p> <p>All coaches must have the minimum accreditation to coach at the appointed level.</p> <p>All coaches must be registered on Football Australia Registration System and must, if working with minors, Under 18, must provide a Working with Children Check to their club.</p>	
Annual Coaching Conference	It is required that the Head Coach of each club attend Football SA annual Coaching Conference	Coaches should be encouraged by their club to attend the conference to assist with Professional Development and revaluation of their coaching accreditation.
Community Club Academy	No Requirement	Each club is encouraged to establish a Community Club Academy within their club. Football SA Coaching and Development Department will assist clubs in the establishment of the club academy.
Football for Girls and Women	No Requirement	Each club is encouraged to demonstrate a commitment to football for girls and women. This may be achieved by developing a partnership with a local girls' and women's club or by fielding girls' and/or women's teams.

CLUB PERSONNEL AND REPORTING MECHANISMS		
Criterion	Minimum Requirement	Comment
Club Liaison Officers	<p>Each club is required to implement a person to undertake the following positions to assist with communication between the Football SA and the club:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Club Registrar - Football Australia Registration System • Senior Competition Liaison Officer • Junior Competition Liaison Officer and MiniRoos Games Liaison Officer (if the club field junior teams) <p>All appointed officers must be registered on Football Australia Registration System and must, if working with minors, Under 18, must provide a Working with Children Check to their Club.</p>	<p>All appointed officers must be registered in the Football Australia Registration System and must fulfill the required child safe environment guidelines.</p> <p>Job descriptions for each role is available on the Football SA website.</p>
Annual Budget	All clubs are required to provide to Football SA a yearly budget by the 1 January of each year.	This requirement is to be provided to Football SA prior to the club being permitted to participate in the competition.
Annual Report	No Requirement	
Business Plan	No Requirement.	Each club is encouraged to develop and implement a Business Plan and a Strategic Plan that outlines the vision, goals and action plans of the club in all areas. These plans should include facility development.
Date of AGM	Each club is to notify Football SA of the date and time of the Club's Annual General Meeting for each year.	14 days prior to the date of the AGM.

MEDICAL REQUIREMENTS		
Criterion	Minimum Requirement	Comment
Senior Team Medical Personnel	<p>Minimum Senior First Aid Officer.</p> <p>All appointed officers must be registered on Football Australia Registration System and must, if working with minors, Under 18, must provide a Working with Children Check to their Club.</p>	Clubs are encouraged to appoint a Level 1 Sports Trainer.
Junior Teams Medical Personnel	Clubs that field junior teams must ensure that there is a person in attendance that has a minimum of a Senior First Aid certificate.	All appointed officers must be registered on Football Australia Registration System and must, if working with minors, Under 18, must provide a Working with Children Check to their Club.
Medical Equipment	<p>Each team is to be provided with a first aid medical kit that is to be used by the nominated medical personnel.</p> <p>Each club must ensure that there is a stretcher at the venue and that the stretcher is put near the field of play prior to the commencement of each game.</p> <p>Each club is to have a defibrillator installed and maintained at their venue.</p>	Medical personnel should be responsible for the first aid kit ensuring that it is restocked as required.
Medical Reporting	<p>Each club is to ensure that all players and appointed team officials complete a medical form. Medical forms should be retained by medical personnel appointed to the team.</p> <p>If an injury or medical incident does occur, Sports Trainer/First Aid person is to complete a injury report form.</p>	<p>All medical forms should be treated with strict confidentiality. Only appointed medical personnel, team manager and nominated club person should have access.</p> <p>Incident report forms are to be provided to the club and Football SA if required.</p>
Professional Development	Appointed medical personnel are encouraged to attend first aid workshops as scheduled annually by Football SA.	Clubs are encouraged to identify people within the club that may move into such roles.

SIGNAGE AND LOGOS		
Criterion	Minimum Requirement	Comment
Ground Signage	No Requirement	Football SA will determine the signage to be displayed and may include the major sponsor of the Competition or any other sponsor as determined by the Football SA.
Logo - Football SA	The logo of the Football SA is to be placed on the playing shirt of all teams that compete in the Football SA Competitions. The logo is to be placed on the breast or right sleeve and is the size specified by Football SA.	
Logo – Football SA Sponsor	The logo of the Football SA major sponsor is to be placed on the left sleeve of senior grade playing strips.	
Logo – Club	Football SA must approve all club's logos that appear on a clubs playing strip. Approval will be provided in accordance with the National Club Identity Policy.	

Non-Compliance

Football SA will not sanction the use of a clubs playing strip if it does not meet the logo requirements. If a club uses a playing strip that does not meet the logo requirements, the following sanctions will be imposed, refer to page 50-52 for details of fines;

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| A. First Offence | A level 3 fine |
| B. Second Offence | A level 3 fine plus loss of one competition point |
| C. Third or subsequent Offence | A level 4 fine plus loss of three competition points |

CLUB DEVELOPMENT AND PROMOTION

Criterion	Minimum Requirement	Comment
Game Day Presentation	Each club is to implement match day guidelines as provided by the Football SA	It is recommended that each club implements the following; d. Produce a match day program. e. Conduct half time entertainment at all home league fixtures. This may involve the conducting of MiniRoos Games.
Team/player photographs	Each club is required to provide Football SA with a headshot of each registered player and coach in Seniors, Reserves and Under 18's.	If a player or coach joins the club during the season, the club must provide Football SA with a headshot of the player or coach with the new club shirt.
Family Friendly Area	No Requirement	Clubs are encouraged to promote family friendly venue/environment. The inclusion of activities for children such as face painters, designated play area is encouraged and the implementation of family friendly areas free from alcohol and obscene language.
Club Development	Each club must demonstrate a commitment to club development. Each club is required to complete the National Club Accreditation Program as directed by Football SA. Each club must send a minimum of one person to attend the annual Club Conference conducted by Football SA.	Details of the National Club Accreditation Program will be provided to clubs. Each club is encouraged to register and work through the STARCLUB Program and the Good Sports Program. Football SA will provide assistance and guidance in relation to the club development programs.
Respect Program	Each club is required to implement any Respect Program implemented by Football Australia and/or Football SA. This includes displaying of all resources associated with the program and following all directives relating to this program as provided	It is the responsibility of each club to ensure that all players, team and club officials and spectators are aware of their responsibilities under the Respect Program.
Child Safe Environment	Each club is required to implement the Child Safe Environment Guidelines. This includes ensuring that all volunteers that have direct contact with participants under the age of 18, Provide a Working with Children Check to their Club. Each club is also required to undertake reference checks when appointing all volunteers.	A copy of the Child Safe Environment Requirements can be obtained from Football SA. All clubs are required to abide by the Football Australia Member Protection Policy.

Women's National Premier League

Minimum Competition Requirements

Football SA Venues will be utilised to conduct the Women's National Premier League. Where games are scheduled away from Football SA venues, the requirements outlined below are to be met.

FIELD OF PLAY AND TEAM AMENITIES		
Criterion	Minimum Requirement	Comments
Field Dimensions	Field of Play must satisfy the requirements of the Laws of the game; minimum length of 90m and maximum length of 120m and minimum width of 45m and maximum width of 90m. Field must be rectangular.	In accordance with the Venue Requirements pitch size is to be at minimum 100m by 60m.
Playing Surface	The pitch shall be natural grass, or a FIFA approved synthetic surface with all internal field markings in accordance with the Laws of the Game.	Clubs must ensure that they consult their council in relation to permitted substances that can be used on playing surfaces.
Field Markings	Line markings must be clearly visible and in accordance with the Laws of the Game.	Clubs must ensure that they consult their council in relation to substances that can be used to mark the fields or that can be used on fields.
Perimeter Field Fencing	A permanent fence or fencing as approved by Football SA fully enclosing the field of play and that is a minimum of 2m in distance from the side lines and goal lines must be installed by the conclusion of the license period. The fence must be in a good condition and safe.	Football SA reserves the right not to sanction a venue if the field is not adequately fenced. Non-Compliance: Once the venue is sanctioned the onus is on the club to maintain fencing. If a club is compliant a Level 2 fine will be imposed, and the venue will need to be complaint prior to further use.
Access to Field of Play	A secure access to the field of play must be provided to players and match officials when moving between field of play and changing rooms	It is recommended that a player's race is in place ensuring the safety of the players and match officials as they move between the changing room and the field of play. This area must be secured and inaccessible by spectators and unauthorised persons.
Technical Area	Two covered coaches/substitutes benches/dugouts or as approved by Football SA, with adequate seating for 14 people, 7 substitutes and 7 team officials.	All team officials are required to wear the accreditation provided by Football SA at all times.
Field Equipment	Goalposts, goal nets and corner flags of approved material, colour and dimensions as per the current Laws of the Game.	Laws of the Game stipulate that a corner posts, not less than 1.5m high, with a non-pointed top and flag must be placed at each corner. Flag posts may also be placed at each end of the halfway line, not less than 1m outside the touch line.

Criterion	Minimum Requirement	Comments
Team Dressing Rooms	<p>There needs to be separate dressing rooms to accommodate home and away teams. Each dressing room must be lockable and provide the following minimum requirements:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Sufficient space to comfortably accommodate at least 18 players and officials at any one time. Shower facilities with a minimum of three shower heads providing hot and cold water. Toilet facilities that are adequately maintained and Include at least one hand basin. Lockers or hanging facilities for player's clothing. Trainers Table. 	<p>All dressing room facilities are to be maintained and presented in a clean condition at all times.</p> <p>All dressing room facilities must be permanent buildings or as approved by Football SA and have the appropriate council approval.</p> <p>Other equipment recommended:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Whiteboard and pens • Power Points <p>Each room is to be clearly signed as home and away.</p>
Match Officials Dressing Room	<p>Sufficient space to comfortably accommodate up to four match officials at any given time. If possible, where male and female match officials are appointed, a separate dressing room should be provided for female match officials.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Sufficient space to comfortably accommodate up to four match officials at any given time. Shower facilities providing hot and cold water. Toilet facilities that are adequately maintained and that include a hand basin. Locker or handing facilities for match officials clothing. Table 	<p>All dressing room facilities are to be maintained in a clean and hygienic condition al all times.</p> <p>All dressing room facilities must be permanent buildings or as approved by Football SA and have the appropriate council approval.</p> <p>Other equipment recommended:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Power Points <p>Match Officials room is to be clearly signed.</p>
Floodlighting	<p>To be eligible to play night games, field floodlighting must be a minimum of 100 lux with a uniformity of 0.5 Football SA stipulates that the <i>Australian Standard AS2560.2.3-2007, Sports Lighting</i> is to be implemented.</p>	<p>Prior to a club being sanctioned to conduct night fixtures, a lighting certificate must be submitted to Football SA verifying that the floodlighting meets the minimum lighting standards. A lighting certificate is valid for 2 years, a new certificate will need to be provided to Football SA following this time period.</p>
Medical Room and Equipment	<p>A first aid room including basic first aid equipment including a suitably approved stretcher and a massage table. A stretcher is to be located on the sideline of the field of play from the commencement of a game.</p>	<p>All must be maintained in a clean and sterile condition.</p>

* Football SA reserves the right not to sanction the use of a venue if any of the ground criteria is not fulfilled.

SPECTATOR AND OTHER VENUE FACILITIES		
Criterion	Minimum Requirement	Comments
Spectator Amenities		
Spectator amenities shall be fully enclosed with a perimeter fencing ensuring admission into the ground is controlled		
Access and exit to the venue	There must be more than one exit point to the venue to accommodate the evacuation of spectators. Access is available for emergency vehicles including access to the playing field	
Admission into the Venue	Each venue is to have a admission entrance of a structure and design as approved by Football SA for the collection of admission fees	
Canteen and Bar	Serving hot and cold drinks and foods compliant with all health and council regulations. The serving of alcohol must be in accordance to the license regulations.	Alcohol consumed outside of the clubrooms must be in plastic containers. An area designated as a dry zone free from alcohol consumption must be allocated.
Car Parking	Car parking is to be available that is in close proximity to the venue. Car Parking located at the venue must be made available to the appointed match officials	
Media Area	A media area that provides unobstructed views of the playing field and scoreboard is required to be provided at each venue.	
Scoreboard	A fully functional scoreboard (including the names of each participating team), which is clearly visible to spectators and the media/ press box.	Preference is for the scoreboard to include a clock that displays the match time
Seating Capacity	Seating for 200 people.	Recommended that the seating is undercover.
Smoke Free Venues	All venues are to be designated smoke free.	It is the responsibility of venue management to police and enforce a smoke free venue.
PA System	A fully operational Public Address System that is audible to all parts of the venue.	Recommended that the system can play music and announce simultaneously. Must also have the means to play music. A wireless microphone is recommended.
Toilets	Male and Female public toilets including disabled toilet access that are situated in the venue.	A public disabled toilet must be provided.

*Football SA reserves the right not to sanction the use of a venue if any of the venue criteria is not fulfilled.

TEAMS AND COACHING REQUIREMENTS			
Criterion	Minimum Requirement		Comment
Senior Teams	Each club is to field the following senior women's teams: a. Reserves b. Seniors		Non-Compliance If a club is unable to field Senior or Reserve Grade Teams, the club will not be permitted to enter the National Premier League Competition.
Junior Teams	It is strongly recommended that each club is to field the following junior girls teams; a. At least one team in each age group of Under 13, 15 and 17. b. At least two girls or mixed MiniRoos teams in the following age groups – Under 6, 7, 8, 9, 10 or Under 11.		
Player Points System	Each club will be required to implement the Player Points System when selecting their senior grade team.		Football SA will provide the Player Points System to each club.
Technical Director	Where a club fields junior teams, a Technical Director is to be appointed to oversee the football development of junior teams. The person appointed to this position is required to be accredited to a minimum of an AFC C Licence by the end of the license period.		It is recommended that the Technical Director is accredited to an AFC B Licence. The Technical Director is required to work with the Football SA Technical Director as required. Technical Director must be registered on Football Australia Registration System and must, if working with minors, Under 18, provide the club a Working with Children Check.
Senior Coaching Accreditation	First Team Coach Reserve Team Coach All Assistant Coaches	Minimum of AFC C Licence Minimum of Senior Certificate Minimum of Senior Certificate	All coaches must have the minimum accreditation to coach at the appointed level. All coaches must be registered on Football Australia Registration System and must, if working with minors, Under 18, provide the club a Working with Children Check.

TEAMS AND COACHING REQUIREMENTS

Criterion	Minimum Requirement	Comment
Junior Coaching Accreditation	Under 13 – 17 Coach MiniRoos Game Training Certificate Skill Training Certificate.	It is recommended that coaches hold the following accreditation by the end of the license period; Under 13-17 Coach Minimum of AFC C Licence All coaches must have the minimum accreditation to coach at the appointed level. All coaches must be registered on Football Australia Registration System and must, if working with minors, Under 18, provide the club a Working with Children Check.
Annual Coaching Conference	The Technical Director and Head Coach of each club are required to attend Football SA annual Coaching Conference.	Coaches should be encouraged by their club to attend the conference to assist with Professional Development and revaluation of their coaching accreditation.
Community Club Academy	No Requirement	Each club is encouraged to establish a Community Club Academy within their club. Football SA Coaching and Development Department will assist clubs in the establishment of the club academy.

CLUB PERSONNEL AND REPORTING MECHANISMS		
Criterion	Minimum Requirement	Comment
Club Liaison Officers	<p>Each club is required to implement people to the following positions to assist with communication between the Football SA and the club:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Club Registrar – Football Australia Registration System • Senior Competition Liaison Officer • Junior Competition Liaison Officer and MiniRoos Games Liaison Officer • Club Development Officer <p>All appointed officers must be registered on Football Australia Registration System and must, if working with minors, Under 18, provide the club a Working with Children Check</p>	<p>All appointed officers must be registered in the Football Australia Registration System database and must undertake the required child safe environment guidelines.</p> <p>Job descriptions for each role will be provided by Football SA and is available on the Football SA</p>
Annual Report	Clubs are to submit an Annual Report to Football SA summarising the activities undertaken by the club for the year and providing audited financials.	Due date 1 February each year. Where a club's financial year is in line with the calendar year. An unaudited Financial Report is to be provided by the 1 February with audited financials being provided by 1 May of each year.
Business Plan	Each club is required is to develop and implement a Business Plan and a Strategic Plan that outlines the vision, goals and action plans of the club in all areas. These plans should include facility development.	On application of the new licence period and then 1 February each year as updated.
Date of AGM	Each club is to notify Football SA of the date and time of the Club's Annual General Meeting for each year.	14 days prior to the date of the AGM.

MEDICAL REQUIREMENTS

Criterion	Minimum Requirement	Comment
Senior Team Medical Personnel	Minimum Level 1 Sports Trainer is required Appointed medical staff must, if working with minors, Under 18, provide the club Working with Children Check.	All appointed people must be registered in the Football Australia Registration System database and upload accreditation/qualifications on to the system.
Junior Teams Medical Personnel	U13s – 17s Teams Minimum Senior First Aid Officer MiniRoos Teams Minimum Senior First Aid Officer Appointed medical staff must, if working with minors, Under 18, provide the club Working with Children Check.	All appointed people must be registered in the Football Australia Registration System database and provide their accreditation/qualifications to the club.
Medical Room	A first aid room including basic first aid equipment including a suitably approved stretcher and a massage table. A stretcher is to be located on the sideline of the field of play from the commencement of a game.	All must be maintained in a clean and sterile condition.
Medical Equipment	Each club is required to provide medical equipment, including strapping to their Senior Teams. Each team is to be provided with a first aid medical kit that is to be used by the nominated medical personnel. All venues are to have defibrillator installed and maintained.	Medical personnel should be responsible for the first aid kit ensuring that it is restocked as required. .
Medical Reporting	Each club is to ensure that all players and appointed team officials complete a medical form. Medical form should be retained by medical personnel appointed to the team. If an injury or medical incident does occur, Sports Trainer/First aid person is to complete a injury report form.	All medical forms should be treated with strict confidentiality. Only appointed medical personnel, team manager and nominated club person should have access. Incident report forms are to be provided to the club and Football SA if required.
Professional Development	Appointed medical personnel are required to attend first aid workshops as scheduled annually by Football SA	Clubs are encouraged to identify people within the club that may move into such roles.

SIGNAGE AND LOGOS		
Criterion	Minimum Requirement	Comment
Ground Signage	No requirement	Football SA will determine the signage to be displayed and may include the major sponsor of the Competition or any other sponsor as determined by the Football SA
Logo - Football SA	The logo of the Football SA is to be placed on the playing shirt of all teams that compete in the Football SA Competitions. The logo is to be placed on the right sleeve and is to be the size as stipulated by Football SA.	
Logo – Football SA Sponsor	The logo of the Football SA major sponsor is to be placed on the left sleeve of senior grade home and away playing strips.	
Logo – National Premier League	The National Premier League Logo is to be placed on right breast of the Senior Team home and away playing uniform as directed by Football Australia and Football SA.	

Non-Compliance

Football SA will not sanction the use of a clubs playing strip if it does not meet the logo requirements. If a club uses a playing strip that does not meet the logo requirements, the following sanctions will be imposed, refer to page 30-31 for details of fines;

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| A. First Offence | A level 2 fine |
| B. Second Offence | A level 2 fine plus loss of one competition point |
| C. Third or subsequent Offence | A level 3 fine plus loss of three competition points |

CLUB DEVELOPMENT AND PRESENTATION OF GAMES

Criterion	Minimum Requirement	Comment
Game Day Presentation	Each club is to implement match day guidelines as provided by Football SA.	It is recommended that each club implements the following: a. Produce a match day program. b. Conduct half time entertainment at all home league fixtures. This may involve the conducting of MiniRoos Games.
Family Friendly Area	No Requirement.	Clubs are encouraged to promote family friendly venue/environment. The inclusion of activities for children such as face painters, designated play areas are strongly encouraged and the implementation of family friendly areas free from alcohol and obscene language.
Club Development	<p>Each club must demonstrate a commitment to club development. Each club is required to complete the National Club Accreditation Program as directed by Football SA.</p> <p>Each club is required to register and work through the STARCLUB Program and the Good Sports Program.</p> <p>Each club must send a minimum of one person to attend the annual club conference conducted by Football SA.</p>	Football SA will provide assistance and guidance in relation to the club development programs.
Community Development and Engagement	<p>Each club is required to develop partnerships with their local schools and at minimum conduct the following activities with each school:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Program and conduct at least 2 coaching clinics with local schools. b. Provide local school teams with the opportunity to participate in half-time entertainment. c. Provide a link for school players to progress into club-based football. 	

CLUB DEVELOPMENT AND PRESENTATION OF GAMES

Criterion	Minimum Requirement	Comment
Respect Program	Each club is required to implement any Football Australia/ Football SA Respect Program as directed by Football SA. This includes displaying of any Respect material and resources associated with the program.	It is the responsibility of each club to ensure that all players, team and club officials and spectators are aware of their responsibilities under the Respect Program
Child Safe Environment	Each club is required to implement the Child Safe Environment Guidelines. This includes ensuring that all volunteers that have direct contact with participants under the age of 18 provide a Working with Children Check to their club. Each club is also required to undertake reference checks when appointing all volunteers.	A copy of the Child Safe Environment Guidelines can be obtained from Football SA. All clubs are required to abide by the Football Australia Member Protection Policy.

Women's State League Minimum Requirements

FIELD OF PLAY AND TEAM AMENITIES		
Criterion	Minimum Requirement	Comments
Field Dimensions	Field of Play must satisfy the requirements of the Laws of the game; minimum length of 90m and maximum length of 120m and minimum width of 45m and maximum width of 90m. Field must be rectangular	
Playing Surface	The pitch shall be natural grass or a FIFA approved synthetic surface with all internal field markings in accordance with the Laws of the Game.	Clubs must ensure that they consult with their council in relation to permitted substances that can be used on playing surfaces.
Field Markings	Line markings must be clearly visible and in accordance with the Laws of the Game.	Clubs must ensure that they consult their council in relation to substances that can be used to mark the fields or that can be used on fields.
Field Fence	No Requirement	It is recommended that a permanent fence or fencing as approved by Football SA, fully encloses the field of play and that it is a minimum of 2m in distance from the side lines and goal lines. The fence must be in a good condition and safe. Football SA reserves the right not to sanction a venue if the field is not adequately fenced.
Player's Race	No requirement	It is recommended that the venue has a player's race that leads directly from the dressing room of the players and match officials to the field of play. The player's race must be secured ensuring the safety of the players and match officials as they move between the two areas and be inaccessible by spectators and unauthorised persons.
Technical Area	Coaches/substitutes benches/dugouts or as approved by Football SA, with adequate seating for 10 people.	

Criterion	Minimum Requirement	Comments
Field Equipment	Goalposts, goal nets and corner flags of approved material, colour and dimensions as per the current Laws of the Game.	Laws of the Game stipulate that a corner posts, not less than 1.5m high, with a non-pointed top and flag must be placed at each corner. Flagposts may also be placed at each end of the halfway line, not less than 1m outside the touch line.
Team Dressing Rooms	<p>There needs to be separate dressing rooms to accommodate home and away teams. Each dressing room must be lockable and provide the following minimum requirements:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> I. Sufficient space to comfortably accommodate at least 18 players and officials at any one time. II. Shower facilities with a minimum of one shower head providing hot and cold water. III. Toilet facilities that are adequately maintained and Include at least one hand basin. <p>Each room is to be clearly signed as home and away.</p>	<p>All dressing room facilities are to be maintained in a clean and hygienic condition. All dressing room facilities must be permanent buildings or as approved by Football SA and have the appropriate council approval.</p> <p>Other equipment recommended:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hooks to hang clothes • Massage table • Whiteboard • Power points
Match Officials Dressing Room	<p>Separate changing room to accommodate match officials. If possible, where male and female match officials are appointed, a separate dressing room should be provided for female match officials.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. Sufficient space to accommodate up to four match officials at any given time. ii. Shower facilities providing hot and cold water. iii. Toilet facilities that are adequately maintained and that include a hand basin. 	<p>All dressing room facilities are to be maintained in a clean and hygienic condition al all times.</p> <p>All dressing room facilities must be permanent buildings or as approved by Football SA and have the appropriate council approval.</p> <p>Other equipment recommended:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hooks to hang clothes • Power points
Floodlighting	Football SA stipulates that the <i>Australian Standard AS2560.2.3-2007, Sports Lighting</i> is to be implemented by the conclusion of the license period. To be eligible to play night games, field floodlighting must be a minimum of 100 lux with a uniformity of 0.5.	Any club seeking to conduct night fixtures must meet the lighting standards. Prior to a club being sanctioned to conduct night fixtures, a lighting certificate must be submitted to Football SA verifying that the floodlighting meets the minimum lighting standards.

SPECTATOR AND OTHER VENUE FACILITIES

Criterion	Minimum Requirement	Comments
Access and exit to the venue	Access is available for emergency vehicles including access to the playing field	
Canteen and Bar	Serving hot and cold drinks and foods compliant with all health and council regulations. The serving of alcohol must be in accordance to the license regulations.	Alcohol consumed outside of the clubrooms must be in plastic containers. An area designated as a dry zone free from alcohol consumption must be allocated.
Car Parking	Car parking is to be available that is in close proximity to the venue. Car Parking located at the venue must be made available to the appointed match officials	
Scoreboard	No Requirement	It is recommended that the venue has a scoreboard, identifying home and away teams. Preference is for the scoreboard to include a clock that displays the match time
Smoke Free Venues	All venues are to be designated smoke free.	It is the responsibility of venue management to police and enforce a smoke free venue.
Toilets	Male and Female public toilets including disabled toilet access that are situated in the venue.	A public disabled toilet must be provided.

TEAMS AND COACHING REQUIREMENTS

Criterion	Minimum Requirement	Comment
Senior Teams	Each club is to field the following senior teams; 1. State League Senior Team 2. At least one other Senior Team	Each club is encouraged to field additional senior teams in the women's community leagues.
Junior Teams	Each club is strongly encouraged to field junior girls and MiniRoos girls/mixed teams in the following age groups; Junior Teams – Under 13, 15, 17 MiniRoos Teams – Under 6, 7, 8, 9, 10 and 11	
Technical Director	No Requirement	It is recommended that if the club fields junior teams that a Technical Director is appointed by the end of the license period. Technical Director should be accredited to a minimum of an Asian C Licence.
Senior Coaching Accreditation	Senior Women's Coaches Minimum of Senior Certificate All Assistant Coaches Minimum of Senior Certificate	It is recommended that the head senior coach of AFC C Licence
Junior Coaching Accreditation	If a club fields Junior Girls Teams, coaches need to have the following accreditation; Under 13 – 17 Coach Game Training Certificate MiniRoos Skill Training Certificate	It is strongly encouraged that coaches working with junior teams have an AFC C Licence.
Annual Coaching Conference	It is a requirement that the Head Coach of each club attends the Football SA annual Coaching Conference	
Community Club Academy	No Requirement	

CLUB REQUIREMENTS AND REPORTING MECHANISMS

Criterion	Minimum Requirement	Comment
Club Incorporation	Each club is required to be incorporated.	
Club Liaison Officers	<p>Each club is required to implement a person to undertake the following positions to assist with communication between the Football SA and the club:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Club Registrar – National Registration System • Senior Competition Liaison Officer • Junior Competition Liaison Officer and MiniRoos Games Liaison Officer (if the club fields junior teams) • Club Development Officer 	<p>All appointed officers must be registered in the National Registration System and must undertake the required child safe environment requirements including a Working with Children Check.</p> <p>Job descriptions for each role are to be implemented.</p>
Annual Report	No Requirement	Each club is required to complete reporting mechanisms in line with the incorporation requirements.
Business Plan	No Requirement	Each club is encouraged to develop and implement a Business Plan and a longer-term Strategic Plan that outlines the vision, goals and action plans of the club in all areas. These plans should include facility development.
Date of AGM	Each club is to notify Football SA of the date and time of the Club's Annual General Meeting for each year.	14 days prior to the date of the AGM.

MEDICAL REQUIREMENTS


Criterion	Minimum Requirement	Comment
Senior Team Medical Personnel	Minimum Senior First Aid Officer.	Clubs are encouraged to appoint a Level 1 Sports Trainer. All appointed people must be registered in the National Registration System, have the appropriate accreditation and follow all Child Safe Environment Regulations including Working with Children Checks (WWCC)
Junior Teams Medical Personnel	Clubs that field junior teams must ensure that there is a person in attendance that has a minimum of a Senior First Aid certificate.	All appointed people must be registered in the National Registration System, have the appropriate accreditation and follow all Child Safe Environment Regulations including
Medical Equipment	Each team is to be provided with a first aid medical kit that is to be used by the nominated medical personnel. Each club must ensure that there is a stretcher at the venue and that the stretcher is put near the field of play prior to the commencement of each game. Each venue is to install and maintain a defibrillator.	Medical personnel should be responsible for the first aid kit ensuring that it is restocked as required.
Medical Reporting	Each club is to ensure that all players and appointed team officials complete a medical form. Medical forms should be retained by medical personnel appointed to the team. If an injury or medical incident does occur, Sports Trainer/First Aid person is to complete a injury report form.	All medical forms should be treated with strict confidentiality. Only appointed medical personnel, team manager and nominated club person should have access.
Professional Development	Appointed medical personnel are encouraged to attend any first aid workshops conducted by Football SA.	Clubs are encouraged to identify people within the club that may move into such roles.

SIGNAGE AND LOGOS

Criterion	Minimum Requirement	Comment
Ground Signage	No Requirement	Football SA will determine the signage to be displayed and may include the major sponsor of the Competition or any other sponsor as determined by the Football SA.
Logo - Football SA	The logo of the Football SA is to be placed on the playing shirt of all teams that compete in the Football SA Competitions. The logo is to be placed on the right sleeve and is to be 60mm x 60mm in size.	
Logo – Football SA Sponsor	The logo of the Football SA major sponsor is to be placed on the left sleeve of senior grade home and away playing strips.	

CLUB DEVELOPMENT AND PRESENTATION OF GAMES

Criterion	Minimum Requirement	Comment
Game Day Presentation	Each club is to implement match day guidelines as provided by the Football SA.	It is encouraged that each club implements the following; c. Produce a match day program. d. Conduct half time entertainment at all home league fixtures. This may involve the conducting of MiniRoos Games.
Family Friendly Area	No Requirement	Clubs are encouraged to promote a family friendly venue/environment. The inclusion of activities for children such as face painters, designated play areas are encouraged and the implementation of family friendly areas free from alcohol and obscene language.
Club Development	Each club must demonstrate a commitment to club development with the club undertaking the STARCLUB Program and the National Club Accreditation Program. Each club must send a minimum of one person to attend the annual club conference conducted by Football SA.	
Child Safe Environment	Each club is required to implement the Child Safe Environment Requirements. This includes ensuring that all volunteers that have direct contact or access to information of participants under the age of 18 provide a Working with Children Check (WWCC) to their club. Each club is also required to undertake reference checks when appointing all volunteers.	A copy of the Child Safe Environment Regulations can be obtained from Football SA. All clubs are required to abide by the Football Australia Member Protection Policy.
Respect Program	Each club is required to implement all codes of conducts provided by Football SA and promote any program relating to developing positive behaviour in the sport.	

		Football South Australia Procedures and Policies	
Subject:	Flood Lighting Requirements	Date Implemented	Dec 2016
Review:	Biennially	Date Amended:	April 2021

1. Rationale

1.1 This policy sets out the mandatory requirements for competition lighting at football venues used by clubs competing in competitions administered by Football South Australia or affiliated to Football South Australia.

1.2 These requirements ensure that clubs are compliant with the Australian Standard AS2560.2.3-2007 and applicable Occupational Health and Safety requirements. Implementing a minimum standard of lighting also aids a higher quality of play, providing a positive experience for participants and spectators. Applicable lighting should also ensure that football venues are “good neighbours” in residential areas.

2. Background

2.1 The International governing body for football, the Federation Internationale de Football Association (FIFA), has developed technical recommendations and requirements for Football stadiums but do not mandate specific lighting standards for competitions of the type administered by Football South Australia. In this regard, Football South Australia adopts the Sports Lighting Australian Standards.

2.2 Football South Australia requires that all clubs comply with Australian Standard AS2560.2.3-2007 that applies to football (soccer). These Standards outline the lighting requirements for different levels of competition of play and training. Football South Australia supports and encourages clubs to expand their spectator base by conducting games under lights and provide participants with the opportunity to compete under different conditions, as long as the club is compliant with the required lighting standards.

3. Requirements

3.1 The requirements detailed below are applicable for all Football South Australia Sanctioned Games and Affiliated Associations. This document is to be read in conjunction with the Football South Australia Competition Rules and Regulations. The requirements are mandatory for matches to be played under lights.

3.2 These standards are the **MINIMUM** required. Football South Australia encourages achievement of higher lighting levels, where possible.

3.3 The Australian Standard identifies several levels of competition and specifies lighting standards for each. The levels are:

- amateur.
- semi-professional.
- professional.

These levels align with Football South Australia's Competition Operating Regulations, which specifies the requirements for each competition. Football South Australia has deemed that only one league, the National Premier League (NPL) is classified as semi-professional, with all other competitions deemed to be amateur.

- 3.4 The table below outlines the Australian Standard for sports lighting, detailing the minimum requirements for competition, including both minimum lux levels and minimum horizontal uniformities.

Competition	Minimum Lux ¹	Minimum Horizontal Uniformities		Maximum Glare Rating
		U1 Min:	U2 Min:	
FNPL Senior Grade (Semi-Professional)	200	0.60	0.40	50
All other competitions (Amateur)	100	0.50	0.30	50

N.B. the minimum Lux refers to the maintained average as actually measured in field audits, not the levels provided for in design documents.

- 3.5 Lighting installations should be designed with minimum obtrusive light to ensure that no disturbance or discomfort is caused to neighbouring properties and residents, or spectators. In making this determination, the following should be taken into consideration:

- light falling on vertical surfaces or entering a property via windows etc.,
- the brightness or intensity of the installation from specific observer positions looking toward the installation,
- The light emitted upward (above horizontal) from each floodlight. This effect is often referred to as "sky glow,"

Such occurrences should be addressed as soon as practicable.

4. Sanctioning of Night Games - Process

- 4.1 Where a club wishes to schedule a match at times where lighting is required, the club must ensure that the lighting has been certified to the Australian Standard AS2560.2.3-2007.

This Certification must be based on an audit of the lighting system by a suitable consultant. The lighting consultant must be confirmed as suitable to Football South Australia in advance of the audit being conducted. Suitability is based on the qualifications and experience of the consultant in floodlighting for sports purposes, especially football. Suitable lighting consultants will include but are not limited to Members of the Illuminating Engineering Society of Australia and New Zealand Limited (IES - The Lighting Society).

The cost of gaining this certification is the responsibility of the club.

5. Club Lighting Audit Requirements

- 5.1 A club undertaking a lighting audit is required to have the lighting consultant complete the following requirements:

- undertake a review of the installed equipment to assess its characteristics and current potential for compliance with the Australian Standard.
 - undertake an on-field audit using appropriate equipment measuring in accordance with Clause 6.3 of the Australian Standard and assess compliance with the lux levels and their uniformity.
 - the tests must cover the entire field of play within the marked lines (tests across half field only is not acceptable).
 - identify any issues of concern regarding the uniformity of vertical illuminance affecting illumination of the ball on medium and high trajectory paths.
 - identify any issues of concern relating to the lighting system's reliability, including a check of the switchboard/lighting control systems to confirm that they are able to be fully secured and are in good working order.
 - report to Football South Australia on compliance with the Australian Standard or otherwise and any other matters affecting the performance and reliability of the system.
- 5.2 The lighting consultant's report to Football South Australia must include details of the installation, measurements obtained in the on-field audit and the calculation of maintained average lux, uniformities, and glare along with comments on uniformity of vertical illuminance and reliability.
- 5.3 Football South Australia will provide a prescribed form for the lighting consultant to complete which will provide space for the required information. The test readings must be attached to this form. The form must be completed and signed by the lighting consultant.
- 5.4 Certification is subject to satisfactory compliance with the Australian Standards for floodlighting. If Football South Australia is satisfied that the information and lighting performance meet the required standards, Football South Australia will register a venue as compliant for either semi-professional or amateur level matches to be conducted. Football South Australia reserves the right to seek additional information or testing from the club or lighting consultant, to be provided at the club's cost.
- 5.5 Certification will be accepted by Football South Australia for a period of **two years**, after which time another audit must be undertaken and Certification provided for the club to continue to conduct matches at times requiring lighting. Football South Australia will not approve fixtures that require lighting without the Certification and subsequent Football South Australia registration of the venue.

6. Ongoing compliance

- 6.1 If a club becomes aware that the lighting may have deteriorated below the Australian Standard it must immediately notify Football South Australia in writing, whereby Football South Australia may be required to amend fixtures if the club is unable to bring the lighting up to the required standard. The club will be required to provide Football South Australia with a new lighting certification prior to the sanctioning of future night games.
- 6.2 Where a referee has made a report in relation to the adequacy of the lighting at a venue or Football South Australia has concerns that a venue may not currently meet the Australian Standard, Football South Australia may direct the club to engage a suitable lighting consultant to undertake a field audit to test compliance as detailed above. Any cost will be met by the club.
- 6.3 If a match is unable to commence, is halted temporarily or abandoned due to the failure of the lighting the club must provide a report and evidence to Football South

Australia as to the causes of such failure. If the failure was due to circumstances beyond the control of the club, such as network system failure, weather, accidental damage or offsite equipment failure or any other extraordinary circumstances accepted by Football South Australia, the outcome of the match will be determined in accordance with the Competition Rules and Regulations and subject to Football South Australia being satisfied that the lighting still meets the Australian Standards, the club may continue to play night games.

6.4 If the Lighting Failure was due to any other reason:

- (a) The match will be determined in accordance with the Football South Australia Competition Rules and Regulations, and the specific Competition Operating Regulations.
- (b) The club will be required to undertake a further audit in accordance with the lighting audit requirements outlined above, at the cost of the club; and
- (c) The club will not be permitted to hold night matches at the venue until an audit demonstrates compliance with the Australian Standard.

6.5 If a Lighting Failure occurs on a second or subsequent occasion within two concurrent seasons for any reason, the Football South Australia in its sole and absolute discretion may not accept the relevant venue for further night fixtures.

Signatures:

Signed: _____



Football South Australia President

Signed: _____



Football South Australia CEO

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