

SENIOR MEN'S OPERATING REGULATIONS

SUMMARY OF CHANGES FOR 2022 SEASON

CURRENT RULE	CHANGE	RATIONALE
Throughout the document	Grammatical changes.	Grammatical changes have been made throughout the document. Substance of the rule unchanged.
Throughout the document	Change Football Federation SA to Football SA.	Reflects the changes to the new name which were not corrected previously.
Throughout the document	FFA Cup – Renamed to Australia Cup.	Reflects the name change of the FFA Cup to the Australia Cup.
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Field Dimensions	Stipulate recommended minimum size of field for NPL and State League 1 being 100m by 60m	Reflects requirements outlined in Venue Requirement Document. Also provides direction for Councils etc when looking to upgrade facilities for Senior Competitions.
Technical Area	<p>Corrected the allowed number of substitutes and team officials in a technical area.</p> <p>Clarified that team officials for all Senior Grades are required to wear accreditation provided by Football SA.</p> <p>State League 2 – added a defined location of the technical area for venues with no field fence.</p>	<p>To ensure consistency with application.</p> <p>Football SA now provides accreditation passes for all Grades being U18/Reserves/First Team.</p> <p>Aligned with requirements for other competitions which do not have a field fence. To minimise conflict of spectators and those in a technical area.</p>
Media Area	<p>Added media area to State League 1 minimum requirements.</p> <p>Clarified the purpose of the media area with a minimum elevation height.</p> <p>Added that any erected scaffold must be certified and must be lockable and secure.</p>	<p>State League 1 matches are now all livestreamed and require a media area.</p> <p>Provide further guidance for livestreamed matches.</p> <p>To ensure compliance of any infrastructure and to safeguard from misuse.</p>

Teams and Coaching Requirements	Remove the word 'Senior' from AFC C Licence.	Adopt name change from Football Australia.
Junior Teams Medical Personnel	Remove 'registration system'.	The words were repeated.
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Throughout the Document	Clauses has been re-numbered to reflect continuous numbering.	Ensures the document flows.
3. Registration of Players	Change date from 31 July to 30 June for cut-off date of Amateur Registration.	Reflects change in season dates.
4. Eligibility of Players	Clause 4 (2) references Clause 4 (3) to provide further clarity on movement of players.	To provide further clarity if a player is eligible to play in a lower grade if they come onto the field of play at 75 minutes or later, and that match of the same round is played on an alternate weekend.
	Clause 4 (3) added wording "recorded on team sheet"	To provide clarity on definition of entering field of play.
8. Player Points System	Add Clause 8 (3).	Provide clarity of participating players in First Team and requirement of a player roster.
10. Adelaide United	Adjusted (2) a. which indicated a cut off of 30 December.	Corrected to 31 December.
12. Online Team Squads	Added a requirement for any mid-week matches.	The competition has experienced an increased number of mid-week matches the past two seasons.
19. Eligibility of Players	Eligibility defined the Club's appropriate team.	Without the addition of the word "the Club's", it was open to interpret that the player could have played in the competition for any Club.
20. Substitutions and Interchange	Inclusion of clause (5) permitting the players that have played in a higher-grade team to go and play in a lower grade team in the same round if they have come on as a substitute 75 minute or later.	Provide consistency with home and away season.