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2 EXPLANATORY TEXT

Text in italics is for commentary purposes only and does not form part of the By-Laws.

3 DEFINITIONS

Within these By-Laws the following items shall have the meaning defined in this table.

Item	Definition
The Association	Hills Football Incorporated.
Accident Support Program	For the purposes of these By-Laws Accident Support program refers to the player insurance program managed by FNSW.
Association Office	The Offices of HFI.
BOD	Board of Directors.
By-Laws	These By-Laws of the Hills Football Incorporated including Schedules.
The Board	The Board of Directors of the HFI.
Championship Competition	Finals.
Constitution	The Constitution of Hills Football Incorporated.
Club	A football club which is a member, or is otherwise affiliated with the Association.
Competitions	Competitions shall refer to both non-competitive and competitive football.
Competitions Committee	Competitions Director, General Manager and Competition Manager.
Contracted Player	A player who has signed a contract with a club that is in a State (non-association) run competition.
Division	Shall refer to a category of teams within a grade grouped together by similar skill.



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Field	“Field of play” as defined in the FIFA Laws of the Game, or other marked area defined in these By-Laws for the purpose of playing a football match. It is the area enclosed by the 2 goal lines and 2 touch lines.
Force Majeure	An unforeseeable circumstance including but not limited to fire, storm, flood, earthquake, explosion, war, invasion, rebellion, strike, sabotage and epidemic.
FFA	Football Federation Australia.
FNSW	Football New South Wales.
GDR	Grievance and Disciplinary Regulations of HFI.
GPT	General Purpose Tribunal, consisting of the Chairperson (a member of the Board), Secretary of the GPT and additional members.
Grade	Shall refer to age group.
Ground	Area enclosing a single field. A ground extends beyond the field boundaries to encompass stands, areas for spectators, markings, nets, flags, fences, amenities etc, as appropriate. Note that local sporting complexes may contain multiple grounds of varying sizes and common use facilities.
HFI	Hills Football Incorporated
Higher Division	A Higher Division Competition is defined within each Grade (Age Group) typically with Division 1 as the highest, Division 2 second highest, etc. Note that Higher Divisions are in inverse numerical order. Divisions designated by colours or animals have no higher or lower rankings. For the purposes of these By-Laws, divisions designated by colours or animals are considered lower than any numerical division of any higher grade.
Higher Grade	A Higher Grade competition is defined by the following sequences: (from lowest to highest) 1. U6, U7, U8, U9 ... U17, U18, U19-23, AA, Youth Premier League, Premier League 1, or 2. O45, O35, AA, Youth Premier League, Premier League.



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Photo ID	The official photo-identity for team officials and players issued by the Association.
Play Football	The on-line Registration system managed by the FFA.
Premiership Competition	Competition rounds before the finals. Round 1 – 18 (14).
Referee	Official Referee as appointed by the Referees Association, or a Club Referee agreed by the team officials where no Official Referee is appointed. For non-competitive football, this is the Game Leader or Instructing Referee as defined in the FFA MiniRoos rules and guidelines.
SAP	Skills Acquisition Program
SGM	Special General Meeting.
SSF	Small Sided Football (also known as MiniRoos).
Team Marshall	The person responsible to deal with spectator control for a team.



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1. ALTERATIONS TO THE BY-LAWS

This By-Law defines who, how and when the By-Laws can be altered, amended or corrected.

- 1.1. These By-Laws shall only be modified as per the Hills Football Incorporated Constitution.
- 1.2. Each member Club shall have the right to apply for variations or amendments of these By-Laws.
- 1.3. The BOD shall have the power to grant special case exemptions to the By-Laws.
- 1.4. An unforeseeable circumstance including but not limited to fire, storm, flood, earthquake, explosion, war, invasion, rebellion, strike, sabotage and epidemic.

2. TEAM NOMINATION, GRADING & REGISTRATION

This By-Law defines how Clubs nominate teams to the Association, and how they are graded or allocated into competitions, and how team registrations are completed.

- 2.1. Clubs entering team/s in the Association shall not be permitted to enter the same team/s in any other competition run outside the Association without the permission of Hills Football.

2.2. TEAM NOMINATIONS

- 2.2.1. Teams must be nominated by Clubs in the manner prescribed by the Board.
- 2.2.2. The closing date for the nomination of teams for the next season shall be fixed by the Board at the completion of the current season.
- 2.2.3. Clubs shall submit sufficient information with team nominations to enable the Hills Football to facilitate suitable team grading.

2.3. TEAM GRADING

- 2.3.1. Following the closing date for entries by Clubs for teams in each grade, the Hills Football shall meet and arrange suitable competitions for the season.
- 2.3.2. If insufficient entries are received in any grade, that competition may be suspended for the year and an alternative competition shall be suggested.
- 2.3.3. When there is a combination of two teams into one from the previous year then the highest division for grading for the current year for the nominated team will be no higher than the average of the previous year's two divisions unless nominated by the Club depending on the divisions available. Clubs submitting such nominations shall advise the names of at least four (4) players from the previous season's higher graded team.
- 2.3.4. Hills Football may regrade teams at the completion of the fourth Round played. This will be in line with the Competition Regrading Policy.
- 2.3.5. Grading will be based on prior years results as follows
 - 2.3.5.1. The highest placed premiership team in a division from the previous season will be promoted to the next highest division. Where there is no higher division they will remain in the same division as the prior year.



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- 2.3.5.2. The lowest placed premiership team in a division from the previous season will be relegated to the next lowest division. Where there is no lower division they will remain in the same division as the prior year.
- 2.3.5.3. Where a club believes a team should be in a different division to those mentioned above they shall be required to put this in writing to Hills Football with the team nomination.
- 2.3.5.4. The above clauses do not prevent Hills Football from grading teams differently to ensure correct balancing of competitions or where teams would be disadvantaged based on the above grading.

2.4. TEAM REGISTRATIONS

- 2.4.1. A team must consist of at least four (4) players for Under 6 to Under 8; five (5) players for Under 9 to Under 12; nine (9) players for Under 13 to Over 45; and fourteen (14) players for Premier League must be registered with the Association by the date and time advised by HFI
- 2.4.2. Clubs with outstanding teams not registered must seek re-admission for these teams from the Hills Football prior to the first competitive game. Any team re-admitted shall be subject to a late team fine, in accordance with By-Law 13.
- 2.4.3. Registration of additional players will then be accepted up until the day and stipulated by By-Law 4.18.



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3. TEAM COACH(S) AND MANAGERS

This By-Law requires that all teams registered with the Association have a team coach and/or team manager registered with the Association to facilitate communication with teams. A player may be a coach or manager.

- 3.1. Each team must have at least one (1) team official, who may be either a coach or manager, registered with the Association by the second competition game.
 - 3.1.1. Any team which does not have at least one team official registered by the due date of By-Law 3.1 shall be fined the equivalent of a forfeit fee for each match until such time as By-Law 3.1 is satisfied.
- 3.2. All registered team officials shall be issued an official Photo ID by the Association with the official's photograph.
- 3.3. Team Official, including stand-in Team Officials shall identify themselves as such to the Referee prior to kick-off Team Officials.
- 3.4. The team officials shall be noted on the team sheet for all games in which they are acting in that capacity.
- 3.5. The BOD reserves the right to enforce any team to have a Team Marshall where they deem necessary.



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4. PLAYER REGISTRATION

This By-Law requires that all players are registered with the Association. It also defines the eligibility criteria for playing in the various competitions and how players registered for one team may be re-registered with another team.

- 4.1. Any person wishing to participate in competitions, or matches conducted by this Association must be properly registered with the Association. No contracted players shall register with the Association.
- 4.2. A player shall become a registered player with the Association once all of the following have taken place –
 - 4.2.1. The player or parent/guardian must complete and sign a Play Football electronic registration form thus agreeing to abide by the rules and regulations of FFA, FNSW, the Association and the Club.
 - 4.2.2. The player must pay to the Club the relevant club registration fee.
 - 4.2.3. The Club must submit to the Association the player's registration and photo (as required) in the manner prescribed by the Board.
- 4.3. Every registered player playing in the under 10's and above shall be issued an official Photo ID by the Association with the player's photograph. Photographs shall be updated every three (3) years. For player above 21 years of age photographs shall be updated every five (5) years. unless the Club or Association considers a player has changed his/her appearance so as not to be easily recognised from the current photo.
 - 4.3.1. All new players to the Association must provide a photograph.
- 4.4. Once a Club has submitted to the Association the required information to register a player by the prescribed cut off the Association will provide the club with electronic ID Cards. Electronic Photo IDs must be used at all matches as proof of registration for the player's club and team.
- 4.5. For the purposes of the "Accident Support Program", a player is considered registered with the Club from the time he/she completes the aforesaid electronic registration and may submit a claim to the insurance company upon the Club completing the player's registration with the Association.
- 4.6. To be eligible to play in "under age" grades, a player must be under the relevant age on the 31st December of the previous year.
- 4.7. The highest grade players under the age of 16 may register in is two grades above their actual age. A Club may apply to Hills Football in writing for permission for a player to play in a higher grade.
- 4.8. There is no upper age restriction once a player has turned 16 years of age.
- 4.9. In the Youth Premier League competition. Players must be under the age of 21. Teams may have a maximum of 4 "overage" players marked on the team sheet.



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- 4.10. To be eligible to play in the Over 35 Women's Competition, a player must have turned 35 before the 31st of December of the previous Calendar Year.
 - 4.10.1. In 2020, two (2) underage players may be permitted to register with any O35 Division 1 team but the players must have turned 33 before the 31st of December of the previous Calendar Year.
 - 4.10.2. In 2021, two (2) underage players may be permitted to register with any O35 Division 1 team but the players must have turned 34 before the 31st of December of the previous Calendar Year.
 - 4.10.3. Two (2) underage players may be permitted to register with any O35 Division 2 or lower team but the players must have turned 33 before the 31st of December of the previous Calendar Year.
- 4.11. To be eligible to play in the Over 35 Men's Competition, a player must have turned 35 before the 31st of December of the previous Calendar Year.
- 4.12. To be eligible to play in the Over 45 Men's Competition, a player must have turned 45 before the 31st of December of the previous Calendar Year.
- 4.13. Players registering for non-competitive football must have turned four (4) years old by, or on, the 31st December in the previous year.
- 4.14. It is the responsibility of the Club to ensure a player is eligible to play in his/her registered age group by obtaining documented proof of age. Any breach of this By-Law shall result in any game in which the player plays being deemed to be a forfeit.
 - 4.14.1. Clubs entering teams in age group competitions must provide original birth certificates or satisfactory evidence of age of players if requested by the Association.
 - 4.14.2. The Competitions Manager shall deduct competition points in respect of each game played by the player or players in question until evidence of age is provided. An aggrieved Club may seek a review from the Hills Football of any such decision under this By-Law.
- 4.15. No player may be registered with more than one Club at any one time in any one competition season.
- 4.16. All females will be allowed to dual register within the same club into two age group/grades and pay only the one rego fee, whichever is higher. Females are permitted to play in mixed competitions should their club deem their ability suitable for that division/team.
- 4.17. Any registered player proved to have played in any competition match of Association Football outside the Association without the permission of the Hills Football may be suspended for a period to be determined by the GPT.
- 4.18. No player may be registered with the Association after 4.00pm on 30th June, or the Friday preceding the 30th June if the 30th June falls on a weekend.



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- 4.19. A player having been registered with the Association as a member of a Club may deregister from that Club and register with another Club upon the Club notifying the Association in writing that the player has been deregistered in Play Football.
- 4.20. Where a player deregisters from one Club and registers with another Club, the first Club will only be charged the appropriate amount of registration. The second Club will be charged the Association Fee, FNSW Fees & FFA Fees.
- 4.21. No registered player may deregister from one Club and register with another Club on more than one occasion in any one season.
- 4.22. Any player who seeks to deregister from one Club and register with another Club and is refused a clearance from his/her Club may appeal in writing to Hills Football for permission to register with another Club.
- 4.23. No player may be deregistered from one Club and registered with another Club, or from one team to another team within a Club, after the close of player registrations as in By-Law 4.18
- 4.24. If an affiliated Club has more than one registered team playing in the same grade and division, it shall not permit any player to interchange within these two teams unless the interchange is previously sanctioned by the Competition Committee. This rule does not apply to Over 35's and Over 45's competitions.
- 4.25. Transfer of the registration of a player of a Club between teams in the same grade and division or in the same grade and a lower division may be sanctioned by the Competition Committee. The Competition Manager may upgrade a player on request from the Club. This process must occur before the cut-off as stipulated by By-Law 4.18.



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5. CLUB STRIP & SPONSORSHIP

This By-Law requires that all Clubs register their playing strip with the Association to ensure it complies with appropriate standards, for example sponsorship. Existing (pre 2017) sponsor adverts that do not comply will be allowed until these playing strips are phased out.

- 5.1. Players in all matches must appear in Club uniform (comprising shirt, shorts and socks) and approved footwear and shin pads. Devices or materials used to hold shin pads in place shall be the same colour as the socks or as close as possible.
- 5.2. Approval for colour registration/alteration and changes to any part of a Club's strip must be submitted at the first meeting of clubs in February each year for consideration by the Hills Football. Requests for approval of new strip or changes to existing strip must be accompanied by full colour photographs of the front and rear of shirts, shorts and socks.
- 5.3. Clubs must seek permission from the Hills Football before putting advertising/sponsorship on their playing strip. If approved, patches will only be allowed as follows –
 - 5.3.1. A patch not exceeding 450 cm² (21cm x 21cm) shall be permitted on the front of shirts.
 - 5.3.2. A patch not exceeding 300cm² (15cm x 20cm) and a maximum height of 15cm on the rear of shirts (2cm below shirt number).
 - 5.3.3. A patch not exceeding 100cm² (10cm x 10cm) shall be permitted on each sleeve of shirts.
 - 5.3.4. A patch not exceeding 100cm² (10cm x 10cm) shall be permitted on the front-side of each leg of shorts.
 - 5.3.5. Any Club not complying with this By-Law shall be subject to a fine as per By-Law 13.
 - 5.3.6. Any Club non-compliant shall be required to modify sponsorship patches within fourteen (14) days of notification.
 - 5.3.7. Clubs may apply to the association for allowances to the above sponsorship guidelines.
- 5.4. Where the colours of Clubs' strip are similar, the Hills Football shall determine if a 'clash of strip' has occurred. The home team (as per fixture list) shall be the team to change when a designated clash of strip occurs, unless otherwise directed by the Hills Football.
 - 5.4.1. Bibs of a different colour to the Club's regular strip and of different colour to the opposition strip will be sufficient to satisfy a change of strip. Playing shirts must be worn underneath bibs with the correct numbers as per the team sheet.
 - 5.4.2. When a goal keeper shirt clashes with the opposition playing shirt it shall be the goal keeper's responsibility to wear an alternative shirt.
- 5.5. The Association must ensure that the Referees Committee is issued with a list of colour clashes designated by the Hills Football.
- 5.6. For games where the Hills Football has designated a colour clash, it will be the responsibility of the Manager or Coach of the away team to inform the referee prior to the commencement of



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the game if the home team is not wearing an alternate strip. The game will then continue as normal at the discretion of the referee.

5.7. When requested by the Hills Football, a sample of each Club's current playing strip must be supplied to the Hills Football for approval.



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6. GROUNDS

This By-Law requires that all Clubs provide consistent and appropriate ground dressing for their assigned grounds and any other grounds to which any of its teams have been allocated home ground status.

- 6.1. Clubs are responsible for the dressing of their own ground or grounds unless the Competition Manager has allocated a team from another club home team status at a particular ground, in which case the home team is responsible for the dressing/undressing of the ground if required.
- 6.2. Dressing shall consist of 4 corner posts, 2 nets, post and rope barriers or painted lines (unless field is fenced) to both sidelines at a minimum of 1.5m from the sideline.
- 6.2.1. For matches where By-Law 8.2.3 applies (grades Under 12 and Under 13), that ground shall also have easily visible posts or cones placed at the 10m (U12) 25m (U13) mark out from each goal line, placed 1m outside each touch line.
- 6.3. Clubs must dress grounds at least thirty (30) minutes prior to the scheduled kick-off of the first game on that ground, and clubs must ensure all ground dressing is maintained until the completion of the last game on that ground that day.
- 6.3.1. Where a ground has more than one playing field, each playing field may be treated separately for the purpose of By-Law 6.3.



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7. NON-COMPETITIVE FOOTBALL FORMAT

This By-Law defines how non-competitive football (small sided football, MiniRoos) is structured for each season. Non-competitive football is to foster skills development of younger players.

- 7.1. Except where varied in these By-Laws, non-competitive football games shall be played in accordance with Hills MiniRoos Match Rules.
- 7.2. Games shall be played as follows:
 - 7.2.1. For Under 6s and Under 7s, 4 v 4 games shall be played in twenty (20) minute halves with a five (5) minute half time on a field approximately 30 x 20 metres with portable goals 2m x 1m and ball size 3.
 - 7.2.2. For Under 8s and Under 9s, 7 v 7 games shall be played in twenty (20) minute halves with a five (5) minute half time on a field approximately 50 x 35 metres with goals 3m x 2m and ball size 3.
 - 7.2.3. For Under 10s and Under 11s, 9 v 9 games shall be played in twenty-five (25) minute halves with a five (5) minute half time on a field approximately 70 x 45 metres with goals 5m x 2m and ball size 4.
- 7.3. Match results and "competition" style tables shall not be published by the Association or Clubs.
- 7.4. Managers, Coaches, Club Officials or Spectators may not take the field unless requested to do so by the Referee and then only in the case of injury.
- 7.5. All Under 6 through to Under 11 shall be differentiated in the fixture list by colours or animals.
- 7.6. No game will be scheduled on Good Friday, Easter Saturday or Sunday as well as ANZAC Day. Where ANZAC Day falls on a Friday, Saturday or Sunday there shall be no games scheduled for that day.
- 7.7. Matches washed out by rain or unplayable due to ground unavailability shall be replayed at the discretion of the Competition Manager.
- 7.8. Teams forfeiting without prior notice to Clubs (4.00pm on the day preceding the game) shall incur a forfeit fee, as prescribed in the By-Law 13.
- 7.9. In all games if the commencement of a game is delayed, a shorter period of time must be played in equal halves to ensure the game is completed five (5) minutes prior to the scheduled commencement of the next game.
- 7.10. No addition is to be made to the duration of either half of the game in the event of time being lost due to injury or any other occurrence that causes play to be suspended.
- 7.11. Unlimited player interchange is permissible at any stoppage in play during the game, subject to the authority of the referee.
- 7.12. The home club may allocate referees for specific grades of non-competitive football. If no referee is allocated an agreement is to be reached on who will referee the match. If there can be no agreement the game will be abandoned and will not be replayed. The club(s) of both teams may be required to provide a written explanation of why the game was not played.
- 7.13. For age groups Under 8 and above teams must complete team sheets as per By-Law 8.8.
- 7.14. Fines for non-competitive football shall be set in By-Law 13.



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- 7.15. Players may only be borrowed into the same age group or a higher age group with the following caveats:
- 7.15.1. Maximum of 4 borrowed players allowed.
 - 7.15.2. Players may only be borrowed up to two ages higher than their own age group – this is based on the players age not the age group they are playing in.
 - 7.15.3. As there are no divisions denominated, there is no restriction on the division a player can play in, however clubs are encouraged to not abuse this, and play players in teams of similar skill levels.
 - 7.16. No jewellery is permitted to be worn.
 - 7.17. Casts are not permitted to be worn.



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8. COMPETITIVE FOOTBALL FORMAT

This By-Law defines how competitive football is structured and conducted for each season. It is intended that Clubs ensure matches can proceed even when registered members of a team may not be available by allowing players of an appropriate standard from other teams within the Club to play in the match.

8.1. GENERAL PROVISIONS

- 8.1.1. The Association competitions will receive priority during the season over Club organised events.
- 8.1.2. All matches of competition football shall be conducted under the FIFA Laws of the Game, except where specifically varied in these By-Laws.
- 8.1.3. No game will be scheduled on Good Friday, Easter Saturday or Sunday as well as ANZAC Day. Where ANZAC Day falls on a Friday, Saturday or Sunday there shall be no games scheduled for that day.
- 8.1.4. In the Premiership, competition points shall be accumulative and allotted as follows: -

Win	3 points
Draw	1 point
Loss	0 points
Bye	3 points
Win by forfeit	3 points, with result being given as three (3) goals to nil (0)
Loss by forfeit	0 points, with result being given as nil (0) goals to three (3)
- 8.1.5. After the completion of the Premiership, should there be two or more teams equal on points, their competition table position shall be decided by:
 - 8.1.5.1. Greatest goal difference (i.e. goals against subtract from goals for);
 - 8.1.5.2. Greatest number of wins.
 - 8.1.5.3. If the number of points, goal difference and wins are the same, then the greatest number of goals scored for.
 - 8.1.5.4. Determination made at the discretion of the Hills Football.
- 8.1.6. After the completion of the Premiership Competition, the top four teams in each competition table shall play in the Championship Competition.
- 8.1.7. Any club wishing to defer a game must complete the following process:
 - 8.1.7.1. Download and complete the Reschedule Match Request Form at least five (5) days prior to the scheduled date of that game ([click here](#) to access form);
 - 8.1.7.2. Send the Reschedule Match Request Form to the opposing club with a proposed date, time and location of the rescheduled match;
 - 8.1.7.3. Once both clubs have agreed, the completed and signed Reschedule Match Request Form must be sent to the HFI Competitions Manager no later than 48 hours prior to the start of the original scheduled match date to ensure HFI can update the draws.



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- 8.1.7.4. Once both clubs agree, as well as HFI accepting the Reschedule Match Request Form, the rescheduling of the match is final and any further reschedule requests will not be considered by HFI.
- 8.1.7.5. On request with at least 48 hours notice an automatic deferment will be granted for any Association match(es) scheduled during the same weekend for any team playing in any State Competitions at either a regional centre or in the final.
- 8.1.8. Premiership Competition games washed out by rain or unplayable due to ground unavailability shall be replayed at the discretion of the Competitions Manager. No application for deferred games shall be considered with the exception that a Rescheduled Match Request Form is completed.
- 8.1.9. In the Championship and the final series, in the event of any Round being washed out, that Round will be rescheduled prior to any subsequent round, until the washed-out Round is played or until the remainder of the Round Robin is cancelled.
- 8.1.10. If the Premiership competition is affected by wet weather, the Championship Competition match affected by wet weather will be rescheduled at the discretion of the HFI Competitions Manager.
- 8.1.11. The size of the match ball in the various grades shall be:
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| Under 12 to Under 13 | Size 4 |
| Under 14 to All Age | Size 5 |
| Over 35 and Over 45 | Size 5 |
| Premier League | Size 5 |
- 8.1.12. The duration of matches in the various grades shall be 2 equal periods of -
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|----------------------|------------|
| Under 12 | 25 minutes |
| Under 13 to Under 14 | 30 minutes |
| Under 15 to Under 16 | 35 minutes |
| Under 17 to Under 18 | 40 minutes |
| Under 21 to All Age | 45 minutes |
| Over 35 and Over 45 | 40 minutes |
| Premier League | 45 minutes |
- separated by a five (5) minute half time break.
- 8.1.13. In the event of any game not being played owing to weather or other causes over which neither Club has any control, a game is considered completed/played if a minimum of 50% of the game has been played. For the avoidance of doubt, if less than 50% of the allotted game time referenced in By-Law 8.1.12 has been played, the game will be required to be replayed.
- 8.1.14. Except where specifically varied in these By-Laws, no addition is to be made to the duration of either half of the game in the event of time being lost due to injury or any other occurrence that causes play to be suspended.
- 8.1.15. If the commencement of a match is delayed, a shorter period of time must be played in equal halves. However, Premier League, no shortened times will be played.



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- 8.1.16. Players taking the field of play in any game must have shirts with unduplicated numbers within their team, including any upgraded players. Shirt numbers for all players in each team shall correspond to the number appearing on the team sheet for that player.
- 8.1.17. No jewellery is permitted to be worn. Flat wedding bands may be worn.
- 8.1.18. Casts are not permitted to be worn.
- 8.1.19. Over 35 Women Players may cross their arms over their chest during game play to protect their breasts from a ball strike. The arms must be flat against the chest and not moving to interfere with the balls natural expected movement, making the arms effectively the chest.

8.2. COMPETITION STRUCTURE (EXCLUDING PREMIER LEAGUE)

- 8.2.1. All competitive football shall consist of a Premiership Competition and Championship, subject to By-Law 8.1.9 at the discretion of the Competition Manager.
- 8.2.2. For grade Under 12, corner kicks are to be taken 7 metres out from the penalty area.
- 8.2.3. For grades Under 12 and Under 13, at the taking of a goal kick, the attacking team shall remain at least 10 metres for U12 and 25 metres from the defending team's goal line until: the goal kick is taken and is touched by a second player of the defending team; the ball travels beyond the 10m (U12) and 25m (U13) line; play is stopped for any other breach of the rules; or the ball goes out-of-play.
 - 8.2.3.1. If an attacking player encroaches within the 10 metres (U12) 25 metres (U13) boundary in breach of the conditions of By-Law 8.2.3 then play shall be stopped and the goal kick retaken.
 - 8.2.3.2. If an attacking team player repeatedly encroaches as per By-Law 8.2.3.1, that player shall be cautioned by the referee.
- 8.2.4. For "Over Age" grades slide tackles are not permitted. A slide tackle is defined as a tackle where a player slides in with his/her feet and there is the potential of contact with an opposition player. Any breach of this rule is punishable by an indirect free kick.
- 8.2.5. **Championship Competition (Final Series)**
 - 8.2.5.1. The Championship competition shall be a finals series competition structured as follows (for both First Grade and Reserve Grade):

Semi-Final 1:	1 v 2
Semi-Final 2:	3 v 4
Final:	Loser Semi-Final 1 v Winner Semi-Final 2
Championship Final:	Winner Semi-Final 1 v Winner Final
 - 8.2.5.2. If rain causes the Championship Competition to be reduced the Competitions Manager will decide how this series will proceed depending on time available.
 - 8.2.6. If in any game of the Championship Competition the score at the end of full time is drawn, then ten (10) minutes each way will be played. If at the end of extra time the score is still



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drawn, then a penalty shoot-out will occur. The duration of matches in the various grades shall be 2 equal periods of -

Under 12	5 minutes
Under 13 to Under 14	5 minutes
Under 15 to Under 16	10 minutes
Under 17 to Under 18	10 minutes
Under 21 to All Age	15 minutes
Over 35 and Over 45	10 minutes
Premier League	15 minutes

8.3. COMPETITION STRUCTURE FOR PREMIER LEAGUE

8.3.1. There will be a Premier League 1 competition, both comprising of First Grade and Reserve Grade teams.

8.3.2. The Premier League Shield will be awarded to the Premier League 1 squad with the highest combined points of First Grade and Reserve Grade. First grade wins will be worth 6 points, draws worth 2 points. Reserve grade wins will be worth 3 points, draws worth 1 point.

8.3.3. Premier League competitions shall consist of a Premiership Competition and Championship Competition.

8.3.4. Premiership Competition

8.3.4.1. Ten (10) team competitions to form the basis of Premier League competitions.

8.3.4.2. **10 Team Competitions:** Will play eighteen (18) rounds, playing each opponent twice.

8.3.4.3. **8 Team Competitions:** Will play twenty-one (21) rounds playing each opponent at least three time.

8.3.4.4. Stoppage time will be played in all Premier League 1 First Grade Premiership games.

8.3.5. Championship Competition

8.3.5.1. The Championship competition shall be a finals series competition structured as follows (for both First Grade and Reserve Grade):

Semi-Final 1:	1 v 2
Semi-Final 2:	3 v 4
Final:	Loser Semi-Final 1 v Winner Semi-Final 2
Championship Final:	Winner Semi-Final 1 v Winner Final

8.3.5.2. If rain causes the Championship Competition to be reduced the Competitions Manager will decide how this series will proceed depending on time available.

8.3.5.3. If in any game of the Championship Competition the score at the end of full time is drawn, then ten (10) minutes each way will be played. If at the end of extra time the score is still drawn, then a penalty shoot-out will occur.



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8.3.5.4. Stoppage time will be played in all Premier League Championship games at the discretion of the referee.

8.3.5.5. A Player is eligible to play in Reserve Grade semi Finals under the following scenarios:

8.3.5.5.1. If the clubs First Grade team also make semi finals, ALL registered PL squad players are eligible for Reserve Grade Finals.

8.3.5.5.2. If the clubs First Grade does NOT make the semi finals, only the following players will be eligible for Reserve Grade Semi Finals

- a) Players who have played at least 60% of their total games in Reserve Grade. This does include players who play both Reserve Grade and First Grade on the same match day.
- b) Should clubs be in a situation where they are short on numbers for finals may apply to Hills Football for dispensation.
- c) Should a player be affected by injury during the year, the club may apply to HFI for dispensation.

8.3.6. In the event of a Club being unable to provide sufficient players to take the field in both the reserve and first grade games and therefore wishing to forfeit one game, the Club can only forfeit the reserve grade game.

8.3.6.1. Should a Premier League squad forfeit 2 or more games in a season due to insufficient available players, the Club must present a case to the Hills Football for their inclusion in the Premier League Competitions for the following season. The Hills Football will then determine if the said Club be relegated to the All Age Competition for the following season.

8.4. SUBSTITUTION & INTERCHANGE

8.4.1. In "Over Age" grades unlimited player interchange is permissible at any time when there is stoppage of play during the game. No more than eighteen (18) players may participate in any match for any one team. More than eighteen (18) names appearing on a team sheet will constitute a fine against that team as per By-Law 13. Where the opposition Manager believes that a team has actually played more than eighteen (18) players, the manager shall inform the Referee who shall note this on the back of the team sheet. The team playing more than eighteen (18) players may be subject to a forfeit at the discretion of the Judiciary.

8.4.2. In Under 12 unlimited player interchange is permissible at any time when there is stoppage of play during the game. No more than fourteen (14) players may participate in any match for any one team. More than fourteen (14) names appearing on a team sheet will constitute fine against that team as per By-law 13. Where the opposition Manager believes that a team has played more than fourteen (14) players, the manager shall inform the Referee who shall note this on the team sheet. The team playing more than fourteen (14) players may be subject to a forfeit at the discretion of the Judiciary.

8.4.3. In grades Under 13 to Under 21, All Age and Premier League Reserve Grade, unlimited player interchange is permissible at any time when there is stoppage of play during the game. No



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more than sixteen (16) players may participate in any match for any one team. More than sixteen (16) names appearing on a team sheet will constitute fine against that team as per By-law 13. Where the opposition Manager believes that a team has played more than sixteen (16) players, the manager shall inform the Referee who shall note this on the team sheet. The team playing more than sixteen (16) players may be subject to a forfeit at the discretion of the Judiciary.

- 8.4.4. In Premier League 1 First Grade the substitution rule applies. A total of five (5) substitutions per team may be made. The number of a substitutes may be added to the team sheet during the game. All players on the field at the commencement of the game must be numbered on the team sheet prior to kick off.

8.5. PLAYER IDENTITY CARDS

- 8.5.1. All competitions are played under the Photo ID system.
- 8.5.2. Each team manager shall present the Electronic Team sheet to the opposition manager to check prior to the commencement of the game. The opposition manager has the right to sight any or all the players for verification against the Photo ID photograph. If the opposition manager contests the identity of a player, the manager should note on the team sheet that they contest the identity of the player, noting the name and ID of the player from the team sheet.
- 8.5.2.1. If Photo IDs are not available for inspection prior to the start of the match, the game shall be forfeited by the offending team. The opposition manager must advise the referee of the situation and the non-offending team will mark the Team sheet as disputed.
- 8.5.3. No protests will be accepted regarding player eligibility and identity if Photo IDs are not checked prior to the start of the game.
- 8.5.4. Should a Photo ID not be available for an individual player, then said player shall not be eligible to take the field in any game.
- 8.5.5. Photo IDs for players, substitutes and interchange players that arrive after the opposition manager has sighted the team Photo IDs, must be produced to the opposing manager before the player, substitute/interchange player takes the field of play.
- 8.5.6. A manager has the right, at any time during the game, to request from the opposition manager the Photo IDs for that particular team if he/she has any doubt about the eligibility of any player on the field.

8.6. PLAYING OUT OF GRADE/BORROWING

- 8.6.1. During the premiership competition a player is entitled to play out of grade subject to the general provisions and applicable age specific provisions.
- 8.6.2. A team is only allowed to borrow a maximum of four (4) players within any premiership fixture (except for premier league).
- 8.6.3. During the Championship competition there will be no borrowing of players.



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- 8.6.4. Borrowing will be as per the borrowing matrix located at annexure 1, and subject to the following age specific provisions.
- 8.6.5. A maximum of four (4) eligible upgraded players can be used by an Over 35 or Over 45 team in any one game. Of these four (4) upgraded players a maximum of two (2) are eligible to play “down”.
- 8.6.6. If an Over 45 team is significantly affected by injury, the Club may put a letter to the Competitions Manager requesting approval to play in that team more than the two Over 45 players from an Over 35 team permitted by By-Law 8.6.12. The Competitions Manager will approve a request under this By-Law only in exceptional circumstances, and the Competitions Manager’s approval will specify whether approval is given for a particular game or a specified period.
- 8.6.7. Special Dispensation:**
- 8.6.7.1. Clubs must make request in writing to the HFI, to be reviewed and adjudicated by the Hills Football.
- 8.6.8. Must be by the following cut-off dates:
- 8.6.8.1. One week after competition grading has been released.
- 8.6.8.2. One week after the round 4 competition regrades
- 8.6.9. Clubs must show that they have real need of special dispensation by the following:
- 8.6.9.1. They have not under supplied their team with players;
- 8.6.9.2. The team has no younger age or division from which it can borrow from.
- 8.6.10. Under 12 to U21**
- 8.6.10.1. Players may only play in a higher division in the same grade or the same or higher division in a higher grade.
- 8.6.10.2. Players under the age of sixteen (16) are only able to play in a grade up to two (2) grades higher than their current age.
- 8.6.11. All Age**
- 8.6.11.1. Players from Under 17 to Youth League may be borrowed into any division of All Age except for Premier Youth League which may only be borrowed into All Age divisions three (3) to five (5).
- 8.6.11.2. Players in All Age divisions three (3) to five (5) may only play in a higher division.
- 8.6.11.3. Players in All Age divisions six (6) to fifteen (15) or beyond may be freely borrowed between any division of all age.
- 8.6.11.4. Players from Over 35 division one (1) may only be borrowed into All Age divisions three (3) to five (5).
- 8.6.11.5. Players from Over 35 division two (2) to five (5) and or beyond may be borrowed into any division of All Age.
- 8.6.11.6. Players from Over 45, regardless of division may be borrowed into any division of All Age.
- 8.6.12. Over 35**



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- 8.6.12.1. Players in All Age may be borrowed into the Over 35 competition provided they have turned 35 before 31 December of the previous year.
- 8.6.12.2. Players in All Age divisions three (3) to five (5) may only be borrowed into Over 35 Division one (1).
- 8.6.12.3. Players in Over 35 division two (2) to five (5) or beyond may be freely borrowed between any division of Over 35.
- 8.6.12.4. Players from Over 45 division one (1) may only be borrowed into Over 35 division one (1) to two (2).
- 8.6.12.5. Players in Over 45 division two (2) to five (5) or beyond may be freely borrowed between any division of Over 35.
- 8.6.12.6. Players registered as Over Age Players in Premier Youth League who meet the age requirements to play in Over 35 may only be borrowed into Over 35 division one (1).

8.6.13. Over 45

- 8.6.13.1. Players from All Age may be borrowed into the Over 45 competition provided they have turned 45 before 31 December of the previous year.
- 8.6.13.2. Players in All Age divisions three (3) to five (5) may only be borrowed into Over 45 Division one (1);
- 8.6.13.3. Players from Over 35 may be borrowed into the Over 45 competition provided they have turned 45 before 31 December of the previous year.
- 8.6.13.4. Players in Over 35 division one (1) may only be borrowed into Over 45 Division one (1).
- 8.6.13.5. Players in Over 45 division two (2) to five (5) or beyond may be freely borrowed between any division of Over 45.
- 8.6.13.6. Players registered as Over Age Players in Premier Youth League who meet the age requirements to play in Over 45 may only be borrowed into Over 45 division one (1).

8.6.14. Premier League

- 8.6.14.1. Players registered to play in Premier League are ineligible to play in any other competition.
- 8.6.14.2. Premier League may borrow players from any division form any grade, provided at all times the player is over the age of 16.
- 8.6.14.3. Premier League can borrow up to a maximum of 9 players in any one fixture from other grades. A minimum of 7 registered Premier League players must be on the field at all times.
- 8.6.14.4. Premier League players may be freely transferred between first grade and reserve grade throughout the premiership. Clubs must ensure they are aware of by law 8.3.5.5 in regards to finals qualification of players.

8.7. FORFEITS

- 8.7.1. Matches shall be played on the ground/Field allocated by the Association and shall commence at the official kick-off times. For the avoidance of doubt, clubs shall not be permitted to change the ground/field allocated by the Association where games are to be played. Any team failing to play its match as set down shall be deemed to have forfeited the match. Where a club is aware that a team will forfeit, the club must notify the Office of the Association of the forfeit by 4.00pm on the Friday immediately preceding the game.



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- 8.7.2. In all grades, if a team is unable to field at least seven (7) of its registered players at the scheduled starting time, then such team will be deemed to have forfeited the match. No grace period shall be permitted.
- 8.7.3. Where a team loses enough players in a match that are unable to return to the field due to injury, send-off etc, such that it can no longer field seven (7) of its own registered players then the game shall be forfeited by the team who cannot field seven (7) registered players, and the referee must record the fact on the back of the Team Sheet..
- 8.7.4. Teams forfeiting on two (2) consecutive occasions per season will automatically be referred to the General Purposed Tribunal.
- 8.7.5. Any team that forfeits a match shall be fined in accordance with By-Law 13. A forfeit fee will not apply where three (3) business days advance notice is given to the Association
- 8.7.6. Any team which plays an ineligible player, suspended player, or a player who is not registered with the Association shall be deemed to have forfeited that match.
- 8.7.7. Where a team forfeits a match, such match shall be treated as a game by the opposing team for all purposes of these By-Laws and Schedules.
- 8.7.8. **State Competitions:** Where a club which has agreed to represent the Association in a State Competition forfeits a State Competition match, the Club will be charged any amount imposed by FNSW in respect of the forfeit.

8.8. TEAM SHEETS

- 8.8.1. In all competition matches, Hills Football will use electronic team sheets.
- 8.8.2. All information contained on Team Sheets will be deemed as correct once it has been signed by the Team Managers from both clubs. Unless an Official Letter from both Clubs is received by HFI within 48 hours of the finish of the match, the results of the match is final and cannot be appealed to HFI.
- 8.8.3. The home team will provide paper team sheets in the event that the electronic team sheets are not available for any reason. The paper team sheets are to be completed in accordance with the instructions of the Competition Committee. All paper team sheets are to be delivered to the HFI office by 10am the following Monday. Scores must be entered by both clubs via iCompman.

8.9. REFEREES

- 8.9.1. Where no official referee is available, it shall be the duty of the two team managers to reach a decision and appoint a substitute referee. If there can be no agreement the game will be abandoned and may be replayed at the discretion of the Competition Manager. The club(s) of both teams may be required to provide a written explanation of why the game was not played.
- 8.9.2. The person or persons who referee the match have the same authority and rights as an official referee, including, but not limited to, cautioning or sending off a player and



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submitting incident reports. The person or persons who referee the match should sign the electronic team sheet, noting any cautioned players, players sent from the field or incidents as appropriate.

- 8.9.3. Where an active, qualified member of the Referees Association is present at the ground, that referee has the right to referee the match, providing that the match is at the level of game the Referees Association member normally covers.

9. DISCIPLINE

This By-Law defines how grievance or disciplinary matters are dealt with.

- 9.1. All aspects of grievance and disciplinary matters are set out in the Association Grievance and Disciplinary Regulations attached as a Schedule to these By-Laws. The Schedule is to be read in conjunction with these By-Laws and the Association Constitution.

10. PROTESTS/APPEALS

This By-Law defines how Clubs or players may appeal decisions of the Association or constituted bodies of the Association.

- 10.1. All appeals or protests will be conducted in accordance with the Association Grievance and Disciplinary Regulations set out in the Schedule to these By-Laws. The Schedule is to be read in conjunction with these By-Laws and the Association Constitution.
- 10.2. All appeals will be heard under the Association Appeals Procedures as drawn up by the Association. A copy of these procedures shall be provided to all appellants.

11. PERPETUAL TROPHIES

This By-Law defines the management of perpetual trophies

- 11.1. Clubs shall return to the Association, by 30th June in each year, any perpetual trophies presented to their teams for the previous season. Clubs failing to return same by the said date will incur a fee per trophy as prescribed in By-Law 13. Replacement for or repairs to trophies will be incur a cost to the club responsible.

12. SPECIAL COMPETITIONS

This By-Law allows the Associations to run competitions other than those described elsewhere in these By-Laws.

- 12.1. The Association may conduct special competitions under such rules and conditions as are directed by the Hills Football.



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13. FEES AND FINES

This By-Law defines the fees and fines that may be applied to Clubs, teams or players in accordance with general By-Laws.

13.1. HFI Forfeit Fees:

Under 6 to Under 8	\$15.00
Under 9 to Under 11	\$20.00
Under 12 to Under 14	\$25.00
Under 15 to Under 16	\$30.00
Under 17 to AA	\$75.00
Over 35 to Over 45	\$75.00
Premier League & Youth Premier League	\$100.00

In addition to the above fees, if notification of such forfeit is NOT given to the Association by 4.00pm on the Friday preceding the game then the team forfeit fee shall be double the appropriate fee.

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| 13.2. Protest Fee: | \$200.00 |
| 13.3. Appeal Fee: | \$250.00(\$100 of which is not refundable) |
| 13.4. Late Team Registration Fine: | \$100.00 |
| 13.5. Team Sheet related fines, including: | |
| - No, late or incorrect result submitted | |
| - More than the allowed players on team sheet | |
| - Non-numbered shirts | |
| - Missing upgraded player's team on team sheet | |
| - Non completion of team sheet (prior and post match) | |

First Offence = Written Warning

Second Offence = \$10 fine

Third Offence = 1 point deduction from team

Fourth Offence = 3 point deduction from team

Fifth Offence = Potential removal from competition

13.6. HFI General Fines:

Undressed grounds	\$50.00
No match ball	\$10.00 per team per match
Non-attendance at meeting of clubs	\$50.00
Non-attendance at a General Meeting	\$100.00
No Alternate Strip	\$50.00 per team per match
Failing to return perpetual trophy by due date	\$100.00 each trophy
Late Team Sheets	\$10 first offence, \$50 subsequent offences



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- 13.7. Hills Football shall have the power to waive any fees or fines.
- 13.8. State Competitions:
 - 13.8.1. Failure to notify results by the prescribed time in the prescribed manner - \$250 (or such other amount as FNSW may impose)
 - 13.8.2. Forfeit Fee - \$250 (or such other amount as FNSW may impose)
- 13.9. Fines for non-competitive football shall be \$5.00 per infringement except where varied by By-Law 13.1.
- 13.10. Fine for not complying with Strip & Sponsorship (see By-Law 5.3.1) shall not exceed \$500.



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By-Laws of Hills Football Incorporated (Annexure 2) – 2020 Force Majeure By Laws

By-Law 1.4 Force Majeure

The unprecedented circumstances of the COVID-19 pandemic is a Force Majeure event and has caused immense disruption to the 2020 Hills Football competition.

By-Law 1.4 has been introduced to allow Hills Football to modify the By-Laws of Hills Football Incorporated to be able to manage the winter football competition in consideration of the current restrictions imposed on organisations by Government Authorities and Football Governing bodies.

The clear intention of all decisions and changes to the By-Laws of Hills Football is to maximise the playing experience and provide flexibility for players, teams, clubs and the community.

The By-Laws of Hills Football Incorporated remain in force subject to this **Annexure 2, introduced under clause 1.4** which will override the current By-Laws during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Clause 2.3.4

Hills Football may regrade teams after round 3 only in exceptional circumstances and subject to considering any effects on other teams should a regrade occur.

Clause 2.3.5

Grading will generally be based on prior years results, team nominations submitted by clubs whilst considering player and team withdrawals following the opt out dates.

Clause 4.18

No player may be registered with the Association after the immediate conclusion of the Premiership Competition for the relevant age and grade. No new player/s can be registered for a team if that team has committed Team Misconduct as defined under clause 16.5 of the HFI Grievance and Disciplinary Regulations.

Clause 6.3.2

Clubs shall use their best endeavours to spread out small sided games to assist spectators observing the 1.5m social distancing requirement.

Clause 7.15.1

Maximum of 6 borrowed players allowed.

Clause 8.1.5 - Applicable ONLY to the Over 35 Ladies and Over 35 Mens Friday Night Division.

8.1.5 After the completion of the Premiership, should there be two or more teams equal on points, their competition table position shall be decided by:

- 1) Greatest Number of wins.



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- 2) If when the drawn teams played each other, the match/s had a winner, the winning team will be ranked higher.
- 3) The team with the lowest accumulation of Red Cards.
- 4) Determination made at the discretion of the Hills Football.

Clause 8.3.4.3

8 Team Competitions: will play fourteen (14) rounds playing each opponent at least twice unless significant weather or ground issues prevents the competition from being concluded within the allotted time period as per Hills Shire Council Allocations.

Clause 8.3.5.1

The Championship competition shall be a finals series competition structured as follows.

Semi Final 1: 1 v 4

Semi Final 2: 2 v 3

Championship Final: Winner Semi Final 1 v Winner Semi Final 2

Clause 8.4.2

Clause remains same however the player limit is changed from 14 players to 16 players

Clause 8.4.3

Clause remains same however the player limit is changed from 16 players to 18 players.

Clause 8.6.2

Clause remains same however players borrowed is increased from 4 to 6. This increased amount of players has been implemented to allow flexibility for teams to borrow more than usual due to expected shortages in players due to school holidays and player withdrawals. Team officials are to act in good faith and not exploit this flexibility. If a team feels this By-Law is being exploited, it should be reported to the club and the club is to submit a report to the Competition Manager.

Clause 8.6.5

A maximum of six (6) eligible upgraded players can be used by an Over 35 or Over 45 team in any one game. Of the 6 borrowed players, only two (*2) can play down.

Clause 8.6.8.2

Two business days following conclusion of round 3 and subject to clause 2.3.4

Borrowing Matrix (Annexure 1)



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Players being borrowed per the amber boxes detailed on the Matrix are limited to two (2) players per match and no more than four (4) normal competition rounds. This has been implemented to allow flexibility for teams to borrow more than usual due to expected shortages in players due to school holidays and player withdrawals. Team officials are to act in good faith and not exploit this flexibility. If a team feels this By-Law is being exploited, it should be reported to the club and the club is to submit a report to the Competition Mana



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