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DEFINITIONS

'**Club**' refers to any of the Whyalla Soccer Clubs who nominate teams in the WJSA Junior Soccer Competition.

'**FIFA**' refers to the Federation Internationale De Football Association (FIFA)

'**FSA**' refers to Football South Australia

'**NASA**' refers to the Northern Areas Soccer Association which has since become the 'WSA'

'**SAJSA**' refers to South Australian Junior Soccer Association Inc.

'**WJSA**' refers to the Whyalla Junior Soccer Association **Board** and is the representative body which manages Junior Soccer in Whyalla.

'**WSA**' refers to the Whyalla Soccer Association and is the representative body which manages Senior Soccer in Whyalla.

'**WASA**' refers to the Whyalla Amateur Soccer Association and is the representative body which manages Amateur Soccer in Whyalla.

'**Competitive Age Groups**' the following age groups are designated to play for competition points for winning of League Championship and applicable Cups. Age groups are to be Under 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, and 17's dependant on what is applicable to that playing year.

'**Non-competitive Age Groups**' the following age groups which do not play for competition points. Age groups are to be Under 6, 8, 9, 10 and 11's dependant on what is applicable to that playing year.

'**PAUFC**' indicates the Port Augusta United Football Club

1. RULES OF COMPETITION

1.1 Competition Rules

1.1.1 These rules shall incorporate and apply to all League Championship and Cup Competitions administered under the auspices of the Whyalla Junior Soccer Association.

1.1.2 Any rules and / or regulations not covered by these by-laws shall be subject to the rules and regulations adopted by the FFSA.

2. GENERAL ADMINISTRATION

2.1 Whyalla Junior Soccer Association

2.1.1 The Board runs the competition and is made up of a minimum of 6 and maximum of 9 Directors. Each of these Directors are elected for a term of 2 years in rotation and the club delegates are nominated by the clubs to attend general meetings as in Constitution clause 19(a). Club personnel are eligible to be Directors but must not act as a club delegate at any WJSA meeting.

2.1.2 Nominations for the position of **DIRECTOR** shall be submitted, in writing, prior to the Annual General Meeting of the WJSA. At the AGM, the WJSA attendees will be advised of each of the nominations by the Chair.

Constitution clause 11.1(a)

Once the Directors are elected the Board determines the portfolio appointments
Constitution clauses 10.2(a), 11.1(c) and (d).

2.1.3 The new Directors shall assume office at the conclusion of the election.

2.1.4 2.1.6 The WJSA shall control, organise and administer the Junior League.

2.1.5 The WJSA shall meet on dates as determined by Constitution clauses, 14, 19, 20, and 21)

2.1.6 A quorum for any meeting of the WJSA, or a sub-committee of the WJSA, shall be at least 50 per cent of those persons eligible to vote at that meeting in attendance, apart from Board meetings which shall be 50% plus 1,

2.1.7 In the event that a club delegate is unable to attend a meeting of the WJSA, the club shall nominate

an alternative delegate who shall exercise the rights of that delegate in his/her absence, notification of the identity of this proxy is to be received through the WJSA email account in writing prior to the commencement of the general meeting to which they will attend.

2.1.8 In the event that the delegate or proxy of a club fails to attend two consecutive meetings of the WJSA, the club may be called upon to show why it should not be required to replace the delegate concerned and may be fined at an amount set by the WJSA at the beginning of the year each year

and at the discretion of the attendees of that meeting. Any fine is subject to an appeal at the following meeting if the fined club wishes to do so. PAUFC delegate shall be exempt from this ruling.

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- 2.1.9 Only official club delegates may vote on motions at general meetings of the WJSA, each person can
only vote once, except that, in the event of a tied vote, the Chairperson shall exercise a casting vote.
- 2.1.10 Any member of the WJSA who is not a club delegate who is appointed to a sub-committee of the WJSA shall be eligible to vote at meetings of that sub-committee.
- 2.1.11 A club wishing to have someone other than its delegate address the WJSA shall, at least 24 hours before the relevant meeting, advise the Chair of the identity of this person and the agenda item(s) to which the club wishes him/her to speak. While such a person may, at the discretion of the Chair, be present for the duration of the relevant meeting he/she may not participate in business outside the nominated agenda item(s).
- 2.1.12 A person wishing to address the WJSA who is neither a member of the WJSA nor a spokesperson for a club may only do so upon being invited by the Chair, to whom a request to be heard should be made at least 24 hours before the relevant meeting. A person addressing the WJSA in this circumstance will attend the meeting for the relevant agenda item only, will be expected to answer questions, and may be asked by the Chair to leave before the item is completed to allow the WJSA to discuss the matter in private.

2.2 Junior League Management Committee (*OPTIONAL ONLY AS A SUB-COMMITTEE*)

- 2.2.1 At the AGM of the WJSA, the Chair shall call for nominations for the JLMC for the following year from clubs and such nominations must be received in writing prior to the AGM of the WJSA.
- 2.2.2 The WJSA shall, at its first meeting after the AGM, appoint from among nominations of clubs a JLMC, which shall administer the day to day affairs of the Junior League on behalf of the WJSA.
- 2.2.3 CLAUSES 2.2.1, 2.2.2, 2.2.3, 2.2.5, 2.2.6, and 2.2.7 are only applicable if the JLMC is setup as a sub committee
- 2.2.4 Only President and Secretary are allowed to ex-officio members
- 2.2.5 Membership of the JLMC shall expire immediately prior to the AGM of the WJSA.
- 2.2.6 Members of the JLMC who are not entitled to vote at meetings of the WJSA shall be entitled to vote at meetings of the JLMC.
- 2.2.7 Any decision of the JLMC shall be in the form of a recommendation only and shall not be effective until ratified by the WJSA, except where the WJSA has specifically

delegated to the JLMC the right to effect any decision made by it or where these Regulations specifically provide for the JLMC to effect any decision made by it.

(a) The Chair shall:

- (i) be responsible for the operation of the WJSA and ensure that any sub committee undertakes those duties it is assigned;
- (ii) Chair ALL meetings of the WJSA

(c) The Secretary shall:

- (i) attend and record proceedings of all meetings of the WJSA and attend to their decisions;
- (ii) arrange circulation of notices of meetings, agendas, minutes of meetings and other documents as determined by these Regulations or as determined by the WJSA, or the Chair;
- (iii) initiate and act upon WJSA correspondence in conjunction with or the Chair;
- (iv) carry out any other duties necessary for the efficient administration of the Junior League.

(d) The Treasurer shall:

- (i) Provide advice to the WJSA in matters relating to the Junior League Budget and other financial matters as required;
- (ii) In conjunction with the Secretary and the WJSA, liaise with any Junior League member clubs with delinquent accounts to expedite payment of those accounts.

(e) The Registrar shall:

- (i) receive from clubs and retain lists of registered players in the WJSA and maintain a complete record by team of all players registered with the Junior League;
- (ii) receive official match cards from clubs by a specified time each week for all matches in the "Competitive Age Groups" to ensure players participate only in matches for which they are eligible;
- (iii) receive and record the results in a points table for each "Competitive Age Group"
- (iv) submit to the local media the results of games in the "Competitive Age Groups" each week and copies of current points tables monthly.

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- (v) maintain a register of all disqualified players;
- (vi) be responsible for the draw in the WJSA, and for all Junior League fixtures and their allocation to grounds;
- (vii) coordinate and approve all ground changes within the Junior League;
- (viii) ensure all players registered with the WJSA are registered with the FSA prior to playing in any competition;
- (ix) oversee the rearrangement, in accordance with these Regulations, of games that are abandoned by referees and need to be rescheduled;
- (x) coordinate all matters related to fixture allocation to grounds with clubs taking part in Junior League competitions.

(f) **The Coaching and Development Officer shall:**

- (i) represent the WJSA in, and report to it upon, the proceedings of the Football South Australia (FSA) and any other discussions of Coaching and Development policy within the FSA;
- (ii) on behalf of the WJSA, liaise with the Coaching and Development Manager of FSA over
the scheduling and advertising of courses leading to recognised coaching accreditations;
- (iii) observe and report to the WJSA upon the process by which coaching and management staff are appointed to FSA junior development and representative squads;
- (iv) observe and, on behalf of the WJSA, liaise with the Coaching and Development Manager of FSA over the processes of selection of FSA junior development and representative squads;
- (v) investigate and report to the WJSA upon any matter concerning the organisation and operation of FSA junior development and representative program that is considered to compromise equality of opportunity to participate in that program on merit;
- (vi) report to the WJSA on the performance of junior representative teams and on talent identification processes beyond the FSA junior development and representative program as they apply to current or former Junior League players.

3. LEAGUE ADMINISTRATION

3.1 Registration of Players

3.1.1 The WJSA shall at its AGM, agree on a date to receive nominations for the following season. Clubs

are permitted, prior to that date, to mail out to their registered players from the previous season and to advertise their Registration Day(s) arrangements through impersonal channels such as school newsletters, local newspapers and other media.

- 3.1.2 Recruitment activities prior to Registration Day(s), other than those allowed under Regulation 3.1.1, are not permitted. A Club may lodge a complaint against another club if any such activity has occurred. Such complaints will be referred to the WJSA through the Secretary and must be on club letterhead. If the complaint is substantiated, the WJSA may impose a penalty it deems appropriate in the circumstances.
- 3.1.3 Registration of players with the Junior League shall be effected by clubs submitting to the Registrar:
- (a) In the case of all players, Player Registration Forms, showing names, address, dates of birth and the name of the relevant club.
 - (b) Copies of the signed "Code of Conduct" pages signed by both players and parents.
- 3.1.4 Each club shall submit to the Registrar before Round 3 for all Competitive Age Groups and the equivalent weekend for Non-competitive age groups matches have commenced a Team Registration Sheet (TR) Appendix C which shall contain the names, dates of birth and ID numbers of all players for each age group. Submission of these 'team lists' completes the registration of a player under Regulation 3.1.3 by assigning him/her to a particular team. Failure to submit the sheet will render the unlisted players as unregistered, with the only valid exception being for player being registered after this point in time for the first time.
- 3.1.5 Playing a player who is not correctly registered with the Junior League will result in forfeiture of the relevant game where the unregistered players name appears on the match card. If clubs fail to provide birthdates for each registered player, the player or players will be deemed as not correctly registered.
- 3.1.6 No club or person associated with a club shall induce or attempt to induce, a player to change clubs
by offering that player money or material goods and no junior player shall accept money or material goods to change clubs. Where this Regulation is found to have been breached a penalty may be applied.
- 3.1.7 Under no circumstances are junior clubs permitted to sign players on Loan Agreements or any other agreements to this effect.
- 3.1.8 Junior Clubs are not permitted to enter into contractual agreements with players.
- 3.1.9 Excepting Non-competitive Age Groups players, transfer of players between clubs shall be effected by submitting a Player Transfer Form signed by both clubs to the Registrar, with a maximum of one
(1) transfer per season being allowed.

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- 3.1.10 In the event that the originating club refuses to sign a transfer the Registrar has the power to overrule the need for a signature from that club and may endorse the transfer.

3.1 Registration of Players

- 3.1.11 A Player Transfer Form must be submitted and processed by the Registrar prior to any player playing for their new club.
- 3.1.12 Clubs are strongly encouraged to use the Player Medical Information Form prior to each season to ensure that the player has parental/guardian permission to play.
- 3.1.13 If a junior player cannot play with his/her club in their junior age group or higher junior age group due to their club not having teams in the competition, they may, by written application to the WSA/WJSA, apply for approval to register with a different junior club in the WJSA but still be eligible to play for their originating club in the WSA Reserve or A Grade competition.
- 3.1.14 If a junior player plays for a different club in the WJSA as per By-Law 3.1.13 that player may only play in the age group for which he/she is eligible to play in. That player will not be allowed to play in any higher or lower grades in the WJSA for that club.
- 3.1.15 Excepting Non-competitive Age Groups players, if a player applies for a transfer and it has not been approved by the Association prior to 1st July in any playing year that player shall not be eligible to play for that club which he has been transferred to for the remainder of that playing year.
- 3.1.16 If an Non-competitive Age Groups player applies for a transfer and it has not been approved by the Association prior to 1st July in any playing year that player shall not be eligible to play for that club which he has been transferred to for the remainder of that playing year except by written application to the WJSA BOARD stating a reason why the transfer is being applied for and then only after approval has been given by the WJSA BOARD
- 3.1.17 Any player seeking registration with the WJSA having previously not been registered with the WJSA will have a status check undertaken from the association from which they have most recently been registered with to check for any currently active suspensions.

3.2 Player Age Groups

- 3.2.1 Playing age groups shall be as determined from time to time by the WJSA.
- 3.2.2 A player may only register with one junior club in any given year, except with the permission of the WJSA.

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- 3.2.3 The age group in which a player is eligible to play shall be determined by his/her age at the beginning of the first day of January of the year of play. Thus, for example, a player who will turn 12 years old between 1 January and 31 December (inclusive) in that year is an Under 12 player and, except as provided for under Regulations 3.2.8 to 3.2.11, cannot play in a younger age group. Only birth certificates or official Government documents shall be accepted as proof of verification of age for a junior player.
- 3.2.4 A player who knowingly plays in a game in which he/she is ineligible to play, by virtue of being a registered but overage player of the club in question, a registered member of another club, or suspended, shall be liable to suspension for a period to be determined by the JLMC. The club for which he/she plays in committing the offence shall be liable to loss of the relevant game by forfeit.
- 3.2.5 No new player may register for teams in competitions arranged by the WJSA after June 30 in any year without the permission of the WJSA, or the interim permission of the Chair, which shall be subject to confirmation by the WJSA at its next meeting.
- 3.2.6 In considering requests from clubs for player registration after 30 June, the WJSA and the Chair are to have regard to the case put forward and also whether the club making the request would be likely to gain an unfair advantage if it was to be approved.
- 3.2.7 No player shall play in games controlled by the WJSA more than two chronological years above his/her actual age group, unless written permission from parents or guardians has been lodged at least 24hrs prior to the match in question, this includes playing into senior matches also. Lodgement can be made through primarily the Registrar or failing this then through any member of the board and in the case the Registrar is an official representative of a club then this must be conducted through another member of the board who is not an official representative of the club in question. This lodgement must then be formalized at the next WJSA general meeting and documented.
- 3.2.8 No player shall play in any age group below his/her actual age group, except with the permission of the BOARD
- 3.2.9 A club wishing to play a player in an age group below his/her actual age group shall submit grounds for the request in writing and on club letterhead to the WJSA. The grounds will typically be medical or physical, but the WJSA may approve requests based on other grounds at its discretion.
- 3.2.10 All players in the WJSA have to play their own age group first
- 3.2.11 Female players may play one age group below their own age group.

3.2.10 In considering requests submitted under Regulation 3.2.9, the WJSA shall have regard to the following principles:

- (a) Whether the player has an ongoing disability or impairment that renders him/her uncompetitive in his/her actual age group.

That it is an objective of the Junior League that all who wish to play soccer are given

- (b) every opportunity to do so

(c) That no unfair advantage should accrue to a club through the granting of a request.

3.2.11 Approval of a request under Regulation 3.2.9 by the WJSA shall be for the current playing year only and shall be subject to renewal in any subsequent year. Failure to seek such approval may result in the imposition of a penalty as directed by the WJSA.

3.2.12 Junior players may play in a higher age group 1 division above their own

3.2.13 A player who is playing in a higher age group may revert back to playing in his/her own age group for league matches.

3.2.14 Where a club has more than one team in the same division of an age group, a player shall play in that division only with the team in which he/she is registered, unless permission is granted to move between the teams by the WJSA.

3.2.15 In the event of a team being found guilty of fielding a player who is not eligible to play in that team the opposing team shall be awarded the normal competition points. The game will be recorded as a 2-0 win in favour of the opposition club, unless the final result was of a greater margin in favour of the opposition club, and the offending club may be subject to a penalty as directed by the WJSA.

3.2.16 Any player playing in an Under 15 age group or younger in the WJSA that wishes to play in the WSA competition may only do so with parental permission by written application to the WSA.

3.2.17 A team with 11 or less registered player may seek approval from the WJSA to have a maximum of

two WJSA registered players for that season be nominated to play down one age group level, any player who this rule will apply to must have a birthdate of the 1st October or later of the previous year to the cut off for that grade to be deemed eligible for the application. Each application will be scrutinized by the WJSA and will be voted on at a full general meeting prior to the player being granted approval to play. The intent of this rule is purely to assist any team who may struggle with numbers from time to time and not intended to strengthen that team in such a way an unfair advantage is gained. The approval of any player under this rule can be appealed at any time by any club delegate for review. (Max of 2 players)

3.3 Player Eligibility/Non Eligibility

At all times, it is the club's responsibility to ensure that all players listed on the team sheet are registered and eligible to play.

- 3.3.1 A Player is considered **eligible** to play in his or her team, provided he or she has been registered with the WJSA, is not under suspension by the Association, or any other relevant association and meets the team's age group guideline as stated in Regulation 3.2, above.
- 3.3.2 A Player who is participating above his or her age group is considered **eligible** to play and will not be prevented from returning to play in his or her rightful age group unless that player is suspended (see Regulation 3.3.4).
- 3.3.3 Any player who is not registered with the WJSA for the current season, is considered **ineligible** and is not permitted to participate in any WJSA Competition until the appropriate registration forms have been lodged with the Association. Provision of a birth date is mandatory to complete registration.
- 3.3.4 Any player under suspension by the WJSA, or any other relevant association will be deemed **ineligible**, and is not permitted to participate in any WJSA fixture until that suspension is served in the relevant league, as directed by the Association.
- 3.3.5 Any player found to be playing below his or her correct age group, except by permission as per Regulations 3.2.9, 3.2.10 & 3.2.11, will be deemed **ineligible**.
- 3.3.6 Any player who completes a Player Transfer Form (**PT**) Appendix C, and plays for their new club before the form has been received and processed by the Registrar, shall be deemed **ineligible** to play for their new club.

3.4 Protest – Playing Ineligible Player

3.4.1 For a formal protest to be considered legitimate, the following must apply:

- (i) Any club is permitted to lodge a letter of protest regarding the fielding of an ineligible player.
- (ii) No other protest can be accepted or will apply, remembering that all decisions of the match referee are final and binding as far as the result of a match is concerned.
- (iii) The protest must be in writing under club letterhead and must be lodged with the Whyalla Junior Soccer Association Secretary within 72 hours of the completion of the fixture.

Penalties & Outcomes

3.4.2 In the event that the protest is upheld, then the following will apply:

- (i) The club found guilty shall forfeit any goals scored and points gained in that match and the points and match will be awarded to the opposing club.
- (ii) The game will be recorded as a 2-0 win in favour of the opposition club, unless the final result was of a greater margin in favour of the opposition club.
- (iii) The appointed WJSA Committee may take any disciplinary action it deems necessary against the offending club or player.

3.4.3 In the event that the protest is dismissed, then the following will apply:

- (i) The match result will stand.

3.5 Complaints – Playing Ineligible Player

3.5.1 A complaint is not a protest and has the following characteristics:

- (i) A letter received from a club outside of the 72-hour period.
- (ii) A letter received from any other party regarding the fielding of an ineligible player.
- (iii) A referee's report alleging the fielding of an ineligible player will be investigated as a complaint (unless the opposing club lodges a protest that meets the requirements of Regulation 3.4.1).
- (iv) The WJSA reserves the right to investigate any club for fielding ineligible players. Such investigation will be considered a complaint and actioned accordingly.

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- (i) The club found guilty shall forfeit any goals scored and points gained in that match and the points and match will be awarded to the opposing club.
- (ii) The game will be recorded as a 2-0 win in favour of the opposition club, unless the final result was of a greater margin in favour of the opposing club
- (iii) The appointed WJSA Committee may take any disciplinary action it deems necessary against the offending club or player.

3.5.3 In the event that the protest is dismissed, then the following will apply:

- (i) The match result will stand.

3.6 Team Nominations and Allocations

- 3.6.1 Clubs are required to submit team nominations to the Registrar by a date specified by the WJSA prior to each season. A special meeting of the WJSA will then allocate teams to divisions, having regard to the desirable sizes of those divisions.
- 3.6.2 Clubs shall only be allowed to register 17 players in any age group. Except the Non-competitive Age Groups.
 - i. Only non-Whyalla based teams may register more players than indicated in this rule, there has been no limit set, however there is still a maximum of 16 players allowed to be on any match card for any WJSA sanctioned competitive grades game.
- 3.6.3 The Registrar shall specify a date prior to the commencement of work to prepare draws for a particular season, not less than a week after the meeting referred to in Regulation 3.6.1, by which clubs must have finalised their team nominations. Having regard to Regulation 3.6.4, any request to withdraw a team or enter an additional team, or to change a nomination from one age group or division to another after this date may be subject to a penalty as directed by the WJSA.
- 3.6.4 Regulation 3.6.3 applies to requests made after the season commences as well as those made before the season commences, but nothing in that Regulation obligates the Registrar to accept a request if he/she judges it to be unacceptably disruptive of the draw.
- 3.6.5 An initial team nomination fee of \$100 per team shall be paid a minimum of 2 weeks prior to the commencement of the season starting.
- 3.6.6 All team nomination fees MUST be paid to the Treasurer a minimum of 2 weeks prior to the commencement of the season.
- 3.6.7 Team nominations must be accompanied by at least 7 registered players otherwise the final nominations shall not be accepted. Any club in this position should discuss this situation with the WJSA so as to allow for changing of fixtures asap, alternatively the WJSA may be able to assist in reaching the minimum number of players.

3.6 Team Nominations and Allocations

- 3.6.8 At the start of Round 5 any club that is not FULLY paid up for ALL teams nominated in the WJSA competition is deemed ineligible to play. ALL subsequent games for ALL teams in ALL age groups will then be deemed forfeit until outstanding fees are paid in FULL and the game/s will be recorded as a 2-0 win in favour of the opposing club/s.

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- 3.6.9 Any team that withdraws from the competition before five scheduled matches are completed is entitled to a refund of 50% of its nomination fee if (it has been paid) or will still be obligated to pay 50% of the nomination fee for the team (if it has not paid its fees).
- 3.6.10 If the club has NOT paid 50% of the nomination as per Regulation 3.6.8 for the team being withdrawn it will be deemed to fall under Regulation 3.6.7 and ALL subsequent games for ALL teams in ALL age groups will then be deemed forfeit until outstanding fees are paid in FULL and the game/s will be recorded as a 2-0 win in favour of the opposing club/s.
- 3.6.11 Any team that withdraws from the competition after five scheduled matches have been completed will be entitled to NO refund.
- 3.6.12 At the conclusion of the Junior League competition the team finishing with the highest number of points in any division shall be declared League Champions / winners of that division and the team next highest on points shall be declared the runners-up. Except The Non-competitive Age Groups which do not play for points.
- 3.6.13 Where two or more teams finish with the highest number of points at the end of the season the League Champions / winners shall be established by the team which finishes with a better goal difference, if still tied at this point then the League Champions / winners will be the team with more goals scored **FOR** throughout the season. Where one team finishes as League Champions / winners, but two or more teams finish equal second on points, the latter teams shall be declared joint runners-up.

3.7 Match Points

3.7.1 In all league fixtures, match points will be awarded as follows:

WIN - Three (3) Points

DRAW - One (1) Point

LOSS - Nil Points

NO RESULT - Nil Points for either team

3.7.2 The WJSA reserves the right to record any fixture as a **NO RESULT**. In this situation, no points will be awarded to either team for that fixture.

3.7.3 The WJSA reserves the right to record any outstanding fixtures that have not been completed by **AT LEAST** one (1) week prior to the conclusion of the Junior League season, as a **NIL-ALL DRAW**.

3.8 Monthly Invoicing

- 3.8.1 As close as practicable to the start of each month the Secretary will submit to each club an Invoice which shall be for all fines and expenses incurred by that club for the previous calendar month.
- 3.8.2 Where a weekend straddles two months the fines and expenses will be recorded in the Invoice for the month in which the weekend started. ie Sat Mar 31 – Sun Apr 1 fines and expenses will be recorded in March Invoice.
- 3.8.3 Each club will have till the end of the month to pay the invoice ie March Invoice due date April 30.
- 3.8.4 Any club who does not pay its Invoice/s within 30 days will have a 10% surcharge on each unpaid invoice added to the next Invoice issued until the Invoice is paid.
- 3.8.5 As per Constitution 5.6, the Committee may suspend any club which has not paid any money due to
the Association, within 3 calendar months of the date on which the same becomes due until all such monies are paid. ie if Invoice due on April 30 is still unpaid on July 31 then that club will be suspended from the competition until the money is paid.

3.9 Select Teams (cont)

- 3.9.1 The WJSA will endeavour to compete in the State Championships and the Country Championships every year, the aim is to send three teams to these championships and will comprise of players selected from the affiliated age groups between U11 to a maximum of U16.
- 3.9.2 Select team coaches will be required to apply for the position through the WJSA email account prior to the commencement of the season and will undertake the role for the duration of both championships unless otherwise agreed to by either parties, or the position is terminated by the association at their discretion.
- 3.9.3 Qualifications and experience required to fill the coaching positions will be decided upon by the WJSA prior to appointing the coaches for the year, this information will be advised to the selected coaches prior to accepting the role.
- 3.9.4 Selection criteria for the select teams will be decided upon by the WJSA and can and will be amended on an as needs basis.
- 3.9.5 Successful coaches will be advised prior to the commencement of training and selection process of the expected direction and qualities and goals of the WJSA select teams to represent the WJSA at the championships.
- 3.9.6 The WJSA shall put in place any necessary guidelines and codes of conduct which shall be adhered to in the fullest by all participating players, officials, parents and supporters of the select teams.

- 3.9.10 It will be at the discretion of the WJSA and in consultation with the approved coaches with regard to remuneration for select coaches and will be confirmed prior to commencement of the positions each year. It is expected that this topic will be reviewed on annual basis.
- 3.9.11 No select coach or team manager or other personnel is permitted to encourage, entice or persuade any player in any way to join another club whilst conducting the duties of the select coach nor will they use their position at any time to entice a player away from another club. Any select personnel which breaches this rule is open to the repercussions that the WJSA deem fit after an investigation of the accusation has been conducted.
- 3.9.12 As per the SAJSA by-laws, no player shall be eligible to compete at either the State Championships or the Country Championships which has not competed in at least 50% of the matches leading up to those championships.
- 3.9.13 A request to review the application of 3.9.12 on any player can be made in writing to the WJSA email
account at an appropriate time and either by the select coach or by a club delegate only, this will be reviewed at the WJSA's discretion and a response will be made within a timely manner. After consultation with SAJSA, An example for grounds of review may be that the player has been injured for a significant part of the elapsed season, or may be new to the WJSA.
- 3.9.14 Any player being selected to attend the State Talent Identification Championships will result in that players local team being permitted to postpone a game which that player will miss, this is still subject to written application by the club delegate of that team.

3.10 Player of the Year Award

- 3.10.1 The WJSA will provide an award for the "Player of the Year" in each of the competitive age groups, to be presented at the conclusion of the season at a presentation function.
- 3.10.2 The "Player of the Year" award shall be determined by a votes system where the referee of each of
the league games played throughout the season will be required to record in their opinion the three best players for the game. The players shall be numbered from best (1) to third best (3) on the match card prior to submission to the registrar or other appropriate member of the WJSA.
- 3.10.3 The votes from each game shall be kept secret at all times and will be collated at the end of the season.
- 3.10.4 Eligibility of players for "Player of the Year" award.
- i. Any player which is eligible to play in the designated age group for which they are registered.

- ii. Any player which has received a “Red Card” throughout the current league season will not be eligible to win the “Player of the Year” award for that season in which they received the suspension..
- iii. Any player which has accumulated sufficient points through the issuing of “Yellow Cards” and had a subsequent suspension enforced, will not be eligible to win the “Player of the Year” award for that season in which they received the suspension..
- iv. Any player who has had a suspension issued by the WJSA by any breach of the rules and regulations other than those offences listed above shall be deemed to be ineligible to win the “Player of the Year” award for that season in which they received the suspension.
- v. Any player which receives a suspension whilst representing the WJSA at any representative match.

3.10.5 The end of year presentation shall be held at a location deemed to be suitable by the WJSA at an appropriate time throughout the year to allow for notification of the clubs.

3.10.6 The order and running of the presentation function shall be decided upon by the WJSA and advised to the clubs in a suitable timeframe to allow for appropriate execution of the function.

3.11 Pre-Game Structure

3.11.1 The implementation of a pre-game structure will commence from season 2014.

- i. The pre-game structure shall be at the discretion of the WJSA and will be adhered to by all participating players and officials.
- ii. The pre-game structure shall be decided upon by the WJSA prior to commencement of the first game and will be provided to all clubs to follow.

3.12 Sponsorship

3.12.1 Any person or persons seeking assistance from the WJSA in forwarding their playing status at a higher level than currently offered by the WJSA are required to do so in writing to the WJSA email account wjsa@outlook.com

3.12.2 Consideration shall be given to each request and shall be dealt with on an individual basis to be determined by the WJSA committee of the time, this shall be documented in the minutes of that meeting for future reference for when considering future requests.

3.12.3 Any registered player representing WJSA (Whyalla) at a state or national level programmed competition can be eligible for a donation from the WJSA to a maximum amount of \$200 per player per year.(if funds are available)

4. CLUB RESPONSIBILITIES

4.1 Facilities/Ground Arrangements

4.1.1 The home club or the WJSA will provide a ground that meets the dimensions listed in Appendix A;

Clubs with grounds available for junior fixtures that do not meet these specifications, should make application to the WJSA for dispensation.

4.1.2 The home club or the WJSA will ensure it has:

- the ground correctly marked, including the technical area,
- suitable goal nets and corner flags,
- toilet facilities and dressing room facilities are adequate.

4.1.3 A club whose facilities do not meet the requirements specified, may face disciplinary action unless they apply in writing to the WJSA seeking dispensation for a specified period.

4.1.4 Where the WJSA supplies the facilities for games to be conducted there will be a roster distributed to all clubs advising of their responsibilities throughout the season including grounds set up and pack up and running of the canteen and gateperson. Failure to abide by this roster without prior rescheduling through the WJSA will result in monetary fines being enforced.

4.1.5 Any club not providing a referee and or referee assistant when scheduled to do so will be subject to a monetary fine being enforced.

4.1.6 The amount of the fines will be determined at the beginning of each year and will be documented in the minutes for future reference for enforcement.

4.2 National Police Clearances

4.2.1a It is the responsibility of the clubs to ensure their coaches / officials have the appropriate WORKING WITH CHILDREN CERTIFICATE the club must identify all persons who will have prolonged contact with children and ensure those persons are cleared and a list of those persons along with the status of the clearance is documented and provided to the WJSA each and every season.

4.2.1b 4.2.1c Once the certificate has been received it will need to be witnessed by the club representative who will indicate on the form that the certificate has been witnessed and the person is suitable for working with children.

4.2.1d A working with children certificate is the minimum requirement to be working with children if a person does not receive this certificate then they are not to hold a position working with children.

4.2.2 Each club should have a Club Safety Officer, contact the Whyalla City Council for forms

4.3 Technical Area

4.3.1 Each club must clearly mark out the Technical Area as stipulated by FIFA guidelines.

4.3.2 The Technical Area shall extend no greater than One (1) metre either side (left or right) of the substitutes bench, and forward up to One (1) metre from the touchline.

4.3.3 The coach, players and other officials must remain seated within the confines of the Technical Area, except in special circumstances, for example, a physiotherapist or doctor entering the field of play, with the referee's permission, to assess an injured player. The coach or team manager is permitted to move forward and relay technical information to his/her players at any time, however, must then return to his his/her position on the bench.

4.3 Match Cards

4.3.1 Match Cards are to be used for all Competitive Age Groups only.

4.3.2 FFSA registration numbers shall be displayed on each match card, any player listed without a FFSA registration number present may be deemed ineligible to play.

4.3.3 Each manager of a team competing in the Competitive Age Groups shall correctly fill out a match card showing:

- (a) PRINTED LAST NAMES, INITIALS AND SHIRT NUMBERS of all players in that team.
- (b) Age group, division, round number and date of match.
- (c) Names of competing clubs.
- (d) Whether the 'Home team' or the 'Away Team'.

4.3.4 Coaches may play up to their 16 allowable registered players in any single match.

4.3.5 It is the club's responsibility to ensure:

- (i) It has minimum number of seven (7) players to commence the match,
- (ii) All players taking the field are eligible to play,

- (iii) All players taking the field of play are correctly listed on the match card in legible writing,
- (iv) All players are ready to commence the fixture at the scheduled kick-off time,
- (v) All players wear the appropriate apparel, including shin guards before taking the field of play.

4.3.6 Should it be found that a club failed to list and fielded an ineligible player on the team sheet and that player participates in a league fixture then the club will be face disciplinary action and the match result will stand.

4.3.7 Match cards are not to be signed prior to the commencement of a game.

4.3 Match Cards (cont)

4.3.8 The completed match card shall be handed to the referee prior to commencement of the match. The referee must complete his/her name and details on the back of each card along with details of any assistant referees for the game.

4.3.9 At the completion of the match, the referee will fill in the final scores for the match on the match card and sign the card. The referee must also complete the offences column on a match card where applicable. Both managers will also sign both match cards to signify agreement with the result as recorded by the referee.

4.3.10 The manager of the 'home' team shall forward the match card to his/her club Junior Co-Ordinator for forwarding on to the Registrar.

4.3.11 Each 'home' team club Junior Co-Ordinator shall advise the Registrar by a specified time each week of the results of all matches in which competitive teams of his/her club were involved.

4.3.12 The club Junior Co-Ordinator shall forward all match cards to the Junior league Registrar at a nominated address, and they are to be received no later than 7pm on the Tuesday following each round of Sunday matches, 7pm on the Friday following each round of Wednesday matches or in any other case within 48 hours of the end of the game.

4.3.13 It is acceptable to hand the match card to the Registrar or a member of the JLMC on any given match day, otherwise by-law 4.3.13 will apply.

4.3.14 The 'home' team is responsible for the return of all match cards. Failure by a club to provide results

and/or match cards to the Registrar in accordance with Regulations 4.3.12 and 4.3.13 will result in;

- (i) the first and second instance during a season a letter being sent to the Junior Co-Ordinator of the home team informing them of the infringement
- (ii) after a third and any consequent instance the penalty will be the automatic loss of the game and two goals to nil (2-0) result shall be recorded against the offending team
- (iii) after a third and any consequent offence the club may be subject to a penalty as directed by the WJSA.

4.3.15 The referee is required to fill in, in their opinion the 3 best players involved in the match, the best player is to be numbered 1, second best player to be number 2 and the third best player to be numbered 3. These votes are required for all Competitive Age Groups matches and will be counted towards the "Player of the Year" award to be presented at the end of the season.

4.4 Ground Marshalls

- 4.4.1 Each participating club will provide a minimum of one (1) Ground Marshall dressed in clearly identifiable attire.
- 4.4.2 All Ground Marshalls must identify themselves to the appointed Match Official prior to Kick-Off of each fixture.
- 4.4.3 Ground Marshalls are to be visible at all times and are to provide an escort to all Match Officials at Half Time and Full Time.
- 4.4.4 The WJSA reserves the right to increase the minimum security arrangements for any fixture at any time.

4.5 Match Ball

- 4.5.1 The 'home' club shall provide the appointed Referee with a Match Ball, prior to the commencement of the scheduled fixture.
- 4.5.2 At the conclusion of the game, the Referee will return the Match Ball to the Team Manager of the 'home' team.
- 4.5.3 The following minimum match ball sizes will be applicable for all levels of Junior Competition:

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| Under 06/07's | - Size 3 |
| Under 08/09's | - Size 3 |
| Under 10/11's | - Size 4 |
| Under 12/13's | - Size 5 |

Under 14/15's - Size 5

Under 16/17's - Size 5

As per Appendix A.

4.6 Players Strip / Equipment

- 4.6.1 All first named Clubs will be deemed the "Home" team and therefore will play in their normal club colours.
- 4.6.2 In the event there is a clash of colours with the visiting team, it will be the responsibility of the "Visiting" team to change into an alternative strip. Coaches are urged to check the apparel worn by their opponents on a weekly basis so as to avoid the likelihood of a clash of strips.
- 4.6.3 Goalkeepers shall wear any colour provided it does not clash with either team or referee.
- 4.6.4 Shin guards shall be mandatory for ALL players as per FIFA guidelines.

4.7 Correspondence / Communication

- 4.7.1 All WJSA correspondence shall be deemed to have been sent and received by clubs. It is the responsibility of club representatives to ensure that mailboxes, e-mail accounts and websites are regularly checked and that information is passed on to the relevant parties.
- 4.7.2 All official correspondence received by the WJSA must be under club letterhead and signed by a club official, detailing that person's position within the club.

4.8 Change of Fixture Requests

Change of venues will only be considered in exceptional circumstances. Unless a change is required by a situation covered in Regulation 5.8 to 5.11, all applicants must complete the Change of Fixture Request Form (**CFR**) and submit to the Fixtures Officer no less than five (5) working days prior to the match, and must be signed by an official from both teams. The application will then be considered and both clubs notified.

4.9 Codes of Conduct

- 4.9.1 Clubs must actively promote acceptable behaviour by team officials and spectators through newsletters, appropriate insertions in handbooks provided to team officials and any other medium that the club uses to communicate to their officials and spectators.
- 4.9.2 It shall be the responsibility of each club to maintain control of its officials and spectators at any match in which it is involved and to assist the Referee and Junior League officials in the preservation of order and good discipline at the game.
- 4.9.3 Failure to keep spectators in check will incur any penalty the Disputes and Disciplinary Committee considers appropriate in the circumstances.
- 4.9.4 A full list of the expected Codes of conduct is provided to each club.

5. REFEREE'S INFORMATION

5.1 Match Cards

- 5.1.1 At the conclusion of all matches, the Referee shall consult and confirm with his or her assistants prior to completing the Match Card.
- 5.1.2 It is crucial that the 'home' team forward the Match Card to the WJSA Registrar within 48 hours of the completion of the game.
- 5.1.3 In the event a club official approaches the match referee seeking to protest the fielding of an ineligible player, then the referee must mark the Match Card to indicate that a protest will be made.
- 5.1.4 A referee can lodge a report alleging a club has used an ineligible player. If a formal protest is not lodged by a club according to the guidelines outlined in Regulation 3.4, then any such report will be considered a complaint (Regulation 3.5) and investigated accordingly.
- 5.1.5 Suspended Players have to serve their suspension in the age group they were playing at the time of the suspension

5.2 Assistant Referees

During all matches each participating club is obliged to provide a club linesperson to assist the match referee.

5.3 Decisions of the Match Official

All decisions of the match referee, including the club appointed referee are final and binding as far as the result of a match is concerned, and no protest can be lodged.

5.4 Non-attendance or Unavailability of Match Officials

- 5.4.1 It is the responsibility of all 'home' teams to supply a match official. Should the appointed match official fail to honour his appointment, then the next most senior match official will be appointed to take charge of the fixture.
- 5.4.2 In the event the appointed match official is late on arrival, then the replacement match official will take charge of the fixture until the appointed match official is ready to take over.
- 5.4.3 In the event no registered match official is present to take charge of the fixture, then the designated 'home' club shall consult the visiting team and appoint a match official to take charge of the fixture.
- 5.4.4 All clubs are obligated to fulfil all junior fixtures regardless of whether the appointed match official is present to take charge. Should any team(s) fail or refuse to participate in any league or cup fixture on the above grounds, then:
- (i) that the match will be awarded to the opposing team (as a 2-0 result),
 - (ii) the team may be subject to further disciplinary action,
 - (iii) in the event both teams refuse to play, the WJSA reserves the right to award a **NO RESULT** and take further disciplinary action.
- 5.4.5 All clubs are obligated to provide an Assistant Referee for Under 11, Under 13, Under 15 and Under 17 age groups. This person shall report to the appointed Referee no later than 5 minutes before the designated kick off time.
- 5.4.6 It is the Assistant Referees responsibility to 'run' their own attacking forward line.
- 5.4.7 No game shall commence until both teams provide an Assistant Referee.

5.5 Interchange / Substitution of Players

- 5.5.1 In all fixtures the Interchange Rule shall apply.
- 5.5.2 Each team can make an unlimited amount of interchanges in any given fixture.
- 5.5.3 To avoid the wasting of time, the interchange of players in the last five (5) minutes of normal time in any fixture, will only be permitted at the discretion of the match referee.

5.5.4 Interchange players are permitted to warm up outside of the Technical Area, provided that they are wearing an alternative coloured strip to the game in progress.

5.5.5 When warming up, players are requested to choose an area furthest from the opposing team.

5.6 Kick-Off Times / Duration of Matches

5.6.1 General

The WJSA has fixed kick-off times for all League Competitions and cannot be changed without permission from the WJSA.

The times and days of games shall be decided upon at a general meeting after such time that team nominations have been submitted by the clubs.

The times and duration of matches specified for each age group are

as follows: Age Groups Duration of Matches

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| Under (06/08/09's) Guidelines | 2 x 15 minute halves (= 30 minutes) As per Small Sided Games |
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| Under (10/11's) Guidelines | 2 x 20 minute halves (= 40 minutes) As per Small Sided Games |
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| Under (12/13's) | 2 x 25 minute halves (= 50 minutes) |
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| Under (14/15's) | 2 x 30 minute halves (= 60 minutes) |
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| Under (16/17's) | 2 x 35 minute halves (= 70 minutes) |
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5.6.2 Fixed Kick-Off Times

5.6.2.1 All matches must commence **NOT MORE THAN** fifteen (15) minutes after the scheduled kick-off time.

5.6.2.2 In the event a fixture commences after the set kick-off time but not later than the maximum time allowed (15 minutes), then the appointed match official may at his or her discretion reduce the playing time of the match in line with FIFA Regulations, but only after having consulted the captains of both participating teams.

5.6.2.3 In the event a fixture is officially abandoned under these circumstances, then;

- a) The team that was ready to play will be awarded the match with a 2–0 margin,
- b) The offending team(s) will be subject to further disciplinary action. If neither team was ready to take the field of play then a **NO RESULT** will be recorded for the fixture.

5.6.2.4 In the event that all parties (that is, both clubs and the match official) agree to commence the fixture after the fifteen (15) minute maximum time period has elapsed, then the final match result will stand. In this instance, the match official may at his/her discretion reduce the playing time in line with FIFA regulations, but only after having consulted the captains of both participating teams.

5.7 Timekeeping

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- Horn at 2min warning at the start of the game,
- Horn at the start of the game
- Horn at Half time
- Horn at 4 min after half time with 1 minute warning
- Horn at Start of second half
- Horn at Finish of the game, teams line up in the middle of the park for hand shakes

5.6.3 Duration of Matches – Normal Time

5.6.3.1 The appointed match official reserves the right to curtail any match if in the referee's opinion playing conditions compromise player safety.

5.6.3.2 The appointed match official may at his/ her discretion reduce the playing time of a match in line with FIFA Regulations, only after having consulted the captains of both participating teams.

5.6.4 Penalty Shoot Out

5.6.4.1 When a penalty Shoot Out is required to achieve a result, the following procedures are to be followed:

The referee tosses a coin to decide the goal at which the kicks will be taken. The choice of goal by the coin toss winner may only be changed by the referee for safety reasons or if the goal or playing surface becomes unusable.[1]

The referee tosses the coin a second time to determine which team will take the first kick.

All players other than the kicker and the goalkeepers must remain in the pitch's centre circle .

Each kick will be taken in the general manner of a penalty kick. Each kick will be taken from the penalty spot which is 12 yards (11 m) from the goal line and equidistant from each touch line, with the goal defended only by the opposing goalkeeper. The goalkeeper must remain between the goal posts on his goal line until the ball has been kicked, although he can jump in place, wave his arms, move side to side along the goal line or otherwise try to distract the shooter.

Each team is responsible for selecting from the eligible players the order in which they will take the kicks.

Each kicker can kick the ball only once. Once kicked, the kicker may not play the ball again. The decision on a rekick is solely at the referee's discretion.

No other player on either team, other than the designated kicker and goalkeeper, may touch the ball.[1]

A kick is successful if, having been touched once by the kicker, the ball crosses the goal line between the goal posts and under the crossbar, without touching any player, official, or outside agent other than the defending goalkeeper. The ball may touch the goalkeeper, goal posts, or crossbar any number of times before going into the goal as long as the referee believes the ball's motion is the result of the initial kick.

Teams take turns to kick from the penalty mark until each has taken five kicks. However, if one side has scored more successful kicks than the other could possibly reach with all of its remaining kicks, the shoot-out immediately ends, regardless of the number of kicks remaining.

If at the end of these five rounds of kicks the teams have scored an equal number of successful kicks, additional sudden death rounds of one kick each will be used until the tie is broken.

The team that scores the most successful kicks at the end of the shoot-out will be the winner of the match.

Only players who were on the pitch at the end of play or temporarily absent (injured, adjusting equipment etc.) will be allowed to participate in the shoot-out.

A team may replace a goalkeeper who becomes injured during the shoot-out with a substitute (provided the team has not already used the maximum number of substitutes allowed by the competition)

If a goalkeeper is sent off during the shoot-out, another player who finished the game must act as goalkeeper.[1]

5.6.4 Penalty Shoot Out (cont)

If a player, other than the goalkeeper, becomes injured or is sent off during the shoot-out, then the shoot-out will continue with no substitution allowed. The opposing team must reduce its numbers accordingly.[1]

Any player remaining on the pitch may act as the goalkeeper, and it is not required for the same player to have acted as a goalkeeper during the game.

No player will be allowed to take a second kick until all other eligible players on their team have taken a first kick, including the goalkeeper.

If it becomes necessary for players to take another kick (because the score has remained equal after all eligible players have taken their first kick), players are not required to kick in the same order.[1]

Kicks from the penalty mark must not be delayed for a player who leaves the field of play. The player's kick will be forfeited (not scored) if the player does not return in time to take a kick.

The referee must not abandon the match if, during the kicks, a team is reduced to fewer than seven players.[1]

5.7 Non-Participation in Championship or League Fixture

Any club which fails to fulfil any of its fixturing obligations arranged by the Association shall be penalised as follows:

- (i) the match will be awarded to the opposing team (as a 2-0 result),
- (ii) the team(s) may be subject to further disciplinary action,
- (iii) in the event both teams refuse to play, the WJSA reserves the right to award a **NO RESULT**, and recommend further disciplinary action.

5.8 Postponed Matches

5.8.1 Matches may only be postponed by the appointed Match Official or by an officer of the Association.

5.8.2 Should any matches be deferred on any given match day, it is the responsibility of the 'home' club to notify the Registrar by the next working day. Early notification to the WJSA will ensure that the fixture is rescheduled in accordance with the junior calendar.

5.8.3 All outstanding fixtures or fixtures ordered to be replayed, a Change of Fixture Request Form (**CFR**) shall be submitted to the Registrar and the match must be completed by **NO LATER THAN** one (1) week after the conclusion of the Junior Leagues season.

Should matches remain outstanding after this time, the WJSA reserves the right to record those matches as a **NIL-ALL DRAW**.

- 5.8.4 No person apart from an officer of the WJSA is permitted to schedule (or reschedule) any fixture without consultation with the board
- 5.8.5 If a Club is found guilty of rearranging any league fixture, or requesting the appointment of referees outside of the set kick-off time or date, the WJSA reserves the right to record the final score as a **NO RESULT**, whereby, no points will be awarded, with all parties subject to further disciplinary action. Clubs that are repeat offenders will risk expulsion from the competition.

5.9. Abandoned Matches

- 5.9.1 If Eighty Per Cent (**80%**) or more of normal time has been played in any fixture, then the score at the time of the abandonment by the match official will stand.
- 5.9.2 If less than Eighty Per Cent (**80%**) of normal time has been played in any fixture, before being abandoned by the match official, then the result will stand, unless one or both clubs request a replay by writing to the WJSA, within 72 hours of the fixture's conclusion:
- 5.9.3 If any club has its playing numbers reduced below the minimum FIFA requirement, then the match will be abandoned and awarded to the opposing club. The final score will be recorded as a 2-0 result in favour of the opposing club, unless the match result was greater in favour of the opposing club.

5.10 Forfeits and Abandoned Games

- 5.10.1 A match will be considered abandoned and a forfeit will apply where:
- (a) A team has advised of its non-availability; or
 - (b) A team is not ready to commence a match within 15 minutes of the scheduled start of play; or
 - (c) Fewer than 7 players from a team are available for a match.
- 5.10.2 In circumstances (b) and (c) above, the match referee is responsible for abandoning the match.
- 5.10.3 For a team to claim a forfeit under Regulation 5.10.1 (b) it must have taken the field and be ready to play. The referee is to submit a Match Report to Registrar and the Secretary within two working days of the match, (d)also player who wish to play up must have their name on the match card, stripped and on the field of play, if they don't turn up they don't play that day, (e)if a bye or scheduled game all players are eligible to play, injured or sick players must attend the game to be eligible to play, (f) every player must be eligible to play and is the descetion of the executive commitee

- 5.10.4 If a match is forfeited under Regulation 5.10.1 (a) or 5.10.1 (b), the manager of the team winning by forfeit shall complete a match card for the forfeited game, annotate it 'won by forfeit' and send it to the Junior League Registrar through their club Junior Co-Ordinator.
- 5.10.5 In the event of a forfeit under Regulation 5.10.1 (c) both team managers shall complete the match card for the forfeited game. The referee must enter the result on and sign the match card and the 'home' team must send their match card to the Junior League Registrar through their club Junior Co-Ordinator.
- 5.10.6 In the event of a team forfeiting a match the opposing team shall be awarded two points and the match shall stand as a 2 goals to nil win in their favour.
- 5.10.7 In the event of a referee exercising discretionary power to suspend or terminate a match by reason of the elements, interference by spectators or other causes, the referee will submit a detailed Match Report to the Secretary within two working days of the match.
- 5.10.8 The WJSA also requires the two competing Clubs to submit written reports to the Secretary within two working days of him/her notifying them of a match being abandoned. These reports should fully describe the incident from each club's perspective. This Regulation does not apply to matches abandoned because of a forfeit under Regulation 5.10.1.
- 5.10.9 Where a game is abandoned due to spectator interference or other inappropriate behaviour, the matter will be referred to the WJSA after considering evidence, the WJSA may impose a penalty deemed appropriate on offending individuals.
- 5.10.10 In the event of a match being abandoned for reasons other than the state of the pitch or inclement weather, the result of the game shall be determined by the WJSA
- 5.10.11 In the event of a walk-off by a team before the completion of a game the WJSA shall determine the circumstances of the walk off. Where it is determined that the walk off was not justified, the team taking such action will have a two goals to nil result awarded against it and may be subject to further disciplinary action.
- 5.10.12 A monetary fee of \$50.00 will be applied if you forfeit a fixtured game.

5.11 Extreme Weather Conditions

- 5.11.1 In the first instance will be as per the FSA guidelines.
- 5.11.2 In extreme weather conditions, the WJSA or the appointed match official reserves the right to postpone, delay or abandon any fixture that in his/her opinion compromises player safety.
- 5.11.3 Individual clubs may cancel Non-competitive Age Groups games scheduled for their own grounds for any reason they consider to be valid. Games in these age groups that are cancelled or abandoned will normally not be rescheduled.

- 5.11.4 If clubs consider their grounds unfit for play by Competitive Age Groups they should first advise the Registrar, then clubs scheduled to play there. The Registrar will formally authorise postponement of the relevant games, or transfer them to other grounds. Clubs have no authority to cancel or postpone 'away' games.
- 5.11.5 In the absence of a ground closure decision by a responsible club official, or a cancellation/postponement decision by the Registrar, the only person authorised to decide that a game in these age groups will not be played or completed is the referee, if in his/her opinion the ground and/or weather conditions threaten player safety.
- 5.11.6 Where a referee abandons an Competitive Age Groups game because of ground and/or weather conditions, the referee must submit an incident report to the Registrar within two working days and both participating clubs must:
- (a) If the game did not commence, submit to the Registrar the match card indicating this and the reason for the abandonment, and arrange between them for the game to be rescheduled.
 - (b) If the game was partially completed, submit to the Registrar the match card showing that the game was abandoned partially complete, the reason for the abandonment, and the score at that time.
 - (c) If the game was partially completed, arrange between them for the game to be rescheduled and advise the Registrar of the arrangement by submitting a Change of Fixture Request Form (**CFR**) Appendix C, **OR** advise the Registrar that they have agreed that the score at the time of abandonment should be the result of the game, **OR** advise the Registrar that they are in dispute over whether the game should be replayed.
- 5.11.7 In the event of a dispute over whether a partially completed game should be replayed, both clubs must submit arguments in writing to the Secretary within five (5) working days for adjudication by the WJSA
- 5.11.8 In the event of a blanket postponement of games because of ground or weather conditions, all competition games will be rescheduled for the nearest practical time following the postponed match.

5.11 Extreme Weather Conditions

- 5.11.9 Nothing in Regulations 5.11.7 shall prevent clubs arranging a mutually convenient time to play any game prior to the date these Regulations identify for

the rescheduling of the game. However, clubs are required to give prior notice to the Registrar of matches rearranged in this way.

- 5.11.10 Where a competition match has been postponed in circumstances other than those requiring rescheduling under Regulation 5.11.8, a Change of Fixture Request Form (**CFR**) Appendix C shall be submitted to the Registrar and that match must be completed by **NO LATER THAN** one (1) week after the conclusion of the Junior Leagues season.

Should matches remain outstanding after this time, the WJSA reserves the right to record those matches as a **NIL-ALL DRAW**.

- 5.11.11 Unless good reasons are provided, any such postponed game not played within this time shall be considered to have been abandoned, with a null result recorded, no points awarded for the match and both teams may be subject to further disciplinary action.
- 5.11.12 Where a postponed match is rescheduled under Regulation 5.11.9, the 'home' team shall be responsible for booking and dressing the ground, and arranging a referee.

5.12 Cautions, Send Offs and Suspensions

- 5.12.1 If a referee cautions or sends a player off during a game, he/she must write in the caution or send off offence code in the offences column next to the player's name on the relevant match card. For any red card offence, the referee must complete a send off report to be sent to the Secretary within two working days of the match.
- 5.12.2 The name of any player given either a yellow or red card during a game shall, upon request, be disclosed by his/her team manager or coach to the referee at the end of the match.
- 5.12.3 In the event a player is sent off during a game, the player will serve an automatic one match suspension which will be applicable to the next programmed, Junior League fixture his/her team plays.
- 5.12.4 A player accumulating three yellow cards during the season shall also be liable to a penalty in accordance with Appendix B.
- 5.12.5 It shall be an offence to play a suspended player, and the club may be subject to disciplinary action.
- 5.12.6 When a player is suspended a letters needs to be sent to the player, stating what dates they are eligible to play

5.13 Red Card Offences

- 5.13.1 Any player sent off the field of play shall automatically be suspended for the next official WJSA match his club is participating in at the same level at which the suspension was incurred.
- 5.13.2 The match referee shall record the player's identification number, and lodge the Match Card with the Registrar.
- 5.13.3 Any suspensions imposed on a player shall be served in consecutive matches of his club's fixture, in the current or following season, or until such time as the suspension has been fully served.
- 5.13.4 In accordance with FIFA Guidelines, a list of red card offence codes is printed on a WJSA handout and should be given to all appointed Match Officials prior to the commencement of any WJSA game.

5.14 Yellow Card Offences

In accordance to FIFA Regulations, the following Yellow Card offence codes will apply:

- Y1 Guilty of unsporting behaviour
- Y2 Shows dissent by word or action
- Y3 Persistently infringes the Laws of the Game
- Y4 Delays the restart of play
- Y5 Fails to respect the required distance when play is restarted with a corner kick or free kick
- Y6 Enters or re-enters the field of play without the referee's permission
- Y7 Deliberately leaves the field of play without the referee's permission

5.15 Red Card Offence Penalties

- 5.15.1 Players who receive a red card during a league fixture will be automatically sent off for the remainder of the game being played and they shall also be subject to the following suspensions, as determined by the Association:
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| R1 | Guilty of serious foul play | 2 games |
| R2 | Guilty of violent conduct | 3 games |
| R3 | Spits at an opponent or any other person | 12 calendar months |
| R4 | Denies the opposing team a goal or an obvious goal scoring opportunity by deliberately handling the ball (this does not apply to a goalkeeper within his own penalty area) | 1 game |
| R5 | Denies an obvious goal scoring opportunity to an opponent moving towards the player's goal by an offence punishable by a free kick or a penalty kick | 1 game |
| R6 | Uses offensive or insulting or abusive language and/or gestures | 1 game |
| R7 | Receives a second caution in the same match | 1 game |

5.15 Red Card Offence Penalties (cont)

- 5.15.2 In addition to Item 5.14.1, any player sent off the field of play twice or more in the one season, will incur an additional two (2) weeks suspension, on top of the automatic and fixed penalty handed down by the Association.
- 5.15.3 In addition to Item 5.14, any player failing when instructed by the match official to leave the field of play and return to the dressing room, or uses foul and abusive language towards the match official(s) after being sent off, then that player will incur an additional two (2) week suspension, on top of the automatic and fixed penalty handed down by the Association.

5.16 Disciplinary Action

- 5.16.1 Any person found to be in breach of the Codes of Conduct whether that person be a player, official, coach, parent or spectator and whether that incident occurs at club trainings, official games, select training or select training matches or official competitions will be subject to the disciplinary and appeal action as per the guidelines in these by-laws or so governed by the WJSA by-laws, FSA, SAJSA, FFA or FIFA rules and regulations.
- 5.16.2 If any member of the committee witnesses a breach of the codes of conduct as they happen they shall take appropriate as they see fit for the occasion, this may mean direct disruption of any breach and a verbal warning issued at that time, ceasing of any formal or informal activities of players and verbal warning issued. If a verbal warning is issued this shall be documented and lodged with the WJSA as soon as practical to capture all of the details and for consideration by the committee at the next meeting.
- 5.16.3 If any member of the committee witnesses a breach of the code of conduct and they deem that the situation is not appropriate to follow up at that instance they have the right to notify the committee in writing with the details of the breach, this may be discussed with one or multiple members of the executive committee to assess the extent of the breach and what appropriate action should be taken.
- 5.16.4 Any club delegate can lodge a complaint with any member of the executive committee directly at the time of a breach to be assessed immediately and / or then by writing to the WJSA to be assessed for the extent of breach and this will be followed up as deemed necessary.
- 5.16.5 Any referee or referee's assistant is within their rights to raise a complaint through the WJSA match official regarding any breach of the codes of conduct, which is to be lodged with the match card and preferably verbally to an executive member as soon as practical.

- 5.16.6 It will be the executive members responsibility to raise any breach with other members of the executive committee as soon as practical to discuss further action in regard to this.
- 5.16.7 The executive committee will assess the extent of the breach and take appropriate action, this may
be in the form of a written or verbal warning dependant on the extent of the breach. The executive committee members have the right to request that written statements are produced for any complaint laid.

5.16 Disciplinary Action

- 5.16.8 Upon written statements being received the executive committee will decide if a disciplinary meeting is required to be called and at least one member of the executive committee will chair that disciplinary meeting, there shall always be one executive member to remain out of any disciplinary meeting in the case of an appeal.
- 5.16.9 Based on the statements presented on the breach the disciplinary meeting may decide to penalize the accused with appropriate actions as deemed necessary to address the situation, these could be fines, written warnings or even suspensions.
- 5.16.10 If a referee lodges a complaint against any non-player then a disciplinary meeting shall be called
within 48 hours with a date set for the meeting, the accused person is not required to attend, it is then at the discretion of the members of the meeting to either issue a penalty or seek to discuss the matter with the accused person.
- 5.16.11 Any accused person has the right of appeal of any penalty handed out by the disciplinary meeting, this must be done within one week of the initial meeting and through the accused's club on letterhead, a date for a disciplinary hearing will then be set within 48 hours of receipt of the appeal. The information from the disciplinary meeting will be handed over to the disciplinary hearing with a report on the findings and the reasoning for the penalty.
- 5.16.12 The disciplinary hearing will hear the appeal from the accused which is to be represented by their club's delegate for that hearing. The hearing will then decide to uphold the existing penalty or alter the penalty as they see fit or dismiss the penalty altogether.

6. GENERAL MATTERS

6.1 Admittance to Fixtures

Admittance to all Junior League matches except Under 17 matches, will be gold coin donation, including car parking. A fee of \$15 / year will be levied in the registration fees to

cover match day expenses for all grades. A gold coin donation for entry to all junior matches is requested

6.2 Non-WJSA Organised Matches

- 6.2.1 The Association will not undertake any responsibility, in the event that a club wishes to organise or participate in any unauthorised event, fixture or competition.
- 6.2.2 The WJSA will not levy any charge for tournaments or fundraisers for non-WJSA organised games.
- 6.2.3 The participation of clubs in any non-sanctioned matches or tournament shall not in any way compromise the WJSA Junior League competition season.

6.3 Sexual Discrimination, Racial and Religious Vilification Code

- 6.3.1 The WJSA has endorsed a Sexual Discrimination, Racial and Religious Vilification Code for all clubs and its players.
- 6.3.2 Under the operation of the Code, clubs will be required to ensure that players, officials and supporters do not engage in Sexual Discrimination and/or Racial and Religious Vilification against any person.
- 6.3.3 Sexual Discrimination and/or Racial and religious vilification includes any act, otherwise than in private, which;
- (i) is reasonably likely, in all circumstances, to offend, insult, humiliate, or intimidate another person or a group of people; and,
 - (ii) is done because of the race, colour or national or ethnic origin of the other person or of some or all of the people in the group.
- 6.3.4 Clubs will be required to commit to a number of responsibilities under the code, as follows:
- (i) to continuously educate their players and officials;
 - (ii) to publish information on the subject of racial and religious vilification to players, officials and spectators; and
 - (iii) to use their best endeavours to ensure that all spectators associated with the club act in a manner which is consistent with the objectives of the Sexual Discrimination, Racial and Religious Vilification Code.

6.3 Sexual Discrimination, Racial and Religious Vilification Code (cont)

- 6.3.5 Clubs will be required to adopt an action plan, which is contained in the Sexual Discrimination, Racial and Religious Vilification Code distributed to clubs.
- 6.3.6 Any player, club or match official wishing to lodge a letter of complaint under this code, must address their correspondence to the Secretary of the Association within seven (7) days after the date of the alleged offence.

A conciliation hearing will then be convened to discuss and resolve the matter. In the event conciliation is not achieved, then the Association is obligated to lay charges of Misconduct against the individual(s) responsible.

6.4 Stretchers / First Aid

- 6.4.1 It is compulsory that all clubs allocate one stretcher suitable for first aid and emergency use at all fixtures. Clubs who fail to provide this equipment may be subject to disciplinary action.
- 6.4.2 Clubs must ensure that stretchers are placed inside the barrier/fence in a safe and accessible position to first aid staff.
- 6.4.3 All stretchers must be of an approved standard. Clubs who utilise any other form of equipment without the consent of the Association may be subject to disciplinary action.
- 6.4.4 All Clubs must identify all first aid staff in clear uniform.
- 6.4.5 All Clubs registered with the WJSA must have adequate first aid facilities for players, officials and the general public during competitions and training sessions.

6.5 National Flags, Slogans & Emblems

- 6.5.1 No club is permitted to display any national flags or slogans at home venues under any circumstances, except for the Australian flag. Clubs who are in breach of this requirement will be subject to disciplinary action.
- 6.5.2 Clubs will be allowed to dress/decorate their respective social clubs (internally) as they see fit.
- 6.5.3 The WJSA reserves the right to request the removal of any national flags or slogans at any time.
- 6.5.4 The incorporation of national flags, slogans or emblems on any part of the player's attire or the uniform worn by a club official is strictly prohibited. If any club is found to be in breach, it will be subject to disciplinary action.

6.6 Blood Rule

- 6.6.1 In the event a player from either team suffers an injury or wound which results in the loss of blood, the appointed match official will request that the injured player receive attention outside the field of play.
- 6.6.2 Only when the appointed match official is satisfied that the injury or wound has been safely covered and contained, will the player be permitted to rejoin the game.
- 6.6.3 In the event the player's uniform or attire is splattered with blood, the referee will instruct that player to change his attire before being permitted to rejoin the game.
- 6.6.4 Should the injured player be required to change his uniform, then the appointed match official will show discretion in allowing the player to wear an alternative numbered shirt if another shirt of the same number is unavailable.

6.7 Jewellery

In accordance with FIFA 'Laws of the Game', a player is forbidden to wear equipment (including jewellery) that is dangerous to himself or another player.

Referees are requested to use common sense when applying this rule, particularly with respect to items of jewellery that cannot be removed, such as a medallion, crucifix, chain and wedding band or another item of religious significance.

In these instances, such jewellery that cannot be removed must be securely taped or fastened to allow the player to participate in the fixture.

6.8 Players with plaster casts or plastic splints

Players are **NOT** permitted to play with plaster casts or hard plastic splints as per FIFA Laws 2005, additional instructions for referees, assistant referees and fourth officials, pertaining to LAW 4 – THE PLAYERS' EQUIPMENT.

Non-Basic Equipment

- A player must not use equipment or wear anything that is dangerous to himself/herself or another player
- Modern protective equipment such as headgear, facemasks, knee and arm protectors made of soft, lightweight, padded material are not considered to be dangerous and are therefore permitted

6.9 Hot weather policy*

The WJSA have the right to call of any fixture if the weather becomes to hot to play in or stated by the local weather station the night before

Turn up if ok play if too hot go home simple

6.9.1 Rationale

- a) The Whyalla Junior Soccer Association. (WJSA) and its registered clubs and members have a responsibility to ensure the health and wellbeing of staff, volunteers, players, officials and spectators. In fulfilling this responsibility, all members have a duty to provide and maintain an environment that is safe and without risks to health.
- b) The WJSA Hot Weather Policy will assist volunteers, players, officials and spectators to undertake necessary action in cases of extreme hot weather. This is to prevent injury, and possible death, from heat illness by recognising and managing potentially dangerous heat situations.

6.9.2 Risks Associated with Hot Weather

- a) The WJSA recognises that the risk of an elevated body temperature from high intensity sport in a hot environment is significant, and can lead to heat illness presented as heat exhaustion and heat stroke. Symptoms can be worse if fluid replacement during exercise is inadequate which leads to fluid loss and dehydration.
- b) Sports Medicine Australia characterises heat exhaustion by a high heart rate, dizziness, headache, loss of endurance and skill, nausea, clammy and pale skin, and collapse.
- c) Heat stroke is similar to heat exhaustion but with a dry skin, confusion, collapse and possible coma. It may arise in a player who is suffering from heat exhaustion and has persisted in exercise. This is a potentially fatal condition and must be treated immediately.

6.9.3 Factors Affecting Participants in Hot Weather

- a) The WJSA recognizes that there are a number of factors that may affect participants during days of extreme heat, including humidity, duration/intensity, timing (between 11am and 3pm) hydration, fitness level, age and gender.
- b) Women, children and the elderly may suffer more in the heat during exercise. This may be due to a greater percentage of body fat in women, and poorly developed sweating mechanism in children.

6.9.4 Training/Competitions in Hot Weather

- a) Clubs shall check the temperature forecast 2 days prior to every competition, as published by the Australian Bureau of Meteorology (www.bom.gov.au or local newspapers). If the temperature is forecasted to be 33 degrees Celsius or greater the competition shall be rescheduled.

- b) The rescheduled competition or training session shall be played and completed by 11am or commencing after 5pm on the scheduled day if the weather is above 33 degrees Celsius, as approved by the WJSA Competition Administrator. If the competition cannot be rescheduled within these times the competition or training session shall be postponed.
- c) Clubs shall encourage players and officials to drink fluid prior to and during all competitions and training sessions to avoid dehydration, and for rehydration following competitions and training sessions.

6.9.4 Training/Competitions in Hot Weather (cont)

- d) In all competitions and training sessions, clubs and officials shall ensure that there is an adequate supply of water for drinking and refreshment and the appropriate drinks breaks are taken as necessary during these competitions or training sessions.
- e) In all competitions and training sessions, clubs shall ensure that water bottles are accessible to players. Water bottles shall not to be permitted to be thrown onto the field of play, players may be handed a water bottle from the side of the field.
- f) Club officials may approach match officials prior to the start of any competition to schedule a hydration break during the competition. If the two teams are in agreement, a short hydration break shall be implemented with timing at the sole discretion of the match official.
- g) Clubs shall provide a shaded area for players and officials during breaks at all competitions and training sessions.

6.9.5 First Aid Treatment

- a) As per the WJSA Competition Rules, any club registered with the WJSA must have adequate first aid facilities for players, officials and the general public during competitions and training sessions.
- b) Players and officials with any symptoms of heat illness shall immediately cease exercising. They shall have immediate first aid treatment including Strip/Soak/Fan (strip off any excess clothing and rest in a shaded area, soak or spray with water and rehydrate, and fan) to reduce body temperature as quickly as possible. The person shall immediately be referred for treatment by a medical professional.

6.9.6 Additional Resources

Additional information can be obtained from Sports Medicine Australia (www.sma.org.au)

- * The WJSA Hot weather policy is taken from FSA Hot Weather Policy. In any case of confusion the latest version of the FSA policy will override the WJSA By-law policy.

6.10 Social Media Policy

6.10.1 Social Media Pages / Websites

All codes of conduct apply to all Social Media websites and it is advised that all players are educated in the dangers of social media. Any breach of the codes of conduct from any player, coach, official, parent or spectator will not be tolerated and the full force of the penalties will be applied.

6.10.2 Club Social Media Pages / Websites

Any club with a social media page or website is advised to monitor these closely as any breach brought to the attention of the WJSA will be dealt with according to the by-laws governing codes of conduct. The club may be held accountable for the behaviour of its participants additionally to the perpetrators.

6.10.3 WJSA Facebook Page

The WJSA has a Facebook page which is very useful for keeping people up to date, if any breach of the codes of conduct are detected on this page the full force of the penalties shall be applied to any individual found to be in breach.

6.10.4 Social Media and Coaches / Club Officials

It is not appropriate for coaches to approach players one on one on social media, this is a dangerous practice and can leave individuals open to legal action, each club shall be responsible for the actions of their coaches

This policy is intended to provide clarity to players and officials on how to conduct themselves in the emerging world of social media. Whyalla Junior Soccer Association embraces the use of social media as a communications and community-building tool and appreciates the personal rights of every player and official to express themselves and communicate online in many ways, such as through social media, blogs, and

personal web sites. This policy reiterates the responsibility of players and officials to use good judgment about what material appears online, and in what context. Social Media may include (although is not limited to):

- social networking sites (eg Facebook, MySpace, LinkedIn, Bebo, Yammer)
- video and photo sharing websites (eg Flickr, Youtube)
- blogs, including corporate blogs and personal blogs
- blogs hosted by media outlets (eg 'comments' or 'your say' feature on theage.com.au)
- micro-blogging (eg Twitter)
- wikis and online collaborations (eg Wikipedia)
- forums, discussion boards and groups (eg Google groups, Whirlpool)
- vod and podcasting
- online multiplayer gaming platforms (eg World of Warcraft, Second life)

6.10.4 Social Media and Coaches / Club Officials

- instant messaging (including SMS)

Inappropriate Use

Inappropriate use includes, but is not limited to:

- using discriminatory, defamatory, abusive or otherwise objectionable language in content
- compromising the privacy of any person
- disruption of the integrity of Whyalla Junior Soccer Association

All players and officials using or having a need to participate in online social media activity have a responsibility to comply with this policy.

Whyalla Junior Soccer Association recognises that individuals you may wish to use social media in your personal life and this bylaw does not intend to discourage nor unduly limit personal expression or online activities.

6.10.4 Social Media and Coaches / Club Officials

However, the potential for damage to be caused (either directly or indirectly) to the Whyalla Junior Soccer

Association in certain circumstances via your personal use of social media should be recognised when you can be identified as a player of the Whyalla Junior Soccer Association players and official's will comply with this policy.

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Players and officials are personally responsible for content published in a personal capacity on any form of social media platform.

Where your comments or profile can identify you as a player or official of Whyalla Junior Soccer Association you must:

- be polite and respectful to all people you interact with; and
- adhere to the Terms of Use of the relevant social media platform/website, as well as copyright, privacy, defamation, contempt of court, discrimination, harassment and other applicable laws

Where your comments or profile can identify you as a player or official of Whyalla Junior Soccer Association you must NOT:

- post material that is offensive, obscene, defamatory, threatening, harassing, bullying, discriminatory, hateful, racist, and sexist ut
- imply that you are authorised to speak as a representative of the Whyalla Junior Soccer Association nor give the impression that the views you express are those of the Whyalla Junior Soccer Association
- use the identity or likeness of another player or official
- use or disclose any confidential information obtained in your capacity as an official of the Whyalla Junior Soccer Association
- imply you are authorised to speak on behalf of the Whyalla Junior Soccer Association, or give the impression that any views you express are those of the Whyalla Junior Soccer Association
- use or disclose any confidential information or personal information obtained in your capacity as an official of the Whyalla Junior Soccer Association
- post material that is, or might be construed as, threatening, harassing, bullying or discriminatory towards another players and officials of the Whyalla Junior Soccer Association
- make any comment or post any material that might otherwise cause damage to the Whyalla Junior Soccer Association's reputation or bring it into disrepute

Reporting of a breach to the Social Media Policy

- letter to be written to the Association with evidence of the allegation

Penalty for any breach of the Social Media Policy

Penalty Options

6.10.4 Social Media and Coaches / Club Officials (cont)

- reprimand
- direction to make verbal or written apology
- suspension from participation in a match or matches; if over 4 matches FFSA MUST be notified to seek approval
- such other sanction as is appropriate in all the circumstance
- including ineligibility for any Association trophies

Sadly it has become necessary for the Association to implement this Policy.

Guardians please read and explain this Policy to your child(ren).

All players and guardians to sign this document indicating that they will agree to abide by this Policy.

I agree to abide by the Social Media Policy of the Whyalla Junior Soccer Association.

Player's Name: _____ Club: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Player or Guardian

7. CODES OF CONDUCT

7.1 GENERAL

FSA produced the following 'Codes of Conduct', which have been adopted not only by soccer, but also by most sports in Australia.

It is vital that all people involved in sporting activities, whether they are athletes, coaches, parents, officials or supporters understand their responsibilities to ensure that all participants enjoy junior sport.

Along with an understanding of the codes, the WJSA ask all junior club members to support the principles behind the codes, and to actively follow the practices outlined.

7.1.1 Players Code of Fair Play

- Play by the rules.
- Never argue with a referee or assistant referee. If you disagree, have your captain, coach or manager approach the official on your behalf.
- Control your temper. Verbal abuse of officials and sledging other players, deliberately distracting or provoking an opponent are not acceptable or permitted behaviours in soccer.
- Work equally hard for yourself and your team. Your team's performance will benefit, so will you.
- Be a good sport, recognise all good plays whether they are part of your team or the opposition.
- Treat all participants in soccer as you like to be treated. Do not bully or take unfair advantage of another competitor.
- Cooperate with your coach, teammates and opponents. Without them there would be no game.
- Participate for your own enjoyment and benefit, not just to please parents and coaches.
- Respect the rights, dignity and worth of all participants regardless of their gender, ability, cultural background or religion.

7.1.2 Parents Code of Fair Play

- Remember that children participate in sport for their enjoyment.
- Encourage children to participate, do not force them.
- Focus on the child's efforts and performance rather than winning or losing.
- Encourage children always to play according to the rules and to settle disagreements without resorting to hostility or violence.
- Never ridicule or yell at a child for making a mistake or losing a game.
- Remember that children learn best by example. Appreciate good performances and skilful plays by all participants.
- Support all efforts to remove verbal and physical abuse from all of soccer's activities.
- Respect official's decisions and teach children to do likewise.
- Show appreciation for volunteer coaches, officials and administrators. Without them, your child could not participate.
- Respect the rights, dignity and worth of every young person regardless of their gender, ability, cultural background or religion.

7.1.3 Coaches Code of Fair Play

- Remember that junior players participate for pleasure and winning is only part of the fun.
- Never ridicule or yell at a junior players for making a mistake or not winning.
- Be reasonable in you demands on players' time, energy and enthusiasm.
- Operate within the rules and spirit of the game and teach your players to do the same.
- Ensure that the time players spend with you is a positive experience. All junior players are deserving of equal attention and opportunities.
- Avoid overplaying the talented players; the just average need and deserve equal time.
- Ensure that equipment and facilities meet safety standards and are appropriate to the age and ability of all players.
- Display control, respect and professionalism to all involved with the sport. This includes opponents, coaches, officials, administrators, the media, parents and spectators. Encourage your players to do the same.
- Show concern and caution toward sick and injured players. Follow the advice of a physician when determining whether an injured player is ready to recommence training or competition.
- Obtain appropriate qualifications and keep up to date with the latest coaching practices and the principles of growth and development of young players.
- Any physical contact with a junior player should be appropriate to the situation and necessary for the player's development.
- Respect the rights, dignity and worth of every young person regardless of their gender, ability, cultural background or religion.

7.1.4 Administrators Code of Fair Play

- Provide opportunity for involvement of young players in planning, leadership, evaluation and decision making related to their activity.
- Give all young players equal opportunities to participate.
- Create pathways for young players to participate in soccer not just as a player but also as a coach, referee, administrator etc.

- Ensure that rules, equipment, length of games and training schedules are modified to suit the age, ability and maturity level of young players.
- Provide quality supervision and instruction for junior players.
- Remember that young players participate for their enjoyment and benefit. Do not overemphasise awards.
- Help coaches and officials highlight appropriate behaviour and skill development, and help to improve the standards of coaching and officiating.
- Ensure that everyone involved in junior sport emphasises fair play, and not winning at all costs.
- Give a code of Fair Play sheet to spectators, officials, parents, coaches, players and the media and encourage them to follow it.
- Remember, you set an example. Your behaviour and comments should be positive and supportive.
- Support implementation of Soccer Australia's National Junior Development Policy.
- Make it clear that abusing young players in any way is unacceptable and will result in disciplinary action.
- Respect the rights, dignity and worth of every young person regardless of their gender, ability, cultural background or religion.

7.1.5 Officials Code of Fair Play

- Modify rules and regulations to match the skill levels and needs of young people.
- Compliment and encourage all participants.
- Be consistent, objective and courteous when making decisions.
- Condemn unsporting behaviour and promote respect for all opponents.
- Emphasise the spirit of the game rather than the errors.
- Encourage and promote rule changes, which will make participation more enjoyable.
- Be a good sport yourself. Actions speak louder than words.
- Keep up to date with the latest trends in officiating and the principles of growth and development of young players.
- Remember, you set an example. Your behaviour and comments should be positive and supportive.
- Place the safety and welfare of the participants above all else.

7.1.6 Spectators Code of Fair Play

- Remember that young people participate for their enjoyment and benefit, not yours.
- Applaud good performance and efforts from all individuals and teams. Congratulate all participants on their performance regardless of the game's outcome.
- Respect the decisions of officials and teach junior players to do the same.
- Never ridicule or scold a player for making a mistake. Positive comments are motivational.
- Condemn the use of violence in any form, whether it is by spectators, coaches, officials or players.
- Show respect for your team's opponents. Without them there would be no game.
- Encourage players to follow the rules and the officials' decisions.
- Do not use foul language, sledge or harass players, coaches or officials.
- Respect the rights, dignity and worth of every young person regardless of their gender, ability, cultural background or religion.

7.1.7 Social Media

8. AMALGAMATED TEAM REGISTRATION

8.1 General

This covers the rules governing the fielding of an amalgamated team in the Whyalla Junior Soccer Association.

8.2 Numbers required to allow amalgamation

- 8.2.1. If any club has 11 or more players in any age group they would be obliged to field their **OWN** team in that age group (current situation).
- 8.2.2 If a club has 4 or less players in any age group they would be obliged to **NOT** field a team and ask the players to seek membership with another club in that age group.

8.2.3 If the club had between 5 and 10 players signed up they could seek an amalgamation with another club in like circumstances to field an amalgamated team.

8.3 Mechanics of amalgamation

8.3.1 That team would be recorded on all fixture lists and match cards as team A/B (where A and B are the two clubs concerned).

8.3.2 The coach would be selected by agreement of the two clubs.

8.3.3 If two clubs wish to field an amalgamated club then that team will **NOT** be able to supplement its numbers from the age group below it. (*This is to avoid problems occurring if a coach predominantly picks players from his own parent club*).

8.3.4 If any or either of the individual teams who comprise the amalgamated team have individual teams in an older grade they can allow their players to play up a grade in the team with which they are registered. Where the team above it is also amalgamated **NO** players will be allowed to be promoted up a grade as per rule 8.3.3.

8.3.5 The fixtures shall be arranged (where possible) so each team in the amalgamation gets an equal amount of home games

8.3.6 The team colours may be set the same for the full season by agreement of the two clubs or may be rotated to suit the team in the amalgamation that is designated the home team for that round.

8.3.7 **IN ALL CASES** the association is not responsible for resolving any problems which may arise in getting agreement on the formation of a team. If an agreement cannot be met between the clubs then the amalgamation would not occur.

8.4 Example of amalgamated structure

Under 16's

Team A (*Lightning*)

Team B (*Thunder*)

16 players registered with *Lightning*

13 players registered with
Thunder

Under 14's

Amalgamated team A/B (*Lightning/Thunder*)

7 players registered with *Lightning*

5 players registered with *Thunder*

Under 12's

Team A (*Lightning*)

Team B (*Thunder*)

12 players registered with *Lightning*

13 players registered with *Thunder*

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All players must be registered with **ONLY ONE** team in one age group at the beginning of the season. Either *Lightning* or *Thunder* in this case. (Current situation)

Any of the 7 players registered with *Lightning* in the Amalgamated Under 14 team could play up for *Lightning* in the Under 16's and any of the 5 players registered with *Thunder* in the Amalgamated Under 14 team could play up for *Thunder* in the Under 16's.

The Amalgamated Under 14 team **CANNOT** supplement its numbers from the Under 12 teams.

If *Thunder* did not have an Under 16 team then the players registered with *Thunder* **CANNOT** be played up in *Lightning's* Under 16 team.

If *Lightning* and *Thunder* were also amalgamated in the Under 16's then they **CANNOT** draw players from the Under 14 amalgamated team.

Appendix A

Junior League Match Rules

Introduction

The **FSA** Mini Roos will be implemented across the Non-competitive Age Groups, the rules governing these games will be enforced throughout the season

Unless otherwise stated all rules shall be as per latest FIFA regulations.

Under 06/08

| | |
|-------------------------------|-----------------|
| Time of play each half | 15 minutes |
| Half Time break | 5 minutes (max) |
| Number of interchange players | 5 |
| Ball size | 3 |
| Interchange | Unlimited |
| Corner kicks | Corner marker |

| Age Group | Team size | Ball Size |
|------------|-----------|-----------|
| Under 6's | 4v4 | 3 |
| Under 8's | 7v7 | 3 |
| Under 10's | 9v9 | 4 |

Under 10's

| | |
|-------------------------------|-----------------|
| Time of play each half | 20 minutes |
| Half Time break | 5 minutes (max) |
| Number of interchange players | 5 |
| Ball size | 4 |
| Interchange | Unlimited |
| Corner kicks | Corner marker |

Under 12's**11 v 11**

| | |
|-------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Time of play each half | 20 minutes |
| Half Time break | 10 minutes (max) |
| Number of interchange players | 5 |
| Ball size | 4 |
| Interchange | Unlimited |
| Corner kicks | Between 18yrd box and touchline |
| Bye Kicks | Top of 18yrd box |

Under 14's

| | |
|-------------------------------|------------------|
| Time of play each half | 25 minutes |
| Half Time break | 10 minutes (max) |
| Number of interchange players | 5 |
| Ball size | 5 |
| Interchange | Unlimited |

Under 17's

| | |
|-------------------------------|------------------|
| Time of play each half | 35 minutes |
| Half Time break | 10 minutes (max) |
| Number of interchange players | 5 |
| Ball size | 5 |
| Interchange | Unlimited |

Appendix B

Offences by Club Officials or Spectators

Suspensions for Officials or Spectators apply to the playing season. A start date and an end date will be specified if a suspension is imposed.

| Item | Offence | Min | Max |
|------|--|------------|------------|
| 1 | Abusing a referee or assistant referee. | Caution | Suspension |
| 2 | Any physical action against a referee or assistant referee | Suspension | Life ban |
| 3 | Threatening a referee or assistant referee | Suspension | Life ban |
| 4 | Inciting a crowd | Caution | Life ban |
| 5 | Abusing or threatening a club official or spectator | Caution | Suspension |
| 6 | Any physical action against a club official or spectator | Suspension | Life ban |
| 7 | Abusing or threatening a player | Caution | Suspension |

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|---|---------------------------------------|------------|----------|
| 8 | Any physical action against a player | Suspension | Life ban |
| 9 | Bringing junior soccer into disrepute | Caution | Life ban |

Appendix C

Social Media Sign Off Form

I agree to abide by the Social Media Policy of the Whyalla Junior Soccer Association.

Player's Name: _____ Club: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Player or Guardian

Appendix D

WHYALLA JUNIOR SOCCER

CHANGE OF VENUE REQUEST FORM

| WSA | | WJSA | |
|------------------|-----------|--------------|--|
| A Grade | | Under 8 | |
| Reserves grad | | Under 10 | |
| | | Under 12 | |
| | | Under 14 | |
| | | Under 17 | |
| Home Teams | | Away Teams | |
| Croatia | | Croatia | |
| Lions | | Lions | |
| Steel United | | Steel United | |
| Wanderers | | Wanderers | |
| Westland's | | Westland's | |
| | | | |
| Original Fixture | Date..... | Time..... | |
| New Fixture | Date..... | Time..... | |



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