

South Australian Junior Soccer Associations.

District and Country Championships

Rules and Standard Procedures

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STANDARD PROCEDURES, RULES AND REGULATIONS

SAJSA can vary the following rules and regulations in the interests of a better competition especially if they conflict with any governing body or FIFA

1 ASSOCIATION ELIGIBILITY

- (a) The State Junior District Championships shall be open to all Member Associations/Incorporated Clubs of the South Australian Junior Soccer Associations Inc. and any other Association affiliated to an FFA affiliated body, by invitation
- (b) The Country Junior District Championships shall be open to all Country Member Associations /Incorporated Clubs of the South Australian Junior Soccer Associations Inc. and by application from City associations/Incorporated Clubs running provincial divisions or leagues. . and any other Association affiliated to an FFA affiliated body, by invitation

2 COMPETITION VENUES & DATES

- (a) The venue for the State and Country Junior District Championships will be decided by the South Australian Junior Soccer Associations Inc or Governing Body after receiving applications for same from Affiliated Associations/Incorporated Clubs.
- (b) The State Junior District Championships will be held over three (3) days preferably the long weekend in June of any year
The Country Junior District Championships will be held on the first weekend in September or another date to be determined by agreement, but no later than the above date.

3. SPONSORSHIP

- (a) The Hosting Association can obtain Sponsorship for the Championships to assist in the financial running of same.
- (b) The Championships can be renamed to acknowledge such sponsorship as long as the above Championship's names are shown and the Hosting Association in conjunction with the South Australian Junior Soccer Association and or or Governing Body Boards believes that the sponsor has donated enough to warrant it.

4. CONDUCT of COMPETITIONS

- (a) After all nominations have been received the competition shall be conducted as follows:
 - (i) Any age group receiving nomination of eight or more teams shall be split into two (2) leagues by team draws with one league utilising a bye if necessary.
 - (ii) Each of these leagues shall compete in a round robin competition to determine a winner and a runner-up to compete in the semi-finals as in clause 28
 - (iii) For any age group receiving up to a maximum of seven (7) nominations the competition shall be conducted on a single league round robin basis to determine an eventual winner and runner-up.
 - (iv) In the event of a tie the eventual winner shall be decided in accordance with clauses 28(b), (c) and (d).
 - (v) The Executive can vary clauses 4a (i),(ii),(iii) for a one off championship event if deemed to be in the best interest of providing a better competition or accommodating the number of pitches available to a host association.
 - (vi) The host association shall provide SAJSA with a full list of final team nominations **no later than 14 days** prior to the event, so that an official of SAJSA can produce the fixtures for the championship on their behalf.

5. TEAM NOMINATION

- (a) All team nominations accompanied by a copy of the player's registration form will be forwarded to the Hosting Association three (3) weeks prior to the Championships on the S.A.J.S.A or Governing Body's approved registration form.

- (b) A team nomination will consist of a maximum of 16 players Member Association's/Incorporated Club's are only entitled to enter one (1) team in any age group A member may nominate further teams in any age group or league with the permission of the South Australian Junior Soccer Association or of the Governing Body's Board, but only to make up the desired number of teams in any age group or league.
- (c) The names of all nominated players along with the appropriate team nomination fee must be received by the Hosting Association on the appropriate nomination form no later than three (3) weeks prior to the first day of the Championship. These forms will be made available to an official of SAJSA prior to the event for the purposes of verifying each player's eligibility in accordance with Bylaw 7.
 - (1) A copy of the fixtures of the nominating association shall be provided to the Association with the final team nominations
- (d) Nomination Forms will include the Name, birth date and eligibility of all players and age group nominated for, signed by the Registrar or responsible Official of the Nominating Association.
- (e) The exception to clause 5(e) is for sickness or Injuries whereby the change has to be notified to the Hosting Association prior to the first day of the Championships and accompanied by a player registration form.
- (f) The Manager or appropriate Official of the nominating Association/Incorporated Club will provide the Hosting Association Manager or appropriate Official, an amended final list of players before the first day of play if different to the team nomination form submitted.
- (g) If the Hosting Association Manager or appropriate SAJSA Official, is dissatisfied with a player's eligibility or a complaint received from a participating association's official, the matter will be investigated by an official of SAJSA.
- (j) Two girls' teams be invited to participate in the State and Country Junior Soccer Championships. One team to consist of players selected from the combined age groups Under 11 – Under 13 inclusive and the second team to consist of players selected from the combined age groups Under 14 – Under 16 inclusive, all to be as determined by clause

6 AGES

- (a) The eligibility of a player in any age group for the State and the Country Junior District Championships shall be determined by their age at 00.01 hours on the 1st of January of the participating year.
- (a) The age groups for the State and Country Junior District Soccer Championships shall be Under 11, under 12, Under 13, Under 14, Under 15 and Under 16, as determined by 6(a).
- (c) Any Association not able to register more than 10 players in any age group shall be allowed to register and play a maximum of 1 overage player.
Any Association not able to register more than 9 players in any age group shall be allowed to register and play a maximum of 2 overage players.
The players selected as overage must not be any player selected in that Association's older age group and must not be more than 90 days overage.
- (d) SAJSA championships revert to the previous combined age groupings for the girl's competition.
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 - 1, Under 13 made up of U/11-U/12 and U/13 girls
 - 2, Under 16 made up of U/14-U/15 and U/16 girls

7 ELIGIBLE PLAYERS

- (a) Players eligible to represent any Association at the Championships must be a properly registered player of the nominating Association.
- (b) A properly registered and eligible player, shall be any player that has played a minimum of 50% of games in the nominating association's competition since the previous equivalent championship. The player must also be registered for the current year, playing in that association's competition, and have played a minimum of 50% of the games in the current season prior to the championship event. If any disputes or complaints arise, proof of eligibility must be provided by way of match cards or similar to an SAJSA official for adjudication. Should any player(s) be proven ineligible then any

awards received by the team(s) the player(s) played for shall be rescinded and awarded to the next in line team.

- (c) A Carnival played on a regular playing date shall qualify that player or team as one (1) game played.
- (d) Possible exemptions are:
 - (i) Through home movement or school attendance change that the player has to join a different Association/Incorporated Club.
 - (ii) The player is new to soccer in South Australia in that he/she has:-
 - (1) Never played Soccer.
 - (2) Moved to area from Interstate or Overseas.
 - (iii) Not played outdoor soccer for any part of the season or past twelve (12) months because of:-
 - (1) Injury
 - (2) Absence from State
 - (iv) Any player residing in a regional zone (not less than 100 kilometres from the Adelaide GPO), playing for a JPL club, may qualify to play in the State and Country Championships for the Association/Incorporated Club in which they reside. This exemption will only apply to players that cannot play and qualify in their residing Association/Incorporated Club as Per 7(b) due to a conflict of playing times between the two competitions.
 - (v) Any Association/Incorporated Club selecting players referred to in d(iv) above will be restricted to a maximum of two (2) players in any respective age group.
 - (vi) Any school based Association may apply for permission to select club players not able to play school soccer in their Association at U/13 and over but will be restricted to a maximum of up to 33% in number of the squad selected.
- (e) Approval for clause 7 (d) (i),(ii),(iii), (iv) or(vi) must be obtained from the South Australian Junior Soccer Associations or Governing Body three weeks before the event as in 5(d) (f) There can be no dual registration between Associations/Incorporated Clubs.
A player attending a school having teams playing within an Association/Incorporated Club shall only be eligible to play for that school and Association/Incorporated Club.
- (g) Where two associations form a joint competition, players may only be selected by their host Association.
- (h) Where a metropolitan association/Incorporated Club is granted approval to play in the Country championships, only players who play for or attend the “country” area schools of that association /Incorporated Club shall be eligible for the country championships, PROVIDED they have not been selected for the associations/Incorporated Club State Championships teams.
- (i) Notice of movement of players between Associations/Incorporated Clubs is the responsibility of the receiving Association/Incorporated Club to notify the affected Association/Incorporated Club.
- (j) A team depleted of players during the championship, by way of sickness or injury, may replace such players from a lower age group, providing approval is gained from the organising body AND the coach of the lower age group.

8. NOMINATION FEES

- (a) Nomination Fees for both the State and the Country Junior District Championships will be set by the South Australian junior Soccer Associations or Governing Body at the Annual General Meeting every year.
- (b) All fees must be paid to the SAJSA Treasurer with a copy of the combination Team nomination / Invoice form, no later than 21 days prior to the championship. Failure to pay these fees by this date may result in exclusion of these teams from the Championship.

9. ASSOCIATION COLOURS

- (a) All Associations//Incorporated Clubs nominating teams to the Championships will notify the Hosting Association of team colours when nominating their team.
- (b) If there is a possibility of a clash of colours the Hosting Association will notify the nominating team to bring a change of strips.
- (c) In event of any clash of colours, the first named team will change into the alternative strips.
- (d) Any Association/Incorporated Club wishing to change their Association/Incorporated Club colours or

design must obtain permission from the South Australian Junior Soccer Association or Governing Body prior to any change.

10. TROPHY

- (a) The South Australian Junior Soccer Association will be responsible for obtaining medals for the winning and runner-up teams in all age groups.
- (b) The South Australian Junior Soccer Association will be responsible for providing perpetual trophies to all winning Associations in all age groups in the State Championships.
- (c) The South Australian Junior Soccer Association will be responsible for the provision of permanent trophies to all age groups winners and runner-ups.
- (d) Trophies for the Winners and Runner-ups of each age group will be presented to the Captain or person nominated by that Association's Team.
- (e) All players and Coaches of the winning and runner-up teams will receive a medallion.
- (f) The South Australian Junior Soccer Association Representative or the Governing Body representative will award the 'Most Sporting Association' Trophy to the best Sporting Association at the State Championships.
- (g) The "Most Sporting Association" Trophy will be awarded to the Association with the least amount of yellow/red cards and the best behaved teams and officials during the course of the Championships
- (h) The cost of providing the trophies in Bylaws 10a and 10b shall be deducted from the re-imburement paid to the Hosting association

11. ACCOMMODATION

- (a) Accommodation for team and or Association officials shall be the responsibility of the Association which they represent.

12. INSURANCE

- (a) All Associations are responsible for their own insurance of players.

13. MATCH REFRESHMENTS.

- (a) Oranges or approved refreshments will be supplied by the Hosting Association.
- (b) Oranges or approved refreshments will be provided at half time for all players of every game.
- (c) The provision at other refreshments is the responsibility of all participating Associations/Incorporated Clubs for their own players.

14. MATCH BALLS

- (a) The Hosting Association in conjunction with the South Australian Junior Soccer Association or Governing Body will be responsible for the supply of all match balls.
- (b) Ball sizes will be:-
 - (i) Under 12D size 4 (60 - 66cms)
 - (ii) Under 12 size 4 (60 - 66cms)
 - (iii) Under 13 size 5 (67 - 72cms)
 - (iv) Under 14 size 5 (67 - 72cms)
 - (v) Under 15 size 5 (67 - 72cms)
 - (vi) Under 16 size 5 (67 - 72cms)
- (b) All other equipment for the Championship will be the responsibility of the Hosting Association.

15. FIELDS and GOALS

- (a) For the State and Country Junior District Championships the recommended field sizes will be:-
 - (i) Under 12D and Under 12 Maximum size 95m x 60m
Minimum size 85m x 55m

- (ii) Under 13 and Under 14 Maximum size 105m x 70m
 Minimum size 95m x 60m
- (iii) Under 15 and Under 16 Maximum size 110m x 75m
 Minimum size 100m x 64m
- (c) Any change to the recommended field sizes have to be notified to the South Australian Junior Soccer Association or Governing Body at the time of applying for the Championships.
- (d) Goal sizes have to be notified to the South Australian Junior Soccer Association or Governing Body at the time of applying for the Championships.
- (e) A roped off area with a bench or chairs will be supplied for competing teams to use for their Interchange players and team officials.
- (f) Spectators will be kept from behind any goal lines and will stand no closer than one (1) metre from the sidelines.
- (g) All participating Associations/Incorporated Clubs of the Championships will supply a Marshall each day to police clause 16(e).
- (h) All goal areas, penalty areas etc will be as in the rules of soccer

16. CHAMPIONSHIP DRAW

- (a) The draw for allocation of team numbers and games for the set fixture will be supervised by a representative of the South Australian Junior Soccer Association or Governing Body.

17. CHANGEROOMS

- (a) A change room for each competing Association/Incorporated Club will be provided for by the Hosting Association where possible
- (b) Security of property/valuables is the responsibility of the Association/Incorporated Club assigned to the change rooms.

18. MATCH OFFICIALS

- (a) Each Association/Incorporated Club will nominate to the Hosting Association the name of at least one (1) person suitable to serve as a Referee during the Championships and also one (1) Official to be on the Dispute Committee.
- (b) Each Association/Incorporated Club will also nominate to the Hosting Association the name of at least one (1) person suitable to serve as linesman during the Championships.
- (c) Each Team shall be prepared to provide the referee with a linesman at least five (5) minutes prior to the scheduled starting time of their game.
- (d) The Hosting Association will be responsible for the appointment of a Referee Coordinator through whom all match Officials appointments and/or changes will be made.
- (e) For future Country events, the hosting Association shall be paid \$270 per team entered to cover all costs involved, including referees. If the host Association cannot supply enough referees to cater the event, SAJSA will source further referee's and the costs involved will be deducted from the above payments made to the host Association

19. DISCIPLINARY RULES

- (a) Any player ordered from the field or play by a referee during a scheduled fixture shall incur a mandatory suspension of at least one (1) match and may be ordered to appear before the Dispute & Disciplinary Committee.
- (b) The Dispute & Disciplinary Committee may impose longer periods of suspension depending on the evidence presented at the hearing.
- (c) If a player has accumulated three (3) yellow cards, the player will be automatically suspended for one (1) competitive Championship game.
- (d) Any Player, Official or Association/Incorporated Club that is suspended during either a State or Country Junior District Championship must complete the suspension before competing/attending in any more State or Country Junior District Championships. If any player is suspended in the last game of the competition, that player must serve the suspension in the first competitive game of their home Association.

- (e) An official complaint lodged by any association regarding any incident occurring at a championship, must be lodged within 60 minutes from the occurrence and lodged on an official SAJSA complaints form, available from the officials' office.
- (f) This form to be lodged within one hour from receipt and accompanied by any written witness statements that may be available

20. DISPUTE & DESCIPLINARY COMMITTEE

- (a) The Hosting Association will be responsible for the provision of a suitable, quiet, private area in which the Dispute & Disciplinary Committee may convene as and when necessary.
- (b) The Hosting Association will be responsible for the appointment of a Dispute & Disciplinary Chairperson.
- (c) The Dispute & Disciplinary Committee will hear and determine any dispute arising during the Championships and all complaints alleging any breach of the laws of soccer by any player Officials or any participating Associations/Incorporated Clubs during the Championships.
- (d) Each participating Association/Incorporated Club will nominate to the Hosting Association's Manager or responsible Official, one (1) Official to serve on the Dispute & Disciplinary Committee.
- (e) Three (3) Officials will be nominated as required for each match to serve on the Disputes & Disciplinary Committee and will be drawn from representatives of the Associations/Incorporated Clubs not competing in the match concerned and one South Australian Junior Soccer Association or Governing Body Executive Member or their nominee.
- (f) The Dispute & Disciplinary Committee will be convened by the Championship Manager within one hour of the lodgement of a report by a referee alleging misconduct of a player, Official or participating Association/Incorporated Club.
- (g) The Disputes & Disciplinary Committee will be convened by the Championship Manager as soon as practicable after becoming aware of any dispute arising during the Championship.
- (h) The Dispute & Disciplinary Committee may inform itself on such matters as it sees fit and may request any person to appear before it, to give information relating to the case In front of the said Committee.
- (i) The Dispute & Disciplinary Committee shall be authorised to suspend, fine reprimand caution or otherwise penalise any player, Official or Association/Incorporated Club whom they consider having breached the laws of soccer at the Championships, or who have brought the code into disrepute by their actions.
- (j) The Dispute & Disciplinary Committee may hear and determine a report not withstanding the non-appearance of a player, Official or Association/Incorporated Club cited to appear before it.
- (k) It shall not be Incumbent on the Dispute & Disciplinary Committee to determine whether such player, Official or Association has been duly cited to appear.
- (l) The Dispute & Disciplinary Chairperson shall serve notice of the decision of the Dispute & Disciplinary Committee upon the player/s, Official/s or Association/s/Incorporated Club/s immediately after the decision is made.
- (m) Any player suspended shall be deemed to be unregistered for the period of their suspension.

21. APPEALS

- (a) The Appeals Committee will consist of a member of the Host Association and two (2) independent members, none of whom formed part of the original Dispute & Disciplinary Committee.
- (b) The Host Association Member shall be the Chairperson of the Appeals Committee.
- (c) Notice of appeal against the Dispute & Disciplinary Committee decision shall be lodged with the Championship Manager or designated Official within two (2) hours from the time the Dispute & Disciplinary Committee made their decision.
- (d) The grounds for Appeal will be in writing stating the reason for the appeal. Disagreement with the result of the Disputes & Disciplinary Committee hearing will not be accepted as grounds for an appeal.
- (e) Any player Official or Association/Incorporated Club found guilty by the Dispute & Disciplinary Committee may appeal to the Appeals Committee to repeal or review the case or sentence.
- (f) The Dispute & Disciplinary Chairperson or nominee shall be required to appear before the Appeals Committee to provide a full verbal report on their hearing and findings.
- (g) There shall be no further appeal against the decision of the Appeals Committee which has the power to repeal, confirm, increase or decrease the sentence imposed by the Dispute & Disciplinary Committee.

22. COACHING

- (a) Coaches or Officials of any team will not coach teams from behind either goal line.

23 PLAYING TIMES

- (a) Normal playing time in all matches will be
 - (i) Under 11 and Under 12 25 minutes each way
 - (ii) Under 13, Under 14,
Under 15 and Under 16 30 minutes each way

24. INTERCHANGE OF PLAYERS

- (a) For all players playing in all age groups, any player listed on the match card can be interchanged at any time in a match during a stoppage of play with the Referee's permission.
- (b) The player to take the field as Interchange shall stand adjacent to the half way line and shall not enter the field of play until the player being replaced has left the field at that point.

25 TEAM COUNT

- (a) The referee can conduct a player count at any time and in the event that any team has twelve (12) or more players on the field at that time the score of the defaulting team for that period of the half in progress that has expired to that time will be reduced to nil.
- (b) Notification will be made on the match card by the Referee and the team coaches notified of the infringement.
- (c) An Official of either team can ask the Referee to conduct a team count and the Referee will do so at his discretion and If a team has twelve (12) or more players on the field of play, the same will apply as per clause 26 (a).

26 CORNERS

- (a) Corners in Under 11 and Under 12 age groups will be taken from a point on the goal line approximately midway between the point where the penalty area meets the goal line and the point where the touch line meets the goal line on the appropriate side of the goals. No allowance will be made for an imaginary quadrant at that point.
- (b) Corners In all other age groups will be taken as per the prevailing rules of soccer.

27. RULES OF PLAY

- (a) Except where otherwise stated, the rules of play shall be as per FIFA Rules,
- (b) In the event of having to separate teams finishing level on points after a League round, goal difference shall determine precedence.
- (c) If goal differences are equal, the team having scored most goals shall take precedence.
- (d) If teams still cannot be separated then they shall play each other in games of five (5) minutes duration , after which change of ends will occur for another five (5) minutes. until either team scores a goal at which time that team shall be declared the winner. If time does not allow for the above to take place then the teams shall both be declared as the winners and receive a set of medallions and a plaque each in the round robin competition leagues. This a sharing does not apply to a round robin in a 2 division age group because a decision must be reached for finals.

28. SEMI-FINALS

- (a) Where Associations/Incorporated Clubs are grouped into two (2) leagues in a particular age group, the first and second teams placed at the head of their league in a round robin, shall contest a semi-final.
- (b) The winner of one league will play the second placed team of the other league.

- (c) In the event of a draw after normal time, extra time of five (5) minutes each way will be played in the Under 11 and Under 12 age groups, and ten (10) minutes each way in the Under 13 to Under 16 age groups inclusive.
- (d) If neither team scores during extra time then the winner will be decided by penalties as per the prevailing rules of soccer.

29. FINALS

- (a) Where scores are level at the completion of full time after a break of five (5) minutes, extra time will be played as follows:-
 - (i) Under 11 and Under 12 a period of five (5) minutes each way with no half time except to change ends.
 - (ii) Under 13, Under 14, Under 15 and Under 16 - a period of ten (10) minutes each way with no half time except to change ends.
- (b) Should no result be obtained by the end of extra time then the Championships will be decided as follows:-
 - (i) Under 11 and Under 12 - Title and trophy to be shared.
 - (ii) Under 13, Under 14, Under 15 and Under 16 - a penalty competition will be held as per the prevailing rules of soccer.

30. RULE CHANGES

- (a) Any incidental offences not covered by these rules can be heard by a Panel consisting of a Representative of the S.A.J.S.A. or Governing Body and one (1) representative from three (3) of the affiliated Associations/Incorporated Clubs involved in the Championships but not including any representative of an Association/Incorporated Club that may be involved in the incident under review.
- (b) Any decision will be binding on the Championships and must be reported at the next Junior Association or Governing Body's Meeting for endorsement and Ratification.
- (c) Notices of proposed amendments or additions to these rules shall be lodged in writing with the General Secretary who shall supply details of the proposed amendments or additions to all affiliated Associations/Incorporated Clubs together with official notification of the meeting when these proposed amendments or additions will be heard.
- (d) No clause shall be added, rescinded, altered or suspended otherwise than by a resolution properly approved by at least two (2) thirds of the votes lodged by members present at the Annual General Meeting or a Special General Meeting.
- (e) A Member Association/Incorporated Club with their Headquarters located more than fifty (50) kilometres from the meeting venue may tender a proxy vote in writing prior to the date of the meeting.

31 MISCELLANEOUS.

- (a) All winning and runner-up Association Teams/Incorporated Clubs will stay for the presentation except for the following reasons:
- (i) Permission has been granted from the South Australian Junior Soccer Association Representative or Governing Body Representative and the Hosting Association
 - (ii) If because of extra time in games, the Championships are going to finish later than programmed.
 - (iii) If because of clause 31 (a) (ii), permission can be granted to have a Miniature Presentation for the Winning Teams or Runner- ups by:-
 - (1) Hosting Association with consent of the South Australian Junior Soccer Association or Governing Body Representative.
 - (iv) The wearing of skins shall be in accordance with FIFA policies. (Law no. 4 applies)
 - (v) Under no circumstances shall a plaster, or any other form of rigid cast be worn by any player playing in a SAJSA tournament