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1 GENERAL

1.1 APPLICATION OF REGULATIONS

1. These Regulations apply to any:
 - a) Club wishing to enter a Team in any Competition whose Players, Club Officials and Team Officials are registered with that club, and
 - b) Person who registers as a Match Official with the FSC Referees' Council.
2. These Regulations are directly overseen by FSC and its delegated Football Councils or Competition Committees.
3. Any matters not included in these Regulations must be referred to FSC. Where these Registration Regulations are silent on any aspect, then FSC will determine such matters under the National Registration Regulations (NRR).
4. If any part of these Regulations is void, that part shall be severable and will not affect the enforceability of the remaining sections of these Regulations.

1.2 CONSEQUENCE OF A BREACH

1. Any breach of these Regulations or failure to comply with any direction in them may at FSC's discretion result in a sanction pursuant to the FSC Disciplinary and Disputes Regulations and/or the relevant FSC Competition Regulations.
2. To avoid doubt where these Regulations do not specify the consequences of a breach or failure to comply with these Regulations, such breach or failure to comply may still be misconduct and may be subject to the provisions of the FSC Disciplinary and Disputes Regulations and/or relevant FSC Competition Regulations.

1.3 REFERENCE

Where these Regulations refer to a "Club" that reference is either to the club and/or the team that has been accepted into the relevant FSC Competition.

1.4 CAPITALISED TERMS

Any capitalised terms used in these Regulations will have meaning given to them in [Appendix 1 - Definitions](#).

1.5 INFORMATION REQUESTS

1. FSC may request a certified proof of age or identity document or any other registration document for any Player at any time through the Club or to the Player directly (or Player's parent/guardian in the event the Player is under eighteen years of age) for verification purposes.
2. In accordance with the FA Terms and Conditions, FSC may use a registered Player's name, or image, in any form or medium for general marketing and promotional activities.

2 CLUB RESPONSIBILITY

1. Each Club must be registered with the FA in accordance with the NRR in order to be eligible to participate in Competitions.
2. At all times, Clubs must:
 - (a) Ensure all Players are officially registered as approved by FSC in these Regulations, the NRR and the relevant FSC Competition Regulations.
 - (b) Keep any National Registration Forms where players did not self-register in FARS for two years;
 - (c) Verify the Player's identity, age and Visa information (if applicable) prior to processing or accepting a registration via FARS.
 - (d) Ensure that all the relevant Federal and State Laws are adhered to with Visa Players and that the Club seeks advice from the relevant governing and regulatory bodies with regard to such;
 - (e) Ensure that all Club Officials and Team Officials are registered as approved by:
 - (i) FSC in these Regulations.
 - (ii) FNSW.
 - (iii) NRR and
 - (iv) comply with FNSW policy and NSW legislation re child protection and keep required documentation.
 - (f) Ensure that the relevant documentation required to obtain an ITC is submitted.
 - (g) Collect the relevant FSC, FNSW, FA fees, insurances and levies and make payment of same by the date specified in these Regulations and/or FSC Policies and the relevant FSC Competition Regulations.
 - (h) Provide information to Players, of the fee components (which can be set up as a product in FARS) and the Club refund policy.
3. A Club must not field any person in any match unless that person is registered with FSC as a Player with that Club and is deemed eligible in accordance with these Regulations and the relevant FSC Competition Regulations.

3 PLAYER STATUS AND ELIGIBILITY

3.1 PLAYER STATUS

1. Players who are registered participants in FSC Competitions will be either Amateur or Professional Players.
2. A Professional is a Player who has a written contract with a Club, under which they are paid to play football for that Club.
3. An Amateur is any player that is not a Professional. A Club may pay or reimburse an Amateur Player any expenses incurred by that Player without affecting that Player's Amateur status, including travel, kit, equipment, or insurance premiums. If, however, an Amateur Player is paid or reimbursed more than \$110 a week by a Club, the onus is on that Club to satisfy FSC that the amount paid accurately reflects the expenses incurred by that Player. If the Club fails to satisfy this onus, that Player will be deemed to be a Professional Player under the NRR.
4. The status of each Player will be recorded in the FARS.
5. Players who participate for Clubs who play in the FSC Men's Premiership Competitions can be either Amateur or Professional in accordance with the permissible total Professional players indicated in the Men's Premiership Competition Rules.
6. All Players in other FSC Competitions must be Amateur Players.

3.2 REACQUISITION OF AMATEUR STATUS

A Player registered as a Professional Player cannot re-register as an Amateur Player until at least 30 days after their last match as a Professional Player.

3.3 ELIGIBILITY

1. A Player may only be deemed eligible to play in any Match once:
 - (a) The Player has been registered in accordance with these Regulations (including without limitation seeking and being granted an International Transfer Certificate where required).
 - (b) Their registration is recorded as "Active" in the FARS.
 - (c) The Player has been moved into a team or squad in the Competition Management System.
2. A Player's eligibility to Play in any Match may also be subject to the relevant FSC Competition Regulations including (without limitation) that a Player is issued with an Identification Card.

4 PROCESS FOR REGISTRATION

4.1 AGE RESTRICTIONS

1. A player's age is determined by the actual age on 31st December of the current season i.e. the age the player turns in the calendar year. A player must turn 5 by December 31 for the current season to be registered for that season.
2. A Junior Player may not register in an age group more than two years above the lowest age group to which they are entitled to register unless the relevant Competition Rules give an exemption.
3. If an exemption is granted as per [clause 2 above](#), the parents/guardian of the player may be required to sign an additional form as prescribed by FSC or Football NSW.

4.2 CONDITIONS OF REGISTRATION

1. A player is registered only for the current Year in which they register. Any registration form signed in one Year is not valid for the following Year.
2. Registered players are governed by the FSC Constitution, FSC By-Laws, FSC Regulations, relevant FSC Competition Regulations, relevant FSC Policies and FSC, FNSW, FA Codes of Conduct.
3. Parents or guardians of children participating in FSC competitions (U6 to U18) are also required agree to abide by a FSC Code of Conduct.
4. Any player or their parent/guardian found to have provided false or misleading statements on registration forms or same in FARS will be dealt with as per the FSC Disciplinary and Disputes Regulations.

4.3 AMATEUR PLAYERS

1. All Amateur Players must be registered via FARS through an affiliated Men's Premiership Club, Men's Community League Club, Women's Club, Junior Club.
2. The registration of an Amateur Player with a Club is effective from the date the individual is made "Active" by the Club and allocated to the respective team within FARS.
3. The registration can be effected through:
 - (a) The player self-registering in FARS and the Club accepting the Player's registration in FARS; or
 - (b) The Player completing a NRR03 form and the Club registering the Player in FARS.
4. If a Player is registering for the first time with a Club, that Player must provide the Club with evidence of name and age, by producing an original birth certificate, passport, drivers licence or similar form of identification.

4.4 PROFESSIONAL PLAYERS

1. All Professional Players must be registered via FARS through an affiliated FSC Men's Premiership Club.
2. A Player is eligible to be registered with FSC as a Professional Player with a Club only if;
 - (a) The Player has self-registered via FARS and the Club has accepted the Player's registration as a Professional or the Player completes a NRR04 form, and the Club registers the Player in FARS.
 - (b) An original Professional Player contract (NNR05) signed by the Club and the Player seeking to be registered is lodged with FSC; and
 - (c) The requirements set out in 2 (a) and (b) above are completed during the prescribed registration period.
 - (d) The Player has been allocated to the respective team in the FARS.
3. The registration of a Professional Player with a Club is effective from the date of registration as entered by FSC on the prescribed form and continues in accordance with the Professional Player contract.
4. If a Player is registering for the first time, that Player must provide the Club with evidence of name and age, by producing an original birth certificate, passport or drivers licence.

4.5 DUAL REGISTRATION

1. A Player can be registered with only one Club at a time.
2. A Player registered with FSC can only play for the Club nominated by that Player unless the Player is playing:
 - (a) For a Representative Team.
 - (b) In another Association and has received approval from Football NSW.
 - (c) via the FSC Dual Club Playing Procedure.
 - (d) For a Futsal Club at which that Player is also registered.
 - (e) For a school team.
 - (f) In a benefit, testimonial, or charity match if the Player has written permission from FSC or FNSW or FA as the case required.
 - (g) In a trial match if the Player has his Club's written permission and plays no more than two (2) trial matches or such other number of matches as may be specified in the respective Competition Regulations.

4.6 PLAYER REGISTRATION IN THE CASE OF AMALGAMATION OF CLUBS

Where an amalgamation/merger takes place between two Clubs which is accordance to the relevant FSC Competition Regulations, the following will apply to registered Players of such Clubs:

- (a) Professional Player registrations will be carried over to the new Club.
- (b) Amateur Player registrations will automatically cease, and the Club will be required to re-register Amateur Players within the applicable team maximums outlined in the relevant FSC Competition Regulations.
- (c) Should an amalgamation occur post the registration window, FSC in conjunction with FNSW will decide on a solution in the best interests of the competition.
- (d) All disciplinary cautions incurred by Players will be carried forward where Players move to another Club.
- (e) All suspensions incurred by Players will be carried forward where Players move to another Club.

4.7 PLAYER REGISTRATION IN THE CASE OF TEAMS WITHDRAWING FROM COMPETITION

1. A Club may withdraw a Team from an FSC Competition in accordance with the relevant FSC Competition Regulations.
2. Players from the withdrawn Team will either:
 - (a) Be regraded or reallocated to other Teams in the Club providing this complies with the relevant FSC Competition Regulation; or
 - (b) Be Deregistered.

4.8 PLAYER REGISTRATION IN THE CASE OF WHERE A CLUB IS DEFUNCT OR EXPELLED

When a Club is declared defunct by FSC or is expelled from membership of or affiliation to FSC, the following will apply to registered Players of such Clubs:

1. As from the date of cessation, the Professional Players of any such Club will be deemed to be registered with FSC (including but not limited to player insurance).
2. FSC through its Councils will have the same rights in respect of the transfer of registration of all such Professional Players, as such Clubs had until the date of cessation.
3. FSC will determine the compensation (transfer fee), if applicable, for the transfer of such registration, to the Club which said Professional Player wishes to transfer. The fee will be set in accordance with the NRR and where relevant in the respective FSC Competition Regulations.
4. Any such fee derived by FSC through its Council from such transfers will belong to FSC and will in order of priority be distributed in the following manner:
 - (a) To pay any outstanding monies owed to FSC by the defunct or expelled Club.
 - (b) To pay any outstanding monies owed to Players of the Club declared defunct or expelled by from FSC.
 - (c) To pay any monies outstanding to any Member Club or affiliated Club.
5. As from the date of cessation, Amateur Players of such Club will be either:
 - (a) Deemed to be un-financial if there is any financial amount outstanding by the Player or Club to FSC; or
 - (b) Deregistered

5 TEAM OFFICIALS & CLUB OFFICIALS

1. Clubs are required to submit registrations for all Team/Club Officials whom they appoint to Teams including but not limited to coaches, physiotherapists, team managers, and gear stewards.
2. Registration will be effected once:
 - (a) The Team/Club Official has self-registered via FARS and the Club has accepted the Team Officials registration; AND
 - (b) The Official has met the Working with Kids and Child Protection requirements as communicated by FSC, Football NSW and as per the relevant government legislation requirements.
3. A Team/Club Official is registered only for the current Year in which they register. Any registration form signed in one Year is not valid for the following Year.
4. Registered Team and Club Officials are governed by the FSC Constitution, FSC By-Laws, FSC Regulations, relevant FSC Competition Rules, relevant FSC Policies and FSC, FNSW, FA Codes of Conduct.
5. Any person found to have provided false or misleading statements on registration forms or same in FARS will be dealt with as per the FSC Disciplinary and Disputes Regulations.
6. A person may register as an Official with two Clubs.

6 FSC MATCH OFFICIALS

1. A person who wishes to register with FSC Referees as an active Match Official will be required to:
 - (a) Have a current qualification – Level 4 or higher.
 - (b) Self-register via FARS to “FSC Referees” club.
 - (c) Pay the Registration Fee.
 - (d) Agree to terms and conditions, including relevant FSC, FNSW and FA Codes of Conduct.
2. A person who wishes to register with FSC Referees as a non-active Match Official or Life Member will be required to:
 - (a) Self-register via FARS to “FSC Referees” club.
 - (b) Pay the Registration Fee where applied.
 - (c) Agree to terms and conditions, including relevant FSC, FNSW and FA Codes of Conduct.
3. FSC through the Referees’ Council will consider applications and if approved will make the person “Active”.
4. A Match Official is registered only for the current Year in which they register. Any registration form signed in one Year is not valid for the following Year.
5. Registered Match Officials are governed by the FSC Constitution, FSC By-Laws, relevant FSC Policies and FSC, FNSW, FA Codes of Conduct.
6. Any person found to have provided false or misleading statements on registration forms or same in national online registration system will be dealt with as per the FSC Disciplinary and Disputes Regulations.

7 INTERNATIONAL CLEARANCE - PLAYERS

1. An International Transfer Certificate (ITC) is required for all Players who are aged ten or over who wish to register with a Club AND
 - (a) whose last registration (regardless of type (Futsal, Outdoor, etc.) was with a club outside of Australia.
 - (b) who is a child aged between 10 and 18, who is a foreign national, who is seeking to register with an Australian club, and this registration will be their first registration anywhere in the world; or
 - (c) who is a child aged between 10 and 18, who is an Australian or a foreign national, who is seeking to register with an Australian club and their previous registration was with an overseas club.
2. For avoidance of doubt, [clause 1](#) above applies to
 - (a) Australian and non-Australian citizens.
 - (b) Amateur Players and Professional Players.
3. If a Player whose last registration was with an international club, FSC through FNSW & FA needs to request an ITC from the National Association of that International Club.
4. It is the Club's responsibility to ensure that the relevant documentation required to obtain an ITC for a minor has been correctly submitted and until such time as an ITC has been received the player must not participate in any match. (FA guide to International Clearances)
5. In accordance with FIFA Statutes, FNSW & FA are only able to request an ITC from another National Association during the Registration Periods for FA, as specified in FIFA Transfer Management System (TMS), FSC cannot make a player "Active" or provisional in FARS without authorisation from FNSW through the FA.
6. All ITC and TMS requests must only be submitted once a player has finished their playing commitments overseas.
7. To be eligible to participate in Competition matches all requests must be lodged as per the ITC/TMS procedures relevant for the FSC Competition prior to the registration windows closing as set out in [Article 9.2](#).
8. The Players must also be registered in FARS with their status at "Pending ITC" and allocated into their correct team by the deadline set out in [Article 9.2](#).

8 VISA PLAYERS

1. This section relates to visa Players as set out below.
2. Player limitations will apply under this Article 8, depending on the status of the Club with whom the visa Player wishes to register and/or the visa type which has allowed the individual to enter the country.
3. If a Player was previously registered with another National Association, the provisions of the FIFA Regulations for the Status and Transfer of Players must be complied with, including the receipt by FA of a valid ITC (Article 0) from that National Association.
4. If a Club wants to register a visa Player as a Professional and the relevant FSC Competition rules allow such, then that Club must ensure it meets all the legal requirements pertaining to the obtaining and maintaining of a valid visa or work permit for that visa Player, including where applicable, a letter of endorsement from FA, the payment of any minimum salary and any sponsorship requirements.
5. A Player will immediately be de-registered from the Club if it can be proven that the relevant federal laws outlined in Article 4 have been breached.
6. These Regulations apply equally to visa Players, including the submission of prescribed forms, registration periods, Professional Player contracts and ITC's.
7. Visa types and quotas for all levels of FSC Competition are as follows:
 - (a) FSC Men's Premiership Competitions – quota as per FSC Men's Premiership Competition rules and the visa Players are Amateur.
 - (b) In all other Competitions and Clubs under the auspices of FSC
 - i. No Professional visa Players are permissible.
 - ii. Amateur visa Players are permissible – an unlimited number of visa Players per Club who hold a valid visa to be in Australia.
8. No visa Player may be fielded in a fixture unless he or she has been registered in accordance with these Regulations and relevant FSC Competition Regulations.
9. FSC will not provide endorsements for Players seeking to obtain a visa for the purposes of playing football.

9 REGISTRATION - GENERAL

9.1 SUBMISSION OF REGISTRATIONS

1. All registrations must be submitted via FARS with allocation to the respective team, and a current head and shoulders photo is to be uploaded into the Player or Match Officials profile within the communicated registration period.
2. All Clubs must submit registrations for all Players and Team Officials as listed in the relevant FSC Competition Regulations.
3. All registrations during advertised registration dates must be submitted to FSC no later than 11:00pm on Wednesday prior to the weekends fixtures to be eligible for that weekend providing all checks required by FSC have been completed. All registrations after this closing point will be processed by FSC, the following week.
4. On the closing date of each registration period; registrations must be lodged by no later than 5.00pm of the specified date.

9.2 REGISTRATION PERIODS

1. Any Player Registration to a Club may only occur within the registration periods which will be as follows:

League	Amateur Player Windows	Professional Player Windows
Men's Premier League Competition	As per FA window for Professional Competitions	As per FA window for Professional Competitions
Men's District League Competition	As per Men's Premiership Competition Rules	Cannot Register
Junior Competition and Mini Roos	3 January (or first working day) to 30 June	NA
Women Premiership Competitions	3 January (or first working day) to 30 June	Cannot Register
Men's and Women's Community League Competitions	3 January (or first working day) to 30 June	Cannot Register

2. A Player (whether an Amateur or Professional) can register for no more than three clubs in Australia and may only be fielded in a Match for two of those clubs in any one Year.
3. A Player may only be registered with one Club in each form of the game at a time.

9.3 REGISTRATIONS OUTSIDE REGISTRATION PERIODS

No Players will be registered outside the periods set out in [Article 9.2](#), except that FSC may allow the registration of a goalkeeper if it has been satisfied that the Club has justifiable reason for the request and the Club has provided appropriate evidence. Circumstances giving rise to such a request may include (without limitation) that that the Club goalkeeper is deregistered due to work transfer outside of the Illawarra, or the Club goalkeeper is injured and will not take any further part in the competition.

9.4 PRIORITY IN REGISTRATION

1. In the event of a Player signing registration forms for more than one Club, priority of registration will be accorded to the Club who earliest in time, all things being equal, obtained the Player's signature to a valid registration form.
2. If a Player has self-registered through FARS, the registration which earliest in time is recorded in that system will be granted priority.
3. Any Player found to have wilfully registered or signed registration forms for more than one Club, or a Club found to have knowingly induced a Player to register or sign a registration form with that Club in the knowledge that the Player has previously registered or signed a registration form with another Club, will be deemed to have committed Misconduct and will be liable to sanction by FSC through the FSC Disciplinary and Disputes Regulations. FSC will liaise with FNSW where this is the case and advise accordingly in writing for any additional sanctions or penalties imposed by FNSW.

10 PLAYER DEREGISTRATION – AMATEUR PLAYER

1. An Amateur Player may deregister by applying to deregister via FARS, which will notify the Club and FSC of the Player's intention to deregister.
2. If a Club no longer wants an Amateur Player to play for the Club, that Club must apply to deregister that Player via the FARS, which will notify the Player and FSC of the Club's intention to deregister the Player.
3. In the case of Amateur Players, the deregistration is effective from the earlier:
 - (a) When the other party (i.e., Club or Player as the case may be) has confirmed the notification or cancellation followed by FSC approving the deregistration; or
 - (b) Seven (7) days from the date the Player requested the deregistration via FARS, unless a grievance has been initiated with FSC in accordance with FSC Disciplinary and Dispute Regulations and the Amateur Player will not be deregistered until the processes of the FSC Grievance and Disciplinary Regulations have been exhausted or terminated.
4. Where an application for deregistration is made using the NRR08 form, the principles in [clauses 1, 2 and 3](#) above shall apply. The seven-day period shall commence from the date Football South Coast receives the NRR08 form.

11 PLAYER DEREGISTRATION - PROFESSIONAL PLAYER

1. A Professional Player Contract must be respected by all parties and cannot be unilaterally terminated or terminated other than in accordance with the NRR.
2. A Professional Player Contract can be terminated only in one of the following circumstances:
 - (a) On expiration of its term.
 - (b) By mutual written consent between the Club and the Professional.
 - (c) By a Club for just cause; or
 - (d) By a Professional for just cause, including sporting just cause.
3. In the case of mutual written consent, this can be done:
 - (a) By lodging with FSC, a NRR09 form (Mutual Termination of Professional Player Contract); or
 - (b) Both parties through FARS completing a deregistration request
4. In the case outlined by [Clause 2 \(c\) or 2\(d\)](#) above, the procedures to be followed are as per the articles in the Men's Premiership Competition Regulations

12 APPROVAL TO PLAY IN OTHER COMPETITIONS

1. Clubs will not play, or be involved in, or give approval for any Player and/or official to participate in any other competitions unless they have first received the approval of FSC.
2. Registered Players, Amateurs or Professionals, will not play or be involved in any other competitions unless that competition has first received the approval of FSC and/or FNSW. Any Club or Player found to be playing in an unauthorised competition will be deemed to have committed Misconduct and may be sanctioned as per the FSC Disciplinary and Dispute Regulations.
3. In applying the principle of no dual registration as defined by FIFA and elaborated by FA, Players competing in competitions not recognised or approved by FSC and FNSW may be deemed “registered” and as such are not eligible for registration to Teams participating in FNSW Competitions.

13 PLAYER FEES

1. In December, FSC will determine the FSC component of a Player's registration fee for the upcoming season.
2. A Player's total registration fee is made up of the following:
 - (a) FA National Registration Fee.
 - (b) Football NSW Fee – Capitation and Personal Insurance.
 - (c) FSC Fee – Registration Fee, Levy and additional NSW (Government) Insurance for serious injury.
 - (d) Club Fee - Registration Fee and Club Component.
3. Clubs who "Accept" a registration for a Player in FARS, have either received full payment or have received part payment and agreed with the Player on a payment plan.
4. Clubs will be required to pay FSC, the FA, FNSW and FSC fees for players as outlined below:

A: Initial Payment

Competition	Age	Number of Players	Due
Junior – Mini Roo	U6 to U7	4 per team	Nomination of Teams
Junior – Mini Roo	U8 to U9	7 per team	
Junior – Mini Roo	U10 to U11	9 per team	
Junior Competition	U12 to U18	11 per team	
Women's Community Comp	AA, O30	11 per team	30 days of invoice issued February or March.
Community League	AA	32	
Community League	Masters	16 per team	
Men's Premiership	AA	40	
Men's District	AA	40	
Women's Premiership	AA	40	

B: Second Payment

As per Census date set by FNSW (*normally June 30*), Clubs will be invoiced for the balance of player registration fees in all competitions or age groups as per the FNSW Terms and Conditions in FARS.

Note:

1. The last Club that a player registers to is liable for the component fees in [Clause 2\(a\), \(b\) and \(c\)](#) above unless a refund is given in accordance with [Article 14](#).
2. Players who are Pending at the Census date are deemed to be participating and the Club will be invoiced for their registration as per FNSW Terms and Conditions.

Example:

In the FSC WCL: A club who has 20 registered active players and three players deregistered due to injury (total 23 players) then the club would be invoiced a further 12 (23 minus 11) players for that team.

14 REFUND OF FEES

14.1 REFUNDS – GENERAL

1. The entitlement to a full or part refund of the player's registration fee will be determined in accordance with the Club, FSC, FNSW and/or FA respective policies which include but are not limited to:
 - (a) The respective bodies Refund policy; and/or
 - (b) Terms and Conditions as agreed to in FARS; and/or
 - (c) Any written agreement with the Player.
2. Refunds where the Active Kids Voucher was used must be in accordance with NSW legislation and [Article 14.6](#).

14.2 REFUNDS – FSC, FA AND FNSW COMPONENTS

A player who leaves their Club at any time after completing their application for registration via FARS or NRR registration from, their Club remains liable to FSC for the payment of the FSC, FNSW and FA components of the registration fees unless one of the following conditions is satisfied:

- (a) The Player cancels their registration before it is actioned by the Club (i.e., the Status is Pending Approval) was completed by the Census Date.
- (b) The Club declines the Player's Application to register (i.e., the status is pending approval) and was received prior to the Census Date.
- (c) Where the player's registration has been actioned by the Club (i.e., Status is Active) and deregistration was completed by the Deregistration Deadline or an application for a deregistration was initiated eight days before the Deregistration deadline and
 - i. The player has not participated in any Match; or
 - ii. The player is not making a claim on the Player insurance for any football activity.
- (d) The Player registers (Active status) to another club prior to Census Date.
- (e) The respective Governing Body determines, in its absolute discretion, that exceptional circumstances apply.

14.3 REFUNDS – CLUB COMPONENT

1. Clubs must enter their Player Registration Fees into the appropriate section of FARS each season.
2. Clubs must advertise as part of their fees a non-refundable administration fee which is a reasonable reflection of costs.
3. Fees charged for Club gear are not refundable unless the Club Refund policy states otherwise.

14.4 REFUND PROCESS – REGISTRATION CANCELLED/REJECTED

1. A player applies to their Club for a refund. Note – Active Kids voucher cannot be refunded to the player.
2. If the conditions of [Article 14.2 - 2\(a\)](#) and [14.2 – 2\(b\)](#) are satisfied then the player can be refunded the FA, FNSW and FSC component along with any Club component.
3. Where a refund is required, the Club shall organise payment to the Player within fourteen (14) days of the request.

14.5 REFUND PROCESS – PLAYER IS DEREGISTERED

1. A player applies to their Club (deregistering from) for a refund. Note – Active Kids voucher cannot be refunded to the player.
2. If the conditions or [Article 14.2 – \(c\)](#) are satisfied then the player can be refunded the FA, FNSW and FSC component along with any Club component.
3. Where a player registers to another club ([Article 14.2 – \(d\)](#)) then the player MUST provide evidence to their previous Club that they have paid the Governing Body fees at the new Club.
4. If the conditions of [clause \(3\) above](#) are satisfied then the player can be refunded the FA, FNSW and FSC component along with any Club component.
5. Where a refund is required, the Club shall organise payment to the Player within fourteen (14) days of the request.

14.6 ACTIVE KIDS PROGRAM

1. Players who use the NSW Government “Active Kids Voucher” are not entitled to be refunded the value of the voucher.
2. If the Player provides evidence of registering to another Football Club before the Deregistration Deadline, then the voucher or part thereof can be transferred to the New Club from the Previous Club in the Current Season.
3. In all other circumstances a Club may choose at their discretion to transfer the value of the voucher to another Club or another sporting body in the current year.

15 UN-FINANCIAL PLAYERS

15.1 ACCEPTING PART PAYMENT

1. Clubs who accept a registration for a Player must pay to FSC, the fees outlined in [Article 13 – 4](#).
2. If a Club agrees with the Player on part payments for fees, then a written document from the Club is to be provided to the Player which outlines the agreed schedule of payment, including payment periods which should conclude by 31 May of the current season.
3. Where a player has an overdue payment, the Club is to send official correspondence to the Player, asking for payment within seven days and that they shall be stood down from Matches if payment is not received from that date.
4. Where the player requests an extension of a payment deadline and is agreed to by the Club, then correspondence from the Club to the player should confirm this and the new deadline.
5. Where payment is not made in accordance with [clause 3 or 4](#) above, the Club will send official correspondence, informing the Player that payment has not been received and that the Player is stood down from participating in Matches until the payment is paid.

15.2 LISTING A PLAYER AS UN-FINANCIAL WITH FSC

1. Clubs who wish to list Players as un-financial with FSC must provide all correspondence between the parties including information outlined in [Article 15.1](#) no later than 30 June of the current season.
2. FSC will not list Players as un-financial if Clubs allow players to participate in Matches after 31 May unless there are very exceptional circumstances.
3. Where the conditions in [Article 15.1](#) or [Article 15.2 above](#) are met then FSC shall list the Player as un-financial and send correspondence to both the Player and the Club in regards to this matter.
4. A Player who is un-financial will not be eligible to participate in any Match in any role.

15.3 CLUB/TEAM – NON-PAYMENT OF PLAYER REGISTRATION FEES

In addition to the relevant FSC Competitions Rules and FSC Policies, should a Club or a Team not pay the registration fees, FSC may in its absolute discretion write to all Players informing them that registration fees have not been received and that Players could be listed as un-financial and therefore not eligible to participate in any Match in any role.

APPENDIX 1 - DEFINITIONS

“Amateur Player” has the meaning assigned in Article 3.1

“Active” means a Club accepting the application for registration of a person in FARS by changing their status from pending to active.

“Article” means a clause of these Competition Rules and Procedures.

“Board” means the directors of Football South Coast appointed or elected from time to time.

“By-Laws” means the by-laws of Football South Coast as amended from time to time.

“Census date” means the date set by Football NSW for the auditing of players, generally June 30

“Club” means an entity formed for the purpose of playing football and has the meaning assigned by Article 1.3

“Club Official” means any person involved with the administration, management or organisation of a Club (whether paid or unpaid), including employees, contractors, directors, representatives, and volunteers.

“Club Referee Appointment Officer” means a person who has the responsibility of appointing junior referees to Home matches at their club.

“Competitions” means any or all of the football matches or competitions conducted by Football South Coast defined in these Regulations.

“Competition Committee (CC)” means the committee formed from FSC Councils for the FSC U18 competition or FSC U21 Women’s competition.

“Constitution” means the constitution of Football South Coast as amended from time to time.

“Deregistration Deadline” means the last date as communicated by Football NSW for the current season where governing body fees may be exempted.

“DCPP” means the FSC Dual Club Playing Procedure.

“Executive” means the Chief Executive Officer of Football South Coast or his or her nominee.

“Federal” refers to the Australian Federal Government.

“FA” means Football Australia Limited, the governing body for football (soccer) in Australia.

“FARS” means the national registration system established by the FA.

“FIFA” means Federation Internationale de Football Association, its successor or assignee.

“FNSW” means Football New South Wales, the governing body for football (soccer) in the state of New South Wales with the exception of the northern regions of NSW which are identified by FA as “Northern NSW”.

“FSC” means Football South Coast, the governing body of football in the region sanctioned by FNSW.

“Relevant FSC Competition Rules” means either the Men’s Premiership Competition Rules or the FSC Competition Regulations and Procedures for Juniors, Women’s, Community League, Women’s Youth League

“FSC Disciplinary and Disputes Regulations” means the Football South Coast Disciplinary and Disputes Regulations.

“Football Council” means the Council(s) as defined in the FSC By-Laws.

“ID” means identification.

“Governing Bodies fees” means FSC, FNSW and FA respective fees.

“Junior Player” is a player 18 years or under.

“Match” means any match played in a FSC Competition, Finals, other event, or tournament under FSC control through its Councils.

“Match Official” means a referee, assistant referee, fourth official, non-active member or life member approved by the Referee Council, match commissioner, any person in charge of safety or any other person appointed by FSC.

“Mini Roos” means the modified competition for U6 to U11 age groups.

“Misconduct” has the meaning given to it as defined in the FSC Disciplinary and Disputes Regulations.

“NRR” means the FA National Registration Regulations.

“Person” means a natural person.

“Player” means a person who has applied to register with a Club.

“Professional Player” has the meaning assigned in Article 3.1

“Regulations” means these FSC Registration Regulations.

“Season” means from the commencement of a FSC Competition to the conclusion of a FSC Competition unless otherwise directed by FSC.

“Team” means an individual group of Players and Officials submitted by a Club to represent the Club in a Competition.

“Team Official” means any person involved with the management, preparation, or participation of a Team (whether paid or unpaid), including the coaches, managers, medical staff, other support staff or any other person acting for or on behalf of a Club, or team.

“TMS” means the FIFA Transfer Management System.

“Tribunal” means the body/committee appointed under the FSC Disciplinary and Disputes Regulations.

“Year” means calendar year 1 January to 31 December.