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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 FSC.
2. These Regulations are directly overseen by FSC.
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 Participant at any time through the Club or to the Participant directly (or Participant's parent/guardian in the event the Participant is under eighteen years of age) for verification purposes.
2. In accordance with the FA Terms and Conditions, FSC may use a registered Participant'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 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) Provide information to Players of 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.
4. Clubs must at least once a week review FARS for any "action" that requires processing; including but not limited to, reviewing any refund submissions and deregistration requests commenced by a Participant.

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 \$115 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 "Registered" in the FARS.
 - (c) The Player has been moved into a team or squad in the Competition Management System and made Match Available by FSC.
2. A Player's eligibility to Play in any Match may also be subject to the relevant FSC Competition Regulations.

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.
2. A player who is four (4) years or younger (as defined in [Article 4.1.1](#)) cannot be registered for the current season.
3. Notwithstanding [Article 4.1.2](#) a player who is four (4) years or younger may registered to participate in a MiniRoos Kick-Off program.
4. 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.
5. If an exemption is granted as per [Article 4.1 4](#), 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 "Registered" by the Club and allocated to the respective team within the Competition Management system.
3. To register for a FSC Competition, the player must either:
 - (a) Self-register in FARS and the Club accepts the Player's registration; or
 - (b) Complete a NRR03 form and the Club registers 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 [Articles 4.4 2 \(a\) and \(b\)](#) above are completed during the prescribed registration period.
 - (d) The Player has been allocated to the respective team in the Competition Management System.
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 in each form of the game.
2. A Player registered with FSC can only play for the Club (in the relevant form of the game) to which they are registered 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 school team.
 - (e) In a benefit, testimonial, or charity match if the Player has written permission from FSC or FNSW or FA as the case required.
 - (f) 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 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 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 ensure that all Team/Club Officials whom they appoint to Teams, including but not limited to, coaches, physiotherapists, team managers, and gear stewards are registered as per [Articles 5.2 and 5.3](#) and the relevant competition rules.
2. The Team/Club Official is required to self-register via FARS and provide the documentation for Working with Children (WCC) and any Child Protection requirements as communicated by FSC, Football NSW and as per the relevant government legislation requirements.
3. The Club must:
 - (a) Check the WCC with the relevant government agency and keep record of the check as per legislation.
 - (b) Accept the registration.
4. 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.
5. 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.
6. 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.
7. 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 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, [Article 7.1](#) 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 teams in the competition management system within the communicated registration period. A current head and shoulders photo is a mandatory requirement.
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 Men's Premiership Competition Rules	As per FA window for Professional Players
Men's District League Competition	As per Men's Premiership Competition Rules	Cannot Register
Junior Competition and Mini Roos	3 January (or date set by FSC) to 30 June	Cannot Register
Women Premiership Competitions	3 January (or date set by FSC) to 30 June	Cannot Register
Men's and Women's Community League Competitions	3 January (or date set by FSC) 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 commence a deregistration by applying to deregister via their football account in 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 registration in 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.

Note – FSC must finalise the deregistration in FARS and in the case of (b), this would be from the 8th day from when the player requested the deregistration, or in the case of a grievance the deregistration request would be rejected until the issue is resolved.

4. Where an application for deregistration is made using the NRR08 form, the principles in [Articles 10.1, 10.2 and 10.3](#) 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 and FSC finalising the request.
4. In the case outlined by [Articles 11.2 0 or 11.2 0](#) 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. The FSC, FNSW, FA fees must be paid and processed in FARS. The Club fees may also be required to be paid in FARS and if not, the club will advise of how payment will be made independent of FARS.
4. Before a club will be able to accept a registration for a player, there must be a payment processed in FARS of at least the governing body components.
5. Clubs who "Accept" a registration for a Participant in FARS, have either received full payment of their component or have received part payment of their component (and the governing body fees where applicable) and have agreed with the Player on a payment plan.

14 REFUND OF FEES

14.1 REFUNDS – GENERAL

1. The entitlement to a full or part refund of the player's total registration fee will be determined in accordance with the Club, FSC, FNSW and 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. FSC is only responsible for determining a refund of the FSC Component in the total Registration Fee.
3. FSC is not responsible for determining a refund of the Registration Component imposed by the Club or FNSW or FA and are a matter for that Football Entity.
4. Refunds where the Active Kids Voucher was used must be in accordance with NSW legislation and [Article 14.6](#).

14.2 REFUNDS – FSC COMPONENT

An Amateur player who leaves their Club at any time after completing their application for registration and made payment via FARS, may be given a refund or partial refund, of the FSC registration fee component provided that application is made prior to 30th June as follows:

- (a) The Player cancels their registration before it is actioned by the Club (i.e., the Status was Pending Approval) provided the player has not participated in any official fixture or otherwise appeared on a match record for their club – *Full Refund of FSC component*
- (b) The Club declines the Player's Application to register, provided the player has not participated in any official fixture or otherwise appeared on a match record for their club (i.e., the status is pending approval) – *Full Refund of FSC component*
- (c) The player's registration has been actioned by the Club (i.e., Status is Registered) – *No refund of FSC Component* unless one of the following criteria has occurred
 - i. A player has not participated in any official fixture or otherwise appeared on a match record for their club and a deregistration has commenced in FARS prior to the first official fixture of the respective FSC competition of the product that they registered to. - *Full Refund of FSC component*
 - ii. A player has not participated in any official fixture or otherwise appeared on a match record for their club and a deregistration has commenced in FARS after the first official fixture of the respective FSC competition of the product that they registered to. - *Partial Refund of FSC component*
 - iii. FSC determines, in its absolute discretion that exceptional circumstances apply. *Partial Refund or Full Refund in FSC's absolute discretion.*

- (d) Where a player has participated in any official fixture or otherwise appeared on a match record for their club and then deregisters from that club and reregisters to another FSC club and pays the FSC component for a second time (having not received any refund of the FSC component previously), then provided application for a refund is made prior to June 30, FSC will determine in its absolute discretion, if a partial refund is to be considered.
- (e) FSC will charge an admin fee of \$10 as per Article 14.2 (c) ii. The partial refund will be the FSC Component less \$10.
- (f) FSC will charge an admin fee of \$20 where a partial refund is approved as per Article 14.2 (d). The partial refund will be the FSC Component less \$20.
- (g) A Professional Player whose registration is terminated (Article 11) is not entitled to a refund of the FSC Component.
- (h) A Match Official may be provided a refund or partial refund on the FSC component in the event:
 - i. The Match Official cancels their registration before it is actioned by FSC (i.e. the Status was Pending Approval) provided that the Match Official has not participated in any official fixture. – *Full Refund.*
 - ii. FSC declines the Match Official’s registration, provided the Match Official has not participated in any Official Fixture - *Full Refund.*
 - iii. The Match Official deregisters prior to being appointed to any official fixtures. *New Members – Partial Refund (uniform and equipment not refundable) – Returning Members - Full Refund*
 - iv. FSC determines, in its absolute discretion that exceptional circumstances apply. *No refund, Partial Refund or Full Refund in FSC’s absolute discretion.*

(For example, the no refund may be where FSC determines that due to disciplinary matters a refund should not be given or will be on hold until the process is finished.)

14.3 REFUND PROCESS – FEE COMPONENTS PAID THROUGH FARS BY PARTICIPANT

1. A Participant requesting a refund of Registration fees that have been paid through FARS must follow the steps available to them within FARS to request the refund. The Participant should, as part of the request for a refund, provide all appropriate information and evidence they wish to have considered by FSC and each of these bodies in support of their request.
2. Once a Participant applies for a refund in FARS, FSC will be prompted to consider any refund application in accordance with these Regulations. FSC will assess the application and may choose to approve a refund in whole or in part or otherwise refuse an application in accordance with these Regulations. The decision of FSC is final and conclusive and cannot be subject to appeal.
3. Decisions in relation to a refund request will be communicated to the Participant via FARS
4. Where a refund is approved, FA will make payment to the Participant in accordance with the FARS Participant Agreement.

14.4 REFUND PROCESS – FEE COMPONENT PAID OUTSIDE OF FARS BY PARTICIPANT

1. Where a Participant pays all or part the total Registration fees to the Club directly (i.e. payment outside of FARS) then the Participant must request a refund in respect of that amount directly from that entity and not through FARS.
2. Where a Club approves a refund and communicates this, they shall organise payment to the Participant within fourteen (14) days of the request once the Participant has provided banking details or similar to the Club.

14.5 REFUND PROCESS – FEE COMPONENT PAID THROUGH FARS BY CLUB

1. Where a Club has paid the Governing Body Fees on a Participant's behalf, the Club (and not the Participant) may make a request for a refund of the Governing Body Fees. This request must be made through FARS by the Club.
2. Where a refund is approved, FA will make payment to the card that the Club used in payment of those fees.

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.

14.7 AMENDMENTS

1. FSC may update or modify Article 14 during 2025-2026 from time to time by publishing a new version of these regulations on the FSC website.

15 UN-FINANCIAL PLAYERS

15.1 ACCEPTING PART PAYMENT

1. Clubs who accept “Subsidised Payment” option or “Regulations Fees Upfront” option from a Participant would organise fee payment(s) to be made directly to the Club.
2. Clubs who accept “Subsidised Payment” may need to pay on behalf of the Participant, the Governing Body Fees in FARS as per [Article 13-4](#).
3. If a Club agrees with the Participant on part payments for fees, then a written document from the Club is to be provided to the Participant which outlines the agreed schedule of payment, including payment periods which should conclude by 31 May of the current season.
4. Where a Participant has an overdue payment, the Club is to send official correspondence to the Participant, asking for payment within seven days and that they shall be stood down from Matches if payment is not received from that date.
5. Where the Participant 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.
6. Where payment is not made in accordance with [Articles 15.3 or 15.4](#) above, the Club will send official correspondence, informing the Participant that payment has not been received and that the Participant 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.

16 APPENDIX 1 - DEFINITIONS

“Amateur Player” has the meaning assigned in Article 3.1

“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.

“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 Management System” means the software which Football South Coast uses to organise and manage its Competitions.

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

“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 Community Competition Regulations and Procedures for Juniors Competition, Men’s Community League and Women’s Community 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 between 5 and 18 years inclusive.

“**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.

“**Participant**” means Player or Official.

“**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.

“**Registered**” means a Club accepting the application for registration of a person in FARS by changing their status from pending to registered (formally known as Active).

“**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.