



Registration Regulations

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Revision Table:

VERSION #	DATE	VERSION & NOTES
V2017.1	13FEB17	ADD POINT 1.E. TO ADDRESS CRITERIA FOR NEW COMPETITIONS 2.1.D. REMOVED REFERENCES TO PLAYER TRANSFERS 3.1.B. CORRECT TYPO ERROR – REMOVED EXTRA WORDS (NO MEANING) CHANGE ALL REFERENCES FROM OPERATIONS MANAGER TO GENERAL MANAGER (3)
V2018.1	14DEC17 (DRAFT)	2.2 A & C ADDRESS CHANGES TO WWCC FROM FNSW
	08FEB18	1.L – CLARIFICATION ON DURATION THAT THE REGULATION WILL BE IN EFFECT.
	08FEB18	1.C & 2.2.Q ARE MANDATED CHANGES TO BE ADOPTED INTO THE NEXT ROUND OF REGULATION CHANGES. THEY HAVE BEEN INCLUDED IN THIS DOCUMENT FOR EASE OF REFERENCE FOR CLUBS.
V2018.2	04APR18	INSERT 1.C. AND RENUMBER REMAINING POINTS. INSERT MANDATED CHANGE TO BE ADOPTED INTO THE NEXT ROUND OF REGULATION CHANGES. THE AMENDMENT TO PLAYER ELIGIBILITY RULES HAVE BEEN INCLUDED IN THIS DOCUMENT FOR EASE OF REFERENCE FOR CLUBS. REFER FOOTNOTE 1.

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1. PLAYER ELIGIBILITY

- a. All new players must attain the minimum age of 5 years by 31 December of the year for which they are registering before registration will be accepted.
- b. In all "Under" age groups (eg. U7 to U18), the age that the player will attain during the year for which they are registering, shall determine the age groups they shall be eligible to play in.
- c. A player aged 5 years or above, may after consultation between the club and the player's parents or guardians, register into an age group a maximum of two years above the age they are turning in the current year, taking into consideration 1.a. which indicates the minimum age of a registered play to be 5 years. Before doing so, due care and consideration must be given by both the club administrators and the minors guardians to the welfare of the child with regard to skill, statue, maturity levels before challenging a child to play above their natural age. No allowances or considerations will be made for a player who is playing above their natural age.
- d. In all "Over" age groups (eg. Over 35's) the player must have attained that age by 1st January of the year they are registering in order that they qualify to be registered in these age groups, except in Over 45 Men's competition as stipulated in clause d.
- e. Over 45 Men's team may carry three (3) players, who must be a permanent team member, not an upgraded player, aged 40-45 in the year of competition. Clubs who submit teams with underaged players do so acknowledging that the underaged players may not take part in any team competitions or activities run externally to the Association, such as, but not limited to FNSW State Cups, Champion of Champions or other age relevant competition or tournament.
- f. To be eligible to play in any competition, Under 18 and above, a player shall have attained the age of 16 years.
- g. To be eligible to register in the Intermediate Men's or Women's competition, a player shall, as a minimum, be turning 16 years in the year of competition and shall be no older than 21 years in the year of competition to qualify to play.
- h. To be eligible to register in the Association's competitions or activities, the following proof of age must be sighted by the registering club:
 - i) Players aged 5–17 years - Birth Certificate, Passport, Letter of Confirmation of identity from a recognized government department, Driver's Licence, Proof of Age Card, and School Student Photo Identity Card.
 - ii) Players aged 18 years and over must produce photo ID in the form of Passport, Drivers Licence, Proof of Age/Identity Card.
 - iii) All forms of ID must state the date of birth of the player.
- i. Players may register in either mixed gender or single gender teams where they are offered up to and including the U12 age group.
- j. Players will register in single gender age groups for U13 and above.
- k. A player shall be deemed a veteran player having reached the age of 40 years. A veteran player, once registered with a club, may be upgraded from their original team an unlimited number of times during the season.
- l. Any player returning from State League or higher in the year in which they wish to register with a Nepean FA club, may become a registered player of this Association, provided a FFA NRR08 Form is received. The player shall then be free to join the club of his/her choice. Waiting periods may be imposed to facilitate the provision of FFA clearances.
- m. Any senior player, male or female, returning from playing in State League or higher, in the previous year or current year of registration, may only play in the highest division available at the club they are registering with in the season immediately following their Representative appearance/s. The only exception to this rule will apply if the player is aged over 35, in which case the player may elect to play in the highest over 35 division available at the club. Loss of Points/Fines apply if this rule is breached.

2. REGISTRATION REGULATIONS

2.1 PLAYER REGISTRATIONS

- a. The **Nepean FA** Inc has adopted the FFA National Registration Regulations and all below must be read in concert with those regulations.
- b. Any person wishing to play in any game conducted by the **Nepean FA** Inc. must first be a member of an Affiliated Club and must be a duly registered player in accordance with the current procedures of the Association.
- c. The final date of registration for all competitions will be in accordance with notice given in the Registration Guidelines issued to Club Registrars.
- d. A person cannot register for two clubs/associations without first being deregistered in the same season.
 - i. Exceptions to this regulation apply in instances where Football NSW conducts competitions in which dual registration is permitted.
 - ii. Where a parent/guardian of a junior registered player applies to Football NSW and is given exemption to dual register the minor in two associations in order to address child custody matters.
- e. Players must register using FFA's Play Football web site (www.playfootball.com.au)
- f. A person is not registered with a club until such time as the Affiliated Club accepts the registration.
- g. A person is not registered to play until such time as the Association has authorized and processed their registration and produced and provided the registered club with a current player ID card.
- h. All registering players must ensure the photograph on MFC is up to date and is a clear likeness.
- i. In all cases, if a player no longer resembles his photograph a new photograph must be uploaded and the Club and Association informed.
- j. The onus is on the Club to verify the date of birth and identity of all players in accordance with instructions in the Registrar's Guidelines, issued annually by the Nepean FA.
 - i. Any such Club subsequently found guilty of supplying the Association with false or misleading information may be fined \$500 and may incur loss of points penalties.
- k. Registered persons serving suspensions in "matches" must register to serve their suspension.
- l. Registered persons serving suspensions in "time" may register once that "time" is served.
- m. All registrations, transfers and player re-grades will cease on the date notified to registrars in the Registrar's Guidelines.

2.2 REGISTRATIONS OF OFFICIALS, COACHES, MANAGERS AND VOLUNTEERS

- a. Any person wishing to work with Children within the Association must be aware of and meet the criteria set down by the NSW State Government for Working with Children, Football NSW and/or FFA.
- b. All persons performing a duty that may come within the Working with Children legislation must comply with the requisites of the Law.
- c. FNSW policies relating to Member Protection must be adhered to in accordance with instructions provided in the Club Registrar's Guidelines.
- d. Acceptance of and compliance with the FFA, FNSW & NFA Codes of Conduct is a condition of participation in all NFA sanctioned activities.
- e. Coaches, Managers, Officials and volunteers must register using the FFA www.playfootball.com.au web site.
- f. The "Required Details" must be provided when registering.
- g. A current photograph must be uploaded during the registration process.
- h. An ID card will be issued to Coaches, Managers & Committee members and must be visible at all times during a match or while acting in official capacities at matches or on match days at any location.
- i. Lost ID Cards must be replaced immediately at the Club's expense
- j. Officials serving suspensions in "matches" must register to serve their suspension.
- k. Officials serving suspensions in "time" may register once that "time" is served.
- l. Persons under suspension or disqualification from another Association, Federation or Club shall not be accepted for registration until cleared by that body.
- m. Coaches are responsible for the upkeep of their accreditation.
- n. For single gender teams of any age or grade, at least one registered team official holding the position of either Coach, Manager, Assistant Coach or Assistant Manager must be the same gender as the team.
- o. Male Officials are not permitted to enter the dressing room alone and not without the express permission of and in the presence of the female official.
- p. Female Officials are not permitted to enter the dressing room alone and not without the express permission of and in the presence of the male official.
- q. Mandated for the 2018 season see footnote: Division 1 coaches (Including Premier & Reserves teams in senior competitions) will not be registered as a Coach assigned to that team unless they have current and appropriate qualifications that have been confirmed by the Association.
 - a. In the event that a club wishes to register multiple Coaches to Division 1 teams (including Premier & Res teams), those individuals must be registered as an Assistant Coach.
 - b. Accredited coaches are expected, within reason, to be at most fixtures for their team. Repeated appearances of "Acting Coach" on team sheets will require investigation and possible penalties being imposed by the Association.

3. TEAMS

3.1 NOMINATION OF TEAMS

- a. Each season, clubs are required to complete affiliation and team nominations on the **Prescribed Form 25 Team Nomination Form**, in accordance with instructions contained in the form.
- b. The club must ensure that player nomination details are current and up to date at the time of team nominations.
- c. A player nomination report for each team nominated to take part in association activities, will be produced by Association Staff at the time of team nominations.
- d. Clubs may submit additional information to support their team nominations which will be provided for the consideration of the Competition Committee. Additional information should be submitted with **Prescribed Form 25 Team Nomination Form** available from the Library of the Association website.
- e. The Competition Committee will grade teams in accordance with the Competition Regulations.
- f. All players registered after the initial team nomination deadline shall only be placed in an appropriate age group and division with the permission of the General Manager.
- g. Withholding the registration of returning players in order to attempt to influence the decision relating to grading may result in the upgrading or non-acceptance of players or a team.
- h. Where a club nominates, or has more than one team in the same League, Grade, and Division (e.g. U12.3 Black & U12.3 White),
 - i. the names of the players shall be nominated for each team using the prescribed registration system, at team nomination time and
 - ii. shall not be interchangeable whilst they remain in the same competition and
 - iii. may be transferred only with the consent of the General Manager
- i. Formation and composition of Mini Roos football teams shall be in accordance with the Mini Roos Regulations.
- j. Minimum and Maximum player numbers in teams shall be in accordance with Registration Guidelines issued to Club Registrar's annually.

3.2 SENIOR TEAMS LEVY

The Association promotes the growth of junior football at all clubs. To discourage clubs from focusing only on senior teams, a levy is in place.

- a. Any club wishing to enter All-Age teams shall have a least one junior team, under 18 and below, for each senior team.
- b. Clubs unable to meet this requirement shall incur a levy of two hundred dollars (\$200) per senior team not matched by a junior team. The fee is to be used for the development of local junior divisional football within the Association's district.
- c. Newly affiliated clubs are exempt from the senior team levy for the first two seasons following affiliation.
- d. Where a club fails to meet the requirement for two consecutive seasons, and are not a new club, they shall be required to provide the board with just cause for continued membership of the Association. The board may then consider this failure to comply as expulsion ground as per the Constitution 9.2.