



**FOOTBALL  
NSW**

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# REGULATIONS

## 2016 STATE TITLES

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# Section 1: Organisation

## 1. Scope and Application

- a) These Regulations are made under clause 5 of the Football NSW (FNSW) By-Laws and apply to 2016 football Season
- b) Football Federation Australia (FFA) has granted FNSW a mandate to be responsible for the organisation, promotion and regulation of football in the State
- c) Where these Regulations are silent on any particular aspect, then all Clubs, affiliated bodies and organisations shall first have regard to the Football NSW Constitution, By-Laws, Competition Regulations, FFA rules and regulations and where applicable rules and regulations of the Asian Football Confederation (AFC) and FIFA
- d) 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
- e) FNSW will interpret and apply all articles of these Regulations and any such interpretation or application will be final and binding on all parties
- f) The Regulations shall cover the FNSW State Titles and the FNSW Country Championships and shall be directly administered by the FNSW Head of Competitions
- g) These Regulations apply to Participants in the following competitions (the Competitions) unless stated otherwise:

<b>Age Group</b>
Boys: U12, U13, U14, U15
Girls: U12, U14, U16

## 2. Control of Competitions

- a) The administrative control and conduct of the Competitions is vested in the Executive subject to any resolution by the Board to the contrary

## 3. Consequences for Breach

- a) Any breach of these Regulations or failure to comply with any direction therein may result in a fine issued by Football NSW or other sanction pursuant to the Football NSW Grievance and Disciplinary Regulations

## 4. Competition Contacts

- a) The following are the Football NSW contacts

<b>Contact Name</b>	<b>Contact Details</b>
PRIMARY CONTACT Kim Burge Competition Coordinator	FNSW Direct Number – 8814 4444 Mobile Number: 0419 993 918 Email: <a href="mailto:kim@footballnsw.com.au">kim@footballnsw.com.au</a>
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## **5. Outstanding Debts**

- a) Treatment of outstanding debts will be as per the FNSW By-laws
- b) For the avoidance of doubt, failure to comply with outstanding debts in accordance with the FNSW ByLaws may result in ineligibility to participate in Matches or forfeiture of completed matches
- c) This article applies to all Competition and cup Matches conducted by FNSW

## **6. Alteration**

- a) The Executive will have the power from time to time to make, alter or rescind the Regulations

## **7. Special Consideration**

- a) The Executive will have the power to consider individual circumstances outside the prescribed limits of the regulations should it be clear those special considerations are in the interests of the game
- b) The decision by the Executive to review and consider individual circumstances under this section is not subject to appeal or review

## **8. Disciplinary Sanctions and Proceedings**

- a) All Clubs, Players, Team Officials, Match Officials, spectators or any person participating in any manner at a FNSW Fixture, Match or event will submit exclusively to the jurisdiction of the Grievance and Disciplinary Regulations
- b) The Disciplinary Committee will be convened by the Head of Competitions in accordance with the Football NSW Grievance and Disciplinary Regulations

## **9. Unforeseeable Circumstance**

- a) Nothing in these Regulations will prevent the Board from approving a course of action to meet unforeseeable circumstances not covered by the Regulations including but not limited to promotion, relegation, number of divisions and composition of Teams in each division.

# Section 2: Technical Regulations

## 1. Matches Played in Accordance with the Laws of the Game

- a) All Fixtures will be played in compliance with the Regulations in force at the time and in accordance with FFA and FNSW By-Laws, regulations, codes and directives, and under the FIFA laws of the game
- b) The Executive will decide from time to time the duration of games and may vary Competition regulations for any special domestic competition providing due notice of the variations is given to all competing teams

## 2. Competition Format

- a) The competition format is played on a round robin basis
- b) The Match schedule together with the allocated venues will be issued by Football NSW prior to the tournament.
- c) Dates and Venues for 2016 are as follows:

Age Groups	Dates	State Titles Venues
13 Boys	4 – 8 July 2016	Yerrinbool Sporting Complex
14 Boys	4 – 8 July 2016	Valentine Sports Park
12 Boys – SAP Format	26 – 30 September 2016	Valentine Sports Park
15 Boys	26 – 30 September 2016	Griffith
12 Girls – SAP Format	26 – 30 September 2016	Valentine Sports Park
14 Girls	26 – 30 September 2016	Mudgee
16 Girls	27 – 29 September 2016	Mudgee

## 3. Country Championships

- a) Are played in conjunction with the NSW State Titles
- b) Age groups participating U/13, U/14 and U/15 Boys and U/14 and U/16 Girls
- c) Country Champions will be decided by the accumulation of all points accrued by the Country teams in all matches against all opposition (except those against invited teams).

## 4. Team

- a) Team shall consist of a minimum of seven (7) players in strip, one of whom must be the goal keeper.
- b) A team shall be allowed to play late players, only to bring the team to full playing strength, providing all registration requirements are met. A player whose name is not on the team sheet prior to commencement of game is not permitted to take the field.

## 5. Competition Points

- a) Further Information to follow for the U12 age groups to be held in September.
- b) Points will be allocated as follows for all State Titles Matches:
  - i. Win - 3 points
  - ii. Draw - 1 point each Team
  - iii. Bye - No points
  - iv. Loss - No points
  - v. Forfeit - 3 points to the Team receiving the forfeit

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## 6. Tournament Ranking

FNSW will use the following process when determining the ranking of Teams within each grade of Tournament:

- a) Greater number of points obtained in all Matches
- b) If two (2) or more Teams are equal on the basis of the above criteria, their place will be determined as follows:
  - i. Greater goal difference resulting from all Matches
  - ii. Greater goals scored from all Matches
  - iii. Greater number of points obtained in the Matches between the Teams concerned (head to head)
  - iv. Greater number of goals scored in the Matches between the Teams concerned (head to head)
  - v. A Play-off Match between the Teams concerned under arrangements approved by the Executive

## 7. Match Balls

- a) Only Football NSW Licensed balls are to be used in this competition.

Grade	Size
U14 and older	5
U12 - U13	4

- b) Football NSW will provide all match balls for the State Titles.

## 8. Duration of Match

- a) Duration of State Titles Matches will be as follows for the respective grades of the Competitions:

Age Group	Duration
U12	Two Periods of 25 Minutes
U13 & U14	Two Periods of 30 Minutes
U15 & U16	Two Periods of 35 Minutes

- b) For all Matches consisting of two (2) periods of 30 & 35 minutes there will be an interval of ten (10) minutes between the whistle ending the first period to the whistle starting the second period
- c) For all Matches consisting of two (2) periods of 25 minutes there will be an interval of 7.5 minutes between the whistle ending the first period to the whistle starting the second period

## 9. Added Time

- a) Should a delay be experienced (other than that covered by article 15. Postponed Match or Fixtures), the referee will continue to keep the official time of the match and blow full time when the match duration has expired. At this point the result of the Match will stand
- b) The referee shall be the sole keeper of time in all matches meaning any injury time is at the discretion of the referee.

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## 10. Twenty Five (25) Metre Rule

- a) The 25 metre rule will be implemented in the U13 age grade of the Football NSW State Titles as follows:
  - i. Goal kicks will be taken from anywhere within the 5.5 metre area (6 yard box) and defending Players will be required to retreat at least twenty-five (25) metres to allow the attacking Team to build up play out of the back third
  - ii. An attacking Player will not be able to encroach inside the 25 metre area until a defending Player has had his/her first touch of the ball once the whole of the ball has vacated the 18yrd box
  - iii. If an attacking Player encroaches prior to the defending Player having his/her first touch then the goal kick will be retaken
  - iv. The 25 metre line must be marked by the club via placement of a cone or pole to the side of both touch lines, 25 metres from the goal line at both ends of the field
  - v. If in the opinion of the Referee, the 25 metre rule is being utilised to waste time by either the attacking or defending Team, the Players guilty of the perceived time wasting will be cautioned

## 11. Accumulation of Yellow Cards

- a) A player who accumulates three (3) yellows cards in a State Titles match shall serve a mandatory one (1) fixture suspension to be served immediately in the next State Titles, Premiership, Championship or Cup fixture to be played by that participant. A single yellow card during the State Titles

## 12. Colours

- a) Where colours clash, in the opinion of the referee, first named teams in the draw must change.
- b) All teams must wear numbered strip with no duplication of numbers.
- c) Players will not be permitted to participate unless they are wearing approved shin pads.
- d) For the State Titles, players will be permitted to wear 'short skins' in any colour. (Full length skins pants) cannot be worn.
- e) For the 2016 State Titles all apparel for players and officials is to be sourced through the Football Corner and is to be exclusively Puma.

## 13. Grounds

- a) Where colours clash, in the opinion of the referee, first named teams in the draw must change.
- b) All games are to be played on suitably roped-off or enclosed grounds.
- c) Where possible, the bench and technical area should be positioned on the side of the field opposite the side where the majority of spectators are located
- d) It shall be the responsibility of the host Club/ Association to control all spectators. Officials must be present and easily recognisable by wearing armbands or official vests. The Coach and Manager of a team playing cannot be regarded as officials for this purpose.
- e) Only reserves, coach manager and trainer shall be allowed within the confines of the ground. They must remain within the vicinity of their bench. Coaching from the sidelines must be kept to a minimum.
- f) A charge for entry into grounds is not permitted.

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## 14. Wet Weather Cancellations

- a) Should a ground be considered unplayable for any reason the home/host Association will immediately contact the Competitions Coordinator and a decision will then be made whether the match is deferred or moved to another venue and/or time. The Competitions Coordinator will then take the necessary steps to advise both Associations involved and the appointed Referees

## 15. Postponed Matches & Fixture

- a) After the commencement of the Match, should play be postponed due to serious injury that requires the player to be removed from the stadium by ambulance, poor weather, failed lighting, state of the pitch or any other reason as determined by the referee, and the Match cannot be completed in full, and FNSW has approved the rescheduled match, it will recommence at the minute at which play was interrupted rather than being replayed in full. The following principles will apply to the recommencement of the Match:
  - i. The Match will recommence with the same Players on the pitch and substitutes available as when the Match was initially postponed unless a player has received a suspension in matches conducted between the postponed match and the rescheduling of that match.
  - ii. Should a player have received a suspension in a match conducted between the postponed match and the rescheduling of that match that player:
    - a. Will not be eligible to participate in the rescheduled match
    - b. Will not be able to count the match as a stand down in relation to any fixture suspension
    - c. The club will not be permitted to replace the player on the team sheet
    - d. If the player was on the field of play at the time of the postponement the player may be replaced by a substitute listed on the team sheet as long as the team has available substitutions as per the Regulations
    - e. If the Player was a substitute the number of available Players to substitute will decrease as they player cannot be replaced
  - iii. No additional substitutes may be added to the list of Players on the team sheet
  - iv. The Teams can make only the number of substitutions to which they were still entitled when the Match was postponed
  - v. Players sent off during the abandoned Match cannot be replaced
  - vi. FNSW will endeavor to appoint the same Match Officials to the completion of the Match, however may appoint replacements should any or all of the Match Officials be unavailable
  - vii. The referee is the sole arbiter of elapsed time, and no protest may be lodged against the actual elapsed time as recorded by the referee
  - viii. Should a Match be abandoned due to the fault of one (1) Team, or should it be determined by FNSW that one (1) Team / Club is responsible for the delay to the Match, the remaining minutes will not be rescheduled for completion, and the Match will be determined as a forfeit against the Team / Club that is deemed guilty of the abandonment or responsible for the delay
  - ix. Where a fixture is incorrectly reported as abandoned by the Referee where circumstances show clearly that the match was actually postponed, FNSW will treat the Match as postponed



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## 16. Interchange

- a) Unlimited Interchange of players is permissible at any time during the game in all age groups. The maximum number players to be used for interchange are five (5) players for all age groups
- b) Following is the procedure and rules for the unlimited interchange of Players:
  - i. The "Interchange zone" will be an area one (1) metre either side of the half-way line, as defined in the Stadium Technical Requirements for the 2016 Competitions
  - ii. An interchange is one which is made when the ball is out of play, and for which the following conditions will be observed:
    - a. The Player leaving the field will do so from the touch line, crossing over at the sector called the interchange zone
    - b. The Player entering the field will also do so from the interchange zone, but not until the Player leaving the field has passed completely over the touch line
    - c. A player nominated for interchange will be subject to the authority and jurisdiction of the Referee whether called upon to play or not
    - d. The interchange is completed when the Player who was off the field, enters the field
  - iii. The number of interchanges made during a Match is unlimited. A Player who has been replaced may return to the field for another Player
  - iv. If during an interchange, an interchange Player enters the field before the replaced Player has completely left it, the Referee will ensure the replaced Player leaves the field, then caution the interchange Player and then restart the Match
  - v. If during an interchange, an interchange Player enters the field or a replaced Player leaves it from a place other than the interchange zone, the Referee will caution the offending Player
  - vi. The interchanging of Players will cease at the completion of normal and extra time. If at this time penalty kicks are required to obtain a result, then the eleven (11) Players on the field at the end of extra time are the only Players permitted to participate in the penalty kicks. No interchanging at this time is permissible
  - vii. Note: If during the taking of the penalty kicks the Goalkeeper is injured he / she may be replaced with another Goalkeeper providing the replacement was listed on the team sheet
- c) Substitutes and interchange players cannot be used to replace any Player who has been dismissed from the Match by the Referee

## 17. Technical Area

- a) Only currently registered and eligible Players, Coaches and Team Officials are allowed in the technical area during Matches
- b) All Team Officials in the technical area must wear their eligibility card at all times
- c) All Players in the technical area must wear a bib that contrasts with the colours worn by players of both Teams, Match Officials and bibs of the opposing Team
- d) All Team Officials in the technical area must wear clothing that contrasts with the kit of the Players and Match Officials on the pitch. Should their clothing clash they are required to wear a bib that does not clash with the colours of the Players and Match Officials

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- e) The Home Team will occupy the left hand side bench as viewed from the Team bench toward the field of play
  - f) All substitutes in the technical area must remain seated unless moving to and from warm-up
  - g) Only 1 person at a time is authorised to convey tactical instructions from the technical area

## **18. Forfeits**

- a) Should a match not commence within 10 minutes of the start time in the match schedule or amended by Football NSW, the match will be forfeited by the team that has caused the delay to the start of the match
- b) Fines for forfeited Matches in the FNSW State Titles are:
  - i. 1st forfeited match \$250
  - ii. Subsequent forfeited Match/s in the same State Titles \$500

## **19. Withdrawals from Competition**

- a) Withdrawal after the match schedule has been communicated shall result in a fine of \$500 per team withdrawal

## **20. Protests**

- a) Protests must be lodged and received at FNSW head office no later than two (2) days after the Match was played
- b) Protests will only be considered for obvious breaches of the laws of the game that clearly had a material effect on the outcome of the Match
- c) No protests as to the result of a Match will be considered in relation to disciplinary decisions of the Match Officials or decisions of facts relating to play
- d) Protests must be accompanied by a \$150 administration fee in order to be considered. The administration fee must be lodged together with the written protest

# Section 3: Eligibility and Registration

## 1. Team Eligibility

a) Following are the Representative teams eligible to participate in the FNSW State Titles:

FNSW State Titles Team Eligibility	
Region	Metropolitan North, South, West, East, Far North, Far South together with Southern, Western & Riverina Country Branches
Age Group	U12, U13, U14, U15 Boys & U12, U14 Girls
FNSW State Titles Team Eligibility	
Region	City North, City South, City Central/West together with Southern, Western & Riverina Country Branches
Age Group	U16 Girls

b) Invited teams from time to time (other than those regional teams eligible) may be invited to participate in the FNSW State Titles

## 2. Age Eligibility

- a) Following are the birth dates applicable to the age grades of the Competitions. Players must be within these ranges in order to be eligible for registration;
- i. U12 (for players born on or after 1 January 2004);
  - ii. U13 (for players born on or after 1 January 2003);
  - iii. U14 (for players born on or after 1 January 2002);
  - iv. U15 (for players born on or after 1 January 2001);
  - v. U16 (for players born on or after 1 January 2000);
- b) The age requirement for U/12, U/13, U/14, U/15 Boys and U/12, U/14, U/16 Girls players is that they shall turn age specified for the competition, 1st January to the 31st December the current year.

## 3. Player and Coach Eligibility

- a) Players must reside within the registered boundaries of their respective regions and or be eligible to trial for state selection to be eligible for selection and registration.
- b) To be eligible for selection, all players must be registered online for the current season to a Football NSW member club using the National Online Registration system, MyFootballClub.
- c) The address on record with Football NSW, at the time of registration, will be regarded as the player's principal place of residence and will be the only address considered for eligibility for the current season.
- d) Any player that resides within Northern NSW and is registered with a Football NSW Competition may trial for the area in which they are registered.
- e) All players in every squad must receive sixty per cent (60%) of game time which is to be assessed over all games in the tournament, not per game. This will be the sole responsibility of the Coach to oversee and should it be established any player does not receive 60%, this could affect any future appointments of the Coach to Football NSW competitions.

- f) Country Branch players are selected from Branch championship trials. From these, the Country Teams are selected.
- g) Coaches for the State Titles cannot be appointed to coach the same age group that they coach in during the normal season.

#### 4. RAE

- a) The relative age effect (RAE) principle will be incorporated for State Titles, RAE allows for persons born in the last three (3) months of the year to offset any physical disadvantage to Players born in the earlier months of the year by playing down an age group.
  - i. RAE will be implemented in the U12 to U15 age groups for State Titles
  - ii. Registration as an RAE player is only possible if FNSW has previously granted RAE status to a player for the current season
  - iii. Each individual team in State Titles is limited to one (1) approved RAE player
  - iv. Any approved RAE Player will be included in the regulated squad maximum of 16 Players
  - v. All RAE players must inform the Regional Coordinator when trialling that they are an RAE player.

#### 5. Invited Teams

- a) From time to time teams (other than those regional teams eligible) may be invited to participate in the State Titles.
- b) All teams playing matches against invited teams will be awarded three (3) points, irrespective of the result.
- c) Any team that does not play its scheduled match against an invited team will not be awarded the three (3) points.
- d) Goals scored (for and against) in matches against invited teams will not be taken into account when assessing the final standings.
- e) Invited teams will not be included in any final standing and cannot be declared winners of the State Titles.

#### 6. Registrations

- a) All players must be self-register online using the National Online Registration system, MyFootballClub. Guidelines will be distributed to Regional Coordinators who will circulate to players upon selection
- b) Registration must be completed by the following dates:

<b>Age Group</b>	<b>Date</b>
13 & 14 Boys	9th May 2016
12 and 15 Boys & 12-14-16 Girls	8th August 2016

- c) Each team shall be eligible to register a maximum of 16 players.

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## 7. Player Photo Identification Cards

- a) All competitions and tournaments shall be played under the photo ID card system.
- b) It shall be the responsibility of Managers to inspect their opposition Photo ID team cards/slips
- c) No protests will be accepted regarding player eligibility if ID cards are not checked
- d) In the event a team fails to produce their ID cards/slips prior to the kick off, the Manager is to contact the Competitions Coordinator, Kim Burge on 0419 993 918. Unless authorised by the Competitions Coordinator a period of ten (10) minutes will be allowed from the scheduled kick off time to produce identification cards/slip and if still not produced, the game will be awarded
- e) to the non-offending team with a result of 3-0 awarded. The Referee is to mark the Team Sheet accordingly. Managers are reminded if forfeit is claimed they are not to take the field.
- f) Should an ID card/slip not be available for an individual player, then that player shall not be eligible to take part in any game except as in (f).
- g) Where a player's ID card has been sent to the Disciplinary Tribunal and has not been received or returned by the Disciplinary Tribunal. Football NSW may give written authority for the player to play without an ID card.

# Section 4: Team Sheets, Results & Match Officials

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## 1. Team Sheets

- a) Official Football NSW team sheets must be used. Team sheet must be completed by both teams and handed to the tournament manager prior to commencement of game. It shall be the responsibility of the tournament manager in conjunction with Football NSW to supply team sheets.
- b) Each player's name & FFA Number is to be printed on the team sheet corresponding with the number on the playing strip.
- c) On completion of the game it is the responsibility of the referee to complete the team sheet at the tournament office.
- d) A Team Official from both the home and away team are to sign the team sheet to confirm the information is correct.
- e) Upon completion of the tournament, the tournament manager is required to forward all team sheets to Football NSW

## 2. Results

- a) For all State Titles matches the tournament manager will be required to input the match results into Fox Sports Pulse no later than 90 minutes following the conclusion of the match.

## 3. Referee's Fees

- a) Referee's fees will be paid by Football NSW.

# Schedule 1: Additional Rules – Under 12 State Titles

## 1. Scope and Application

- Schedule 1 is to be read in conjunction with the remainder of the regulations, and does not constitute the complete regulations applicable to the Under 12 age grade in the State Titles competition.
- Schedule 1 is specific to the Under 12's State Titles only.

## 2. Players Per Squad

- Permissible players per team for SAP have been developed taking into consideration preferred team numbers contained within the FFA National Curriculum, specifically:

Age Group	Field Players	Substitutes	Squad Totals
U12	9	5	14

- Each Region will be required to administer one (1) team in each gender category. The following table demonstrates the total players per license and across the program:

Age Group	Players per Team	Teams per Region	Number of Teams	Total Players
U12 - Boys	14	1	9	126
U12 - Girls	14	1	10	140

## 3. Match Format

To ensure optimal development opportunities in SAP, and provide a consistent platform underpinning Football NSW programs and competitions, SAP match formats will reflect the FFA Small Sided Football formula. These formations provide a logical progression to the 1-4-3-3 National Curriculum preferred formation which will be implemented in the U13 age group of the National Premier Leagues NSW Men's and Women's competitions.

Age Group	Players per Team	Formation
U12	9 v 9	1-3-2-3

## 4. Field Dimensions

The following table outlines the field dimensions for the U12 State Titles:

Category	U12
Field size	Length: 60-65m
	Width: 40-45m
Field markings	Markers or lines markings or combination
Penalty area	Depth: 5m
	Width: 12m
Goal size	Height: 2m
	Width: 5m
Goal type	Portable goals

Following is the preferred field orientation for each age group:



## 5. League Tables and Points

Consistent with the Miniroos guidelines, league tables will not be kept during the game phase of the 2016 U12 State Titles.

Similarly, points will not be attributed to the result of any match in the U12 State Titles.

## 6. Match Officials

Football NSW will appoint referee's to each match and referee's fees will be paid by Football NSW



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