



# Rules of Competition

(Junior Competitions - Under 11 to Under 16)

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# **RULES OF COMPETITION – Under 11 to Under 16**

## **1 COMPETITION STRUCTURE**

### **1.1 Age Competitions**

Football Brisbane will arrange age restricted competitions for junior players as per the following table. Competitions may be mixed or gender specific as determined by Football Brisbane.

<b>Age group</b>	<b>Year of Birth qualification</b>
Under 16	Players attaining the age of 16 years in registration year
Under 15	Players attaining the age of 15 years in registration year
Under 14	Players attaining the age of 14 years in registration year
Under 13	Players attaining the age of 13 years in registration year
Under 12	Players attaining the age of 12 years in registration year
Under 11	Players attaining the age of 11 years in registration year

Football Brisbane will conduct a competition in the above age groups which shall comprise of a series of preliminary grading matches, a complete fixture competition and a final series competition.

The composition of each division will be determined on an annual basis. In the Under 11 and 12 years age groups these divisions will also be determined on a geographical basis.

In the Under 13 years and higher age groups the highest division in each age group will be known as the Brisbane Junior League (BJL). Teams will be invited to nominate into these divisions on the basis of the previous year's results and will participate across the Brisbane zone. Other nominations may be requested should Football Brisbane see fit. All other teams in these age groups will play in geographical competitions.

### **1.2 Other Competitions**

Football Brisbane may, from time to time, also schedule other competitions within the zone. Rules for these competitions shall be set prior to the commencement of any competition.

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## **2 FIXTURES**

### **2.1 Scheduling**

Football Brisbane will arrange the dates, times and locations of all matches. These scheduled matches will be advised to participating teams prior to the commencement of the season.

### **2.2 Duration**

The duration of matches for each age group are outlined in the table below. After normal time in each half, the referee may add on injury/stoppage time as he/she sees fit. The referee has the right to abandon any match if, in his/her opinion, playing conditions compromise player safety.

<b>Competition</b>	<b>Duration</b>	<b>Interval</b>
Under 16	2 x 45 mins	10 mins
Under 15	2 x 40 mins	5 mins
Under 14	2 x 35 mins	5 mins
Under 13	2 x 30 mins	5 mins
Under 12	2 x 25 mins	5 mins
Under 11	2 x 25 mins	5 mins

### **2.3 Points**

In all competition fixtures, match points will be awarded as follows:

WIN	Three (3) Points
DRAW	One (1) Point
LOSS	Nil (0) Points
BYE	Nil (0) Points
NO RESULT	Nil (0) Points for either team

### 3 APPLICATION FOR ALTERATION TO FIXTURES

Any application for an alteration to scheduled fixtures shall be submitted, using the appropriate form, to Football Brisbane at least fifteen (15) working days prior to the scheduled fixture.

Each request will be determined on its merits. Applications for alterations due to “social functions” (eg weddings, christenings, confirmations or other social and religious events) will not be considered.

Football Brisbane’s decision in regards to the rescheduling of fixtures will be final.

#### 3.1 School Football

Applications due to involvement in Inter-School sport will not be considered.

Any competition team with three or more players unavailable due to representative football duties, at Football Brisbane approved tournaments, may be entitled to have their fixture postponed. Applications must be made at least fifteen (15) working days prior to the scheduled fixture.

#### 3.2 Rebel Sport Junior Premier League

Any competition team with three or more players unavailable due to Rebel Sport Junior Premier League commitments may be entitled to have their fixture postponed. Applications must be made at least fifteen (15) working days prior to the scheduled fixture.

It is a condition of involvement in Division 1 or BJJ competitions of the relevant age groups, that club teams may be required throughout the year to fulfill Rebel Sport Junior Premier League commitments on behalf of Football Brisbane.

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### 4 NON-PARTICIPATION IN A FIXTURE

Any member club or affiliated club that fails to fulfil any of its fixture or finals obligations arranged by Football Brisbane, shall be fined per offence, and may be subject to further disciplinary action.

In the event the home or visiting team is not ready to commence the fixture **within 15 minutes of the scheduled kick-off time**, the match will be recorded as a 3-0 win in favour of the opposing team, and the points will be awarded to the opposing team.

Should any team claim such a forfeit they must forward a completed Official Match Sheet, signed by the appointed referee, or a club official, if one is not appointed noting the circumstances of the non-playing of the fixture to Football Brisbane.

Where any listed player on the team sheet in a forfeited match was to play out of his/her graded age group or division, then the fixture shall **NOT** be counted towards the player’s tally of matches played up.

If, for any reason, a team intends to forfeit a scheduled fixture match, the Club is to provide two (2) clear days written notice of the forfeit to the office of Football Brisbane. Football Brisbane shall be responsible for notification to the opposition team and the appointed referees. The match will be recorded as a 3-0 win in favour of the opposing team, and the points will be awarded to the opposing team.

A Club that fails to provide sufficient notification of a forfeit will be fined and will be responsible for any referee fees in relation to the match.

A team, which persistently forfeits matches, may, at the discretion of Football Brisbane, be withdrawn from that competition.

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### 5 WITHDRAWAL/REMOVAL FROM FIXTURES

If any team in the competition withdraws or is removed from fixture competitions then the following will apply:

- (a) if the team is withdrawn or removed before the competition has started - a bye in the competition will be substituted;
- (b) if the team is withdrawn or removed after the competition has started - the recorded results for that team will be deleted and a bye in the competition will be substituted;

The club involved may be subject to disciplinary action.

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## 6 POSTPONED MATCHES

Matches may only be postponed by the appointed match official or by Football Brisbane.

Football Brisbane reserves the right to reschedule all postponed matches on any day, time and place as it deems appropriate.

Football Brisbane reserves the right to record any outstanding fixtures that have not been completed by **NO LATER THAN** one (1) week after the conclusion of the fixture season as a 0-0 DRAW.

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## 7 ABANDONED MATCHES

Should the match official abandon a Football Brisbane match, **then the match result will stand**, unless;

- (a) one or both the of the competing clubs request the match to be replayed, or
- (b) the matter is referred to the Zone Council for determination.

Replay requests must be made in writing within 72 hours of the match being abandoned. The decision of Football Brisbane regarding the request for a replay shall be final.

Football Brisbane shall take into consideration the following factors when considering a request for a replay:

- reasons why the match was abandoned
- result of the match at the time of abandonment
- the impact on the final league standing of a fixture
- the impact on the finals series of a finals match

The Zone Council reserves the right to determine the match result if it is satisfied that one (or both) of the competing teams, its players, officials, members or supporters were directly responsible for the abandonment of the fixture. The Zone Council's determination shall be final.

If the allegation is proven, the Zone Council may decide to direct any of the following outcomes:

- the match be recorded as "NO RESULT"
  - the match be recorded as 0-0 draw
  - the match be recorded as a 3-0 win in favour of the opposing team, unless the score at the time of abandonment was of a greater margin in favour of the opposing team, and the points will be awarded to the opposing team
  - impose a fine, suspend, expel or take whatever disciplinary action it deems necessary against the offending club(s), player(s) and official(s).
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## 8 GOAL DIFFERENCE

If, at the end of the fixture competition, any two or more teams are equal on points, goal difference shall be taken into account in determining:

- the Premiers;
- the team or teams eligible for promotion to a higher division or relegation to a lower division;
- the teams eligible to play in the Finals Series in the respective divisions;
- all other positions on the points table.

Goal difference shall be calculated by subtracting the total number of goals AGAINST from the total number of goals FOR in all fixture matches:

- the team with the higher or highest resultant plus figure from such subtraction shall be deemed to have the superior goal difference and shall be the higher or highest placed team;
- the team with the lower or lowest resultant minus figure from such subtraction shall be deemed to have the superior goal difference and shall be the higher or highest placed team;
- in the case of goal difference being equal, the team having scored the most goals FOR shall be the higher or highest placed team.

In the case of teams having an equal goal difference and having scored an equal number of goals FOR:

- the team with the higher or highest number of points from matches played between the teams in question shall be the higher or highest placed team;

- if the number of points is equal, then the team with the superior goal difference from matches played between the teams in question, shall be the higher or highest placed team;
- in the case of goal difference being equal, the team having scored the most goals FOR from matches played between the teams in question, shall be the higher or highest placed team;
- if the goal difference and goals FOR are equal, then the team that scored the most away goals from matches played between the teams in question, shall be the higher or highest placed team.

If teams are still equal after taking into account all of the above considerations, the following will apply:

- to determine Premiers and team(s) eligible for promotion to a higher division or relegation to a lower division - the clubs concerned shall play off one or more deciding matches on neutral grounds, the format, timing and venue(s) of which shall be determined by Football Brisbane;
- to determine all other positions on the table - an official of each team will be required to meet with an official of Football Brisbane and lots will be drawn.

## **9 FINALS SERIES**

### **9.1 Participating Teams**

Following the completion of all fixtures the top four placed teams in each division shall play in a Finals Series. Football Brisbane will announce the relevant kick-off times and a venue for all Finals Series matches.

### **9.2 Format**

The Finals Series will involve two Semi-Finals and the Grand Final.

The Semi-Finals will consist of 1<sup>st</sup> v 4<sup>th</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> v 3<sup>rd</sup>. The winner of each Semi-Final will advance to the Grand Final.

### **9.3 Scheduling**

Football Brisbane will arrange the dates, times and venues of all Finals Series matches. Football Brisbane reserves the right to schedule or re-schedule matches on any day, time and place as it deems appropriate.

### **9.4 Rules**

All finals matches will be played in accordance with the competition game duration for each age group. After normal time in each half, the referee may add on Injury/Stoppage Time as he/she sees fit. The referee has the right to abandon any match if, in his/her opinion, playing conditions compromise player safety.

Should the scores for a Semi-Final be level at full time, a five (5) minute break will be followed by 2 x 10 minute periods to be played in full. Should the scores still be equal after extra time the following methods will be used to determine who advances to the Grand Final:

*Under 11 – Under 13:* The team which finished in the higher position after the fixture season will advance to the Grand Final.

*Under 14 – Under 16:* A penalty shoot-out, in accordance with FIFA regulations, will be taken to determine the winner.

For the Grand Final, if the scores are equal after normal time, a five (5) minute break will be followed by 2 x 10 minute periods of extra time to be played in full. Should the scores still be equal after extra time, the two participating teams will be declared joint winners.

### **9.5 Player Eligibility**

To participate in a finals match, a player must be graded into that team five (5) working days prior to the conclusion of the fixture season.

## **10 SUBSTITUTION/ INTERCHANGE OF PLAYERS**

### **10.1 Substitution**

For the Under 16 Brisbane Junior League, each team can make up to three (3) substitutions in any given fixture, with no more than five (5) substitutes listed on the Match Sheet.

All substitutions can only occur at a break in play with the approval of the referee and must take place at the halfway line.

## **10.2 Interchange of players**

In all other competitions, unlimited interchange will be permitted, with no more than five (5) substitutes permitted to be listed on the Match Sheet.

Only players' names listed on the Match Sheet are permitted to take part in the match. A player who has been interchanged may return to the field for another player.

All interchanges can only occur at a break in play with the approval of the referee and must take place at the halfway line.

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## **11 PLAYER IDENTITY CARDS**

### **11.1 Player Identity Cards**

Clubs are to produce a Player Identity Card for all competition players (Under 11-16 years). These cards must be able to be produced when requested.

The Player Identity Card includes the player's name, FFA registration number, signature, photograph, graded age group and are to be authorised by a designated club official. The card must be endorsed with a Club stamp. Clubs must ensure that the one stamp covers part of the ID card and also the player's photo but does not obscure any wording or the player's facial features

The Player Identity Card shall be retained by the player's current registered Club and lost or damaged Cards are to be replaced by the Club.

### **11.2 Player Identity Cards – Borrowed Players**

A junior player playing up or borrowed (with or without their Identity Card being available) is to be listed on the Match Sheet and their usual team is to be noted in the Substitutes Column.

Should the identity of a player be challenged at any match, in which they are participating, the player must sign the Match Sheet.

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## **12 GRADING OF PLAYERS**

### **12.1 Competition**

All players participating in competitions must be graded into a specified team by their clubs and a listing for each team forwarded to Football Brisbane no later than five (5) working days prior to the first fixture.

Players can only be graded into one team at any one time and that team grading is to be marked on their Player Identity Card.

Players registered after the first fixture of the season must be graded into a team and a Junior Grading form must be forwarded to Football Brisbane with his/her registration or no later than three (3) working days prior to the first fixture he/she intends to participate in.

In the instance that a club has more than one (1) team in a particular division, players in those teams, once graded, may NOT interchange.

If a player is graded out of their age group, they must have been assessed in line with the Player Age Policy.

Football Brisbane will not accept teams which consist of an entire team playing out of their age group.

### **12.2 Player Transfers Mid-Season**

There shall be no restriction on what age/division a player is able to take part in should they change clubs during the fixture season.

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## **13 BORROWING PLAYERS AND REGRADING**

### **13.1 Borrowing - Competition**

Registered competition players may be borrowed to play in equal or higher divisions and age groups provided that they have completed the appropriate Player Age Policy Assessment Forms, but may only do

so for a maximum of four (4) matches. The maximum number refers to the total number of games played up and not to each team they may play in.

A team playing in a fixture shall be permitted to borrow an unlimited number of players from a lower division in that particular age group, or an equal or lower division in a lower age group (e.g. an U12 Div 3 team can borrow from an U11 Div 3 or lower team).

Players can not be borrowed between gender specific teams and mixed teams.

A junior player playing up or borrowed (with or without their Identity Card being available) is to sign the Match Sheet and their usual team is to be noted in the Substitutes Column.

***Borrowing a player or players should not advantage the borrowing team's performance when compared with its usual squad.***

### **13.2 Borrowing – RSJPL impact**

Should a team be required to borrow players from another team, because of their players taking part in a Rebel Sport Premier League match, that team will be permitted to borrow without the four (4) match borrowing rule (outlined above). Teams may only borrow on a one (1) for one (1) basis.

### **13.3 Regrading**

With the exception of 13.1 If a player will be playing more than four (4) matches for any higher age group or division, that player **MUST** be re-graded prior to participating in a fifth (5) match. This re-grading is **NOT** automatic, and must be initiated by the player's club as a formal regrading.

A player may be re-graded into a higher age group or division at any time during the fixture season, provided the re-grading is performed prior to the last fixture of the season played by that player's original graded team.

Once a player has been re-graded, that player shall not play any further matches with their original team.

A player may be re-graded only once during the fixture season.

Where a player is re-graded to satisfy the above requirements, the "four matches up" count does not restart (i.e. if a player has played three (3) matches in a higher age group or division, and is re-graded, that player may still play one (1) more match in a higher age group or division before the end of the season.

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## **14 ELIGIBILITY/NON-ELIGIBILITY OF PLAYERS**

### **14.1 Eligible Players**

A player is eligible to play in his/her team, provided he/she has been registered in line with Football Federation of Australia National Registration Regulations and Football Brisbane Registration Procedures and Guidelines, and is not under suspension by Football Brisbane or any other Federation.

A player is eligible to take part in a Football Brisbane competition match provided his/her name has been listed on the Match Sheet **prior to the commencement of the match.**

### **14.2 Ineligible Players**

Any player not registered as per current Football Federation Australia, Football Queensland and Football Brisbane Registration Regulations is considered ineligible and is not permitted to participate in any Football Brisbane competition.

Any player under suspension by Football Brisbane or any other Federation is deemed ineligible, and not permitted to participate in any fixture until that suspension is served.

A player whose name is not listed on the Match Sheet prior to the commencement of any Football Brisbane competition match is considered ineligible and is not permitted to participate in that match.

The Player Age Policy outlines the guidelines and process for any player to be assessed to play above or below their age group. Players playing without the correct assessment will be deemed ineligible.

**A team should not list more than sixteen (16) players on a team sheet for a match. If a team does so, then any player(s) over and above the sixteen players first listed is (are) considered ineligible.**

Football Brisbane reserves the right to investigate the eligibility of any player participating in any competition.

### **14.3 Protest – Playing Ineligible Player**

On match day, any team may ask to check the Player Identity Card of any opposing player.

Should the identity of a player be challenged, at any match in which they are participating, the player must sign the Match Sheet. No player can refuse the request for such a signature. The referee and team managers should note the challenge on the Match Sheet.

No club official shall have the power to refuse to allow an opposition player to take the field for any reason.

Any club is permitted to lodge a letter of protest regarding the alleged fielding of an ineligible player. The protest must be in writing under club letterhead and be forwarded to Football Brisbane, within seven days of the match. An investigation of the circumstances surrounding the incident will be undertaken immediately.

In the event that the protest is upheld, the Penalties and Outcomes as stated below will apply. In the event that the protest is dismissed, then the match result will stand.

### **14.4 Penalties and Outcomes**

If it is established that a player competing in any Football Brisbane competition fixture was ineligible to play, then the following will apply:

- the club found guilty shall forfeit any goals scored and points gained in that match and the points and match will be awarded to the opposing team;
- the game will be recorded as a 3-0 win in favour of the opposing team, unless the final result was of a greater margin in favour of the opposing team;
- the Zone Council may impose a fine, suspend, expel or take whatever disciplinary action it deems necessary against the offending club or player.

In the event that it is established that both clubs competing in any Football Brisbane competition fixture fielded players who were ineligible to play, then the following will apply:

- the match will be deemed as a **NO RESULT**, whereby, no points will be awarded;
- the Zone Council may impose a fine, suspend, expel or take whatever disciplinary action it deems necessary against the offending clubs or players.

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## **15 CLUB RESPONSIBILITIES**

### **15.1 Facilities/Ground Arrangements**

The home club must ensure:

- the ground is correctly marked, including the technical area;
- it provides suitable goal nets, safely fastened or pegged to the ground and corner flags;
- it provides toilet facilities and dressing room facilities that are hygienic and clean;
- it has adequate refreshment/canteen facilities open to the public;
- it provides a safe environment for players, officials and spectators;
- it provides a Referee's Room where referees can rest and leave their belongings while on the park.

Any club whose facilities do not meet the requirements specified may be fined, suspended or have its home fixtures played away.

### **15.2 Wet Weather Procedure**

Clubs can advise if their fields are unplayable on days with scheduled fixtures by contacting the office of Football Brisbane (3849 5999) or designated office staff. Updated information on fields / matches that have been cancelled will be made available on Football Brisbane's website or by calling **3849 1104**.

In the event that Football Brisbane declares the cancellation of a fixture weekend due to rain, all fixtures will be declared a 0-0 draw.

In the event of the cancellation or abandonment of a fixture through rain rendering grounds unplayable, it will be upon the clubs involved to mutually agree upon a rescheduled time. Clubs must advise Football Brisbane of the agreed rescheduled date, time and venue within seven (7) days of the cancelled/abandoned match. If clubs cannot come to a mutual agreement within those seven (7) days, the match will be declared a 0-0 draw.

### 15.3 Field Lighting

Clubs wishing to host night fixtures during the season must submit field lighting audits as requested and have approval for competition play by Football Brisbane.

Recommendations for football field lighting detailed in the Australian Standard AS2560 Part 2.3 "Lighting for Football" includes: Minimum Service Illuminance Lux (Average) 100 and Minimum Uniformity Ratio (Min: Ave) 0.5 for competition matches. To achieve this level for the whole season, the Minimum Service Illuminance (Average) at the commencement of the season should be 110 Lux.

### 15.4 Referees Fees

The payment of referees' fees shall be shared **equally** by competing teams. Each manager is required to supply the correct fees to the referees at least 15 minutes prior to the match together with their Match Sheet.

### 15.5 Match Sheets

On match day, both teams participating in a competition match are required to complete a Football Brisbane Match Sheet prior to the commencement of any match. Both teams must ensure they have the minimum number of players to commence the match (Under 11 to Under 16 competitions – 7 players).

A Match Sheet must:

- list all match details (age group, division, date, fixture number, participating teams, and venue);
- list all players taking part in the match with full names and corresponding shirt numbers;
- not list more than 16 players for any fixture;
- list all Team Officials;
- be supplied to the match referee **at least 15 minutes** prior to the scheduled kick-off.

For the Under 16 BJJ only, all players who are starting as substitutes are to be indicated with an "R" marked in the substitute's column.

The referee is responsible for ensuring the names of all Match Officials are listed and signed on the sheet.

Players participating in junior matches are not required to sign the Match Sheet unless they are borrowed players or their identity is challenged. Managers are entitled to ask to check the Player Identity Cards of the opposing team which must be produced on request. It is the responsibility of the Club official to ensure that any player needing to sign the Match Sheet does so by the conclusion of the half time interval and a challenged player must do so in front of the match referee.

#### 15.5.1 Procedures Following A Match

Following the match, each team Manager and Referee should sign off the Match Sheet after verifying the final result and game details (red cards, cautions, substitutes, goalscorers and times).

**The home club is to forward the original copies of the completed Match Sheets for both teams (home and away) to reach the Football Brisbane office no later than two (2) working days after the weekend.**

Football Brisbane reserves the right to impose penalties and or fines on clubs that fail to forward the original copies within the stated timeframe without justification. Furthermore if the match sheets are not received by Football Brisbane by the close of business fourteen (14) days after the scheduled date of the match in question may result in the home team having a 3-0 result awarded against it.

### 15.6 Results of Fixtures

The results of fixtures must be communicated to Football Brisbane by both participating teams.

Match results must be communicated as follows:-

**Online:            [football.resultsvault.com](http://football.resultsvault.com)**

Junior competitions results have forty-eight (48) hours, from the completion of the game, to be entered. Football Brisbane reserves the right to impose a fine on clubs that fail to register their full-time scores as required.

### 15.7 Match Balls

The host Club shall provide two footballs of correct size and in good order and condition for each match.

Under 11, 12 and 13 shall play with a size four (4) match ball and Under 14, 15 and 16 shall play with a size five (5) match ball.

### 15.8 Playing Strips

All clubs must nominate a "Home" and have available an "Alternate" strip, compliant with the Football Queensland Marketing Agreement. The alternative strip (shirts, shorts & socks) should not clash with the nominated "Home" strip.

All playing strips (with the exception of socks) must have the "Q" logo attached by the manufacturing company. This must be requested when ordering. All playing strips must have clearly visible numbers on the back of the jerseys.

Where club colours are similar the HOME team will be required to wear their registered alternate strip.

Junior teams are not permitted to advertise any alcohol or tobacco related products on their respective playing strips.

Goalkeepers shall wear any colour provided it does not clash with either team or referee/assistants.

**NB - Goalkeepers MUST wear licensed strips (i.e. no replica strips allowed).**

### 15.9 Team Officials

Clubs are accountable for their appointed team officials (coaches, managers, and medical staff) and they should be made aware that they are governed by a Code of Conduct. Penalties including suspension of team officials, fines, and good behaviour bonds, can be levied upon such persons and clubs, where it is found that team officials have breached the Code of Conduct.

1. Team officials must remain within the technical area and are required to wear a Football Brisbane Identification Card at all times in the technical area. Failure to do so may incur a disciplinary fine.
2. Team officials are responsible for trying to keep players behaving in an appropriate manner at all times before, during and after any game.
3. Team officials are not to argue or address any disagreements or comment direct to a referee. Any complaints should be directed to Football Brisbane on club letterhead.
4. A team official can only enter the field of play when the referee indicates to do so.

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## 16 TECHNICAL AREA

Each club must have Technical Areas clearly marked as stipulated by FIFA guidelines and provide sufficient seating to allow all personnel to be seated during the match.

1. A maximum of ten (10) persons are permitted to be within the confines of the technical area. They may include the coach, assistant coach, the substitutes and either the trainer or medical staff.
2. Team Official Identification Cards shall be worn at all times by the team coach, assistant/s, the team manager and the team sports trainer. Only persons with such identification or designated players as listed on the match sheets shall be in the technical area.
3. Only one person at a time is authorised to convey tactical instructions to the players during the match and he/she must return to his/her position after giving these instructions.
4. The coach and other officials must remain within the confines of the technical area, except in special circumstances, for example, a team sports trainer or doctor entering the field of play, with the referee's permission, to assess an injured player.
5. All substitutes must be seated within the technical area. They must wear bibs or an alternative coloured uniform to their team strip. Substitutes are permitted to warm up outside of the technical area, provided they are wearing bibs or an alternative coloured uniform to their team strip. When warming up, substitutes are requested to choose an area furthest from the opposing team.
6. All occupants of the technical area must behave in a responsible manner. The match official has the right to expel any person from the technical area at any time as he or she sees fit. The game will not recommence until that person has left the playing field to the match official's satisfaction.
7. Smoking or the consumption of alcohol within the confines of the playing barrier fence is strictly prohibited. This includes the team bench within the technical area and all of its occupants, including players, coaching staff, and officials.

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## 17 MATCH OFFICIALS

Wherever possible, registered officials shall be appointed to control fixture matches.

### **17.1 Non-Attendance or Unavailability of Match Official**

Should the appointed match official fail to honour his appointment, then the next most senior match official will be appointed to take charge of the fixture. In the event the appointed match official is late arriving, then a replacement match official will take charge of the fixture until the appointed match official is ready

In the event no registered match official is present to take charge of the fixture, then the designated "Home" club shall consult the visiting team and appoint a match official to take charge of the fixture. This match official has the same powers as a registered match official.

All clubs are obligated to fulfill all fixtures regardless of whether a match official is present to take charge.

Should any club fail or refuse to participate in any fixture on the above grounds, then the following will apply:

- the match will be recorded as a 3-0 win in favour of the opposing team, and the points will be awarded to the opposing team;
- the club will be fined per offence, and will be subject to further disciplinary action

In the event both teams refuse to play, Football Brisbane reserves the right to award a **NO RESULT**, fine both clubs and recommend further disciplinary action.

In circumstances where only one assistant referee has been appointed, **the home team is obliged to provide a club assistant to assist the match referee**. In circumstances where no assistant referees have been appointed, both **the home and the away teams are obliged to provide one club assistant each to assist the match referee**. Please note, the game cannot start without 2 assistants. If either the away or the home team are unable to provide an assistant, then both assistants may come from the same team.

### **17.2 Extreme Weather Conditions**

In extreme weather conditions, Football Brisbane or the appointed match official reserves the right to postpone, delay or abandon any fixture. If the appointed match official postpones, delays or abandons any fixture due to extreme weather conditions, he/she must outline the reasons in writing to Football Brisbane.

All clubs, players, and match officials are requested to please note the following;

- If the temperature is 32° or above, water bottles should be made available and placed along the sidelines to enable any player to take a drink during the course of the game; *and*
- If conditions are considered extreme by the match referee, he or she has discretion to allow a 2-minute break during the course of each half.

### **17.3 Blood Rule**

In the event a player suffers an injury or wound which results in the loss of blood, the match official will request that the injured player receive attention outside the field of play and only when he /she is satisfied that the injury or wound is safely covered and contained, will the player be permitted to rejoin the game.

In the event the player's uniform or attire is splattered with blood, the referee will instruct that player to change his attire before being permitted to rejoin the game. Should the injured player be required to change his uniform, then the appointed match official will show discretion in allowing the player to wear an alternative numbered shirt if necessary.

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## **18 DISCIPLINARY**

Please refer to the Football Brisbane Disciplinary policy as at 1<sup>st</sup> February 2009.

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