



**VICTORIAN CHURCHES SOCCER
ASSOCIATION INC.**

MATCH RULES

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1. PARTICIPATION

All participants in matches organised by the Victorian Churches Soccer Association Inc. (hereafter referred to as the “Association”) shall conduct themselves in a gentlemanly manner on and off the field of play, observing the spirit and intent of the Laws of Association Football as authorised by the International Football Association Board and published annually by Pan Books. Particular emphases within those laws shall be made in these Match Rules, and may be varied from time to time by agreement at Association Meetings. All matches should be played in the spirit of Christian sportsmanship.

2. HOME GROUNDS

Each Club is expected to secure the use of a suitable soccer ground for play in the competition, unless satisfactory arrangements can be made to share a ground with another Club. The Clubs are responsible for the payment of any fees associated with their use of the ground.

The VCSA recommends that each club should have at least one pitch for every six junior teams requiring a full-sized pitch (in the case of Under 8s and Under 9s, two of their teams EQUALS one team for the purposes of this rule) and one for up to four senior teams.

3. GROUND MARKINGS AND EQUIPMENT

3.1. *Ground Markings*

The ground markings and goal-posts shall comply with the requirements of the Laws of the game. Portable goalposts must be firmly and safely fixed to the ground.

3.2. *Passageway*

At games, Spectators are expected to leave clear a “Passageway” one metre wide along the touchline. Clubs are to mark this “Passageway”. Similarly, Spectators are expected to leave a clear “Passageway”, four metres behind the goal line.

3.3. *Goal Nets*

It is not expected that participating Clubs purchase Goal Nets in their first year in the Competition, but the purchase of Nets is expected by the start of the second year.

3.4. *Match Ball*

Each team is to provide a suitable Match Ball:	Under 8/9 grades	size 3
	Under 10/13 grades	size 4
	Older grades	size 5

3.5. *Association Issued Match Ball*

If, prior to the commencement of the year’s competition, the Association issues match balls to teams, each team (home and away) must provide the Association issued Match Ball to the Match Referee before the commencement of every scheduled match for that year. It is each team’s responsibility to retrieve their match ball at the end of each scheduled match.

3.6. *Replacement of Association issued Match Ball*

A team that loses or has a damaged Association issued Match Ball must replace the match ball at its own cost. Such replacement must be identical to the Association issued Match Ball. If the Match Ball is damaged during a scheduled match (provided the damage occurs within the playing area) and deemed by the Match Referee as unsuitable for further use, the Association, at the discretion of the Executive, may replace the Match Ball at no cost to the team involved.

3.7. First Aid Kit

Each team must provide a First Aid kit (available to treat injured players of either Team) at each match. The minimum requirements for the contents of the First Aid box shall be determined by the Executive, and shall be shown on the official VCSA Web Site. The First Aid kit shall be shown to the Referee no later than ten (10) minutes prior to the commencement of the match and then remain with a team representative on the touch line.

Refer to [Addendum B](#) for penalties applied for non-compliance with the above requirements.

4. MATCH PLAY

4.1. Match Duration

Prior to the commencement of each year's competition, the Association will determine the competition draw and the match playing times. As a general rule, match duration for eleven-a-side games on full-sized pitches will be:

Seniors' games -	45 minute halves
Ladies games -	45 minute halves
Under 16/17 games (eleven a side) -	35 minute halves
Under 14/15 games -	30 minute halves
Under 12/13 games -	25 minute halves
Under 10/11 games -	20 minute halves
Under 8/9 games (six a side) -	15 minute halves

When an earlier scheduled match starts late, the Referee shall divide the remaining time into halves with a five minute break to enable the game to finish on time, thus enabling a later scheduled match to start on time.

4.2. Match Commencement

The two teams competing are encouraged to congregate at the centre circle, shake hands and a home team representative to pray before starting the game. Upon completion the referee will conduct an inspection of player equipment.

Matches must begin at the scheduled times. However, in senior matches if there are double-headers on one ground, the first match shall commence at 1.00 p.m. and the second one shall commence at 3.00 p.m. The earlier match will finish by 2.45 p.m. at the latest, regardless of the time it commenced. If a team is not on the field and ready to play ten minutes after the scheduled kick-off time, the Referee shall abandon the match and forward a report to the Match Secretary and the Referees' Co-ordinator. The Association will then decide the outcome, taking into account extenuating circumstances and the forfeiture rule herein.

4.3. Concessions

Goal Kicks for Under 10, 11, 12 and Under 13 grades should be taken in front of the goal area and level with the penalty spot. Opposing players shall stand a minimum of 10 yards clear.

Corner Kicks for Under 10, 11, 12 and Under 13 grades shall be taken from midway between the corner and the penalty area, on the goal line. Opposing players shall stand a minimum of 10 yards (9.15 metres) clear.

4.4. Forfeit

When one of the teams scheduled to play is not on the ground and ready to play ten minutes after play was due to start, three goals and winning points will be awarded to the team ready to play. Teams which forfeit any Association game (including catch up games) will, subject to the discretion of the Executive, be fined (refer [Addendum B](#)).

4.5. Extreme Weather and Ground conditions

Teams must go to the ground in anticipation of play. The Referee will then decide if play is possible. Rain in itself does not necessarily constitute a hazard. Correct and proper inspection of pitches MUST be made.

In extreme weather conditions, the Association or the appointed Referee reserves the right to postpone, delay or abandon any fixture.

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. If conditions are considered extreme by the Referee, he or she has discretion to allow a 2 minute break during the course of each half.

Referees are recommended to suspend play when the time between a lightning flash and its thunder clap is less than 15 seconds. In such cases players are encouraged to seek shelter as soon as possible, preferably in a nearby building.

Where the Referee has indicated that a match should be called off, even if both team coaches/managers agree to play, then that match shall not be played, and the appointed Referee shall inform the Association Secretary. Where the Referee decides the match may proceed, but only one team is prepared to play, then the forfeiture rule shall apply.

The Association will endeavour to reschedule cancelled games. The Match Secretary must be advised on the day a match is cancelled so that rescheduling can be given due consideration.

The Referee shall cancel or call off only one Match at a time, namely, the one to which the Referee has been appointed. If the Referee's appointments require that he/she Referee two or more matches at the one ground, the Referee may call off the first but must remain at the ground until the second match is due to start and then again inspect the pitch and go through the same procedures.

4.6. No Referee

When the Referee assigned to the Match has not arrived five minutes prior to the scheduled starting time, and no other qualified Referee is available at that time, a substitute Referee acceptable to representatives of both teams shall be chosen. Should another qualified Referee be available in the absence of the Referee assigned to the game, the qualified Referee available shall, if the Referee's own commitments permit, take charge of the game as substitute Referee to enable the match to start on time, and continue to officiate until the assigned Referee arrives, or for the full term of the game should the assigned Referee not arrive before half-time.

Should the assigned Referee arrive within ten minutes of the game having been started under control of the substitute Referee, changeover shall take place at a suitable break in play. Should the substitute Referee proceed to complete the game in the absence or excessively late arrival of the appointed Referee, payment of the appropriate fee will be made at half-time by the Home Club, with reimbursement to the Home Club arranged through the Referees' Co-ordinator. Whenever a match is played without the official Referee, the two coaches, or captains, whichever is applicable, shall meet with the person who refereed the match and consult about the awarding of the 'best and fairest' votes, and that any dispute should be resolved by giving preference to the opinion of the referee. The Match Report should be sent in by a representative from the home team to the Match Secretary as to the final voting.

4.7. Abandonment of matches

Matches which are abandoned must be reported via the Referee Report, with relevant details attached in a more detailed report. The Association will then determine the appropriate action and will advise the clubs involved of any penalty. Yellow and Red Cards issued during the match will remain, although they can be appealed against under procedures already contained in these Rules.

As a guide: If a game is abandoned due to causes beyond the control of either team, then the game will be replayed at a suitable time determined by the Association. If a game is abandoned due to causes attributable to either or both clubs e.g. behaviour of players, officials, spectators or any other influence at the time, then the result, points allocation and whether the game is replayed will be at the discretion of the Association.

4.8. Match Official

At each Association match, the home team must provide a Match Official. This Match Official will wear a special Association vest and has the authority to ensure that ground marking rules and other Match Rules (eg: alcohol consumption bans etc) are enforced. Any players or spectators who do not co-operate with the Match Official can be reported via the Referee to the Association for further action. Refer to [Addendum B](#) for penalties applied for non-compliance with the above requirements.

4.9. Fixturing

A team is not permitted to change the time of a fixtured match unless they have agreement from the opposing team.

4.10. Postponed and Catch-Up Game

A team is not permitted to postpone a fixtured match unless permission is obtained from BOTH the opposing team and the Association Secretary prior to the fixtured match. The Association will, as soon as practicable, determine a suitable date for the match to be played as a Catch-Up game.

In the event that the scheduled Catch-Up game is not played due to:

- a. the team (which initially sought the postponement of the fixtured match) being unable or unwilling to play the Catch-Up game, the game shall be forfeited to the opposing team under the forfeiture rule herein and a fine will be imposed for forfeiting the match under Addendum B.
- b. the opposing team being unable or unwilling to play the Catch-Up game, no match points will be awarded to either team.

5. PLAYERS

The minimum number of players per team in an eleven a side match shall be seven.

The minimum number of players per team in an eight a side match shall be five.

The minimum number of players per team in a six a side match shall be four.

5.1. Player Transfer

Any player wishing to transfer from one club to another during the season must first obtain the approval of both clubs and then obtain permission from the Association Secretary. If the original club with which the player registered refuses clearance, the player may appeal to the Association through the Association Secretary. The Association has the discretion to approve or not approve the clearance.

5.2. Player Registration

All intending Players must be registered with the Association. Each Player must supply their name, date of birth, address and phone number details when registering. The cut-off date for team registrations and insurance payments are 19 days prior to the Knockout Carnival or Round 1 at the start of the winter season (whichever is the earlier date) for existing clubs and 12 days for new clubs. Registrations of both senior and junior players must be made on the official VCSA form. Forms can be submitted by e-mail. All Players intending to play in Seniors matches must be registered and have Passports before playing any games (see para. [5.7.1](#)). Refer to [Addendum B](#) for penalty applied to a team playing an unregistered or ineligible player.

Registration of additional teams after official closure dates have passed is discouraged by the Association. They will only be accommodated if positions are available. Refer [Addendum B](#) for late submission fee.

Clubs wanting new players registered during the season must submit insurance payments and player details as stated above, to the appropriate Association Representative by Tuesday night. This to enable registration for play on the ensuing Saturday.

5.3. Match Cards and Team Lists

Blank Match Cards are to be collected by each club from the Association Secretary or Treasurer and Team Lists will be issued via the VCSA Online system. It is the responsibility of the individual clubs to print-off the Team List, and affix it to the Match Card. In every instance it is the latest Team List which must be used. Both sides of the Match Card must be completed (game details, shirt numbers, cross off non-participating players etc). Each Team will present a correctly completed Match Card (with the official Association printed team list attached) together with player Passports to the referee no later than 10 minutes before the start of each match. Passports of players playing a second match pursuant to 5.7.4 must be presented to the Referee before the end of the half-time break. It is the responsibility of each individual team manager or representative to seek and approach the Referee to present the Match Card and player passports. Refer to Addendum B for penalties for late submission of Match cards, Match Card irregularities or unauthorized modifications. Match Cards shall also be used the Ladies Competition.

5.4. Player Attire

Each Club is responsible to ensure that their players are correctly attired within the requirements of the Laws of the game. Shirts and Shorts colours shall be consistent within the one Team. A Player in one Team shall not wear colours (Shorts or Shirt) that are the same as or can be confused with the colours of the opponents' Team Shorts or Shirt Colours. In such cases of clash, any player, including the Goal Keeper, whose colours clash, shall change or not play.

5.4.1. Team Shirts

Each player shall have a distinguishing and exclusive number upon the shirt (or shorts) which shall agree with the player's number on the Match Card prepared for reference and for the Referee's use during the Match.

5.4.2. Team Shirt Colours

- (a) New Shirt Colours must have the prior approval of the Association.
- (b) Away Team must change shirt colour when there is a potentially confusing similarity of shirt colours or when directed by the Referee. Training bibs are not acceptable in this instance. Non-compliance of this rule may result in the application of the forfeiture rule 4.4 herein..
- (c) The Goalkeepers shall wear colours which distinguish them from the field Players and the Referee.

5.4.3. Shin Guards

Each player shall wear football socks in Team Colours, with shin guards under the socks.

5.4.4. Jewellery

In the interest of players' safety, the Referee shall request players to remove all jewellery (including body-piercing jewellery) prior to entering the field of play. If any player refuses to do so, the Referee will exclude that player from participating in the match until such jewellery is removed. The only item of jewellery exempted is a flat wedding band, which, if adequately covered by tape, will be deemed safe to wear.

5.5. Blood Rule

In the event that a player suffers an injury which results in the loss of blood, the Referee will request that the player receive attention outside the field of play. The injured player will only be permitted to rejoin the game when the Referee is satisfied that the injury has been safely covered and contained. If the player's attire is splattered with blood, he will only be permitted to rejoin the game when he has changed his attire.

5.6. Junior Players

5.6.1. Team lists

5.6.1.1. Where there are sufficient teams in any junior age group to form two or more divisions then grading will take place based on ability. Each club having more than one team in a junior age group will nominate on their team form which of their teams should be in the higher and which should be in the lower division.

5.6.1.2. Clubs with more than one Team in a Junior age-group are expected to maintain a fixed allotment of Players to a Team, rather than moving Players from Team to Team to benefit from the extra numbers of Players available. However, a player may be added to another team list of the player's club by having the player's name written on to that team's list. Only two players can be added in this way at any time. A player can only be added on to another list for a maximum of seven times, and then it has to be decided whether the player is to be transferred permanently on to that team list. Refer to [Addendum B](#) for the penalty for playing an un-registered or over-age Juniors Player in a Team.

5.6.2. Age Groups

Except with the permission of the Association, no Juniors player shall play in an age group lower than their own age. Any player who has been granted this dispensation must have 'EX' after his name. Such players are ineligible for best and fairest votes. Excluding girls, no team shall have more than two such players in their team. Referees are encouraged to notify the Association if they feel that any such player should not continue to be granted this age dispensation. This dispensation shall be rescinded if the player returns to playing at his/her own age level or above. Each case will be dealt with on its own merits. Players in Clubs which have more than one Team in an age-group shall play in the Team in which they have been Registered.

When determining which age group a girl qualifies to play in, one year may be deducted from her age, thereby allowing her to play in a younger age group. No further age exemption can be granted for that season. However if exemption from this rule is required then a club must complete the exemption form. The exemption will be rescinded if the player reverts in the future to playing in her own age group or above.

A player may transfer to a higher "age group" team within his/her Club at any time. A Juniors player who in one Season plays seven games in a higher "age group" shall not be eligible to continue to play in the lower "age group".

5.7. Seniors Players

5.7.1. Passports

5.7.1.1.

"Passports" are used for Senior, Ladies and Juniors (from U15 teams onwards) matches. For a player to be registered, a Passport-sized photograph for player to be uploaded to VCSA online registration facility and required personal information to be entered.

The appropriate fee must be sent as soon as possible to the Association Representative for the preparation of the Association Passports. All registrations must be on the official VCSA form and entered via the VCSA online registration facility. This form can be submitted by e-mail. Registered Juniors Players included in Seniors' Teams require Passports. No Passport = No Game.

Junior match Exception to 'No Passport = No Game'.

For Juniors from lower age groups playing in Junior age groups requiring passport, team must present to the Referee a VCSA Junior Match card that has the out of age players name printed on and suitably marked as verification that they are a registered player for that club. (Player name must still be added to playing team match card in prescribed manner). Both match cards are to be sent in to Junior Match Secretary.

In all Senior, Ladies and Junior (from U15 teams onwards) games, the Passports System will facilitate the transfer of Players between various Teams within the same Club without disciplinary penalty, but each

intending Player (whether Seniors, Ladies or Juniors (from U15 teams onwards) player must present a valid Association Passport to the Referee before being eligible to play.

Passports for Players in the Team together with the completed Match card must be handed to the Referee no later than 10 minutes before the start of the Match. Passports of players playing a second match pursuant to 5.7.4 must be presented to the Referee before the end of the half-time break. See Addendum B for penalty for non-compliance with this requirement. The Referee will check that the number of Passports received matches the number of Players on the Ground. The Referee will retain and send-in to the Match Secretary the Passports of those Players "given" Red Card during the Match or Yellow Cards if the Referee believes that the Player has accumulated sufficient Yellow Cards to have "earned" a suspension under the Association's Match Rules. The relevant Match Secretary will notify the appropriate clubs of any suspensions applicable after the issue of yellow cards. The relevant Match Secretary will also notify each week the Referees' Co-ordinator of the names of all ineligible players for that round of matches. The requirement for Match Cards Listing players' names will not be replaced by "Passports". The individual Clubs representative(s) will be responsible for looking-after the Team's Passports through the Season, and making the Passports available for presentation to the Referee before each Match.

5.7.1.2.

All passports must be returned before or at the AGM. Non return of passports will attract a monetary penalty. See [Addendum B](#) for penalty for non-compliance with this requirement.

5.7.1.3.

Any passports which need to be replaced during a season will require the prescribed monetary penalty to be paid before the issue of the replacement passport. See [Addendum B](#) for penalty for non-compliance with this requirement.

5.7.2. Team Lists

Team lists will be enforced for all Association competitions. A club must register team lists for each of its teams. Any senior player registered with a club must be assigned to a particular team list. A club with more than one senior team in separate divisions must submit a team list of at least 13 players for the team playing in the highest division. A player can play with another team at his/her club (if eligible) by having their name written on to that team's list. Any number of players can be added in this way for any game if the player/s are promoted to a higher division or shifted laterally (e.g.. Between two teams in the same Division) (junior players included, but must have passports). Only two players can be demoted into any one team.

Registered junior players are not required to be assigned to a senior team list. Any junior player added to a senior team list on a Match Day must have 'JNR' after his name and the passport requirement in 5.7.1.1 applies.

5.7.3. Divisions

The Association should endeavour to have at least 8 teams in Divisions One and Two, if the overall numbers permit.

5.7.4. Matches on Same Day

A player may play in more than 1 game on the day, so long as the registered player is moving to a higher or same division team. A maximum of 3 players may move into 1 team.

This rule does not apply to Cup matches or Knockout Carnival, or events run under Knockout / Round Robin competition rules. Refer to [Addendum B](#) for the penalty applying to a team breaching this rule.

6. SHIELD/CUP COMPETITIONS

6.1. Team Lists

Match Cards and Team Lists in accordance with Rule 5.3 must be submitted to the Referee before the commencement of each match. For the purposes of this rule, the 2 players restriction (as provided for in

Rule 5.7.2.2) is not applicable.

6.2. Prohibition on Player Transfers

A Player named on a Team's Match Card in a previous round of the Shield or Cup Competition is "cup-tied" to that team and is prohibited from being named in another team in subsequent rounds of the Shield or Cup Competitions. Refer to [Addendum B](#) for penalty imposed for breach of prohibition.

7. INTERCHANGE

Interchange has been agreed at all levels of play in the Association. Effective control of Interchange shall be managed through the co-operation of team officials and the match officials. (Only Registered Players, whether Seniors or Juniors, shall be Players, Interchange Players, or Substitutes.) The intentions behind the adoption of Interchange are (a) to give more Players the opportunity to play, on the day, (b) to minimise the detrimental effect on the Team when injury is unfortunately suffered by one or more Players on the day, and (c) to give Players the opportunity to have a break from Play and return to Play later if considered necessary, in deference to their age and capability. Interchange introduces a flexibility absent from the process of Substitution. It is not intended that the facility of Interchange be abused.

Interchange is not intended to give a Player the opportunity to avoid being disciplined by the Referee, once the Referee has called the Player aside for counselling, explanation, or discipline. A Player who leaves the field or is "interchanged" solely to avoid being spoken to immediately by the Referee, shall be considered to be expressing dissent from the Referee's decision (Law 12 "Cautionable Offences" Item 2, (2004)) and to have left the field without the Referee's permission (Law 12, "Cautionable Offences" Item 6, (2004)) and be considered to have been sent off the field of play (Law 12, "Sending-off Offences" Item 7, (2004)). The Player cannot be replaced by another Player during that Match.

When the process of Substitution was in force, and a Player had received a Yellow Card, a perceptive and pro-active Coach or Manager would appropriately call the Player off and put on a Substitute, rather than run the risk of losing a player from the Team in view of the probability that the Player may continue the style of play and receive a second Yellow Card, be sent off, and leave the Team one Player short. If Interchange is used in the same manner, it should be put into effect at a time when the Player about to be "protected" is not involved in the immediate play; not at the moment the Referee is about to counsel or discipline the Player.

The flexibility of player interchange would place intolerable burdens on the Referee were each interchange to be recorded. To avoid this necessity, interchange shall only be effected during normal breaks in play, such as at a throw-in or at the time a free-kick is about to be taken, and then only with the Referee's assent.

Interchange must not proceed without the Referee's assent in any circumstances. At all matches, (Juniors and Seniors) the player being rested shall leave the field of play before the interchange player enters the field of play, and this shall take place only after the Referee has acknowledged the team official's and Assistant Referee's signal that an interchange is required. All Interchanges shall take place beside an Assistant Referee and under the Assistant Referee's supervision so the on-going Player's boots can be checked. At no time shall more than the permissible number of players in a team be allowed on the field during play.

In all Juniors' Matches and in Seniors' Matches, the Referee and Assistant Referees will be co-operating in match control through the diagonal system of control. In most circumstances of breaks in play therefore, one of the two Assistant Referees will not be closely involved in supervising the break in play. Co-ordination of the interchange of players shall therefore be arranged through that Assistant Referee, (on that side of the ground on which that particular Assistant Referee is officiating) only after the Referee has acknowledged and approved the request for an Interchange.

If an Interchange is made without the authority of the Referee, or if an Interchange player enters the field of play before the player being rested has left the field of play, the play shall, if necessary, be stopped, and the offending player cautioned and removed from the field, or sent off, according to the circumstances as decided by the Referee. In such circumstances, if play has been stopped to deliver a match discipline, play

shall be restarted by the Referee dropping the ball at the place where it was when play was stopped.

In eight- and eleven-a-side Matches, a maximum of thirteen players for eight-a-side matches and sixteen players for eleven-a-side matches can be nominated as available to be selected to play on the day; eight and eleven initially as Players, plus five for Interchange. In Junior Matches up to three interchange players can be used. When both Teams have more than three "spare" Players, or Managers are prepared to "share" Players to enable more to play on the day, more than three Players for each Team can take part in Interchange, provided there is agreement between the Team Managers and the Referee before commencement of the Match.

8. REFEREES and ASSISTANT REFEREES

Clubs shall provide a Referee to the panel of Referees, for every two teams (or part thereof) the Club has entered in the respective age group (Juniors or Seniors) competition. At least one Referee from each Club shall be free of other team commitments on Saturdays, for ease of administration of Referees' appointments. Clubs which do not supply their Referee quota shall be billed the difference on each occasion for the cost of providing Supernumerary Referees if available from another source versus the fees payable to our Association's Referees. Supernumerary Referees will not necessarily be assigned to matches of Clubs required to make such penalty payment. Home Team officials will be responsible to advise substitute and supernumerary Referees of the duration of match playing times and other pertinent matters from the Association Match Rules.

The Home Team shall be responsible for payment of a supernumerary Referee's fee before the match can commence. Reimbursement of such payments will be arranged with the Association Treasurer by the Referees' Co-ordinator.

Reimbursement of expenses incurred by the clubs for such payments within our Association is paid at the end of the season from funds provided by registration fees paid by the Clubs.

Referees within our Association are expected to qualify through completion of the Association's Referees' Course, a FFV Referees' Course, or through a course of similar standard.

Referees should only communicate with spectators via a Club Official and, if deemed worthy, comments on spectator behaviour should be made in the Referee's match report.

Each team will provide a reasonably capable Assistant Referee for each match before play can commence. The Assistant Referee will assist the Referee in control of the Match, and must be prepared to accept direction from the Referee as to how the Assistant Referee role is to be performed. An Assistant Referee is expected to concentrate on the Game without favouring or coaching one side rather than the other. Before the start of a Match, the Referee shall provide Assistant Referee's flags and instruct Assistant Referees in the duties to be observed in assisting the Referee. During the match, the Referee shall watch for and acknowledge an Assistant Referee's signals. At all times the Referee has the discretion to judge the game situation irrespective of an Assistant Referee's signal, and this should be made clear in the instructions given before the start of the Match. An Assistant Referee who proves unsuitable to the Referee through lack of attention or other reason shall be replaced. If a suitable Assistant Referee is not available the Referee may abandon the match and report the circumstances to the Referees' Co-ordinator. Refer to [Addendum B](#) for penalty imposed for non compliance with this requirement.

9. MATCH RESULT REPORTING

The Referee should advise the team managers of the official match result before leaving the ground.

It is the responsibility of a home team to report the scores to the Association Representative by the set time each Saturday: 8 pm for ALL Matches. A fine will be imposed on non-compliance (refer [Addendum B](#)).

In the Seniors and Ladies Competitions, Referees are asked to pay particular attention to posting to the Senior Match Secretary, the Match Cards, Match Report (as well as the votes for 'Best and Fairest') and any Passports withheld for the purpose of discipline as soon as possible after the Match, preferably by Sunday evening's Mail Clearance.

In the Juniors Competition, the home team is responsible for sending to the Junior Match Secretary the official match cards and referee report, with the results on them, as well as the votes for 'Best and Fairest'.

9.1. Ground Markings / Equipment Reporting

Referees are required to note whether:

- Team Match Card completed correctly
- Both teams (home and away) provide the Association issued Match Ball
- The Association Match Ball is damaged during a match.
- All Pitch facilities and markings correct (this requirement includes individually and severally: whether Goal Posts are correctly set up, Corner Flags are provided, Goal Nets are provided, and Ground / Line Markings are correct.
- Home Team provides an adequate First Aid kit
- [Rule 5.4](#) (player attire) is being adhered to, with notation, if necessary, of any individual breaches.

See [Addendum B](#) for penalty for non-compliance of the above.

10. DISCIPLINE

The Association affirms that the following behaviour at matches will not be tolerated -- Blatant foul play, blasphemy, swearing, or abuse of other players or of the Referee. (See [Addendum A](#) – Advice to Players). Physical violence and the consumption of alcoholic liquor are prohibited in the vicinity of the ground during the conduct of a Match. Clubs should specifically advise their players to avoid undue harassment of goal-keepers, deliberate tripping, jumping into other players, or tackling from behind.

10.1. *Suspension of Players*

- (a) When a player is cautioned or sent-off during a match, the Referee will make a note of the incident in the Match Record Booklet, and in a brief Report, notify the Match Secretary of the circumstances of the incident. A player who is sent off must leave the vicinity of the field of play and the 'technical area' (defined as where the match officials, reserve players, coaches etc. are located).
- (b) Players who are sent off are, as a minimum, ineligible to play until after the next official match sanctioned by the VCSA in which their team plays. (A bye game is not considered a match week, also ref 10.1.k.).
- (c) The Match Secretary will advise the club delegate of the penalty imposed on the offender by Wednesday following the incident. If the club delegate has not received notification of the penalty by Thursday then the club delegate must contact the Match Secretary to confirm the status of the player.
- (d) Any notice of appeal must be rung through to the Association Secretary by Thursday evening, with the official letter, plus appropriate fee, being sent by the club and received by the Association Secretary by the following Monday. A club will be fined an additional \$50 if an appeal is withdrawn subsequent to plans being made for the Tribunal to sit. Decisions of the Tribunal must be made and conveyed to the club of the offender before the ensuing match.
- (e) A suspended Player shall not play in any Match within the Association's competition or other Match during the period of the suspension. (A Bye game is not considered a match week). A forfeited match should be counted as a match-week for the purposes of serving a suspension.
- (f) A suspended Player who is reported for any misconduct at Association Matches during the period of suspension, whether as a relieving Match Official, or as a Spectator, will have the suspension increased at the discretion of the Judiciary Tribunal or the Association, whichever decision process is the earlier, in the interest of players, Clubs, and the Association.
- (g) Three notations of cautions having been given to the same player during the season (or two during a game) shall be followed by suspension for a minimum one match/week from the competition. Such player is, as a minimum, ineligible to play until after the next official match sanctioned by the VCSA in which their team plays. (A Bye game is not considered a match week, also ref 10.1.k.)
- (h) Any suspension or compounded suspension imposed through the Season for any reason of misconduct (including Red Card, successive, three notations of Cautions, off-field incidents) will be doubled in the next instance.
- (i) The Judicial Tribunal and the Association have the authority to moderate or to increase suspension penalties in the interest of players, Clubs, and the Association.
- (j) In straightforward cases in which the Referee substantiates a sending-off, the player sent-off shall be suspended in accordance with the guidelines in the V.C.S.A. Discipline Table (this table is not an exhaustive list.)

- (k) Outstanding suspensions at the end of the winter competition will be carried over to the next winter competition and any from the summer competition shall be carried over to the next summer competition. One day of knockout competition (or any competition played on the same day) counts as one match/week of a player's suspension. Each week missed by a suspended player in a shield or cup competition (which is played over a number of weeks) will count as one week of their suspension. Yellow and Red Cards gained during the knockout, shields, cups and representative competitions will be treated as if issued during the home and away competition. Any Red Card or two Yellow Cards issued during the knockout competition will make the offending player ineligible for the remainder of the competition and the usual penalties, under other sections of the Match Rules, will apply.
- (l) Any Red Card or two Yellow Cards issued during the knockout competition or any played on the same day will make the offending player ineligible for the remainder of the competition and the usual penalties, under other sections of the Match Rules, will apply.

V.C.S.A. Discipline Table:

Item	Red Card Offence	V.C.S.A. Discipline
1	Assaulting Referee (Verbal or Physical assault)	Association Discretion.
2	Serious foul play	Min 2 match/weeks
3	Offensive, insulting or abusive language or gestures	Min 2 match/weeks
4A	Racist remarks exchanged between Players	After a sincere apology is made, Min 2, Max. 6, match/weeks suspension from play.
4B	Racist comments or remarks made by a Player, and directed at another Player, Match Official, Team Official, or towards a Spectator.	After a sincere apology is made, Min. 3, Max. 8, match/weeks suspension from play.
5	Blasphemy	Min 3 match/weeks
6	Punching or attempting to punch (includes active Retaliation beyond warding-off blows)	Min 2, Max 4, match/weeks
7	Spitting at anyone (or similar unseemly behaviour = assault)	Min 3 match/weeks
8	Violent conduct (including kicking or jumping into contact with an opponent)	Min 3 match/weeks
9	Denies the opposing team a goal or an obvious goal-scoring opportunity by deliberately handling the ball (this does not apply to the goalkeeper within his own penalty area)	Min 1 match/week
10	Denies an obvious goal-scoring opportunity to an opponent moving towards the player's goal by an offence punishable by a free kick or a penalty kick	Min 1 match/week
11	Receiving a second caution in the same match	Min 1 match/week
12	Any Other Red Card Offence *	One Match/week suspension
	(* Tripping or attempting to Trip, Jumping at an opponent (without contact), Charging violently or dangerously, Charging an opponent from behind, Holding or Pushing an opponent, Handling the ball, "Sending-off Offences" Items 4 & 5.)	Repeated substantiated sending-off of the same player through the season shall be complemented by progressive doubling of match/week suspensions.

10.2. Behaviour of Players, Spectators

The Association or the Judicial Tribunal (whichever has the earlier opportunity to meet and consider a matter) shall decide what are considered to be appropriate penalties dependent upon particular circumstances.

Referees or Assistant Referees are not expected to accept dissenting or abusive remarks from Players. Players who dissent from a Referee's decision during a Match are entitled to be Cautioned. Players who address abusive remarks to other Players, to the Referee, or to Assistant Referees or Spectators during a Match are entitled to be Sent-off. Refer to [Addendum B](#) for penalties imposed on Players who make disparaging or abusive remarks to Referees before, during or after a Match.

Home Clubs are responsible for spectators' behaviour. Referees, Assistant Referees, and Visiting Players and Supporters should be protected from undue harassment.

Any participant guilty of misconduct towards the Referee or an Assistant Referee must be requested to leave the ground immediately. Refer to [Addendum B](#) for penalty imposed on Spectators who are registered Players or Officials of Affiliated Clubs and are reported by a Referee as being guilty of misconduct towards the Referee or an Assistant Referee. Refer to [Addendum B](#) for penalty imposed on Spectators who are not registered Players and are reported by a Referee as being guilty of misconduct towards the Referee or an Assistant Referee.

It should be noted that no person is allowed to enter the field of play during a match, without the specific permission of the Referee. Should the Referee consider an injured player requires assistance, the Referee will clearly signal for such assistance from club or team officials. The Association may impose penalties for contravention of this requirement, taking into account the Referee's report of the incident.

10.3. Racist remarks at Matches

Association Matches are held in public places. Members of the public are generally free to attend and view Matches, whether casually or as supporters of playing Teams. Offensive racist remarks made and overheard in public are unlawful under the provisions of the Racial Discrimination Act 1975. The term "offensive racist remarks" includes remarks that are reasonably likely in the circumstances to offend, insult, humiliate, or intimidate another person or group of people on the basis of race, colour, or national or ethnic origin. Any person aggrieved by racist remarks or racist acts may make official complaint to the Race Discrimination Commissioner, or to the Equal Opportunity Commission. The Association firmly states that offensive racist remarks are not acceptable at Association Matches, and advises Clubs that every opportunity should be taken to make all of their participants aware that offensive racist remarks and racial vilification have no place in the Association's competition or its environs. The Association has therefore adopted disciplinary procedures to make clear to all participants the Association's attitude towards offensive racist remarks or behaviour.

Racist remarks made by Players and directed at another Player, a Match Official, a Team Official, or towards a Spectator are addressed in the Table of agreed Match Disciplines (refer paragraph [10.1](#)). A Referee may report such incident to the Match Secretary, or a report may be made to the Association Secretary by an aggrieved party, or a concerned Club Official on behalf of a Club.

Racist remarks directed by Spectators, Club Officials, Match Officials towards other Spectators, Club Officials, Match Officials and/or Players, are considered to be Foul and Abusive Language. A report may be made by the Referee to the Match Secretary, or a report may be made to the Association Secretary by an aggrieved party, or a concerned Club Official on behalf of a Club.

Racist remarks made by a Match Official, directed at a Spectator, Club Official, Match Official, or Player, will be disciplined by a penalty (up to \$500.00) imposed on the offending Match Official, who will be expected to write a sincere letter of apology to the offended person or persons (directed through the Association Secretary) and pay the penalty, before being accepted to officiate at any further Association Matches.

Racist remarks made by a Club Official, directed at a Spectator, Club Official, Match Official, or Player, will be disciplined by a penalty (up to \$500.00) imposed on the offending Club Official (by letter to the

Club with which that person is associated). The offending Club Official will be expected to write a sincere letter of apology to the offended person or persons (directed through the Club and the Association Secretary) and the Club must ensure the penalty is paid, before the Club Official is accepted as a participant at any further Association Matches.

Racist remarks made by a Spectator, directed at a Spectator, Club Official, Match Official, or Player, will be disciplined by a penalty (up to \$500.00) imposed on the Club with which the offending Spectator is identified as a supporter. The Offender will be expected to write a sincere letter of apology to the offended person or persons (directed through the Club and the Association Secretary) and the Club must ensure the penalty is paid, before the offender is welcome as a spectator at any further Association Matches.

11. JUDICIAL TRIBUNAL

11.1. The Role of the Judicial Tribunal

The Judicial Tribunal Subcommittee of the Board will act as an investigatory committee or judicial tribunal in the event of disputes, protests or other matters arising immediately before, during, or after Association matches to ensure that Association policies with respect to the behaviour expected of people associated with the presentation and performance of activities within the Association's program are respected and observed to ensure to the best of their ability, that "justice should not only be done, but should manifestly and undoubtedly be seen to be done" in the interest of players, members, and the Association.

11.2. Judicial Tribunal Membership

Judicial Tribunal membership shall be a five member panel and shall be formed from the following:

- Vice-President (or their nominee).
- Referee Coordinator (or their nominee).
- Any three members from the five member Judicial Tribunal pool as defined in the Tasks List.
- or any member from the pool of individuals that have nominated themselves to the VCSA Secretary.
- or the VCSA Patron.

11.2.1. Judicial Tribunal Meeting Procedure

- (a) Meetings of the Judicial Tribunal shall generally proceed by gentleman's agreement in the spirit and intent of the provisions of the Association's Constitution. The Vice-President by virtue of his office, shall generally be Chairman of such meetings; otherwise chairmanship shall be vested in the Secretary.
- (b) At the Chairman's discretion, meeting procedure shall generally conform to recognised guidelines as published in reference publications such as "Guide for meetings and organisations" by N.E. Renton, Law Book Company, to the extent that they are not inconsistent with the provisions of the Association's Constitution and other Association reference documents.
- (c) The quorum for the Judicial Tribunal shall be one less than the number of persons filling the offices listed for membership of the Judicial Tribunal.

11.2.2. Powers of the Judicial Tribunal

- (a) To impose fines to the limit of \$500.00 on members, players, match officials, and member officials;
- (b) To impose suspensions from play or membership to the limit of twelve months or recommend to the Board a higher penalty on players or members registered with the Association,
- (c) To hear appeals from players with respect to established Yellow Card and Red Card Match Disciplines, and

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- (d) To impose the penalty of a fine and/or increased suspension in the event of what is considered to be a frivolous appeal, and to moderate or to increase a penalty or established Match Discipline [within the limits stated in Paras (a) and (b)] in the interest of players, members, and the Association.
 - (e) A frivolous appeal is one which is perceived by the Judicial Tribunal to have presented no new worthwhile information to the Judicial Tribunal within its objectives of seeking that *"justice should not only be done, but should manifestly and undoubtedly be seen to be done" in the interest of players, members, and the Association* but is perceived by the Judicial Tribunal to have been either a device adopted to delay the effect of a Match Discipline or to have some motive other than seeking to correct an unfortunate injustice.

11.2.3. Appearance at the Judicial Tribunal

The following persons may be requested or invited by the Vice-President or the Secretary, by telephone conversation or in writing by facsimile transmission or by mail, to attend meetings of the Judicial Tribunal to have the opportunity to state their case:

- (a) Players, match officials, member officials, and, where feasible, supporters of clubs and teams, who have been reported in writing to the Secretary or Match Secretary as having acted or spoken in a manner considered detrimental to and at variance with the aims and objectives of the Association before, during, or after matches within the Association's program.
- (b) Players, match officials, member officials, and, where feasible, supporters of clubs and teams, who may have information which will assist the Judicial Tribunal to ascertain the facts surrounding the matter reported.
- (c) Persons who have written to the President or Secretary to bring to notice misconduct by players, match officials, member officials, and/or supporters of clubs and teams, observed before, during, or after matches within the Association's program.
- (d) Failure of a person to attend a meeting of the Judicial Tribunal when given the opportunity to do so.
- (e) Will not provide grounds for a re-hearing of the matters decided upon at that meeting, and
- (f) Will not annul the findings made or the disciplines imposed at that meeting.

12. UNDER 8/9 COMPETITIONS

- **Pitch** - 54 metres x 38 metres (180 feet x 125 feet)
- **Centre Circle** - 5 metres radius (17 feet)
- **Penalty/Goal Area** - 6 metre radius semi-circle from centre of goal.
- **Goal kicks** - taken from within the semi-circle.
- **Goals** - 1.83 metres high x 5 metres wide (6ft x 16ft 5") no goal nets necessary. Portable goalposts should be firmly and safely fixed to the ground.
- **Penalty Spot** - 6 metres from goal line (26 feet). Only the goalkeeper and the kick-taker to be within the semi-circle when a penalty kick is being taken.
- **Ball** - size 3. Each team to provide a ball at the match.
- **Off-side** - there is no off side rule.
- **Players** - 6 per side, one of who must be goal-keeper. 3 reserves, with Interchange allowed. Minimum of 4 players.
- **Clearance** - 5 metres from all free kicks.
- **Corner posts** - minimum 1.52 metres high (5 feet).
- **Duration of Play** - 2 x 15 minute halves with 5 minute half-time break.
- **Referee** - one Referee to each ground, who may Referee two or more games in succession. No linesmen required.
- **Attire** - Referee and players to be suitably attired for ease of identification. Goalkeepers to wear colours distinct from those of the other players. Players to wear shin-guards under their football socks.
- **Ground Markings** - to be completed before match may start.
- **Playing schedule** - 9 am to 9.35 am, 9.40 am to 10.15 am, etc.
- **Goal scoring** – If a team is leading by 3 goals, it cannot score further goals from shots taken inside the 12 metre semi-circle.
- **Best & Fairest votes/results/ladders** – no Best & Fairest votes, results or ladders should be kept for the U8 and U9 competitions.

13. MATCH RULES

Match Rules may not be changed after the commencement of the League season to which they relate.

If the Match Rules do not cover a situation which arises then either the Association or the Tribunal shall determine the appropriate response and penalties in line with existing responses and penalties for other offences, and can make recommendations to have the Match Rules changed.

14. PROMOTION AND RELEGATION

In the senior competition the top two teams in the second division and in subsequent divisions, if any, be promoted to the higher division, and the bottom two teams from the top division and in any division higher than the bottom division be relegated to the division below it for the following season. For the purposes of promotion and relegation between divisions, previous years' positions on the league ladders take precedence over the possibility of a club having two teams in any division. Teams which consider themselves adversely affected by this rule and wish to remain in the division they were in during the previous season may lodge an application stating sound reasons why they consider they should remain in the previous year's division.

15. ADDENDUM A - ADVICE TO PLAYERS

These additions to the Match Rules are intended to give Players and other participants an understanding of some of the contentious issues that may be encountered as they play the Game, and a more informed view of the impression their conduct bears to the Association and in turn to its impression on the wider community. The Association affirms that the following conduct at Matches will not be tolerated: blatant foul play, blasphemy, swearing, or abuse of other Players, or the Referee, or Assistant Referees.

15.1. Player Sent-Off

A Player sent-off for any of these offences will be expected to proceed to the shower-block if such facilities are available, and change out of the playing uniform of the player's Team, and take no further part in the game, even as a silent spectator on the sideline, as the player's continued presence could be a distraction to the player's own and opposing team, and to the Referee and the Assistant Referees.

A player sent-off during the game may after the game wish to approach the Referee and offer an apology for the conduct which led to the player's dismissal. Such an approach should be made discreetly, perhaps through a Team Manager or Captain on the Player's behalf, as the Player's approach may be readily misinterpreted as an opportunity or intention to attack the Referee, Assistant Referees, or another Player, and thereby cause more trouble than intended. Such apology will be recorded in the Referee's report of the incident, but will not of itself absolve the Player from the Association's nominal penalty of certain mandatory match/week suspensions from play, although it may be viewed in the Player's favour should a disciplinary Tribunal be formed to review the incident.

The Referee may be sufficiently distracted in administering the outcome of the incident(s) which caused the Send-off discipline to be imposed, as to omit inadvertently to show the Red Card expected in such circumstances. Such omission will not annul the Sending-off, nor will it annul the Association's mandatory suspension(s) associated with a Send-Off discipline if the Referee's Match Report substantiates the Sending-off, nor will it be perceived as an opportunity to criticise the Referee.

15.2. Blasphemy, Foul or Abusive Language

Some Players have claimed that they do not understand the term "blasphemy", and that words they use every day in normal speech have been construed by the Referee as "swearing". For the benefit of such Players, this explanation is given: "Blasphemy" is the term given to the use of the Name of God or of His Son, Our Lord Jesus Christ, in an irreverent way, or as an expletive or a profanity in an expression of rage or hurt instead of being used as a means of worship, adoration, or prayer. Some people with whom we may have contact day to day do not recognise the Name of God or His Son Jesus Christ as sacred, but use the name habitually as a mannerism of speech, to shock others, or to insult a particular person's religious beliefs. This Association has agreed that a Player's use of blasphemy is a "Send-off" offence.

"Cursing" and "Swearing" are general terms for coarse language that may include calling down misfortune on someone, or invoking a deity to carry out the wish expressed; cursing and swearing may include blasphemy.

"Obscenity" refers to that element in coarse language that is lewd or suggestive in reference to sexual matters. "Vulgarity" has the connotation of reference to bodily processes not normally mentioned in polite speech, and may include blunt, tasteless, or crude language.

Any of these reprehensible forms of speech, if used loudly enough by Players as to be heard by the Referee, should be expediently disciplined by the offending Player being sent-off the field of play, under the provisions of Law 12 (p) ... "foul or abusive language".

A degree of lenience has been included in the Association's "Guidelines for Match Officials (and other participants)" whereby a player, suffering some misfortune in the run of play, swears QUIETLY at him/herself, without using blasphemy, not directing the player's remarks towards another participant, but swears nonetheless, should be disciplined by the Referee administering a Caution for "Unsporting Behaviour" when the ball next goes out of play.

15.3. Cautions vs. Warnings

Players are expected to have some acquaintance with the Laws of the Game, both for their better enjoyment of the strategies and tactics of the Game, and for the avoidance of the opprobrium of suffering a Red Card or Yellow Card Match Discipline. Players well-acquainted with Laws 11 and 12 will better understand a Referee's decisions, and be less likely to become contentious; an attitude which would lead to a Caution being given, which is "a Yellow Card's width" from a Red Card.

The Referee has the responsibility to judge whether a Player's "manner" in the event of an infringement is careless, reckless, or involving disproportionate force, or whether a particular infringement has been

committed, and to apply the appropriate discipline to an offending Player by the award of a free-kick, a Caution, or a Sending-off. A "free-kick offence" may also be a Cautionable Offence -- it is sometimes a matter of degree; but it is the Referee's prerogative to make that decision, not that of an "offended" Player, who has no right to demand that an opponent be Cautioned for a perceived offence.

The Referee has the discretion not to award a free-kick or a Caution, when the Referee considers the "offence" was not careless, or reckless, or did not involve disproportionate force, or did not constitute a particular infringement. For example, the ball may strike a Player's hand or arm when the player is in fact attempting to shield him/herself from the impact, but not perceptibly seeking to gain an unfair advantage from such contact.

It is highly unlikely that an offence which merits a Sending-off would have been unintentional; namely, violent conduct, serious foul play, the use of foul or abusive language, including blasphemy, or committing a second Cautionable offence after having received a Caution, or blatantly committing one of the ten penalty offences in an attempt to impede an opponent and thereby deny that opponent an otherwise certain goal-scoring opportunity.

Some confusion may exist about Players' entitlements to "Warnings". It is not necessary that a Player receive a Warning before a Yellow Card or a Red Card can be imposed. For reasons of communication and a friendly approach to Match Control, when the Referee imposes the discipline of a free-kick but considers the offence does not in that instance merit a Caution (Yellow Card) or a Sending-off (Red Card), the Referee may choose to remind the offending Player that repeated offences of that nature may merit a Caution. However, Players should be aware that a Warning is not a requirement of the Laws of the Game, as Players can be expected to be aware of the provisions of Law 12. Players should not be led to believe that they cannot be Cautioned unless they have earlier been given a Warning. A "Warning" statement is properly a part of the procedure of administering a Caution and is therefore a statement of serious consequence, and should not be taken lightly.

Players should expect Referees to refrain from giving Players a "Warning" instead of a Caution when the correct procedure is to Caution a Player, i.e, offences under Law 12, "Cautionable Offences"; IBDs 3 and 5, and the offence of swearing at the player's own misfortune loudly enough to be heard by the Referee, but not so loudly as to be heard at the sideline. Warnings given in place of Cautions for offences which the Laws of the Game state, or that the Association Meeting has agreed, are Cautionable Offences, lead to Players' confusion of expectations and detract from the Referee's control of the Game. For the Referee to refrain from issuing a Caution for what is obviously an agreed Cautionable Offence is to be unfair to a Player who is correctly cautioned for a similar offence in the current or another Match.

Players are advised that, at the time a Player is being told he/she is being Cautioned, the Referee will tell the Player that if he/she persists in misconduct after having received a Caution, he/she will be ordered off the field of play. The Caution should then be identified by the showing of a Yellow Card as a means of communication to other Players and to spectators who will have observed the Referee speaking to the Player.

A Caution is recorded by the Referee noting the Player's name, Shirt Number, and Registration Number, and is later reported in the Referee's Match Report. The Cautioned Player's Passport is forwarded with the Match Report to the Match Secretary, for the purpose of retention of the Passport if the Player has accumulated sufficient Yellow Cards to have "earned" a suspension under the Association's Match Rules.

16. ADDENDUM B - PENALTIES

OFFENCE	PENALTY
Team Match Card completed incorrectly.	\$50
Unofficial or outdated Team Match Card submitted	\$50
No Match Official.	\$50
Match Ball provided by Home Team not suitable.	\$25
Goal posts not correctly set-up.	\$25
Corner Flags not provided or correct.	\$25
Goal Nets not provided.	\$25
Ground markings not correct or legible.	\$25
Incorrect player attire	\$25
Lack of suitable First Aid kit.	\$25
Late or non-submission of match results.	\$25
Association Match Ball not Provided	\$25
Association issued Match Ball not provided for 2 successive match games	\$25
Forfeiting of matches	\$50
Late submissions of team(s).	\$50
Non attendance at Association Meetings.	\$50
Unauthorised modification of Team Lists.	\$50 and loss of 3 match points
Non return of Passports.	\$100 and up to \$500.
Replacement passport	\$15 per passport and fines assessed at the discretion of Executive.
A team playing an unregistered or ineligible player.	If the match is a league competition, match forfeited with 3 goals and winning points awarded to the opposing team and the loss of a further 3 match points by the offending team. If the match is a Shield, Cup or Knockout game, match forfeited to the opposing team. In either case, the Club concerned may also be levied a penalty up to \$500.
A team playing a registered player without a passport or not presenting a passport at the start of the game.	\$50
A team not providing a suitable Assistant Referee.	\$25
Players abusing Referees or Assistant Referees.	Subject to protracted suspension from Play, and the imposition of a penalty up to \$500 being imposed by the Association or the Judicial Tribunal (whichever has the earlier opportunity to meet and consider a matter).
Spectators who are registered Players or Officials of Affiliated Clubs and are reported by a Referee as being guilty of misconduct towards the Referee or an Assistant Referee.	Imposition of a penalty up to \$500.
Spectators who are not registered Players and are reported by a Referee as being guilty of misconduct towards the Referee or an Assistant Referee.	Imposition of a penalty up to \$500, payable by the club.
Racist remarks.	Refer heading 10.3