

Fraser Coast Combined Competition League Rules

League Rules and Regulations

1.0 Participants

The competition will include teams in boys U/12, U/13, U/14, U/15, U/18, Men's A and B divisions, Wide Bay U/12, U/13, U/14, and U/15 (& Women from 2010 season inclusive) will compete as indicated, when they are not involved in their State Cup commitments. The Wide Bay U/12 will play in the U/12 competition. The Wide Bay U/13 will play in the U/14 competition. The Wide Bay U/14 team will play in the U/15. The Wide Bay U/15 team will play in the U/18 competition. The Wide Bay teams will not be eligible to compete in the final series of any age group of the competition.

2.0 Teams

Each team shall comprise a squad of no more than sixteen (16) players for any fixture.

Team nominations to be submitted to the relevant CA Secretary by the 2nd week in March – a fine of \$100 will apply if a team is withdrawn after the draw has been completed.

3.0 Finals Series

3.1 In each division clubs shall play each other as ordered by the established draw. In juniors the team having the season's best record on points shall be declared the Fraser Coast League Champion for that season. In the event of teams being equal on points, the winner shall be determined on goal difference. If the goal difference is the same then the two teams will play to determine the winner.

3.2 In juniors Hervey Bay and Maryborough shall then play separate final series in each age group to determine their associations Grand Final Winners. These finals will be played in accordance with the Rules set down in each CA's By-laws.

3.3 In Senior Men's, the Fraser Coast League Champions will be determined as in 3.1, but the four leading club teams in each division at the completion of the regular season shall play in the semi-finals for the Fraser Coast Premiership in the following manner:

Team 1 v Team 2 - first semi-final at the home ground of Team 1

Team 3 v Team 4 - second semi-final at the home ground of Team 3

From the 2009 (inclusive) season onwards, Clause 3.3 will apply to all age groups participating in the Fraser Coast League Competition.

3.4 The loser of the first semi-final shall play the winner of the second semi-final in the preliminary final at the home ground of the loser of the first semi-final.

3.5 The winner of the preliminary final shall play the winner of the first semi-final for the premiership at the home ground of the winner of the first semi-final.

- 3.6 If any finals match is drawn at the completion of normal playing time, extra time will be played - senior men 2 x 15 minute periods; Ladies, Youth & Juniors 2 x 10 minute periods. Should the result remain a draw, then a penalty shootout shall be played to determine the winner. At the end of full time, there shall be a five minute break. There shall be no break between the extra time halves.
- 3.7 Players may play in a higher Division Finals Series irrespective of the number of games played during the season, but, to be eligible to play in a lower division Finals Series, a player must have played more games in the lower division during the season – this excludes U18/Youth.

4.0 Duration of Matches

Men's	-	2 x 45 minutes
Under 18	-	2 x 40 minutes
Under 15	-	2 x 35 minutes
Under 14	-	2 x 35 minutes
Under 13	-	2 x 30 minutes
Under 12	-	2 x 25 minutes
Ladies	-	2 x 35 minutes (for future reference)

5.0 Points

Points shall be awarded as follows -

Win	3 points
Draw	1 point
Loss	0 points

6.0 Team Numbers / Interchange

- 6.1 All players shall be listed on the team sheet, which shall be presented to the Referee ten (10) minutes prior to the advertised kick off time. All players in the run-on side need to be ticked.
- 6.2 Permission has been gained to use INTERCHANGE for all games in the League.
This issue will be revisited on completion of the 2008 season for the 1st Division only.
- 6.3 In the event of a team not having or naming sixteen (16) players on the team sheet, this shall not prevent the opposing team from using their Sixteen (16) players. These players may be interchanged throughout the game. **This issue to be revisited on completion of the 2008 season for the 1st Division only.**
- 6.4 All interchanges shall take place at the half way line and players to be interchanged must leave the field of play before the replacement player can enter the field of play.

6.5 There is no limit to the number of interchanges that may take place during the game, although it is at the Referee's discretion as to when the interchange takes place and will not necessarily occur every time the ball goes out of play. It may be dependant upon the position of the assistant referee.

7.0 Player Eligibility

All players must be registered in accordance with Football Queensland Limited, Rules and Regulations.

8.0 Disciplinary and judiciary

8.1 All players in the League are subject to Football Queensland Disciplinary Rules and Regulations.

8.2 Any player who receives four (4) yellow cards will serve a one (1) match suspension. A player who receives seven (7) yellow cards will serve a two (2) match suspension and so on. 10 Yellow Cards equals a review by the Judiciary Panel.

8.3 Any player receiving a red card will be suspended from the next fixture in that division where the card was issued.

8.4 Protests and disputes meeting's are to be held as required, and as soon as possible after business has officially been received by Football Hervey Bay Inc and Football Maryborough. Location, date and time of such meetings shall be agreed to between Football Hervey Bay & Football Maryborough.

8.5 The meeting shall consist of at least two independent representatives appointed by the Executive Committee of Football Hervey Bay Inc and at least two independent representatives appointed by the Executive Committee of Football Maryborough.

9.0 Match Balls

The host shall provide sufficient size match balls. Ball sizes for all age groups are:

No.5 - full size as per laws of the game – Men, Women, Under 18, Under 15, Under 14

No.4 - Under 13, Under 12

10.0 Appointment of Referees

It is the responsibility of the home association to appoint referees in conjunction with the Referees Operations Manager to games in accordance with the draw provided.

11.0 Forfeit of games

11.1 Teams forfeiting without forty-eight (48) hours notice to the Federation Secretary, opponents and referee or referee's representative shall be liable for any expenses incurred relative to the fixture.

- 11.2 Points associated with a forfeited match shall be awarded to the opponents of the forfeiting team who shall receive three (3) points and three (3) goals.
- 11.3 A Club unable to fulfill a scheduled fixture, MUST inform the relevant CA Secretary, IN WRITING, of its intent to forfeit at least 2 (two) complete days prior to the day of the scheduled match – a forfeit outside of this time frame will incur the following fine:-
1st Division - \$110.00 + the referee's fees
ALL other Senior divisions - \$55.00 + the referee's fees
ALL Junior divisions - \$27.50 + the referee's fees

If a club/team forfeits a fixture within the time frame of these guidelines, they may still incur a fine at the discretion of the CA concerned, dependant on the circumstances.

If a team forfeits on three (3) occasions during the course of a season outside of the forty-eight (48) hours time frame, and/or without a reasonable excuse, shall give cause in writing to the Executive Committee why they should not be removed from the competition. Clubs found guilty of misdemeanor will be dealt with by the Committee of the relevant CA.

12.0 Postponed Fixtures

- 12.1 Any affiliate having three (3) players of a team involved in representative soccer or organized school functions, conflicting with set fixtures, may apply for a postponement to a later date and such application, if substantiated, shall receive consideration by the Executive. Such application must be made in writing to the Secretary at least fourteen (14) full days prior to the set fixture involved.

13.0 Team Sheet Procedures

- 13.1 All players, reserves and team officials, must endorse the team sheet beside their name, BEFORE entering the field of play. In all instances however the player must have signed the team sheet before the commencement of the second half to be able to take any part in the match.
- 13.2 The run on side MUST be ticked prior to the start of the game. The names of reserve players must be included on the sheet prior to its being handed to the Referee. A maximum of 5 reserves may be named on the sheet and when using interchange all 5 may be used, however in the case of 1st Division 5 substitutes may be named on the sheet but only 3 are allowed to participate in the match.
- 13.3 If fewer than eleven(11) names are on the team sheet when it is handed to the Referee, additional names may be added until such time as eleven(11) names appear on the sheet. No other player shall be granted permission to enter the field of play.
- 13.4 If eleven (11) players take the field at the commencement of the match, a player whose name is not included on the team sheet handed to the Referee before the start of the match, shall not be allowed to take part in the match.

14.0 Presentation of teams

- 14.1** Each team involved in the Fraser Coast League competition shall submit to their respective CA details of their regular colours, so as to avoid clash of colours. In the case of clash of colours the away team must change. The officiating referee shall determine what constitutes a clash of colours.

ANY CHANGES TO THIS DOCUMENT MUST BE AGREED UPON VIA CONSULTATION BETWEEN THE CA'S INVOLVED

(For additional detail or clarification of rules and regulations refer to the executive committee of your association)