

SEWFA Competition Rules and Regulations.

The SEWFA Competition shall be conducted in accordance with the FIFA Laws of the Game, FFA National Polices and Statutes, FFSA Competition Rules and Regulations in addition to the Competition Rules and Regulations. These guidelines are to be read in conjunction with all other FFA and FFSA Rules and Regulations.

All teams must fulfil the competition entry requirements to be eligible for admission into the relevant league.

The playing surface must adhere to FIFA Rules and Regulations.

A line will be marked, 2 metres from the playing surface, to ensure that spectators do not infringe on the playing area.

Two covered coaches/substitutes benches/dugouts, with adequate seating are to be provided at all grounds with the box and technical areas on the same side of the pitch.

Access is available for emergency vehicles including access to the playing field.

Refer to the FFSA Smoke Free Policy and SEWFA prefers a totally smoke free area. Smoking is permitted in the Car Parks.

The Blue Lake Sports Park is designated alcohol free.

SEWFA will provide approved match balls – One to Millicent and One to Portland for use on game days. There will be two match balls held in the SEWFA club rooms.

Club Responsibilities

All SEWFA Clubs are to be encouraged to field a Senior and an Under 16 team, and also an under 13 side, as we are looking towards the future of the game in the Limestone Coast.

All SEWFA Clubs are required to appoint suitably qualified coaches to all of the teams that they field.

Ideally, all Teams should have a qualified First Aid Officer available, identified to match officials.

All persons in the technical area must be named on the Team Sheet.

All teams shall provide at each match one ground steward/ white coat, who is 18 or older and understands the requirements of the position.

All clubs that participate in SEWFA competitions are required to implement the FFA Respect Program.

A SEWFA Executive Member cannot be approached, prior to them participating in a match, either as a player or in an official capacity; with any SEWFA concerns. Problems are to be either addressed to another SEWFA Executive member who is not participating in a game in any capacity, or by email / phone call to the President.

Players Equipment

The logo of SEWFA Major Sponsor must appear on the playing shirts of all teams involved in the Association, on the left jersey sleeve

The SEWFA logo is to be placed on the playing shirt of all teams, on the right hand side of the chest.

The Club logo is to be placed on the Left hand Side of the Chest.

Player registration

All players must be registered to participate in the SEWFA Competitions on 'Play Football' and must be financial to SEWFA by 5pm Thursday prior to match day.

Registration cut off is Thursdays at 5pm, which means online registration is completed and money needs to be IN the SEWFA account (no screen shots), as payment could bounce if there is not sufficient funds in the account; or cash needs to be given directly to SEWFA Executive by 5pm Thursday before the game in which the player is intending to play.

SEWFA will provide to clubs on an annual basis the dates that players can be registered.

Once a player has signed for any SEWFA Club the player must obtain a clearance from that club to register for another, in the same season.

Players who are aged up to 16, or who turns 16 in the year of competition, are eligible to play in the Under 16's.

The Competition(s)

The kick-off times shall be as listed on the SEWFA draw, but may be varied with agreement between the affected clubs and the referees, and SEWFA Executive must be advised.

SEWFA Seniors shall play for 2 x 40 minute halves.

SEWFA Under 16's shall play for 2 x 30 minute halves.

SEWFA Under 13's shall play for 2 x 20 minute halves (or as determined by numbers).

There is normally to be no time added on for injuries or other interruptions unless otherwise determined by the SEWFA Executive.

In Grand Final Games, in the event of a draw at the end of normal time, the under 16's will go straight to penalties.

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In the event of a draw at full time, the seniors will play an extra 10 minutes each way, and if the score is still drawn, then they will decide the result with a penalty shootout.

A team may only use the substitutes named on the team sheet, and shall not nominate more than five substitutes on their team sheets.

Notification must be received by SEWFA secretary (preferably by email) that if a club grade will forfeit a match, as soon as possible prior to the match. Clubs, who forfeit a match, will be treated as though they lost the game by 3 goals to 0.

Team reports are requested to be submitted by all coaches by the Monday evening after the game. This is so that publicity can be kept as balanced as possible, and submitted to the Border Watch in time for publication.

All coaches or team managers are to advise Nat Morony (or the President) of their teams scores as soon as possible, along with the names of the goal scorers.

Under 13 games shall not have their scores publicised, and the mercy rule will apply for the under 16's, where publicised scores will be limited to 10 goals.

In under 13 games, goals cannot be scored (except by a header) from within the marked penalty area.

If an under 13 match is to be played at a clubs home ground, it is suggested that the play take place across a full sized pitch. SEWFA does have preferred portable goals for the under 13's, which can be borrowed by clubs for their home games.

Referees are advised that under 13 matches are development games, and players are to be nurtured and encouraged.

Suspensions and Penalties

A player must serve a mandatory match suspension for the accumulation of yellow cards in line with the SEWFA Competition Rules and Regulations.

A Club will be ADVISED by SEWFA on any penalties/suspensions

If a player receives 5 Yellow cards in the current playing SEWFA Season they will received a 1 Match Suspension

If a player receives 8 Yellow cards in the current playing SEWFA Season they will received an extra 1 Match Suspension

A Player receiving 1 Direct Red Card serves an automatic minimum 1 match suspension, a longer suspension may be given depending upon the severity of the offence.

A Player receiving 2 Direct Red Cards in a Season serves an automatic minimum 1 match suspension, a longer suspension may be given and the player may be required to attend a DC Hearing.

A Player receiving 3 Direct Red Cards in a Season serves an automatic minimum 1 match suspension, a longer suspension may be given and the player will be required to attend a DC Hearing.

Penalty - \$20.00 / \$40.00 (yellow/red) Fine

If the fines are imposed in the final game of the season (Grand Final), then the fees need to be paid before the player can participate in any future games (including cup matches). If the player takes the field without the fine having been paid, then the team will forfeit 3 points. Payment for fines must be made by Thursdays at 5pm, which means that the fine payment needs to be IN the SEWFA account (no screen shots), as payment could bounce if there is not sufficient funds in the account; or cash needs to be given directly to SEWFA Executive by 5pm Thursday before the game in which the player is intending to play.

All coaches or managers are to check and ensure that all team sheets are correct. These need to be given to the referees at least 15 minutes before the advertised kick off time.

The following penalties will be applied by SEWFA across all grades.

Level 1 Breach – minor discrepancies/omissions of match and club official names on the team sheets prior to the game.

Penalty of \$10 per offence payable by the team by the following Thursday at 5pm.

If the team sheet is altered after the commencement of the game, without specific permission from the match official, the penalty is increased to \$25 per offence payable by the team by the following Thursday at 5pm.

If at the conclusion of the match, players need to be crossed off the team sheet (as they didn't turn up, or didn't take the field) this is allowed with no penalty as long as the Referee is aware.

Level 2 Breach – playing of unregistered, ineligible or suspended players and/or team officials

Penalty is that the match is awarded to opposing side 3 goals to nil and the loss of 3 competition points against the infringing team.

Seniors team fine is \$100 per infringed player, Juniors team fine is \$50 per infringed player, payable by the team by 5pm following Thursday.

Level 3 Breach – Continual level 1 or 2 breaches i.e. a maximum of 3 breaches, level 1 and/or level 2, will result in an extra 3 competition points being removed from the team.

Failure to pay the fines incurred by the due date will result in no competition points being awarded to the team until payment is made regardless of wins.

Game Officials

The Referees Association will appoint match officials, being a Referee for all games, and two (2) assistant referees for finals.

All clubs are required to supply one person who can act as an assistant (linesman) for every match that they are involved in. It would be preferred if that person has completed the on-line laws of the game.

Referees must log a match report regarding any red cards as soon as possible after the match concludes.

Referees must indicate any injuries on the appropriate team sheets.

Pink Ribbon Cup

To qualify to play in the Pink Ribbon Final, all Senior players must have played two matches for their clubs in the Pink Ribbon competition – this includes semi-finals.

Note: Participated means that a player must have actually crossed the line of play during a match. A player that is named on the team sheet as a substitute but does not go onto the field of play is not regarded as having participated in the game.

All players who participate in the Pink Ribbon Carnival must have paid their Insurance levy before they take the field. This is to ensure that the players are insured should something happen.

The Pink Ribbon Carnival will take the form of a Round Robin Competition to be played on a single day, prior to the Home and Away season commencing.

The League Competition

To qualify to play in finals, all Senior Players must have played three matches for their respective club in their respective grade during the season.

Junior players may play up one grade in the finals, provided that they have played at least three games in the higher grade during the season.

Once under 13 players have played up a grade three times, they must pay an increase in their fees to bring them to Under 16 level.

Any club that fields a team with an ineligible player that is in breach of the age and match qualifications as detailed in these operating guidelines will be deemed to have breached the ineligible, unregistered or suspended rule as outlined in the Competition Rules and Regulations, and will lose three points.

SEWFA will be responsible for organizing trophies and medals for all finals and the Best and Fairest and present them to teams.

Seniors will play under notional Under 17 rules allowing for player interchange.

The teams at Blue Lake Sports Park are responsible, if they have the first game, to put up the nets and flags and take out the white coats, and fluorescent tops for lines-people. They are also responsible for taking a garbage bin out and placing it between the coach's boxes.

The last teams playing on Blue Lake Sports Park are responsible for taking down the nets and flags, and bringing in the white coats, fluorescent tops, and the garbage bin.

All teams are requested to assist with the setting up and taking down of equipment on match days.

Team sheets are to be all the same and will be supplied by SEWFA. These are to be given to the referee 15 minutes prior to kick off.

Portland home games will nominally be scheduled for 3pm South Australia; time and Millicent Home games for 3 pm.

SEWFA Teams can request a maximum of 3 games to be played on their clubs home ground. This however must be agreed by the opposing team, the referees and SEWFA.

All final series will be played at SEWFA grounds unless the grounds are unplayable.

Clarification and Ruling on the Overage Player rule will be determined by all coaches at the coaches meeting (normally held before the season commences) so that everyone is aware and has the same understanding. It is currently (2019):-

An overage goalkeeper (up to 1 year older) is permitted to play in the under 16's provided that club has less than 7 registered under 16 players. There can only be 1 overage goalkeeper per game – i.e. you cannot substitute the overage goalkeeper in a game.

The overage player is to be written in Red on the Team Sheet and cannot receive Best and Fairest votes.

They also are not permitted to take penalties, either in a 'normal' game, or during a penalty shoot-out.

PLEASE REMEMBER

This is a Game

The coaches are volunteers

The referees are human

This is NOT the World Cup

SEWFA will not tolerate poor sportsmanship, abusive behaviour or any other form of ill-discipline from players and / or supporters.

SEWFA will not tolerate any negative posts on its Facebook page. Such posts will be deleted.