

SEWFA By-Laws

1. Major Sponsor Logo

All SEWFA Teams will have the Association approved sponsors logo on their match day shirts on the left sleeve.

2. SEWFA Logo

All SEWFA Teams will have the Association logo on their match day shirts on the Right Hand Side of the chest.

3. Finals Venue

All Finals will be held at Blue Lake Sports Park unless the grounds are unplayable, or if a change of venue is decided upon by the Committee.

4. Draw

The draw will be communicated to all clubs / teams as soon as it is completed. It will be distributed initially to allow for comment and correction before being finalised.

5. Match Reports

All coaches are asked to provide a match report by Monday evening so that they can be collated and provided to the Newspaper for publication. Any photos submitted must include the names of the main players pictured.

All photos to be published must be approved by Nat Morony to ensure that the players and or parents have given permission.

6. Mercy Rule – Junior Teams only

Junior match results (Under 13 and Under 16 competitions) will have the mercy rule enforced with a cap of 10 goals. No match will stop once the cap is reached by a team. Match officials will record all scorers over 10 goals but SEWFA will publicly amend the end result with goals capped at 10.

7. Coaches

All SEWFA Coaches must hold a current coaching certificate, or have applied to attend the appropriate course.

8. Working with Children Clearance

From 1 July 2019, people working or volunteering with children in South Australia must, by law, have a valid child-related clearance. This is a WWCC (Working with Children Check)

A DHS/DCSI child-related check will be recognised as a Working with Children Check until it expires.

All Persons associated with any junior players (under 18) must hold or have applied for a current clearance. This includes Coaches, Managers etc..

9. Meetings

All SEWFA clubs shall ensure that a club representative attends all meetings as scheduled. Meetings will be notified in a timely manner, where possible.

10. League Points / Ladder

Three points shall be awarded for a win, one point for a draw and no points for a loss.

At the conclusion of the season, in the event of two or more clubs having the same number of points, in the senior competition, the order is determined by goal difference. In the junior competition the winner will be determined by a play off.

11. Dual registration

Any SEWFA player may play in the LCFA Competition, but they must do full registration and pay insurance to their LCFA club. They will then complete dual registration through SEWFA and only pay SEWFA fees. For clarification, please contact the SEWFA Registrar.

Any junior players whose families are financially challenged may request assistance, in writing, to the SEWFA Executive as there are Grants available to assist with playing fees and equipment.

12. International Players

All International players when they complete their registration must tick that they have played overseas and wait for an FFSA clearance before they can play.

13. Complaints Handling

All complaints MUST be received by the SEWFA Secretary, in writing, either from the complainant, or if a club is registering a complaint, on their official letterhead from the Club secretary or Manager, within 48 hours of the incident occurring.

When a complaint is received, the secretary will advise the SEWFA Executive, who will then meet – either in person or by electronic means – to discuss if further action is needed. If action is required, the initial response will be a letter (or email) to the subject of the complaint, detailing the complaint, and requesting a “please explain” letter. If further action is required, then the process will be governed, where possible, by the procedures detailed in the FFSA Grievance and Disciplinary Regulations 2018.

14. Social Media

The SEWFA Facebook page is for information and encouragement only. Any negative comments will either not be approved, or will be deleted.

No photos of any under 13 or under 16 players are to be uploaded without permission of the player’s parents or guardians. This is to protect the player’s privacy.

15. The Ground Marshall/White Coats

This person is the Team/Association Liaison Officer on the day and is empowered by SEWFA to direct any and all spectators, coaches on the side lines, players not involved in the field play and teams waiting to play in order that they abide by the Constitution and By-Laws laid down by SEWFA and/or their Club. They shall also enforce the FFA Respect Policy. Any continual disregard of these directives should be reported in detail to the Club and or Association Executive.

All Clubs shall designate 1 Club Ground Marshalls for all their matches.

White coats must be minimum age of 18, and cognisant of the duties of their position.

The White Coat shall:

- Advise spectators of all appropriate viewing areas if required.
- Be the focus of the club for information and directions to visitors.
- Give assistance to the Referee when requested.
- Assist the Referee if requested to identify and quell unruly or unacceptable spectator behaviour.
- Ensure that only the people listed on the team sheet are present in the coaches' box.
- Ensure spectator lines are clearly marked, and advise spectators to remain behind the designated line at all times.
- Initially speak to spectators or others who abuse or dissent the referee, or cause a disturbance to others; if this doesn't solve the problem, then report the person(s) to the Association.
- Under no circumstances will the White Coat act as a Referees or Assistant in any game whilst acting as White Coat.
- The White Coat must continually be checking the area.
- There must be no alcohol or smoking whilst on duty as a White Coat.
- The White Coat must not remain in the Dugout area, and must not be a coach or manager of the team playing.

16. Other by-laws

All players, officials, spectators and volunteers are expected to abide by the FFSA Respect Codes of Conduct.

No coaches or Club representatives are to approach a junior player from another club without permission from that player's Parents or Guardian.

There are separate guidelines for Representative Squads, and these can be made available upon request.