



ADELAIDE HILLS JUNIOR SOCCER ASSOCIATION INCORPORATED

BY-LAWS

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1. INTERPRETATION.

In these "By-Laws" words shall have the same meaning as the Constitution and unless the contrary intention appears:

- a. "Association Cup" means the competition conducted by the Association in accordance with Clause 28.
- b. "A.H.J.S.A." means the Adelaide Hills Junior Soccer Association Inc.
- c. "Registrar" means the Registrar of the A.H.J.S.A., for the time being, or some other person deputed by the Council of Clubs to act on his behalf.



- d. "SEASON" means the period determined by the Council of Clubs during which such time in each year junior soccer shall be played under its auspices.
- e. "CLUB OR DISTRICT CLUB" means a Club affiliated with the A.H.J.S.A.
- f. Words denoting the singular shall include the plural and vice-versa and the masculine gender shall include the feminine
- g. "TEAM" means a team of players under the jurisdiction of an affiliated club or a team entered independently of an affiliated club.
- h. "CLUB OFFICIAL" means a manager or coach of a team or club or a member of the Committee of a Club.
- i. "OFFICIAL OF THE A.H.J.S.A." means a persons holding the office for the being of Chairperson, Vice Chairperson, General Secretary, Registrar, Treasurer, Public Relations Officer, Programme Director, Equipment Officer, Tours and Special Games Organizer, or Coaching Director, of the A.H.J.S.A.
- j. "LAWS OF SOCCER" means the laws of soccer as laid down by the F.I.F.A. from time to time and shall include such modifications to such laws as may be made by the A.H.J.S.A. to take account of local conditions.
- k. "RULES" means the Rules governing the game of soccer as played under the auspices of the A.H.J.S.A.
- l. "GAME" means the game of soccer.
- m. "SENIOR CLUB" means a soccer club affiliated directly with the South Australian Soccer Federation, or the South Australian Amateur League.
- n. "ZONE" - The A.H.J.S.A. boundaries shall consist of the area approved by the South Australian Soccer Council.

2. DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF MEMBERS OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

- a. The General Secretary shall be the Public Officer of the Association and shall be an ex-officio member of all committees. This person shall be responsible for all the recognised administrative and secretarial duties of this office. In addition to the above, the General Secretary will request each affiliated club, at the commencement of each financial year or at such other time as may be appropriate, to provide details of those persons who hold the position of coach, manager or member of the committee of the affiliated club.
- b. The Registrar shall be responsible for recording, checking and filing all registrations; checking of match cards; drawing up of regular league tables; collating "Best and Fairest" points and dealing with the S.A.J.S.C. on registration matters.
- c. The Treasurer shall be responsible for all financial affairs of the Association.
- d. The Public Relations Officer shall be responsible for maintaining good public relations on behalf of the Association, receiving and publishing all results of matches.
- e. The Equipment Officer shall be responsible for the safe custody and control of equipment and property owned by the Association.
- f. The Programme Director shall be responsible for the drawing up of all programs for matches organised by the Association.
- g. The Tours and Special Games Organizer shall be responsible for detailed arrangements for special games and tours on behalf of the Association.
- h. The Coaching Director shall be responsible for the improvement and organization of coaches, players and referees.



3. CLUB DELEGATES.

- a. Each and every affiliated club shall appoint persons to represent it upon the Council of Clubs and such appointment shall be notified in writing to the General Secretary not later than seven (7) days before the first Council meeting to be held in each calendar year.
- b. Club delegates shall be prepared to serve upon not more than one sub-committee of the Council of Clubs if so required.
- c. In the event of an official Club Delegate being unable to attend a Council or sub-committee meeting, a Club shall be required to appoint a substitute delegate for that meeting. The Club Secretary shall advise the name of the substitute delegate to the General Secretary before the due time for the commencement of the meeting.
- d. Clubs shall be bound by the views expressed and votes cast by delegates or substitute delegates at any Council or sub-committee meeting.

4. ATTENDANCE AT MEETINGS.

- a. Any club competing in the Association's competitions failing to be represented at an Association Annual General Meeting, General Meeting, Special General Meeting, Council of Clubs or meeting or sub-committee to which its delegate has been appointed shall be fined the sum of twenty-five (25) dollars. (Amended AGM 1993)

5. REGISTRATION OF TEAMS.

- a. Every affiliated club shall pay to the A.H.J.S.A., on a date to be determined by the Executive in each year in respect of each and every team under its jurisdiction which it is intended shall enter into competitions conducted by the A.H.J.S.A., in respect of the season next following, such fee, to be known as a Team Nomination fee, as shall be determined by the Council of Clubs at its first meeting in each calendar year. Such fee shall be exclusive of all other fees and charges. Team Nomination Fees shall be forfeited in respect of any teams withdrawn after acceptance and incorporation into Association competitions has been made.
- b. Registration of teams shall be on a 'Team Player Notification Sheet' (AHJSA Form 2) to the Registrar of the AJHSA. (amended EM 28th September 2000)
- c. No club in the A.H.J.S.A. will be permitted to participate in any competitions outside of those competitions organised by the A.H.J.S.A. unless permission has been granted by the Executive Committee, otherwise nominations will be refused for all teams of any age group from that club.



6. REGISTRATION OF PLAYERS.

- a. Every player must apply for registration on an official Registration Form as supplied by the A.H.J.S.A. A player registering for the first time are to supply two (2) current photographs with the players full name endorsed on the rear thereof.
- b. Registration Fees shall be payable to the A.H.J.S.A. at such rates as shall be determined by the Council of Clubs at its first meeting in each calendar year in respect of the following playing season. (Amended AGM 1994) (Amended EM August 2003)
- c. Every player before being permitted to play in any match, shall be properly registered/transferred not less than seven (7) days prior to the commencement of any season. Any player, before being permitted to play in any match, after the commencement of said season, shall be registered 48 hours prior to said match. The player registration fee is to accompany registration form or registration of player will not be accepted. (amended EM 29/9/2000) (amended May 2001)(amended EM August 2003)
- d. It shall be permissible for the Registrar, before registering any player, to satisfy himself by whatever means he deems necessary that the information contained in the registration form is correct in every detail. Once the Registrar has satisfied himself that the subsequent information renders the registration acceptable, then the registration information shall be deemed to have been accepted at the time of lodgement.
- e. Lodgement of Registration Forms with the Registrar and submissions of proof when necessary shall be made only by a Club Registrar or Secretary of the club desiring to register the player.
- f. In the event of the Registrar refusing under any circumstances whatever to register a player, it shall be permissible for the club desiring to register such player to request the Executive to meet, within seven (7) days of such refusal by the Registrar, to adjudicate upon such refusal in the presence of the Registrar and an Official appointed by the said Club.
- g. In the event of any Club entering two (2) or more teams in any particular age group, players must be nominated within fourteen (14) days after the commencement of the season as to the teams in which they will be playing for the remainder of the season, thereafter, a written application to the Registrar must be made for any intra-club transfer of player/s in the same age group. Players registered in a playing season must be nominated to a particular team upon registration. (Amended EM 17/9/2002)
- h. Any school which has been accepted and registered by the District association to enter its own team in any competition controlled by the Association will enjoy the same rights and privileges as any District Club which has so registered.
- i. Registration of players closes on 1st August in any season. The Executive may grant late registration for extenuating circumstances. Written application can be made to the Executive to vary the above. The Executive decision will be final. (amended EM 28th September 2000)
- j. In the event of a Club entering two teams in the same league competition, then such teams must be entered separately in the Association cup. By-Law 6 (g) will continue to apply.
- k. Once a player has played in any team in an Adelaide Hills League or association cup under the auspices of the A.H.J.S.A., he shall not play in that particular competition except in accordance with By-Law 6(c).
- l. Identity cards, which bear a photograph that, clearly show the player's current appearance, up dated every two-(2) years and which have been signed and stamped by the A.H.J.S.A. Registrar, is required for all players. Such identity cards must accompany respective players to all matches and shall be produced to any authorised official of the opposing club who, before the start of a match, requests to see them. Identity cards so requested must be produced before the end of the match in question. **Any player for whom a proper identity card cannot be produced before the end of the match or such longer period agreed to by the officials of the Clubs concerned shall be declared an ineligible player for that match. Declarations under this By-Law shall be recorded on the match card.**



- m. Any Club found to have played an over-age or ineligible player in accordance with any of the Rules or By-Laws of the A.H.J.S.A., or has included and over-age, unregistered or ineligible player's name on the match card, shall forfeit the match in the manner outlined in [By-Law 14](#). Any club found to have played a team with an over-age, unregistered or ineligible player shall be fined twenty-five (25) dollars on each such occasion. (Amended EM 27th February 2001)
- n. The Registrar of the AHJSA shall notify the club found to have breached the By-Laws of the Association in respect to any Unregistered/Ineligible/Over age player/s recorded as having been played on a Match card (AHJSA Form 3) as soon as practicable.. (amended EM 28th September 2000)(amended EM August 2003)

7. AGE OF PLAYERS.

- a. For the purpose of determining the age of the player in respect of competitions conducted by the A.H.J.S.A. his age on 1st January in any year will be regarded as his age for the next following season, e.g., a player who is 9 years old on 1st January shall be eligible to play in the U/10 age group in the following season. (Amended AGM 1994)
* See Appendix (A)
- b. For the purpose of defining the age of a player in respect of competitions conducted by an organization superior to the A.H.J.S.A., the ruling of the particular superior body as to age definition shall apply.
- c. The age limit for jurisdiction of the A.H.J.S.A. Will be decided at the Annual General Meeting.
- d. The Executive may grant permission for a player to play in the age group immediately below his rightful age group in competitions conducted by the A.H.J.S.A. upon written application being made by the player's District Club. In deciding whether or not to grant such permission the executive shall have regard to the following factors:
 - i Date of birth of player.
 - ii Whether there is team in a higher age group in which he/she could play.
 - iii Playing experience.
 - iv Skill level.
 - v Whether there are other overage players in the same team
 - vi Physique.
 - vii Whether it would be in the interests of the game to grant an exemption
 - vii Any other special circumstances eg medical conditions.

An exemption is valid only in the season for which its granted and the committee may revoke such permission if it considers that any of the above factors were incorrectly applied at the time the decision to grant such permission was made.

Application for such permission must be made on a season by season basis.”
(Amended AGM 1994) (Amended AGM1993)(Amended CoFC 17 Apr 2007)



8. LAWS OF THE GAME OF SOCCER.

- a. All matches shall be played in accordance with the laws of soccer as laid down from time to time by the F.I.F.A., except such adaptations or modifications as may be contained in these By-Laws to take into account local conditions and regulations and the ages of players registered with the A.H.J.S.A.

9. TRANSFERS.

- a. Transfers only affect duly registered players who are registered in accordance with [By-Law 6](#) under the auspices of the AHJSA
- b. Players transferring between clubs within the AHJSA must take their player identification card with them.
- c. The new club must notify the AHJSA Registrar of the player's personal details, on a team/player notification sheet (AHJSA Form 2) 48 hours prior to his/her playing. The player is still covered by all other By-Laws, Rules and Regulations of the AHJSA. (Amended AGM 2 November 1999.)(EM 28th September 2000.)

10. MATCH CARDS.

- a. It is the responsibility of the Club to ensure that their appointed match official makes out match cards in a proper manner. Names of players, including initials, must be printed legibly. Sixteen (16) players **only** may be nominated on same. (amended EM August 2003)
- b. It is the responsibility of the Club whose team is the home team to ensure that match cards in respect of such teams are properly completed five minutes before the commencement of the match, signed by the referee at the end of the match and retained by the Club's match official.
- c. Completed match cards are to be in the hands of the Registrar not later than Friday following the match played. During each and every season, Clubs not lodging all match cards by the due time will be fined twenty-five (25) dollars. Late lodgement of cards due to postage delays will be accepted without penalty if postmarked no later than Tuesday. (amended AGM 1993)(amended EM 1999)
- d. Any changes to match cards must be initialled by the opposing coach and referee.
- e. In all cup games match cards will be required.
- f. Match cards are not required in non-competitive leagues.
- g. All home teams are required to phone scores from competitive matches through to the Publicity Officer no later than 8 PM on the day the matches are played. Failure to lodge all scores will incur a fine of ten (10) dollars. (Amended AGM 1993)(amended EM 1999)

11. OUTSTANDING DUES.

- a. Whilst and so long as any Club is in debt to the A.H.J.S.A. for a period in excess of fourteen (14) days after notification in respect of Team Nomination Fee, Player Registration Fees,



Match Fees, Fines levied, or any other debt whatsoever, that Club may be dealt with at the discretion of the Executive.

- b. Any team required forfeiting matches on three consecutive weekends or, at any time during the period of any season, a total of six weekend matches in accordance with this By-law shall be suspended from future participation in the affairs of the A.H.J.S.A. The General Secretary shall notify the Club that, upon payment of such outstanding dues, the Club will be re-instated and will be able to take part in all future Association activities.

12. AMATEURS.

- a. Any player who is an amateur is permitted to play in any match conducted under the auspices of the A.H.J.S.A. For the purpose of this By-law, an amateur is a properly registered player who does not receive payment in cash or in kind for the services he renders to any Club, team or organization, the primary function of which is to play and promote the game of soccer.

13. CONDUCT OF COMPETITIONS.

- a. The duration of all competitive matches conducted under the auspices of the A.H.J.S.A., with the exception of the Association Cup Carnival and other similar Carnivals, shall be:
 - Under 7 & 8 years of age: 20 minutes each half.
 - Under 9 & 10 years of age: 20 minutes each half.
 - Under 11 & 12 years of age: 25 minutes each half.
 - Under 13 & 14 years of age: 35 minutes each half.
 - Under 15 years and over: 40 minutes each half.
- b. In Association Cup matches, for all age groups U/11 years and over, in the event of there being no result at the end of the official period, after an interval of five (5) minutes, a further twenty (20) minutes shall be played consisting of two periods of ten (10) minutes each way without further interval. Should there still be no result at the end of extra time, the match shall be settled by taking five (5) penalties each and then sudden death penalties. Each penalty is to be taken by a different player. (amended EM 1996)
- c. Any matches which are abandoned shall be separately judged by the Executive and a decision made depending on the scores at the time of abandonment and the time to be played.
 - (1) Should the forecast temperature at 6pm on the Friday prior to scheduled league matches be 35 degrees or more for Adelaide, all games in all age groups will be cancelled. Both teams shall be awarded one (1) point each. Cup fixtures only will be rescheduled. (CofC 14 June 2005)
- d. With the exception of special arrangements, which apply under certain circumstances and which shall be separately notified, kick-off times for all League matches and Preliminary Association matches shall be determined at commencement of each season.

For all League and Association Cup games, Clubs shall be responsible for the ground markings including a spectator line two (2) metres from both touch lines where possible, the provision of regulation corner flags and the proper fitting of goal nets, if available at their allocated grounds. The size of goals for Under 11 years and older shall be:

Width - of no less than 6 metres

Height - of no less than 2.1 metres

Pitches, if possible, should be marked in accordance with F.I.F.A. rules.



A.H.J.S.A. - MODIFIED RULES for under 10 and younger.

These **Modified Rules** shall apply to soccer played in age groups **Under 6 to Under 10 inclusive**. Unless otherwise stated normal F.I.F.A. rules shall apply.

Number of players per team

U6, U7, and U8: 7 players per team on the field
U9 and U10: 9 players per team on the field

Comment:- The number of interchange players to be used in any one game by either team shall be unlimited.

Ball Size

U6, U7 and U8: size 3 ball
U9 and U10: size 4 ball

Pitch Size

Where possible all pitches shall fall within the following parameters:-

Length	Maximum 80 metres	Minimum 60 metres
Width	Maximum 50 metres	Minimum 40 metres

Goal Size

Height	Maximum 2 metres	Minimum 1.7 metres
Width	Maximum 6 metres	Minimum 5 metres

Pitch Markings

Where possible all pitches shall have the following markings.

- * A halfway line.
- * A 7 metre centre circle.
- * A penalty area a minimum of 9.5 x 26 metres and a maximum of 10.5 x 26 metres.
- * Corner quadrants of 0.7 metres for under 9s and under 10s.
- * Corners to be taken from the intersection of the goal line and penalty area for under 6, 7 & 8s.
- * Goal nets (compulsory).
- * Corner flags
- * Goalkeeper safety zone for under 9 and younger age groups, being a rectangle extending outward 4 metres from each upright and forward 4 metres from the goal line.
- * A penalty spot 7 metres from each goal for under 10s



Coaches On or OFF the pitch

In all age groups up to and including Under 9, coaches will be allowed on the field of play. In the normal course of play coaches should not enter the penalty area.

In Under 10 age group coaches not allowed on the field of play.

Comment:- Whether or not coaches are on the field of play all talking to players should be done in a quiet, instructional manner with an emphasis being placed on enjoyment.

Goalkeeper Safety Zone

Goalkeeper safety zone will apply for Under 9 and younger age groups. Safety zone being a rectangle extending outward 4 metres from each goal upright and forward 4 metres from the goal line. Nobody except the goalkeeper is permitted in the safety zone during play.

Infringements:

Attacker in safety zone: goal kick.

Defender in safety zone: corner kick.

Penalty Kicks

In age groups Under 6 to Under 9 inclusive NO penalty kicks will be awarded.

For offences committed in the penalty where, in the normal course of play, a penalty kick would be awarded, this will now be replaced by a direct free kick to be taken from the centre of the 10.5 meter line, marking the front edge of the penalty area. These direct free kicks may be defended but no defending player shall be any closer than 5 meters to the ball when the kick is taken.

In the Under 10 age groups penalty kicks may be awarded and shall be taken from the penalty spot marked 7 meters from the centre of the goal.

Direct Free Kicks

No defending player shall be closer than 5 meters to the ball when the kick is taken

Indirect Free Kicks

When taking an indirect free kick, no defending player shall be closer than 5 meters to the ball when the kick is taken. Any indirect free kick awarded within the penalty area shall be taken from a point on the 10.5 meter line closest to where the offence occurred.

Goal Kicks

For all age groups goal kicks shall be taken from anywhere within the penalty area up to and including the 10.5 meter line.

Corner Kicks

In age groups Under 6 to Under 8 inclusive, corner kicks shall be taken from a point at the intersection of the goal line with the penalty area line. No allowance shall be made for a quadrant.



No defending player shall be closer than 5 meters to the ball when the kick is taken

In age groups Under 9 and 10, corner kicks shall be taken from within the 0.7 meter radius quadrant marked at the intersection of the goal line with the touch line.

Off Side

In age groups Under 6 to Under 9 inclusive, no off side will apply.
In age group Under 10 full FIFA off side rule will apply.

Throw Ins

For all age groups in the event that a throw in is taken incorrectly, the Referee shall permit a second attempt to throw the ball in by the same player. Opposition players shall be at least 2 meters from the thrower when a throw in is taken.

Comment:- Referees and coaches are encouraged to provide quiet instruction to players taking throw ins to ensure their action is deemed correct.

Duration of Matches

In age groups Under 6 and 7 a game shall consist of 2 x 15 minute halves.
In all other age groups a game shall consist of 2 x 20 minute halves.
In all age groups a half time period of at least 10 minutes shall occur.

(Amended CofC May 2004)(Amended Cof C 19 Apr 2005)(Amended CofC 8 May 2005)9Amended CofC 17Apr 2007)

- e. Any club which does not return trophies on or before a day being eight (8) weeks prior to the date of representation shall be fined a fixed fee to cover the replacement cost.
- f. (Deleted AGM 1993)

14. FORFEITURE OF MATCHES.

- a. Forfeiture of matches shall be on the following basis -
 - (1) in the case of the forfeiting team being the losing team, the score of that particular match shall stand;
 - (2) in the case of the forfeiting team not being the losing team, that team shall receive neither points any goals but shall be deemed to have conceded two (2) goals. Their opponents shall receive three (3) match points and be credited with two (2) goals.
 - (3) In the event of a club forfeiting three (3) matches in any one age group during the season, the Club will be summoned to appear before the Executive Committee to give an explanation;
 - (4) A forfeiture will not be granted to any team where it has been proved to the satisfaction of the Executive that the opposing team failed to play a scheduled match because of a genuine misdirection or failure to notify changed playing time or grounds or any other circumstances. (amended EM August 2003)
 - (5) Fines in accordance with [By-Law 27\(m\)](#)



15. DEPLETED TEAMS.

- a. Any team unable to field seven (7) or more players for any match shall forfeit that match and its opponents shall be awarded three (3) points and two (2) goals. The defaulting team shall not be awarded any match points or goals.
- b. It shall be the responsibility of the Secretary of the Club whose team is defaulting to notify the opposing team's Club Secretary and the appropriate General Secretary as early as practicable.
- c. It is permissible for the depleted team and its opponents to play a friendly match in lieu of the competitive match subject to the agreement of the officials of both teams.
- d. In the event of a team failing to be ready to commence the match within ten (10) minutes of the scheduled kick-off time, the match will be forfeited to its opponents in accordance with By-law 15(a). Subject to another match being scheduled to commence immediately within ten minutes of the scheduled kick-off time, both halves shall be shortened proportionately to enable the match to be completed on time, and such fact shall be noted on the match card by the referee.

16. POSTPONEMENTS.

- a. Any team losing the services of two or more players, due to the State SAPSASA or Association Representative Teams may apply to the appropriate Registrar to have its League or Cup games postponed until its representative players are available. This application must be made in writing and received by the Registrar six (6) days before the scheduled day, except in cases of emergencies.
- b. Apart from games postponed by the referee due to weather or ground conditions and postponements declared by the Executive, under no other circumstances will postponements be allowed.
- c. Any game postponed for any reason whatsoever shall be played at a time decided by the Executive or by mutual agreement between the clubs, after notifying the Registrar.

17. INTERCHANGE PLAYERS.

- a. For teams in all age groups, up to three (3) players may be interchanged at any time during and in accordance with the laws of the game. (amended EM August 2003)
- b. Referees are to be notified of the interchange of players by the Team Manager or Coach.

18. CORNER KICKS.

- a. Corner kicks in U/11 and U/12 shall be taken from a spot marked on the goal line twenty (20) metres from the nearest goal post, or from the corner triangle. All other grades shall take corner kicks from within the corner quadrant. (amended AGM 1993)



19. BALLS.

- a. In all competitions conducted by and under the auspices of the A.H.J.S.A., teams who play in matches in Under 7 and 8 age groups shall play with a regulation size three (3) ball, Under 9, 10, 11 and 12 age groups a regulation size four (4) ball and Under 13 and over, a regulation size five (5) ball.
Ball sizes are (3) 55 - 60 cm; (4) 61 - 66 cm; (5) 67 - 72 cm.

20. COLOURS.

- a. Each club, upon affiliation and thereafter at the commencement of each season, shall register Club colours with the Association. When a Club applies to register new colours, if the colours closely resemble those already registered by another club, preference will be given to the club whose colours have already been approved.
- b. When the playing colours of opposing teams are sufficiently similar as to be considered likely to confuse the referee or other players, it shall be the responsibility of the home team to play in colours distinguishable from its opponents. In Cup or Carnival matches played on neutral grounds, the first - named team in the draw shall be considered to be the home team.
- c. Every player in a team, with the exception of the goalkeeper, who shall wear distinguishable colours, shall display a number in a prominent position, which shall correspond with his number on the match card.

21. COACHING.

- a. Coaches or officials of any team shall not coach their team from behind either goal line.
- b. Spectators must be kept away from the area behind either goal line.
- c. In matches in the U/7, U/8 and U/9 age group, the coach is permitted on the field of play. The coach must not impede play and must not enter either penalty area. This By-law will not apply in any Carnival or Cup finals. (amended AGM 1990)
- d. Referees may not coach teams while refereeing in U/11 and older age groups.

22. REPRESENTATIVE MATCHES.

- a. The A.H.J.S.A. Executive shall annually appoint a Selection Committee, which includes the Coaching Director or nominee of not less than two (2) and not more than four (4) members.
 - (1) The duties of this Committee are to recommend to the Executive the appointment of a coach and a manager for each representative team after duly considering all applications for such positions;
 - (2) Observe all players in the Under 10 age group during the season and to select 20 players from this age group to form a training squad for the following season;
 - (3) Observe players in all age groups, U/11 and upward to continuously maintain a training



- squad of the best available in each age group.
- (4) Organize and co-ordinate regular monthly training sessions for all squads.
- b. The A.H.J.S.A. may arrange such representative matches with other zones, areas, etc., as it deems fit.
 - c. The arrangements for such representative matches shall at all times, be vested in the Executive or as sub-committee appointed for this purpose on its behalf.
 - d. Not more than sixteen (16) players shall finally be selected to represent any one representative team.
 - e. Any person(s) appointed to coach Association representative team(s) shall advise the General Secretary of the final squad twenty-one (21) days before taking part in representative games.
 - f. Any player who is registered with two Associations can only play in one Association representative team in that year. (Amended AGM 1990).
 - g. To be eligible to represent the AHJSA a player must be currently playing for and be registered with an Association Club and must have played no less than 50% of Association's league games for his/her club/s in the previous 12 months, including a minimum of 50% of the games in the current season.
Exceptions to this are where a player has, through, injury, absence from the state, transfer from another Association or not having played, missed league games in the previous season which would otherwise count towards his/her eligibility. In this instance a player then only has to play a minimum of 50% of games in the current season and currently be a registered player of the Association. (Amended 30th Jan 1996) (Amended EM 3rd Aug 2004) (Amended CofC 17Apr 2007)

23. FRIENDLY MATCHES.

- a. Any club desiring one or more of its teams to play friendly matches with any team or teams outside the confines of the A.H.J.S.A. shall notify the Executive at the earliest possible date.
- b. The Executive may arrange friendly matches for representative teams provided they do not clash with any official A.H.J.S.A. competitions. Any friendly matches so arranged shall be notified to the clubs concerned not less than one week prior to the date of the match.
- c. Referees have the right to report or send off players and report coaches and officials in all friendly matches and club carnivals.

24. REFEREES.

- a. If the Referee Coordinator has not been informed of any alterations to any competitive fixture and the appointed match official(s) arrive at the ground in accordance with the official fixture, the club(s) responsible for altering the official fixture will be fined by the AHJSA for an amount equal to that of the full match fee for the official(s). (EM 14 June 2005)
- b. In the event of an official Referee not being appointed to officiate any particular match, the home team shall nominate a Referee for that particular match. In the event of the persons not being acceptable to the opposing team's officials at the time at which the match is timed to commence, the home team or the team named first in that particular fixture as the case may be shall appoint such Referee notwithstanding any objection of its opponents. Such objection shall be noted on the match card before the commencement of the match.



25. APPROACHES TO REFEREES.

- a. It is not permissible for club officials to approach a referee immediately prior to any match except for the purpose of ascertaining that the referee is the person properly appointed or for the purpose of electing a referee in accordance with the previous By-law nor is it permissible for any club officials to approach a referee, howsoever appointed, during the course of any match.
- b. Objections or complaints relating to the conduct of any match by any referee, howsoever appointed, shall be lodged in writing by the Secretary of the Club concerned to the General Secretary within seventy two (72) hours of the cessation of the match in question. It is not permissible for any club official to object to, complain about, or otherwise criticise the conduct of any referee in the presence of that referee or in the hearing of any other person except at any properly constituted meeting convened for the purpose of receiving such objection, complaint or criticism.
- c. Upon receipt of any such complaint or objection, the Executive shall, within seven (7) days, meet and consider such complaint and shall issue a directive according to its findings.

26. DISCIPLINARY MATTERS.

- a. All players who are sent off during a game are automatically suspended for the following League, Association Cup, or representative game. All players who are sent off are to be reported with all details, on a match card.
- b. The Disciplinary Committee shall be empowered to deal with alleged violations of the laws of the game of soccer insofar as any player, member or affiliated club may infringe them.
- c. A Disciplinary Committee shall be set up when needed with at least two (2) members of the Executive and two (2) others, none being from the offending clubs.
- d. In every alleged violation, as set out in By-law 26, the Disciplinary Committee shall, at a lawfully convened hearing, receive evidence from all parties concerned, adjudicate and impose such penalties, if any, against any player, team, club or official as it may consider just and equitable in all the circumstances.
- e. Regulations introduced during the course of any year shall not be enforceable until after the end of that year unless such regulations have been included in alterations to the Rules or By-laws, which have been properly approved in accordance with Rules 9(7), 17(3&4).
- f. Complaints, protests or claims by affiliated clubs, members or players, endorsed by the Club Secretary, shall be lodged in writing with the General Secretary, within seventy two (72) hours of the incident, accompanied by a Protest Fee of five (5) dollars. This fee may subsequently be forfeited at the discretion of the Executive provided that, if the complaint, protest or claim is upheld, the protest fee will be refunded.
- g. Appeals against decisions of the Disciplinary Committee or Executive shall be lodged in writing with the General Secretary, within seven (7) days of such decision be notified, together with additional evidence for consideration by the appropriate Appeals Committee, i.e., the Executive or Council of Clubs respectively, at its next meeting. The appeal should be accompanied by an Appeal Fee of five (5) dollars. This fee may subsequently be forfeited at the discretion of the Appeals Committee provided that, if the appeal is upheld, the appeal fee, together with any protest fee, which may have been previously lodged, will be refunded.



- h. The Executive shall have the power to act as arbitrator in cases of protests and disputes arising within or between affiliated clubs.
Where applicable, every player appearing before the Disciplinary Committee must produce his identity card for inspection.

27. ASSOCIATION CUP RULES.

- a. All teams that are entered in the A.H.J.S.A. normal League competitions must enter the Association Cup competitions
- b. Provided a player is of suitable age, is registered for his/her club, has not previously played for any other team in cup competition during that season and is not under suspension, then he/she may play in cup matches.
- c. In each team, any player named on a cup match card must play only for that team in all subsequent cup rounds. A maximum of five (5) substitutes may play in a match and may be interchanged at any time.
- d. All players must be registered/transferred in accordance with [By-Law 6](#).
- e. A club will forfeit an Association Cup game if unable to field the minimum number of players as stated in [By-law 15](#) (a).
- f. In under 10 and younger teams, the teams must start with an equal number of players. In all other age groups, no team need reduce the number of players below full complement.
- g. Match cards are required for all cup matches.
- h. The duration of Cup games is the same as for the normal A.H.J.S.A. league games.
- i. A draw is not an acceptable result in Association Cup matches. Extra time will be played after five (5) minute break: See [By-law 13](#) (b).
- j. Under 10 and younger will be played according to the modified rules produced by the A.H.J.S.A.
- k. Any situation not covered specifically in these rules may be referred to the A.H.J.S.A. By-laws and thereafter to the Council of Clubs or the Executive.
- l. For a player to participate in an Association cup match/game they must have been nominated on the Team Sheet as per [By Law 6](#)(g), must have played a minimum 50% of the season's league games for that team, and are then deemed to be Cup tied to that team. Written application can be made to the Executive to vary the above conditions stating reasons. The Executive decision will be final. (Amended AGM 1994) (EM 28th September 2000) (EM August 2003)
- m. Any non-competitive team forfeiting a game will be fined \$15-00, any competitive team forfeiting a game will be fined \$30-00, and the fine shall be paid to the aggrieved Club.
(Amended AGM 1994)

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