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Rules of Competition

2020 - Variations

2020 Rules of Competition (RoC) Variations (COVID)

As a consequence of the effect of the COVID-19 Coronavirus pandemic on Australia and the Federal and Queensland Government restrictions in place, several Rules of Competition (RoC) clauses for the 2020 Football Brisbane season have been amended to reflect increased flexibility across all competitions. These amendments will ensure competition fixtures are scheduled to minimise health risks to our community, clubs, and their members and to limit travel. It will also enable clubs to utilise players to support and supplement reduced playing numbers in teams and to decrease the risk of injury. Revisions such as kick-off times throughout the weekend, interchange, increasing the number of games a player can play in higher divisions/leagues, reworking leagues to be primarily geographically based, and simplifying team sheets/photo identification will assist in this process. Any references in this document to RoC clauses can be found on the full RoC if required.

As we, fortunately, prepare for season 2020, we ask that everyone is mindful of the principles Football Brisbane has adopted for the Community Football season;

- Focus is on football and the enjoyment of the game (particularly with regards to season length, fixture alterations, health and safety, and participation), please keep this in mind at clubs and on matchday.
- Across all competitions, make it as simple and easy to play Community Football in season 2020, including simplified competition rules, game day processes, match sheets, and competition structures and ensure fixtures are completed.
- Be agile as the restrictions may ease, allowing for a change in fixture scheduling for the remainder of the season and club requirements (canteen, bar, change rooms) however the structures of the competitions and the RoC will remain set for season 2020.

As the season progresses, there may be further need to alter or modify specific aspects of the Rules of Competition around fixturing, venue requirements, matchday processes as well as health/safety and club expectations. Should that occur, Football Brisbane will ensure there is minimal disruption to clubs and that this is explicitly communicated to our clubs should it eventuate.

2.2 Competition Structure

Football Brisbane reserves the right to decide on or amend the size, structure, and composition of any competition. Clubs who are members of Football Brisbane are eligible to nominate for any competition within the Football Brisbane structure, provided they meet the minimum and mandatory requirements for the competition in which they nominate. New Clubs are required to 'affiliate' to Football Brisbane before nominating any teams within the competition structures. This process must be completed by November 30 for the 2021 season (ordinarily November 1). For further information on the New Club application process, please see the New Club Application policy or contact Football Brisbane's Competitions team. Football Brisbane's determination on the size, structure, and composition of any competition is final. Football Brisbane may impose such conditions on the acceptance of a New Club as it sees fit.

2.2.1 Senior Competitions

Brisbane Premier League (BPL), Brisbane Women's Premier League (BWPL) and Capital Leagues (Men and Women)

All participating Clubs in the BPL, BWPL, and Capital League (Men and Women) Competitions are required to field a "First Grade" team and a "Reserve Grade" team. These competitions will be contested on a "Home and Away" basis where possible. Clubs participating in the National Premier Leagues (NPL), NPLW (Women), or Football Queensland Premier League (FQPL), may not participate in the BPL, BWPL, or Capital League competitions.

In season 2020, these competitions will initially play once against each other team in the competition (12 teams - 11 fixtures). At the end of this set of fixtures, the competition will then be split into two divisions incorporating a 'top 6' (Premier) and 'bottom 6' (Plate) teams based on the ladder position of the First Grade team. Teams will then play each other team in the relevant division once more to determine a Premier and Plate winner. Points earned in the initial phase of the competition will be carried forward to the Premier and Plate phases of the competition. In the event of multiple teams having equal points before the splitting of the competition or after the season's fixtures, the ranking of the teams shall be determined in accordance with [Section 3.11](#).

Participation in the second phase of the competition will be solely based on the ladder position of the First Grade team. The 'Reserve Grade' team will continue to be linked with the same opponents as the 'First Grade' team irrespective of their position at the end of the first phase.

There is no guarantee that a team that plays at 'home' against an opponent in the first 11 fixtures, will play them 'away' in the second round of fixtures. This is due to an anomaly where the 5 teams a club played against at home in the first round, may also be the 5 teams they play in the second round of fixtures.

Any Club in the City Leagues that is not represented in the BPL, BWPL or the Capital Leagues, may apply to be admitted to the Capital League structure. This application will be reviewed by Football Brisbane for determination. The determination as to whether a Club's application to be admitted to the Capital League, is approved, shall be a matter for determination by Football Brisbane in its absolute discretion and the decision shall be final. There is no appeal from this decision.

City Leagues, U18, U20 and Legends League

The composition of these divisions will be determined on an annual basis based on the previous season's results; this process will remain in place in advance of season 2020 where possible. In season 2020 all City League, U18, and U20 competitions will be reconfigured as 8 team, 14 round competitions.

A process of nomination during the pre-season period will be used to determine the final competition structure, with the previous nominations received in 2020 and pre-season results used to determine a final structure.

2.2.3 Junior Competitions- BYPL/Division 1 and Division 2 below (including MiniRoos)

Football Brisbane will organise age-restricted competitions for junior players from Under 12 – Under 16. Competitions may be mixed or gender-specific as determined by Football Brisbane.

Brisbane Youth Premier League (BYPL) and Division 1 (12 teams)

Entry into the BYPL and Division 1 Competitions is only available to Clubs from within the Brisbane Zone. The composition of each competition will be determined on an annual basis. Each competition will be contested on a “Home and Away” basis where possible.

In 2020, the U13-U16 BYPL and Division 1 competitions will consist of 12 teams (including U13 Division 1 South/U13 Division 1 North where possible).

In season 2020, these competitions will initially play once against each other team in the competition (12 teams - 11 fixtures). At the end of this set of fixtures, the competition will then be split into two divisions incorporating a ‘top 6’ (Premier) and ‘bottom 6’ (Plate) teams based on ladder position of each team (10 team competitions will split into a top 5/bottom 5). Teams will then play each other team in the relevant division once more to determine a Premier and Plate winner. Points earned in the initial phase of the competition will be carried forward to the Premier and Plate phases of the competition. In the event of multiple teams having equal points before the splitting of the competition or after the season’s fixtures, the ranking of the teams shall be determined in accordance with [Section 3.11](#).

There is no guarantee that a team that plays at ‘home’ against an opponent in the first 11 fixtures, will play them ‘away’ in the second round of fixtures. This is due to an anomaly where the 5 teams a club played against at home in the first round, may also be the 5 teams they play in the second round of fixtures.

The U12 BYPL (North and South) and U12 Division 1 (North and South) will consist of 10 teams. These competition structures will be confirmed following a 2-week grading period in February. This will allow the gradual ‘grandfathering’ of 10 team BYPL and Division 1 competitions from season 2021.

Under 12 – Under 16 Junior Divisionals (Mixed and Girls-Only)

The composition of these divisions will be determined on an annual basis based on the previous season’s results; this process will remain in place in advance of season 2020 where possible. In season 2020 all Junior Divisional Competitions Division 2 and below will be reconfigured as 8 team, 14 round competitions.

A process of nomination during the pre-season period will be used to determine the final competition structure, with the previous nominations received in 2020 and pre-season results used to determine a final structure.

MiniRoos

The composition of the MiniRoos hubs for season 2020 will be based on a nomination process conducted before the season commencement. The hubs of Komodo 1 (previously Cross River), Komodo 2, Goanna, and Gecko will be determined in accordance with each club’s request. In 2020, the Cross River competition has been replaced with a Komodo 1 North or South specific competition due to QLD Government restrictions regarding contact tracing, as well as decreasing excessive travel for these teams/players. Where possible, clubs with teams in the same nominated level (e.g. U9 Goanna North Brisbane Hub) have also been grouped together for ease of contact tracing, travel, and fixturing/venue capacity issues.

2.3 Competition Winners

In each Competition, the team finishing with the most points after the “Home and Away” season will be the **Premiers**. For season 2020, this will be teams involved in the Championship phase of competitions split into a top 6 and bottom 6. In the event of multiple teams having equal points, the ranking of the teams shall be determined in accordance with [Section 3.11](#).

2.5 Promotion and Relegation- All Competitions

In 2020, only the Brisbane Premier League, Brisbane Women’s Premier League, and Capital League competitions will use a promotion system. All other competitions will have their results recorded and used as a baseline for all competition structures in 2021 e.g. 1st in Division 3 is eligible to nominate for Division 2. Promotion/Relegation specifically, will not be mandatorily enforced in Junior or City League competitions.

2.5.1 Senior Competitions

Brisbane Premier League (BPL)/ Brisbane Women’s Premier League (BWPL)/Capital Leagues (Men and Women)

The last-placed team and the 2nd last placed team in 2020 will not be relegated to the league below it for the subsequent season.

The 1st placed team in from the Championship phase of each Capital League shall be promoted to the league directly above for the subsequent season. If the club eligible for promotion from each Capital League, does not meet the requirements for promotion into the higher Capital League/BPL/BWPL then the process outlined in “Other Promotion/Relegation Issues will be implemented.

Promotion & Relegation Requests/Withdrawal

In the event that the team who has qualified for promotion to the BPL/BWPL or Capital League Divisions advises that they do not wish to exercise the privilege, they must provide their reasons in writing to Football Brisbane, who will review the request. If the request is granted, the team which finished 2nd in the same division will be offered the position in the higher division. If they also decline the invitation, the team which finished 3rd in the division will then be offered the position. If they also decline the invitation, it will be offered to the next highest placed team in the lower division, that has not yet been promoted, until a Club/s accepts the invitation.

If a team from the BPL/BWPL or Capital League advises that it wishes to be relegated or removed from the BPL or Capital Leagues, they must provide their reasons in writing to Football Brisbane, who will review the request. If the request is granted, the team which finished 2nd in the next division will be offered the position in the higher division. If they also decline the invitation, the team which finished 3rd in the lower division will then be offered the position. If they also decline the invitation, it will be offered to the next highest placed team in the lower division, that has not yet been promoted, until a Club/s accepts the invitation. If neither team was relegated, Football Brisbane can, if they choose, seek applications from any other Club to fill the vacancy.

If a team withdrawal or request for relegation causes a vacancy in the BPL/BWPL or any Capital League Division after the application of the above rules, Football Brisbane can, if they choose, seek applications from any other Club to fill the vacancy.

Note: Promotion and relegation rules/procedures may be subject to change, due to variations in competition structures.

All Men's and Women's City League, U20 and U18 Competitions

There is no promotion to the Capital League from City League 1. The composition of each of the City League divisions will be determined in 2021 based on the previous season's results and in collaboration with the nominations submitted by each Club. Football Brisbane's determination on the composition of the City League structures will be final. There shall be no appeal against the decision of Football Brisbane.

A process of application during the pre-season period will be used to determine the final competition structure. **Following the conclusion of Round 2 only in 2020**, a Club may apply to have a team regraded. These applications will be assessed and result taken into consideration when deciding on the appropriate division for all teams. Football Brisbane will also assess the results of each City League competition following the first 2 rounds and may seek to regrade a team based on their initial results. Regrading of teams will only occur in season 2020 should there be a vacancy available in the respective league. E.g. if a team in City 2 wishes to be regraded into City 3, this will only be possible if a City 3 team can take the corresponding team's position in City 2. Football Brisbane's determination on any regrade application or regrading of a team must be followed and will be final. There shall be no appeal against the decision of Football Brisbane. In the COVID-19 affected season 2020, this process is due to the short timeframes required for fixturing and the reduced season.

2.5.2 Brisbane Youth Premier League (BYPL)/ Division 1

All BYPL and Division 1 competitions will have their places in each division restored in season 2021, provided they have participated in season 2020 (i.e. if a team withdraws from U15BYPL, it will not be offered a position in U16BYPL in 2021).

There will be **no** promotion or relegation of Junior teams across all competitions in 2020 due to the COVID-19 shortened 2020 season and the continuing effect on clubs. However, should a BYPL or Division 1 club withdraw or chose not to take their position in the 2021 season, this position will be offered to the highest finishing club in the league directly below.

2.6 Other Competitions & Play-Off Matches (including Finals Series)

In collaboration with our member clubs, there will be no Finals Series in season 2020 due to the Football Brisbane calendar extending past the regular season calendar finish date. There will also be no Cup Competitions in season 2020 due to the limitations and constraints around mid-week fixtures with venue capacity and restrictions on community sport and clubs.

With the Queensland Government releasing guidelines for community sport, the sanctioning and fixturing of all competitions will be scheduled in accordance with any restrictions currently in place.

2.7 Monies Owing to Football Brisbane By a Club

All amounts owed by a Club to Football Brisbane must be paid within 21 days of the date of the invoice (7 days in the case of match official payments) issued by Football Brisbane in relation to that amount.

If a Club fails to pay any amount owing to Football Brisbane in accordance with this, Football Brisbane may issue a notice giving the Club a further 14 days to pay that amount.

If a Club fails to comply with a notice issued in accordance with this, or agree to a repayment plan with Football Brisbane for the amount owed, Football Brisbane may, at its sole discretion:

- Determine that Club [or the applicable Team(s) within that Club] ineligible to earn competition points in any Competition Fixture or Sanctioned Match in which the Club (or Team) plays,
- Suspend or expel that Club [or Team(s)] from any Competition Fixture (including Cup Fixtures) and/or Football Brisbane competitions.
- Prohibit that Club [or Team(s)] from promotion whilst the debt remains unpaid.
- Relegate that Club [or Team(s)] while the debt remains unpaid.
- Deduct points from a Club [or Team(s)] for the following season where the debt remains unpaid or accrues after 30 September of the relevant year.

If Football Brisbane and a Club agree to a repayment plan in relation to a debt owed by the Club to Football Brisbane and the Club fails to meet any of the terms of that payment plan by the stipulated date and time, Football Brisbane may immediately and without the need to issue a further notice, impose one or more of the sanctions referred to above.

3.1 Scheduling of Matches

With the Queensland Government releasing guidelines for community sport, the sanctioning and fixturing of all competitions will be scheduled in accordance with any restrictions currently in place.

Football Brisbane will arrange the dates, times and venues of all matches in collaboration with our Clubs and their requested preferences. This will then be provided to clubs in a draft format for any alterations prior to the season. These scheduled matches will be advised to participating teams prior to the commencement of the season. Football Brisbane reserves the right to schedule matches on any day, time, and venue and in any format in alignment with the best interests of the competition/s and in line with the community sport guidelines currently provided by the Queensland Government. This also includes scheduling matches to accommodate media requirements and referee appointments, as well as health impacts. Football Brisbane reserves the right to reschedule matches in its absolute discretion. The decision of Football Brisbane shall be final and not subject to appeal.

Clubs will be asked to nominate preferences (day/time/venue) for their teams and fixtures prior to the fixturing process which will be taken into consideration during the fixturing process.

All Football Brisbane matches take precedence in scheduling over non-FFA affiliated matches at ALL Football Brisbane Clubs (inclusive of Overs Football).

3.1.1 Senior Competitions

Senior matches will normally be scheduled between Friday and Sunday each weekend (Exception – Legends League which may be scheduled on any day, preferably Wednesdays).

Brisbane Premier League

Games must be scheduled sequentially as specified below:

- Reserves, 1st team - on the same day at the same venue in that order

If BPL matches are postponed or abandoned due to any circumstances, Football Brisbane reserves the right to reschedule matches on any day, time, and venue and in any format as it sees fit.

Capital Leagues (Men and Women)

Games must be scheduled sequentially as specified below:

- Reserves, 1st team - on the same day at the same venue in that order

If Capital League matches are postponed or abandoned due to any circumstances, Football Brisbane reserves the right to reschedule matches on any day, time, and venue and in any format as it sees fit.

Brisbane Women's Premier League

Games must be scheduled sequentially as specified below:

- Reserves, 1st team - on the same day at the same venue in that order

If BWPL matches are postponed or abandoned due to any circumstances, Football Brisbane reserves the right to reschedule matches on any day, time, and venue and in any format as it sees fit.

Other Leagues

Where two or more senior teams from the same Club are playing at home on the same day, these matches MUST be scheduled consecutively.

Day & Time Scheduling/Rescheduling

Midweek/Friday

- No senior matches will be scheduled to commence before 6:00 pm
- No senior matches will be scheduled to commence after 9:00 pm (notwithstanding council curfew requirements)

Saturday

- No senior matches will be scheduled to commence before 11:00 am
- No senior matches will be scheduled to commence after 8:30 pm

Sunday

- No Senior matches will be scheduled to commence before 9:00 am
- No senior matches will be scheduled to commence after 7:00 pm

Exceptions may be granted in the case of public holidays or where both teams agree, for any fixture/s.

3.1.3. Junior Competitions

Listed below is the day on which each age group will be scheduled during the 2020 Football Brisbane season. Matches must be scheduled sequentially as specified by Football Brisbane. The exception to this is in the case of BYPL and Division 1 fixtures, having been scheduled prior to the fixturing of all other junior competitions.

	Under 12	Under 13	Under 14	Under 15	Under 16
Divisional competitions	Saturday	Sunday (Girls/Div 3 and below may be requested for Saturday afternoons)	Sunday (Girls/Div 3 and below may be requested for Saturday afternoons)	Sunday (Girls may be requested for Saturday afternoons)	Sunday (Girls may be requested for Saturday afternoons)
Brisbane Youth Premier League and Division 1	Saturday	Sunday	Sunday	Sunday	Sunday

NOTE: ANY age group MAY be scheduled on a Friday night in consultation with the participating Club and Football Brisbane, during the fixturing feedback process.

If a fixture is scheduled for Friday night:

- No junior matches will be scheduled to commence before 6:00 pm
- the U12 age group will not kick off later than 7 pm
- the U13 age group will not kick off later than 7:45 pm
- the U14 age group will not kick off later than 8 pm
- the U15 & U16 age groups will not kick off later than 8:30 pm.

These kick-off times also apply to mid-week games. Exceptions may be made in the case of public holidays or where both teams agree otherwise, which must be provided in writing to Football Brisbane.

Junior and Mini Roos fixtures for season 2020 ONLY, can be fixtured as early as 8 am if a club requests this in the feedback process due to venue capacity and requirements.

3.2 Postponement/Rescheduling of Matches

Competition fixtures may only be postponed or rescheduled by Football Brisbane competitions staff, except in the event of severe weather (follow the wet weather process)

Football Brisbane reserves the right to record any outstanding fixtures that have not been completed by **one (1) week** after the conclusion of the fixture season as a NIL-ALL (0-0) DRAW.

Football Brisbane may decide **not** to reschedule a fixture that has no bearing on the final ladder positions in Football Brisbane's absolute discretion whose decision shall be final. The decision of Football Brisbane in this respect is not subject to appeal.

Football Brisbane reserves the right to reschedule matches on any day, time, and venue and in any format as it sees fit. Matches can be rescheduled within the minimum gap of 48 hours from other scheduled/rescheduled fixtures if required, in season 2020 **ONLY**.

3.2.1 Rescheduling Process

Postponed matches will be rescheduled by Football Brisbane for the next available “catch-up” weekend unless otherwise informed by the Clubs, prior to 9 am Monday. If the next available “Catch-up” weekend is more than four weeks away, unsuitable, or unavailable due to other scheduling, then the matches may need to be rescheduled as midweek matches as determined by Football Brisbane. The Clubs will be advised in any case of the reschedule. Notwithstanding this Rule, Football Brisbane may reschedule to alternate dates as it determines whose decision shall be final. The decision of Football Brisbane in this respect is not subject to appeal.

3.4 Substitution and Return Substitution (Interchange)

Substitutions and Return Substitutions (Interchange) can only occur in accordance with the Laws of the Game.

All substitutes must be seated within the technical area. They must wear bibs or an alternative coloured uniform to both team strips. Substitutes are permitted to warm up outside of the technical area, provided they are wearing bibs or an alternative coloured uniform to both team strips. When warming up, substitutes are requested to choose an area furthest from the opposing team.

3.4.1 Senior Competitions

Brisbane Premier League, Brisbane Women’s Premier League, and Capital Leagues

In all Men’s and Women’s Competitions (including BPL, BWPL, and Capital Leagues) unlimited Return Substitutions (Interchange) are permitted for season 2020 **only**, with no more than five (5) substitutes/names permitted to be named on the Match Sheet. A player who has been substituted may return to the field for another player. In these Competitions, a player whose name appears on the Match Sheet is deemed to have participated in the match. The exception to this rule is a Reserve Goalkeeper (if marked as such on the match sheet). Referees will record whether a Reserve Goalkeeper has participated in the normal manner of recording a substitution. If no record of participation is shown, then the Reserve Goalkeeper will not be deemed to have participated in the match.

In the following competitions; BPL, BWPL, Capital League 1-3 and Women’s Capital League 1, interchange will only be permitted in the final 10 minutes of a competition fixture should an injury occur and cause the match to be stopped. The injured player must leave the field and will be unable to take any further part in the match. Any time lost as a result of the stoppage will be added as additional ‘injury time’ post the 90 minutes of the fixture.

3.4.2 Junior Competitions

In all competitions, unlimited Return Substitutions (Interchange) are permitted, with no more than five (5) substitutes to be named on the Match Sheet. A player who has been substituted may return to the field for another player. In these competitions, a player whose name appears on the Match Sheet is deemed to have participated in the match.

3.5 Alterations to Fixtures

3.5.1 Application for Alterations

Any application for an alteration to scheduled fixtures must be submitted to Football Brisbane at least twenty-one (21) days prior to the scheduled fixture. **The correspondence must include the written agreement of the opposition Club, prior to submitting the request.**

Each request will be determined on its merits. Applications for alterations due to “social functions” (e.g. weddings, christenings, school holiday weekends, or other social and religious events) or “work commitments” will not be considered.

Due to the limited preparation for season 2020, requests outside of this timeframe may be considered due to extenuating circumstances and only with the agreement and understanding of the Football Brisbane competitions team.

5.1 Registration of Players

Football Brisbane reserves the right to investigate the eligibility of any player participating in any competition.

It is each club’s responsibility to ensure that any player taking the field for a competitive fixture is eligible per eligibility requirements i.e. registered, not suspended, graded correctly, eligible for finals (minimum number of games).

Amateur players who have not previously registered under FFA in Australia for the current season are permitted to seek registration at any time during the season.

Amateur players registered or re-registered after **September 18** are **NOT** eligible to participate at Premier League (including Reserves), Capital League (including Reserves), or Brisbane Youth Premier League and Division 1 level. For the avoidance of doubt, players registered after **September 18** are only eligible to play in the City League, Under 20, Under 18 Divisional, Legends, and Junior Divisional Competitions. This includes new registrations and players who are moving between Clubs. Players who register after September 18 to play City League, U18 or U20 leagues (Men), are not eligible to be borrowed up into BPL, BWPL or Capital Leagues. Players who register for Junior Divisional Competitions after September 18 are not eligible to be borrowed into BYPL or Division 1.

Amateur players who have previously registered under FFA for Clubs based in the Football Brisbane Zone (including NPL and FQPL Clubs based in the Football Brisbane Zone) for the current season are not permitted to re-register with another Club within the Football Brisbane Zone after **September 18**. (NOTE: MiniRoos are excluded from this provision, i.e. they are permitted to re-register with another Club to play MiniRoos at any time).

Amateur players who have registered under FFA in Australia for Clubs based outside the Football Brisbane Zone for the current season may apply to register with Football Brisbane after **September 18**. The decision of Football Brisbane will be in its absolute discretion and shall be final and not subject to appeal. Football Gold Coast and Football Sunshine Coast also have a registration cut-off date of September 18 for the 2020 season.

5.2 Suspended Players

Any player under suspension by Football Brisbane or any other Federation is ineligible and is **not** permitted to participate in any fixture until that suspension is served. This includes mandatory suspensions for yellow and red cards along with penalties determined by a Disciplinary Committee.

With Round 1 of the BPL, BWPL, Capital League and BYPL (Rounds 1-4) being removed from the season record, per the National Disciplinary Regulations, the fixtures were sanctioned competitive fixtures in the context of the season and any red card issued in these fixtures remains and any sanctioned player is to serve their suspension in their next competitive fixture/s. Yellow cards also remain on the player's record but are removed from the season accrual of yellow cards as the 2020 season is reconfigured in a different format.

Any player under suspension by Football Brisbane or any other Federation who is found to have participated in a match will be deemed to be an ineligible player. Any team/club who is adjudged to have fielded an ineligible player will be deemed to have forfeited the match and subject to the Penalties and Outcomes as detailed in [Section 5.10](#).

5.4 Team Sheets

Team managers to load team list into Pre-Match of SportsTG prior to the match and have up until 2 hours prior to kick-off to load the players.

Team managers are to print one (1) copy of the completed team list (Football Brisbane Correct) and hand it to the referee at least 15 minutes prior to the match.

After the match, the referee will record results and infringements on both match sheets and take a photo of both. The managers are also asked to take a photo of each team sheet.

Managers retrieve their match sheets from the referee once the above has been completed.

The referee will email both match sheets to matchsheets@footballbrisbane.com.au and note the match details in the subject line. Eg. U15 BYPL, July 10, UQFC v The Gap FC.

Managers enter results and infringements for their team in Post-Match of SportsTG no later than 9 am the Monday following each match.

Each manager needs to cross-check the results entered from the opposing side and if there are discrepancies, to notify their Club asap.

Any disputes to final score lines must be received to competitions@footballbrisbane.com.au no later than 7 days from the match date and must detail the issue, have evidence provided, and will be reviewed by the Competitions team for an outcome. Any protest in 2020 will incur a \$50 administration fee, that will be refunded if the protest is upheld.

5.5 Clubs with Teams in the Same Competition Division

If a Club has two or more teams in the same competition division, players are only permitted to play for one team in that competition division. This does not preclude them from playing for other teams within the Club in other competition divisions (subject to all Player Eligibility rules and the Player Age Restrictions). If a player is found to have participated in a match while in breach of the above requirements, the player will be deemed to be an ineligible player. Any team/club who is adjudged to have fielded an ineligible player will be deemed to have forfeited the match and subject to the Penalties and Outcomes as detailed in [Section 5.10](#).

5.6 Player Identity

There will be no requirement for Player Identification (photos or online) due to the sharing of ID cards and transmission restrictions for the 2020 season. If a team or club has a concern about an ineligible player, they should submit a protest (with an appropriate photo of the suggested ineligible player, providing relevant evidence as to why they believe the player to be ineligible).

Football Brisbane retains the ability to check the photo ID of any player through their registration in the Play Football system in 2020. Protests without supporting evidence will not be accepted and the opposition club will be informed of the protest and the game in question.

No Club Official shall have the power to refuse to allow an opposition player to take the field for any reason. Nor can they request that a Match Official refuse to allow a player to take the field. The player will remain eligible to take the field unless proven otherwise.

5.8 Protest - Playing Ineligible Player

Any Club is permitted to protest the alleged fielding of an ineligible player(s). A protest must be lodged in writing (e.g. email) within seven (7) days of the match by a designated Club official or contact outlining the details of the protest and the player involved. Should the protest involve the allegation of a player playing under another player's name, the protest is required to include a photograph of the player(s). An investigation into the protest will be undertaken as soon as possible.

In the event that the protest is upheld, the Penalties and Outcomes as detailed in [Section 5.10](#) will apply. In the event that the protest is dismissed, then the match result will stand. The decision of Football Brisbane shall be in its absolute discretion and shall be final and not subject to appeal.

6.1 Senior Competitions

It is each club's responsibility to ensure that any player taking the field for a competitive fixture is eligible per eligibility requirements i.e. [Section 5.1-5.9 \(of the 2020 RoC\)](#). Following this, each player's eligibility per competition will be considered accordingly with the provisions throughout Section 6.

In determining player eligibility in Senior Football (see relevant rules below relating to each competition), the following table identifies the appropriate order of rank for each league. Specifically, the highest rank league is at the top of the table.

Men	Women
Brisbane Premier League / Reserves	Brisbane Women's Premier League / Reserves
Capital League 1-3 / Reserves	Women's Capital League 1
City League Competitions	City League Competitions
Under 20 Competitions	Under 18 Competition
Under 18 Competitions	

6.2 Junior Competition Ranking

Players from Juniors Competitions BYPL/Division 1 – 3 are ranked lower than City League 3 and are only eligible to be borrowed into Senior City Leagues 3 and higher. Players from Junior Competitions Division 4 and below are ranked lower than all Senior competitions and below may be borrowed into any Senior League.

Any player found breaching this rule will be deemed ineligible. Any team/club who is adjudged to have fielded an ineligible player will be deemed to have forfeited the match and subject to the Penalties and Outcomes as detailed in [Section 6.16](#).

6.3 Player Transfers During the Season

If a player changes clubs during the season, then the “count” of matches played at a level does not carry over from their previous Club to their new Club. Therefore, there is no restriction on what division a player can take part in subject to the rules below applying at their new Club.

6.5-6.8 BPL, Capital Leagues and BWPL

Players may play without restriction between First and Reserve teams in regular-season fixtures.

As Round 1 has now been recalculated, all initial gradings for these competitions have been reset.

Players who are graded, as of their first game, into BPL, BWPL, and Capital Leagues are ineligible to play in a lower-ranked competition for that Club (i.e. Women’s Capital League and Reserves is ranked higher than Women’s City League 1 and so on). With Round 1 being recalculated, all initial gradings for these competitions have been reset.

Players who have started/been listed in any Firsts (i.e.: started) and Reserves (i.e.: been listed) games for the Women’s Capital League more than seven (7) times in total at their current Club are ineligible to play in any lower-ranked competition for that Club.

6.9 City League (Men’s and Women’s)

All players participating in City League competitions are eligible to play without restriction for the first 3 rounds of the season to assist Clubs in the grading process of their players. From Round 4, players who play their first fixture of that round in a higher City League division will be graded into that division. E.g. a City 4 player who plays City 1 in Round 4 will be graded as a City 1 player.

A Club can enquire as to the ‘grading’ status of their player according to their understanding, to Football Brisbane, if required. The onus is on the Club however, to be aware of where their player, played their first Round 4 fixture and was subsequently graded.

Players can only be graded into **one** team at any one time.

Clubs may request that a player be regraded downwards at any time. They must submit a request with the requested player’s name, current league, and league they wish to play into and the reason for the request.

If approved, Football Brisbane will then confirm the decision in writing to the Club. Please note that until approval is provided, the player cannot participate in any lower grade matches as an eligible player.

6.14 Junior Players in Senior Competitions

Any player eligible to play in the Junior Competition (including those who have received an exception for Extraordinary Circumstances) who has started/been listed/played in any Senior Competition more than seven (7) times in total, is then no longer eligible to play in any Junior Competition and will be 'regraded' as a Senior player.

7.1 Grading of Players

All players participating in Junior competitions will be classed as graded into the team where they play their first fixture match. Players can only be graded into one team at any one time.

In the event that a player is being borrowed by a team in their first fixture, the Club will need to advise the Football Brisbane Competitions Team in writing that the player is being borrowed by a higher team and inform of the player's correct team

7.2 Borrowing of Players

Registered competition players may be borrowed to play in equal or higher divisions and age groups but may only do so for a maximum of seven (7) matches within any Junior competitions. The maximum number refers to the total number of games played up and not to each team they may play in. Wherever possible, borrowing should occur from a team within the same age group.

A team playing in a fixture shall be permitted to borrow players from a lower division in that particular age group, or an equal or lower division in a lower age group (e.g. an U13 Div. 3 team can borrow from an U12 Div. 3 or lower team) without request to Football Brisbane

In the event that a Club does not have a younger age team in an equal or lower division, but does have a younger age team in a higher division, the Club must apply to Football Brisbane for Exception to allow a certain number of players to be borrowed to field no more than 12 players (no more than 2 players can be borrowed). That Exception must be confirmed in writing. ***Borrowing a player/s must not a dvantage the borrowing team's performance when compared with its usual squad.***

7.3 Regrading of Players

7.3.1 Regrading Upwards – Brisbane Youth Premier League Players

If a player plays more than seven (7) matches for any higher age group within the BYPL, that player is no longer eligible to play in their original BYPL age group (they are automatically regraded to the higher age group).

7.3.2 Regrading Upwards – Divisional Competition Players

If a player plays more than seven (7) matches for any higher age group or division, that player is no longer eligible to play in their original age group or division (they are automatically regraded to the higher age group or division). Should a player have played up in a mixture of competitions (BYPL and Divisional) in more than seven (7) matches, the player's Club is to advise Football Brisbane who will rule on the player's eligibility.

7.3.3 Regrading Downwards

Clubs may request that a player be regraded downwards at any time. They must submit a request with the requested player's name and age group they wish to play into and the reason for the request.

If approved, Football Brisbane will then confirm the decision in writing to the Club. Please note that until approval is provided, the player cannot participate in any lower grade matches as an eligible player.

9.1 Facilities/Ground Arrangements

Each Club must ensure their compliance with the Football Brisbane “Playing Facilities Standards” available on the Football Brisbane website. Clubs also must ensure they are complying with any Queensland Government Community Sport Guidelines or restrictions in place.

The home Club must ensure:

- The ground is correctly marked, including the technical area
- That if portable goals are used, they are anchored as per the Australian Standards
- It provides suitable goal nets, safely fastened or pegged to the ground and corner flags
- It provides toilet facilities and dressing room facilities that are hygienic and clean
- It has adequate refreshment/canteen facilities open to the public
- It provides a safe environment for players, officials, and spectators
- It provides a Referee’s Room where referees can rest and leave their belongings while officiating

The dimensions of the playing field shall conform to the Laws of the Game and preferably shall be consistent with the dimensions specified in the Laws for International matches. Any Club whose facilities do not meet the requirements specified may be fined, suspended, or have its home fixtures played away. The minimum acceptable dimensions for the Premier Leagues (Men’s & Women’s) are 90 metres (100 yards) long and 60 metres (66 yards) wide.

9.9 Match Balls

The host Club shall provide three (3) footballs of the correct size and in good order and condition for each match. The size of the match balls shall be as follows:

Competition	Match Ball Size
Under 12 – Under 13	Size 4
Under 14 – Senior	Size 5

Clubs are expected to use Hart Sport Fusion II match balls in certain competitions as advised by Football Brisbane. These competitions include BPL, BWPL (including Gold Coast Clubs), Capital Leagues (men’s and women’s) and BYPL U14-16. U13 BYPL teams are also expected to use the Hart Sport size 4 ball. If a club is unable to use Hart Sport footballs, they are to notify Football Brisbane Competitions.

9.10 Results of Fixtures

The results of each match must be entered into Sports TG by both participating teams. **Both** teams must enter the results **by 9.00 am on the Tuesday following the** weekend matches (Fri-Sun) and **by 9.00 am the following day** for mid-week matches (Mon-Thu). Football Brisbane may impose a fee of \$50 to Clubs that fail to register their scores within the required timeframe (See Appendix I).