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1.0	INTRODUCTION	27/11/05	
1.1	These are the Competition By-Laws of the Bankstown District Amateur Football Association Incorporated.	27/11/05	
1.2	These By-Laws may be altered at a meeting of the Annual Presidents & Secretaries of Clubs affiliated to the BDAFA. Changes to By-Laws will operate from the year after that in which they are altered. An alteration to any part of these By-Laws for the current season may be made by a motion that is passed and seconded and has majority of attending clubs approval. This motion is only current for the season in which it is passed.	14/02/06	1
1.3	The By-Laws will be circulated to Clubs at the 1st Delegates.	27/11/05	
1.4	These By-Laws are to be prominently displayed by Clubs. Clubs will be held responsible for notifying each member, Coach and Manager of their contents.	27/11/05	
1.5	If BDAFA conducts any competition jointly with another body these By-Laws may be amended, replaced or ignored and other By-Laws adopted for the purpose of that competition at the MC's discretion	27/11/05	
1.6	All Clubs must obtain BDAFA's approval before playing in matches outside BDAFA. The Football NSW Ltd. Insurance Scheme will only apply to matches/training sanctioned by BDAFA.	27/11/05	
1.7	Clubs and their members are bound by the MC's implementation of these By-Laws.	27/11/05	
1.8	Except in cases of verbal or physical abuse or abandoned matches any Club, Club Official, Team or Player who fails to obey these By-Laws or a direction of the MC is liable to a fine of \$50 unless another penalty is specified in these By-Laws.	27/11/05	
1.9	The MC may suspend or expel any Club or Club member guilty of a breach of these By-Laws.	27/11/05	
1.10	Only information written on BDAFA letterhead and signed by the Secretary of BDAFA or in the absence of the Secretary the President of BDAFA will be deemed to be BDAFA's answer to any question regarding the implementation of these By-Laws.	27/11/05	
1.11	All clubs must be able to send and receive information to and from BDAFA via an electronic method. Preferred method is via email. Club Records and Registrars must also be able to send information to BDAFA via electronic method.	27/11/05	
1.12	All Clubs must provide BDAFA with the telephone number of their ground facilities under "Duty of Care". Failure to provide contact number will result in no games being set for those grounds.	27/11/05	
1.13	Football NSW will be advised of all persons suspended by BDAFA and who have received sentences longer than 8 weeks/matches/rounds.	27/11/05	

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2.0	<i>BONDS / ABANDONNED GAMES & SERIOUS MISCONDUCT</i>	20/11/06	
2.1	At the AGM of each year each Club will lodge a \$100 Bond which will be deposited in a specific account for this purpose.	27/11/05	
2.2	If a club forfeits its bond, the MC will set the value of a new bond, which will not exceed twice the bond forfeited. The Club must pay their new bond to BDAFA prior to playing any further matches. The Club's teams will be deemed to be forfeiting all matches until the new bond is paid.	27/11/05	
2.3	If a Club does not affiliate with BDAFA at the AGM of the current season their Bond will be returned.	27/11/05	
2.4	Where the MC is concerned about consistent breaches of Competition By-laws and/or accepted standards of behaviour by a Club or Club Team, the MC will place the offending Club or Club Team on either a special Good Behaviour Bond of \$1,500 or suspend them from the Association for the remainder of the season. <i>Any further breaches after a bond is placed on that club or club team will incur a mandatory removal of the Club or Club Team from the competition.</i> The special bond is to stand for one (1) year from the date imposed and will be refunded to the Club if the MC is satisfied that the Club is meeting all its obligations.	20/11/06	2
2.5	<i>It is mandatory that any team or squad charged and found guilty by the MC of "Bringing the Game into Disrepute" or "Abandoned Match" or "Serious Misconduct" for the 2nd time in a season will be removed from the competition for the remainder of the season. (Actions by one team within a squad will be deemed by MC to affect both or all teams in that squad with no exceptions). (Matches abandoned due to injuries or weather related incidents are exempt from these provisions).</i>	20/11/06	1
2.6	<i>Abandoned Games & Serious Misconduct</i> <i>a/ A team found guilty of causing a game to be abandoned and/or of Serious Misconduct will incur a penalty of a loss of 3 points to their competition point score.</i> <i>b/ A team found guilty of causing a game to be abandoned and/or of Serious Misconduct for the 2nd occasion will be removed from the competition.</i> <i>c/ No Abandoned game will be replayed. Once all evidence is heard the MC/P&DC Committee will decide which team, if any, is awarded the game, and/or any goals scored. (Exceptions listed in Item d)</i> <i>d/ Any game abandoned due to the following</i> <i>1/ Injured player on the field unable to be moved</i> <i>2/ Field equipment failure.</i> <i>3/ Lightning or severe weather in accordance with published directives.</i> <i>may at the MC discretion be restarted at the time the game was originally stopped to complete the remaining time in the match.</i>	20/11/06 9/11/08	1

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	<p><i>e/ Games required to be restarted must be played within 2 weeks</i></p> <p><i>f/ Only the players on the original team sheet may participate in the restarted game.</i></p> <p><i>g/ If the game that is stopped due to an Injured Player is replayed, the injured player that caused the stoppage may be replaced in the restarted game, provided BDAFA is notified in writing by the Club Secretary and a Doctor's Certificate is provided to BDAFA to confirm the inability of that player to participate in the match by 4.00pm prior to the day of the rescheduled match.</i></p> <p><i>h/ Fees for official for any restarted match will still be required to be paid.</i></p> <p><i>Fees will be normal full match fees if the game time to be played in the restarted match time is more than half of the match. Half normal match fees will apply if the restarted match time is scheduled for less than half of the match.</i></p>		
3.0	STRUCTURE OF COMPETITIONS	27/11/05	
3.1	<p>The MC will have control over all matches in which its affiliated Clubs participate and will arrange matches as it deems fit. The matches will be either;</p> <p>(a) The BDAFA Premiership</p> <p>(b) Other BDAFA organised round robins or matches, including Non Competitive Soccer. The MC may conduct such competitions (eg seven-a-side) by issuing variations to these By-Laws. However, these By-Laws will prevail if no variation exists.</p> <p>(c) BDAFA organised Knock-Outs.</p> <p>(d) BDAFA sanctioned matches. These include trial and gala matches for which BDAFA approval has been given and matches otherwise sanctioned by the Football NSW Ltd</p>	27/11/05	
3.2	<p>It will be obligatory for all clubs to participate in the Premiership.</p> <p><i>(Premiership includes Round matches, Finals series, Assoc Cup.)</i></p>	20/11/06	
3.3	<p>Clubs must gain BDAFA's approval to conduct Knockouts and/or Gala Days. Applications must state the age group(s), date of event and alternate dates should the original day be postponed. More than one such KO/Gala Day in the same age group may be held on the same day. Clubs participating in Club run KO's/Gala Days must give BDAFA two-weeks notice of their participation. BDAFA organized matches will take precedence over Club KO's/Gala Days.</p>	27/11/05	
3.4	The MC may abandon or restructure any competition.	27/11/05	
3.5	The MC may conduct any further competition it deems necessary to complete the season.	27/11/05	
3.6	Entrance fees for teams and fees for players in all competitions will be fixed by the MC.	27/11/05	

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	<i>(Refer Rule 21.1B BDAFA Constitution.)</i>		
3.7	Teams may not arrange matches without consulting the BDAFA Competition Secretary.	27/11/05	
3.8	Grade 6, 7 & 8 will be non-competitive.	27/11/05	
3.9	All competitions shall be open to players whose age range is determined as being from the 1st day of January to 31st day of December in the year of the competition. To be eligible for Grade 35 competition, a player must be 35 or over at time of registering.	27/11/05 9/11/08	
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4.0	PREMIERSHIP FORMAT	27/11/05	
4.1	Teams from G09 to G35 will participate in the Premiership in their respective age groups & divisions. For Ladies only G10 to AAL there will be competitions conducted. Games to be played on a home and away basis where fields are available.	27/11/05	
4.2	Each team will play all matches against all other teams in their age/division <i>at least twice</i>	20/11/06	1
4.3	<i>The MC will issue Clubs with copies of the Premiership draw. All teams' games will be allocated to fields generally on a home and away basis. Each field will be divided into time slots. Games will be allocated to these time slots. Excess games will be allocated to other fields. Clubs have one week only from issue of this draw to notify the MC of any discrepancies or advise the MC of any dates for which deferments may be sought. At the end of this period the draw will be finalised and no further alterations will be allowed unless a clash of game locations is discovered.</i>	20/11/06	1
4.4	Matches will only be played on Sundays; (a) In the Ladies competitions (b) In 10 team competitions (c) <i>Where deemed necessary by the Competition Secretary</i> (d) To make up matches rescheduled due to wet weather, redraws or deferments or replays deemed necessary to complete the requirements of By-Law 4.3, excepting non-competitive soccer.	20/11/06	1
4.5	Points for each match will be awarded as follows; (a) A win, including a win by forfeit - three points to the winning team (b) A draw – one point to each team (c) a loss, including a loss by forfeit - no points to the losing team (d) A bye - no points (e) An abandoned match - at the MC's discretion; refer By-Law 15	27/11/05	

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	(f) A match not completed for any reason that requires an MC decision regarding the status of that match.		
4.6	If a team withdraws or is suspended from the competition by the MC, points awarded to that team's opponents and goals scored & conceded by that team will remain in if the first (1st) round has been completed by all teams. All second (2nd) round games become a bye.	27/11/05	
4.7	Once all matches have been played as per By-Law 4.2, there will be a Final Series among the four teams with the highest number of points within that age division.	27/11/05	
4.8	Where teams who finish equal on points goal average will decide which of those teams is higher placed. Goal average is derived by dividing goals scored by the team by the goals conceded by the team. The team with the larger goal average will be the higher placed team. If a team has not conceded a goal, their goal average will be their goals scored and they will be placed higher than any team with the same points & goal average who has conceded a goal. If the teams to play each other in Matches A & B (By-Law 4.12) are still not decided the teams still equal on points and goal average will be the team with the highest goals scored.	27/11/05	
4.9	To be eligible to play in the Final Series a player must have played in three Premiership matches prior to the Final Series for the team in which they are registered. Substitutes will only be deemed to have played when the team sheet clearly shows this as per By-Laws 22.5. During the Final Series a player can only play for the team in which they are registered. A team who has played a player who has not played three (3) games prior to the final series is then deemed to be ineligible and Rule 7.4 applies.	27/11/05	
4.10	All matches in the Final Series must be under the control of an Official Referee.	27/11/05	
4.11	<p>The format for the Final Series will be;</p> <p>Match A: Semi Final 1 The highest placed team versus the 2nd placed team.</p> <p>Match B: Semi Final 2 The 3rd placed team versus the 4th placed team.</p> <p>Match C: Final Loser of Semi Final 1 Versus Winner of Semi Final 2.</p> <p>Match D: Grand Final Winner of Semi Final 1 Versus Winner of Final.</p> <p>The location of the above games will always be at the MC's discretion but generally will be in the following format. (Fields out of service for any reason or not suitable will not be included.) MC may play Finals Series matches of any age/division at any location it deems necessary</p> <p>Match A 4th Placed team home ground. Match B 3rd Placed team home ground. Match C 2nd Placed team home ground.</p>	27/11/05	

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	Match D 1st Placed team home ground.		
4.12	In the Final Series, normal playing time as per By-Law 15.1 plus stoppage time must be played. Extra time will be played if the score in goals is equal at the end of this normal playing time. Extra time will be; (a) G9 to G12 x 10 minutes each way. (b) G13 and Over x 15 minutes each way. When the full amount of extra time is completed (Golden Goal does not apply anymore) the team with the higher goal score is the winner. <i>If the match is still a draw at this time kicks will be taken from the penalty spot until a result is reached in accordance with FIFA rules.</i>	20/11/06	1
4.13	The winner of the Grand final will be declared Premiers. <i>BDAFA will invite a team it deems suitable (i.e. teams with suitable performance and conduct throughout the season) from Division 1 in each age group to represent the Association in the Football NSW Champion of Champions Competition each season. Should the Minor Premier of Division 1 play in the Grand Final, BDAFA will give preference to that team when making invitations.(Any teams guilty of “Bringing the game into disrepute and/or Serious Misconduct” will be ineligible to represent BDAFA in C of C’s)</i>	20/11/06	1
4.14	The winner of the Grand Final will be declared Premiers. The Minor Premiers of Division 1 in applicable age groups will represent Bankstown in the Football NSW Champion of Champions. However, BDAFA reserves the right to nominate another team if the Minor Premiers are unable to fulfil this commitment or if they are deemed unsuitable through charges of Serious Misconduct and/or bringing the game into disrepute		
5.0	ASSOCIATION CUP	27/11/05	
5.1	BDAFA may organise a competition to be known as the Association Cup.	27/11/05	
5.2	The Association Cup will be played by teams not involved in the Premiership Final Series in the G09 to G16 age groups. There will be no Association Cup where 6 teams or less were in an age division, unless the MC decides otherwise.	27/11/05	
5.3	The format of the competition will be as follows: 8 Team Competition Wk 1 ASC1 Team 5 vs Team 6 Wk 1 ASC2 Team 7 vs Team 8 Wk 2 ASCMF ASC2 vs Loser ASC1 Wk 3 ASCF Winner ASCMF vs Winner ASC1 10 Team Competition Wk 1 ASC1 Team 7 vs Team 8 Wk 1 ASC2 Team 9 vs Team 10 Wk 2 ASC3 Team 5 vs Winner ASC1 Wk 2 ASC4 Team 6 vs Winner ASC2 Wk 3 ASCF Winner ASC3 vs Winner ASC4	27/11/05	
5.4	Unless otherwise advised by the MC, the following applies to all Assoc Cup matches;	20/11/06	1

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	<i>Refer to By-Law 4.13 for matches drawn at completion of normal playing time</i>		
6.0	GRADING	27/11/05	
6.1	The MC may grade any team at any time into a division of an age group in which such team is eligible to play.	27/11/05	
6.2	Teams finishing the season as Premiers and Minor Premiers of each division will be promoted one grade in the following season. Should Premiers and Minor Premiers be the same team, the second placed team in the Premiership Rounds will also be promoted. Teams finishing the season last and second last of each division will be relegated one grade in the following season. This is subject to relevant divisions being available. (Where the number of divisions in an age group is reduced, teams in the lowest & second lowest division will be graded higher according to their previous years finishing position, previous grade and information contained on the grading sheet).	27/11/05	
6.3	BDAFA will provide a grading proposal listing the division in which teams will be placed for the following season. This proposal will be printed in the BDAFA Annual Report for the current season.	27/11/05 29/4/06	
6.4	For the purpose of grading, each Club will provide the MC with one (1) Grading Sheets for each team it has nominated for the Premiership. An example of the Grading sheet is Form A to these By-Laws. Grading Sheets are to be completed by the club to the MC's satisfaction. If a Club fails to satisfactorily complete their Grading Sheets by the date set by the MC, the club will be fined \$25 for each late or incomplete Grading Sheet. If all information as required is not included, the MC reserves the right no to grade the team in the competition.	27/11/05	
6.5	Age groups will be decided by the age the player attains during the current calendar year. Refer By-Law 3.9. A player will never be permitted to play in an age group younger than the age he/she attains in the current calendar year. With the G35 age players being 35 or over at the time of registering with BDAFA.	27/11/05 9/11/08	
6.6	Teams will not be graded into a higher age group without the consent of their Club.	27/11/05	
6.7	<i>The MC will after publishing Grading Results for the season hold a Grading Meeting where clubs may represent to that meeting and appeal any issues they have regarding the gradings issued to that club before the draw is issued. Justification of all appeals must be in writing on Club Letterhead and signed by the Club Secretary. There will be no further grading changes after this process is complete.</i>	20/11/06	1
6.8	A minimum number of 9 players must be nominated on each grading sheet except for Grade 7 and 8 ages where the minimum shall be 6.	27/11/05 9/11/08	
6.9	Players listed on the Grading Sheet for the purposes of Grading must be the players used on the registration sheet to register the team. Players can only be listed on one grading sheet. Once a player is listed on a grading sheet they cannot be	27/11/05	

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	transferred to another team without MC permission. Failure to obey this By-Law will result in that club being fined \$50 and club must provide evidence why team should be registered. (Excludes Non Competitive).		
7.0	ELIGIBILITY	27/11/05	
7.1	The following By-Laws apply to the eligibility of players, team & club officials	27/11/05	
7.2	Clubs will not permit suspended players or officials to take part in their affairs without the approval of the MC. Clubs breaching this by-law will be fined \$100. If the suspended person is a registered member of a team, then that team will be suspended from all further competitions in the current year.	27/11/05	
7.3	If a player or official is also a member of the NSWSR and he/she is suspended by BDAFA, that person is also suspended from all Referee appointments until the suspension is deemed served. Likewise, if a NSWSR member is suspended by the NSWSR he will be suspended in BDAFA until the NSWSR suspension has been completed.	27/11/05	
7.4	The following persons are not eligible to take part in BDAFA sanctioned matches; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) A suspended player or official. (b) A player or official deemed to be a defaulter (c) A player or official not deemed to be registered by BDAFA, including any player or official whose ID card is not stamped. (d) A player who is older than the age group in which he is registered, excepting where BDAFA assume responsibility for incorrectly registering this player. (e) A player who has played 4 or more times outside the age/division in which they are registered. Refer By-Law 21.4 (f) A player or official who cannot provide his valid ID card for inspection by the opposing team prior to or during a match. (g) A player or official who has been sent from the field of play and/or is cited to appear before the P&DC, or MC but is yet to appear before such committees. (h) A player registered in BDAFA, may not be registered in any other Association. (i) A player who has not played at least three (3) games in that age/division prior to the Final Series. 	20/11/06	
7.5	In the Premiership Final Series, BDAFA knock-outs and in other matches specified by the MC all players must play in the age & division in which they are registered.	27/11/05	

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7.6	<p>For each match in which By-Law 7.4 and/or 7.5 are breached;</p> <p>(a) The club of the offending team(s) will be fined \$100.</p> <p>(b) The offending team will be deemed to have lost the match by forfeit and 3 points will be awarded to the opposing team. However, if both teams have offended in the same match no points will be awarded. If both teams have offended in the same Premiership Final Series Match, the match will be replayed.</p> <p>(c) The Team Officials and Club Officials of the offending team(s) must appear before the MC to explain their misconduct.</p> <p>The MC may place additional sanctions on the offending parties.</p>	27/11/05	
7.7	<p><i>Once a Divisions Finals Series is complete all players in that Division are deemed to have completed their season and are ineligible to play in other divisions unless prior approval is applied for in writing and is obtained in writing from the BDAFA MC. A team using a player from another team who has completed their own season will result in the team using the ineligible player to loss the match/s the player participated in.</i></p>	20/11/06	1
8.0	<p>REGISTRATION (Within Reference to By-Law 7.4H)</p>	27/11/05	
8.1	<p>All competitions will be played using an Identity Card System. All players and officials must be registered and be in possession of an ID Card as nominated by BDAFA in order to prove their eligibility to participate in any match. <i>All non playing officials must have their Identity Cards displayed around their neck while officiating at a match. A referee will ask for the removal of an official from the playing area who is not displaying his Identity Card.</i> A player may only be registered with BDAFA as a player with one team at any one time.</p>	20/11/06	1
8.2	<p>Player registrations are recorded on;</p> <p>(a) Submit all registrations recorded in their CMP Register to the BDAFA Register when requested on a USB Flash Drive.</p> <p>(b) Any club who does not submit their registration information by the requested date to the BDAFA Registrar will incur a \$50 fine per team that the information is overdue.</p>	27/11/05 9/11/08	
8.3	<p>This is the procedure for registering with BDAFA. The Club applying for registration will;</p> <p>(c) All registrations must have a photo which is no more than one (1) year old *If a person is a Team Official (Coach/Manager) this should be clearly marked. This should be recorded with their registration in the CMP Register</p>	27/11/05 9/11/08	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Team Officials that also play must have a separate registration (not an FFA Number) to their Registered Playing Number (FFA Number). ❖ Any registration that is not complete, i.e. missing information, date of birth or photo relevant to registration will not be registered until it is completed. (d) Complete a Team Registration Sheet. Sheets must be typed or computer generated, not hand written. The sheet should duplicate the information on the ID Cards of the Players and Officials registered in a division of an age group. (e) Lodge the ID Cards and Team Registration Sheets (original plus one copy) as above with the BDAFA Registrar as per By-Law 8.5. (f) Register a minimum of nine (9) players in each team for G09 and over age groups. (g) Provide the BDAFA Registrar with proof of age or other proof of the eligibility of the player to be registered. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> *All new players from G06 to G21 and G35 must provide their Birth Certificate or similar proof of age as approved by the BDAFA Registrar. *Players attaining the age of 5 years before the 31st December of the current playing year may be registered without the consent of the MC. *A player may not be registered in an age group which is more than two-years above the age the player attains in the current season. The exceptions will be in All Age or where MC approval has been granted to that player. *Clearances are required if a person was last registered outside BDAFA. Such clearances may come from the Club or Association with whom the player was last registered. (h) Should clubs have to print an Interim ID/Registration Card they must be submitted to BDAFA by the requested date for verification and stamping before a player can be fully registered and eligible to play. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Stamps will be a different colour or shape each year. 		
8.4	<p>The BDAFA Registrar will;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) Verify that the details, including age group & division provided by the Club are complete (b) Withhold registration where the Club has not completed the ID card or registration sheet. (c) Deny registration where proof of age or a clearance from another Association or Club is required but has not been provided. (d) Approve a person's registration by stamping the ID card with a registration stamp and initialling the ID Card. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Such a stamp will be made half on the photo and half on the remainder of the ID Card. *Stamps will be a different colour or shape each year. (e) Provide the Club Secretary or Registrar with the copy of the Registration Sheet, plus the stamped completed ID 	27/11/05 9/11/08	

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	<p>Cards except where the player or official registered is otherwise ineligible to play due to suspension or other reason provided by the MC.</p> <p>(e) Retain the Original Team Registration Sheet as a record of persons with ID Cards and the age/division in which they are registered.</p>		
8.5	ID Cards & Team Registration Sheets must be in the hands of BDAFA Registrar two weeks prior to the start of the competition or by any other deadline set by the MC. Registrations will re-commence after the 1st round of competition matches have been played. The Registrar will set a weekly cut-off time after which registrations will not be accepted. ID Cards (as per by law 8.3h) and Registration Sheets not submitted by the due date or completed to the satisfaction of the BDAFA Registrar will incur a fine of \$50 per each team.	27/11/05 9/11/08	
8.6	ID Cards are the property of BDAFA and must be provided to the MC at their request. If a team disbands all their ID Cards must be returned to the MC with a letter advising their withdrawal from the competition.	27/11/05 9/11/08	
8.7	Players may not register with the Association after 30th June of the current year.	27/11/05	
8.8	<i>Any player coming back from Super League/State League must stand down eight (8) calendar weeks from their last competition game in that league.</i>	14/02/05	1
8.9	Clubs withdrawing teams once the draw has been distributed to clubs will be fined \$100 for each team withdrawn.	27/11/05	
9.0	TRANSFERS	27/11/05	
9.1	Once a person is registered they must apply to BDAFA for permission to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) Transfer to a team from another club once the season has started. (b) Transfer from one team to another in the same club. 	27/11/05	
9.2	All requests for transfers must be made using the Transfer/Clearance Form, an example of which is Form D of these By-Laws. If the MC approves the Transfer, the BDAFA Registrar will endorse the person's ID Card noting the date the transfer was completed.	27/11/05	
9.3	Transfers will not be approved after 30th June each year.	27/11/05	
9.4	Where a team withdraws or disbands the transfer of players will be decided by the MC regardless of the date.	27/11/05	
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10	FORFEITS & DEFERMENTS	27/11/05	
10.1	Clubs must advise the BDAFA Secretary in writing at least 48 hours prior to the scheduled kick-off that a team intends to forfeit. Irrespective of the date of advice, the BDAFA Competition Secretary will advise the opposing club and the Referees' Appointment Secretary.	27/11/05	
10.2	If a Club does not give written advice (to be received by BDAFA by Monday 5.30pm following the match) as above they will incur a fee of \$25 and pay the fees of any Official Referee(s) appointed to the match.	27/11/05	1
10.3	<i>If a team forfeits two (2) times during the Premiership, that team will be removed from the competition. On the first (1st) occasion the BDAFA Recorder will advise the Competition Secretary who will advise the club in writing that the offending team will be removed from the competition if the second (2nd) forfeit occurs. The Club will be then asked to explain to the MC why these forfeits have been allowed to occur.</i>	20/11/06	1
10.4	If a team forfeits and the MC deems they gained an advantage over the other teams in the competition, the forfeited match will be rescheduled. The MC will penalise the offending club \$100 <i>and loss of 3 additional competition points</i> for attempting this ploy.	20/11/06	1
10.5	Clubs have one week from the issue of the draw to ask the MC to grant deferments of matches. The MC may also grant deferments if either; (a) A draw has not been issued. (b) The reason for the deferment could not have been foreseen within a week of the issue of the draw. Deferment and non deferment requests and replies are to be submitted to BDAFA in writing on Club letterhead signed by the Club Secretary of both teams involved. (c) <i>If no agreement between clubs then MC will make decision.</i>	20/11/06	1
10.6	Deferments will be granted for teams that play in the Final Series of BDAFA sanctioned outside matches (eg. Amateur Cup). Etc. These deferments may also be granted where teams are obliged to travel more than 100 kilometres from Bankstown.	27/11/05 29/4/06	
11	NUMBER OF PLAYERS	27/11/05	
11.1	For all age groups G09 and above - seven players including a goalkeeper will constitute a team.	27/11/05	
11.2	A team will not start a match short of players if further members of the team are present, able and eligible to play.	27/11/05	
11.3	A team may field late players (including substitutes) provided they do not breach these By-Laws. FIFA Law 3 states that substitutes must be listed on the Team Sheet prior to the game. However, names may be added to the Team Sheet after the	27/11/05	

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	commencement of play to make up the nominal eleven players on the field.		
11.4	The match will commence at the scheduled time as soon as there are two teams as defined in By-Laws 11.1. However, a forfeit may be claimed ten minutes after the scheduled start of a match if the opposing cannot field a team.	27/11/05	
11.5	Where a team is reduced to less than seven players after the start of a match, play will stop. The match will be deemed to have been forfeited by that team. However, the MC may deem the match to have been completed as per By-Law 15.3d	27/11/05 29/4/06	
12	FITNESS & DRESSING OF GROUNDS	27/11/05	
12.1	If an Official Referee is appointed to a match he/she will decide as to the fitness of the ground. Where such a referee has not been appointed an MC member who is present or an Executive Officer from the host club may declare the ground unplayable. The BDAFA Secretary is to be advised of this decision immediately. <i>Under no circumstances shall either the host club or MC member direct teams or clubs scheduled for the affected field to cancel their allocated game. This is the responsibility of the Competition Secretary who will endeavour to find another field for the match to be played on before cancellation.</i>	20/11/06	2
12.2	Fields should be correctly dressed; that is; (a) Flag posts placed at each corner. Such corner posts will not be less than 1.5m high (5ft), will be safe & will not have pointed tops. (b) Benches are to be provided at the half way mark on the same side of the field to accommodate each player and official of each team participating in match. (c) Nets <i>are required and must</i> be taped/secured to the goal-posts other than by nails and mini goal posts secured safely to the grounds as per Australian Standards. (d) Ropes or barrier must be provided for spectator/player safety, but not tied to a fixed structure. (e) <i>Refer By-Law 29.2 for posts used by G09 divisions.</i>	20/11/06	1
13	PLAYERS EQUIPMENT & UNIFORM	20/11/06	
13.1	All players in all matches must wear shorts, socks & shirts in their Club's registered colours. If thermal shorts are worn they must be the same main colour as the shorts. Goalkeepers must wear colours which distinguish them from the other players and referees.	27/11/05	

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	<p>(a) Each club within the BDAFA shall register their colours for all teams (i.e. shirts, shorts and socks) and provide photographs of all club strips at each Annual General Meeting of BDAFA.</p> <p>(b) If a club wishes to change the colour or style of their playing or alternate strip, that club shall supply a sample uniform at the Delegates meeting for approval.</p> <p>*If approval is given, the club shall supply to BDAFA a photograph of all changed uniform.</p> <p>(c) Where more than one Club seeks to register the same or similar colours, preference will be given to the Club which participated in the previous season's competition, provided the same colours are retained.</p>		
13.2	When the shirt colours of the two teams are similar, the home team will change.	27/11/05	
13.3	Excepting goalkeepers, Team Shirts must be numbered in G09 and above.	27/11/05	
13.4	Advertisements may be displayed on shirt fronts/sleeves & shorts only and then only with the MC's approval.	27/11/05	
13.5	Players must wear approved footwear and shin pads and must not wear anything dangerous.	27/11/05	
13.6	Excepting the wearing of anything dangerous, the Club for which the offending player is registered will be fined \$5 for each <i>team</i> infringing this by-law	27/11/05	
13.7	<p><i>(a) Eye Glasses: A player required to wear prescription sports glasses to participate may play, provided that player, provides BDAFA with a letter from the Optometrist of that requirement. The player shall also have their players photograph taken showing the player wearing those glasses. If the original photograph does not show this it must be replaced and the player's card amended. The player's card should be notated by the registrar of BDAFA that glasses have been approved.</i></p> <p><i>(b) Medical Alert Bracelet: A player who suffers from a condition (ie puffer for asthma or the like) that may require more urgent attention when becoming injured on the field should wear a yellow sweatband or rubber/elastic armband to notify the referee of that condition. The referee should be advised at the start of the match.</i></p>	20/11/06	1
14	THE BALL	27/11/05	
14.1	<p>In all matches each team must have at least one ball available for match play. The referee will decide as to the fitness of the ball, which must not be dangerous and must meet the following size requirements.</p> <p>(a) No. 3 size not less than 22" nor more than 23" for G06 – G09.</p> <p>(b) No. 4 size not less than 25" nor more than 26" for G10 – G13.</p>	27/11/05	

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	(c) No. 5 size not less than 27” nor more than 28” for G14 and over.		
15	<i>DURATION OF MATCHES</i>	27/11/05	
15.1	Actual playing time will be;	27/11/05 29/4/06	
	<i>G07 & 08 20 minutes each way</i>	27/11/05	
	<i>G09 – G12 25 minutes each way</i>	27/11/05	
	<i>G13 – G14 30 minutes each way</i>	27/11/05	
	<i>G15 – G16 35 minutes each way</i>	27/11/05	
	<i>G17 – AA 45 minutes each way</i>	27/11/05	
15.2	<i>The half-time interval will be a maximum of 5 mins</i>	27/11/05	
15.3	Time for stoppages will only be added in; (a) The Premiership Final Series. (b) All PL 1 1st and PL 2 1st Grade matches (c) Other matches approved by the MC	20/11/06 9/11/08	1
15.4	<i>A match stopped before actual playing time is complete due to an injured player or because of a weather interruption only may be deemed complete by the MC when 75% of the actual playing time has been completed. A final series as per By-Law 4.8 match will be deemed complete when 100% of normal playing time is completed. Both matches will be subject to additional by-laws regarding a restart of the match if required.</i>	20/11/06	1
16	<i>PROTESTS</i>	27/11/05	
16.1	If, prior to the kick off of a match, a team believes their opponent may be in breach of these By-Laws they must play the match under protest. Teams wishing to play under protest must inform the opposing team manager prior to the start of the match. The protest must be noted on the Team Sheet.. Failure to do so will result in a fine of \$25 and may lead to the dismissal of any such protest. Such protests duly noted must be confirmed in writing to the MC by the protesting Club. The MC will then, and only then, consider the merits of the protest and decide if there has been a breach of these By-Laws.	27/11/05	
16.2	Protests relating to the ground, goal posts and cross-bars will not be considered by the MC unless an objection has been	27/11/05	

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	lodged with the referee prior to the start of the match.		
16.3	The Secretary of BDAFA will send a copy of the protest to the club against which the protest has been lodged.	27/11/05	
16.4	The MC will not consider any protest regarding unofficial referees or refereeing decisions made in good faith.	27/11/05	
16.5	The MC may order any club engaged in a protest to pay such sum necessary towards defraying expenses incurred.	27/11/05	
16.6	If an MC member is connected in any way with either club involved in a protest they will not vote on the outcome.	27/11/05	
17	BEFORE THE START OF PLAY	27/11/05	
17.1	<p>Before the start of each match both teams will;</p> <p>(a) Pay fees for the referee(s) directly to the canteen, when an Official Referee and/or Assistant Referee is appointed to the match. The club official in the canteen shall, on receipt of the appropriate fees, stamp the team sheet with a “paid” stamp & clear initials of the person accepting the payment in the top corner of the sheet adjacent to the list of players from the team paying the fees. The Referee is to be presented with the team sheet of their allocated game, stamped as paid by both teams before the start of play.</p> <p>(b) If an Official <i>Club or Team</i> Referee is not appointed to the match, both teams must agree 10 minutes before the scheduled kick-off time on which one person will referee the entire match. If no agreement is reached the match is not to be played and no points will be awarded and the match will not be replayed. However, if the MC deems a team is using this by-law to avoid playing the match it may award the points to the opponent.</p> <p>(c) Agree on who will act as Assistant Referee if Official Assistant Referee(s) have not been appointed. Each team will provide an assistant referee who will report to the referee prior to the commencement of each match.</p> <p>(d) Ensure the field is roped off.</p>	20/11/06	1
18	DURING THE MATCH	27/11/05	
18.1	Each player is to have a personal drink bottle. The sharing of drink bottles is not permitted.	27/11/05	
18.2	Buckets, sponges or stretchers (to remove injured players) are not to be used.	27/11/05	
18.3	All teams participating in a match must occupy the benches provided on the same side of the field, to allow for referees/assistant referees to observe interchange or replacement of players. The edge of the technical area will be a minimum of 1 metre from the touch line. This must be marked and visible on the sideline. Only registered officials and	27/11/05	

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	players on the Team Sheet for the match in progress are permitted in the Technical Area. Team Officials are not to leave the Technical Area while the match is in progress, except to administer medical aid to injured players or otherwise with the referee's permission.		
18.4	The MC may direct that a club provide two (2) Officials from that club to attend matches to oversee their players and or spectator's if a complaint has been lodged concerning that team or spectators behaviour.	27/11/05	
18.5	Any player/official injured during a game where such injury is deemed serious MUST NOT be removed from the field until a determination is made of the extent of the injury by ambulance personnel. Clubs breaching this by-law will be fined \$200.	27/11/05	
18.6	A maximum of nine (9) persons may occupy the technical area and are made up of the following; *Up to four (4) may be team officials and five (5) may be substitute players for the game in progress.	27/11/05	
19	TEAM SHEETS	27/11/05	
19.1	A Team Sheet, a sample of which is Form E of these By-laws, will be completed as a record of each BDAFA Competition Match. Each team will provide their own team sheet. (a) Premier League will use the BDAFA sanctioned "Premier League Team Sheet" in place of Form E.	27/11/05 9/11/08	
19.2	An official of each team will write each of their players' names and ID Numbers in blue or black pen (not felt-tipped) on the Team Sheet prior to the start of the match. Only players playing in the match must be listed on the Team Sheet. Players who commence the match may not be listed as substitutes. The number on the player's shirt must correspond with his/her name and ID Number.	27/11/05	
19.3	If a player takes the field in a match and it is found that their ID number or shirt number is not listed on the Team Sheet the following fines will apply providing they are otherwise eligible to play Players not eligible to play are listed in By-Law 7.4 * No ID Numbers - \$5 per team for having an "incorrectly completed Team Sheet". * No Shirt Numbers - \$5 per team for having an "incorrectly completed Team Sheet". In addition to the above, to complete the Team Sheet; (a) The home-team will complete the match details (date/age/division/round/ground). (b) The Ground Marshall will verify their attendance by signing the Team Sheet and will also sign to verify the agreement from both teams on an unofficial referee.	27/11/05	

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	<p>(c) A registered Team Official of both teams will; * Verify their agreement if an unofficial referee was used. * Endorse the Team Sheet where a player played in a higher age group or division by marking beside his/her name the age-group and division in which he/she is registered.</p> <p>(d) The Referee will complete the result and sign the Team Sheet and record any player substitutions (but not interchanges)</p> <p>(e) A Team Official from each team will sign the Team Sheet at the conclusion of the match to verify the details of their team and the score.</p> <p>Teams will be fined \$5 for each infringement of (a) (b) (c) and (e)</p>		
19.4	Completed Team Sheets for all matches must be lodged with BDAFA by 6pm on the Monday following the match. Clubs will be fined \$5 for each Team Sheet not meeting the 6pm deadline.	27/11/05	
20	IDENTITY CARDS AT MATCHES	27/11/05	
20.1	Prior to the start of each match, all players present & listed on the Team Sheet will take their ID Card onto the field. A registered team official will verify the eligibility of their opponents by checking each opposing player's ID Card. A player will not take the field of play without producing his/her ID Card as proof of his/her registration.	27/11/05	
20.2	All ID Cards are to be handed to the opposing team's manager prior to the start of the match. All ID Cards, once exchanged, are to remain with the registered official of the opposing team until the end of the match.	27/11/05	
20.3	If a player's eligibility is in doubt, the opposing manager may take details from the questioned player's card. The match must be played under protest and duly noted on the team sheet.	27/11/05	
20.4	Details contained on ID Cards may only be used for the administration of the game of football.	27/11/05	
20.5	A team will not take the field nor a match start without ID Cards being verified. Teams will be allowed ten minutes after the scheduled kick-off time to provide their ID Cards. The offending team will be fined \$25.	27/11/05	
20.6	Team Officials must display their ID Cards so that they can be readily identified by a Ground Marshall, Club Committee member, MC Member, Referee or other Official duly recognised by the MC. A fine of \$10 will be imposed on the offending club each time a Team Official fails to do so.	27/11/05	
20.7	If a player is sent from the field of play by the Referee, the manager of the opposing team will hand the Referee that player's ID Card at the conclusion of the match. Failure to do so will result in a fine of \$10 per team.	27/11/05	

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21	PLAYING IN A HIGHER AGE GROUP OR DIVISION	27/11/05	
21.1	For Premiership matches (except in the Final Series) teams are allowed to use players registered within their club in lower divisions of the same age or from all divisions of younger age groups. G35's use of players from any other grade or age group is not permitted	27/11/05	
21.2	For all non-competitive Grade 06, 07 and 08, teams are allowed to draw from any team of the same age group or lower within their club.	27/11/05	
21.3	Where a player plays for a team other than the one in which he/she is registered, his/her registered team and grade must be shown on the Team Sheet. The player's ID Card must also be marked in the appropriate section. Failure to have the Team Sheet and ID Card marked will make the player's club liable for a fine of \$5.	27/11/05	
21.4	A player may play three (3) games in a higher age group or division, but on playing the fourth (4 th) game they must be re-registered in that team in which he/she last played unless the MC approves for the player to remain in his/her original registered team. This does not apply to G06, G07 and G08 non-competition soccer. (Refer By-Law 7.4c for penalties for playing more than 3 such matches).	27/11/05 9/11/08	
22	SUBSTITUTIONS AND INTERCHANGE	27/11/05	
22.1	Unlimited interchange shall apply to all BDAFA competitions excepting PL 1 and PL 2. Interchange will take place only when the ball is out of play. A maximum of 16 players may play in each match from G09 to All Age.	27/11/05	
22.2	In PL 1 and PL 2 five players may be substituted but once substituted cannot participate any further in the match.	27/11/05	
22.3	All substitutions and interchanges must be made at half-way on the technical area side of the field.	27/11/05	
22.4	Where a player is dismissed from the field of play, no substitution or interchange can be made for that player.	27/11/05	
22.5	The Team Sheet must be clearly marked by the Referee to show all substitutions (not interchange) that took place in the match.	27/11/05	
22.6	In PL 1 and PL 2 where a players name is listed on the Team Sheet as a substitute but they do not take the field of play, they will not be deemed to have played in that team in that match.	27/11/05	

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23	MC SUB-COMMITTEE	26/1/06	
23.1	<p>Mandate of the MC / Sub-Committee</p> <p>a.) The MC / SUB-COMMITTEE shall be responsible for all disputes from all competitions and knockouts run by BDAFA.</p> <p>b.) The MC shall deal with all Disputes, Abandoned games, Assaults on Referee’s, Officials and Spectators, and all other matters arising from all games and competitions run by BDAFA that are in dispute.</p> <p>c.) The MC shall meet on Wednesday night at 7.30pm or at any other time deemed necessary by the committee.</p> <p>d.) The MC Chairperson shall keep a record of decisions reached and advise the Executive of BDAFA, and any interested party, in writing, of such decisions within (7) days.</p> <p>e.) The MC shall keep a record of its business and of all cautions issued to any player/s; team/s or club/s registered with the Association, and inform players via Club their Secretary when they are suspended.</p> <p>f.) The MC shall pass on a copy of all sentences given to club/s team/s and player/s to the Senior Vice President of BDAFA to ensure that suspensions are maintained and duly served.</p>	26/1/06	
23.2	<p>Structure of the MC Sub Committee</p> <p>MC Chairperson Three (3) and up to Six (6) MC Members elected from the Delegates at the AGM.</p> <p>The MC will hear all Abandoned games, Assaults on Referee’s, Officials and Spectators, and all other matters arising from all games and competitions run by BDAFA that are in Dispute.</p> <p>a) A Chairperson who will alternate at each sitting of the MC / SUB-COMMITTEE hearings</p> <p>b) The Panel will consist of at least 3 persons elected prior to the hearing.</p> <p>c) A Minutes Secretary, The Chairperson and Minutes Secretary will not have any voting rights.</p>	26/1/06	
23.3	<p>Powers of the MC</p> <p>The MC/SUBCOMMITTEE has the power to:</p> <p>a) Consider the reports of Referees, Referee’s Assistants, Player/s, Team/Ground Marshals, Club/s and others.</p> <p>b) Decide if the offence/s is proved.</p> <p>c) Determine and set whatever punishments or sanctions against Player/s, Team/s, Club/s or others that they considered appropriate.</p> <p>d) Set the starting and finishing dates of any suspensions it imposes.</p> <p>e) Impose appropriate fines or bonds on any Player/s, Team/s or Club/s</p>	26/1/06	

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23.4	<p>Committee to Act in Good Faith</p> <p>a) The Committee must keep an open mind about all the matters before it until all the evidence is in. No member of the panel may suggest, during a hearing that any particular decision could be arrived at. No member of the Committee may have any close association with the accused party, or be a member of the Clubs team, or be an active member of a Club or association which is appealing or being appealed against, or have any material interest in the outcome.</p> <p>b) The accused shall be introduced to the Committee members, and may challenge the appropriateness of any person(s) on the Committee. However, it is then up to the Committee, under all the circumstances, to rule on any such challenge.</p> <p>c) The general form of the proceedings to be followed shall be outlined including any assistance afforded the accused to present a case.</p> <p>d) Witnesses shall be called separately where practicable. Both the accused and members of the Committee shall be present throughout a hearing. The accused shall be given every opportunity to present a case, and shall be the sole judge of what witnesses and supporting evidence he wishes to present. The same rights apply to those bringing a charge. However, the Chairman has the right to call a halt to duplication or repetition of evidence, or any straying outside the bounds of the case before the committee.</p> <p>e) Determination of any charge by the Committee is not “beyond reasonable doubt”, as required at a criminal trial, but rather a standard of proof that the Committee is comfortable with, having regard to the seriousness of the matter before them.</p> <p>f) At the conclusion of a hearing and after the handing down of a decision, the accused must be advised of any rights of appeal, to whom, and any time limit that may apply.</p>	26/1/06	
23.5	<p>Meeting Times</p> <p>MC / SUB-COMMITTEE meetings are held every Wednesday at suitable place, commencing at 7.30pm. Cases are heard in the order in which parties register, however, cases involving players under the age of 18 will be heard before all others.</p>	26/1/06	
23.6	<p>Notification of Charges</p> <p>Every person charged to appear before the MC / SUBCOMMITTEE must be informed in writing of the exact charge for which he/she has to appear at least 48 hours prior to the scheduled hearing.</p>	26/1/06	
23.7	<p>Notification of Citing</p> <p>Requirements set out in sections 23.9 a), b), & c). Players cited for incidents which occur on or off the field of play and club members and officials cited to appear for incidents of misconduct will be advised in writing of the charge and the time of the hearing 48 hours before being required to appear. Such cited persons or clubs are subject to section 23.8 e).</p>	26/1/06	

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23.8	<p>Punishments</p> <p>a.) If the MC / SUBCOMMITTEE find the offence/s proven then it will determine the penalty from the guidelines supplied by Football NSW. These guidelines are included as part of these By-laws.</p> <p>b.) Suspensions are calculated in matches, rounds or until a specified date. They refer to the periods of time within which BDAFA conducts its competitions.</p> <p>c.) The MC / SUBCOMMITTEE has the right to consider a player’s age and past record, the severity of the offence, and other extenuating circumstances, in determining punishment.</p> <p>d.) The MC / SUBCOMMITTEE have the power to fine Teams and Clubs.</p> <p>f.) The MC / SUBCOMMITTEE has the power to impose more severe penalties than prescribed in guidelines attached on players found guilty of other offences during the season.</p>	26/1/06	
23.9	<p>Persons Required to Attend</p> <p>a.) Any person/s, team/s or club/s cited to appear before the MC / SUBCOMMITTEE must appear at the first available hearing after the incident. Failure to attend will result in the player being suspended from all soccer activities until the person/s, team/s or club/s does so. Person/s, team/s or club/s cited to appear before the MC / SUBCOMMITTEE may not take part or play in any games or any soccer activity sanctioned by the Association between the incident and MC / SUBCOMMITTEE meeting unless other wise given permission to by the MC / SUB-COMMITTEE.</p> <p>b.) The Minimum age to appear before the MC / SUB-COMMITTEE will be Age Division 13 years. Younger players are to be dealt with by their club within 4 days of the offence. That club will then notify the MC / SUB-COMMITTEE in writing within 2 days of the hearing of what action has been taken. Clubs failing to adhere to this By-law will be fined \$100.00.</p> <p>c.) The MC / SUB-COMMITTEE may postpone or delay the hearing of any case if the player’s ID Card is not available to the MC / SUB-COMMITTEE.</p> <p>d.) Any other party as listed could be asked to give evidence.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) The player’s representative (b) A registered official of the player’s team (c) MC members of the player’s club (d) The player’s parents (e) Independent witnesses at the discretion of the Chair (f) The Referee or Assistant Referee (g) BDAFA MC or P&DC members <p>The MC / SUB-COMMITTEE also reserve the right, on receipt of a report, to cite player/ team/s, club/s or their officials to</p>	26/1/06	

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	<p>appear at a MC / SUB-COMMITTEE hearing and increase penalties if proven guilty. They may not be involved in any soccer activities until they appear.</p> <p>NOTE: All person/s cited must present their ID cards. Failure to do so may result in the hearing being postponed. If the player/s, team/s or official/s are suspended for any matches the ID card/s will be retained by the P&DC Chairman and is to be collected at a P&DC hearing with a Suspension Served from completed and signed by the Club Secretary.</p>		
23.10	<p>Persons unable to attend</p> <p>Players who are unable to attend on the required night may do one of the following:</p> <p>a.) Request that hearing be postponed. In this case the player must make written application, endorsed by the club Secretary, to the MC / SUB-COMMITTEE. The player may not play until he appears, however games missed will be taken into account when determining punishment.</p> <p>b.) Have the case heard in his absence. Again the player must make written application to the MC / SUB-COMMITTEE, via the Club Secretary. He should include in his application any statement he wishes to make regarding the incident leading to his send off.</p> <p>c.) Appoint someone to appear on his behalf. In this case the player must make written application via the Club Secretary stating that he wishes to have another person appear on his behalf. He should include any statement he wishes to make in his defence. The player can write in advance or have the person appearing present the letter to the MC / SUB-COMMITTEE at the hearing.</p> <p>NOTE: Applications will only be accepted with Club Secretary Endorsement and must be sent by Fax or post or by e-mail attachment to P&DC Chairman direct. They must be received by Monday at 7.30pm by the latest.</p>	26/1/06	
23.11	<p>Rights of Accused Parties</p> <p>All principles of Natural Justice apply</p> <p>A. Knowledge of the accusation made</p> <p>(i). A person/s, team/s or club/s must be told the exact charge. This will be done by the P&DC Chairperson prior to 7.30pm Monday. At the hearing, the full charge shall be read out to the accused at the beginning of proceedings.</p> <p>(ii). Any person being cited, that is,</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a player for actions on or off the field of play, or a team official or a Club when dealing with the actions of a spectator, must be advised of the charge being brought at the time of being cited to appear. <p>The charge shall be advised in writing, as part of the citing letter. The rule about innocent until proven guilty applies. The hearing of any case or issue shall be held expeditiously. Otherwise, a person is permitted to act (play, coach) until the case</p>	26/1/06	

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	<p>is heard.</p> <p>B. Protection of accused parties rights It is an absolute requirement that an accused person shall hear all evidence on which a committee makes its determination. That is, the accused must be present throughout the submission of evidence at the hearing. No evidence, is to be heard or presented without the accused being present. Accused persons may waive this right in accordance with section 23.9. The committee is not permitted to see or take into account any material that is not available to the accused unless there are quite exceptional cases, which must be fully explained to the accused. A reasonable time has to be given any cited person to prepare a case.</p> <p>C. Accused persons failing to attend When an accused party fails to appear when required to do so, two things happen: (i). Any player/s team/s or club/s who has been or cited, is suspended from all soccer activities until he/she does appear in accordance with sections 23.8 c) & d) (ii). Where a person is cited for any other incident, section 23.8 e) applies.</p> <p>D. Opportunity to state a case This is an opportunity, not a requirement. The accused party shall not be required or pressured to make a statement or to produce any case unless there is a wish to do so. However, any failure to respond to questions or accusations in circumstances where a committee thinks it appropriate may have a bearing on any ultimate decision. In some situations, an accused may not want to make any statement because it may be used in a Court action. That is their right. In this case, the accused shall be suspended until ready to take part in a hearing and the immediate hearing adjourned until then. A Football body is NOT prevented from hearing a case if it is going to Court. Any tribunal under the jurisdiction of Soccer NSW is not an official tribunal, and any hearing conducted is not recognized at a subsequent Court hearing. This is based on Supreme Court rulings.</p> <p>The accused has the right: (i). To ask questions, but only through the Chair, never directly of another party. This is not a direct cross-examination situation. (ii). To produce any material that may be considered relevant – documents, statements or photographs. Video evidence is not admissible. It is, of course, a matter for the Committee to decide what weight, if any, should be given to any such evidence, how reliable it is, and how far it goes to proving or otherwise a particular fact.</p>		

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	<p><i>(iii)</i>. Use of legal representatives The use of legal representatives is not permitted at the MC / SUB-COMMITTEE hearings. A legal representative who is a Club President or Secretary may argue for an accused person in their official Club capacity, but no more than that. An accused may have a legal representative present at a MC/SUB-COMMITTEE hearing, but only to advise the accused, and not to argue a case on behalf of the accused.</p> <p>An accused party may be permitted to use a legal representative at an appeal. However, the accused must advise the Appeals Board in good time. Provision may be made for the Appeals Board to have legal representation, and the cost of this may be charged to any accused party who advises that they intend to have a legal representative. The accused party must be advised of this intention, including the cost, prior to the hearing.</p>		
23.12	<p>Presenting of Witnesses Any witnesses that a person wishes to present at any MC/SUBCOMMITTEE hearing should appear in person so that the panel can question them. If this is not possible then statements will only be accepted as Statutory Declarations. The person appearing can present these by Fax or post only prior to the relevant hearing. If this is not possible by the required time then the person due to appear may seek a postponement in accordance with the procedure outlined in Section 23.7 a).</p>	26/1/06	
23.13	<p>Applications of Suspension</p> <p>a) Players are suspended for a number of matches/rounds or until a specified date.</p> <p>b) Where the suspension is in matches/rounds, the player may not play in the next specified number of matches his team plays. This includes all competition matches sanctioned by BDAFA and its parent bodies. A “MATCH/ROUND” refers to the entire day on which the required match is played.</p> <p>c) Matches missed on the same day as the match in which the send off occurred will not count in determining sentences. Only matches played from the following day until date of hearing will be considered part of a suspension.</p> <p>d) Where a suspension specifies a date on which the suspension finishes, the player may not play in any match sanctioned by BDAFA or its parent bodies until that date has passed.</p> <p>e) All suspensions over 5 matches, or for a specified period of time are reported to Soccer NSW, who records them and distribute the names to all affiliated associations. Players who have failed to appear or are un-financial are also reported.</p> <p>f) Players, club officials and supporters may also be barred from entering BDAFA sanctioned grounds during games. In all instances this means that where there is a fence on any side of a ground the barred person must remain outside that fence. Where there is no fence the barred person may not come any closer than 10 metres of the outer boundaries of the playing field. Clubs will be held responsible for ensuring that such sanctions are complied with..</p> <p>g) Team coaches and managers may also be barred from holding these positions for specified periods. This will include matches and training and is the responsibility of the Club to enforce.</p>	26/1/06	

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	<p>h) Sentences imposed as a result of a send off and/or citing carry over from one year to the next. Players do not have to be registered in the following year for suspensions to expire.</p> <p>i) Any person suspended by the BDAFA is also suspended from the activities of all bodies affiliated to Soccer NSW, unless a specific ruling to the contrary is made by the P&DC, MC or Appeals Board. Similarly, any suspension applied by an affiliated body is binding in BDAFA.</p> <p>j) Players who play whilst suspended will receive a suspension of (1) match per match played, in addition to original suspension. The Club which the player played for will also be fined.</p>		
23.14	<p>Notification of Penalties</p> <p>a.) Where an Accused Party allows the case to be heard in his/her absence the Chairman will inform the representative of the Accused Party on the night.</p> <p>b.) Where action is taken against a club, club official or supporter the BDAFA Secretary will inform the club in writing within 7 days of the decision and the reasons for the decision.</p>	26/1/06	
23.15	<p>Referees as Members of Hearing Panels</p> <p>BDAFA policy requires that a representative of the BSR must be present at any Hearing or Appeals Board hearing. The representative is there to offer expert advice, and the representative's explanation shall be taken as final. The representative will not have a vote or also be present while any decision is being made by the MC/SUB-COMMITTEE. If a member of BSR is not able to attend then the report of any referee is their Statuary Declaration.</p>	26/1/06	
23.16	The accused party or their representative will be advised in writing of the MC/SUB-COMMITTEE decision.	26/1/06	
23.17	All suspensions will be served consecutively unless otherwise stipulated.	26/1/06	
23.18	<p>If the accused party is found guilty, the MC/SUBCOMMITTEE will advise the accused party of:</p> <p>(a) Rights of Appeal as per By-law 28</p> <p>(b) The procedure for the recovery of any ID Card/s once the sentence is complete.</p>	26/1/06	
23.19	The MC Coordinator will keep a record of the decisions made by the MC/SUBCOMMITTEE.	26/1/06	
23.20	The P&DC Chairperson will retain the ID Cards of all person/s suspended.	26/1/06	
23.21	BDAFA suspensions will be served in either the BDAFA winter competition or if a player is so registered, in Soccer NSW Ltd. competitions (e.g. State/Amateur Cups).	26/1/06	
23.22	Suspensions may not be served in any Summer Competition unless otherwise directed by the BDAFA SVP.	26/1/06	
23.23	Byes and Forfeits by a suspended player's team will not be counted as matches served in any suspension. Abandoned matches will only be counted at the discretion of the MC.	26/1/06	
23.24	Clubs must submit the 'Notification of Suspension Served', which is FORM I of these By-laws, within 7 days of the suspension being complete.	26/1/06	

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24	GROUND and TEAM MARSHALS	27/11/05	
24.1	All <i>host</i> Clubs must have a Ground Marshal Present and Visible for each team at every home game. <i>All Clubs must have a Team Marshall (minimum of one for competition matches and minimum of two for Finals matches) present and visible for each team at every match.</i>	20/11/06	2
24.2	<i>Ground and Team Marshals are to;</i> (a) Identify themselves to team officials and the referee(s) prior to the match and wear an identifying official jacket. Ground Marshals must always be readily available to the referee(s) during the match. (b) Assist referees, team, club or BDAFA officials in the enforcement of these By-Laws. (c) <i>Ground Marshall shall</i> patrol grounds and assist in the control of spectators at the ground. <i>Team Marshals shall control spectators within their own team.</i> (d) In no way places themselves in a position where physical violence could result. (e) Submit a report to their Club Secretary on Form F for any incident that may be investigated by the MC. (f) <i>Ground Marshal shall</i> carry out By-Law 19.3B	20/11/06	1
24.3	Ground Marshals <i>and Team Marshal</i> must be at least 18 years old.	20/11/06	1
24.4	If a club fails to enforce these By-Laws for Ground Marshals <i>and Team Marshals</i> they will be liable to a minimum fine of \$50 and a maximum of \$100 as decided by the MC.	20/11/06	1
25	RESULTS	27/11/05	
25.1	In addition to forwarding team Sheets to the MC each club must; (a) Advise the results of their Club's Teams to the BDAFA Recorder by 7.30pm on the day of the match (or other time agreed by the BDAFA Recorder). The Club will be fined \$5 for each late, missing or incorrect result. (b) Submit a completed Result Card (a sample of which is Form G of these By-Laws) by 7.30pm Sunday on the weekend of the match. These must be lodged with BDAFA by 6pm. Any Club failing to comply with this by-law will be fined \$5 per result card.	27/11/05	

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26	PROTESTS & DISPUTES COMMITTEE (P&DC)	26/1/06	
26.1	<p>Mandate of the P& DC</p> <p>a.) The P&DC shall meet Tuesday on night at 7.30pm</p> <p>b.) The P&DC Chairman shall keep a record of decisions reached and advise the Executive of BDAFA, and any interested party, in writing, of such decisions within (7) days.</p> <p>c.) The P&DC shall keep a record of its business and of all cautions issued to any player registered with the Association, and inform players via Club Secretary when they are suspended.</p> <p>d.) The P&DC shall keep a record of all suspended players and ensure that suspensions are duly served.</p>	26/1/06	
26.2	<p>Powers of the P& DC</p> <p>The P&DC has the power to:</p> <p>a.) Consider the reports of Referees, Referee’s Assistants and others.</p> <p>b.) Decide if the offence is proved.</p> <p>c.) Determine and set whatever punishments or sanctions are considered appropriate.</p> <p>d.) Set the starting and finishing dates of any suspensions it imposes.</p>	26/1/06	
26.3	<p>Structure of the P&DC</p> <p>The P&DC consists of the Chairperson and (3) members, and a delegate from the Referee's Branch. A minimum of three (3) members plus the Chairman and a Referee delegate must be in attendance at any P&DC hearing. Only the three (3) members of the P&DC panel may vote, with the Chairperson or Referee’s Delegate not having a vote.</p> <p>a).The Chairperson will be the Senior Vice Chairperson of the Executive of BDAFA, except when unavailable then another Executive Member will be appointed by the whole Executive Committee of BDAFA but not the Junior Vice President.</p> <p>b). The Panel will consist of 3 persons elected from the Delegates and will be elected at the AGM, if a member is not available then a member of an affiliated club will called to replace them.</p>	26/1/06	
26.4	<p>Committee to Act in Good Faith</p> <p>a) The Committee must keep an open mind about all the matters before it until all the evidence is in. No member of the panel may suggest, during a hearing that any particular decision could be arrived at. No member of the Committee may have any close association with the accused party, or be a member of the Clubs team, or be an active member of a Club or association which is appealing or being appealed against, or have any material interest in the outcome.</p> <p>b) The accused shall be introduced to the Committee members, and may challenge the appropriateness of any person(s) on the Committee. However it is then up to the Committee, under all the circumstances, to rule on any such challenge.</p> <p>c) The general form of the proceedings to be followed shall be outlined including any assistance afforded the accused to present a case.</p>	26/1/06	

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	<p>d) Witnesses shall be called separately where practicable. Both the accused and members of the Committee shall be present throughout a hearing. The accused shall be given every opportunity to present a case, and shall be the sole judge of what witnesses and supporting evidence he wishes to present. The same rights apply to those bringing a charge. However, the Chairman has the right to call a halt to duplication or repetition of evidence, or any straying outside the bounds of the case before the committee.</p> <p>e) Determination of any charge by the Committee is not “beyond reasonable doubt”, as required at a criminal trial, but rather a standard of proof that the Committee is comfortable with, having regard to the seriousness of the matter before them.</p> <p>f) At the conclusion of a hearing and after the handing down of a decision, the accused must be advised of any rights of appeal, to whom, and any time limit that may apply.</p>		
26.5	<p>Meeting Times P&DC meetings are held every Tuesday at suitable place, commencing at 7.30pm. Cases are heard in the order in which parties register, however, cases involving players under the age of 18 will be heard before all others.</p>	26/1/06	
26.6	<p>Notification of Charges Every player sent from the field of play must be informed by the referee of the exact charge for which he has been sent off, either at the time of the send off or immediately after the match. The team manager only should approach the referee after the match at which time the referee must inform him of the offence with which the player has been charged. The referee will not discuss any other aspect of the incident at this time. Please note the referee WILL NOT speak to the player.</p>	26/1/06	
26.7	<p>Notification of Citing Requirements set out in sections 26. 9 a), b), & c). Players cited for incidents which occur off the field of play and club members and officials cited to appear for incidents of misconduct will be advised in writing of the charge and the time of the hearing 24 hours before being required to appear. Such cited persons or clubs are subject to section 26.8 e).</p>	26/1/06	
26.8	<p>Punishments a.) If the P&DC finds the offence proven then it will determine the penalty from the guidelines supplied by Soccer NSW. These guidelines are included as part of these By-laws. b.) Suspensions are calculated in matches, rounds or until a specified date. They refer to the periods of time within which BDAFA conducts its competitions. c.) The P&DC has the right to consider a player’s age and past record, the severity of the offence, and other extenuating circumstances, in determining punishment. d.) The P&DC has the power to fine player/s, Team/s Club/s or Club/s Officials.</p>	26/1/06	

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	e.) The P&DC has the power to impose more severe penalties than prescribed in guidelines attached on players found guilty of other offences during the season.		
26.9	<p>Persons Required to Attend</p> <p>a.) All players sent off for the offence of “Second Caution able Offence” (i.e. 2 Yellow cards in one match), will receive an automatic one (1) match suspension with no right of appeal.</p> <p>(i) Players sent off for this offence a second time in one season will receive an automatic two (2) match suspension with no right of appeal.</p> <p>(ii) Players sent off for a further time will be cited to appear at a P&DC hearing.</p> <p>b.) Players sent off for ALL other offences must appear at the first P&DC hearing after the match. Failure to attend will result in the player being suspended from all soccer activities until the player does so. Players sent off may not play in any games sanctioned by the Association between the send off and P&DC meeting.</p> <p>c.) Players cited for incidents immediately after being sent off must attend as requested. Failure to do so may lead to the player being suspended until he appears.</p> <p>d.) Persons cited for off field and after match incidents who are unable to attend on the specified date may request in writing for the hearing to be postponed for a further 7 days, however the person is suspended from all soccer activities until they appear. The request must state the reasons for not attending. If they then fail to appear on the rescheduled date, the matter will be heard in their absence and a determination made. The person will be informed in writing of the decision. The normal appeal process then applies.</p> <p>e) Players sent from the field of play for any other offences will receive a mandatory one (1) match suspension and must appear before the P&D.</p> <p>f) The Minimum age to appear before the P&DC will be Age Division 13 years. Younger players are to be dealt with by their club within 4 days of the offence. That club will then notify the P&DC in writing within 2 days of the hearing of what action has been taken. Clubs failing to adhere to this By-law will be fined \$100.00.</p> <p>g) The P&DC Chairperson may postpone or delay the hearing of any case if the player’s ID Card is not available to the P&DC.</p> <p>h) Any other party as listed will be asked to give evidence.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (1) The player’s representative (2) A registered official of the player’s team (3) MC members of the player’s club (4) The player’s parents (5) Independent witnesses at the discretion of the Chair 	26/1/06	

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	<p>(6)The Referee or Assistant Referee (7)BDAFA MC or P&DC members</p> <p>The P&DC also reserves the right, on receipt of the referee’s report, to cite players to appear at a P&DC hearing and increase penalties if proven guilty. Players may not play until they appear.</p> <p>NOTE: All players attending must present their ID cards. Failure to do so may result in the hearing being postponed. If the player is suspended for any matches the ID card will be retained by the P&DC Chairman and is to be collected at a P&DC hearing with a Suspension Served from completed and signed by the Club Secretary.</p>		
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	<p>b. a team official or c. a Club when dealing with the actions of a spectator, must be advised of the charge being brought at the time of being cited to appear. The charge shall be advised in writing, as part of the citing letter. The rule about innocent until proven guilty applies. The hearing of any case or issue shall be held expeditiously. Otherwise, a person is permitted to act (play, coach) until the case is heard.</p> <p>B. Protection of accused parties rights It is an absolute requirement that an accused person shall hear all evidence on which a committee makes its determination. That is, the accused must be present throughout the submission of evidence at the hearing. No evidence, is to be heard or presented without the accused being present. Accused persons may waive this right in accordance with section 26.9. The committee is not permitted to see or take into account any material that is not available to the accused unless there are quite exceptional cases, which must be fully explained to the accused. A reasonable time has to be given any cited person to prepare a case.</p> <p>C. Accused persons failing to attend When an accused party fails to appear when required to do so, two things happen: (i). Any player who has been sent off, or cited for incidents occurring immediately after a send off, is suspended from all soccer activities until he does appear in accordance with sections (26.8 c) & d) (ii). Where a person is cited for any other incident, section 26.8 e) applies.</p> <p>D. Opportunity to state a case This is an opportunity, not a requirement. The accused party shall not be required or pressured to make a statement or to produce any case unless there is a wish to do so. However, any failure to respond to questions or accusations in circumstances where a committee thinks it appropriate may have a bearing on any ultimate decision. In some situations, an accused may not want to make any statement because it may be used in a Court action. That is their right. In this case, the accused shall be suspended until ready to take part in a hearing and the immediate hearing adjourned until then. A Football body is NOT prevented from hearing a case if it is going to Court. Any tribunal under the jurisdiction of Soccer NSW is not an official tribunal, and any hearing conducted is not recognized at a subsequent Court hearing. This is based on Supreme Court rulings.</p> <p>The accused has the right:</p>		

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26.14	<p>Notification of Penalties</p> <p>a.) Players sent off for offences will automatically attend the hearing except for an R13 offence. A copy of the suspension notification will be given to the player after the hearing. All suspensions include the 1 match FIFA ruling.</p> <p>b.) Where a player allows the case to be heard in his absence the Chairman will inform the representative of that player on the night.</p> <p>c.) Where a player is suspended for Yellow Card offences the Chairman will inform the Club Secretary e-mail.</p> <p>d.) Where action is taken against a club, club official or supporter the BDAFA Secretary will inform the club in writing within 7 days of the decision and the reasons for the decision.</p>	26/1/06	
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	C	R3	(i)Spitting at another player	4 Matches	12 months	N/A		
			(ii) Spitting at a match official or another person	6 matches	18 months	N/A		
	D	R4	Denies a goal or obvious goal-scoring opportunity by handling the ball	1 match		2		
	E	R5	Denies an obvious goal-scoring opportunity to an opponent moving toward the goal by a free kick offence	1 match		2		
	F	R6	(i)Offensive, insulting or abusive language and/or gestures	2 matches	8 matches	3		
			(ii) Discriminatory (including racist, religion, ethnic or sexist) language and/or gestures	6 matches	12 matches	N/A		
			(iii) Offensive, insulting or abusive language and/or gestures to a match official	6 matches	12 matches	N/A		
	G	R7	Second caution in the same match			1		
	Example Offences							
	Serious foul play			Excessive force or brutally challenging for the ball when it is in play, eg: tackle from behind that endangers the safety of a person.				
Voilent Conduct			Excessive force or brutally when not challenging for the ball, including striking, elbowing, head-butting or kicking. May occur either on the field of play or outside it's boundaries, whether or nor the ball is in play, against an opponent or team-mate.					
Serious Voilent Conduct			Voilent conduct of a more serious nature that intends to cause significant harm to another person, eg; involvement in a brawl.					
Voilent conduct against a match official (includes threatening or intimidating, tripping or pushing, striking with the ball)			Threatening or intimidating by word or action, tripping, pushing with an open hand, shoulder, chest or hip, striking with the ball.					

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27.1	Cautions received by players will only stand in the competition in which they are received.	26/1/06			
27.2	Yellow Cards are not eligible for appeals except in cases of mistaken identity.	26/1/06 9/11/08			
27.3	The procedure for the notification and suspension will be; a) The P&DC Chairperson will advise the Club Secretary that the player has accumulated their first 5 cautions. The player will then be suspended from his team's next two (2) matches. b) For two (2) further cautions received by this player the suspension will be one (1) match. Any further cautions will require the player to Appear before the P&DC Committee.	26/1/06 9/11/08			
27.4	All yellow cards will be accumulated from the start of the season and will cease at the last game of the season or the end of any finals series, whichever is later.				
27.5	Suspensions for cautions will carry over into the next season; card tallies will not.	26/1/06 9/11/08	1		
27.6	Two yellow cards in one match, resulting in a red card (R7), will not count toward a player's yellow card tally. A single yellow, followed by a direct red card in the same match (R1 – R6) will count toward their tally.	9/11/08			
27.7	Clubs must submit the "Notification of Suspension Served" form for all completed suspensions within 7 days of said completion. Clubs failing to do so will be fined \$50 and at the discretion of the MC may have points deducted whilst playing a player under suspension.	20/11/06	1		
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Code	Offence	9/11/08			
Y1	Unsporting Behaviour				
Y2	Dissent by word or action				
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Y4	Delays the restart of the game				

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Y5	FAILS TO RESPECT THE REQUIRED DISTANCE WHEN PLAY IS RESTARTED WITH A FREE KICK, CORNER KICK OR THROW IN		
Y6	ENTERS OR RE-ENTERS THE FIELD OF PLAY WITHOUT THE PERMISSION OF THE REFEREE		
Y7	DELIBERATELY LEAVES THE FIELD OF PLAY WITHOUT THE PERMISSION OF THE REFEREE		
28	APPEALS (Includes all appeals against MC, MC Judiciary and P&D Decisions)	26/1/06	
28.1	Appeals will be heard by the BDAFA Appeals Committee	26/1/06	
28.2	The appeals committee shall consist of the Junior Vice President as Chairperson and at least three (3) additional members who will be either: a) Elected at the AGM for that purpose b) Members of the Executive of BDAFA and its affiliated clubs c) Individuals endorsed by the MC of the BDAFA d) Life members of the BDAFA e) From different BDAFA member clubs to the Junior Vice President and other elected members of the committee.	26/1/06	
28.3	The Appeals Committee Chairperson will form a Committee of impartial members. Where the Chairperson stands aside ensuring that the Committee consists of three (3) members as per by – law 28.2. An Executive Member will chair the BDAFA Appeal	26/1/06	
28.4	Appeals must be lodged with BDAFA Secretary no later than seven (7) days of the decision being relayed to the parties concerned. BDAFA Secretary will advise the Appeals Chairperson within 24 hours of receipt of the Appeal.	26/1/06	
28.5	All Appeals must be in writing on a Club Letter Head and accompanied by a cheque \$110 inclusive of GST being the Appeal fee and made payable to BDAFA. No Appeals will be heard if the cheque is not attached with the advice of the intending Appeal. Cash is not acceptable. 50% of the Appeal fees are non refundable. Remaining 50% will be at the discretion of BDAFA Executive.	26/1/06	
28.6	Grounds of Appeals All appeals must include the reasoning for appealing which will be one or more of: a) Severity of Sentence: This is where the appellant admits to the offence but believes the penalty suspension imposed is too harsh b) New Evidence: Giving reasons why this new evidence was not available at the initial hearing c) Evidence improperly dealt with. d) Unfair treatment of the accused (due process)	26/1/06	

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28.7	The Chairperson of the Appeals Committee will decide the validity of the Appeal. The Chairperson will arrange the time and venue for the Appeal and will notify the Appeals Committee and the Appellant.	26/1/06	
28.8	P& DC Appeals only –if an appeal is lodged by 6pm the day after the initial P& DC hearing, the Appeal will be heard prior to the players next scheduled match.	26/1/06	
28.9	The Referees Branch will be advised of all Appeals and it will be at their discretion to attend	26/1/06	
28.10	Where the Appellant cannot appear, a representative may appear but only with the Appellant’s written permission and version of events relevant to the Appeal. In such cases the Appellant will be bound by the decision made in his absence.	26/1/06	
28.11	If the Appellant or his representative does not appear then the appeal will lapse and a fine of \$220 inclusive of GST will be imposed on the offending club.	26/1/06	
28.12	Procedure at the Appeals Committee will be; a) The Chairperson will confirm the grounds of appeal. If the grounds of appeal are incorrectly advised – then the appeal will lapse. b) Written evidence will be read aloud by the Chairperson and / or copies distributed to the committee and person appealing for their perusal. c) The committee may ask questions relevant to the incidents in question. d) The committee will weigh its decision in which the Chairperson will deliberate the outcome of the case. e) The appellant will be advised of the Committee’s decision and if required the procedure for recovery of his ID card.	26/1/06	
28.13	The appeals committee has the power to uphold, increase or decrease the decisions of the MC, MC Judiciary and P&DC, but cannot dismiss the one match Mandatory suspension given by the P&DC.	26/1/06	
28.14	If a period of suspension remains after the Appeal, the Chairperson will provide information on the next avenue of Appeal, which shall be Soccer Sydney Branch.	26/1/06	
28.15	The Chairperson will advise the MC of the decisions of the Appeals Committee.	26/1/06	
29	BY-LAWS FOR NON COMPETITION & MINI SOCCER	27/11/05	
29.1	Non-Competition Soccer will be played in the G06, G07 and G08 age groups. The following variations and additions to the By-Laws will apply; The following are common to G07 and G08 age groups; a) Matches will be non-competitive b) Each team will provide a size 3 match ball	27/11/05	

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	c) Unlimited interchange will apply d) All players are to play at least half a match e) Goal-kicks will be taken anywhere within the defending team’s goal-arc f) There will be no off-side but teams must not deliberately keep a player in an offside position g) Throw-ins will be taken as per FIFA Law 15 h) Corner-kicks are to be taken 10 metres from goal-post closest to where the ball crossed the goal-line i) Players of the opposing team must stand at least 5 metres from the ball at the taking of corners, goal-kicks and free-kicks j) No coaching is permitted on the field. The coach may do so from the side-line in a quiet and non-hysterical manner. Coaching from behind the goals is not permitted k) Spectators are not allowed to stand on the centre-line of a full size field l) Junior/Cadet referees may be appointed m) All Free-kicks should be Indirect Free Kicks n) No of Players (all player numbers listed below include goalkeeper) * Existing fixed posts must be bagged for injury protection (By-Law 29.2 <i>b</i>)																																			
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30	<i>PREMIER LEAGUE and OTHER SQUADS</i>		
30.1	<i>The following By-Laws specifically apply to competitions for Premier League or the like when played as Squads. I.e. Two (2) teams playing with interchangeable players from one team to another in a 1st & Res grade arrangement. If the division is not played as a squad then these by-laws do not apply.</i>	20/11/06	1
30.2	Each squad will consist of two teams called First Grade and Reserve Grade. There will be separate competitions for each grade. <i>A Suspension of one team in a squad will result in a suspension for the entire squad.</i>	20/11/06	1
30.3	Where possible, each competition will be for a maximum of 10 teams.	27/11/05	
30.4	Nominations for the current Premiership season must be submitted in writing on a club letterhead to the BDAFA Secretary by the 1st February.	20/02/06 9/11/08	2
30.5	No club can nominate more than one squad in either PL1 or PL2.	27/11/05	
30.6	Squad registrations must be submitted by the date of Grading (as per By-Law 6.3) and must consist of no less than 25 players.	27/11/05	
30.7	As Promotion and Relegation applies, the squad that; a) Finishes last in PL 1 First Grade shall be relegated to PL2 b) Are Premiers in PL 2 First Grade will be promoted to PL 1. c) Finishes last in PL 2 will be relegated to the highest All Age Division. d) Winners of the highest all age division to be invited to PL 2. Should that club not be able to accept the promotion as per By Law 30.5 other clubs will be invited to participate/nominate in order to make a ten (1) team competition. Should more than one team be invited/nominate, a play off to occur to determine the club to participate in PL 2 for that season. e) No club can nominate more than one squad in either PL 1 or PL 2 Premiership as per By-Law 30.5.	27/11/05 9/11/08	
30.8	If the PL 2 squad that wins Promotion under By-Law 30.7 (b) is ineligible under By-Law 30.7 (d) a play off from nominating clubs to fill the vacancy will occur. Subsequently, there will be a play-off when the PL 1 squad that is relegated under By-Law 30.7 (a) cannot move back to PL 2 division. By-Law 30.7b	27/11/05 29/4/06	
30.9	Matches will be played Saturday or Sunday on a home and away draw allocated by the Competition Secretary, subject to availability of grounds and Official Referees.	27/11/05	
30.10	All Matches in PL 1 must have an Official Referee. BDAFA approved Club Referee can officiate at PL 2 matches.	27/11/05	
30.11	Clubs failing to play matches when directed by the Competition Secretary will be fined \$250.	27/11/05	
30.12	Deferments will be granted as per By-Law 10.5.	27/11/05	

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30.13	ELIGIBILITY FOR SEMI FINALS AND FINALS. IN PREMIER LEAGUE	27/11/05	
30.13.1	Where a club is not represented in both Reserve Grade and First Grade in the semis and finals the following is to apply: * Players who have taken the field at the commencement of a First Grade match (i.e. the starting 11 players NOT substitutions) in more than half of the competition rounds will be ineligible for Reserve Grade Semis and Finals.	27/11/05	
30.13.2	Where a club is represented in both Reserve Grade and First Grade in the Semis and Finals that are being played on the same day the following is to apply: * Players from that squad will be able to play in either Reserve or First Grade Semis and Finals on that day. However, if a Reserve Grade Semi or Final game is to be played or replayed on a different day to First Grade, By-Law 30.13.1 will be applied.	27/11/05	
30.13.3	Where a club is represented in both Reserve and First Grade in the Semis and Finals and the First Grade side is eliminated from further competition then By-Law 30.13.1 will come into force.	27/11/05	
30.13.4	If a squad can submit evidence to the MC that the regular goalkeeper for Reserve Grade in unavailable for the Semis and/or Finals - that squad can apply to the MC for permission to play a substitute keeper who may be ineligible through By-Law 30.13.1.	27/11/05	
30.13.5	All Final Series matches will be played on BDAFA grounds.	27/11/05	
30.14	Suspensions will be served as “rounds” rather than as “matches”. A “round” is a set of 1st and Reserve Grade matches on the same day or as otherwise deemed by the MC.	27/11/05	
30.15	If a “round” is split so that the 1st and Reserve Grade teams of the same squad do not play on the same day, the MC will decide on the eligibility of players for the Reserve Grade match. If the MC believes a squad has not played its regular Reserve Grade team for that match, they will fine the offending Club \$100.	27/11/05	
30.16	A Premier League Squad Committee is to be formed to Foster and Promote Premier League within BDAFA.	27/11/05	
31	GRADE 18, 19 & 21	20/11/06	1
31.1	If practical, the <i>G18, G19 & G21</i> Competition be incorporated into the PL 1 Competition and with matches to be played before the Reserve Grade. For those <i>G18, G19 & G21</i> teams without PL 1 they will still participate in the Competition but play their games as per the draw.	20/11/06	1
31.2	<i>Grade 18, 19 & 21's</i> will be deemed to be part of the PL 1 Squad for the purpose of reserves only. They will not be eligible to be part of the commencing line-up unless making up the starting eleven players.	20/11/06	1

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32	TROPHIES and AWARDS.	27/11/05	
32.1	Trophies or Awards will be presented to all registered players in the Non-Competitive grades	27/11/05	
32.2	Trophies or Awards so decided by BDAFA will be presented to the Premiership Winners and Runners-up from G09 upwards. All registered players and Team Officials of such teams will be presented with such awards.	27/11/05	
32.3	Additional Awards for non registered persons may be acquired by notifying BDAFA and will be at the Club's expense.	27/11/05	
32.4	Trophies or Awards may be given to participants in other BDAFA Competitions including knock-outs.	27/11/05	
32.5	The BDAFA EC will organize for the supply of trophies.	27/11/05	
32.6	Perpetual trophies and shields may be presented by BDAFA. Such awards will remain the property of BDAFA. Clubs are responsible for the return of these awards when requested by BDAFA. If such awards are lost or misplaced then the club responsible will be liable for the cost of replacing same.	27/11/05	
33	CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP	27/11/05	
33.1	Perpetual awards will be given annually to the Champion Club based on points gained in the BDAFA Premiership, ie; in G09 and above.	27/11/05	
33.2	Clubs eligible for Club Championship must have 10 or more teams competing in the BDAFA Premiership.	27/11/05	
33.3	For the purpose of calculating points for the Club Championship Final Series matches will not be included. Points will be adjusted to reflect the position of each had there been 18 Premiership matches played by each team in each competition.	27/11/05	
33.4	The winner of the Club Championship will be determined by adding together Premiership points a adjusted above for each club and dividing that figure by the number of teams competing for that club. The club with the highest average will be the Champion Club in each division.	27/11/05	
34	METROPOLITAN LEAGUE.	27/11/05	
34.1	BDAFA will enter squads in the Football NSW Ltd. <i>Grade 11 and Grade 12</i> Metropolitan League. These squads will adhere to FOOTBALL NSW LTD. By-Laws and Guidelines.	20/11/06	
34.2	Squads in each age group will consist of a coach, a manager and up to 16 players.	27/11/05	
34.3	Applications for the positions of Manager or Coach are to be submitted in writing. All Applicants must appear before the	27/11/05	

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	MC, EC who will evaluate all applications allocate age groups to the successful applicants.		
34.4	The manager will ensure proper behaviour of the team at all times.	27/11/05	
35	FINANCIALS	27/11/05	
35.1	The BDAFA Treasurer will issue Tax Invoices and Statements to the Clubs. Such Tax Invoices will include the payment terms and due date. Tax invoices will be issued at least two (2) weeks before due date.	27/11/05	
35.2	All payments to or by BDAFA will be by cheque only. All cheques <i>must have accompanying explanation of what invoice it pertains to</i> and accounts should be sent directly to the BDAFA Secretary.	20/11/06	1
35.3	Any Club failing to pay any account by the due date and after a final payment notice has been issued will not be allowed to participate in any BDAFA Competition until the account is paid. A Club has the right to forewarn the MC of any financial difficulty and request an extension of time.	27/11/05	
35.4	Clubs claiming student insurance rate for players over 16 years must do so in writing on Club Letterhead when the player's registration is submitted. They must also mark the Registration Sheet as per By-Law 8.3 (d).	27/11/05	
35.5	All accounts must be finalised by the 23rd of September so that BDAFA's books may be audited.	27/11/05	
35.6	Fees for Affiliation to BDAFA for the next playing year are payable by each Club two weeks prior to the current year's AGM.	27/11/05	
35.7	Clubs and their Officers will produce their financial records at any time as the MC may desire. Failure to do so will make the Club liable to suspension of all teams from BDAFA Competitions.	27/11/05	
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36	REGISTRATION OF COACHES.	27/11/05	
36.1	Any person wishing to register with BDAFA as coach any team, (G06 and above), must be accredited with the Australian Coaching Council and must be duly registered. Proof of Accreditation must be submitted with BDAFA registration. Persons not accredited may show that they are nominated to take a Junior License Course prior to 30th July of the current season. Failure to do so will mean that Coach's Registration will not be accepted by BDAFA.	27/11/05	
36.2	All coaches must also comply with regulations to attain a predetermined number of points to hold their accreditation.	27/11/05	

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36.3	BDAFA will authorise for Junior Licence Courses to be conducted for all Club's to enable persons to become accredited. The BDAFA Secretary will inform Clubs of the dates that such courses will operate.	27/11/05	
36.4	Clubs will not organise their own courses without first seeking approval from BDAFA.	27/11/05	
36.5	All Coaches and Team Officials must submit to BDAFA when applying for registration their signed acceptance of the "Code of Conduct".	27/11/05	
37	MEMBER PROTECTION INFORMATION AND REPORTING.	27/11/05	
37.1	All clubs and their members, coaches and managers will make themselves aware of their requirements under the "Working with Children" Legislation.	20/11/06	
37.2	All club's will ensure that prior to the commencement of the competition, a schedule of all coaches, managers, officials and volunteers, listing names, date of birth, address and phone numbers, together with the relevant approval forms will be submitted to BDAFA.	27/11/05	
37.3	Any person, who has not been registered with BDAFA, under the "Working with Children" requirements, will be unable to be involved in coaching, managing or officiating, in any activity involving children. A fine of \$200 will be imposed on any club breaching this requirement and also the matter reported to the relevant authorities.	27/11/05	
37.4	Any person, who abuses, intimidates or threatens a child under the age of 18 years, will be reported immediately to Police. Failure to report any incident by clubs or parents and the Associations, will result in fines and further action by the relevant authorities.	27/11/05	
37.5	Each club will have at least one (1) MPIO that is trained up to the latest Rules and Regulations. Each club will produce in writing to the Association Secretary the name, address and telephone number along with the club members latest training.	27/11/05	
38	UNOFFICIAL REFEREES		
38.1	Although not a registered member of the Referees Association the Unofficial Referee (who may be a player, spectator or club official) has the same powers as an Official Referee and may officiate the game using all the FIFA rules. They may issue cautions and send off's as required but must record the details of those issued on the appropriate (Yellow Caution, Red Send off or Blue Referees Report) forms supplied by their Club. The team sheet should be noted accordingly with the Club involved, players name, ID number and offence. All reports must be forwarded via the Club Secretary to reach	27/11/05	

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40	<p>ABBREVIATIONS USED (Unless otherwise specified all references to males apply equally to females). Throughout these By-Laws the following abbreviations and meanings are used. “AA” means “All Age” i.e. groups of players or competitions without age limitation “AGM” means the Annual General Meeting of BDAFA “AAL” means “All Age Ladies” “(the) Association” means “Bankstown District Amateur Football Association Inc”. “BDAFA” means “Bankstown District Amateur Football Association Inc.” “BUASC” means “Bankstown United Association of Soccer Clubs” “Club” may mean “team” if the context implies this “Club(s)” means a Club affiliated to BDAFA, unless otherwise specified “(Competition/Premiership) Draw” means “a schedule for matches in an age/division” “(the) EC” means “(the) Executive Committee of BDAFA” “Federation” means “Soccer NSW Ltd.” “FIFA” means “Federation Internationale de Football Association” “FIFA Law” or “The Laws” means “The Official Laws of the Game (of Soccer)” “G” as in “G08”, “G09” means “Grade 8”, “Grade 9” etc, being player age groups “Home Club” means “the Club who uses the permits granted to BDAFA for the field specified” “Home Team” means “the team named firstly on the draw for each match” “ID” means “Identity” “ID Number” means “the number of ID card on which the person is registered “JL” means “Junior League” “KO” means “Knock-Out” “(the) MC” means “The Management Committee of BDAFA” unless otherwise specified “G35” means “The Over 35 years age group or competition: “Official” or “Team Official” means a registered coach, manager, or other official “Official Referee” means “a member of Bankstown Soccer Referees Inc. or NSW Referees” “P & D” means “The Players Disputes Committee” “PL 1” means “Premier League 1” “PL 2” means “Premier League 2.” “(the or these) By-Laws” means “the Competition By-Laws of BDAFA” “Sydney Branch” means “The Sydney Branch of Football NSW Ltd.” “Visiting Team” means “the second named team on the draw for each match” “YL” means “Youth League”</p>		

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