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DEFINITIONS

Match:	is an actual game played: a bye or game forfeited is not a match for the purposes of this section.							
Player:	A person whose name appears on an official team sheet.							
Referee:	The person appointed to officiate the match.							
Determination of the Disciplinary Committee:	A majority decision of the DC Committee							
The Competition Administrator:	The CA is made up of Chairman, Senior Vice Chairman, Junior Vice Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer, and Standing Sub-Committee representatives as elected through due process from time to time, of Football Stanthorpe Inc							
Standing Sub-Committee:	The Standing Sub-Committees comprise of a representative from Men, Women, Colts, Over 35’s, Juniors, Referee’s and Coaches.							
Send-off Offence:	An offence which results in the player being immediately required to leave the field of play							
Caution Offence:	An offence for which the player incurs penalty points							
Football Stanthorpe:	Football Stanthorpe Inc. is the administrator for these competitions <table style="width: 100%; border: none;"> <tr> <td style="width: 50%;">Men</td> <td style="width: 50%;">Ladies</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Colts</td> <td>Over 35’s</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Juniors</td> <td>and includes Referees and Coaches.</td> </tr> </table>		Men	Ladies	Colts	Over 35’s	Juniors	and includes Referees and Coaches.
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Bond	Good Behaviour Bond							
Laws of the Game	As per the FIFA Referees handbook							

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BY-LAWS

It is acknowledged that the Football Stanthorpe CA has the right to use its discretion in the implementation of these By-Laws and their application in the interests of the code.

1.0 APPOINTMENT OF STANDING SUB-COMMITTEE REPRESENTATIVES

- 1.1 Notice in writing from each club of the appointment of a Standing Sub-Committee representative to attend Standing Sub-committee meetings. This notice must be lodged with the Football Stanthorpe Secretary 7 days prior to the first Standing Sub-committee meeting in each competition year.
- 1.2 Clubs not represented at Sub-committee meetings, which they are required to attend, will be fined in accordance with the list of fines in Appendix A.

2.0 ADMISSION

- 2.1 Clubs seeking admission, or readmission to the Football Stanthorpe competition must submit to the CA details of their home ground, accompanied with their constitution and certificate of incorporation and Football Stanthorpe shall determine if such is acceptable.
- 2.2 Clubs admitted to Football Stanthorpe are required to participate in an approved Insurance Scheme as determined by Football Australia.
- 2.3 Clubs admitted to Football Stanthorpe are required to abide by all provisions of the Marketing Scheme as adopted by Football Qld, and Football Australia.

3.0 MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS FOR GROUNDS

- 3.1 Ground markings must be clear and accurate and within the dimensions as specified in the Laws of the Game as per Appendix D1. (Extract from Soccer Australia Risk Management Manual.)
- 3.2 Nets and Corner Posts must be provided and conform to the Laws of the Game.
- 3.3 It is preferred to have whenever possible one first aid person who holds a minimum qualification of Level 1 Sports Medicine at all grounds hosting Football Stanthorpe fixtures or competitions.
- 3.4 Dressing and sanitary arrangements for players must be clean and adequate, covering provisions for showering and other toilet facilities for males and females.
- 3.5 Clubs are required to provide two separate technical areas each with covered seating for each competitive field. Coaches, managers, sports medicine/first aid personnel and named reserves are required to occupy these seats or adjacent defined area whilst their team is participating in any competitive match.

4.0 PLAYING GROUND/EQUIPMENT

4.1 Field Sizes

The field sizes shall be of maximum and minimum dimensions as set out in the FIFA Rules.

4.2 Field Markings

The field markings shall be clear and distinct lines (preferably in white colour) not more than 120mm wide but must be the width of the goal posts.

4.3 Corner Flags

Corner flags must be 1.5 metres above ground. They must be constructed of an approved material (as per Soccer Australia Risk Management Manual) and must be in place prior to the start of play.

4.4 Goal Nets

The goal nets should be in good repair and properly secured to cross bar, uprights, and the ground behind the goal prior to the start of the game.

- 4.5 Match Balls**
The match balls are to have their outer casing constructed of approved materials. The circumference of the balls shall not be greater than 711 mm or less than 680 mm and weight and pressure will comply with FIFA regulations. The balls should not be changed during the game unless authorised by the referee.
- 4.5.1 A minimum of two first class footballs must be available for each match. Each club must provide at least one ball.
- 4.6 Goal Posts**
Must comply with FFA Risk Management Policies and Government legislation (refer appendix
- 5.0 NIGHT LIGHTING**
- 5.1 Floodlighting will comply with the Australian Standard for Football AS 2560.2.3.1986
- 6.0 REGISTERED COLOURS**
- 6.1 Each member club of Football Stanthorpe shall submit to the CA details of their colours for approval and registration.
- 6.2 No two teams shall play each other in similar colours.
- 6.3 Goalkeepers' colours in all cases shall be distinguishable from the colours worn by all other players.
- 6.4 In the event of a clash of colours by the competing clubs in Premiership fixtures, the away team shall change their colours.
- 7.0 FIXTURES/COMPETITIONS - General**
- 7.1 The CA shall be empowered to draw up and determine the fixtures of the Football Stanthorpe competitions, as they deem fit and in the best interests of Football Stanthorpe and the code. The fixtures shall be drawn up and made available to all Members no later than March 1st each year or at least two weeks prior to the competition fixture.
- 7.2 All such fixtures shall belong to and the copyright therein be deemed to be vested in Football Stanthorpe.
- 7.3 Any application for departure from the fixtures as laid down by the CA shall be in writing to Football Stanthorpe 14 days prior to the scheduled day. Under certain circumstances, the CA has the power to approve a change to the draw without the said 14 days notice for special circumstances e.g. grievance etc.
- 7.4 The CA may direct a change be made in the draw due to representative team or other commitments to achieve the Football Stanthorpe objectives.
- 7.5 The CA shall determine By-Laws of Football Stanthorpe competitions from time to time and each competing clubs and the Referees shall receive from Football Stanthorpe a copy of the By-Laws prior to the commencement of the competitions.
- 7.6 Clubs shall not arrange matches other than Football Stanthorpe matches unless permission is granted by the CA, application for which must be in writing to the Football Stanthorpe Secretary at least seven (7) days prior to the match date.
- 7.7 All matches under the jurisdiction of Football Stanthorpe shall, wherever possible, have an appointed referee and referees' assistants for the participants to be covered by any insurance scheme that is currently in operation.
- 7.8 Football Stanthorpe will adopt the "Laws of the Game" as laid down from time to time by FIFA and current interpretations of the same by ruling State bodies in the operation of its competitions.

8.0 COMPETITION STRUCTURE

- 8.1 The competition will consist of a:
Men's Division (Eligibility refer Appendix G)
Women's Division (Eligibility refer Appendix G)
Colt's Division (Eligibility refer Appendix G)
Over 35's Division (Eligibility refer Appendix G)
- 8.2 The CA may add or delete divisions from time to time according to nominations prior to the commencement of each playing season.
- 8.3 **Age Group** – Whatever age a player turns during the calendar year, then that is the player's age group.

9.0 SUBSTITUTION RULES/INTERCHANGE

- 9.1 In all Football Stanthorpe Men's Division matches (including standard Over 35's Division), teams may substitute no more than three (3) players at any time including extra time if applicable. Once a player has been replaced he shall not be permitted to return to the field of play.
- 9.1.1 Limited interchange in Men's Division with a maximum of six (6) for the full game.
- 9.1.2 In the Over 35's and Colts Division unlimited interchange is permitted.
In the women's Division, a limit of 4 interchange stoppages per half.

10.0 PREMIERSHIP COMPETITION

- 10.1 Each team in each competitive division shall play its opponent on a home and away basis and in that sequence as far as is practicable according to the fixtures as set down by the CA.

10.2 Premiership Competition Points

Teams shall receive three (3) points for a win, one (1) for a draw and nil (0) for a loss.

- 10.2.1 The leading team at the end of the last round of the competition fixtures shall be declared as the Football Stanthorpe competition Premiers.

10.3 Goal Difference

Goal difference shall be taken into consideration where teams are level on points at the end of fixtures. The goal difference shall determine the Premiership team. In all cases where goal difference is to be taken into account, the manner in which it shall be arrived at shall be:-

- (a) The number of goals against is subtracted from the number of goals for.
- (b) The highest resultant figure from such subtractions shall be deemed to have the best goal difference and shall take precedence in determining positions in respect to minus goal difference.
- (c) The lowest resultant minus figure from such subtraction shall be deemed to have the best goal difference and shall take precedence in determining positions in respect to minus goal difference.
- (d) Where a team scores through their own goal, such goals shall be taken as having been scored by their opponents in determining teams total goals scored.
- (e) In the case of goal difference being equal, the team scoring the greater number of goals for shall be declared the winner.
- (f) Should the factors in (e) be equal, joint Premiers will be declared.
- (g) If a Premiership competition has an inequality in the number of matches played during the one season, the Premiership winner shall be decided (when necessary) by percentage calculated by dividing the total number of points gained for the season by the number of matches played.

10.4 Uncompleted Fixtures

- 10.4.1 The result of any match which does not reach its natural conclusion for any reason outlined in the Laws of the Game (Law 5c), shall be decided by the CA either by allocation of points according to the result of the match at the time of stoppage, or by ordering a full replay, such replay to be staged at a time to be determined at the discretion of the CA.
- 10.4.2 However, where it has been established by the CA that the game was abandoned due to a team having players sent from the field for misconduct or for any reason deemed by the CA to have been intentional to have the match abandoned, the points will be awarded to the opposing team with goals being recorded as in By-Law 11.3.2.
- 10.4.3 In such cases where it can be proved beyond reasonable doubt that spectator interference causing an abandonment of a match has been inspired by a person or persons directly associated with any particular club, that club shall be deemed guilty of serious misconduct through association and shall be liable to such penalty as shall be determined by the CA.
- 10.4.4 Any team which causes a match to be terminated before its natural conclusion through a mass walk-off or refusal to allow play to continue, shall be deemed to have committed misconduct against Football Stanthorpe and the offending club will automatically forfeit its Good Behaviour Bond.
- 10.4.5 In such cases, the team guilty of the walk-off shall be deemed to have forfeited the match and the points associated with the match shall be awarded to the opponents with goals being recorded as in By-Law 11.3.2

11.0 PRIORITY OF REGISTRATION

- 11.1 In the event of a player signing registration forms for more than one club; priority of registration shall be the deciding factor. The CA shall investigate the circumstances under which the registration forms were signed and, having made its determination, shall notify the club submitting the latter registration.
- 11.2 Any player found to have wilfully signed registrations for more than one club, or a club found to have knowingly induced a registered player of another club to sign a registration form, shall be dealt with by the CA in such a manner as they shall think fit.

11.3 Ineligible Players

- 11.3.1 Any club playing an unregistered, suspended or ineligible player shall be ineligible for any points associated with the match and shall be subject to any disciplinary action imposed by the CA.
- 11.3.2 In such cases, the full points associated with the match shall be awarded to their opponents with a score of 3-0. However, if the number of goals scored by the opposition team is greater than three (3), then the exact number of goals scored by the opposition team will stand.
- 11.3.3 Definitions of ineligible players to which the penalty as described shall apply, pertain to:-
 - Playing under a false name
 - Playing whilst unregistered
 - Playing whilst awaiting a clearance
 - Playing whilst unfinancial
 - Playing whilst suspended
 - Age definition breach (refer Appendix G)
 - Divisional definition breach (unrelated to age)
 - Any other misdemeanour as determined by the CA under the Rules and By-Laws of Football Stanthorpe

11.4 Bona Fide Players

No one other than bona fide players shall be permitted to play for a club being a member of Football Stanthorpe in Football Stanthorpe matches. A bona fide player is one who has signed a prescribed Football Stanthorpe Registration Form intimating their desire to be registered by Football Stanthorpe as a player for the club for whom they sign and for whom the said club has duly received from Football Stanthorpe a certificate of such registration.

- 11.5 Ringing in of Players**
A non bona fide player shall be deemed to be a ring-in. Any club found to have knowingly and wilfully engaged in the ringing in of a player or players in any Football Stanthorpe match shall be deemed to have been guilty of gross misconduct and, as a consequence, shall be liable to a fine and/or possible disqualification from Football Stanthorpe. (Refer Appendix A)
- 11.6 Forfeits**
- 11.6.1 Any team failing to fulfil their fixture as scheduled shall be deemed to have forfeited.
- 11.6.2 The points associated with such fixture shall be awarded to their opponents with a score of 3-0.
- 11.6.3 Fines will be imposed on clubs for forfeits, the fees for which will be in accordance with a scale as set down by the CA from time to time (Refer Appendix A).
Any team that forfeits, will lose their home ground advantage when the same two clubs are scheduled to next meet at the forfeiting team's home ground.
- 11.7 Postponed Fixtures**
- 11.7.1 In the event of any Football Stanthorpe fixture not being played due to any causes over which neither club has control, or being ordered to be replayed or postponed, the match shall be played on a date approved by the CA.
- 11.7.2 Deferred matches in non-competition matches should be at the mutual agreement of the teams concerned.
- 11.8 Wash-outs**
In the event of the cancellation or abandonment of Football Stanthorpe fixtures through rain rendering grounds unplayable, all such fixtures shall be played at a time and under such conditions as the CA shall determine.
- 11.9 Wet Weather Policy**
Football Stanthorpe is aware of the many varied ground conditions that may cause the need to cancel a competition or other match. At all times the safety of players and officials are of concern, therefore a 'Wet Weather Policy' is to be developed by the CA in consultation with the Standing Sub-Committees. (refer Appendix H).
- 12.0 FINAL SERIES**
- 12.1 The four leading teams at the end of the last round of Premiership fixtures shall play the Semi Finals in the following order – 1 v 2; 3 v 4.
- 12.2 The loser of 1 v 2 shall play the winner of 3 v 4 in the Preliminary Final.
- 12.3 The winner of the Preliminary Final shall play the winner of 1 v 2 in the Grand Final.
In the event of a match being drawn after normal playing time in any finals series matches, extra time will be played (2 x 15 minutes for Men's and Women's Divisions, and 2 x 10 minutes for Colts Division). If however, at the conclusion of extra time a winner is not determined, penalties under FIFA Rules will decide the winner.
- 12.4 The winner of the Grand Final in all grades shall be declared the Football Stanthorpe Champions.
- 12.5 Players eligible to play in the Finals Series must be correctly registered in accordance with the By-Laws and have played with the club in at least five (5) Premiership matches during the season.
- 12.6 A player who plays in an age group or division higher than their registered age division during the season must play at least five (5) Premiership matches with his own age division to be eligible to play for his own age group in the finals series.
- 12.7 Should an ineligible player be played in a Finals Series match, the team playing the ineligible player will automatically lose the match, which shall be awarded to their opponents and the club shall be liable to further penalty as the CA deems suitable. (refer Appendix A)

13.0 RECORDING OF SCORES

- 13.1 The referees at all matches conducted by Football Stanthorpe shall be responsible for communicating in writing the respective scores of each grade to the Football Stanthorpe's Fixtures Officer. Such scores shall be advised in all instances before 12.00p.m on the Tuesday following the fixtures. Failure to advise scores will result in an automatic fine (Refer Appendix A).

14.0 TROPHIES

- 14.1 All trophies/prizes associated with Football Stanthorpe competitions shall be determined by the CA.
- 14.2 The clubs declared Football Stanthorpe Premiers and/or Champions shall be presented with the associated trophy and shall undertake to return it, in the same condition to the Football Stanthorpe Secretary on or before the 31st day of July in the year following their winning such trophy or at such date as the CA from time to time require. All other trophies will be retained and housed by the CA. Expenses for the replacement of any trophies that are lost/damaged shall be borne by the said club. A list of trophy winners is to be kept by the Football Stanthorpe Secretary.
- 14.3 Football Stanthorpe shall present to the Football Stanthorpe Premiers and Champions in all divisions such number of trophies as is determined by the CA to be adequate for each division for distribution to players, coaches or officials of the winning teams as the club shall nominate.

15.0 REPRESENTATIVE SOCCER

- 15.1 The CA shall be empowered to enter into agreements on behalf of Football Stanthorpe to arrange fixtures whether inter-state or inter-league etc., bearing in mind at all times the standing of the State authority in such matters and the interests of the members of Football Stanthorpe.
- 15.2 The CA shall be empowered to call upon the services of all Football Stanthorpe players for representative Football Stanthorpe fixtures or matches held for the purpose of selecting teams for representative Football Stanthorpe fixtures upon such terms and conditions as they may consider fit.
- 15.3 Players shall be required to make themselves available for any Football Stanthorpe representative team when selected. Failure to do so without an excuse acceptable to the CA will result in a suspension and/or fine.
- 15.4 Where a club fixture team has three (3) or more players unavailable due to sanctioned representative football commitments, scheduled fixture matches may be re-programmed by the Football Stanthorpe CA at the request of the club.

16.0 INTRASTATE, INTERSTATE OR OVERSEAS TOUR BY CLUBS

- 16.1 Any tour conducted by a club affiliated directly or indirectly to Football Queensland, must have the written permission of the relevant State authority to travel within Australia and must have the permission of both the State authority and Football Australia to travel outside Australia.

17.0 GROUND OFFICIALS

- 17.1 The two ground officials wearing the correct identification shall introduce themselves to the referee prior to the start of the match.
- 17.2 Each club shall provide one ground official wearing identification at each fixture, to which inquiries by or referees may be directed.
- 17.3 The ground officials will liaise with the referee and/or referee's assistant regarding any crowd disturbances, player send offs etc. Crowd disturbances will be referred to the police.
- 17.4 The ground officials will ensure that the referee and referee's assistants are escorted (if required) onto and from the field of play.
- 17.5 One ground official from each club is responsible for the conduct of all players and team officials in the technical area. Only players named on the team sheet will be permitted in the technical area together with team officials ie:-team coaches, manager and sports medicine/first aid personnel.
- 17.6 One of the ground officials from each club may be the team manager.
- 17.7 Ground officials are not allowed on the field of play during the game without the permission of the referee.

18.0 FIELD SECURITY

- 18.1 The technical area will be defined by a line marking one metre either side and up to one metre from the playing field in front of the substitution bench. Only team officials and substitutes are permitted in this area whilst the match is in progress.
- 18.2 Team officials can only enter the field of play with the permission of the referee.
- 18.3 For further details refer to the Football Stanthorpe Duties of Ground Officials (Appendix F).

19.0 ADMISSION CHARGES

- 19.1 Admission fees for all CA fixtures will be decided annually at the Annual General Meeting.

20.0 ALCOHOL

- 20.1 Clubs are advised, out of respect for their fellow clubs, not to take alcohol to games at opposition grounds.
- 20.2 Alcohol shall be consumed only within the permitted area as defined by each club's liquor license. Each area shall be identified in accordance with the Liquor Act.

21.0 REFEREES

- 21.1 Football Stanthorpe will establish a Standing Committee for Referees as outlined in the Crawford Report. The Committee will conduct and control all refereeing issues that may arise.
- 21.2 Football Stanthorpe will appoint each year a Director of Coaching for Referee's and such appointments will be made by recommendation from Football Qld and the Football Stanthorpe CA. It is preferred that the Director of Coaching of Referees shall be a non refereeing member of the Standing Committee and will be ably qualified to assist in the training, coaching, supervision, and grading of all referees in the community. The Director of Coaching will be able to liaise with Junior Football to promote the code and develop junior referees at this level.
- 21.3 If a suitable Director of Coaching does not exist locally, someone with suitable qualifications will be selected from elsewhere.
- 21.4 Whenever matches are under the jurisdiction of Football Stanthorpe, the CA will, wherever possible, endeavour to use a member from the recognised referees' body. In the event that a qualified referee and/or qualified referees' assistant are unavailable, the officials of the teams will agree on the appointment of a referee and/or referees' assistants. The referee and referees' assistants so appointed shall have the same powers as a qualified referee and/or referees' assistants and shall have Football Stanthorpe's full support and protection.
- 21.5 A Referee's Appointments board shall appoint referees for all Football Stanthorpe fixtures and competitions and all such appointments shall be in accordance with a grading system for referees and fixtures/competitions. The Standing Committee for Referees will provide a list of referees and their qualifications to Football Stanthorpe each year. A Referees Appointments board will consist of (a) the Chair of the Football Stanthorpe CA (b) a representative from the Standing Committee for Referees and (c) the Director of Coaching of Referees or a Referees' Appointments Officer, who is suitably qualified, and not actively refereeing. Such person where possible shall not be associated with a local Club and shall be approved by Football Queensland on the recommendation of Football Stanthorpe and a representative of Standing Committee for Referees. All referee appointments for fixtures will be advised by Tuesday prior to any fixtures (where possible). The method of appointments for each season shall be at the discretion of the Appointments board. Appointments for the finals series competition shall be ratified by the CA.
- 21.6 In the event that 21.4 cannot be resolved, it should not be assumed that the match will be deferred. It will be at the discretion of the CA as to the outcome of the match.
- 21.7 Referees and assistant referees fees shall be those submitted by the Stanthorpe Referees' Standing Committee and approved by the CA at the Annual General Meeting.
- 21.8 Referees fees will be payable at the completion of the final match of the day, by cash or cheque.

- 21.9 Payment of referee fees will take place in accordance with the guidelines laid down below:
- (i) The two teams playing are to share the cost equally.
 - (ii) Football Stanthorpe will cover the cost for all representative games and Grand Finals.
 - (iii) A Football Club 'Referees Payment Record' book is to be kept at each ground, for the referees to sign on receipt of payment. It is the responsibility of the referees & the Home Team to ensure that it is completed correctly.
- 21.10 Referees must have attained the age of 17 and must have attained an acceptable level (as determined by the CA) before refereeing Men's Division matches conducted by Football Stanthorpe. The age of fourteen (14) must have been attained to officiate Colts and Women's Division fixtures either as a referee or referee's assistant.
- 21.11 Referees are to ensure all games commence on the advertised starting time. Failure to do so will result in a fine see (Appendix A)

22.0 DURATION OF MATCHES

- 22.1 Duration of all Men's Division matches shall be 45 minutes each half with a half time interval minimum of 5 minutes, maximum of 15 minutes.
- 22.2 Women's Division matches shall be 35 minutes each half with a half time interval minimum 5 minutes, maximum 15 minutes.
- 22.3 Colts Division matches shall be of 40 minutes each half with a half time interval minimum 5 minutes, maximum 15 minutes.

23.0 STARTING TIMES

- 23.1 Teams must be ready on the field of play to start the match by the designated game commencement time.
- 23.2 Teams not ready to commence the match by the designated starting time shall be subject to a fine as determined by the CA (Refer Appendix A)
- 23.3 Home clubs who cause an unnecessary delay to the commencement of a match at the designated time due to unsatisfactory field markings and/or nets not in position and/or corner flags not installed, may be liable to have a fine imposed by the CA (Refer Appendix A)

24.0 TEAM SHEETS

- 24.1 Official team sheets shall be provided by each team and all information requested thereon shall be fully completed. Clubs failing to fully complete team sheets shall be liable for a fine as per Appendix A.
- 24.2 The team sheet shall be available to hand to the officiating referee fifteen (15) minutes prior to the designated time of the match.
- 24.3 Players arriving late, but who have already been recorded on the team sheet, are eligible to take the field with the referee's permission but must ensure that they sign the team sheet before taking the field.
- 24.4 Players whose names are not recorded on the team sheet at the designated starting time are ineligible to take the field for the match.
- 24.5 On completion of the match the managers/coaches are responsible for ensuring the correct score is indicated on the team sheets and that the scorers of the goals are correctly recorded; this is to be confirmed by the manager/coach's signature on the team sheet. Team sheets are then to be handed back to the referee who shall hand them to the host club official.

25.0 REGISTRATION OF PLAYERS

- 25.1 Clubs are required to nominate teams on the Team Nomination Form by the date set by the CA each year. No team nominations will be accepted after the due date and clubs will be fined for withdrawal of a team after that date (Refer Appendix A).

- 25.2 *All players shall be registered with Football Stanthorpe as amateur players, and will be declared cleared to play at the start of each year unless there are outstanding issues to be reconciled with Football Stanthorpe such as suspensions etc. All players must have paid registration fees before taking the field to represent their respective clubs. (this includes training)*
- 25.3 Registration forms shall be those provided by Football Qld for amateur players.
- 25.4 Amateur players are not to receive remuneration for playing or training, or signing on, and are only bound to the club after having signed on as an amateur, from 1st January in any year to 31st December in the same year. The forms are to be completed in full and lodged with Football Stanthorpe together with the gazetted registration fee.
- 25.5 *Players who are registered to play in the Colts Division with their club can also play in the Men's Division as far as Football Stanthorpe is concerned but only with the same club.*
- 25.6 Under age players applying to play in the Men's and Women's Division shall be subject to the current rules and procedures as imposed by the various State governing bodies from time to time. (Refer Player Age Policy)
- 25.7 Clubs falsifying official Football Stanthorpe registration documents will be fined and/or expelled from the competition or otherwise dealt with as determined by the CA (Refer Appendix A).
- 25.8 Applications on behalf of players requiring transfer from clubs outside of Football Stanthorpe are permitted at any time during the year. Such applications will be processed at the discretion of the CA.
- 25.9 *No player shall be permitted to register for more than one club in any one competition conducted by Football Stanthorpe. If a player wishes to play with another club during the year, he will deregister from the original club he registered with before he registers with the new club. (link here to forms). In this situation, all State and Zone Fees will transfer however Football Stanthorpe may keep all of the administration cost of his fee, and the player will have to pay this component to Football Stanthorpe before he can represent the new Club.*
- 25.10 Players will be deemed to be registered at the time their registration is completed. Players are eligible to play when the registration is in the hands of the Secretary on the Friday at close of business prior to the match in which the player intends to play. A late registration can take effect if signed by an executive member of the opposing club on the day of the game as long as the signature occurs prior to the commencement of the game.
- 26.0 PLAYER PRESENTATION**
- 26.1 All players taking the field must be in the correct club uniform. For each player not in uniform a fine will be imposed (see Appendix A)
- 26.2 Players shall keep tidy on the field of play All players **must** wear boots or training shoes and shin pads. They should not wear anything which is dangerous to another player, refer 'FIFA laws of the Game'.
- 27.0 PLAYER TRANSFER/CLEARANCE**
- 27.1 *Clubs requiring a transfer of a player whether intrastate, interstate or overseas, must lodge a completed Football Stanthorpe Request for Transfer Form, together with the appropriate fee, if applicable, to the Football Stanthorpe Secretary who will then undertake to request the transfer from the relevant State authority.?????????????*
- 27.2 Players cannot be placed on a 'Retained List' or 'Open to Transfer List' by any club.
- 27.3 Players cannot participate in Football Stanthorpe fixtures or competitions until Football Stanthorpe has received the transfer advice from the relevant State authority.
- 27.4 *Transfer requests involving players who last played outside of Australia are required to submit a copy of their passport, visa and/or any other information that Football Stanthorpe may determine. These players will be referred to as 'Visa Players'.*
- 27.5 Member clubs of Football Stanthorpe are only permitted to register one Visa Player in each Division, in any one year.

- 27.6 Member clubs of Football Stanthorpe are not permitted to register players on a Sporting Visa.
- 27.7 Applications for players requiring transfers between clubs affiliated to Football Stanthorpe must be lodged prior to June 30th of each year.
- 27.8 Transfer and registration of players between member clubs of Football Stanthorpe will not be permitted after unless 5 games still remain in the competition. A clearance will only be issued after all suspensions and other outstanding issues with Football Stanthorpe have been reconciled.
- 28.0 UNFINANCIAL PLAYERS**
- 28.1 It is a Club's responsibility to ensure all player's financial responsibilities are met (i.e. Membership Fees, Registration Fees, Insurance Fees and any other club related costs).
- 29.0 FEES & CHARGES**
- 29.1 Team Nomination**
- 29.1.1 Each club nominating a team or teams to participate in the Football Stanthorpe fixtures shall pay a nomination fee per team as set down from time to time by the CA.
- 29.2 Withdrawal of Teams**
- A club having nominated a team accepted by Football Stanthorpe for the Football Stanthorpe fixtures in any year, then elects to withdraw that team after the fixture draw has been completed, will be subject to a fine (Refer Appendix A).
- 29.2.1 The nomination fee is forfeited on withdrawal of a team.
- 29.3 Football Stanthorpe Matches**
- 29.3.1 The charges for admission to any Football Stanthorpe matches shall be determined by the CA and the gross gate receipts will be to the credit of Football Stanthorpe unless otherwise arranged and specified.
- 29.3.2 In all matches organised by Football Stanthorpe other than finals series, cup competitions etc., competing clubs shall be responsible for paying the referees' fees. In the case of representative matches Football Stanthorpe will bare the cost of referees' fees.
- 29.4 Levy**
- 29.4.1 The CA shall be empowered to levy or otherwise, to require members to contribute such sum or sums of money to the funds of Football Stanthorpe as may be necessary for Football Stanthorpe's purpose.
- 29.5 Good Behaviour Bonds (GBB)**
- 29.5.1 All clubs shall, at the beginning of the season, lodge with Football Stanthorpe, a 'good behaviour bond' as set down from time to time by the CA.
- 29.5.2 Fines imposed on the club by the CA or any of its sub committees or appointed committees may be deducted from this Bond.
- 29.5.3 In the event of a team refusing to play or 'walk off' during a match, the whole of the club's Bond shall be forfeited. (see Appendix A)
- 29.5.4 Should a club's bond become fully exhausted, the bond shall be replaced to the full amount within seven (7) days and the club shall be cited to appear before the CA to show cause why it should not be suspended from the competitions for the remainder of the season.
- 29.5.5 At the end of the season, the amount remaining in a club's Bond may be returned to the club or held in credit for the following season.
- 29.6 Expenses of members of the CA and Committees**
- 29.6.1 Members of the CA or any member of an appointed committee shall be entitled to be paid from out of the funds of Football Stanthorpe, justifiable expenses that have been approved by the CA.

30.0 CODE OF CONDUCT

- 30.1 A Code of Conduct shall be formulated for Football Stanthorpe by the CA to define actions which may be deemed as 'Bringing the Code into Disrepute' in all aspects of football conducted by Football Stanthorpe.
- 30.2 A list of the penalties which will be imposed on members for any breaches of the Code of Conduct will be included in this document.
- 30.3 A copy of the Code of Conduct shall be distributed to all members of Football Stanthorpe at the beginning of each playing season. (Refer Appendix C)

31.0 PENALTY POINTS - TIME ZONES

- 31.1 *Separate time zones will apply to the Player Cautions as follows:-*
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| <i>Zone 1. Pre-season</i> | <i>- including all authorised pre-season matches</i> |
| <i>Zone 2. Fixture season</i> | <i>-to include all Premiership and other games played during that period.</i> |
| <i>Zone 3. Finals series</i> | <i>- to include all games played in the Final Series</i> |
- 31.2 *In Zones 1 and 3, two cautions incurred automatically means that the player will be suspended for one (1) match as previously defined. This suspension will take place in the next authorised match in which this player is involved.*
- 31.3 *In Zone 2, a maximum four (4) cautions will apply before a suspension is imposed, such suspension to occur as detailed in By-laws.*
- 31.4 *Any cautions incurred by players that do not total to a suspension will automatically revert to zero (0) between each time zone.*

32.0 COMPETITIONS OF ONE (1) DAY DURATION

- 32.1 *All players must be registered with an affiliated club of Football Stanthorpe Inc.*
- 32.2 *All competitions shall require the use of the Football Stanthorpe Inc team sheet.*
- 32.3 *Any player sent from the field shall not play in the next match in the same competition in which his/her team is involved.*
- 32.4 *Any player sent from the field for a second time in the same competition shall take no further part in that competition.*
- 32.5 *Where the referee deems a send-off offence to be of a serious nature, the referee shall send to the Office of the Football Stanthorpe Inc a copy of the team sheet and the send-off report which shall be referred to the Football Stanthorpe Inc Disciplinary Committee for further consideration and action if warranted.*

33.0 COMPETITIONS OF MORE THAN ONE (1) DAY DURATION

- 33.1 *All players must be registered with an affiliated club of Football Stanthorpe Inc/Football Queensland.*
- 33.2 *All competitions shall require the use of the Football Stanthorpe Inc official team sheet.*
- 33.3 *Any player sent from the field shall not play in the next match in the same competition in which his/her team is involved.*
- 33.4 *Any player sent from the field for the second time in the same competition shall be suspended for the next two matches in which his/her team is involved in that competition*
- 33.5 *Any player sent from the field for a third time in the same competition shall take no further part in that competition.*

- 33.6 *Where the referee deems a send-off offence to be of a serious nature, the referee shall send to the Office of the Football Stanthorpe Inc a copy of the team sheet and the send-off report which shall be referred to the Football Stanthorpe Inc Disciplinary Committee for further consideration and action if warranted.*
- 33.7 *In either a one day or extended competition, any player receiving his/her second caution in the same competition shall miss the next match in that competition that immediately follows the second cautionable offence.*

APPENDIX A
FOOTBALL STANTHORPE INC.
LIST OF FINES FEES AND CHARGES

1.	Clubs non-attendance at Football Stanthorpe Delegates Meetings (minimum of 3 to attend meetings)	\$20.00
	Clubs non-attendance at Standing Sub Committee Meetings	\$20.00
2.	Players non-attendance at Disciplinary Committee Hearings, Club fine will be	\$50.00
3.	FORFEITS	
	All divisions – more than 48 hours	\$100.00
	All divisions – less than 48 hours	\$175.00
	All divisions – less than 7 players at kick off	\$75.00
4.	Ringing in of Players	\$1200.00 + GBB + suspension
5.	Walk Off	Forfeit GBB
6.	INELIGIBLE PLAYERS – in fixtures in finals	\$200.00 \$200.00
7.	(a) Teams not ready at kick off – All divisions (b) Referee not ready at kick off	\$20.00 \$20.00
8.	Fields not ready at kick off	\$20.00
9.	Team player not in uniform	\$10.00
10.	Players wearing incorrect shirt number	\$20.00
11.	TEAM SHEET - incomplete \$5 + \$5 for each offence thereafter - supply of incorrect team sheet	\$50.00
12.	RESULTS - failure by referee to advise results	\$20.00
13.	PLAYER I.D's - non supply to opposing team	\$50.00
14.	ASSISTANT REFEREES - non supply by host club when required	\$50.00
15.	WITHDRAWAL OF TEAMS After close of nominations	\$300.00
	Clubs falsifying Registration Documents (+ suspension)	\$500.00
16.	Detrimental statements to Media (+ suspension) In Public (+ suspension)	\$1000.00 \$500.00
17.	Wearing and/or supply of non licensed products	\$1000.00
18.	Grievance Lodgement Fee (refundable if grievance upheld)	\$150.00

**** Note: Fines may be increased in the case of recurring offences by clubs/players/official**

The CA reserves the right to vary any penalty if circumstances are warranted.

**** Note: A second offence in the same year shall provide for an increased penalty commensurate with the offence.**

Player/Club fines are at the discretion of Football Stanthorpe. The amounts stated can be varied.

APPENDIX B
FOOTBALL STANTHORPE INC.
INTERCHANGE RULES

1.0 PLAYERS

1.1 A maximum of **sixteen (16) players** may be listed on the team sheet and used in the game for all competitions.

2.0 INTERCHANGE

2.1 Each team may field up to five (5) interchange players. Any player may be interchanged at any time, including the goal-keeper, provided the referee is advised at the time of the change. A player, once interchanged, may return to the field of play at any time, provided that they are interchanged with another player.

3.0 APPLICABILITY

3.1 Interchange rules will apply for Premiership and Finals competitions for Colts and Women or as decided by the CA from time to time.

4.0 FIELD MARKING

4.1 An area one (1) metre either side of the halfway line shall be marked **off the field of play**. This shall be known as the 'Interchange Zone'.

5.0 PROCEDURE

5.1 All interchanges shall take place within the Interchange Zone.

5.2 The number of interchanges that may be made is **unlimited**.

5.3 A player who has been replaced may return to the field for another player.

5.4 Interchanging is only permitted when the ball is out of play and the referee signals the exchange.

5.5 A coach or manager requesting interchange shall notify the assistant referee or referee at an appropriate time (e.g. when the ball is out of play)

5.6 The player leaving the field shall do so only from the sideline, within the interchange zone and shall only cross that line within the zone.

5.7 The player entering the field shall do so from the interchange zone, but only after the player leaving the field has passed completely over the sideline.

5.8 The interchange is complete when the player who was off the field enters the field.

6.0 ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

6.1 A player nominated for interchange shall be subject to the authority and jurisdiction of the referee whether called upon to play or not. (i.e. Players on the bench are under the same control as players on the field).

6.2 If, during the interchange, an interchange player enters the field before the replaced player has completely left the field, the referee shall ensure the replaced player leaves the field, caution the entering player and then re-start the game.

6.3 If, during an interchange, the entering player enters the field or the replaced player leaves the field from a place other than the interchange zone, the referee shall caution the offending player.

6.4 The referee shall record on the team sheet at the end of the game if the interchange players have taken the field.

6.5 Players interchanging with the goal-keeper, either from the bench or from within the field, shall be recorded by the referee.

6.6 The referee will not declare time off and on for an interchange. However, at the discretion of the referee, time may be added to the game for time wasting in accordance with FIFA Law 5.

APPENDIX C
FOOTBALL STANTHORPE INC.

**PLAYERS AND OFFICIALS
CODE OF CONDUCT**

BRINGING THE CODE OR THE GAME INTO DISREPUTE

Although discussions and comments are encouraged at any meetings of Football Stanthorpe, no Club, Player or Official shall make any statement for publication or contribute to any article or interview which might be published in any newspaper, magazine or other publication, and which is or is likely to –

- * reflect adversely on policy decisions of Football Stanthorpe.
- * be detrimental to Football Stanthorpe, its member clubs, sponsors, or the game in general, or
- * reflect adversely on the performance of Match Officials, or
- * relate to any matter set down for hearing by, any decision of or appeal to any relative Disciplinary Committee Inquiry, Disputes Committee or other Tribunal.

Players and Officials shall –

- * accept and obey all reasonable directions given by Football Stanthorpe Officials, Match Officials and Ground Officials, and
- * at all times behave in public in a manner which does not reflect adversely on Football Stanthorpe, its member Clubs, sponsors or the game as a whole, and
- * not do anything by act or omission which in the normal course of events is likely to incite spectators or others to violence or disorderly acts.

Failure to comply with any of these directions shall be an offence and shall be deemed as ‘Bringing the Game into Disrepute’.

Offenders will be liable to the penalties as defined by the CA of Football Stanthorpe.

APPENDIX D
FOOTBALL STANTHORPE INC.

PLAYERS AND OFFICIALS
CODE OF CONDUCT

BRINGING THE CODE OR THE GAME INTO DISREPUTE

ADMINISTRATION/SPONSORSHIP

Players and officials of member Clubs and Affiliates shall not enter into any individual sponsorship or advertising agreements without the prior written approval of their Club, provided that such approval shall not be unreasonably withheld in the absence of conflict with this Code of Conduct.

No member Club shall –

- * grant approval to any Player or Official of that Club to enter into any sponsorship or advertising agreements involving any company or product which conflicts with the aims and objectives of Football Stanthorpe or its sponsors, or
- * be obliged to grant approval to any Player or Official of that Club to enter into any sponsorship or advertising agreement involving any company or product which conflicts with the aims and objectives of the Club or its sponsors,

Any Club, Player or Official may apply to Football Stanthorpe for relief from the operation of the foregoing provisions.

Clubs and their Players or Officials shall not knowingly permit photographs to be taken which may be detrimental to the image of the sponsors of Football Stanthorpe and its members. This shall include still photographs, movie and video records or endorsements.

Clubs and their Players or Officials shall not provide or wear any apparel bearing any insignia, logo or sponsorship message which may be detrimental to the image of the sponsors of Football Stanthorpe and its members.

Players and officials shall not, without first obtaining the written approval of the Chairman of Football Stanthorpe or his nominee, write any column or article for publication in any newspaper or magazine provided that such permission shall not be unreasonably withheld.

APPENDIX E
SOCCER AUSTRALIA
SOCCER AUSTRALIA RISK MANAGEMENT

CLASS D REQUIREMENTS

Class “D” grounds must meet the following essential requirements:

Playing Arena

- (a) The pitch shall be at least 96 metres in length and 64 metres in width
- (b) The pitch shall be a level, evenly grassed surface, marked in accordance with the laws of the game
- (c) A minimum distance of 3 metres must be provided from the sidelines and goal lines to the public viewing position or barrier fence (if present) including the respective team benches
- (d) Goalposts, goal nets and corner flags of approved material, colour and dimensions
- (e) Two covered coaches/substitutes benches, with adequate seating for five (5) people

Player Amenities

- (a) Dressing rooms for players and referees with hot and cold water showers
- (b) Toilets

The following are preferred but no essential requirements for Class “D” grounds:

Playing Arena

- (a) A pitch of 105 metres in length and 68 metres in width

Player Amenities

- a) Access to toilets within the building structure
- b) Separate players and referees dressing rooms
- c) First Aid room

Spectator Amenities

- a) Canteen/kiosk serving hot and cold drinks and snack foods
- b) Scoreboard

Extract from Soccer Australia Risk Management Manual

APPENDIX F

<http://www.footballaustralia.com.au/site/content/document/00000361-source.pdf>

Extract from policy in 2009. This may change from year to year and the only policy Football Stanthorpe acknowledges is the one that is current on the Football Australia website, and will use this during its deliberation when deciding conflict.

APPENDIX G

FOOTBALL STANTHORPE INC.

AGE QUALIFICATIONS

1. **Mens' Division** – Any player registered that has reached the age of 16 (Determined by the age the player reaches in that calendar year). Any player that has not reached the age of 16, needs to be assessed as per the Football Queensland player age policy. Any player that is younger by two (2) years may be eligible to play provided they have passed the necessary assessment as set down by Football Queensland.

2. **Womens' Division** - Any registered lady that has reached the age of 14 years or will be turning 14 in the calendar year of the competition is eligible to play.

3. **Colts' Division** – Any registered male player that has reached the age of 14 years, or will be turning 14 in the calendar year of the competition, and has not reached the age of 18 or will be turning 18 in that calendar year, is eligible to play.