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**Competition  
Regulations**

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## 1.0 COMPETITION BOOKLET

### 1.1 Introduction

This booklet covers regulations and procedures for the following competitions conducted by G&DSFA (the 'Association') and its affiliated clubs.

- General competition (includes Mixed, Girls/Ladies, Over 35 & Over 45)
- Premier & Super League
- Small sided football
- Knockout Cups (Cottam, Thistle, President, Nielson , Fox & Black and White Shield)

### 1.2 Grounds

- i The Association shall have control of fields as nominated by affiliated Clubs whilst Association games are in progress.
- ii The Association shall have complete discretion to schedule /reschedule or move any regular competition or finals match, including consideration, if deemed necessary the allocation of "home" ground matches. This would include games rescheduled due to wet weather.

### 1.3 Competition Points

Points allocated shall be as follows:

- |                      |                         |
|----------------------|-------------------------|
| (a) Win by result:   | 3 points                |
| (b) Win by forfeit:  | 3 points and 3-0 result |
| (c) Bye:             | 3 points                |
| (d) Draw:            | 1 point                 |
| (e) Loss:            | 0 points                |
| (f) Loss by forfeit: | 0 points and 0-3 result |

### 1.4 Special Competitions

The Association may conduct special competitions.

- (a) No Club special competition may take precedence over an Association fixture at any time. Association commitments and fixtures must be discharged before any outside commitment.
- (b) All players who participate in any special competitions organised by Clubs must fulfil any Association commitment before playing for the Club.
- (c) Clubs must notify the Association of any fixture held outside this Association in which their players participate.

### 1.5 Perpetual Trophies

1.5.1 Trophies shall be awarded to the Grand Champions of an age grade at the conclusion of the Grand Final, or at some other suitable occasion.

- (a) Association trophies remain the property of the Association and Clubs are responsible for their return. Trophies must be returned to the Association office in a clean condition not later than 15th February each year. Clubs shall incur a fine as stated in Appendix 1 of Booklet 1 for failure to return trophies on time. Misplaced and damaged trophies shall be replaced/repared at cost to the holding club.
- (b) Should a trophy be damaged or lost when under the control of a Club, the Club shall be held responsible and charged with the cost of any repairs necessary.
- (c) Engravings on perpetual trophies awarded to teams are a Club responsibility.

- (d) Cottam Cup, Thistle Cup (Katan), President's Cup, Challenge Shield and Black & White Shield trophies are to remain in the Association custody and will only be presented to the respective winners during the course of formalities, to be redeemed at the conclusion of presentations due to their unquestionable value.

1.5.2 At the completion of the League Competition, the 'Champion Club' shall be determined. The criteria for the determination shall be:

- (a) Clubs must have a minimum of five (5) competition teams to be eligible.
- (b) The premiership points earned by a club's competition teams are weighted according to their division (division 1 = 2.00, division 2 = 1.75, division 3 = 1.50, division 4 = 1.25, division 5 and below = 1.00), summed and divided by the number of competition teams.
- (c) An otherwise eligible club becomes ineligible if, during the current season, it has:
  - i Accrued the highest average number of RED cards per match played; or
  - ii Accrued the highest average number of YELLOW cards per match played; or
  - iii Had a team found to have been partially or wholly responsible for the abandonment of a match at the conclusion of all inquiries and appeals into that abandonment; or
  - iv Had a team expelled for any reason
- (d) The eligible club with the highest number of weighted points per competition team shall be declared the 'Champion Club'.

## 2.0 GENERAL COMPETITION

### 2.1 Competition Structure

The Competition Manager shall:

- a) determine the competition structure for each age group subject to the number of nominated teams
- b) Be responsible for scheduling of games, their starting times and their field locations.

### 2.2 Competition Timetable

- (a) Where possible, the competition shall commence on the first Saturday in April and finish on the last Sunday in August. Age group kick-off times will be as determined by the ASSOCIATION. and may be varied as circumstances dictate.
- (b) Where possible, the competition shall be 18 rounds.
- (c) Washed out Rounds.
  - i The Association shall nominate two dedicated wash out days to be used for the purpose of playing previously washed out matches when a complete round is washed out.
  - ii A **MIXED** round shall be deemed a wash-out when 75% or more of available fields are closed.
  - iii Where a round is partially washed out the unplayed games shall be scheduled to be played over the following three weeks. Games not played in the designated time period without ASSOCIATION approval shall be deemed cancelled and the points withheld from both teams.
  - iv Round 18 Partial wash-outs will be replayed as soon as practical.

- v Round 16 to 18 full wash-outs will not be replayed, and the round will be cancelled.
  - vi Where a round is washed out, and the teams are unable to play the washed out game no later than before the semi-finals, the Association shall evaluate the impact of any such game or games in each age/division. Where it is deemed that the washed out game(s) would impact on the semi-final positions the Association may cancel the particular round for that age/division.
- (d) Public Holidays - Anzac Day - Easter: Competition matches shall not be played on a Saturday/Sunday coinciding with Anzac Day. When Easter Saturday falls within the competition no competition matches shall be played on that day.

### **2.3 Impact on League Points if a Team is Withdrawn**

- (a) All matches played by teams withdrawn from the competition shall be treated as a 'bye' from the first game of the last uncompleted round in that competition.
- (b) In the event of a team being withdrawn from the competition (before the completion of an entire round of the competition) then the results for those matches already played by the team being withdrawn, and all matches that the withdrawn team would have played to compete that round will be deemed to have been forfeits, and competition points and goals awarded in accordance with Section 3 Competition Points.
- (c) If a team has completed a full round of the competition before it withdraws, then all points, goals for and goals against shall stand for all games completed in the full round. For uncompleted rounds, all games against that team will be treated as byes.

## **3.0 OVER 35 COMPETITION**

### **3.1 Eligible Players**

- (a) A player is classed as eligible to register for Over 35's if they have turned 35 years of age on or prior to 31<sup>st</sup> December the previous year.
- (b) The Over 35 competition will allow up to 3 players who have turned 32 years of age on or prior to 31<sup>st</sup> December the previous year.
- (c) An Over 35 player is allowed to temporarily play up into any senior team An Over 35 player can also temporarily play up into an Over 45 team provided they have turned 45 years of age.
- (d) Slide tackles are not permitted

## **4.0 OVER 45 COMPETITION**

### **4.1 Eligible Players**

- (a) A player is classed as eligible to register for Over 45 once they have **TURNED** 45 years of age on or prior to 31<sup>st</sup> December the previous year.
- (b) The Over 45 competition will allow up to 3 players who have turned 42 years of age on or prior to 31<sup>st</sup> December the previous year.
- (c) An Over 45 player is allowed to temporarily play up into any Over 35 team or Senior team.
- (d) Slide Tackles are not permitted

## **5.0 PREMIER LEAGUE COMPETITION (Men)**

### **5.1 Overview**

Premier League is the top level competition for GDSFA. It consists of 2 divisions – First Grade and Reserve Grade. Players registered to play Premier League can move freely between either team for their club, subject to the rules that follow.

### **5.2 Nominations**

Will be conducted for affiliated Clubs with entries being restricted to a maximum of ten (10) per division. Where possible, each squad is to consist of First Grade and Reserve Grade teams. If a competition of such nature is unable to be formed, the Premier League 'squads' shall consist of one team only, and those rules pertaining to aggregate points will not apply. Should there be more than ten (10) nominations for entry into the Premier League competition, the Board will make a decision on the entry of teams into the competition .

### **5.3 Composition**

- (a) Where possible, the Premier League competition shall be conducted with two (2) or more divisions.
- (b) The Premier League competition shall be run over at least eighteen (18) competition rounds – known as the 'League' – such that teams play each other at least twice. The first four (4) teams in both grades in all divisions at the completion of the 'League' rounds will play off to determine Grand Champions in accordance with the procedures for finals series defined elsewhere within these By-Laws.

### **5.4 Promotion & Relegation of Squads**

A promotion/relegation system shall apply from the commencement of the 2014 season if there is a second division of Premier League, whereby one (1) squad will be relegated to the lower division and the highest-qualifying squad of the lower division will be eligible for promotion, all based on the aggregate of points accrued by the First and Reserve grade teams of the same Club from the 'League' rounds only. First Grade points shall be weighted by 3 and Reserve Grade points shall be weighted by 1. In the case where a club does not apply for entry into the higher competition in the following year, the next-placed club, on aggregate, will be offered the vacancy. Where fewer than two (2) divisions exist for this competition, it is understood that this system cannot be applied.

If no second division of Premier League exists, then the highest division of 'Super League' shall be regarded as the second division and the promotion/relegation mechanism shall apply between Premier League division 1 and Super League division 1.

### **5.5 'Challenge Shield' Winners**

Where the competition involves a squad of First Grade and Reserve Grade teams, the combined premiership points accrued by both teams of the Division 1 Premier League squad of the same Club at the time of completion of the scheduled 'League' rounds will determine the winner of the Challenge Shield. The winning Club shall be the recipient of the award in name only. Where two or more squads finish on equal points, the winning squad shall be determined by a count back procedure as follows:

- goal difference of the combined First Grade and Reserve Grade will be the tie-breaker; if that is equal, then it comes down to goals scored in the combined first grade and reserve grade; if that is equal, then the squads are declared joint winners.

### **5.6 Registration of Players**

Players from within the respective Clubs will complement teams and all will be registered in accordance with By-Law provisions. The number of players in the case of a two-team squad shall be limited to a maximum of thirty-three (33).

### **5.7 Movement of Players**

Between First Grade and Reserve Grade teams of the same Club is permitted where

applicable. To be eligible for the Reserve Grade finals series, players must have played their previous three (3) of their last four (4) matches in Reserve Grade.

- (a) A player is deemed to have played Reserve Grade on the day if he is named and numbered on the EMS team sheet.
- (b) Two nominated goalkeepers may to be nominated at the time of block registration and are both free to play either First Grade or Reserve Grade within the same squad and club.
- (c) Where squads comprise First Grade and Reserve Grade, and a club nominates more than one (1) squad for the competition, there shall be no movement of players between squads and/or divisions except on regrading which shall cease on the published date. De-registration and/or regrading of players will be restricted to once only per person, per season.
- (d) Premier League squads may 'borrow' players in accordance with previous provisions in these By-Laws
- (e) Reserve Grade teams making the semi-finals are to provide the Association with a list of players in their team so their eligibility to contest the finals series can be determined.

## **6.0 SUPER LEAGUE COMPETITION (Men)**

### **6.1 Overview**

Super League is the second tier competition for GDSFA. It consists of 2 divisions – First Grade and Reserve Grade. Players registered to play Super League can move freely between either team for their club, subject to the rules that follow.

### **6.2 Nominations**

Will be conducted for affiliated Clubs with entries being restricted to a maximum of ten (10) per division. Where possible, each squad is to consist of First Grade and Reserve Grade teams. If a competition of such nature is unable to be formed, the Super League 'squads' shall consist of one team only, and those rules pertaining to aggregate points will not apply. Should there be more than ten (10) nominations for entry into the Super League competition, the Board will make a decision on the entry of teams into the competition based on the FFA National Registration Regulations in force at the time.

Note : Super League squad promoted from previous season cannot apply for Super League.

### **6.3 Composition**

- (a) Where possible, the Super League competition shall be conducted with two (2) or more divisions.
- (b) The Super League competition shall be run over atleast eighteen (18) competition rounds – known as the 'League' – such that teams play each other at least twice. The first four (4) teams in both grades in all divisions at the completion of the 'League' rounds will play off to determine Grand Champions in accordance with the procedures for finals series defined elsewhere within these Rules.

### **6.4 Promotion & Relegation of Squads**

A promotion/relegation system shall apply from the commencement of the 2014 season if there is a second division of Super League, whereby one (1) squad will be relegated to the lower division and the highest-qualifying squad of the lower division will be eligible for promotion, all based on the aggregate of points accrued by the First and Reserve grade teams of the same Club from the 'League' rounds only. First Grade points shall be weighted by 3 and Reserve Grade points shall be weighted by 1.

In the case where a club does not apply for entry into the higher competition in the following year, the next-placed club, on aggregate, will be offered the vacancy. Where fewer than two



(2) divisions exist for this competition, it is understood that this system cannot be applied.

### **6.5 'Tom Newhouse Cup' Winners**

Where the competition involves a squad of First Grade and Reserve Grade teams, the combined premiership points accrued by both teams of the Division 1 Super League squad of the same Club at the time of completion of the scheduled 'League' rounds will determine the winner of the Tom Newhouse Cup. The winning Club shall be the recipient of the award in name. Where two or more squads finish on equal points, the winning squad shall be determined by a count back procedure as follows:

- goal difference of the combined 1<sup>st</sup> grade and reserve grade will be the tie-breaker; if that is equal, then it comes down to goals scored in the combined first grade and reserve grade; if that is equal, then the squads are declared joint winners.

### **6.6 Registration of Players**

Players from within the respective Clubs will complement teams and all will be registered in accordance with By-Law provisions. The number of players in the case of a two-team squad shall be limited to a maximum of thirty-three (33).

### **6.7 Movement of Players**

Between First Grade and Reserve Grade teams of the same Club is permitted where applicable. To be eligible for the Reserve Grade finals series, players must have played their previous three (3) ( ) of their last four (4) league matches in Reserve Grade.

- (a) A player is deemed to have played Reserve Grade on the day if he is named and numbered on the EMS team sheet.
- (b) Two nominated goalkeepers may to be nominated at the time of block registration and are both free to play either First Grade or Reserve Grade within the same squad and club.
- (c) Where squads comprise First Grade and Reserve Grade, and a club nominates more than one (1) squad for the competition, there shall be no movement of players between squads and/or divisions except on regrading which shall cease on the published date. De-registration, re-registration and/or regrading of players will be restricted to once only per person, per season.
- (d) Premier League squads may 'borrow' players in accordance with previous provisions in these By-Laws
- (e) Reserve Grade teams making the semi-finals are to provide the Association with a list of players in their team so their eligibility to contest the finals series can be determined.

## 7.0 GDSFA KNOCKOUT CUPS

### 7.1 Overview

GDSFA conducts a number of knockout cup competitions. Entry is restricted to clubs within the Association. Each knockout cup will only take place if at least 2 entries are received.

### 7.2 Eligible Teams & Players

(a) Entries on the form provided will only be accepted for:

- i COTTAM CUP: U18, U21, All Age Men, Premier League & Super League teams, registered with this Association. Note Premier League & Super League Clubs shall enter one team in the Cottam Cup
- ii THISTLE CUP: U13 and U14 teams, registered with this Association
- iii PRESIDENT'S CUP: All female teams U16 and over, registered with this Association. Note Premier League shall enter one team in the President's Cup
- iv NIELSEN CUP: All female teams U12-U13, registered with this Association
- v FOX CUP: All female teams in U14-U15, registered with this Association

(b)

- i Cottam Cup. Players must be registered with the club and team for which they are competing in accordance with association rules, to maximum of eighteen players. Composite teams are not acceptable.
- ii Presidents, Thistle, Fox, Nielson Cups. Player must be registered with the club for which they are competing in accordance with association rules, to maximum of eighteen players. All players must have completed two (2) games in the weekly competition prior to participation in these competitions. **Composite teams will be accepted.**

(c) There shall be no movement of players between teams and no additional registrations will be permitted after the closing date of nominations.

### 7.3 Team Responsibilities

Each team entered shall nominate a ground that will be available for play on any of the days deemed necessary for the operation of this competition.

### 7.4 Entry Fee

For Cottam Cup, the entry fee is \$350.00 per team.

For other Cups, the entry fees is \$100.00 per team.

Entries will NOT be accepted where no fee is forwarded with the nomination(s).

### 7.5 General

For circumstances not covered by these rules, the By-Laws and/or Constitution of the G&DSFA (Inc) shall apply.

### 7.6 Awards

Suitable trophies will be awarded to the winning Clubs.

### 7.7 Competition Timetable

- (a) Games will be played as early in the season as practicable.
- (b) Games will be played on Sundays where possible.

## **8.0 SMALL SIDED FOOTBALL (Miniroos)**

### **8.1 Overview**

Small Sided Football (SSF/Mini-roos) is the entry level competition for GDSFA players aged 4 to 11. Results and competition tables are not published.

The attention of Clubs is drawn to the *AIM* of Small Sided Football (SSF/Miniroos). This is to enable the players to *ENJOY* themselves without the *PRESSURE* from *PARENTS*, and to develop their skills. To achieve this, matches are to be played in a non-competitive atmosphere.

### **8.2 Eligible Players**

A player must be turning a minimum of 5 years of age during the calendar year to be eligible to be registered.

A registered non-competition (SSF/Mini-roos) player is NOT permitted to play as a temporary transfer for any team playing competition football within the Association.

There is no time limit to players playing out of their original team, however whilst players may play up an age, they **MUST NOT** play down an age e.g. a registered Under 7 player may play for another Under 7 team or an Under 8 team, but not for an Under 6 team.

### **8.3 Competition**

SSF matches will be conducted as friendly games. Unless otherwise arranged, competition points and tables will not apply.

For all circumstances not mentioned in these rules, reference should be made to the Constitution and/or By-Laws.