



WOMEN'S SOUTH ISLAND LEAGUE REGULATIONS SEASON 2023

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2023 WOMEN'S SOUTH ISLAND LEAGUE REGULATIONS

1 DEFINITIONS

1.1 The terms given below denote the following:

- 1.1.1 **Away Team:** the Participant playing a match at an opponent's nominated match venue.
- 1.1.2 **South Island League Committee:** representatives from Southern Football and Mainland Football.
- 1.1.3 **Club:** shall have the same meaning given to that term as in the NZF Statutes.
- 1.1.4 **Competition Manager:** Controlling Federation Competition Manager responsible for the administration of the competition.
- 1.1.5 **Controlling Federation:** a Federation that has the delegated authority from the South Island League Committee of performing specified operational requirements for the league as set out in more detail in the regulations.
- 1.1.6 **Federation:** has the same meaning as the term "Regional Association" in the NZF Statutes. Southern Football and Mainland Football are the relevant Federations for the Women's South Island League.
- 1.1.7 **Force Majeure:** means and includes acts of God, fire, war, earthquake, terrorism, epidemic, pandemic, strike, lockout, labour controversy, civil commotion, acts or restriction of any government or governmental agencies, orders of court, shortage or interruptions of facilities or material supply, and any other circumstances beyond the reasonable control of the Competition Manager.
- 1.1.8 **Home Match:** a match played at a Participant's nominated match venue.
- 1.1.9 **Home Team:** the Participant playing a match at their nominated match venue.
- 1.1.10 **Host Participant:** the Participant is responsible for the organisation and management of matches played at their nominated match venue.
- 1.1.11 **LOTG:** International Football Association Board Laws of the Game.
- 1.1.12 **Match Coordinator:** means a person who is responsible for running all the relevant Participant's home matches.
- 1.1.13 **Match Official:** the appointed referee, assistant referee, fourth official or match assessor to a league match.
- 1.1.14 **Match Week:** a period between Tuesday-Monday following, when league matches take place.
- 1.1.15 **National Registration System:** the national registration system that NZF uses from time to time, which at the date of these Regulations is COMET.
- 1.1.16 **NZF:** New Zealand Football Incorporated.

- 1.1.17 **Operations Manual:** means the WSIL operations manual, or respective manuals, relating to operational requirements as published from time to time.
- 1.1.18 **Participant(s)/team:** the Participants defined in clause 3.1, or other entity, as approved by the South Island League Committee to participate in the Women's South Island League, at the Committee's sole discretion, and includes the Participant's team, as relevant.
- 1.1.19 **Player:** any football Player, including outfield Players, goalkeepers and substitutes, selected by a Participant to play in the WSIL.
- 1.1.20 **Playing Day:** the day of the week on which any WSIL match takes place.
- 1.1.21 **Postponement Protocols:** means protocols put in place by the South Island League Committee, from time to time, to deal with any matters relating postponement of any fixtures (necessarily, in the Competition Manager's sole opinion) which may include but are not limited to Covid-19 Pandemic. Should a game be postponed, without the ability to be replayed (at the sole discretion of Southern Football), then Southern Football reserve the right to declare the fixture a nil-all (0-0) draw.
- 1.1.22 **Registration Date:** the date by which Players must be registered to a Participant to be selected to play in the WSIL, set at 30 June 2023, and in accordance with the NZF Regulations on the Status and Transfer of Players.
- 1.1.23 **Regulations:** means these Regulations governing the WSIL.
- 1.1.24 **Start List:** the list of all starting and substitute Players and Team Officials selected from a Participant to compete in any WSIL match within the National Registration System.
- 1.1.25 **Team Official:** any member of a Participant who operates a non-playing capacity role.
- 1.1.26 **WSIL/Competition:** Women's South Island League.
- 1.1.27 **WSIL Contingencies Framework:** means any framework put in place by the South Island League Committee, at its discretion, from time to time to deal with logistical impediments for WSIL as a result of Covid-19 or other matters of Force Majeure.
- 1.1.28 **WSIL Season:** the period starting with the first official competition match of the Women's South Island League and ending with the last official competition match.
- 1.2 The following shall apply unless the context requires otherwise:
 - 1.2.1 headings are for convenience only and do not affect interpretation;
 - 1.2.2 the singular includes the plural and the converse;
 - 1.2.3 where any word or phrase is given a defined meaning in these Regulations, any other part or speech or another grammatical form in respect of such word or phrase has a corresponding meaning;

- 1.2.4 a reference to legislation includes all regulations under and amendments to that legislation and any legislation passed in substitution for that legislation or incorporating any of its provisions to the extent that they are incorporated;
- 1.2.5 "Including" and similar words do not imply limitation;
- 1.2.6 reference to a party includes their respective permitted assignees, successors, executors and administrators;
- 1.2.7 every right, power and remedy of a party remains unrestricted and may be exercised without prejudice to each other at any time.

The Women's South Island League

2 WOMEN'S SOUTH ISLAND LEAGUE

- 2.1 The WSIL is a competition established by Southern Football and Mainland Football.
- 2.2 Where applicable, these Regulations shall be read in conjunction with the Operations Manual, and Postponement Protocols, along with all other documentation related to the Competition.
- 2.3 These Regulations regulate the rights, duties, and responsibilities of all Participants in the WSIL. These Regulations, the Operations Manual, Postponement Protocols, along with other documentation are binding for all parties participating and involved in the preparation, organisation, and hosting of the Competition.
- 2.4 The NZF Statutes and Regulations, the FIFA Statutes and all FIFA Regulations in force shall apply. Any reference in these Regulations to the NZF Statutes and Regulations, the FIFA Statutes and FIFA Regulations, refers to the Statutes, Rules, and Regulations valid at the time of application.
- 2.5 For the avoidance of doubt, anything not covered in these Regulations will be referred to the South Island League Committee.

General Provisions

3 THE PARTICIPANT

- 3.1 Each entity that competes in the WSIL shall be deemed a "Participant". Each Participant shall comply with these Regulations, Operations Manual, and Postponement Protocols, along with other documentation, failure to do so shall be deemed a non-compliance with these Regulations.

4 COMMERCIAL OBLIGATIONS

- 4.1 The Participant shall provide such rights, facilities, and services as are required to enable the Federations to fulfil its Commercial Contracts. If doing so would result in the Participant being in breach of a contractual obligation entered into before the date of the Federations entering the conflicting Commercial Contract, the Participant must immediately notify the Federations of such conflict and the Federations may waive the requirement to comply in its absolute discretion.
- 4.2 The Participant shall permit the Federations or any of its commercial partners or agents to use the Participant's club badge or logo, as applicable, for any commercial and/or promotional purposes related to the Competition. The Participant shall obtain any consent required (if any) to permit the Federations or any of its commercial partners or agents to use the Participant's club badge or logo. The Participant indemnifies NZF from and against any claim or proceeding in respect of any third party's claim against the Federations, in the event the Federations use of the Participant's club badge or logo infringes the intellectual property rights of that third party.

- 4.3 the Federations encourages sponsorship at all levels and authorises the Participant to obtain sponsorship subject to the provisions of these regulations, the NZF Statutes, the Operations Manual, the NZF Brand Guidelines, and/or any other policies or regulations. In the event of any conflict between the documents recorded in this clause 4.3, the Federations retains the discretion to determine priority.
- 4.4 The Federations may pass the video and audio rights of matches within the Competition to Participants for live streaming. Any rights passed to the Participants for the purposes of live streaming are at the sole discretion of the Federations as outlined to Participants via the Operations Manual and/or other documentation issued by the Federations from time to time.
- 4.5 Without limiting the scope of the provisions referred to in clause 4.3 the Participant acknowledges that the Competition Sponsor may be entitled to specific sponsorship rights and benefits that the Participant will be required to provide, including:
- a. Displaying the Competition Sponsor's logo, banner and/or signage board on the Participant's playing strip, official website and/or within the Participant's stadium (including on the playing field) as the case may be and as directed by NZF from time to time;
 - b. Having a playing strip that does not include the logo of, or carry a reference to, any particular competitor of the Competition Sponsor;
 - c. Having ground signage (all signage between ground level and 1.2m above) that does not include the logo of, or carry a reference to, any particular competitor of the Competition Sponsor;
 - d. Ensuring that the promotional/digital materials and platforms of the Participant do not include any reference to any particular competitor of the Competition Sponsor where such references imply a direct link to the Competition Sponsor;
 - e. Not permitting activations of any particular competitor of the Competition Sponsor during the WSIL.

5 ACCOUNTING AND FINANCIAL

- 5.1 The Participant shall meet all of its financial obligations and expenses (except only those expressly provided by these Regulations, as relevant, to be met by the controlling Federation) and shall at all times be administered, managed and operated in accordance with these Regulations and the Operations Manual and to be financially solvent including complying with the "Solvency Test" as referred to in Section 4 of the Companies Act 1993, construed to apply to the relevant Participant entity.
- 5.2 The Controlling Federation reserves the right to inspect the Participant's financial books and records at any time at its sole discretion (during normal business hours). If as a result of this inspection of the Participant's accounting records, the Federation(s) are concerned about the Participant's financial position, it may require more information and/or remedial action to be taken. Failure to provide more information and/or remedial action by the Participant shall be deemed non-compliance under these Regulations and clause 31 shall apply. The purpose of the inspection of a Participant's books may include but not be limited to a Special Purpose Audit (SPA) investigating breaches of integrity in respect of the status of amateur Players.

6 PAYMENT OF FEES

- 6.1 The Participant is required to pay a participation fee of \$5,000, plus GST, for participation in the Competition. In the absence of prior consent in writing from the controlling Federation in its absolute discretion to an alternative payment proposal, the fees are payable in accordance with a schedule notified to Participants by the controlling Federation from time to time, in cleared funds and must be paid as directed by the controlling Federation from time to time (time being of the essence) and in its absolute discretion. For certainty, the participation fee set out in this clause is reviewable seasonally by the South Island League Committee at its absolute discretion.

7 INSURANCE AND INDEMNITY

- 7.1 The Participants shall at all times have all required insurance in place which shall include such if any, types and minimum levels of insurance cover as may from time to time be prescribed in the Operations Manual.
- 7.2 The Participants will indemnify and keep the Federations indemnified from and against all claims, proceedings, damages, losses, liabilities, costs (including all legal costs on a solicitor/client basis) and expenses of any nature concerning any breach by the Participant of its obligations under or according to these Regulations or any breach by the Participant of any warranties or representations expressed or implied which it may make or have made to the controlling Federation, or for any injury to any person or damage to any property arising from the act or omission of the Participant or any of its players or personnel and all its debts and expenses.

8 CONFIDENTIALITY

- 8.1 The Participants shall not and shall procure that its officers and personnel do not disclose or use for any purpose other than that for which it was disclosed or allow or acquiesce in such disclosure or use, any information provided by the controlling Federation or relating to the Competition which is expressly or impliedly confidential. The Participants will not copy confidential information, nor permit it to be copied, and if required shall immediately return it to the controlling Federation without retaining any copies.

9 DISCRIMINATORY INCIDENTS

- 9.1 In the case of critical and/or continuing discriminatory incidents occurring from spectators during a match, the Match Officials can apply the FIFA-directed three-step procedure based on Law 5 of the LOTG as set out below.
- a. In the first instance, the referee shall decide whether to stop the match to inform the nominated Home Teams Match Coordinator so that an announcement may be made to the spectators by the Home Team, urging the spectators to cease the discriminatory behaviour. Any announcement or address to the spectators shall include a warning that any further discriminatory behaviour would see the game suspended.
 - b. In the second instance, if the discriminatory behaviour continues once the match has resumed, the referee may instruct the Home Team and Away Team to return to their dressing rooms while the match is suspended and until the behaviour stops. The Home Team shall, again, make an announcement or directly address the spectators, that the discriminatory behaviour is to stop before play can resume.

- c. In the third instance, should the discriminatory behaviour continue, after the suspended match has resumed play and following consultation with all relevant parties, including Away Team and Home Team, the referee and the Match Coordinator, the referee shall abandon the match in line with regulations 4 and 9 of the NZF Disciplinary Code. Following the abandonment of the match, the Home Team will be required to make an announcement stating that the match has been abandoned due to ongoing discriminatory behaviour.
- 9.2 Should the referee have to enact any of the steps outlined in 9.1 then they shall submit an Incident Report (as defined in the NZF Disciplinary Code) to the Competition Manager.

The Competition

10 ORGANISATION OF THE COMPETITION

- 10.1 Unless otherwise determined by these Regulations, the entire control and management of the WSIL shall be vested in the controlling Federation. The Controlling Federation shall have the power to do all other things necessary to ensure the progress of the WSIL through all its stages and may take appropriate action to bring about such results. All or any of the powers vested in the controlling Federation may be delegated to a nominee.

The South Island League Committee may appoint a Competition Manager or similar who shall be responsible for the administration of the WSIL. All references to the exercise of a power or discretion by the South Island League Committee in these Regulations shall include reference to the exercise of a power or discretion by the Competition Manager. The Competition Manager is authorised to determine the imposition and duration of the suspensions and fines according to these Regulations and the NZF Disciplinary Code. The Competition Manager shall also retain the discretion to refer any matters to the relevant Judicial Body.

- 10.2 Each Participant competing in the WSIL shall be primarily responsible for the organisation and control of each of their Home Matches in a manner consistent with the objectives of the WSIL in accordance with the Regulations, and in accordance with any instructions as may from time to time be issued by the Competition Manager, in particular the Operations Manual, Postponement Protocols, along with other documentation, as required.

11 ENTRIES FOR THE COMPETITION

- 11.1 The South Island League Committee shall determine the number of Participants that may compete in the WSIL. The decision of the South Island League Committee as to the composition of the WSIL shall be final and binding. The South Island League Committee retains the ability to increase or decrease the number of Participants at its sole discretion.
- 11.2 Entry into, and continued participation in, the WSIL shall be determined by the South Island League Committee in respect of:
 - 11.2.1 The Participant wins the WSIL playoff or is promoted from either Federation's Leagues as required.
 - 11.2.2 Participants must be affiliated clubs to either Southern Football and Mainland Football or eligible to compete in their respective competitions as per the relevant regulations.

- 11.2.3 The Participant satisfies criteria established from time to time by the South Island League Committee continuingly.
- 11.2.4 The criteria established by the South Island League Committee shall include, but not be limited to stadium facilities and Playing Day requirements and shall otherwise be at the sole discretion of the South Island League Committee.
- 11.2.5 Compliance with the Operations Manual, and other Federation governing regulations, Postponement Protocols, along with other documentation, as required.
- 11.2.6 Only one Participant per club is eligible to participate in the WSIL.
- 11.3 Subject to 11.1, a total of six (6) Clubs shall participate in the WSIL Season (each a "Participant") based on the below composition:
- 11.4 In the event of any Participant not continuing in the WSIL for whatever reason, including, failing to meet any of the criteria, resulting in their removal from the WSIL, then the filling of the consequential vacancy shall be determined in consultation with the South Island League Committee, which may in its sole discretion choose not to fill the vacancy.
- 11.5 Each Participant will confirm entry to the WSIL with the South Island League Committee and any Participant who withdraws from the WSIL after confirmation of entry may be suspended from the WSIL for two (2) years, regardless of any promotion or relegation regulations in place, and face other disciplinary sanction by the NZF Disciplinary Committee.
- 11.6 In the event of any Participant not paying the participation fee in the amount, manner and time frame (time being of the essence) as directed by the South Island League Committee, then, the Participant will be subject to:
 - 11.6.1 A fine of \$2000 is to be imposed upon the Participant and a loss of two (2) competition points for each breach, and no ability to earn points in the WSIL from wins or draws whilst the Participant is in breach of payment terms.
 - 11.6.2 If a Participant is still in breach at the end of their final competition match during the WSIL Season, the Participant will be suspended until the breach is remedied.

12 PROMOTION, RELEGATION AND PLAYOFF (NOT IN EFFECT FOR THE 2023 SEASON)

- 12.1 After the relevant Federation league, the first-placed Participants will enter a playoff against the other Federation with the winners of the playoff promoted to the WSIL.
 - 12.1.1 If the first-place Participant is ineligible or does not want a promotion to the WSIL, the second-placed Participant may enter the playoff.
 - 12.1.2 If the first or second-placed Participant is ineligible or does not want a promotion to the WSIL, the third-placed Participant may enter the playoff, and so on.
 - 12.1.3 If only one Participant is eligible or wants promotion from either Federation, they will be automatically promoted to the WSIL.
 - 12.1.4 If there are no eligible Participants or no Participants want promotion from either Federation, there will be no relegations from the WSIL.

12.2 Promotion or relegation will only occur if the league and adjacent league(s) have:

12.2.1 Completed seasons.

12.2.2 Promotion or relegation positions at the point of the incomplete season, which could not mathematically be changed in the remaining unplayed games.

12.3 The WSIL playoffs will be completed per the following regulations.

12.3.1 Playoff fixtures shall take place during the first two weekends of September after the conclusion of both leagues. These dates are subject to change at the discretion of the Competition Manager(s).

12.3.2 Participants must load a Start List as per regulation 27.5-27.10

12.3.3 The playoff will be determined by aggregate score across both fixtures.

- Should the scores be level after the second leg, the Participant with the highest number of away goals will be the winner.
- Should the aggregate score and away goals be level at the end of normal time in the second leg, extra time will be played per the Laws of the Game.

Please note – the away goals rule does not apply in extra time.

- Extra time shall consist of two periods of 15 minutes each, with an interval of five minutes at the end of normal playing time, but not between the two periods of extra time.
- Should the score remain a draw at the end of the second period of extra time, the winner will be determined by kicks from the penalty spot per the Laws of the game.

12.3.4 Matches are to be officiated by a qualified referee appointed by the relevant Federation.

12.3.5 Substitutions and occupants in the Technical Area are as per regulations 22 and 23.

- If there is extra time in the second leg, Participants may use unused substitutes at their discretion from one additional substitution opportunity during play.

12.3.6 Players must meet all player eligibility requirements as per their Federations playing regulations.

12.3.7 The playoffs are an extension of a Participant's season. Suspensions will carry over into a playoff, but accumulated cautions will revert to zero.

12.4 The necessary number of relegations (if any) will take place.

13 DISCIPLINARY MATTERS

13.1 Disciplinary incidents will be dealt with in accordance with the NZF Disciplinary Code and the FIFA Disciplinary Code. To the extent that there is any conflict between the NZF Disciplinary Code and these Regulations, then these Regulations shall apply.

- 13.2 The Regional Association Disciplinary Committee (**RADC**) of a Controlling Federation will be the next highest judicial body for all matters related to misconduct across the Regional Phase after the respective Competition Manager.
- 13.3 The Participants, their Players and Officials, agree to comply with the LOTG and with the FIFA Statutes and Regulations, in particular the FIFA Disciplinary Code, the FIFA Anti-Doping Regulations, the FIFA Code of Ethics (in particular in matters regarding the fight against discrimination, racism and match-fixing), the FIFA Code of Conduct and Regulations on the Status and Transfer of Players and NZF Statutes and Regulations, in particular the NZF Disciplinary Code, the NZF Regulations on the Status and Transfer of Players, the NZF Anti-Doping Regulations, the NZF Anti-Match Fixing and Sports Betting Regulations, the NZF Code of Ethics and the NZF Code of Conduct.
- 13.4 In addition, the Players agree to:
- 13.4.1 Respect the spirit of fair play and non-violence;
- 13.4.2 Behave accordingly;
- 13.4.3 Refrain from doping as defined in the FIFA Anti-Doping Regulations.

Referee's Reports

- 13.5 Reference to the referee's report for the NZF Disciplinary Code and these Regulations shall include reference to the match report.

Offence Codes

- 13.6 Citation by the referee of the relevant offence code shall be deemed to also be a citation of the nature of the offence and the LOTG for the NZF Disciplinary Code and these Regulations.

Misconduct, Suspension and Fines

- 13.7 The Schedule of Suspensions and Fines in respect of misconduct by a Player or Team Official in the competition shall be:
- 13.7.1 All minor infringement offences (Yellow Card) shall incur a fine of \$25.00 per occasion.
- 13.7.2 All cautionary misconduct (indirect Red Card) shall incur a fine of \$75.00 per occasion and an automatic Playing Day suspension unless otherwise stipulated in the NZF Disciplinary Code.
- 13.7.3 All serious infringements and misconduct against Match Officials (direct Red Card) shall incur a minimum fine of \$75.00 per incident and an automatic one Playing Day suspension. Including the automatic suspension incurred, the overall suspension imposed on any Player receiving a direct Red Card shall be in accordance with the NZF Disciplinary Code.
- 13.8 A fine may be imposed on Participants relating to Team Misconduct (as defined in the NZF Disciplinary Code), as outlined in the NZF Disciplinary Code, across the WSIL where five (5) or more Players or Team Officials receive sanction in a WSIL match as determined by the Competition Manager in their sole discretion.

- 13.9 Any fines shall be paid immediately, or once invoiced by the respective body. Should any fine imposed remain outstanding after the due date stipulated on the fine, the Player or Team Official shall remain suspended until such fine is deemed paid.

Cautions Accumulated by a Player or Team Official

- 13.10 The Schedule of Suspensions imposed in respect of cautions accumulated by a Player or Team Official in the same season, unless otherwise stated within these Regulations, shall be:

13.10.1 Five single cautions shall result in one (1) Playing Day suspension;

13.10.2 A further two (2) single cautions (seven (7) in total) shall result in one (1) additional Playing Day suspension; and

13.10.3 A further two (2) single cautions (nine (9) in total) shall result in one (1) further Playing Day suspension.

- 13.11 In addition to the penalties outlined above, where any Player accrues ten (10) cautions or more during a WSIL Season (including other competitions that are not the WSIL), the Player and the relevant Participant will attend a meeting of the RADCO to determine if any additional penalty should be imposed against the Player and/or his team.

- 13.12 Cautions will be accumulated for a Player or Team Official in accordance with the NZF Disciplinary Code.

Serving of Suspensions

- 13.13 All Players and Team Officials enter the WSIL without any accumulation of cautions which have been cleared after the Participants' former season. Any Player or Team Official with a remaining suspension from a former season must complete the length of this suspension in the WSIL until such a point as this suspension has been fully served in accordance with the NZF Disciplinary Code.

- 13.14 Under no circumstance may any suspended Player or Team Official occupy a position, in any capacity, in or in the vicinity of the Player's entrance, substitute's bench, technical area or playing arena.

- 13.15 A match that is abandoned does not count as a completed match in terms of a Player or Team Official serving a suspension.

14 ANTI-DOPING AND INTEGRITY

- 14.1 The Players shall be subject to drug testing by Drug Free Sport NZ. For the sake of clarity, this shall comprise in-competition and out-of-competition testing for all Players.

- 14.2 Drug Testing is specifically covered by the NZF Anti-Doping Regulations. It is the responsibility of each Participant and Player to ensure they are conversant with the appropriate Regulations, including the current list of banned substances provided by Drug Free Sport NZ, available via the Drug Free Sport NZ website.

- 14.3 Any Participant breaching regulation 14 shall be liable for a fine of up to \$1,000 and an education seminar arranged within agreed timeframes between the Participant and the Competition Manager.

15 INCIDENTS, DISPUTES AND PROTESTS

- 15.1 Any Participant in the WSIL may bring a dispute or protest to the Competition Manager who shall make a decision or refer to the appropriate Judicial Body according to NZF Statutes or these Regulations, and advise the party or parties concerned.
- 15.2 For these Regulations, protests are objections of any kind related to events or matters that have a direct effect on matches, including but not limited to the state of and markings on the pitch, match equipment, eligibility of Players, venue installations and match balls.
- 15.3 Unless otherwise stipulated in this article, protests other than matters of Player eligibility shall be submitted in writing to the Competition Manager within 72 hours of the conclusion of the match in question.
- 15.4 Protests regarding the eligibility of Players shall be submitted in writing to the Competition Manager either within 72 hours of the conclusion of the match in question or 72 hours after information relating to Player eligibility is known to the party submitting the protest, whichever is the later. Notwithstanding anything in this regulation, protests regarding the eligibility of Players cannot be submitted after the date which is seven (7) days following a Participant's final match in the Competition.
- 15.5 Protests against any incidents that occur during a match shall be made to the referee by the Participant's captain immediately after the disputed incident and before play has resumed, in the presence of the captain of the opposing Participant. The protest shall be confirmed to the Competition Manager in writing no later than 72 hours after the match.
- 15.6 No protests may be made about the referee's decisions regarding facts connected with play, such decisions being final.

16 EQUIPMENT

Playing Strips

- 16.1 Each Participant shall seek the prior approval of the Competition Manager of playing strips that are two completely different and contrasting colours for its First Choice and Alternate strips (shirt, shorts, socks). In addition, each Participant shall select two contrasting colours for goalkeepers. These goalkeeper strips must be distinctly different and contrasting from each other as well as different and contrasting from the First Choice and Alternate strips. A goalkeeper may, at the discretion of the referee, wear tracksuit trousers provided the colour of such tracksuit does not conflict with the provisions of this article. Only these colours may be worn during matches. There should not be any overlap of colours between the First Choice and Alternate strips.
- 16.2 Each Participant shall wear their First Choice strip in their Home Matches, and all other matches where there is no clash of colours with the Home Team. In the event of any match being played at a neutral match venue, it will be the responsibility of the Competition Manager to ensure that there will be no clash of colours and to determine which Participant is to change, if necessary. Where possible the team listed first will be given priority to wear their First Choice strip as communicated within the match confirmation.
- 16.3 Where the strips of the two Participants are alike or similar, the Away Team shall wear their Alternate strip as long as that does not, predominantly contain any of the basic colours of the

Home Team and is approved by the referee. However, on others, they may also be required to change socks. For the avoidance of doubt, the Away Team shall have priority of wearing their First Choice Strip over the Home Team goalkeeper wearing their First-Choice strip.

- 16.4 It is the responsibility of each Participant to notify the Competition Manager of requests for the strip for the upcoming match in a timeframe stipulated by that Competition Manager and no later than when the respective match confirmation is circulated to both Participants during the Match Week. It is also the responsibility of Participants to notify the Competition Manager of any changes to their registered colours at the earliest opportunity. Participants must also notify if they wish to change the strip from that already notified to the Competition Manager.
- 16.5 It will be the responsibility of the Away Team to carry their Alternate strip with them at all times, to ensure that on Playing Day the Away Team has sufficient flexibility to change its strip as necessary to avoid any clash of colours with the Home Team.
- 16.6 If in the opinion of the Competition Manager, a clash of colours will occur to the detriment of the match, the Competition Manager may direct either or both Participants to change or vary their strip.
- 16.7 A Participant breaching regulations 16.2-16.7 shall be liable for a fine of up to \$250.00 for each breach.

Numbers

- 16.8 A Player must wear the shirt with the corresponding number that is listed in any Start List. The number must be displayed on the back of their playing shirt and, where possible, on the front of the shorts. The same number may, at the Participant's discretion, be displayed on the front of the shirt. The number must be legible and distinguishable from a distance for all Players, Match Officials, spectators, and media from the colours used for the respective playing equipment item. This distinction may be achieved by displaying the numbers on a single-coloured patch. The number may be surrounded by a border or shadow outline.

Official Match Balls

- 16.9 Only Nike or such other brand footballs, as determined and supplied by the South Island League Committee from time to time, will be used in WSIL matches (Official Match Balls), unless otherwise approved by the Competition Manager in advance.
- 16.10 The Woman's South Island League Committee shall supply each Participant with five (5) Official Match Balls for use on Match Days only, subject to regulation 16.9.
- 16.11 Host Participants shall ensure that five (5) Official Match Balls in a good, clean condition are made available to the referee no later than forty-five (45) minutes before the scheduled kick-off time, subject to regulation 16.9.
- 16.12 Participants should ensure that only the footballs referred to as Official Match Balls are used in all promotional, news or Participant photographs, and television interviews.
- 16.13 Any Participant breaching these regulations 16.10-16.13 shall be liable for a fine of up to \$250 per breach.

17 BALL PERSONS

- 17.1 There shall be a minimum of four (4) ball persons on duty for each match arranged by the Host Participant.
- 17.2 The ball person shall be suitably attired in an identifiable uniform that does not clash with the colours worn by either the Home Team, Away Team or the Officials. T-shirts, bibs, tracksuits, wet weather jackets, etc. are permitted.
- 17.3 Balls shall be placed on the ground next to the ball person or held still in their hands. Ball persons are not permitted to play with the balls with their hands or feet.
- 17.4 Any Participant breaching these regulations 17.1-17.4 shall be liable for a fine of up to \$250.00 fine per breach.

18 MATCH VENUES, DATES AND KICKOFF TIMES

- 18.1 Controlling Federations shall publish the WSIL draw, including the match venues, dates, and kick-off times. All matches shall be played on the dates and times agreed and confirmed between the Competition Manager and the Participants and shall not be varied without the prior written approval of the Competition Manager.
- 18.2 In the event of the Competition Manager agreeing with a broadcaster, the television (or other media) broadcast of matches during the WSIL Season, the Host Participant shall comply with all reasonable directions and requirements including from the broadcaster.
- 18.3 Before the commencement of each WSIL Season, each Participant shall nominate its match venue(s) to allow inspection and approval by the Competition Manager.
- 18.4 If any Participant wishes to change any Match Date or kick-off time, they must advise the Competition Manager in writing at least ten (10) days before the scheduled game, setting out in full their reasons for requiring the change. The Competition Manager will check the request with the other Participant but holds the right to make the final decision. Any additional cost incurred in changing a previously agreed match date or kick-off time shall be borne by the Participant making the request.
- 18.5 In the event of a Participant wishing to play at a match venue other than its nominated match venue, the Participant must notify the Competition Manager ten (10) days' notice in writing setting out the reasons for the change of match venue, with full particulars of the new match venue and facilities available for Players, spectators, and officials. The decision of the Competition Manager as to the acceptability of the proposed match venue change will be final.
- 18.6 The Competition Manager may require that Participants play a certain number of fixtures as Home Matches during the first and second rounds of the WSIL to maintain competition integrity. Should a Participant not have access to their respective Home Match venue then they will be required to play on a suitable other home venue approved by the Competition Manager.
- 18.7 The Competition Manager reserves the right to determine the match venue, date and kick-off time for all matches. The Competition Manager has full discretion to adjust or make changes to the draw, matches, venues or kick-off times to ensure the successful completion of the WSIL.

Safety & Security

- 18.8 The Host Participant shall be responsible for taking all practicable measures to ensure:
- 18.8.1 That all facilities and equipment comply with the Health and Safety at Work Act 2015 and related regulations (as amended from time to time). Certificates of compliance as required must be current;
 - 18.8.2 That a dedicated security and safety officer is operating for all Home Matches. This person is to be identifiable and in contact with the Host Participant at all times;
 - 18.8.3 The orderly behaviour of the crowd and safety of the Match Officials, Players, Team Officials and all spectators; and
 - 18.8.4 The availability of Host Participant's officials and where appropriate, security or police personnel.
- 18.9 All Participants will be held responsible for the behaviour of their spectators, whether playing at home or away or at a neutral ground. A Participant must forthwith give notice in writing to the Competition Manager of any unruly behaviour of their spectators.
- 18.10 Each Participant must make every effort to ensure that the Code of Conduct of NZF is communicated and made available to its staff, Players, Coaches, volunteers, and spectators.
- 18.11 Any Participant breaching this Regulation shall be liable for a fine of up to \$500.00 fine per breach.

19 FIELD OF PLAY

- 19.1 All Host Participants are to ensure that their grounds comply with the LOTG, Law 1 – The Field of Play.
- 19.2 Matches may be played on natural or artificial surfaces.
- 19.3 All Host Participants shall supply crowd barriers one metre high and two metres from the sidelines, down the entire length of the pitch.
- 19.4 All Host Participants shall supply regulation-sized goals, nets, and corner flags.
- 19.5 In compliance with the provisions of the LOTG, the technical area shall be marked out in front of the seated area for substitutes and technical staff.
- 19.6 The technical area shall be of sufficient size to include the maximum number of persons authorised to be on the substitute's bench and be located one metre on either side of the substitute's bench, to one metre from the touchline.
- 19.7 All Host Participants are required to have the field of play of their home grounds maintained in a satisfactory condition.
- 19.8 In the event of inclement weather, the Host Participants shall be obliged to ensure all reasonable steps are taken to ensure that scheduled matches proceed.

- 19.9 In the event of inclement weather, Host Participants shall be obliged to arrange the re-mark of all or portions of the ground or request this to the venue owner, at the request of the Match Officials.
- 19.10 No unauthorised ground markings shall appear on any match venue. For the avoidance of doubt, the Competition Manager has the absolute discretion to determine whether markings are acceptable on match venues.
- 19.11 Any Host Participant breaching regulations 19.1- 19.7 shall be liable for a fine of up to \$250.00 per breach. Where there is a breach of regulation 19.8, the discretion as set out in regulation 18.8, may apply.

20 MATCH OFFICIALS

- 20.1 Subject to the Woman's South Island League Committees' prior approval (at its sole discretion), each Federation shall make appointments for all matches, as applicable.
- 20.1.1 A Match Referee and two Assistant Referees will be appointed for each match.
- 20.2 An approved fee for referees and other Match Officials across the WSIL shall be met from Participant's entry fees.
- 20.3 Each referee shall upon the conclusion of each match, forward to the Competition Manager a referee's report on the prescribed form where needed. These should arrive to the Competition Manager no later than 48 hours after the match has been played. Should a Match Official fail to furnish any required report within the prescribed time limit then the following will apply:
- 20.3.1 On the first occasion, the Match Official shall be given a warning by the Competition Manager.
- 20.3.2 On the second occasion, the Match Official shall forfeit the match fee.
- 20.4 Match Officials may, after thirty (30) minutes of the final whistle of the competition match, allow a meeting with one (1) nominated Team Official of a Participant to discuss match-related issues.
- 20.5 Each referee shall attend the ground at least one (1) hour before the scheduled kick-off time and shall wait for one (1) half-hour after the scheduled kick-off time, before abandoning the game for any reason.
- 20.6 The referee's decision shall be the final as to the condition of the ground for play.
- 20.7 The Woman's South Island League Committee shall allocate an amount of money to meet approved travel expenses for Match Officials.

21 LAWS OF THE GAME

- 21.1 All matches shall be played following LOTG.
- 21.2 The minimum number of Players a Participant must have to play in any WSIL match is seven (7). If a Participant team during any WSIL match is reduced, for whatever reason, to less than seven (7) Players, the referee shall abandon the relevant match, subject to the provisions of the LOTG.

22 SUBSTITUTION RULES

Number of Substitutes

- 22.1 A maximum of five (5) Players may be listed as substitutes on the Start List.
- 22.2 A maximum of five (5) Players may be replaced at any time during the match, up until the conclusion of normal playing time from a maximum of three opportunities and during the half-time break. Any replacement Players used must be one of the five (5) listed on the Start List.
- 22.3 Where both teams make a substitution at the same time, this will count as a used substitution opportunity for each team.

Substitution Procedures

- 22.4 The procedure for substitutions shall be following the LOTG.
- 22.5 Substitutes may warm up during the game subject to the dimensions of the ground but may not use a ball. A goalkeeper is permitted to use a ball to warm up. Substitutes when warming up may be accompanied by one official from the technical area.

Substitution Boards

- 22.6 Each Federation, as applicable, will provide Match Officials with a set of substitution boards and communications equipment.

23 TECHNICAL AREA

- 23.1 No Team Official, outside of listed medical personnel, shall be able to occupy the technical area for more than one (1) Participant in the WSIL in a single Match Week.
- 23.2 Each Host Participant shall provide adequate seating for each person authorised to be in the technical area at each game it hosts during a WSIL Season.
- 23.3 The occupants of the technical area shall be identified to the Match Officials before the commencement of the match and reflect what has been selected and confirmed in the National Registration System within the specified match on the Start List.
- 23.4 Only one person at a time has the authority to convey technical instructions and that person must return to their position immediately after giving any instructions, to the intent that only one person at any time is standing.
- 23.5 Team Officials must remain within the confines of the technical area except in special circumstances, for example, a physiotherapist or doctor entering the field of play with the referee's permission to treat an injured Player.
- 23.6 All occupants of the technical area must responsibly conduct themselves at all times, with particular regard to foul and abusive language.
- 23.7 Any Team Official listed as the Head Coach on the Start List must be the same Head Coach present at the match and hold a minimum OFC/NZF C Licence or international equivalent. Any

Participant in breach of this regulation 23.7 will be sanctioned with a fine of up to \$250.00 per offence by the Competition Manager at their sole discretion.

- 23.8 The Match Officials shall police the technical area and forthwith give notice in writing to the Competition Manager of any breach. Any Participant breaching regulation 23 shall be liable for a fine of \$250.00 per breach.

24 PLAYING OF MATCHES

- 24.1 Participants must take all reasonable steps to arrive at a match on time. Any Participant breaching this regulation shall be liable for a fine of up to two thousand dollars (\$2,000.00) unless there is a valid reason outside the control of the Participant.
- 24.2 A team defaults the match if they; do not take the field within 15 minutes of the scheduled kick-off time, have less than seven (7) players on the field at one time, or do not wear an alternative-coloured kit as the away match (where necessary).
- 24.3 Any Participant that defaults a match will be fined two thousand dollars (\$2,000.00) regardless of the notice period given by the Participant.
- 24.4 The Host Participant must film the entire match for technical analysis and upload said footage to a nominated platform in line with the Operations Manual within 24 hours of the match being complete.
- 24.5 In the event of a match being postponed at late notice due to issues with travel arrangements, adverse weather, or scheduling reasons, it shall be the responsibility of the two Participants concerned to immediately confer, in conjunction with the Competition Manager, to play the match at the earliest possible time. Should no agreement be reached by the two Participants by a date stipulated by the Competitions Manager then the Competitions Manager will determine the date, time and venue for the replay of the match at their sole discretion.
- 24.6 In the event of a change of match venue being necessary because of unforeseen weather or field of play conditions, the Host Participant shall take all reasonable steps to give adequate notice to the Competition Manager and the Away Team as to the new match venue. In the event of any dispute arising as to the suitability of the match venue, the Competition Manager shall make the final decision, which will be binding, on all parties.

Suspended or abandoned matches

- 24.7 In the event of adverse weather conditions occurring during a match, which in the view of the referee endangers the Players or Team Officials, the Match Officials may at their sole discretion suspend play for a period of up to thirty (30) minutes to allow time for conditions to improve to a point that will allow the match to recommence.
- 24.8 Where weather conditions preceding a match raise doubts as to whether play shall take place, the Match Official and the Host Participant shall meet at the ground to consider whether the ground is fit for play. This meeting and discussion shall be held in sufficient time to enable the Away Team travelling on the day of the match to be notified of any abandonment before their departure for the match. If the Match Officials decide that play can take place provided that no further rain falls, then the Match Officials shall further decide whether or not any other scheduled activities before the match are to be postponed.

- 24.9 Before any decision is made as to whether the match should be abandoned, the Host Participant shall discuss the situation with the Competition Manager. The Competition Manager may arrange for an alternate Match Venue to be used for the completion of the match, at their sole discretion.
- 24.10 If there is doubt as to whether or not a match is to be played because of uncertainty about weather conditions, the referee or referee's liaison officer shall immediately notify the Competition Manager following the field of play inspection and the Host Participant shall advise the Away Team.
- 24.11 If the Away Team has been notified that a match is to be played provided no further rain falls, then all reasonable efforts shall be made to ensure that the match proceeds, provided that the referee or referee's liaison officer nominated for the match shall have sole discretion as to whether or not it shall be played.
- 24.12 If for any reason the referee cannot make or does not attend the match venue, and if there is doubt about whether the field of play is fit to play, then the Host Participant in conjunction with the referee's liaison officer shall be responsible for advising the Competition Manager on the condition of the field of play as well as notifying the Away Team.
- 24.13 If for any reason a match is abandoned, that match shall be replayed at the direction of the Competition Manager, who shall first discuss the matter with the two affected Participants, as per regulation 24.3.

25 FINANCIAL PROVISIONS

- 25.1 The Controlling Federation will provide reimbursement to Clubs of budgeted items for travel up to a value determined by the South Island League Committee (on proof of receipt), as outlined in the Operations Manual.
- 25.2 The Host Participant shall also be responsible for a local, suitably qualified physiotherapist at the request and cost of the Away Team.

26 ELIGIBILITY OF PLAYERS

- 26.1 A Player is eligible to play in the WSIL provided that:
- 26.1.1 The Player is duly registered to the Participant in the National Registration System, subject to regulation 27.3; and
- 26.1.2 The Player is duly registered with a Participant under the FIFA Regulations on the Status and Transfer of Players and NZF Regulations on the Status and Transfer of Players.
- 26.2 Each Participant shall be responsible for fielding only eligible Players. Any Participant found guilty of fielding an ineligible Player for whatever reason shall be subject to the penalties as determined in NZF Disciplinary Code.

27 REGISTRATION OF PLAYERS

- 27.1 The registration of Players shall begin on 1 January 2023.

- 27.2 A WSIL Start List may consist of Players from the Participant's registered membership as reflected in the National Registration System, subject to regulation 27.3.
- 27.3 No Player may participate in the WSIL where they have registered to a Participant after the Registration Date. For the sake of clarity, a Player must hold at least an "entered" status in the National Registration System on or before 11:59PM on the Registration Date. Should a Player be named in a Start List for Participant while holding an "entered" status to another Participant on the National Registration System, then the "entered" status will be deleted. Players who are registered to the Participant by the Registration Date can be selected in a Start List in the WSIL at any time after the Registration Date, except where:
- 27.3.1 A Player who has been listed as a goalkeeper in the Start List at least once during the WSIL Season for a Participant may be replaced at any time, with another goalkeeper, on a permanent or temporary basis as determined by the Competition Manager, on account of illness or injury which prevents the relevant goalkeeper from playing, where:
- a A certificate from a medical doctor is provided; and
 - b The replacement Player is listed as a Goalkeeper.
- 27.4 A Participant breaching regulation 27.3 shall be liable for the following fines for each breach:
- 27.4.1 an initial fine in relation to the NZF Disciplinary Code, plus a loss of three (3) competition points in respect of the current WSIL Season; and

Start List and substitute benches

- 27.5 Each Participant shall play its full-strength team in all matches unless some satisfactory reason is given to the Competition Manager. Failure to do so will constitute a breach of the Regulations.
- A Start List must be confirmed at least sixty (60) minutes before the time fixed time for the kick-off of a match by a Participant entering and saving their line-up in the National Registration System with a maximum number of Players, which in the case of all WSIL matches, will be 16 Players (11 starting Players and up to five substitutes) for each match.
- 27.6 The Start List will be selected from registered Players of the Participant in the National Registration System, subject to 26.3.
- 27.7 Any Player listed in the Start List must be at least fifteen (15) years old on the date of the match. No Player aged fourteen (14) or younger may participate in the WSIL unless they receive written dispensation from the relevant Federation Development Manager or the Competitions Manager.
- 27.8 Each Participant is responsible for ensuring that they correctly name their Start List by selecting their line-up in the National Registration System by 12pm on the Friday before any match, with changes that can be made up until sixty (60) minutes before the scheduled kick-off. The numbers on the Player's shirts must correspond to the numbers on the Start List. Any Player in the named starting eleven may be replaced by another Player in the Start List in the case of an injury during the warm-up only, up to ten (10) minutes before the kick-off with notice to

the Match Officials. Where a match is played mid-week, each Participant must name their Start List by 12pm the day before the match.

- 27.9 Match Officials shall report any breaches of this regulation, including but not limited to any Participant who fails to provide an accurate Start List by sixty (60) minutes before the scheduled kick-off, or who requires changes to the Start List after this point for reasons not listed, is liable for a sanction of up to \$250.00 per breach by the Competition Manager at their sole discretion.
- 27.10 For all matches in the WSIL, a maximum of eleven (11) people are entitled to sit in the Technical Area during a match, being comprised of no more than 5 substitutes and no more than six (6) Team Officials. All occupants of the Technical Area must wear different coloured tops to those worn by the team they are associated with. For every match, Participants shall submit the names on the Start List of all people sitting in the Technical Area.

28 MATCH RESULTS

- 28.1 Within thirty (30) minutes of the final whistle, the Match Officials must enter the result of the match and within sixty (60) minutes of the final whistle enter the respective match events for each team in the National Registration System.

29 WSIL FORMAT

- 29.1 The Woman's South Island League Committee may, at its discretion, produce an official WSIL Contingencies Framework before the start of the WSIL Season that covers matters of disruption, such as, by way of example only, Covid-19. The South Island League Committee shall retain sole discretion to amend the format of the WSIL with notice to Participants following good faith discussions with affected Participants.
- 29.2 Each match shall last 90 minutes, comprising two periods of 45 minutes, with an interval of 15 minutes whistle to whistle in between.
- 29.3 Each Participant shall play two matches against the other Participants, the Home Team in respect of one such match and the Away Team in respect of the other.
- 29.4 Three points are awarded for a win, and one point for a draw.
- 29.5 No extra time shall be played in the case of a drawn match between teams.
- 29.6 The results of all matches will be recorded in a league table. The ranking of each Participant shall be determined as follows:
- 29.6.1 The greatest number of points obtained in all league matches;
 - 29.6.2 Goal difference in all league matches;
 - 29.6.3 The greatest number of goals scored in all league matches.
 - 29.6.4 Least number of goals conceded in all league matches.
 - 29.6.5 The head-to-head results between the teams are equal on points.

- 29.7 If, after applying the above criteria, any two or more teams are still equal, then the team with the superior disciplinary record in WSIL (by having the fewest penalty points accrued during the season) shall be the highest-placed team. Penalty points shall be accrued as follows:
- a for each Yellow Card received, a team will accrue 1 penalty point;
 - b for each Red Card received, a team will accrue 4 penalty points;
 - c and where an individual Player receives 3 Yellow Cards in the same WSIL game, a team will accrue 3 penalty points (the same as for a Red Card).
- 29.8 If, after applying the above criteria the final position of any two teams remains equal their final placing will be determined by a toss of a coin under the direction and supervision of the Competition Manager. Where there are more than two teams who are equal having applied the above criteria then the final placing of these teams will be determined by the drawing of lots under the direction and supervision of the Competition Manager.

30 TROPHY, AWARDS & MEDALS

- 30.1 The winner of the WSIL will be presented with the respective trophy of that competition. All trophies remain the property of the Federation and respective winners are liable for the loss or damage is done to the trophy.
- 30.2 In addition to the WSIL Trophy, The Competition Manager shall present twenty (20) medals.
- 30.3 At the conclusion of the WSIL the Golden Boot will be awarded to the Player who scores the most goals in the league. If two or more Players score the same number of goals, the total games played in the league will be taken into account, with the Player playing fewer games being awarded the Golden Boot.

31 NON-COMPLIANCE

- 31.1 Unless otherwise specified, if a Participant is in breach of this Regulation, and/or any part of the Operations Manual and/or any part of the Participation Agreement, the following procedure will be undertaken to remedy the breach:
- 31.1.1 In the first instance of a breach, the Competition Manager shall notify the Participant in writing of the breach, and the Participant will be given a reasonable period to rectify the breach. It is the Participant's responsibility to undertake remedial action within the timeframe set & to keep the Competition Manager informed of progress, including any possible delays due to circumstances beyond its control;
 - 31.1.2 If the breach is not rectified within the timeframe prescribed, the Competition Manager shall issue a second written notice to the Participant, outlining the breach and a timeframe for rectification, and imposing a fine. The level of fine will be determined on a case-by-case basis, depending upon the particular matters of the breach. It is the Participant's responsibility to undertake remedial action within the timeframe set and to keep the Competition Manager informed of progress, including any possible delays due to circumstances beyond its control;

- 31.1.3 If the breach is not remedied within the prescribed timeframe after the issuance of the second notice of breach, the Participant will be banned from participation in the WSIL upon 10 days' written notice to the Participant.

32 INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY

- 32.1 For this regulation, "Intellectual Property " shall mean the intellectual property of the Federations or NZF in the WSIL including but not limited to all copyright, trademarks, design rights and all rights whether created before or after the date of the Regulations and/or relevant Participation Agreement and whether registered or unregistered, the format of the WSIL, the Participation Agreement and Regulations of the WSIL, the name and logo of the WSIL, all broadcasting, media and production and reproduction rights of any games in the WSIL in any form whatsoever, all operational information including the Operations Manual, all promotional and advertising material in relation to the WSIL and all internet and website based information on the WSIL and the Competition. For the avoidance of doubt, any footage of matches played in the WSIL is the property of the Federations and no Participant or party may make matches publicly available, either live or on a later date, unless prior approval from the Competition Manager is obtained. Any rights passed to the Participants for live streaming are at the sole discretion of the Federations as outlined to Participants via the Operations Manual or other documentation issued from time to time.
- 32.2 A Participant shall ensure that the ownership by the Federations of the Intellectual Property is protected at all times and that any breach of it or unauthorised or unlicensed use of it is reported to the Competition Manager promptly.
- 32.3 Any unauthorised or unlicensed use of the Intellectual Property by a Participant or any such unauthorised or unlicensed use permitted by a Participant shall be deemed a breach of these Regulations and enforceable under the non-compliance provisions of these Regulations.

33 CODE OF CONDUCT

- 33.1 No person is entitled to bring the WSIL, the Federations, NZF, the game or any related issue into disrepute. In particular, Team Officials and Players are not entitled to communicate negative comments to the media, aimed at any official, which results in such disrepute. Any person who breaches this regulation will be liable to a fine of \$500 per breach, at the sole discretion of the Competition Manager.

34 MISCELLANEOUS

- 34.1 Matters not provided for in these Regulations and cases of force majeure shall be decided by the South Island League Committee. All decisions shall be final.

35 REFERENCES

- 35.1 IFAB Laws of the Game:
[International Football Association Board | Laws of the Game | IFAB \(theifab.com\)](https://www.ifab.com/laws-of-the-game/)
- 35.2 FIFA Statutes and Regulations;
<https://www.fifa.com/who-we-are/legal/rules-and-regulations/documents/>
- 35.3 New Zealand Football Statutes and Regulations:
<https://www.nzfootball.co.nz/ABOUT-US/Important-Information/Statutes-Regulations>

35.4 Drug Free Sport NZ:
<https://drugfreesport.org.nz/>