



**BANKSTOWN**  
FOOTBALL

**Bankstown District Amateur  
Football Association**

**Competition Regulations**

Version 6 – 16/12/2016

## **1. STRUCTURE OF COMPETITIONS**

- 1.1 BDAFA will have control over all matches in which its affiliated Clubs participate and will arrange matches as it deems fit. These include but are not limited to:
  - a) The BDAFA Premiership.
  - b) Other BDAFA organised round robins or matches, including MiniRoos Football (SSG Non Competitive Soccer) and BDAFA organised Knock-Outs.
  - c) BDAFA sanctioned matches. These include trial and gala matches for which BDAFA approval has been given and matches otherwise sanctioned by Football NSW Ltd.
  - d) BDAFA may conduct such matches (eg Seven-a-Side) by issuing variations to these Regulations; however, these Regulations will prevail if no variation exists.
  
- 1.2 It will be mandatory for all clubs to participate in all BDAFA Premiership rounds and Finals Series in which they are eligible.
  
- 1.3 Clubs must gain BDAFA's approval to conduct Knockouts and/or Gala Days.

Applications must state the age group(s), date of event and alternate dates should the original day be postponed.

No more than one such KO/Gala Day of one age group may be held on the same day.

Clubs participating in Club run KO's/Gala Days must give BDAFA two weeks' notice of their participation.

BDAFA organized matches will take precedence over Club KO's/Gala Days.
  
- 1.4 For the season 2015 a team nominating for the O45 competition will be permitted to register no more than 5 players who have already attained the age of 41 by the time they take the field. This "Run On" period will follow each season until 2018 after which time – any player registering for the O45 competition will have attained the age of 45. Please note, teams who field players under 45 for the purposes of commencing the competition in BDAFA will not be able to play these players in FNSW competitions i.e. if they are successful in qualifying for the FNSW Champion of Champions or wish to nominate for State Cup.
  
- 1.5 Clubs will promote the participation levels of girls / ladies within their playing ranks. All clubs are to set participation and retention targets and upon request from BDAFA be able to provide details of their strategies to achieve these targets.

## **2. REGULATIONS FOR MINIROOS (SSF Non Competition)**

- 2.1 MiniRoos Non-Competition Football will be played in the G06, G07, G08, G09, G10 and G11 age groups.

FFA Rules of the game as published by Football NSW as at 31st January of the current playing year must be followed.
  
- 2.2 MiniRoos goal posts must be as per Australian Standards and secured safely to the grounds.

### **3. PREMIERSHIP FORMAT - ALL COMPETITIVE GRADES**

- 3.1 Teams from G12 to G45 will participate in the competition in their respective age groups & divisions. This competition will be held on a home and away basis where possible allowing for ground availability. Each team will play all matches against all other teams in their age/division at least twice. However in the event of unforeseen circumstances – e.g. wet weather, this may not apply and rounds may need to be shortened.
- 3.2 Every effort will be taken to play matches washed out due to bad weather and deferrals within two weeks of the original fixture.  
Matches from rounds not fully washed-out, and any matches which are subject of G&D investigations may be exempt from this rule at the discretion of BDAFA.
- 3.3 Ladies competitions will be played on Sundays. Where necessary competition matches (including Ladies) may be scheduled, rescheduled and played on Sundays or midweek at the discretion of BDAFA. Ladies competitions age groups will continue to be G12, G14, G16 and G18 in 2017.
- 3.4 Points for each competition match will be awarded as follows:
- a) A win - three points to the winning team
  - b) A draw – one point to each team
  - c) A loss - no points to the losing team
  - d) A bye - no points
  - e) A forfeit – three points and three “goals for” to the winning team, no points and three “goals against” to the losing team.
  - f) An abandoned match - at BDAFA’s discretion; refer G&D Regulations
- 3.5 If a team withdraws or is suspended from the competition by BDAFA, points awarded to that team’s opponents and goals scored & conceded by that team will remain if the first (1st) round has been completed by all teams. All subsequent round matches become a bye. If a team withdraws or is suspended from the competition by BDAFA prior to the completion of the first (1<sup>st</sup>) round, all points and goals for and against will be wiped clean for the teams who have played the removed team. Those games and all subsequent round matches become a bye.
- 3.6 Once all matches have been played as per Regulation 4.1, there will be a Finals Series among the top four teams within that age division.
- 3.7 Where teams finish on equal competition points their respective places will be decided by goal difference. Goal difference is calculated by subtracting the number of goals against from the number of goals for. The team with the higher goal difference will be the higher ranked team.  
If goal differences are equal then the higher goals for will be the higher ranked team. If the goals for are equal, then head to head results from that season will determine the higher ranked team. If the teams are still equal BDAFA will schedule a playoff between the teams involved. Should there be more than two teams involved the playoff will be in the form of a knockout. If the teams are still equal then the higher ranked team will be at discretion of BDAFA.

3.8 All matches in the Finals Series must be under the control of an Official Referee.

3.9 The format for the Finals Series will be:

- a) Semi Final 1 : The highest placed team versus the 2nd placed team.
- b) Semi Final 2 : The 3rd placed team versus the 4th placed team.
- c) Final : Loser of Semi Final 1 versus Winner of Semi Final 2.
- d) Grand Final : Winner of Semi Final 1 versus Winner of Final.

The location of the above games will be at BDAFA's discretion.

3.10 In the Final Series, normal playing time plus stoppage time must be played. Extra time will be played if the score in goals is equal at the end of this normal playing time.

Extra time will be:

- a) G12 x 10 minutes each way.
- b) G13 and Over x 15 minutes each way.
- c) When the full amount of extra time is completed the team with the higher goal score is the winner.
- d) If the match is still a draw at this time kicks will be taken from the penalty mark in accordance with FIFA's "Procedures to determine the winner of a match".

3.11 The winner of the Grand Final will be declared Premiers.

With the exception of All Age Men, the Minor Premiers of Division 1 in applicable age groups will represent Bankstown in the Football NSW Champion of Champions. All Age Men will be represented by the Minor Premiers of Platinum League (see Platinum League regulations below).

If the Minor Premiers are unable to fulfil this commitment or they are deemed unsuitable due to a poor disciplinary record, to represent Bankstown District, BDAFA reserves the right to nominate another team in the current season in any BDAFA or FNSW sanctioned competitions.

## 4. ELIGIBILITY FOR SEMI FINALS AND FINALS (EXCEPT PL)

4.1 Players must have played at least four games for their team during the normal competition rounds. Players who are not noted on the team sheet 4 times will not be eligible for the finals series.

A team who has played a player who has not played at least four matches prior to the Finals is deemed to be ineligible and will be removed from the Finals series.

4.2 Only players registered in that team are eligible to play in the Finals series.

## 5. PROMOTION AND RELEGATION (EXCEPT PL)

5.1 With the exception of the All Age Ladies Division 1 and All Age Men Division 1 competitions, the Minor Premiers and the second placed team will be promoted up one division for the next season. Should the premiers not be either of these teams, the premiers and the minor premiers will be promoted.

- 5.2 The teams finishing last and second last in the competition will be relegated for the next season.

## 6. FORFEITS & DEFERMENTS

- 6.1 BDAFA Clubs must advise the appropriate BDAFA officials in writing or email at least 48 hours prior to the scheduled kick-off that a team intends to forfeit.  
Irrespective of the date of advice, the BDAFA BDAFA Competition Manager will advise the opposing club and the Referees' Appointment Secretary.

- 6.2 A breach of Regulation 6.1 will incur a fine and the offending team will be responsible for the total payment of referee's fees if official referees were appointed.

- 6.3 If a team forfeits twice during the Premiership, they will be required to attend the BDAFA Board and provide just cause why they should not be removed from the competition.

- 6.4 If a team forfeits and BDAFA deems they gained an advantage over the other teams in the competition, the forfeited match will be rescheduled. BDAFA will penalise the offending club with a fine in addition to a loss of 6 competition points for attempting this ploy.

- 6.5 Clubs must notify the BDAFA Competition Manager of any discrepancies found in the draw.

Clubs have one week to apply for a deferment after the issue of the season calendar for a particular stand-alone match. Only one deferment per team will be considered each season, unless:

- a) A season calendar has not been issued.
  - b) The reason for the deferment could not have been foreseen within a week of the issue of the season calendar.
  - c) Deferment and non-deferment requests and replies are to be submitted to :BDAFA in writing on Club letterhead signed by the Club Secretary of both teams involved.
  - d) Deferments may be granted for teams that play in BDAFA sanctioned outside matches (eg. FNSW State Cups). These deferments will be at the discretion of BDAFA.
- 6.6 Teams will be deemed to have forfeited a Match when:
- a) They fail to fulfil an engagement to play a Match on the appointed date, time or venue; or
  - b) They are not dressed ready to play, refuse or fail to begin a Match within ten (10) minutes of the stipulated kick-off time; or
  - c) They field less than seven (7) of their registered Players at the start of any Match; or
  - d) At any point during the Match they cannot field at least seven (7) of their registered Players; or

- e) They field or list on a team sheet an ineligible Player; or
- f) Any other scenario within the BDAFA Regulations or the BDAFA Grievance and Disciplinary Regulations that stipulates a forfeit of the Match.

### **7. PLAYING IN A HIGHER AGE GROUP OR DIVISION (Except 17, 18, 19, 21)**

- 7.1 For Premiership matches (except in the Final Series) teams are allowed to use players registered within their club in lower divisions of the same age or from all divisions of younger age groups. G30's Ladies, G35's and G45's use of players from any other grade or age group is not permitted unless the player is from a lower division of the same age group within the same club.

Players cannot play more than two (2) years above their registered age group without prior approval from the BDAFA. Approval may require written consent from the player's parents.

- 7.2 All Miniros teams are allowed to draw from any team of the same age group or lower within their club.
- 7.3 Where a player plays for a team other than the one in which he/she is registered, his/her registered team and grade must be shown on the Team Sheet for competitive games. Failure to correctly indicate on the team sheet that a player is playing in a higher grade will result in the player being deemed ineligible. (Miniros games are exempt but Miniros players playing up in Competitive Grades are not exempt) and must be listed.
- 7.4 A player may play three (3) games in a higher age group or division, but on playing the fourth (4th) game they must be re-registered in that team in which he/she last played unless:
- a) The BDAFA approves for the player to remain in his/her original registered team.
  - b) The fourth (4th) game occurs after June 30 in which case the player will not be eligible to play in any team.

This does not apply to Miniros football.

### **8. GRADES 17, 18, 19 & 21**

- 8.1 If practical, the G17, G18, G19 & G21 Competition will be incorporated into the PL 1st Division competition, with matches to be played before the PL 1st Division Reserve Grade match.

For those G17, G18, G19 & G21 teams without PL 1st Division, they will still participate in the Competition but play their games as per the draw.

- 8.2 Grade 17, 18, 19 & 21's will be deemed to be part of the Platinum League Squad.
- a) For any player registered in the U17 or U18 competition, regulation 7.4 does not apply if they are playing up in the PL competition.
  - b) The player can play in the PL competition as many times as required provided they do not apply for transfer to the PL competition.
  - c) They cannot participate in the Final series' in the PL competition.

- d) For any registered U17 or U18 player playing up into the AA competition, Registration Regulation 12.4 applies (which states - *“In All Age competitions, including Platinum League, players must have already passed their 17th birthday prior to being eligible to register and play. Exceptions may be made on a case-by-case basis at the discretion of BDAFA.”*).

## 9. PLATINUM LEAGUE (PL)

- 9.1 **PL Competitions** - The BDAFA competition will include three squad based all age competitions namely, Platinum League 1st Division (PL1), Platinum League 2nd Division (PL2) and Ladies Platinum League (LPL).

Platinum League will adhere to all BDAFA Regulations unless Regulation variations are specifically set down for those competitions.

### 9.2 PL Licences

- a) **Platinum League 1 and 2 Full Licences** - Every affiliated club will have the right to submit a nomination for one full licence PL squad. This squad will be graded either PL 1st or PL 2nd. No club can nominate more than one full licence PL squad.
- b) **Ladies Platinum League Full Licence** - Every affiliated club will have the right to submit a nomination for one full licence PL squad.
- c) **Concessional Licence** - BDAFA may issue a one-year concessional licence for Clubs / PL Squads that do not comply the PL nomination requirements – see paragraph 9.18.

- 9.3 **PL Nominations** - Nominations for the Premiership season must be submitted to the BDAFA General Manager by the 1st February each year using a completed PL Nomination form (included as Appendix 1. If a nomination is accepted by BDAFA then an invoice for the PL entry fee will be issued. Note if any club subsequently withdraws its PL Squad once BDAFA has accepted it into pool of squads to be assigned, this PL Entry fee is forfeited.

- 9.4 **Registration Requirements** - Squad registrations must be submitted by the date of Grading (per the Registration Regulations) and must consist of not less than 25 players.

- 9.5 **PL1 Competition** - The PL 1 competition will consist of ten (10) squads.

- 9.6 **PL2 Competition** - The PL 2 competition will consist of the remaining affiliated clubs who do not qualify for the PL1 competition

- 9.7 **PL Associate Licences** – From 2017 season BDAFA will not be offering PL Associate licences to Clubs wanting to enter a second PL Squad.

- 9.8 **All Age Divisions** - No club can nominate 2 teams in the top two All Age Divisions without nominating in the PL competition per the regulations of promotion and

relegation, unless they already have a PL squad. Note this applies to both the PL1 / PL2 competitions and the Ladies PL competitions.

- 9.9 **Interchange** - All matches will be played on an interchange basis. Players on bench must wear bibs.
- 9.10 **Matches** - will be played on a home and away draw allocated by the BDAFA Competition Manager, subject to availability of grounds and Official Referees.
- 9.11 **Split Rounds** - If a round is split so that the First and Reserve Grade teams of the same squad do not play on the same day, BDAFA will decide on the eligibility of players for the Reserve Grade match.  
If BDAFA believes a squad has not played its regular Reserve Grade team for that match, they will fine the offending Club and re-determine the result of the match.
- 9.12 **PL Finals Series** - All Final Series matches will be played on any Bankstown Council grounds deemed suitable by BDAFA.
- 9.13 **PL Finals Player Eligibility** - Where a club is not represented in both Reserve Grade and First Grade Semis and Finals the following is to apply. To be eligible to play in Reserve Grade semis and finals, a player MUST have:
- Taken the field for Reserve Grade a minimum of four (4) of the competition rounds
  - Played more Reserve Grade games than First Grade games
- 9.14 Where a club is represented in both Reserve Grade and First Grade Semis and Finals that are being played on the same day, the following is to apply –
- Players from that squad will be able to play in either Reserve or First Grade Semis and Finals on that day.
  - However, if a Reserve Grade Semi or Final game is to be played or replayed on a different day to First Grade, Regulation 9.13 will be applied.
- 9.15 Where a club is represented in both Reserve and First Grade in the Semis and Finals and the First Grade side is eliminated from further competition then Regulation 9.13 will come into force.
- 9.16 If a squad can submit written evidence to BDAFA that the regular goalkeeper for Reserve Grade is unavailable for the Semis and/or Finals - that squad can apply to the BDAFA for permission to play a substitute keeper who may be ineligible through Regulation 9.13.
- 9.17 **Squad treated as one** - For the purposes of these regulations, a squad shall mean First grade and Reserve grade, they shall be treated as one. If one team in the squad is found guilty of a breach of the regulations, the same penalties will apply to both teams in the squad. Additionally:
- Any forfeit by a PL team is considered to be a forfeit by both First and Reserve Grade (ie forfeit by the squad).



- b) A PL round (ie First and Reserve Grade matches) may be ruled as an abandoned round by BDAFA if either the First or Reserve Grade team have caused their game to be abandoned. A PL round (ie First and Reserve Grade matches) may be ruled as an abandoned round by BDAFA (or designated authority) if either the First or Reserve Grade team have caused their game to be abandoned.

9.18 **PL Nomination Requirements** – Where a Club / Squad does not meet the PL nomination requirements (see Appendix A) BDAFA may issue a “concessional” licence for 2017 if the Club supplies appropriate strategies as to how it intends to meet the requirements by the 2018 season.

## 10. PLATINUM LEAGUE SUSPENSIONS

10.1 Suspensions will be served as rounds rather than as matches. A round is a set of 1st and Reserve Grade matches on the same day or as otherwise deemed by BDAFA.

If suspensions are to be served during the final series where a club is not represented in both Reserve and 1st Grade, a player may serve their suspension as matches rather than rounds.

## 11. PLATINUM LEAGUE PROMOTION AND RELEGATION (PL1 and PL2)

11.1 The standings of both First and Reserve Grade teams in both PL Divisions will be taken into consideration for the implementation of promotion/relegation regulations. A combined “PL Standing Score” will be calculated by the following Formula:

$(\text{First Grade Competition Points} * 2) + (\text{Reserve Grade Competition Points})$

11.2 At the completion of each year, the squad whose “PL Standing Score” is the lowest and second lowest in PL 1 will be relegated to the PL 2 competition in both grades.

11.3 At the completion of each year, the squad whose “PL Standing Score” is the highest or second highest in PL 2 will be promoted to PL 1.

11.4 Should any of the “PL Standing Scores” be equal the Squads Goal Difference will be utilised using the same formula.

## 12. STANDING COMMITTEES (PL and Ladies)

### 12.1 PL Delegates

- a) **PL1 and PL2** - Each PL squad is to nominate two volunteers from their squad (each of which must be a registered Team Official or a senior player in that squad) one to be a delegate member of the PL Standing Committee and the second as an alternate.
- b) **LPL** - Each Ladies PL squad is to nominate two volunteers from their squad (each of which must be a registered Team Official or a senior player in that

- squad) one to be a delegate member of the Ladies Standing Committee and the second as an alternate.
- c) The names of these delegates are to be included on the PL Nomination Submissions.
- 12.2 These standing committees will have an advisory role to the BDAFA Board in regards to the operation and management of the PL Competitions such as making recommendations in regards to competition structures, competition regulations, awards, ideas for grounds for finals, etc.
- 12.3 One or more members of the BDAFA Board will be designated as liaisons to these Standing Committees.
- 12.4 These Standing Committee will meet (or hold a forum) at least four times each year - during October, February, May and July. At least one delegate will be in attendance at each meeting from each PL Squad. All meetings will be minuted and minutes submitted to the Board via the liaison Director(s).



## **PLATINUM LEAGUE NOMINATION**

**(Full Licence)**

**2017 SUBMISSION**

*Item 1: List a brief history of the Club and it's participation in Premier / Platinum League / Ladies Competition in the Bankstown Association. (Include the year of commencing and number of years in the Association)*

*Item 2: For an existing Platinum League Squad list for the last 3 years, in individual years, the finishing position and points of the 1<sup>st</sup> and Reserve Grade teams.*

- a. Relegation or Promotion from one division to another.*
- b. Participation and finishing positions in Football NSW Competitions.*

*Item 3: List all incidents requiring Judiciary hearings for the Club (not the squad) over the last 3 years. Give a brief description of the incident, the year and the result of the hearing.*

*Item 4: In order for Football (Soccer) to continue to grow in numbers and skill levels Juniors must be encouraged by their clubs and be instructed by qualified coaches. Does this club have the following in place?*

- a. A junior development program? (List details of the program and the name of the program co-ordinator).*
- b. What percentage of Junior players has the club had in the last 3 years.*
- c. What percentage of female players has the club had in the last 3 years.*
- d. A progression of player/s in the junior ranks to Prem League (List names of players from the Juniors / Seniors i.e. U16/17/18 age divisions that have been used in the PL teams or All Age if no PL side.*

*Item 5: Mandatory requirement for teams in PL Competitions in 2017 & beyond.*

- a. In 2017 it will be mandatory for all clubs wishing to compete in the PL to be supported by a G15, G16, G17 or G18 team (G14, G16 or G18 for Ladies). Can this club support this requirement?*
- b. In 2018 it will be mandatory for all clubs wishing to compete in the PL 1 division to be supported by at least two teams from G15, G16, G17 or G18 team (G14, G16 or G18 for Ladies). Can this club support this requirement?*

*Item 6: BDAFA and Football NSW require all coaches to be accredited. It is understood that this is not always possible to achieve. It will be mandatory for the club to be included in Platinum League that by the start of Season 2017 that 50% of the playing team's coaches must be accredited. The requirement for 2018 will be 75% and 2019 85%. Can this club meet this requirement? List current ratio of 2016 teams vs. accredited coaches.*

*Item 7: Abuse of Referees and Assistants has become ever increasing.*

- a. Explain the process the club will have in place to ensure that referees are not abused, harassed or assaulted by players, officials or spectators when officiating at their club's home and away games.*
- b. List the internal disciplinary action the club will take if any member of this club is involved in the above listed abuse, harassment or assault.*
- c. Does the Club Executive committee support zero tolerance of any club members involved in any actions against referees, assistants or officials?*

**Name**  
**President**

**Name**  
**Secretary**

**PL Coaches Details:**

Name: x  
Qualifications: x

**PL Managers Details:**

Name: x

**Standing Committee Delegate:**

Name: x  
Position / Role: Coach / Manager / Player  
Mobile: 04  
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