

Summary of FCQ Competition Rule Changes for 2019

Competition Rules for all grades are included in a single document with accompanying Appendices.

Disciplinary: Yellow Cards Accumulation: reduced to 5 (five) before a mandatory match suspension applies. Numbers after that adjusted accordingly.

Disciplinary: Suspensions clarification - A suspension can either be a number of matches or for a specific period. If the suspension is for a number of matches, the number of matches specified in the suspension relate to the division of the competition in which the Player or Official incurred the suspension. Therefore a Player or Official under suspension is not permitted to play or be involved in that or any other division, whether Senior or Junior, until the day after the team in which they were representing when they incurred the suspension has played the relevant number of matches for which they were suspended.

Nominations: To nominate for any senior competition for 2019 clubs must also have a women's team, two competitive junior teams and two MiniRoos teams – only exception is Emerald for Premier League – (note: concession to allow ALL clubs to have time to transition to this model. Details in the Competition Rules)

Communication: updated Communication Protocol provides direction for clear communications between clubs and the zone

Forfeits: Clubs will not be allowed to forfeit a Premier League Div 2 match; if they have low numbers on the day they must fill the team with community men players. Teams already cannot forfeit Div 1 matches.

Teams that forfeit three matches or more will be removed from the competition: applies to all comps/age groups.

Fines and Penalties: Have been upgraded with the reduction in the fine for Failure to Lodge Team sheet from \$100 to \$50

Reasonable Time around forfeits is now 72 hours prior to a match

Team Sheets: to be sent to FCQ Admin Officer, not FQ

Also to be used to record player award points (details in Comp Rules under Trophies and Awards). Opposition coaches/managers to allocate points on each respective sheet

Wet Weather/Extreme Hot Weather: as per last year the rules allow for specific days to reschedule competitive level games depending on the days they are initially played. New Weather Policy covers both wet and hot weather

Match queries: Managers can approach referee to confirm scores, goal scorers, cards awarded or to question the eligibility of an opposition player

Juniors playing seniors: Unlimited movement of eligible players between junior and senior competitions; no 3 match limitation per team for clubs with multiple teams in senior comps

New Zone Awards: Goalkeeper of the year and Club Fair Play Award. Details in the Competition Rules, Trophies and Awards