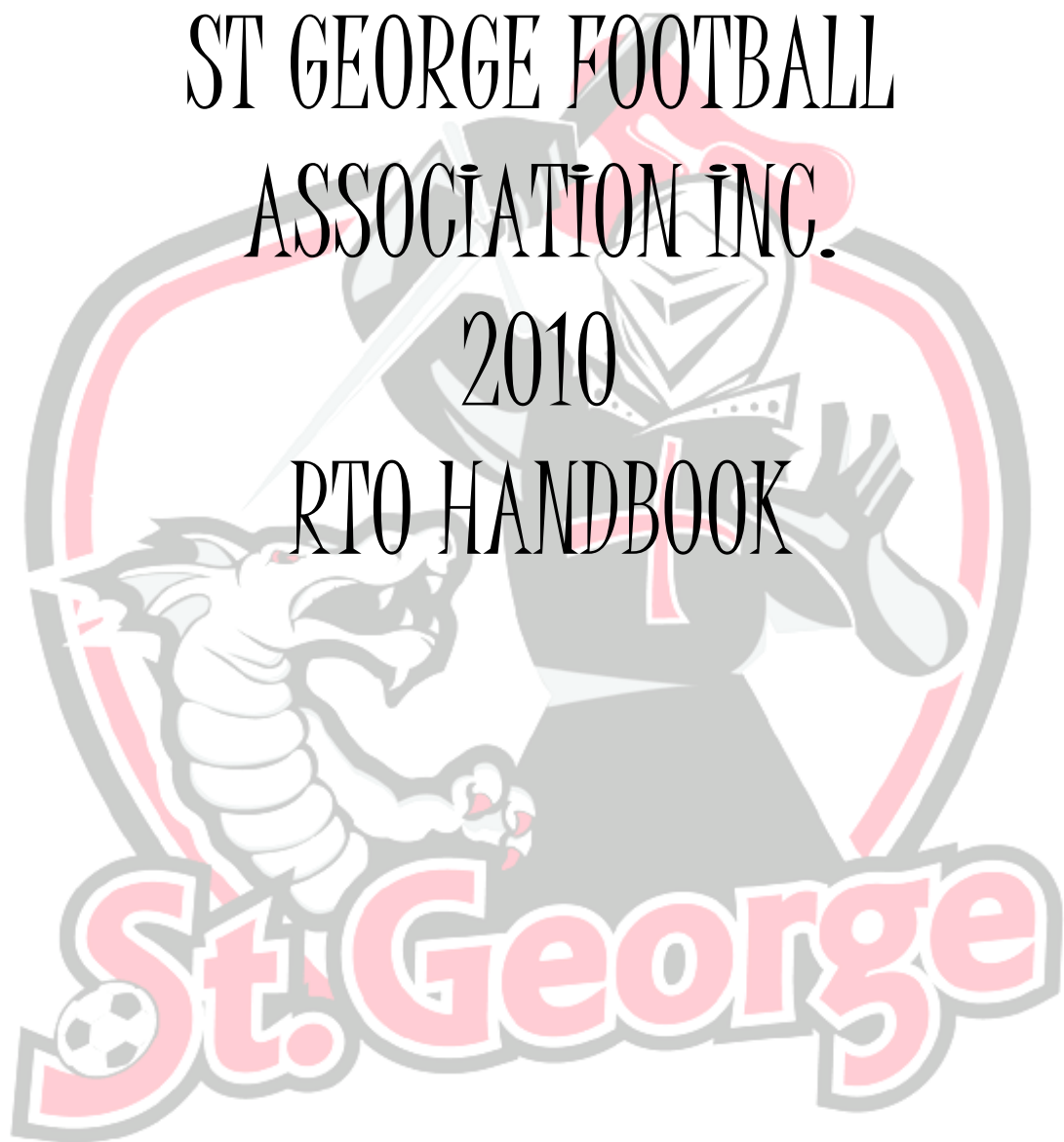


ST GEORGE FOOTBALL
ASSOCIATION INC.

2010

RTO HANDBOOK



St. George Football Association Inc.

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EXECUTIVE POSITIONS – 2010



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NOTE:

This RTO HANDBOOK is intended as a guide only.

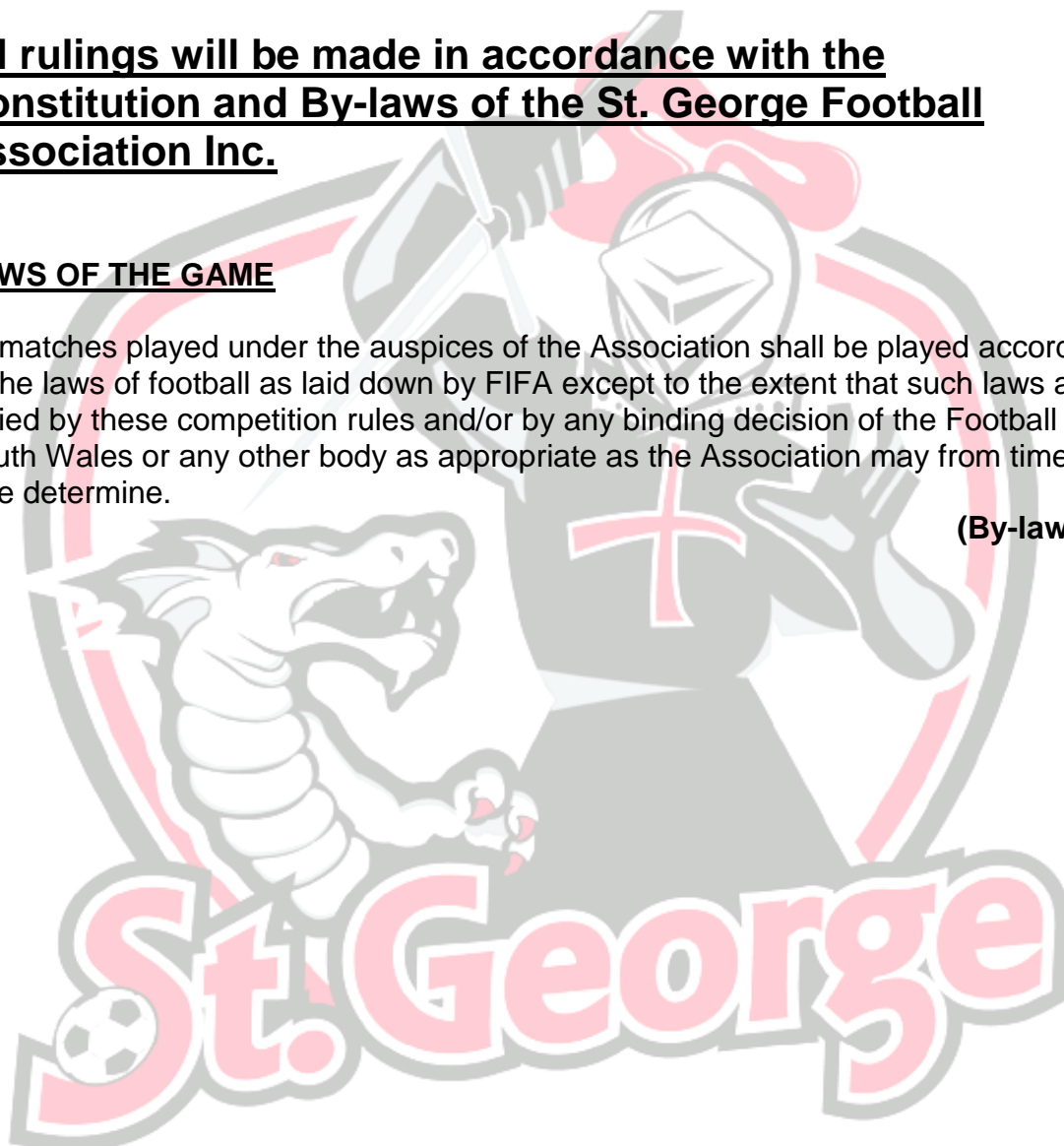
Any issues arising out of any match should be raised first at Club level before being escalated to the Association.

All rulings will be made in accordance with the Constitution and By-laws of the St. George Football Association Inc.

LAWS OF THE GAME

All matches played under the auspices of the Association shall be played according to the laws of football as laid down by FIFA except to the extent that such laws are varied by these competition rules and/or by any binding decision of the Football New South Wales or any other body as appropriate as the Association may from time to time determine.

(By-law 1.1)



Pre-Match Duties

Each team is to provide an Official at all games to ensure the Association By-laws and competition rules are adhered to. The Official will be easily identified by an officials vest.

(By-law 6.8 b)

Registered Team Official (RTO)

1. At least one (1) RTO is to be present at each match.

(By-law 9.2)

2. MATCH SHEET:

- Each Team is to supply their own completed Match Sheet with the following details;
 - Ground
 - Team
 - Grade
 - Division
 - Date
 - Time of Game
 - Player's Names including substitutes (13 only for U9 & U10, 16 only for all other competition grades)
 - Player's Shirt Number
 - Player's FFA Registration Number

(By-law 6.3)

Premier League, All Age A & All Age Women A Match Sheets for 2010

- Premier League, All Age A & All Age Women A match sheets are to have entered on them Best & Fairest points (3, 2, 1). Each team is to complete their own match sheet.

3. ID CARDS:

- RTO's are to check the oppositions I.D. CARDS including substitutions, in the centre of the field FIVE (5) minutes before kick-off.
- THE RTO's ID Card is to be handed to the Referee together with the completed Match Sheet and Referees Fees (see Schedule 1)
- Referee/Referee Assistant will retain ID Card until the end of the match.

(By-law 9)

NB: ANY PLAYER/S OR TEAM/S THAT DO NOT HAVE ID CARDS, THEN THAT PLAYER/S OR TEAM/S DO NOT PLAY.

(By-law 9.5)

4. A match ball is to be supplied by each team.

(By-law 6.11)

Match Duties

- ONLY ONE (1) RTO is allowed inside the ropes.
- The RTO nominated at the beginning of the match is the only person who will be allowed on the field if a player is injured.
- THE RTO MUST NOT ENTER THE FIELD OF PLAY UNTIL SIGNALLED TO DO SO BY THE REFEREE.
- The opposing RTO is to check any substitutes as they enter the field of play at the halfway line.
- Substitute/Interchange players will enter the field of play from the halfway line.
- The Referee/Assistant Referee will check the player's equipment.

(By-laws 6 & 9)

Post Match Duties

- At the conclusion of the game the Referee, Assistant Referee and RTO's will complete the match sheets.
- The RTO is to check the result, and take note of any cautions or send-offs and then sign the match sheet.
- Any irregularities on the I.D. card are to be reported to the referee and noted on the match sheet.
- The RTO must keep a record of all recorded cautions, which his players have received during the season. (See Competition Rules No.19 for suspensions)
- When a player is sent from the field of play (send-off) the RTO MUST HAND TO THE REFEREE THE PLAYERS ID CARD after the match or a fine of \$100.00 will be incurred.
- When a player receives his 3rd yellow card etc. the player's ID card is to be submitted to the Association before the player can serve his suspension.

(By-laws 6, 9 & 13)

NB:

Completed MATCH SHEETS are to be dropped into the Association Office, Suite 6, 193-195 Rocky Point Road, Ramsgate, by 9am on the Monday following the day of the Match.

Fines, as per the 2010 Fine Schedule (see Schedule 2), will be imposed on clubs who fail to complete Match Sheets correctly or deliver as per the above instruction.

COMPETITION RULES

1. INTERCHANGE is allowed in all matches with the exception of Premier League, where substitution is only allowed
(By-law 6.1)

2. SHIN PADS ARE TO BE WORN WITH SOCKS COVERING THEM AT ALL TIMES
(By-law 1.1)

3. SHIRTS ARE TO BE TUCKED IN AT ALL TIMES
(By-law 1.1)

4. BICYCLE SHORTS CAN BE WORN - If worn they must be the same colour as the shorts and must not be any longer than the length of your shorts.
(See FNSW Regulations)

5. JEWELLERY IS NOT TO BE WORN ON THE FIELD (This includes visible body piercing) – If the referee can see any jewellery it **MUST BE REMOVED**. The above are FIFA rules and will be dealt with by the Referee. If the Referee has told a player to adjust his equipment a couple of times he may send the player from the field of play to do so and the player will not be able to return to the field until there is a break in play.
(By-law 1.1)

6. ALL PLAYERS are to wear a readily visible number
(By-law 1.1)

DURATION OF MATCHES

See Schedule 1

All matches will be of two equal halves

5 minutes half time for all matches from whistle to whistle

Extra time will not be played in any match except in the Final Series with the exception of Premier League 1st Grade where time is allowed for substitutions.

If a team fails to take the field within five (5) minutes after the appointed kick-off time and the opposing team is ready to play the opposing team will be awarded a win on forfeit unless extreme circumstances apply.
(By-law 5)

A match may be played where each team is able to field at least:

- a) Seven [7] eligible players at the commencement of play in age group 11 and higher.
- b) Six [6] eligible players at the commencement of play in age groups 9 & 10

(By-law 6.2)

8. PLAYING UP:

Players may play for a team of their club other than the team for which they are registered only in the following circumstances:-

- a) In the same age group – any higher division e.g.
Player registered in 12B division may play in 12A division team;
Player registered in 12D division may play in 12A, 12B & 12C division teams.
- b) In the next higher age group – in the same or higher division e.g.;
Player registered in 12A division may play 13A division;
Player registered in 12B division may play 13A and 13B division teams;
Player registered in 12C division may play 13A, 13B & 13C division teams;
- c) Two age groups higher – in the same or next lower division e.g.;
Player registered in 12A division may play 14A and 14B division teams;
Player registered in 12B division may play 14A, 14B & 14C division teams;
Player registered in 12C division may play 14A, 14B, 14C & 14D division teams.
- d) In Girls competitions the following will apply:
Refer to the Girls Playing Up Rules document, as published by the Competition Secretary yearly.
- e) Three or more age groups higher – in any division

(By-law 6.13)

Girls playing in the Saturday competition (U9 – U11) will be eligible to play in the appropriate Girls competition on Sunday

U8's playing up in U9's

They are eligible to play for U9's only when that team has less than 9 players.

(By-law 15.2a)

9. FORFEITS

In the event of team forfeiting a match, match fees, including referee fees, if applicable for both teams shall be paid by the team/club forfeiting the match. If thirty-six (36) hours prior to the match being played notice is received by the Association Secretary, match fees for both teams shall be refunded or not charged. A Fine of \$110 per forfeit will be applied

(By-law 4.4)

In the last four (4) competition matches of the season any team forfeiting a match will be charged double match fees including referee's fees if applicable, and will be fined \$200 per game

(By-law 4.5)

Any team that forfeits three (3) competition games in any one (1) season will be automatically deregistered.

(By-law 6.8)

Squads

In the event that a club is obliged to forfeit either grade then both matches shall be deemed to have been forfeited and a fine of \$200.00 to apply. If more than two (2) games are forfeited then the squad will be withdrawn from the competition.

(By-law 10.4)

10. POSTPONED/DEFERRED GAMES

Wherever possible, the competition Secretary shall ensure any postponed match is played as soon as practicable and by the end of the season. The Competition Secretary shall apply equal emphasis to the rescheduling of all postponed Saturday games and all postponed Sunday games.

(By-law 6.4)

In the event of inclement weather, the Competition Secretary in conjunction with the Secretary shall determine whether or not fixtures will be played and shall notify each club Secretary accordingly

(By-law 6.5)

No games will be deferred except in the following circumstances;

- a) any team playing in the Quarter Finals or above of State competitions shall not be required to play on that Saturday prior to the Sunday competition;
- a) any team required to travel to the country for State competitions shall not be required to play on that Saturday prior to the Sunday competition;
- c) any team playing which is scheduled to play their competition matches on Sunday and are in the Quarter Finals or above of State competitions shall not be required to play on any day of that weekend.
- d) any team playing in a State competition that is scheduled to play an association competition match on the same day shall not be required to play on that day.

The deferred game shall be rescheduled.

(By-law 6.6)

11. COMPETITION POINTS

Competition points shall be awarded as follows:-

- Win.....3 points
- Bye.....3 points
- Win on Forfeit.....3 points with a 3-0 scoreline or the score at the time of the abandonment, whichever is the higher.
- Draw.....1 point
- Loss.....0 points
- Loss on Forfeit.....0 points with a 0-3 scoreline or the score at the time of the abandonment.

(By-law 6.7)

12. BALL SIZES

See Schedule 1

(By-law 6.11)

13. CORNER KICKS

9 and 10 years old - to be taken at Corner Spot

11 and 12 years old - to be taken eight (8) yards from the edge of the penalty area.

(By-law 6.12)

14. GOAL KICKS

9, 10, 11 and 12 years old - to be taken from a point level with the penalty spot

(By-law 6.12)

15. FREE KICKS

9, 10, 11 and 12 years old - awarded to the defending side within the penalty area to be taken from a point level with the penalty spot.

(By-law 6.12)

16. FINAL SERIES

The team finishing first in each grade at the end of the competition games shall be declared the Champions.

The Champions of A grade in each age group will be given the opportunity to represent the Association in Football NSW Champion of Champions.

The four leading teams at the conclusion of the competition in each division shall play in the final Series for the Premiership with the winning team to be declared the Premier. Second place in the series to be declared the Runner-up.

In the event that two (2) or more teams finish level on competition points for first, second, third or fourth place in a division, goal difference for and against shall decide the placing of such teams for semi-final purposes.

If goal difference is the same then the placing of such teams shall be determined by which team has scored the most goals.

If most goals scored are equal then the placing will be determined by which team has the most number of wins.

SEMI-FINALS

The team finishing first in the competition shall play the team finishing second. The team finishing third shall play the team finishing fourth.

1 plays 2 = Match A

3 plays 4 = Match B

PRELIMINARY FINAL

The winner of Match A shall go into the Grand Final and the loser shall play the winner of match B in the preliminary final (Match C).

GRAND FINAL

The winner of Match A shall play the winner of Match C and the winner shall be declared the Premier.

In the final series, an official Referee and Assistant Referees shall be appointed. Should a referee and at least one (1) assistant referee not be available, the game shall not be played.

In the final series allowance shall be made for all time lost through substitution/interchange, injuries and the transfer from the field of injured players, time wasting or other caused. This allowance shall be at the discretion of the referee.

In the event that scores are equal at full time in the final series a rest period of five (5) minutes shall be allowed. Extra time of ten (10) minutes each way for teams up to and including sixteen (16) years and fifteen (15) minutes each way for 17 years and above will be played.

At the conclusion of extra time if the scores are still equal the game will be awarded to the team that finished highest on the competition table.

Any team(s) found guilty of causing a game to be abandoned or forfeits a game shall be ineligible to take any further part in the final series and receive any awards.

(By-law 7)

17. REFEREES

Wherever possible Official Referees will be appointed to all matches but if there is no Official Referee the RTO of the home team will appoint a person to be the Referee.

Assistant Referees will be allocated to the following age groups,

17 to 21 years	2 Assistant Referee
All Age to Premier League	2 Assistant Referees
Senior Women	2 Assistant Referee
35's	2 Assistant Referees

If there are any problems in the 15 to 21 year age groups the St George Football Association Executive may have Assistant Referees allocated to these games.

(By-law 8)

It should be noted that an Unofficial Referee has the same powers as a Referee appointed by the St George Football Referees Association.

In inclement weather if a ground has not been closed by the Council, Association or Club the Referee can make the final decision. (Cadet Referees are to consult with club officials at the ground)

18. REFEREE FEES

The RTO's will pay the referee his fee before commencement of play.

See Schedule 1

(By-law 8.8)

19. YELLOW CARDS

Any player who receives three (3) Official Cautions shall serve a one (1) match suspension. The suspension must be served in the next competition match.

Any player who receives a further three (3) Official Cautions (a total of Six (6) cautions) shall serve a two (2) match suspension

Any player who receives more than six (6) Official Cautions may be called before the Judiciary Committee who may apply a further suspension.

Where a competition is played in a squad situation (1st & Reserve Grade) a player receiving his third official caution in Reserve Grade is permitted to fulfil his commitments to his club on the day. The player must then serve a one (1) match suspension in the next scheduled competition match and is unable to play in either grade on this day.

Official cautions shall not carry over from season to season but suspensions will. The Official season is at the conclusion of the last competition match and recorded cautions two (2) or less are not carried over to the final series.

Any player who receives two (2) cautions in the FINAL SERIES shall serve a one (1) match suspension.

There is no appeal against the receiving of a caution from the Referee

(By-law 13)

Caution Codes are as follows:

- Y1 Unsporting behaviour
- Y2 Shows dissent by word or action
- Y3 Persistent infringes the Laws of the Game
- Y4 Delays the restart of the game
- Y5 Fails to respect the required distance when play is restarted with a throw in, corner kick or free kick.
- Y6 Enters or re-enters the field of play With Out Referee's Permission
- Y7 Deliberately leaves the field of play With Out Referee's Permission

(By-law 1.1)

20. PERSISTENT MISCONDUCT

Any player who receives two (2) Official Cautions in a single match shall be sent from the field of play. The initial caution shall not be taken into account for the purpose of the accumulation of cautions.

(By-laws 1.1 & 13)

21. SEND-OFFS

A player can be sent from the field for the following offences:

- R1 Is guilty of SERIOUS FOUL PLAY
- R2 Is guilty of VIOLENT CONDUCT
- R3 Spits at an opponent or any other person
- R4 Denies Obvious Goal Scoring Opportunity by handling the ball
- R5 Denies Obvious Goal Scoring Opportunity by an offense punishable by a Free Kick or Penalty Kick
- R6 Uses offensive/insulting/abusive language/gestures
- R7 Receives a second caution in the same match

(By-law 1.1)

The Referee must note on the match sheet under what charge the player has been sent from the field prior to the RTO signing the match sheet.

The Judiciary Committee meets at 7.00pm on Tuesdays at St George FA Office, **Suite 6, 193-195 Rocky Point Road, Ramsgate.**

Players requested to appear or challenging a send-off upon arrival the player is to sign the attendance sheet.

If a player is sent from the field for other than a mandatory suspension the send off may be challenged at the Judiciary when official notice is received from the Secretary of the Club concerned.

Every person appearing before the Judiciary Committee will be given every reasonable opportunity to present their case.

A player deemed to be a minor by law appearing before the committee MUST be accompanied by one (1) parent/guardian or have written consent from the parent/guardian for a Club Official to accompany them. The committee may in its discretion permit any other person to appear before it.

At the completion of the match the RTO's will complete the match sheet with the Referee and Assistant Referee.

Players and spectators SHALL NOT APPROACH THE OFFICIALS

The RTO's are to escort the Referee and Linesmen from the field

Any harassment by players or spectators will be considered as bringing the game into disrepute

(By-laws 13 & 14)

22. REGISTRATIONS

No application for registration and transfer will be accepted after 30th June.

(By-law 2.12)

23. DISPUTES

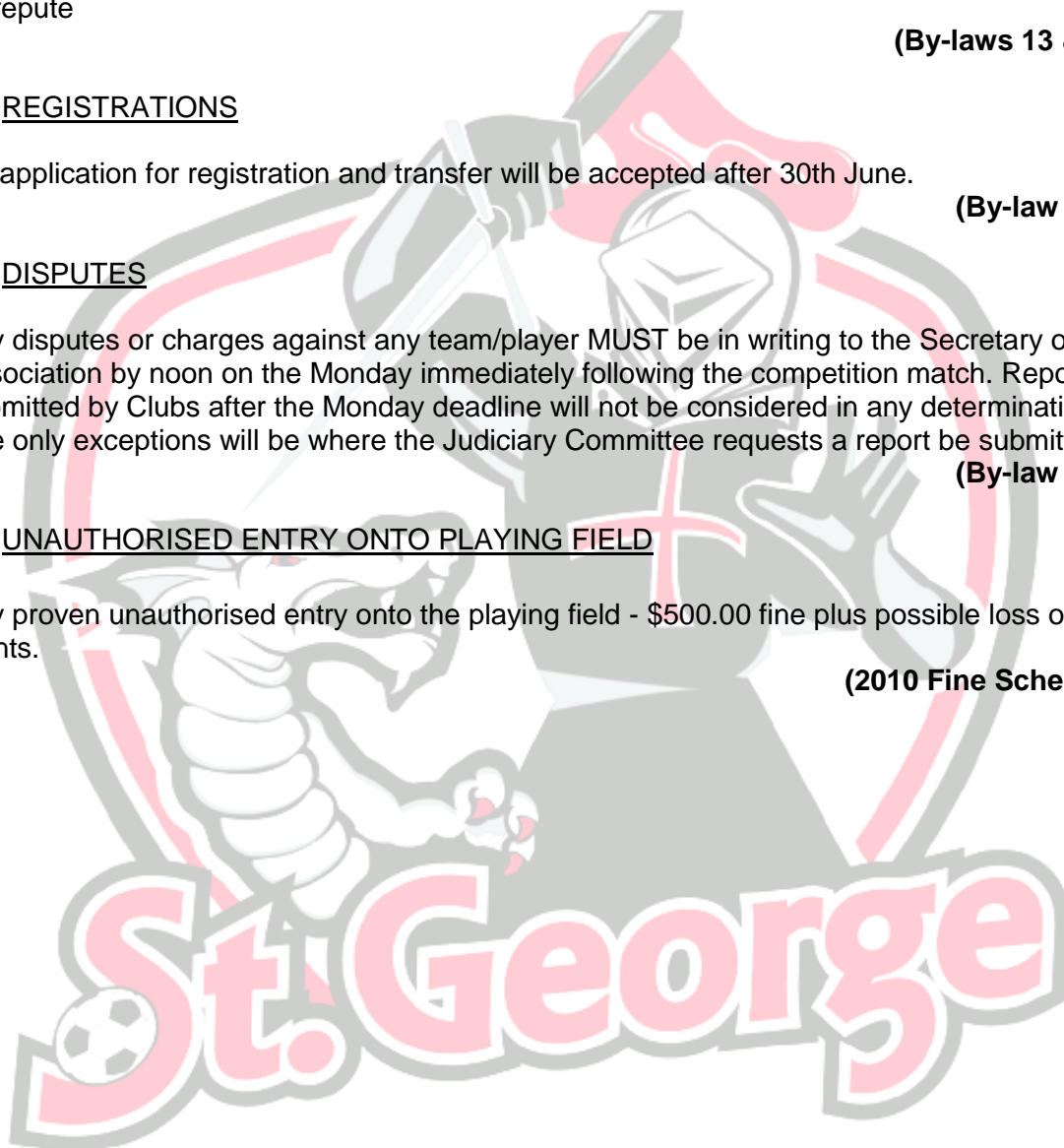
Any disputes or charges against any team/player MUST be in writing to the Secretary of the Association by noon on the Monday immediately following the competition match. Reports submitted by Clubs after the Monday deadline will not be considered in any determinations. The only exceptions will be where the Judiciary Committee requests a report be submitted.

(By-law 6.15)

24. UNAUTHORISED ENTRY ONTO PLAYING FIELD

Any proven unauthorised entry onto the playing field - \$500.00 fine plus possible loss of 3 points.

(2010 Fine Schedule)



GROUND LOCATIONS

ADOR AVENUE	Ador Avenue, Rockdale
ARNCLIFFE PARK	Wollongong Road, Arncliffe
A.S.TANNER RESERVE	Chuter Avenue, Monterey
BARTON PARK	Bestic Street, Rockdale
BICENTENNIAL PARK	West Botany Street, Rockdale (Cnr. President Avenue)
BEVERLY HILLS PARK	Vanessa Street, Beverly Hills
CARSS PARK	Carlton Crescent, Carss Park
CHARLES PIRIE	Parkside Drive, Carss Park
CLAYDON RESERVE	The Promenade, Sans Souci
FIRMSTONE GARDENS	West Botany Street, Rockdale (Entry to ground at Barton Park Golf Range Sign)
GANNONS PARK	Pindari Road, Peakhurst
GARDINER PARK	Wolli Creek Road, Banksia
GIFFORD PARK	Arcadia Street, Penshurst
HAROLD FRASER RESERVE	Princes Highway, Kogarah Bay (entry also from Parkside Drive)
J.GRAHAM (McCARTHY RES)	Bay Street, Rockdale
KINGSGROVE AVENUE RES	Kingsgrove Avenue, Bexley North
MEMORIAL PARK	Sybil Lane, Brighton-le-Sands
OATLEY PARK	Oatley Park Avenue, Oatley
OLDS PARK	Forest Road, Penshurst West
PARKSIDE DRIVE	Parkside Drive, Carss Park
PEAKHURST PARK	Trafalgar Street, Peakhurst
PENSHURST PARK	Cambridge Street, Penshurst
POULTON PARK	Morshead Drive, South Hurstville
QUARRY RESERVE	Hurstville Road, South Hurstville
RENOWN PARK	Park Avenue, Mortdale
RIVERWOOD PARK	Coleridge Street, Riverwood
SCARBOROUGH PARK (4-8)	South of Barton Street, Kogarah
SCARBOROUGH PARK (9-10)	North of Barton Street, Kogarah

Schedule 1

TEAMS	GAME TIMES	BALL SIZE	INTERCHANGE UNLIMITED (I) or SUBSTITUTION (S)	REFEREE FEES PER TEAM	FEE PER A/R	Total 1 A/R	Total 2 A/R
6's	30 mins	3	I (from 3 max)	\$5.00			
7's	40 mins	3	I (from 3 max)	\$5.00			
8's	40 mins	3	I (from 3 max)	\$5.50			
9's	40 mins	3	I (from 4 max)	\$7.25			
10's + Girls	50 mins	4	I (from 4 max)	\$9.00			
11 & 12's + Girls	50 mins	4	I (from 5 max)	\$11.00			
13's	60 mins	4	I (from 5 max)	\$12.50			
14's + Girls	60 mins	5	I (from 5 max)	\$12.50			
15 & 16's + Girls	70 mins	5	I (from 5 max)	\$15.00			
17's	90 mins	5	I (from 5 max)	\$18.00	\$9.00	\$27.00	\$36.00
17/18's + Girls	90 mins	5	I (from 5 max)	\$20.00	\$10.00	\$30.00	\$40.00
19/20/21's	90 mins	5	I (from 5 max)	\$23.50	\$11.75	\$35.25	\$47.00
PL1 Grade	90 mins	5	S (5 max)	\$27.50	\$13.75	\$41.25	\$55.00
PLR Grade	90 mins	5	S (5 max)	\$23.50	\$11.75	\$35.25	\$47.00
AAA1 Grade	90 mins	5	I (from 5 max)	\$24.50	\$12.25	\$36.75	\$49.00
AAAR Grade	90 mins	5	I (from 5 max)	\$23.50	\$11.75	\$35.25	\$47.00
AA Squads	90 mins	5	I (from 5 max)	\$23.50	\$11.75	\$35.25	\$47.00
AA Single Teams	90 mins	5	I (from 5 max)	\$23.50	\$11.75	\$35.25	\$47.00
AA Women	90 mins	5	I (from 5 max)	\$23.50	\$11.75	\$35.25	\$47.00
O'35's	90 mins	5	I (from 5 max)	\$23.50	\$11.75	\$35.25	\$47.00



Fines 2010

Match Sheet filled out incorrectly	\$25.00
Failure to post match scores on-line &/or return completed excel sheets by 7.00 pm on day of match	\$40.00
Original Match Sheets not dropped at Office by 9am the Monday Morning following the Match.	1- 5 \$50.00 6-12 \$100.00 13-20 \$150.00 21+ \$200.00
Team playing in incorrect strip	\$25.00
No number on shirt	\$12.50
Ground not correctly roped (where applicable)	\$25.00
Ground not correctly set up as per By-laws	\$25.00
Forfeits not notified to Secretary 36 hours in advance By-law 4.4	\$110.00 plus Double Match & referee fees
Forfeits notified to Secretary 36 hours in advance By-law 4.5	\$110.00
Fine for forfeit of any of the last four (4) games By-law 4.5 (not applicable for 6, 7 & 8's non-competition)	\$200.00 plus Double Match & Referee Fees
Player ineligible to play for Association (per player/game and per team/game)	\$50.00
Loss of I.D. card (I.D. card to be reprinted)	\$50.00
Failure to surrender I.D. card of sent-off player	\$100.00
Failure to surrender I.D. card of R.T.O/Manager when requested	\$100.00
Unauthorised entry onto the playing field	\$500.00 plus possible loss of 3 points
Non attendance at Management Meetings or Special Meetings as required	\$60.00
Any Player who plays whilst suspended	\$200.00

Notes & Important Numbers

