

## **1 GOVERNANCE**

- 1.1 This Summer Soccer Competition (The Competition) is managed by Gladesville Sharks Football club with the approval of the Gladesville-Hornsby Football Association Inc (GHFA).
- 1.2 There shall be an administration cost of \$10 per team payable by the Club to GHFA
- 1.3 The Competition will be played under FIFA Laws of the game except where modified by GHFA By-laws and the competition By-laws. if there is a conflict between the FIFA Laws of the Game, or the Competition By-Laws, the competition By-Laws will take precedence over the GHFA By-Laws which take precedence over the FIFA laws of the game.
- 1.4 Gladesville Sharks Football Club reserves the right to:
  - (a) refuse admission of a team into the Competition; or
  - (b) refuse admission of a player into the Competition.
- 1.5 GHFA reserves the right to:
  - (a) suspend or disqualify a team from the Competition; or
  - (b) suspend or disqualify a player from the Competitionsubject to the Competition By-Laws and/or systems of the Chairman of the Protests and Disciplinary Committee of the GHFA (GHFA P&D Committee).
- 1.6 A minimum of two committee members of Gladesvillr Sharks Football Club must be present while Competition games are being played.

### **Referees**

- 1.7 Official referees of the Competition shall be appointed by the Gladesville Hornsby Soccer Referees Association (GHSRA). If there is no referee at a game then:
  - (a) both teams must agree on a substitute referee for the entire match; or
  - (b) each team MUST provide a substitute referee for half the game. The substitute referee from the home team will referee the first half.The substitute referee once selected may only be changed with the agreement of both teams.
- 1.8 A substitute referee must be 18 years of age or older.
- 1.9 A substitute referee has the same status as an official referee i.e. they may issue red and yellow cards.
- 1.10 All referees decisions are final and cannot be changed. No protest of a referee's decision will be accepted.

## **2 REGISTRATION**

- 2.1 Each team wanting to play in the Competition must fill in a team registration application form. Submitting a team registration form with any required registration fee is a request for a place in the Competition. It does not guarantee a place in the Competition.
- 2.2 Refer to Appendix I for team registration fees etc.
- 2.3 Each player wanting to play in the Competition must fill in and sign a player application to register form. A copy of this application to register must be returned to GHFA together with a copy of the Team Registration form.
- 2.4 Players can register for one team only and cannot interchange between teams. Any player playing an unregistered or disqualified player will be deemed to have forfeited the match and all points will be awarded to the opposition.
- 2.5 No contracted players shall be permitted to register for this competition.
- 2.6 A team shall consist of a minimum of six players.
- 2.7 No new team or players will be registered after the 7th competition game.

### **3 COMPETITION FORMAT**

Refer to Appendix II

### **4 RULES OF THE GAME**

Refer to appendix III

### **5 DISCIPLINARY PROCEDURES**

5.1 The GHFA P&D Chairman shall adjudicate on all disciplinary matters.

#### **Cautions and Send-Offs**

5.2 No player can enter the field of play to take the place of a player who has been issued a red card and sent from the field.

#### **Defined Suspension and Disqualifications**

5.3 A player who is issued three yellow cards during the competition will be automatically suspended from the next game that the player's team plays.

5.4 A player who is issued a red card during the Competition will be automatically suspended from the next game that the player's team plays.

#### **Discretionary Suspension and Disqualification**

5.5 The GHFA P&D Committee may cite a player to appear before it depending upon the type and seriousness of the offence. The P&D Committee may determine the length of additional suspension or may disqualify a player from the Competition.

5.6 A player cited by GHFA P&D Committee is suspended until the player appears before the Committee.

5.7 Decisions of the GHFA P&D Committee will be notified to the Club before a player's next game

#### **Notice of Suspension and Disqualification**

5.8 The club will notify the team manager of a suspended player before the team's next game or will mark the words SUSPENDED/DISQUALIFIED next to the suspended player's name on the teamsheet.

5.9 The Club will display a current list of the names and registration numbers of suspended and disqualified players at each game. Team managers and opposition team managers will have access to the list to check teamsheets.

#### **Protests**

5.10 Any team may appeal a decision of the GHFA P&D Committee to the GHFA Appeals Committee by giving notice in writing to the General Manager, Gladesville-Hornsby Football Association Inc, PO Box 223 Eastwood, NSW 2122. Notice of protest must be lodged through the teams's Club within 3 days of the decision of the GHFA P&D Committee together with a fee of \$100.

#### **Carry Over Suspensions and Disqualifications**

5.11 Suspensions and disqualifications may be carried forward to the following Winter Competition at the discretion of the GHFA P&D Committee.

## APPENDIX I

### Team Registration Fees

Fees are \$ 110.00 per registered player (Player who has played in the 2011 winter competition)  
\$120 per non registered player (Player who has not played in the 2011 winter competition)  
\$80 per registered junior/student player (16 and under) \$90.00 per non registered junior/student player with a minimum of six players to be registered and payed before the first game.  
There will be no restriction on the number of players registered in a team.

## APPENDIX II

### Semifinals & Finals

A player must have played a minimum of three competition games to be eligible to participate in the finals series.

If teams are equal on points at the end of the final competition round, goal difference will decide the final placings. If difference is the same then the team with the highest number of goals scored will be the higher placed team. If goals for is the same a countback will take place until a winner is determined.

The top four sides of each division will play in the semi-final series. Draw will be 1v4 and 2v3

The winners in these games will play the Grandfinal.

This system can be changed by the Competition organisers.

In the event of a drawn result in a semi-final, final or grandfinal the result will be decided in the following manner: Two periods of five (5) min extra time will be played. 1st team to score in extra time will be declared the winner.

1st period of extra time teams will be allowed a maximum of six players on the field less any sent off during the match.

If no goals are scored in this period of extra time a player from each team will be removed and the game will continue in five minute periods until a goal is scored.

One player from each team will be removed every five minutes and teams will change ends at the end of every period with alternative kick-offs

During this periods substitutions will be as normal.

### Competition point scores

Win	3 pts	
Forfeit win	3 pts	3-0
Bye	1 pnt	0-0
Draw	1 pnt	
Loss	0 pts	
Forfeit loss	0 pts	0-3

All results and tables will be displayed on the notice board at the ground

Results will also be posted on the internet. [www.gladesville-sharks.org](http://www.gladesville-sharks.org)

### Wet weather

In the event of rain the Competition organizer will ring each manager only if the games are washed out.

If there is no phone call you will assume all games are on.

Washed out games will not be replayed and will be considered a 0-0 draw

## APPENDIX III

The Committee of the Gladesville Sharks Football Club reserves the right to determine which team and/or players will be allowed to compete in the Competition.

The Committee reserves the right to refuse admission or to disqualify any team and/or players that are considered to be unsuitable, or whose behaviour is prejudicial to the club's or the competition's reputation.

Any and all such decisions will be at the discretion of the committee.

**UNLESS STATED IN THE RULES OF PLAY BELOW, ALL NORMAL F.I.F.A. INTERNATIONAL RULES WILL APPLY AND WILL BE ENFORCED BY THE OFFICIATING REFEREES - IN THE EVENT OF A DISPUTE, IGNORANCE OF RULES WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED.**  
**IT IS THE MANAGERS RESPONSABILITY TO MAKE SURE ALL PLAYERS ARE FAMILIAR WITH ALL RULES**

### Rules of play

- 1 The size of the playing field shall be 60m x 40m approx. With goals 7ft x 11ft approx.
- 2 Kickoff times and playing days will be determined by the committee and will depend on number of teams.
- 3 There will be 15 minutes for each half with no time off for injuries, There will be no half time break.
- 4 A maximum of six players are permitted on the field at any one time ( Including the goalkeeper ).  
Substitutions will be unlimited.
- 5 All substitutions must take place from the halfway line with the player being replaced leaving the field before the replacement player may enter the field of play. Substitutions can be made at any stage of the game and the referee does not have to be alerted. Players not following the substitution rule correctly will be cautioned by the referee.
- 6 All players must sign on for each match to be eligible to play. Failure to do so will result in a forfeit loss to the offending team.
- 7 Players can register for one team only and cannot interchange between teams.
- 8 Any team playing an unregistered or disqualified player will be deemed to have forfeited the match and all points will be awarded to the opposition.
- 9 Any game forfeited will incur a minus three (3) goals against the forfeiting team and a plus three (3) to the winner.  
A forfeit by insufficient players will result in a \$5.00 fine to be payed before the next scheduled match by the offending team. Fine will not apply if enough notice is given to alert opposition team & referees.
- 10 If any team forfeits three (3) times they will be deemed to have dropped out of the competition, unless a "reason why", which must be considered reasonable can be supplied to the committee.
- 11 Appeals against any decisions made by the committee can be made in writing within 72 hours of learning of such decision and an appeal committee will be formed to hear such appeal.  
The appeal must be accompanied by a \$10.00 appeal fee which will be refunded if the appeal is upheld.
- 12 There will be no offside rule applying in the competition.
- 13 All free kicks, other than penalties, will be indirect. All opposing players must be five (5) mtr from the ball  
All fouls committed inside the goals circle by the defending team are direct penalties  
Direct penalties will be taken from the centre on the line of the goal area. All players other than the goal-keeper and kicker must be five (5) mtr from the ball.
- 14 There will be no time allowed for late arrival of players. All matches must commence at the scheduled kick-off time in order for later games not to be delayed.
- 15 A team will be permitted to start a match with less than four (4) players - however, if that team still has less than four (4) players at a point five (5) minutes after the kick-off, then the game will be abandoned and considered a forfeit.

- 16 In the event of rain or dangerous grounds, a decision will be made by the committee at the ground. Any game that is abandoned due to weather or playing conditions will be considered a draw if time does not permit a replay. The result of such draw shall be 0-0.
- 17 All teams drawn to play the last match of the day will be required to undress the end of the ground they were defending and to carry goalposts and nets to an area set down by the committee. Failure to comply with this condition will result in the forfeit of the game by the offending team, or in the event of regular failure to comply, removal from the competition.
- 18 Each team must supply a playable match ball at every game, failure to do so will result in the team being deducted one (1) competition point for every transgression.

### **Playing strip**

- 1 Only joggers will be permitted (eg. touch football shoes or grass sport shoes).  
No studs or blades are allowed.
- 2 Shin pads must be worn at all times on the playing field, failure to do so will result in offending player/s being removed from the field of play.
- 3 Shirts must be worn at all times, and all shirts must be clearly numbered.
- 4 All players must wear the correct strip for their team.
- 5 In the event of a clash of strip, the team mentioned second in the draw will be required to change to an alternative shirt.