



# Toowoomba Community Football Specific Rules

## **BLUE CARD OFFENCES**

The 'Blue Card' is the equivalent of a 'Yellow Card' but is strictly used in the offense of Dissent against a Referee or a Referee's Assistant.

- (1) When a player has been shown a Blue Card the match official will record it against the player's name on the match card and report the issuing of the card to the Committee on Discipline via the match report (as per 'Yellow Card' offenses).
- (2) A player issued a 'Blue Card' will be required to leave the field of play for a ten (10) minute period and may only be allowed back on to the field of play with the referee's permission (as per regulation FIFA rules).
- (3) A player sent from the field of play for a 'Blue Card' offense cannot be replaced / substituted.
- (4) Any player awarded a Yellow Card in addition to having been awarded a Blue Card or is awarded a second Blue Card in the same match will be issued a Red Card with the corresponding penalty that applies.
- (5) Four (4) 'Blue Cards' accrued by a single player within a season will incur an automatic two (2) week suspension on top of any other penalty given.

## **FOUL & ABUSIVE LANGUAGE**

Foul and Abusive Language against Match Officials is not permitted in any sport and carries sanctions under FIFA Laws of the Game. The following guidelines will be undertaken by TCF referees, at their discretion:

Foul language aimed at one-self: Verbal Caution from the referee

Foul or abusive language directed at another person: Caution (yellow card)

Foul or abusive language directed at any official (referee or assistant referee) or loud enough for the crowd to heard: Send Off (red card)

## **SLIDE TACKLE**

A **sliding tackle** or **slide tackle** is defined as an attempt to challenge for the ball by going off of one's feet, deliberately and at speed. The manner in which the slide tackle is attempted or completed and whether or not contact is made will enable the referee to determine if the tackle is considered to be careless, reckless or using excessive force when determining the penalty.

Sliding Tackles are not allowed in TCF matches due to safety concerns.

## **PLAYING ON THE GROUND**

Playing at a ball after a player has fallen to the ground when other players are within striking distance of the feet of the player who has fallen is not allowed in TCF matches and will be penalised accordingly, determined by the referee's judgement on the severity of the potentially dangerous play.

The ball may be played at by a fallen player if there are no other players nearby.

## **PLAYER INTERCHANGE**

All matches in the TCF are played under unlimited interchange. Teams can make as many changes as they wish throughout the duration of a match. Note that referees will disallow interchanges if they are deemed to disadvantage the other team by slowing down the game or when the opposition team is on the attack. Interchanges **MUST** be made from half way. A Referee Assistant will advise the Referee of the interchange and the exchange will only take place during a stoppage in play.

### **SWAPPING OF JERSEYS**

Swapping jerseys during a match (unless sanctioned by the Laws of the Game, ie changing goalkeeper), will result in a one (1) point penalty to the team swapping jerseys.

### **ASSISTANT REFEREES / LINESMEN**

Assistant Referees will be drawn from the teams competing within TCF. Each team will be expected to supply one Assistant Referee (linesman) for one (1) match each week either prior to or directly after their own game. If, in the opinion of the referee, it is deemed that the allocated Assistant Referee is not performing his or her duties to the best standard possible (either through inattention or lack of knowledge of the Laws of the Game), the referee has the authority to dismiss the Assistant Referee from the match. In this circumstance, the team supplying the Assistant Referee will be awarded a one (1) point penalty as though they had failed to supply an Assistant Referee.

### **BORROWING OF PLAYERS**

'Borrowing' of players from another team for a match is only permissible if all of the conditions below have been met:

1. The number of players in the team plus the 'borrowed' players can equal no more than eleven.
2. Only players registered to TCF are eligible to be 'borrowed'.
3. The opposition captain must be informed of the intention to 'borrow' players, who the players are and agree to the 'borrowing'. Captains have the right to refuse the opposition from 'borrowing' players.
4. The match referee must be informed on the intention to 'borrow' players, who the players are and agree to the 'borrowing'.
5. The players 'borrowed' must be added to the match card, including the name of the 'borrowed' player's home team
6. If additional players from the team turn up late, making a number of original team plus 'borrowed' players to be in excess of eleven (11), the number of 'borrowed' players must be reduced until the number of the original team plus 'borrowed' players is equal to or less than eleven (11).

Teams 'borrowing' players without having met all conditions listed above will be deemed to have forfeited the match.

'Borrowed' players do not count towards the minimum number of seven (7) players required to form a team.

Once the Opposing Team Captain has agreed that Borrowing of Players may occur, this decision may not be rescinded once the whistle has been blown to begin play.

Borrowing of players is only permissible during the Premiership Competition. Players may not be 'borrowed' for the Finals / Championship Competition.

