



Australian Nepalese Football Association Regulations

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AMENDMENTS (Updated 25 Aug 2019)

1. Amendment: Part 4, Clause 15 (iv) (1) removed.
2. Amendment: Part 4, Clause 15 (iv) (4) amended.
3. Amendment: Part 4, Clause 16 amended.

PART 1 – PRELIMINARY AND INTERPRETATION

1. Object of Regulations

- (1) The object of these Regulations is to provide codes of behavior and playing regulations for players, volunteers, clubs, and tournament organisers. .
- (2) To advance and preserve strong character through sportsmanship and community spirit.
- (3) To sponsor and promote athletic, social and other activities.
- (4) To promote and support all footballing activity with which the Australian Nepalese Football Association is affiliated.
- (5) To foster, develop, and promote the game of football in New South Wales, and expand it to other states.

2. Scope of Regulations

- (1) Tournaments governed by the Australian Nepalese Football Association are community-based.
- (2) Some Regulations or Terms and Conditions or Rules and Regulations may vary between organisers and are designed for the purpose of subsection (1).
- (3) ANFA reserves the right to change or update these Regulations at the discretion of ANFA's board at any time without prior notification. Any such changes will be communicated to all stake holders.

3. Definitions and Abbreviations

(1) In these regulations, unless the context or subject-matter otherwise indicates or requires:

“ANFA” means the Australian Nepalese Football Association.

“ANFA’s board” means a committee comprising ANFA’s president, vice-president, secretary, and other serving executive committee members.

“Organiser” means an organization or club that is responsible for organizing any football tournament or event or activity that is affiliated with ANFA.

“Player” refers to a person of Nepalese descent or origin who is registered as a player with ANFA, and is also registered with a football club under ANFA.

“Player Reset Window” means the period allocated by ANFA in either September or October of each calendar year during which a club is permitted to change all or some of its players and register them with ANFA. The precise date of the window is announced by ANFA closer to the date.

“Player Transfer Window Period” means the period allocated by ANFA in either March or April of each respective calendar year during which each club is permitted to transfer a maximum of five (5) players to or from another registered club during this period. The precise date of the window is announced by ANFA closer to the date.

“Valid form of identification” means a current driver’s licence, State Authority issued Photo Identity Card, or valid passport.

“Veteran Player” is a player registered under ANFA over the age of 35 and declared to ANFA as such.

PART 2 – PROVISIONS WITH RESPECT TO PLAYER REGISTRATION

1. All players registered with ANFA must abide by its Regulations
2. All players registered with ANFA must abide by any Organizer's Rules and Regulations, Terms and Conditions, or the like.
3. All players must be of Nepalese descent or origin to participate unless a multiple culture tournament is organized.
4. All New South Wales based players shall at all times be registered with ANFA to:
 - i) participate in ANFA affiliated games or tournaments; and
 - ii) be a member of a club that is registered under ANFA.
5. Clubs risk being expelled from ANFA if they use unregistered players.
6. An application for registration must be made using the player registration form at the ANFA website anfaaus.org.au.
7. New player registrations are permitted throughout the year.
8. All new players must register with ANFA at least 48 hours prior to the commencement of any tournament.
9. A club is permitted to register a new player throughout the year provided it verifies with any relevant organizers the eligibility of the prospective player if a tournament is already occurring during the registration period.
10. A club may only remove any of its players during the Player Transfer Window period.
11. Player registrations are non-transferable. If a player can no longer play for any reason their registration cannot be transferred to a new player or club other than the Player Transfer Window or Player Reset Window.
12. A player registered with one club is ineligible to play for a different club during their tenure with that club. The following exceptions apply:
 - i) Players can only transfer between clubs during the Player Transfer Window period;
 - ii) The transfer of players between clubs under ANFA may only proceed if ANFA is informed during the Player Transfer Window by way of issuing ANFA with a new player's list as submitted by both clubs concerned and the individual player;
 - iii) A club may change all or some of its players during the Reset Window.
13. All players are required to be either an Australian Citizen or hold a valid Australian Visa, the requirement of which is for sports injury insurance purposes and proof of such

status is not required for registration. ANFA is not responsible for the refusal of insurance claims due to a false declaration or change of status in this regard.

14. If a player is registered as a Veteran Player, a copy of a valid form of identification must be presented upon request on the day of the game.
15. When a player turns 35, the player must request ANFA to update their Age Category to be eligible to play in 35 and above tournaments. Players may be asked to provide a valid form of identification before or after the game if required for age verification purposes only. This is not updated automatically.
16. A player over the age of 35 and declared as such to ANFA will be eligible to register for two (2) different clubs in two (2) different categories only. The player will have a home club for which one age category is solely played, such as the open age competition games, and a different club for which another age category is solely played, such as the 35 and above competition games.
17. Where two (2) different teams share the same Veteran Player, this player will count towards the total quota for both respective teams.
18. Any injuries sustained by a player during the registration year of 2019 will be at their own risk. ANFA will, however, facilitate support to the player if it is within its ability.

PART 3 – PROVISIONS WITH RESPECT TO BEHAVIOUR

- (1) The following behaviour is not tolerated and is unacceptable in any game, competition or tournament under ANFA:
 - i) Intimidation or verbal abuse or threats of violence or physical violence towards players, coaches, volunteers, bystanders, match officials, or spectators;
 - ii) Persistent questioning of a referee's decision.
- (2) Any player or club registered under ANFA behaving in a manner subject to subsection (1) may be suspended and the player's entire team or club risks expulsion.
- (3) Any player or club found to be in breach of subsection (1) will incur either penalties and/or fines and/or disciplinary action at ANFA's discretion.
- (4) If an ANFA Organiser requests ANFA to pursue further action based on player or club behaviour subject to subsection (1) ANFA may exercise its discretion to suspend players or clubs found by its board to be in breach.
- (5) Any player or club involved in conduct subject to subsection (1) which is determined by ANFA's board to be of a serious nature, such as serious verbal abuse or physical violence, and found guilty of such by ANFA's board will be given a suspension of up to one (1) year and a fine of \$2,000.
- (6) Penalties issued by ANFA under subsections (2), (3), (4) or (5) may be reduced at ANFA's discretion depending on activities carried out by the accused individuals or clubs. Acceptable activities are:
 - i) Volunteering for ANFA affiliated tournaments, which will be monitored by tournament organizers;
 - ii) Community service.

However, if the individual or club is found by ANFA's board during the course of acceptable activities to be involved in any further behaviour under subsection (1) within the suspension period, an extended period of suspension may be applied to the individual's or club's current suspension period.

PART 4 – PROVISIONS WITH RESPECT TO CLUB FORMATION AND REGISTRATION

- (1) All New South Wales based Clubs shall at all times be registered with ANFA to participate in ANFA affiliated tournaments.
- (2) An application for club registration must be made using the club registration form at the ANFA website anfaus.org.au.
- (3) Clubs must be registered as a sports or recreational club and obtain an ABN number to be eligible for registration.
- (4) Clubs must obtain a Certificate of Registration by the next financial year or registration will be declined.
- (5) Clubs must register with ANFA before the commencement of any tournament.
- (6) Clubs may have a minimum of 25 registered players and a maximum of up to 35 players.
- (7) Clubs must register a minimum of 18 players for 11 a side league matches and a minimum of 12 players for other matches
- (8) All clubs and their teams must abide by ANFA's Regulations and any Organizers' rules and regulations or terms and conditions.
- (9) All clubs' players must be registered with ANFA
- (10) Clubs cannot use an unregistered player at any time.
- (11) Clubs cannot play a disqualified or suspended or expelled player at any time.
- (12) Clubs spectators, coaches, managers, officials, substitutes or suspended players are not permitted at any time to enter the field of play under any circumstances other than those prescribed as follows:
 - i) a substitute or coach may attend to an injured player after permission is sought from an official;
 - ii) a substitute may enter the field of play to replace another player and must only enter from the designated area as determined by the Organizer.
- (13) Failure to act accordance with subsection (12) may result in:
 - i) suspension for three (3) months for either substituted or suspended players found to be in contravention; and
 - ii) a fine of \$500 for the official and/or club found to be in contravention.

- (14) Clubs are permitted to field a maximum of three (3) players per team at any one time who have represented any National Division A competition either in Nepal or Australian state-level tournament in the last three years. This is inclusive of interstate players.
- (15) Players registered with one club will be ineligible to play for another club during their tenure with that club unless it falls under the below criteria:
- i) Interstate players who have registered with a New South Wales club and have been playing in a league with one of the clubs as their host club are able to play for their home team, such as a club from Queensland or Victoria, if their club participates in New South Wales games.
 - ii) Interstate players are ineligible to play in the same tournament for two (2) different clubs in the same age category.
 - iii) If a player is over 35 and has declared as such to ANFA, the player is permitted to play in two different age groups, such as the all ages category for one club and the age 35 and above category for a different club.
 - iv) ANFA New South Wales registered club players may be transferred to another club to represent them and play in a tournament. The following applies:
 - (1) ~~A \$50.00 transfer fee will apply per player and is payable by the receiving club to the releasing club and must be performed between the clubs involved.~~
 - (2) The player must provide a Release Letter from their club at the club's discretion and must be able to produce this letter upon request.
 - (3) This applies for one day, two day or mini tournaments. However, if the releasing ANFA New South Wales registered club is not participating in the league tournament in question, subsection (14) applies.
 - (4) A maximum of three (3) players can be transferred from another club in total of any tournament.
 - v) For one day, two day or mini tournaments clubs can borrow players from other clubs if they have less than seven (7) players for a game and the borrowed player can only play if the opposing team agrees. The opposing team has every right to disagree to the borrowed player.
 - vi) Once permission is granted the game will play and the result will stand.
 - vii) A club cannot use players from other clubs without their permission. Using players from other clubs without receiving permission from another team could

result in a forfeit of the game as per any organizer's rules. Teams found to be playing unregistered players will forfeit the game.

- (16) Failure to act accordance with all the provisions in Part 4 may result in suspension for three (3) months for players found to be in contravention and a fine of \$500 for clubs found to be in contravention.
- (17) Payment of fines are due prior to the commencement date of the next tournament. Players or clubs who have not paid the fine in full are ineligible to participate in any game, competition or tournament until such a time as the fine is paid in full prior to the commencement date of the next tournament.
- (18) Clubs are permitted to add a new player at any time throughout the year.
- (19) Clubs may only remove players during the Player Transfer Window period.
- (20) Clubs must provide a player list with the number and details of players to the tournament organiser before the tournament. Only players on the list are eligible to play in the tournament.
- (21) A club that has all its players registered under ANFA may not necessarily be eligible to have all its players participate in a tournament as the Organizer may only permit a limited number of players to register at any one time for that tournament.
- (22) Players from the playing team are not permitted under any circumstances to be a match official of any kind.
- (23) All clubs must have a different home jersey and away jersey with different colours for its full team uniform.
- (24) All players must have a fixed jersey number throughout the same tournament.
- (25) All players over 35 years must produce valid photo identification upon request.

PART 5 – PROVISIONS WITH RESPECT TO ORGANISERS

- (1) Any Organizer must consult with ANFA to arrange a tournament date with at least six months' notice. The date will be published in ANFA's Calendar to inform stakeholders. ANFA cannot guarantee any date if it was not advised within the given timeframe.
- (2) Organizers must provide ANFA with rules and regulations or terms and conditions or the like at least three (3) weeks prior to the tournament commencement date.
- (3) Organizers must inform all interested clubs and players that they must be registered with ANFA to be eligible to participate in the tournament.
- (4) Organizers must discuss with ANFA to be approved prior to the advertisement of the tournament a reasonable entry fee.
- (5) Organizers must offer a prize in accordance with the entry fee.
- (6) Organizers must set a reasonable discipline bond amount and a total penalty amount for Yellow and Red Cards during the tournament payable to ANFA within the two (2) weeks from Grand final date of the tournament.
- (7) Organizers bear the responsibility for the safety and security of players, volunteers, ANFA members and spectators in relation to permissible weather conditions, adequate lighting and ground conditions.
- (8) Any tournament not organized in accordance with subsections (1) to (6) will not be supported by ANFA and a date will not be provided for the following year.
- (9) All new tournament formats must be unique and varied from the current tournament format such as 5, 7, or 9 a side.