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# The Great Public Schools Association of Queensland

## RULES OF COMPETITION

### FOOTBALL

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## 1. ADOPTED RULES

GPS Boys Football competitions are conducted in accordance with the International Football Association Board (IFAB) Laws of the Game and the Miniroos National Playing Formats and Rules as recognised by Football Federation Australia, except where these differ from the GPS competition Rules; in which case the latter shall take precedence. Reference should also be made to all GPS By-laws, Policies and Procedures. These rules are to be read in conjunction with information available on GPS Net.

## 2. ELIGIBILITY

To compete in a GPS competition, students must meet the eligibility criteria stated in the GPS Eligibility By-law.

- 2.1 Boys enrolled in Years 5 to 12 of a GPS member school are eligible to participate in the competition.
- 2.2 Boys enrolled in Years 8 to 12 are eligible to participate in the 1<sup>st</sup> XI competition. 1<sup>st</sup> XI players must first be registered with the GPS Office.
- 2.3 Only Year 12 boys are eligible to participate in Open divisions 2<sup>nd</sup> XI and below.
- 2.4 No student may participate in more than one division in the same fixture.
  - a. Exception, 1<sup>st</sup> XI: A substitute in the 1<sup>st</sup> XI may play in two divisions in the same fixture.
  - b. Exception, all other divisions: In cases of injury or illness a substitute player may play in two divisions in the same fixture, however a player who has started in a higher year level or division is not permitted to participate in a lower year level or division.

## 3. BEHAVIOUR

All misconduct by participants or other personnel that occurs during the normal proceedings of a Sport or Activity will be actioned as according to the Governing body and the GPS Code of Conduct.

- 3.1 If a player is issued a red card, the player will be suspended from GPS Football competitions for one (1) round. The round in which the suspension is applied must be the next scheduled fixture in the same season (as per the draw) and cannot be a bye.
- 3.2 Yellow cards do not accumulate between matches.

## 4. STRUCTURE

GPS competitions must have a minimum number of five (5) teams from five (5) member schools competing in a division.

- 4.1 The competition will follow the schedule as set by the GPS Calendar and the Competition Draw.
- 4.2 The competition is comprised of a Boys 1st XI division, and multiple year level divisions from Boys Year 5 to Boys Open (Year 12) as required.

## 5. OFFICIALS

- 5.1 In all divisions, the referee shall be an accredited or competent referee other than the coach of either team.
- 5.2 The GPS Association will appoint a Referee to all 1st XI, 2nd XI, 11A and 10A matches. In addition, the GPS Association will appoint two (2) x Referee Assistants to all 1st XI matches. The home school is responsible for all remaining Referee and Assistant Referee appointments.
- 5.3 Where possible, two (2) x Referee Assistants should be appointed for all 7A, 8A, 9A, 10A, 11A, and 2nd XI matches.

## 6. ADDITIONAL RULES

- 6.1 Uniforms of competitors and personnel must comply with the GPS Uniform Policy.
- 6.2 Year 5 and 6 divisions will adhere to rules set in the MiniRoos National Playing Formats and Rules: U10 & 11.

**The following rules apply to year 7 to 12 divisions:**

- 6.3 Teams may make unlimited substitutions.
  - a. Exception: In the 1st XI division, each team is permitted to use up to a maximum of three (3) substitutions plus one (1) x Goalkeeper substitution.
- 6.4 All divisions will play thirty (30) minute halves with a five (5) minute half-time break. There will be no allowance for time lost and extra time will not be played.
  - a. Exception: 1st XI will play 40-minute halves plus a ten (10) minute half-time break. There will be an allowance for time lost and extra time will not be played.
  - a. Exception: In lower grades, schools may mutually agree to play 25-minute halves.
- 6.5 Year 7 & 8 divisions will use a size 4 match ball, and Year 9 to 12 divisions will use a size 5 match ball.

- 6.6 1st XI bench will consist of no more than seven (7) players, one (1) coach, one (1) manager & one (1) physiotherapist.
- 6.7 A 1st XI squad of up to eighteen (18) players may be named on match day.

## 7. RESULTS

- 7.1 Points, Premierships and Championships will be awarded in accordance with the GPS Championships & Premierships Policy.
- 7.2 1st XI Result and Premiership Points:

Result	Points
Win or Win on Forfeit	3 points
Draw	1 point
Loss/ Bye or Forfeit	0 points

- a. If a forfeit occurs, a score of three (3) – zero (0) will be recorded for the match.
- 7.3 Reviews & Protests of results will be conducted in accordance with the GPS Reviews & Protest Policy.

## 8. CANCELLATIONS

When required, cancellations will be conducted in accordance with the Abandonment of GPS Competitions and Activities Policy.

## 9. AMENDMENTS

No amendment to these Rules of Competition is authorised unless such amendment is issued by the Executive Officer of the GPS.