



# COMPETITION BYE-LAWS

(Amended 14<sup>th</sup> July 2018)

## 1. Competition Management

### 1.1 Draw preparation

- 1.1 (a) The final draw for each season must be posted at least two weeks before commencement of the first game of the season. **This is dependent upon clubs conforming to the following guidelines.** To allow the QGFHA to provide an accurate, consistent, stable and fair draw to all clubs for the season, all clubs are required to submit in writing to the QGFHA Secretary all their nominated teams for the season no later than 4 weeks prior to the commencement of the season. Furthermore, should any club request special arrangements or considerations that will or could affect the draw, it must be lodged in writing and submitted along with the clubs team nominations no later than 4 weeks prior to the season commencing.

(Amended 5 February 2006)

- 1.1 (b) Changes to official draw can only be made during the season by the QGFHA with the consent of the affected clubs, and only if provided in writing to all club secretaries, and displayed at the ground, a minimum of one week prior to the affected fixture, unless exceptional circumstances prevail.

(Amendment Passed 21 January 2018)

- 1.1 (c) A club roster for Kitchen Duties to be drafted in conjunction with the game draw for the season. Clubs rostered on duty will also be responsible for the clean up of grounds after games. This should be established prior to the commencement of the season.

(Amendment Passed 21 January 2018)

- 1.1 (d) The dates of any upcoming International Competition must be considered when finalising the draw for the season to ensure that there are no clashes with the end of season finals rounds. Where there is a potential clash with the proposed season, the season is to start earlier to alleviate this problem.

(Passed 2 February 2003)

- 1.1 (e) That the QGFHA change the finals format to include all teams in finals.

(Passed 1 February 2004)

### 1.2 Goal Umpires & Linespeople

- 1.2 (a) Clubs are to provide the required number of officials for each game they are rostered on to officiate. The number of officials required shall be set by the QGFHA committee as per the competition rules they set at the start of each season. If at the moment of game commencement any club fails to provide all officials, the referee is to note which club(s) failed to provide which officials. **Clubs who fail to provide officials (other than the referee) will be fined \$30 for each official they failed to provide.**

(Amendment Passed 21 January 2018)



- 1.2 (b) Referees are to ensure that one goal umpire from each club participating in the game are at each end and that one linesman from each club is running the sideline prior to the commencement of each half.

*(Passed 2 February 2003)*

### **1.3 Team Officials and Non-players**

Team officials and non-players, who are on the field at any stage during a game, must wear a distinctive bib at all times whilst on the field.

*(Passed 6 February 2005)*

### **1.4 Interchange Rule**

A Maximum of Six (6) interchange players are permitted in a Championship game, with unlimited interchanges.

*(Passed 2 February 2003)*

### **1.5 Fundraisers**

With the exception of the State Teams, only the Club rostered on Kitchen duty is permitted to hold a fundraiser or sell raffle tickets at the QGFHA grounds on that day. Tickets may be sold out of the Canteen or around the grounds.

*(Passed 2 February 2003)*

### **1.6 Sub-Committees**

As determined by the QGFHA, sub-committees shall be established with terms of reference endorsed by the QGFHA committee within 30 days of the sub-committees first meeting.

*(Passed 6 February 2005)*

### **1.7 QGFHA website**

The QGFHA will provide members access to all Association rules, policies and by-laws through the QGFHA website.

*(Passed 6 February 2005)*

### **1.8 Expenditure Approval**

All expenditure in excess of \$1,500.00 must be submitted in written quotation format to the QGFHA for prior approval before any work or commitment is made on behalf of the association.

This is to include all ground maintenance/upgrades, total state team expenses as well as Australasian Championship expenses.

*(Passed 6 February 2005)*

### **1.9 Junior/ Youth Development Board**

The QGFHA establish a Junior/Youth development board as per the Australasian Rule Book.

*(Passed 6 February 2005)*



## **1.10 Forfeits**

### **1.10.1 Awarding of Game**

In the event of a team forfeiting a match, the official match result will be recorded as a 15 point to nil win to the non-forfeiting team. Competition points and ladder positions shall be determined as per by-law 1.10.

### **1.10.2 Player Eligibility**

In the event of a forfeit player eligibility for finals under by-law 3.2 shall be as follows:

In the event of a forfeit on the day of the scheduled match, both teams should submit a team sheet to the match referee stating the names of all players present. Players nominated on the respective team sheets and present for the scheduled match shall be assumed to have played for finals eligibility.

In the event of a forfeit notified to the QGFHA Secretary at least 24 hours prior to the scheduled match time, the following will apply:

**Forfeiting team:** No players shall be considered to have participated in the match for finals eligibility purposes.

**Non-forfeiting team:** All players officially registered with the non-forfeiting team at the scheduled date of the match will be assumed to have played in the match for finals eligibility. If a new player was to be registered for this match, all necessary registration documentation must be submitted to the registrar on or before the date of the match.

*(Amended 7 February 2010)*

## **1.11 Naming of players on team sheets**

All players **and referee names** are to be clearly printed and must be signed by the player, prior to taking the field, on all copies of the official team sheet, signed off by a club/team official and the match referee on all copies of an official team sheet supplied by the QGFHA no later than the end of half time for any fixture match. Referees are instructed to not continue the match until this requirement is fulfilled.

*(Passed 5 February 2006; Amended 9 May 2014)*

## **1.12 Competition sub-committee**

A competition sub-committee is responsible for the coordination of QGFHA fixtures and is accountable to the QGFHA Committee. The Competition sub-committee shall comprise no more than one representative of each club.

*(Passed 4 February 2007)*





### **1.13 Referees nominations and allocations**

Each team that is nominated must also nominate a referee for their team. Where possible, refereeing duties will be distributed evenly amongst the teams participating so all teams are equally responsible for this duty on a rotation system.

On the nomination form, each team must nominate at least one person who will be their designated referee – more than one person can be nominated.

*(Passed 4 February 2007)*

### **1.14 Secondary competitions**

Any Secondary men's competition will follow a format similar to the Men's senior competition with the following exceptions:

- 1.14(a) The competition will be referred to as the "Second Division" or "Division Two".
- 1.14(b) The Second Division will be a minimum 9 a-side competition, with the provision to increase the numbers on each team as determined by the captains at the beginning of each game.
- 1.14(c) During league stages of the competition, no restriction would be made on who may play for either team (other than the maximum number of visa players stated below). Meaning that clubs could field players who had previously played Senior grade games in their Second Division team.
- 1.14(d) Rule 3.1 will apply to the Second Division Competition.

*(Passed 1 February 2009)*

### **1.15 Player Registrations**

From the commencement of the Carpenter Cup, all registrations will be submitted with a photocopy of standard ID, such as Drivers License or Passport. All forms and copies of identification will be retained by the QGFHA. Returning players do not need to resubmit ID each year, unless specifically requested by the QGFHA. If for any reason the QGFHA requires clarification of a player's identity, the player may be requested to present a form of standard photo ID. Registration will not be complete until the registration form and identity documents are submitted.

*(Amended 20 November 2011)*

## **2. Discipline**

### **2.1 Disciplinary board**

A seven member disciplinary board be formed prior to the start of each season. From this board three members are to determine disciplinary action according to the Australasian Rule Book of Gaelic Football.

*(Amended 7 February 2010)*



## 2.2 Code of Conduct

The Code of Conduct as provided by the GFHAA be applied and enforced for all QGFHA teams, players, officials, and supporters. Breaches of Rules will be dealt with in accordance with the Australasian Rule Book

*(Amended 25 March 2008)*

## 3. Player Eligibility

### 3.1 Championship panels

Prior to the first championship round matches, clubs are to provide a list of 15 players names who are **not** eligible to play in the Division 2 championship games. Any player besides the 15 names are eligible to play in championship games in both the Division 1 and Division 2 competition. The penalty for non-compliance is forfeiture of the relevant games.

*(Amended 7 February 2010; 9 May 2014)*

### 3.2 Eligibility for Participation in Championship finals

A Player in their first year of playing in Queensland must play 3 official fixtures for their team in order to qualify to play in the Championships of the same year. A player who played in the season prior in Queensland must only play one official games to be eligible for Championships. Should a player transfer out of Queensland and return they will be treated as a new player again. The playing of any ineligible player in a Championship game will result in forfeiture of that game.

*(Amended 10 May 2010; 9 May 2014, 21 January 2018)*

### 3.3 Visa Players

- 3.3 (a) Non-compliance with by-law 3.3 will result in forfeiture of relevant games, with second and subsequent violations to incur a penalty of a \$500 fine plus forfeiture of relevant games.
- 3.3 (b) An exception to by-law 3.3. may be considered if a member, as prescribed in the definition of a Visa Player, provides a written request to the Executive Committee. The member must demonstrate cause for exemption by having resided in Australia or New Zealand for a continuous period of no less than 24 months, be registered with a QGFHA club for no less than 12 months and by showing their commitment to supporting the Association and its affiliate club(s).
- 3.3 (c) A visa player shall be classified as any person who is a non-permanent resident currently staying in Australia (excluding New Zealand residents) on a working holiday visa. Proof of 'other' visa status is required to be deemed a resident. Players on any 'other' visa will be deemed resident.

For the Men's division one and division two competitions and Ladies competitions, players on a two year working holiday visa, who were registered with a Brisbane club in previous year and played in at least one official fixture be considered "non-visa" players.

*(Amended 6 February 2011; 20 January 2013)*



- 3.3 (d) On entering a Men's or Ladies' team in a QGFHA affiliated competition, each club is permitted a quota of 5 visa players for the first competition entered in either Men's or Ladies' Football. Should a club enter an additional team into a second separate Men's or Ladies competition, an additional 5 visa players will be added to that quota (total 10). For clubs who have entered two teams, a maximum of 5 visa players are permitted to play in senior matches and a maximum of 5 in division 2 matches. Clubs with one team will be permitted 5 visa players in all relevant matches.

*(Amended 6 February 2011)*

- 3.3 (e) Visa players must be nominated as such when registered with the QGFHA by the Club. Proof of visa status will be provided in the form of a photocopy of the photograph and relevant visa pages of the player's passport.

- 3.3 (f) Following the Player Registration Close off date, as determined by the QGFHA Committee, all new players must register individually with the QGFHA for allocation to a club at the QGFHA's discretion.

*(Amended 20 January 2013)*

- 3.3 (g) In the event that the QGFHA determines each club has filled its visa player quota, the QGFHA may take steps to increase each clubs' quota equally, as it sees fit. The clubs will be notified of such actions when they are taken. Any increase in visa quota would carry on to subsequent seasons.

*(Amended 1 February 2009)*

- 3.4 Each club must have at least 1 Australian citizen playing in every official game of the Men's Division 1, Men's Division 2 and Ladies competitions. Australian citizens must be marked on the team sheet and on the QGFHA registration form. New Australian Citizens must provide identification in the form of an Australian Passport or Australian Birth Certificate at time of registration. Non-compliance will result in forfeiture of relevant games.

*(Passed 20 January 2013)*

### **3.5 Eligibility for Participation in Carpenter Cup finals**

A player must have played at least **one** official fixture in the Carpenter Cup prior to the Carpenter Cup final, to be eligible to play in the Carpenter Cup final of that same year.

*(Amended 6 December 2015)*





## 4 QGFHA Affiliation

### 4.1 QGFHA Affiliation

- 4.1 (a) Annual QGFHA registration fees for players to be set by the QGFHA Annual General Meeting according to annual budget requirements.

*(Passed 4 February 2002)*

- 4.1 (b) QGFHA invoices to clubs are to be paid in full within three weeks of the invoice date (unless otherwise agreed with the QGFHA committee). Failure to pay invoices will prevent a club from further participation in QGFHA competitions until all outstanding monies are received.

*(Amended 6 December 2015)*

- 4.1 (c) Active QGFHA referees and members of the QGFHA Committee be reimbursed the annual QGFHA player registration fee as at 1 October each season.

An active referee is defined as refereeing more than 7 games in any season and maintaining accreditation. An active Committee member is represented by attending more than 80% of scheduled meetings (monthly committee meetings and others as required) and supporting at least 70% of scheduled events (includes working bees, functions, parades, sports days, clinics and other events).

*(Passed 5 February 2006)*

- 4.1 (d) Any player who has outstanding money to the QGFHA for State team costs is unable to play football at club or state level until the debt has been paid in full.

*(Passed 3 March 2008)*

- 4.1 (e) As part of affiliation with the QGFHA, and in the interests of compliance with relevant legislation, each affiliated club is to submit annual documentation to the QGFHA, showing that they remain incorporated, and are financially solvent.

*(Added 6 December 2015)*

### 4.2 Insurance

Insurance costs for a Club are to be determined by the number of teams a club nominates into the QGFHA competition.

*(Passed 4 February 2003)*