

1. Authority

- (1) These rules and regulations have been endorsed by the Floorball WA Committee (FWAC) and are the governing regulations for the Summer Competition, its leagues and divisions organised and facilitated by Floorball WA (FWA).
- (2) These rules should be read in conjunction with relevant documents, policies, procedures, and the current version of the International Floorball Federation (IFF) Rules of the Game.
- (3) To the extent where there is an inconsistency with any other provision from any other document, barring the FWA Constitution, these rules and regulations will prevail with regards to the Summer Competition, its leagues, and divisions.
- (4) Any situation not provided for explicitly in these Summer Competition Rules shall be referred to Operations or alternatively the FWAC for consideration and will be determined in a manner which is appropriate to the individual case.
- (5) FWAC and Operations reserve the right to review the Summer Competition Rules, decisions, and rulings at any time to ensure that the premise behind the action is upheld in the best interest of the Competition.

2. Intents and Purpose

- (1) These Summer Competition Rules and Regulations are intended to:
 - (a) encourage participation, adherence to the FWA values, and sportsmanship at all levels of our competition; and
 - (b) penalise those who seek to gain an unfair advantage.
- (2) Where there are penalties (financial and competition based) these will be identified in the rules and regulations as penalty units and are set at:
 - (a) Financial Penalty Unit (FPU) – \$44.00 inc GST
 - (b) Competition Penalty Unit (CPU) – 1 competition point
- (3) Key terms and definitions set out in these rules are provided in a glossary in Appendix 1.
- (4) The compliance and regulatory authority responsible for the review and enforcement of these rules and regulations is the FWA Operations Subcommittee (Operations) and/or the FWAC.

3. Competition Structure

- (1) FWA facilitates the Summer Competition in Western Australia:

Competition Name	Leagues	Divisions
Summer Competition (OCT – MAR)	Men’s League	D1 Mens D2 Mens
	Women’s League	D1 Womens D2 Womens
	Development League	D1 Development

- (2) FWA reserves the right to create, update, amend or otherwise change these rules and regulations from time to time as necessary.
- (3) For the purposes of these Competition Rules and Regulations the following are definitions of dates / times:
- (a) **Round Notification Deadline (RND) | Wednesday 5:00PM AWST**
A round is deemed to be Monday – Sunday. The RND is therefore to be the Wednesday of the same week. For example, round 1 is Monday the 9th of October to Sunday the 15th of October inclusive. Therefore, the RND for round 1 is Wednesday the 11th of October (Approximately 48 hours before the commencement of matches).
 - (b) **Team Nomination Deadline (TND) | 27th August at 5:00PM AWST**
 - (c) **Season Start Date | Round 1 – Monday 9th October 2023**

4. Clubs

- (1) To participate in a FWA competition a team must be affiliated with an Approved Club. Clubs must register with FWA and provide the following information via the online club portal:
 - (a) Club Name;
 - (b) Club Contact Number;
 - (c) Club Email Address;
 - (d) Club ABN (if applicable);
 - (e) Club Bank Account;
 - (f) Evidence of incorporation or intent to incorporate (i.e. minutes indicating the committee intends to incorporate the club within 12 months); and
 - (g) Registered club uniform and alternate strip.
- (2) Failure to provide the above details by the commencement of the competition will result in penalties (2FPU).
- (3) By registering as an Approved Club, clubs will have been deemed to:
 - (a) Accept these Competition Rules and Regulations and be bound to any penalty provisions noted throughout;
 - (b) Acknowledge and accept to be bound by all applicable policies, procedures, and governing documents as created and amended by FWA from time to time; and
 - (c) Accept to align with and contribute to the development of players, coaches, referees, match officials, sports administrators and strategic directions of FWA.
- (4) A team or clubs' participation in a FWA competition is at the discretion of Operations and/or FWAC.

5. League Structure and Eligibility

- (1) The Men's (MEN), Women's (WOM) and Development (DEV) leagues are to be treated as separate leagues under the Summer Competition.
- (2) For the purpose of development only, a female player may play for different clubs in different leagues (whereby one of those leagues is the Women's League) but will not be allowed to play for two different clubs in the same league.
- (3) Players may seek permission to play for different clubs across leagues from Operations. Permission will only be granted if:
 - (a) The reason is for genuine development of a club, player or aligned with the development purposes of Floorball WA; or
 - (b) A lack of suitable options exists for a player at their current club, i.e. Club only has a development league team and not a men's team.
- (4) Players who wish to transfer clubs must do so prior to the commencement of the season. The process to transfer clubs is as follows:
 - (a) The players new club will email the players departing club, requesting evidence that the player has no outstanding financial obligations to the club.
 - (b) The new club will then forward the Operations Subcommittee the email chain prior to the player participating in their first match.
 - (c) Failure to provide Operations with information on a players club transfer, prior to participating in a match will result in the player being deemed an ineligible player.
- (5) All players under the age of 18 must only participate in leagues and divisions which are intended for participation in by their gender.

Men's League

- (6) Men's Division 1 (MEN1) is strictly for male participation only.
 - (a) Any male player who has represented the Australian Men's Senior National team in the past three years is only permitted to play in MEN1 and must be recorded as a core player for that division.
 - (b) Any club who wishes to field a male player who has played floorball at a competitive level in the past three years in a different country, must inform Operations by the round notification deadline.
 - (i) Excludes players from Australia who play in international open tournaments in other countries, for example, the SG Open.
 - (ii) Operations, in their sole discretion, may require the player to only be permitted to play in MEN1 and be recorded as a core player for that division.
- (7) Men's Division 2 (MEN2) is a predominately male division and participation is intended to be for males.
- (8) A female player who as per s5(5) is over the age of 18, is permitted to play in MEN2 if (and only if) their club agrees and deems that the player will:

- (a) Benefit from inclusion in MEN2;
- (b) There are no reasons to believe the player will not be able to “effectively compete”; and
- (c) A club who exercises this permission and plays a female player in MEN2 does so in acknowledgement of Appendix 2 (Club Acknowledgement of Non-Standard Playing Arrangements (Age and Sex)).

Women’s League

- (9) The Women’s league is strictly for female participation only.
 - (a) Any female player who has represented the Australian Women’s Senior National team in the past three years is only permitted to play in WOM1 and must be recorded as a core player for that division.
 - (b) Any club who wishes to field a female player who has played floorball at a competitive level in the past three years in a different country, must inform Operations by the round notification deadline.
 - (i) Excludes players from Australia and WA who play in international open tournaments in other countries, for example, the SG Open.
 - (ii) Operations, in their sole discretion, may require the player to only be permitted to play in WOM1 and be recorded as a core player for that division.

Development League

- (10) The DEV league is a predominately male competition and participation is intended to be for males.
- (11) A female player who as per s5(5) is over the age of 18, is permitted to play in DEV if (and only if) their club agrees and deems that the player will:
 - (a) Benefit from inclusion in DEV;
 - (b) There are no reasons to believe the player will not be able to “effectively compete”; and
 - (c) A club who exercises this permission and plays a female player in DEV does so in acknowledgement of Appendix 2 (Club Acknowledgement of Non-Standard Playing Arrangements (Age and Sex)).

6. Team Structure and Eligibility

- (1) Prior to the team nomination deadline, clubs must inform Floorball WA, via the online club portal, of their nominated teams and divisions, player's registered league and core player lists for eligible league divisions.
 - (a) A player may not be registered for more than one team in a league.
- (2) Where Operations, considers that player lists, allocations and associated materials provided by the club may result in unfairness or is inconsistent with the purposes behind these Summer Competition Rules and Regulations or is inconsistent with the spirit of the game, Operations, in its sole discretion, may amend or change any of the provided information considering the following principles:
 - (a) Outcomes which encourage participation in Floorball are to be preferred;
 - (b) The safety and ability of teams and individual players that may be affected by amendments and/or changes that may result from reallocation;
 - (c) Each Division should consist of teams of similar ability, so far as is possible; and
 - (d) The views of the relevant Club affected by such an amendment shall be considered before the amendment is finalised.
- (3) Clubs must ensure each team list comprises a minimum of 10 individual and unique players from that league.
 - (a) A team list which does not comprise a minimum of 10 individual and unique players is ineligible for nomination to participate in the Summer Competition.
- (4) MEN1, MEN2, and DEV1 must have a minimum of 8 players on their team list indicated as core players.
 - (a) Once submitted to the online club portal, core lists are treated as final and unchangeable.
 - (b) Clubs may apply for written permission via email from Operations to alter core lists in extraordinary circumstances.
 - (c) Operations reserves the right to alter core lists of teams in extraordinary circumstances.
- (5) WOM1 must have a minimum of 6 players on their team list indicated as core players.
 - (a) Once submitted to the online club portal, core lists are treated as final and unchangeable.
 - (b) Clubs may apply for written permission via email from Operations to alter core lists in extraordinary circumstances.
 - (c) Operations reserves the right to alter core lists of teams in extraordinary circumstances.
- (6) Each team must list at minimum a Coach, Team Manager, Captain and Goalkeeper.
 - (a) Additional Assistant Coaches may be listed by clubs as required.

7. Player Eligibility

- (1) All players must be registered as Floorball WA members and affiliated with an Approved Club under the online club portal, prior to the round notification deadline.
 - (a) Female players who are playing for different clubs, across leagues, should register and be affiliated with the club with which they play in the Women's league for.
- (2) All players under the age of 18 must have completed and signed the U18 Player Waiver form with a Parent/Guardian prior to participating in the Summer Competition.
- (3) To play in the Summer Competition a player must be at least 14 years of age as of the 1st of July in the year in which the competition begins.
- (4) All players who have in the last three years been named in an Australian National Senior or U19s team will be ineligible to play in the Development League.
- (5) To play in MEN1 a player must be 16 years of age as of the 1st of July in the year in which the competition begins.
- (6) All players who are listed on a MEN1 core list will be ineligible to play in any other division or league in the same role which they play in MEN1.
- (7) All players who are listed on a MEN2 core list will be ineligible to play in the development league in the same role which they play in MEN2.
- (8) All players who are listed on a WOM1 core list will be ineligible to play in WOM2 in the same role which they play in WOM1.
- (9) All players who are listed on a DEV1 core list will be ineligible to play in WOM2 in the same role which they play in DEV1.
- (10) Any player who plays in the Men's league is ineligible to play in WOM2.

8. Player Qualification

- (1) For the purposes of qualification, a player's league is deemed to be the league in which they are registered in the online club portal at the start of the season.
- (2) A player can only play in a maximum of two games per fixtured round.
 - (a) A player may play “cross-league” in an unlimited manner, subject to all other eligibility and qualification requirements as per these rules and regulations.
- (3) Players who are registered in MEN2, WOM2, DEV2 can double (meaning to play in both games in a single round) into their respective league top divisions in an unlimited manner.
- (4) A team may only receive a maximum of 3 double-up players per game.

9. Finals Qualification

- (1) To be eligible for qualification to play in finals series a player must have played in a minimum of 5 matches in that division.
- (2) Players can only play one finals match per league.
 - (a) Male players who qualify for both the DEV and MEN leagues must play in finals for the MEN league.
- (3) A player who has qualified to play in more than one division in the same league (unless they play different roles i.e. goalkeeper and field-player) and both teams make the Finals series:
 - (a) If the majority of games recorded prior to the commencement of the Finals series have been in a higher division, that player must play the higher division Finals series;
 - (b) If the majority of games recorded prior to the commencement of the Finals series have been in a lower division, that player may (so long as they have met all other eligibility and qualification requirements) choose to play the higher division Finals series; and
 - (c) If the player has played the same number of games in both divisions, they will be able to choose which finals series to play in.
- (4) A player who has qualified to play in more than one division in the same league (unless they play different roles i.e. goalkeeper and field-player) and the higher division team does not make Finals:
 - (a) If the majority of games recorded prior to the commencement of the Finals series have been in a higher division, that player will be ineligible to play in the lower division Finals series; and
 - (b) If the number of games recorded prior to the commencement of the Finals series are equal or a majority have been in a lower division, that player may (so long as they have met all other eligibility and qualification requirements) play in the lower division Finals series.
- (5) A list of eligible Finals players for each team in each club will be provided to all clubs after the completion of the final regular round.

10. Officiating

- (1) Clubs shall provide the following officials as directed and allocated by FWA:
 - (a) Match referees; and
 - (b) Match secretary.
- (2) Failure to provide match officials will result in a penalty per official per game at the rate of (1FPU).
- (3) FWA may allocate officials to any match in any league for any division at any stage throughout the season. These officials include:
 - (a) Match referees;
 - (b) Match referee observers; and
 - (c) Match secretaries.
- (4) It is the responsibility of the club to ensure that appointed individuals are of sufficient competency and confidence to perform their allocated duties.
 - (a) Teams who believe that a club has appointed individuals who are not of sufficient competency or confidence to perform their allocated duties should contact the appointing club for resolution.
- (5) It is the responsibility of the club to ensure that appointed individuals behave in accordance with these rules and regulations, the FWA officials code of conduct and any other relevant document and/or policy (2FPU per official).
 - (a) Individuals who breach this rule may be subject to further disciplinary action as and when deemed appropriate by Operations.
- (6) All referees shall wear appropriate professional attire (2FPU per official).
 - (a) Appropriate professional attire for the purposes of referees is as follows:
 - (i) Matching non-uniform coloured shirts for referee pairs which do not clash with playing team colours;
 - (ii) Black shorts and/or skirt; and
 - (iii) Enclosed indoor footwear.
- (7) FWA appointed referees (those identified, listed and published by Operations) shall be given precedence over all other officials at any given match and shall be considered as delegates with the authority of FWA during the match.
 - (a) FWA appointed referees must wear the prescribed FWA referee uniform when undertaking FWA duties;
 - (b) For the avoidance of doubt, FWA appointed referees who are playing or otherwise participating as a coach, scorer etc, in a game are not undertaking FWA duties and therefore will not be given precedence over other officials.
- (8) Clubs are required to ensure that all club-appointed referees:
 - (a) Are registered as members with FWA; and
 - (b) Have provided electronically, a valid WA Working with Children Check to the Club prior to fulfilling any duties.

- (9) Clubs are required to ensure that all club-appointed coaches:
 - (a) Are registered as members with FWA; and
 - (b) Where necessary have provided electronically, a valid WA Working with Children Check to the club prior to fulfilling any duties.
- (10) FWA will appoint match referees to all fixtured matches for the MEN1 and WOM1 divisions.
 - (a) If Floorball WA are unable to allocate match referees to a fixtured match, participating teams will be required to provide 1 referee each and will be notified by the Operations Subcommittee Chair if this is required.
 - (b) If there are exceptional circumstances and an allocated referee is unable to fulfil their duties, participating teams will be required to provide 1 referee each.
 - (i) If only one referee is required, the away team will provide the referee.
- (11) 21 days prior to the start of the season, all clubs who have nominated a team in the MEN1 and WOM1 divisions must provide to FWA the following:
 - (a) Per team entered - 2 club nominated referees (who are not already identified as part of the FWA Referee Panel) of sufficient ability to adjudicate the highest divisions of the MEN and WOM leagues (2FPU per official).
 - (i) The nominated referees must be available for and attend all mandatory Refereeing Accreditation Workshops as organised and facilitated by FWA;
 - (ii) The nominated referees must be available to referee for the majority of the Summer Competition; and
 - (iii) The nominated referees must provide, via email to secretary@floorballwa.org a scanned copy of a valid WA Working with Children Check and Statement of Supplier Form which can be found on the Floorball WA website under downloads.

11. Club Uniforms

- (1) Club uniforms will meet the following requirements:
 - (a) Shirts will meet IFF regulations as per the current Rules of the Game and will predominately be the colours listed for the club (1FPU per game).
 - (b) Shorts and socks must be the colours as specified in the colours listed for the club (1FPU per game).
 - (c) Goalkeepers must wear an alternate-coloured jersey to their team (1FPU per game).
- (2) If the playing uniforms of both teams in a match clash in colour or design and is deemed to be confusing or otherwise detrimental, the second named team (the away team) must:
 - (a) If in MEN1 or WOM1, team must wear their alternate strip.
 - (b) If in any other league or division, team must wear at minimum contrasting coloured bibs.
 - (c) Failure to apply the conditions under this clause where a clash is determined will result in penalties for the second named team (1FPU per game).
- (3) A club that wishes to change their uniform must submit a copy of the proposed design to Operations and have it approved prior to the change to be allowed.

12. Fixtured Rounds

- (1) Each fixtured round may be played across a combination of venues including but not limited to:
 - (a) The Rise, Maylands
 - (b) Lumen Christi College, Gosnells
 - (c) Revolution Sports, Shenton Park
 - (d) John XXIII College, Mount Claremont
 - (e) Mike Barnett Centre, Rockingham
 - (f) Baldivis Indoor Sporting Complex, Baldivis
 - (g) Curtin University Stadium, Bentley
 - (h) Loftus Recreation Centre, Leederville
 - (i) Newman College, Churchlands
 - (j) Shenton College, Shenton Park
 - (k) Cumbre Sporting Complex, Port Kennedy
- (2) Teams who are fixtured to play the first match of the day at any venue will be required to:
 - (a) Arrive a minimum of 30 minutes prior to the scheduled start of the match to assist with facility setup;
 - (b) The first-mentioned team (home team) shall be responsible for ensuring court markings (where they are possible) are correct and in place; and
 - (c) Failure by any team to meet these provisions will result in penalties (1FPU).
- (3) Teams who are fixtured to play the last match of the day at any venue will be required to:
 - (a) Ensure the rink is packed up correctly and as quickly as possible;
 - (b) Ensure there has been no rubbish or belongings left at the facility and the area is left in a neat and tidy manner in line with venue requirements; and
 - (c) Failure by any team to meet these provisions will result in penalties (1FPU).
- (4) If there is a problem with the facility (such as no access) and it is outside of the team's control, they must contact Operations to notify them of the situation and to seek advice.

13. Conduct of Matches

- (1) A match shall consist of:
 - (a) A minimum of 5 minutes for warm up;
 - (b) 3 periods of 20 minutes;
 - (c) 2 period-breaks of 5 minutes;
 - (i) In the event of extreme weather conditions and in-line with FWA's Heat Management Policy, a power break of 1 minute may be instituted at the first break in play after 10 minutes of the period.
- (2) Matches will be executed using real time with no effective time during the course of the match. The clock will only be stopped where:
 - (a) there is a significant time delay in play such as for goals, penalties, time outs, injuries and, where signalled by the referee (three blasts of the whistle); and
 - (b) During the last 3 minutes of the final period, which will be played as effective time. The clock will be paused for every break in play including any infraction or stoppage of play.
- (3) Fixtured match times will be adhered to as best as possible.
- (4) A match can only commence when both teams have five field players and a goalkeeper.
 - (a) A five-minute grace period may be added to the scheduled start time at the discretion of the match referees for teams who are waiting for a goalkeeper to commence play.
- (5) If a team cannot field required players by the scheduled time, the match will be considered a forfeit.

14. Conduct of Finals

- (1) Finals are played over a period of three weeks (unless otherwise determined Operations) as outlined below:

FINALS FORMAT		
SEMI FINALS	MATCH ONE	1st vs 2nd
	MATCH TWO	3rd vs 4th
PRELIMINARY FINALS	MATCH ONE	(Loser of 1st vs 2nd) vs (Winner of 3rd vs 4th)
GRAND FINALS	MATCH ONE	(Winner of 1st vs 2nd) vs (Winner of Preliminary Final)

- (2) In divisions in which teams have an equal number of byes, including no byes, the order of the ladder of teams at the end of regular rounds will be determined by the below method (only where teams are tied on the ladder using the first method will a further method be used):
- Premiership Points.
 - Goal Difference.
 - Wins between the tied teams; and then
 - a coin toss.
- (3) In divisions in which teams have an unequal number of byes, the order of the ladder of teams at the end of regular rounds will be determined by the below method (only where teams are tied on the ladder using the first method will a further method be used):
- The Match Ratio, which is defined as the following formula:

$$\frac{\text{Wins} + (\text{Draws} / 2)}{\text{Matches Played}}$$
 - Goal Difference;
 - Wins between the tied teams; and then
 - a coin toss.
- (4) All decisions made by Operations in determining the Finals ladder are unable to be challenged.
- (5) Finals referees will be determined by the Operations as informed if required, by the Development Subcommittee.
- (6) Finals matches will not end in a tie. If at the end of normal time the score is still level then, after a five-minute break, the referees will toss a coin with the captains of the two teams, the winner of the coin toss will elect which end to play and one extra period of ten minutes (known as extra-time) shall be played.
- The first team to score a goal in extra-time will be the winner of the match.
- (7) In the event the scores are still level at the completion of extra time then a penalty shoot-out shall occur in-line with the following provisions:
- Each team shall select five players to play in the shoot-out to take penalties alternatively;

- (b) Players who have received match penalties are ineligible to play in the penalty shoot-out;
 - (c) The referees in consultation with each team's goalkeeper will choose the goal that will be used;
 - (d) Each goalkeeper shall defend the penalties for their team unless unable to do so. In which case, another player must defend for them while wearing full goalkeeping gear; and
 - (e) The shoot-out will cease once an outright winner has been determined.
- (8) In the event of an equal number of goals having been awarded, another series of shoot-outs shall be started with the same players and shall feature "sudden death", which shall mean that the winner shall be the first team to have scored one more goal than the opposing team after an equal number of shoot-outs has been taken by each team. The shoot-out shall occur in-line with the following provisions:
- (a) The sequence of shoot-out takers does not need to be the same as in the previous series and the team captain has freedom of choice at the time of each shoot-out as to which of the nominated players shall take it;
 - (b) In this second (unlimited) series, all five nominated players shall take a shoot-out before any of them are eligible to take a further one; and
 - (c) The team which defended the first shoot-out of the first series shall not defend the first penalty of the second series.

15. Forfeits

- (1) Clubs must provide in writing their notice of forfeit to the Operations Subcommittee no later than the round notification deadline.
 - (a) A club who provides notice of forfeit less than the prescribed time will result in penalties (10FPU + 1CPU).
- (2) Unless otherwise specified, the result of a forfeit will be recorded as a loss of 0-5 for the forfeiting team.
- (3) A club who is found to be in breach of any eligibility / qualification rule shall be deemed to have:
 - (a) Forfeited the match in which the breach has occurred and will result in penalties (10FPU + 1CPU); and
 - (b) A penalty for the highest placed club team in the same league (1CPU).
- (4) A club or team whose match results in a forced forfeit will:
 - (a) Be penalised (10FPU + 1 CPU); and
 - (b) Have the forced forfeit referred to the Competitions Tribunal.

16. Competition Disputes

- (1) All disputes and complaints that relate to the Summer Competition must be lodged with Operations in writing to Operations via email.
- (2) All disputes and complaints must be received by Operations prior to the round notification deadline, which immediately follows the round to which the dispute relates. Under no circumstances will a dispute or complaint be accepted after this time.
- (3) Operations will accept competition disputes in relation to player qualification and eligibility rules.
- (4) Floorball WA and Operations will not accept any disputes or complaints that:
 - (a) Relate to match official decisions that pertain to:
 - (i) penalties and severity of penalties;
 - (ii) This rule excludes any incidents, disputes or complaints in which, had the official been aware of the events, could have resulted in at least a major penalty being issued. To lodge a dispute of this kind there must be clear evidence which supports the dispute before it is accepted.
 - (b) Correctly scored or incorrectly scored goals (as per IFF Rules of the Game);
 - (i) As per the IFF Rules of the Game a correctly scored goal is confirmed with a face-off at the centre. Once confirmed in this manner the goal shall not be revoked.
 - (c) In-game behaviour that is capable of being dealt with by applying the IFF Rules of the Game and has been seen by the – this behaviour should be brought to the attention of the referees.
 - (d) Do not have clear video/audio evidence or a signed statutory declaration from a first-person witness to the incident which supports the dispute.
- (5) Floorball WA and Operations will review all non-technical match penalties awarded by match officials. Operations will determine:
 - (a) Whether the match penalty that has been awarded is consistent with the rules and spirit of the game and aligns with the particulars of the match report.
 - (i) If the penalty awarded is deemed to be consistent and aligned, Operations will determine whether there is sufficient merit to warrant further disciplinary action through referral to the Competition Tribunal; or
 - (ii) If the penalty awarded is deemed to be inconsistent or unaligned, Operations may, in their sole discretion, revoke the awarded penalty.

17. Incident Reports

- (1) FWA may request any match official to submit a Match Official Report (MRO) on an incident, award of a penalty or report of misconduct:
 - (a) A MRO requested by FWA must be submitted as soon as reasonably practicable by the official, but no later than 48 hours upon receiving the request
 - (b) Match officials may also, at their discretion, choose to send in a Voluntary Match Official Report (VMRO):
 - (i) Should a match official submit a VMRO, this must be completed and submitted by 5PM on the Monday immediately following the completion of the match.
- (2) Match referees must complete and submit a MRO to FWA by 5PM on the Monday immediately following the completion of the match, should any of the following incidents occur during the match (1FPU):
 - (a) A personal penalty (10 minutes) is awarded to a member of the team staff;
 - (b) A match penalty is awarded to any player or member of team staff; or
 - (c) A match results in a forced forfeit.

18. General Conduct, Special Penalty Provisions and Other Rules

- (1) All players, team staff, match officials and other participants of the game must not behave in a way that would bring the sport of Floorball or Floorball WA into disrepute.
- (2) All exemption requests from Clubs will be published, alongside the outcome (Approved or Denied) on the Floorball WA website.
 - (a) Operations will publish the basic reasoning behind approving or denying the exemption; and
 - (b) All decisions on exemption requests by Operations Subcommittee will be final.
- (3) A personal penalty awarded to a member of the team staff will result in the team staff member being required to leave the venue for the remainder of the match.
 - (a) The team who has been awarded the penalty is responsible for ensuring the penalised staff member does not return to the spectators stand and does in fact leave the venue;
 - (b) Match officials will not restart the game until the staff member has left the venue; and
 - (c) Failure to ensure the team staff member has left within 5 minutes will result in a forced forfeit.
- (4) A match penalty awarded to a player or member of the team staff will result in that individual being required to leave the venue for the remainder of the match.
 - (a) The team who has been awarded the penalty is responsible for ensuring the penalised individual does in fact leave the venue;
 - (b) Match officials will not restart the game until the individual has left the venue;
 - (c) Failure to ensure the individual has left within 5 minutes will result in a forced forfeit;
- (5) An individual who is the recipient of a match penalty shall take no further part in any matches during that round, in any capacity, except as that of a spectator.
 - (a) Any further incidents in which that individual is identified as being a party to, as a spectator, during that round will be considered during the assessment of sanctions by the Competitions Tribunal.

19. Fees and Payments

- (1) Fees for all teams entered into the Summer Competition are listed below and are inclusive of GST:
 - (a) \$750 Registration Fee per team for administration, national affiliation and insurance purposes.
 - (b) \$150 per team per regular round match.
 - (c) For clubs who enter a MEN1 or WOM1 team an additional \$25 per regular round match.
 - (i) Officiating levy for Floorball WA appointed officials to these divisions.
 - (ii) Floorball WA appointed referees are those who are determined, identified, and allocated to officiate these divisions by Operations.
 - (iii) Each referee will receive a \$50.00 match fee for officiating. Floorball WA is subsidising 50% for the 2023/24 Season for proof of concept.
- (2) Clubs who wish to undertake an instalment arrangement for payment of fees must:
 - (a) Contact the Floorball WA Treasurer at least 7 days prior to the Invoice due date; and
 - (b) Ensure they remain financial by adhering to the planned payment instalment dates and charges.
- (3) Clubs will be notified of any money owing to FWA by the round notification deadline immediately following the completion of the final fixtured round.
- (4) A club that is not financial (i.e., the Club owes money to FWA) cannot field any of its teams in Finals.
- (5) No money held by FWA will be refunded to a club until the club has paid its outstanding fees.
- (6) If the outstanding fees have not been settled by the start of finals, FWA will instead use the money held to offset the outstanding payment owed by the club.

20. SCORING OF GAMES

- (1) The home team is responsible for supplying the score sheet prior to the commencement of the match.
- (2) Playing teams' captains or managers will complete and sign the score sheet prior to the commencement of the match.
- (3) Both teams are required to retain a copy (whether electronic or physical) of all score sheets until 28 days after the Floorball WA Grand Finals of that season.
 - (a) Failure to retain either the original score sheet or a copy of it until this date will result in penalties (1FPU per instance).
- (4) It is the responsibility of the home team to enter the result of the match and their team statistics on the online club portal by 5pm on the first business day after the fixture is played. This includes uploading a digital copy of the score sheet.
 - (a) Failure to enter match results by the deadline will result in penalties (1FPU per instance).
 - (b) Match results entered incorrectly or incompletely by the deadline will result in penalties (1FPU per instance).
 - (c) Failure to upload digital copy by deadline will result in penalties (1FPU per instance).
- (5) It is the responsibility of the away team to enter specified team match details on the online portal by 5pm on the second business day after the fixture is played.
 - (a) Failure to enter specified team match details into the portal by the deadline will result in penalties (1FPU per instance).
 - (b) Specified team match details entered incorrectly or incompletely by the deadline will result in penalties (1FPU per instance).
- (6) Specified team match details on the online club portal include:
 - (a) Player names (first name and surname);
 - (b) Penalties received by individual players;
 - (c) Goal scorers (own goals are not to be recorded against players' names);
 - (d) Player roles (e.g. captain or goalkeeper) are to be marked.
- (7) It is the responsibility of each team to ensure that their opposing team's details have been entered correctly on the online club portal. Should the online club portal not reflect the score sheet, a team can enter a dispute.

21. APPENDIX 1 | GLOSSARY

Term	Definition
Floorball WA (FWA)	The governing body for the sport of Floorball in Western Australia known as Floorball WA. The legal name for Floorball WA is the Floorball Association of Western Australia Incorporated.
Floorball WA Committee (FWAC)	The management committee for the sport of Floorball in Western Australia. Subject to the Associations Incorporation Act 2015 (WA) the FWA Constitution, by-laws (if any) and any resolution passed at a general meeting, the committee has power to do all things necessary or convenient to be done for the proper management of the affairs of the Association.
Operations Subcommittee (Operations)	The Operations Subcommittee is a subcommittee under the FWAC, that operates under a Terms of Reference which outlines its responsibilities, powers, membership and other general terms of operation. The Operations Subcommittee has the delegated authority to manage and facilitate the FWA Summer Competition.
Development Subcommittee (Development)	The Development Subcommittee is a subcommittee under the FWAC, that operates under a Terms of Reference which outlines its responsibilities, powers, membership and other general terms of operation. The Development Subcommittee works towards the future of the development of our sport through players, officials, coaches, juniors and regions.
Summer Competition	The Summer Competition is the competition which Floorball WA holds from October to March every year. It is the peak competition of its type for floorball in Australia.
Season	The season includes all fixtured rounds and finals rounds during the Summer Competition and generally runs from early October to late March.
League	For the purposes of these rules leagues are defined as the Men's League, Women's League and Development League. The leagues each have their own eligibility requirements as outlined in these rules.
Division	For the purposes of these rules, divisions are defined as the group of teams at a certain level under each league. For example Division 1 Men and Division 1 Women.
Club / Approved Club	A club is one that is recognised by Floorball WA as being either an Affiliated or Provisional Club as per the Floorball WA Clubs Policy.
Player	An individual who participates in a match during the Floorball WA Summer Competition.
Round	A round is defined as running from Monday to Sunday and may consist of multiple matches on various days to accommodate the fixtures.
Match	A match is any fixtured match which is able to be played in by players and is identified in the published Floorball WA fixtures.

Australian Men's Senior National Team	The Australian Men's Senior National Team is defined as any named player (not including train-on players) by Floorball Australia Limited (LTD) and published on their website https://floorballaustralia.org.au for either World Floorball Championships or World Floorball Championship Qualifiers.
Competitive level of Floorball in a different country	Any participation in floorball in a different country where, with all the facts, a reasonable person would consider that individual to be of a high level of skill and experience compared to an Australian player.
Effectively compete	In relation to these rules an individual who is able to effectively compete may be someone who after considering their maturity, physicality, skill and safety of themselves and others will not be detrimental to the competition or other players.
Australian Women's Senior National Team	The Australian Women's Senior National Team is defined as any named player (not including train-ons) by Floorball Australia Limited (LTD) and published on their website https://floorballaustralia.org.au for either World Floorball Championships or World Floorball Championship Qualifiers.
International Open	Any floorball competition which is participated in outside of Australia and is open to entry by any team i.e. SG Floorball Open (Singapore) and Wellington Floorball Open (New Zealand).
Online Club Portal	The FWA / club membership portal provided by Revolutionise and can be accessed at https://client.revolutionise.com.au/clientname/
Transfer	When a player, who in a previous season, has played for a club moves to play for a new club in the current season.
Team List	A list of players who are eligible and listed to participate in a particular team, in a particular division, in a particular league. The team list is populated on the online club portal and also contains the core player list for divisions which require it.
Reallocation	In relation to these rules, reallocation means the ability for the Operations Subcommittee to move players and/or teams between divisions and leagues if they are deemed to be too skilful or where clubs have deliberately tried to seek an unfair advantage.
Core List	A list required by certain divisions of a fixed number of players who make up the core of the team list and have restrictions placed on their ability to play in other divisions.
Coach	An individual who is listed on the scoresheet and in the online club portal who participates in a match as a member of team staff to assist players with tactics and strategy.
Team Manager	An individual who is listed on the scoresheet and in the online club portal who participates in a match as a member of team staff and assists the coach and players with management of the team off the field.

Captain	An individual who is listed on the scoresheet and in the online club portal who participates in a match as a player and assists the coach and players with management of the team on the field.
Goalkeeper	An individual who is listed on the scoresheet and in the online club portal who participates in a match as a goalkeeper and as such has special provisions for particular rules.
Assistant Coach	An individual who is listed on the scoresheet and in the online club portal who participates in a match as a member of team staff to assist the coach with tactics and strategy.
Double	To participate in more than one match during a fixtured round in different divisions in the same league. I.e. MEN1 and MEN2.
Double-up player	A player who participates doubles is considered a double-up player for the purposes of these rules.
Cross-double	To participate in more than one match during a fixtured round in different leagues. I.e. MEN2 and DEV1.
Finals	The Semi, Preliminary and Grand Final rounds are considered to be part of the Finals. These matches take place after the end of the fixtured rounds and have specific eligibility criteria and rules which apply to the rounds.
Match Officials	An individual who participates in any match in an official role. I.e. a referee, scorekeeper, observer.
Match Secretary	An individual who sits at the scorebench and liaises with the match referees to keep the score, time, and note penalties and other important match information on the scoresheet.
Match Referees	A pair of individuals who officiate a match of floorball between two teams. For the purpose of these rules match referees can be either appointed by FWA or their club dependent on the match.
Competency and confidence of official	An official who is able to effectively control the level of gameplay to ensure the safety of all players and uphold the spirit of the game will be deemed to be competent and confident to officiate at that level. <i>Note: other restrictions such as accreditation/attendance of briefings may apply in relation to the competency and confidence of an official as per these rules.</i>
FWA Appointed Official	A match referee, match secretary or observer which is appointed to a match by the Operations Subcommittee and not the club.
Working with Children Check	A screening check undertaken by the Department of Communities for the purposes of assessing the suitability of an individual who may take place in “child-related work.” More information is available from the Department of Communities https://www.wa.gov.au/organisation/departments-of-communities/working-children-check

Club Uniform	The official registered playing uniform of a club that has been approved by the Operations Subcommittee for players to wear while participating in matches.
Alternate Strip	The official registered alternate coloured playing uniform of a club that has been approved by the Operations Subcommittee for players to wear while participating in matches in which their Club Uniform may clash with another team.
Home team	The home team is the first mentioned team in the fixtured match in the official fixtures published by the Operations Subcommittee.
Away team	The away team is the second mentioned team in the fixtured match in the official fixtures published by the Operations Subcommittee.
Effective time	<p>Effective time means that every time the match referees blow their whistle the clock stops until play is resumed. This means that every time the ball goes out of play, an infringement occurs, a goal is scored, a penalty is awarded or the referee stops time for any other reason, the clock will stop.</p> <p>For the purposes of these rules, the only time effective time is applied is during the last three minutes of play in the third period.</p>
Exemption	A request that is submitted to the Operations Subcommittee by a club to be exempted from one or more of these rules. Approval is required to be sought from the Operations Subcommittee prior to being and is not guaranteed to be given.
Match Penalty	A penalty that is awarded to a player or member of team staff that is listed in the current version of the IFF Rules of the Game and is not a technical match penalty. The award of a match penalty will result in that individual being suspended for the rest of the round and at minimum the following round, pending further disciplinary action by the association.
Team Staff	Any individual listed on the scoresheet as team officials or who sits in the player area during a match and participates in the game in some capacity. This includes coaches, team managers and assistant coaches.
Forced Forfeit	A forfeiture which is a result of a breach of one or more of these rules and is imposed on the team and/or club by the Operations Subcommittee.

22. APPENDIX 2 | CLUB ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF NON-STANDARD PLAYING ARRANGEMENTS (AGE AND SEX)

The Floorball WA Competition Rules set out the structure and regulation of FWA Competitions, including Divisions intended to restrict on the basis of age and sex, in order to provide for competitive sporting activity for people who can effectively compete.

A Club may, where provided by the Competition Rules, exercise a permission or request an exemption for a person who does not meet the standard age or sex requirements (or both). The Club, when exercising a permission or submitting an exemption request, acknowledges that it is the Club's responsibility to determine:

- (1) whether the player will benefit from participation in the Division and Competition;
- (2) whether there are any reasons to believe that the player will not be able to effectively compete in the Division and Competition.

Further, it is the Club's responsibility to identify and provide additional support for the player as required and beneficial, depending on the circumstances and the player.

By exercising a permission or submitting an exemption request for a person who does not meet the standard age or sex requirements (or both), the Club acknowledges its responsibilities in the Competition Rules and this appendix.

23. APPENDIX 3 – CLUB CONTACTS

Club	Email Address	Contact Person
Pirates Floorball Club		
Raptors Floorball Club		
Western Wolves Floorball Club		
Lambs Floorball Club		
Roosters Floorball Club		
Dragons Floorball Club		
SDK United Floorball Club		
Oilers Floorball Club		