

2026 CLUB RESOURCE & INFORMATION MANUAL

FOOTBALL FAR NORTH COAST

Information within this publication is current as at 30 January 2026.

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Introduction

Welcome to the Football Far North Coast 2026 Club Resource and Information Manual.

This manual is designed to be a summary of information and procedures that will assist clubs, their committees, and volunteers to manage their club operations effectively and efficiently.

Information is also provided relevant to regulations and governance matters, including information to assist clubs to operate in accordance with the Associations Incorporations Act 2009.

If you require further support or assistance, please contact the Football Far North Coast by email to office@ffnc.net.au.

We take this opportunity to extend a sincere 'thanks' to the volunteers who give countless hours of their own time to promote and support the participation of football within the Football Far North Coast region.

Correspondence, Concerns or Complaints

Questions posed on behalf of any individual should be directed in the first instance to their respective Member Club.

Questions posed on behalf of any respective Football Far North Coast Member Club in relation to normal operational matters can be sent to office@ffnc.net.au.

Questions posed by telephone (or text to 0438 215 593) should be limited to issues that are of a nature that are both immediate and substantially easy to resolve.

Matters related to issues such as Governance, Finance, Regulations, Strategy, Concerns or Complaints can be directed in writing to general.manager@ffnc.net.au. Such correspondence should clearly outline what the issues are and further, what remedy (or remedies) is anticipated.

An assessment will be made at Football Far North Coast in response to the nature of the submissions received and the FFNC position subsequently communicated to the respective club(s) as appropriate.

We highlight that all relevant information regarding sanctioned football activity applicable to this region, is ordinarily found on the FFNC website (www.footballfarnorthcoast.com.au) and/or NNSWF website (www.northernnswfootball.com.au) and/or Football Australia website (www.footballaustralia.com.au).

Disclaimer

Information within this publication is current as at 30 January 2026.

The contents are subject to any review considered necessary by Football Far North Coast at any time. Changes to any aspect of the Regulations that may be reasonably considered to have a material impact on local football activity, will ordinarily be specifically communicated to member clubs when appropriate to do so.

The publication of competition regulations and FIFA Laws of the Game and relevant statutes and regulations in a range of accessible mediums, is considered an adequate means of providing necessary information to all participants and member clubs. The electronic publication of this information on the FFNC website will be considered as the current version should any disparity be found in hard copy publications.

FFNC will refute any claims for immunity from parties who either refer to incorrect information or seek to rely upon their lack of awareness of the terms of relevant information/regulations/statutes that may be concluded as being reasonably disclosed or available to them

About Football Far North Coast (FFNC) and Member Clubs

Football Far North Coast is the Peak Body that is responsible for the administration, promotion, and delivery of football across the Far North Coast region of New South Wales. Football Far North Coast Inc. is an Incorporated Association and is an independent/autonomous entity, that operates within the terms and authority as outlined in the Football Far North Coast Constitution.

It is anticipated that there will be approximately 25 member clubs affiliated to FFNC in 2026. These clubs are located exist from Woodburn Wolves FC in the South, to Tumbulgum Rangers SC in the North and Kyogle FC to the West.

FFNC is also responsible for the administration and development of local match officials, including supporting these individuals through the pathways that are provided by Northern NSW Football (NNSWF) and Football Australia (FA).

Life Members

Football Far North Coast

Robert George Beaumont (Deceased), Brian Breckenridge, Garry Butts, Julie Clifford, Jim Devine (Deceased), Doug Edwards, Michael Gaertner, Keith Harris (Deceased), Brian Harding (Deceased), Fay Mudge (Deceased), Armin Sandmann, Terry Walker (Deceased).

Far North Coast Referees

Charlie Sourry (Deceased), Robert George Beaumont (Deceased), Reginald Wiffen (Deceased), Alistair Watts, Barry Frances Such, Deen Mohammed (Deceased), Alexander 'Sandy' Smart, Kenneth Graham Hudson, Joseph Lucien Pisani (Deceased), David 'Dick' Nolan, Glen Darren Gibbs, William Kenneth Duffy, Kenneth George Cartwright, Clive Julian Owen, Lee MacMaster, Luke Mackney, Stuart Bradley, Len Keith, Thomas Rehbach

Far North Coast Women's Amateur Soccer Association

Callan McMillan Snr. (Deceased), Peter Klaus Snr, Sylvia Hammond, Allan Hampton, Marlene Croft, Vicki Bugden

Life Members at Respective FFNC Member Clubs

[Available here](#)

Football Hierarchy

- FIFA (World Body)
- Football Australia (National Body)
- State Federations (e.g. Northern NSW Football)
- Zones/Associations (e.g. Football Far North Coast)
- Affiliated Member Clubs
- Registered Participants (e.g. Players, Match Officials, Team Officials, Volunteers)
- Non-Registered Participants (e.g. Parents, Spectators, Supporters)

Football Far North Coast Contact Information

General Office Hours: Monday to Friday – 9:00am to 4:00pm* (* Normal Business Days)

Office & Postal Address: Suite 5/32 Gum Tree Drive, Goonellabah NSW 2480

Enquiries (Ordinarily Club authorised clubs delegates to FFNC)

Office: (02) 6625 1444 Mobile: 0438 215 593 (Steve Mackney)

General Enquiries: office@ffnc.net.au Other: general.manager@ffnc.net.au

Bank Details

Financial Institution: Newcastle Permanent Building Society

Account Name: Football Far North Coast

BSB: 650 300

Account Number: 509 829 102

ABN: 53 447 921 029

Club Contact Information

Football Far North Coast publishes information on the website relevant to each member club. Information that is published includes:

- Primary contact person
- Alternate contact person
- Wet weather contact person
- Member Protection Information Officer
- Club generic email address
- Club field location and field layout
- Club playing strips

This information can be accessed [here](#).

Lines of Communication



Modes of Communication

1. By email (or other written form) to club generic email from FFNC
2. By email (or other written form) from club generic email or authorised club delegate to FFNC
3. By phone (or text) to primary club delegate
4. By phone (or text) from authorised club delegate to FFNC
5. In person
6. FFNC information posted to FFNC website or otherwise online
7. NNSWF information posted to NNSWF website or otherwise online or eDM's distributed
8. FA information posted to FA website or otherwise online or eDM's distributed

Club Generic Email Addresses

The logic of a club generic email is to create a continuity of communication mechanisms from season to season. It is important for clubs to ensure that new (and remaining) club personnel can access/receive/retrieve all emails are sent to a consistent email address at each club.

Communication with respective member clubs will ordinarily occur by email to the nominated generic club email address.

FFNC Governance

Football Far North Coast is an Incorporated Association, that operates in accordance with the rules that are contained with its [Constitution](#).

Zone Committee (also known as Board of Directors)

There are to be no more than eight (8) Zone Committee Members at any given time, comprised as follows:

Six (6) Zone Committee Members who subject to article 10.2, are to be elected according to article 10.8; and up to two (2) other Zone Committee Members appointed according to article 10.11, at the absolute discretion of the existing Zone Committee.

Club Governance

Each FFNC club is an Incorporated Association. The Department of Fair Trading is responsible for providing the Framework for Incorporated Associations to operate.

An overview can be found [here](#).

The Constitution of an Incorporated Association is a contract between the association and its members, who agree to adhere to the provisions outlined in the Constitution.

Every Incorporated Association must have a Constitution. This can be the Model Constitution (as defined by Department of Fair Trading) or the association's own Constitution, which is recorded in the public register of Incorporated Associations, maintained by NSW Fair Trading.

Football clubs are required to adhere to the rules disclosed within its Constitution. These are typically a set of guidelines that allow committee members to make decisions about the running and organisation of the club while reporting to members on operational matters.

More information can be found via these links:

- [An Incorporated Associations Constitution](#)
- [Constitution and rules](#)

The Sport Governance Capability Framework includes Model Constitution templates for State Sporting Organisations, Associations and Clubs.

A Model Club Constitution template from the NSW Office of Sport can be found [here](#).

Annual Summary of Financial Affairs (A12 Return)

An Incorporated Association is required to lodge an annual summary of financial affairs within one (1) month after the holding of the AGM and not later than seven (7) months after the end of the financial year of the Incorporated Association, whichever is earlier.

Information to assist clubs can be found [here](#)

Each Member Club is required to submit evidence to FFNC annually, that it has lodged an A12 Return with the Department of Fair Trading.

Zone Membership & Club Affiliation

As defined under Article 3 of the Football Far North Coast Constitution:

Club Members – shall be those Clubs affiliated with Football Far North Coast Inc. and being registered by and approved to play under these Articles. Each Club Member shall have one (1) vote at any General Meeting of the Zone.

In practical terms, this means that an invitation is made to member clubs towards the end of each calendar year to enable clubs to submit an application (and payment) for Membership and Affiliation. A club that submits an application for Membership and Affiliation will be deemed to agree with the terms disclosed in the application, including the FFNC Constitution and the By-Laws, Statutes and Regulations referenced or aligned to Football Australia and Northern NSW Football.

Applications submitted for membership are considered by the FFNC Board of Directors (initially at the December Board Meeting) or as received in due course from applicant clubs.

Each approved member club is then requested to nominate a delegate to attend the Annual General Meeting.

Meetings

The NSW Government provides information regarding meetings for Incorporated Associations.

There are three main types of meetings usually held by associations. These are:

- Annual General Meetings (AGMs)
- Other general meetings (including Special General meetings)
- Management committee meetings

A summary of relevant information can be found [here](#).

Insurance

Insurance can be a complicated issue, with expectations sometimes being contrary to the depth of indemnity that may exist. Insurance products exist in various forms including a scope of coverage for 1) Personal Injury 2) Public & Products Liability 3) Professional Indemnity and 4) Management Liability.

Information about insurance coverage and procedures for submitting a claim should be directed to the insurance broker, Gow Gates Insurance Brokers.

Registered persons in nominated roles such as players, match officials and other non-playing officials, such as committee members, team managers, coaches and trainers, will ordinarily have access to insurance coverage within the terms defined/disclosed in the National Insurance Program/Policy. It provides access to Sports Personal Injury insurance, Public Liability & Professional Indemnity as well as Club Management Liability insurance coverage, subject to the terms and conditions of the policy.

Further information can be found [here](#).

Certificate of Currency

The Certificate of Currency is the formal document organised by NNSWF annually on behalf of each member club that confirms insurance coverage when clubs are hiring facilities through their local council or other entities.

Enquiries about the Certificate of Currency should be directed to:

Brett Hodgekiss (Club Support & Development Officer -Northern NSW Football)
Email: bhodgekiss@northernnswfootball.com.au

Member Protection Framework

The Member Protection Framework assists Football Australia and its affiliated Football Entities to provide a safe and enjoyable environment for all Members participating in football. Everyone involved in our sport should be treated with respect and dignity and be free to participate without being discriminated against, harassed, bullied or abused.

Further information about the framework can be found [here](#).

Working with Children Check

A Working with Children Check is a legal requirement for people who are engaged in child-related work in NSW. It involves a national criminal history check and a review of reportable workplace misconduct.

The result of a Working with Children Check is either a clearance to work with children for a period of five years, or a ban against working with children. Cleared applicants are subject to ongoing monitoring and relevant new records can lead to a clearance being revoked.

More information about the Working with Children Check can be found via the Office of the Children's Guardian [here](#). Specific requirements for clubs (as stipulated by Northern NSW Football) relevant to Working with Children Checks can be found [here](#).

Registration

All participants and club personnel must be registered in the national registration system that is called [PlayFootball](#).

This includes all:

- Players
- Coaches
- Volunteers
- Match Officials (referees)

Player Registration Fees

It is a requirement of Football Australia that player registration fees are provided to participants and that they clearly outline the fees that are imposed by FA, the State Federations (NNSWF), Member Zones (FFNC) and individual clubs. The table below provides a summary of the levies imposed at each level of the game (for season 2026) before club levies are applied.

Category	Age in season	FA Levy (inc. GST)	NNSWF Levy (inc. of all insurances) (inc. GST)	NNSWF Facilities Fund Contribution (inc. GST)	FFNC Player Registration Levy	Total before Club Levy
Entry Level	Player 5 years	\$ 18.00	\$ 17.60	\$ 2.20	NIL	\$ 37.80
	Player 6 years	\$ 18.00	\$ 17.60	\$ 2.20	NIL	\$ 37.80
	Player 7 years	\$ 18.00	\$ 17.60	\$ 2.20	NIL	\$ 37.80
Junior	Player 8 years	\$ 18.00	\$ 33.11	\$ 3.30	NIL	\$ 54.41
	Player 9 years	\$ 18.00	\$ 33.11	\$ 3.30	NIL	\$ 54.41
	Player 10 years	\$ 18.00	\$ 33.11	\$ 3.30	NIL	\$ 54.41
	Player 11 years	\$ 18.00	\$ 33.11	\$ 3.30	NIL	\$ 54.41
Youth	Player 12 years	\$ 18.00	\$ 44.00	\$ 5.50	NIL	\$ 67.50
	Player 13 years	\$ 18.00	\$ 44.00	\$ 5.50	NIL	\$ 67.50
	Player 14 years	\$ 18.00	\$ 44.00	\$ 5.50	NIL	\$ 67.50
	Player 15 years	\$ 18.00	\$ 44.00	\$ 5.50	NIL	\$ 67.50
	Player 16 years	\$ 18.00	\$ 44.00	\$ 5.50	NIL	\$ 67.50
	Player 17 years	\$ 18.00	\$ 44.00	\$ 5.50	NIL	\$ 67.50
	Player 18 years	\$ 18.00	\$ 44.00	\$ 5.50	NIL	\$ 67.50
Senior Amateur	Player 19+ years	\$ 42.00	\$ 125.29	\$ 7.70	NIL	\$ 174.99

Every club must submit their player participation levies template to Football Far North Coast. Once approved, clubs are required to setup registration products so that registrations can commence for your club.

Refund Policy (NNSWF and FA)

The liability for registration fees exists relevant to each individual player is comprised of components (including GST where applicable) payable to (1) Football Australia (2) Northern NSW Football and (3) Member Club.

Football Far North Coast does not impose any registration fee directly against any player. The disclosure is however made that FFNC has a schedule of Team Nomination Fees applicable to respective clubs each season.

A registered player who does not participate in a fixture and has not been listed on a match sheet, can be deregistered not later than 28th May 2026 applicable to FFNC Competition Regulations and specifically eligibility to participate.

NNSWF and FA each determine what refund policy they use.

[Northern NSW Football Refund Policy](#)

[Football Australia National Registration Fee Refund Policy](#)

Notwithstanding the conditions outlined above, an individual club can formulate its own refund policy for the club component of player levies.

Active Kids and Creative Voucher

The Active and Creative Kids Program provides 2 x \$50 vouchers (that are means-tested) for parents, guardians and carers of school-enrolled children. Voucher one is available from 15th January for use by 31st December of the same year. Voucher two is available from 15th July for use by 14th July of the following year.

One voucher per eligible participant can be used towards player participation levies.

The value of Active Kids and Creative Vouchers cannot be redeemed for cash (or value other than the registration of the child to which the voucher is issued) and cannot not be transferred to another individual.

More information about the Active and Creative Kids Program can be found [here](#).

Team Nomination Fees

FFNC introduced a zero FFNC component into the schedule of player registration fees in 2025. This was replaced by a team nomination fee model. This model will also apply in 2026.

The table below outlines the team nomination fee that is applicable per age grade or senior league team. The team nominated fee is calculated based on the nominal maximum number of players relevant to each junior age group or senior team/squad (e.g. 7 players per entry level team and 18 players per senior team/squad).

Grades 6 and 7	\$190.00 per team plus GST
Grade 8 and 9	\$350.00 per team plus GST
Grade 10 and 11	\$450.00 per team plus GST
Grade 12 to 16	\$600.00 per team plus GST
Senior Leagues	\$1,040.00 per team plus GST

Team Nominations

Clubs are invited to nominate teams to participate each season in response to the following;

- Coles MiniRoos teams (ages 6 to 11)
- Junior competition teams (ages 12 to 16)
- Senior League teams

Clubs are invited to nominate teams on the relevant JotForm's that will be distributed to each club in February and March.

Application for an Exemption

An Application for an Exemption is used in circumstances where a CLUB seeks to receive a concession to support reasonable participation for a player who may otherwise be excluded for various reasons for the winter pointscore season (i.e. junior competitions/senior leagues or Coles MiniRoos).

Exemptions are not considered for any ANZAC Day Cup or Callan McMillan competitions.

The Application for an Exemption JotForm, along with further information about the types of exemptions that can be applied for, can be found in 'Resources' then 'Competition Forms' on the FFNC website.

Ground Officials

A Ground Official (formerly known as Duty Officer) is an individual (aged at least 18 years) appointed by a respective club to be a central resource to support and monitor appropriate behaviour. An individual must be registered in playfootball as a volunteer to be authorised to act in the role of a ground official.

All clubs are required to have a visible and vigilant Ground Official at their venue (one Ground Official per each field where a game is being played). The Ground Official will act as a contact for match officials when assistance is required (e.g. ground repair, spectator abuse etc.) and will support the delivery of football to ensure a safe and positive experience for all participants; including players, team officials, match officials and spectators.

For a more detailed outline about the role of a Ground Official, click [here](#).

Procedures to Complete a Match Sheet

FFNC has prepared a procedure document to assist team officials with the completion of a match sheet on game day. It is important that match sheets are completed correctly and in full to assist with various administrative matters.

The procedure for how to complete a match sheet can be found [here](#).

Entering Match Results Online

Results for each competition fixture (junior and senior) are required to be entered online in Game Day by the club that is listed as the HOME club (i.e. the club that is listed first in the draw). Match results must be entered online not later than 11pm each Sunday for weekend fixtures or not later than 11pm the same night for midweek fixtures. Alternatively, results can be emailed to office@ffnc.net.au within the same timelines.

A procedure outlining the process for clubs to enter results can be found [here](#). For further support, please contact office@ffnc.net.au.

Wet Weather Procedure

It is assumed that fields are open unless notification is specifically provided by the club, local council or FFNC prior to scheduled fixtures to say that they have been closed. A field can also be deemed unsuitable for play by the appointed match official on the day of the fixture.

Once a ground/field has been deemed to be unsuitable for play, the HOME club should call or text Steve Mackney on 0438 215 593 to advise of the field closure AND to seek instructions on any potential rescheduling.

For more information about the wet weather procedure, click [here](#).

NNSWF & FA Policies

Lightning Policy

Football Far North Coast has adopted the Lightning Policy developed by Northern NSW Football.

Details of the policy can be found [here](#).

Hot Weather Policy

In accordance with information supplied by Sports Medicine Australia, Northern NSW Football has developed a Hot Weather Policy (adopted by FFNC) for Community Football to protect participants from the effects of heat and humidity.

The policy can be found [here](#).

Sun Protection Policy

The Sun Protection Policy developed by Northern NSW Football should be used in conjunction with the Hot Weather Policy listed above.

The policy can be found [here](#).

Photography Policy

Northern NSW Football has developed a policy to assist clubs and their members about expectations in relation to videoing or taking photos of participants on game day (or other functions). This also includes best practices as to how images may be shared.

The policy can be found [here](#).

The [Football Australia Member Protection Framework](#) also includes reference to images and videos of children.

Privacy Policy

Football Australia recognises the importance of privacy and that an individual has a right to control their personal information.

This Privacy Policy is based on national privacy principles in the Privacy Act 1988 and governs how Football Australia handles the personal information it collects/uses/discloses and stores.

This policy relates to personal information on constituents and can be found [here](#).

Concussion Policy

Football Australia provide guidelines and general advice regarding the management of concussion in football in Australia.

The guidelines can be found [here](#).

Regulations & Procedures

In addition to the FIFA Laws of the Game and Football Australia Statutes, there are specific regulations relevant to each of the FFNC competitions (pre-season, pointscore season, finals series and post-season).

Any breach in relation to the competition regulations are subject to fines and/or penalties as disclosed in the competition regulations.

Regulations & Procedures can be found on the FFNC website and these are updated annually.

Information is published in a range of sections, including PLAYER headquarters, COACH headquarters, REFEREE headquarters, VOLUNTEER headquarters and CLUB headquarters.

Football Australia Statutes and Regulations

Statutes and Regulations introduced by Football Australia are binding on each constituent involved directly, or indirectly, in the game.

These can be accessed from the [Football Australia website](#).

National Spectator Code of Behaviour

Any person who does not comply with the Spectator Code of Behaviour or who otherwise causes a disturbance may be evicted from a venue and may be banned from attending future matches.

The National Spectator Code of Behaviour can be found [here](#)

Football Australia National Code of Conduct and Ethics Regulations

The Football Australia National Code of Conduct and Ethics (Code) aims to promote and strengthen the reputation of football in Australia by establishing a standard of conduct expected from all Constituents. In addition, it seeks to deter conduct that could impair public confidence in the safe, fair, honest and ethical conduct of matches and competitions or in the integrity and good character of football and its participants.

The FA National Code of Conduct and Ethics Regulations can be found [here](#).

Match Officials Payments Clubs Liability

Clubs will be invoiced for all match officials appointments for their respective teams based on the schedule of payments due and payable relative to each competition shown below (i.e. ALL Home & Away fixtures).

There will be NO cash payments made to match officials for COMPETITION Fixtures.

Each Individual Member Club participating in a FRIENDLY/TRIAL fixture is required to arrange CASH payment to match officials on the day of the friendly/trial. The HOME club is however ultimately responsible for ensuring that match officials receive the FULL payment due to them.

The schedule of payments is based on the highest League/Grade playing in the friendly/trial.

Pointscore / Finals / Friendlies	Full Amounts Payable Per Club		
League / Grade	Centre	Assistant Referee 1	Assistant Referee 2
Men's Premier League	\$65	\$30	\$30
Men's Championship League	\$55	\$25	\$25
Men's League 1 - 4	\$45	\$25	\$25
Men's League 5 - 7	\$45	\$23	\$23
Women's Premier League	\$50	\$25	\$25
Women's League 2 - 5	\$45	\$23	\$23
Grade 16	\$30	\$15	\$15
Grade 15	\$30		
Grade 14	\$25		
Grade 13	\$20		
Grade 12	\$20		

> Clubs are liable for Match Official Payments (invoiced by FFNC) for all pointscore fixtures and Semi-Finals/Finals.
 > FFNC will be liable for Match Official Payments applicable for all GRAND FINALS.

Pre-season Competitions

ANZAC Day Cup & Callan McMillan	Full Amounts Payable Per Club		
Competition	Centre	Assistant Referee 1	Assistant Referee 2
Men's Premier League	\$65	\$30	\$30
Men's Open A	\$50	\$25	\$25
Men's Open B	\$45	\$23	\$23
Men's Open C	\$45	\$23	\$23
Grade 16	\$25	\$15	\$15
Callan McMillan A	\$50	\$25	\$25
Callan McMillan B	\$45	\$23	\$23

> Clubs are liable for Match Official Payments (invoiced by FFNC) for all ADC & CM fixtures and Semi-Finals.
 > FFNC will be liable for Match Official Payments applicable for all ANZAC Day Cup & Callan McMillan FINALS.

Coles MiniRoos Playing Formats



Coles MiniRoos is small-sided football that is designed for kids of all abilities, aged 5–11 years to promote inclusiveness, engagement, and technical ability.

Players progress through the Coles MiniRoos formats of 4x4, 7x7 and 9x9 (see below).

	Grade 6 & 7	Grade 8 & 9	Grade 10 & 11
Players on the Field	4 players (plus 3 interchange players)	7 players (plus 4 interchange players)	9 players (plus 5 interchange players)
Field Size	Length: 30m Width: 20m	Length: 40 - 50m Width: 30 - 40m	Length: 60 - 70m Width: 40 - 50m
Field Markings	Markers or line markings	Markers or line markings	Markers or line markings
Penalty Area	No penalty area	5m x 12m	10m x 20m
Goal Size	Width: 2m Height: 1m	Width: 3m Height: 2m	Width: 5m Height: 2m
Goal Type	Goals, poles or markers	Goals, poles or markers	Goals, poles or markers
Ball Size	Size 3	Size 3	Size 4
Goalkeeper	No	Yes	Yes
Game Time	2 x 20 mins	2 x 20 mins	2 x 25 mins
Half Time break	5 mins	5 mins	5 mins
Referee	Game Leader (Coaches)	Game Leader (Coaches)	Game Leader (Coaches)
Points & Finals	No	No	No

Any person who coaches a Coles MiniRoos team is required to be registered as a Coach/Team Official in PlayFootball.

New and inexperienced coaches can also enrol in a Coles MiniRoos Coaching Certificate to assist with their understanding of the game and focus on developing practices that are based on fun.

Coles MiniRoos Gala Days

Coles MiniRoos Gala Days are hosted by individual clubs and are primarily for the purpose of fun and participation whilst providing host clubs with a valuable source of revenue from fundraising activities that can take place throughout the day.

Coles MiniRoos Gala Days must be sanctioned by Football Far North Coast with applications to host a Gala Day to be made via the JotForm provided in advance of each season. The schedule of Coles MiniRoos Gala Days for season 2026 is outlined below:

Uki Pythons FC	Sunday 12 th April
Dunoon United FC	Sunday 31 st May
Lismore Thistles SC	Sunday 14 th June
Casino RSM Cobras FC	Sunday 21 st June
Byron Bay FC	Sunday 28 th June (Girls Only Gala Day)
Lismore Richmond Rovers FC	Sunday 28 th June
South Lismore FC	Sunday 26 th July
Alstonville FC	Sunday 2 nd August
Ballina SC	Sunday 30 th August

Guide to Assist your Club in hosting a Coles MiniRoos Gala Day

STEP ONE

- Club considers the scope of the Gala Day (i.e. Number of teams that can be accepted)
- Note that Gala Days are for MINIROOS teams;
- Club sends an invitation to opposition clubs say 4 weeks prior to date of Gala Day. This may include clubs from FQ;
- Specify details like nomination cost (see below)

STEP TWO

- Make an assessment of how many teams are nominated (after the deadline);
- Advise clubs whether their teams are IN or OUT?

STEP THREE

- Work out a preliminary draw;
- Note that a 9am start is typically the earliest;
- Final games scheduled to start at 1:35pm;
 - Games starting every 25 minutes (20 minute games (no halftime); 5 minute break between end of one game and start of another game

Note that the goal should be to achieve 4-5 games per team, rather than finishing at a certain time. The final game start time will typically depend on the number of fields that you have available and number of teams nominated, so if this means that Gala Day is done by say 12:30pm then that would be sufficient. It is best that teams don't have too much time 'off' between games. For example, no team is scheduled to spend more than 'two consecutive' games off the field.

Clubs should offer a medallion for each participating players at their Gala Day (note that this is not a requirement). Note that Gala Days are non-competitive (meaning no points awarded etc).

Venue and Field Information

Venue Locations and Field Abbreviations

A summary of field name abbreviations (and their locations) can be found [here](#).

An interactive map of each field location can be found [here](#).

Field Layouts

Football Far North Coast has produced information to assist clubs and their members with the layouts of fields at respective club home venues.

A summary of the layout of fields at each club venue can be found [here](#) and further by clicking on the 'Club Contacts & Information' bar under each club logo.

Field Marking Guide

It is important that fields are 'fit for purpose' each game day. One of these components is ensuring field marking are correctly marked and visible and are in accordance with the FIFA Laws of the Game.

A field marking guide that can be provided to the person/s responsible for field marking, is available [here](#).

Field Lighting Requirements

Australian Standard AS2560.2.3 stipulates that field light needs to meet the following criteria for amateur night football (competition) to be played:

- Minimum average lux reading 100 lux
- Minimum Uniformity 1 (minimum lux reading divided by average lux reading) of 0.5
- Minimum Uniformity 2 (minimum lux reading divided by maximum lux reading) of 0.3.

FFNC requires a 'compliant' audit for every competition sized field every three years for night games to be considered. In conjunction, FFNC requires a Lighting Audit Certification signed by the Service Provider that confirms the field lighting conforms to AS2560.2.3. This document can be accessed [here](#).

For more information relevant to field lighting requirements, contact office@ffnc.net.au

Grants & Funding

Each year there are a number of grants available to sporting organisations in NSW.

Various FFNC clubs have been the recipients of these grants over the years and club administrators should be aware of the opportunities existing for financial support to help further develop their club.

Grants are a valuable source of finance for activities, events and facilities. There are several organisations both in New South Wales and Australia that offer grants to sport and recreation clubs.

A list of various grant opportunities can be found [here](#).

More information about Grant Funding can be obtained from Gary Fisher, Government Relations Manager, Northern NSW Football (gfisher@northernnswfootball.com.au).

Government Grants

Each year the Office of Sport provides government grants to nurture sporting talent, help build sports facilities and develop the industry as a whole.

Further information can be found [here](#).

Northern NSW Football Facilities Fund

The Northern NSW Football Facilities Fund is an initiative of NNSWF, which has been established to provide funding assistance to community football clubs to partner with local stakeholders to improve the quality, availability and standard of their facilities.

The following component of season player levies is allocated to the NNSWF Facilities Fund.

- Entry Level (age 5-7): \$2.00 per player
- Junior (age 8-11): \$3.00 per player
- Youth (age 12-18): \$5.00 per player
- Senior (age 19+): \$7.00 per player

The Program aims to improve football facilities for a variety of benefits including increasing participation, improving safety and security, assisting in building stronger communities through football and improving the overall football experience for all stakeholders.

For more information contact Gary Fisher at gfisher@northernnswfootball.com.au

Season Calendar

The Season Calendar provides an overview of season events and timelines. The document is periodically updated throughout the season, and it can be accessed via the Football Far North Coast website. It is recommended that clubs familiarise themselves with the season calendar to ensure that they are aware of upcoming events and relevant timelines.

A link to the Season Calendar can be found [here](#).

Friendlies

Friendlies are defined as a 'game type activity that involves players from more than one club'. Such activities can only proceed if sanctioned by Football Far North Coast (and also by the relevant zone where a club is affiliated outside FFNC).

The application JotForm for a friendly game can be found [here](#).

The above link also includes the terms relevant to the sanctioning of friendly games and match official payment information.

Playing Strips

The requirements relevant to playing strips are defined within Law 4 of the International Laws of the Game. The components of a playing strip are at least (1) shirt (2) shorts and (3) socks. These are part of various compulsory equipment that also includes (4) shin guards and (5) footwear.

Consistent with competition regulations, each club is required to submit the design and colours that are proposed for each playing strip worn by respective competition teams (i.e. Grade 12 – senior). This includes the playing shirt, shorts and socks worn by outfield players and the shirt worn by a goalkeeper.

In most cases, the same playing strips will carry over from season to season, however it is a valid requirement that the design and colours for each playing strip are submitted to FFNC annually.

Where a clash of playing strips exists, it is a requirement for the HOME club to source an alternate playing strip (that has been approved by FFNC) for the fixture.

A summary of requirements relevant to playing strips in FFNC competition fixtures (age 12 to senior) is outlined below:

- Each team must wear a playing strip that is distinctive from the opposition team (rules also apply to goalies);
- Players (except the goalie) in each respective competition team must wear the same design/colour in relation to the (1) Shirt (2) Shorts and (3) Socks;
- Each playing shirt must have a distinctive number that reflects the details recorded on the match sheet and the number must be visible by the referee during on-field play;
- The socks worn by opposition players (whether home or away) are to be different in colour;
- A goalie must wear a playing strip (at least the shirt) that is clearly different in colour from any other player in either team (and the referee) in a respective match;
- A goalie shirt must have a number on the back (ordinarily #1 but can be any other distinctive number) and must correspond with the details on the match sheet;
- A goalie cannot be interchanged to a field position unless they are wearing the same playing strip (i.e. shirt, shorts, socks) as other outfield players on their same team;
- Each interchange player is required to wear a bib when occupying the Technical Area. Note that bibs should be a colour that is distinct from the playing shirts (e.g. white bibs are not okay for white shirts).

Playing strips for each club can be found [here](#).

Match Official Recruitment

Match officials typically come from individuals who already play, coach or support a CLUB, so the reality is that your players, your coaches, your parents, your supporters, are the people who need to step up and officiate. It is therefore necessary that clubs assist with efforts to encourage more people to become a referee.

All Match Officials are introduced to officiating through the C3 New Referees Course.

Football Far North Coast provides various opportunities (usually in the November to May period) for interested people (aged at least 13 years) to participate in a C3 New Referees Course.

More information on becoming a match official is available [here](#).

Future dates for the practical component of the various referee courses can be found [here](#).

For further enquiries, please contact Mark Carter, Regional Referee Education & Development Officer, Northern NSW Football (mcarter@nothernnswfootball.com.au).

Coaching Courses and Resources

Information relevant to attending an upcoming coaching courses can be found [here](#).

Club Changer

Information is made available online via the Football Australia link shown below, providing a guide to a range of information relevant to community clubs.

- [Club Changer Summary](#)

Football Community & Programs

[Female Football](#)

[Kick-On for Women](#)

[Gala Days](#)

[Walking Football](#)

[Daughters and Dads](#)

[Football4All](#)

[Northern NSW Football Services Guide](#)

