**Fair Play at summer 5-a-side Competition**

Mosman Football Club (MFC) seeks to provide a fun and safe environment for all players and spectators participating in its summer 5-a-side competition. A key aim of the competition is to build a bridge between winter football seasons by providing participants with an enjoyable and friendly way to get some exercise over the Spring/Summer months. We encourage all participants to exercise fair play while they enjoy what the competition has to offer.

To foster fair play, players are required to comply with all relevant codes of conduct, rules, policies, procedures, etc. issued by Football NSW, the Manly Warringah Football Association (MWFA) and the Club as a condition of participating in the Club’s 5-a-side competition. Players specifically agree to do this upon registering to participate in the competition. Spectators must also comply with the MWFA Spectator Code of Conduct.

For the absence of doubt, and to reinforce the need for fair play, the following highlight key aspects of requirements that must be adhered to at all times when participating in Mosman FC’s summer 5-a-side competition.

* Referees must be treated with respect by all participants. Referees are not to be abused at any point. The referee’s decision is final and not negotiable.
* Violent and aggressive play, serious foul play, unsporting behaviour, foul and abusive language and unacceptable conduct (which includes fighting, threatening behaviour, entering the playing pitch when not involved in the game and being abusive to referees or Mosman club volunteers or staff members) will not be tolerated. Players exhibiting such behaviour will be penalized.
* Referees are required to make match reports highlighting any unsporting behaviour, serious foul play, violent or aggressive play, foul and abusive language and/or unacceptable conduct noted during a game or before all players have left the area where the competition is being held. The matter may, in the first instance, be reported to the MFC President, Judiciary and Disciplinary Officer and/or Football Operations and Development Officer who will decide on the appropriate course forward bearing in mind the circumstances and having regard to the Club’s Constitution. Offenders should note that a range of disciplinary action is open to the Club, at its discretion. Disciplinary action may include a ban or suspension from the competition, without refund of registration fees, for a period any duration as determined by the Club.
* The referee may punish infringements with a yellow or red card. A **yellow card will result in the player being sin-binned** for five minutes, in which time they may not be replaced by another player. The sin-binned player may only re-enter the field of play when the referee indicates they may do so.
* Where a player is given a **red card, they must leave the field immediately** and may play no further part in the game. They may not be replaced by another player. Players receiving a red card during a MFC summer 5-a-side game will receive an automatic one week suspension from the competition. They will not be eligible to play at the team’s next scheduled 5-a-side game and cannot play for another 5-a-side team during the period of suspension. Should the offence warrant it, the player may be otherwise sanctioned as determined by the Club. The nature and duration of any sanction will be at the discretion of the Club.
* In the event of persistent or extreme abuse or bad or unsporting behaviour, the referee has the power to abandon the game which may result in the disqualification of one or both teams or its players from the competition.

Players should also note that, for safety reasons, **slide tackles are not allowed**. In addition, the wearing of approved shin pads under full length socks is compulsory. Football boots with studs or blades are not permitted. Preferred footwear includes indoor football shoes, turf shoes (recommended) and trainers/sand shoes. Players wearing inappropriate footwear or who do not have the requisite shin pads will not be allowed to play.

October 2021