



## Caithness Amateur sevens Football League

### **Introduction**

The following is a comprehensive list of rules and regulations relating to the playing of small-sided Football as designated by the Caithness Amateur sevens football league, also known as CASFA and Caithness 7s. The general rules and regulations will cover all competitions organised by CASFL and will include competitions organised by organisations that fall within the CASFL umbrella.

In particular these rules relate to:

1. General terms and conditions covering entry to the league.
2. General terms and conditions covering participation in CASFL competition.
3. General terms and conditions covering individual matches
4. The Laws of the game.
5. The Discipline Procedures.
6. Extraordinary Disciplinary issues

### **1.0 General terms and conditions covering Entry to the League.**

- 1.1 All teams will seek election to the league prior to the commencement of the new season.
  - 1.1.1 Election to CASFL is by invitation only.
  - 1.1.2 When appropriate clubs will receive preferential status based on their association and participation history, however; the organising committee will administer the final decision.
- 1.2 All teams invited to join CASFL will be required to attend the organised Annual General Meeting of CASFL (AGM) where each interested team will be advised of their entry into the League.
- 1.3 Clubs who have accrued outstanding fines from the previous season are technically considered to be in debt suspension until said debt is cleared, as a result teams who are considered to be Debt suspended must clear said debt prior to seeking election into the new season
- 1.4 Provision will be made at the AGM for clubs to exit debt suspension by settling the debt in full.
  - 1.4.1 Participating clubs from the previous year will be advised by E-mail of outstanding fines prior to the AGM.
- 1.5 Any team failing to gain entry to the league will be advised of their failure, however; no reason for failure will be given. In some instances the organising committee may give advice on how to improve the opportunity of gaining election to CASFL at the next available opportunity.
- 1.6 All elected teams agree to abide by the rules and articles of association of CASFL and the governing body of Scottish football.

- 1.7 Teams gaining entry to the new season will be required to complete the specified registration documentation (Doc CASFL-001-Registration) in full immediately following the completion of the AGM.
  - 1.7.1 Each team will supply the names of two responsible individuals who will act as Team secretary and vice secretary.
  - 1.7.2 Contact details provided must be for the two nominated individuals, it is not permissible to supply two different E-Mail addresses for the same individual.
  - 1.7.3 Specified club officials must be a minimum of 18 years of age on or before the commencement of the AGM.
  - 1.7.4 The nominated individuals will act as first point of contact for all communications between the CASFL organising committee and the designated team.
  - 1.7.5 It is the responsibility of the club to ensure that club contact details are registered with the organising committee and kept up to date at all times.
  - 1.7.6 In the event of a change of responsible individual, the club will complete document CASFL-0001-Registration and E-Mail a scanned copy of the completed form to the Registration secretary within 5 working days
- 1.8 Failure to complete the documentation in full, legibly and submit it to the organising committee could result in the withdrawal of the team from the competition for that season.
- 1.9 Each club participating in the new season will be required to submit an initial payment of 40% of the agreed registration fee (or £100-00 whichever is the greater of the two values) before the close of the AGM. Outstanding fines from the previous season will be paid in addition to the 40% registration fee.
- 1.10 The Committee will determine a suitable date (Typically within the first quartile of the new season) where all registration fees must be paid in full.
- 1.11 There is a constitutional and mandatory requirement for member clubs of CASFL to affiliated to the governing body (SAFA)
  - 1.11.1 It is permissible for clubs to affiliate to the governing body through a parent club; however it is the responsibility of the scion club to verify affiliation status in a timely manner.
  - 1.11.2 It is the responsibility of the member club to procure, complete and submit the appropriate affiliation along with the required fee to the governing body in a timely manner.
  - 1.11.3 CASFL will assume that all clubs comply with this requirement and do not accept responsibility for organising or verifying affiliation to the governing Body (SAFA).
- 1.12 There is a constitutional and mandatory requirement for member clubs of CASFL to procure the required Public Liability and Personal Accident Insurance as determined by the Governing body (SAFA) at the start of each new season.
  - 1.12.1 Where affiliation is provided by a parent club it is the responsibility scion club to check and verify that the required Public and Personal insurance coverage is in place and up to date.
  - 1.12.2 CASFL will assume that all clubs comply with this requirement and do not accept responsibility for organising or verifying possession of suitable insurance.
  - 1.12.3 CASFL will randomly select 3 clubs and request confirmation of Insurance, if non-compliance is encountered all member clubs will be required to provide proof of Insurance.

## **2.0 General terms and conditions covering participation in CASFL competition**

- 2.1 Each club, player and official is expected to understand the rules governing participation in CASFL organised competitions and comply honestly and consistently with said rules.
- 2.2 It is the responsibility of member clubs to ensure that all official documentation is the latest and most up to date revision, by accessing the CASFL official web site and downloading the relevant document from the download page.
- 2.3 In order to prevent clashes with other organisations in the general locality the CASFL season will commence on the first Monday of September or where appropriate the first scheduled league match after that date and will be determined by the organising committee.
  - 2.3.1 In addition, the season will be considered to finish on the last Saturday of March to prevent clashes with other organisations in the general locality.
  - 2.3.2 The organising committee will take appropriate steps to ensure that the league starts and finishes within the parameters specified in section 2.3 and 2.3.1 above.
- 2.4 Each club is required to register all participating players and officials with the organising committee.
  - 2.4.1 In order to be eligible for registration as a player the Individual must be a minimum of 16 years of age. Once a player reaches the minimum age they will be eligible for registration as a player from the date of their 16<sup>th</sup> Birthday.
  - 2.4.2 Any player who will reach the age of 16 on or before the last day of October will be eligible to register as a player from the start of the new season.
  - 2.4.3 Member clubs can register a maximum of 3 development players between the ages of 14 and 16 years if the following criteria is met.
    - 2.4.3.1 Development players must be 14 years or older on or before 1<sup>st</sup> September
    - 2.4.3.2 Players under the age of 16 years are considered to be development players and should not be considered integral members of the squad.
    - 2.4.3.3 The Organising committee reserves the right to Veto or cancel the registration of an underage player should they consider there to be sufficient grounds.
  - 2.4.3 Individuals not registered members of CASFL are considered to be ineligible
  - 2.4.4 Each club is required to register players using the specified player registration document (Doc CASFL002-Player Registration) and E-Mail a scanned copy to the registration secretary at least 24 hours prior to "Kick-off"
  - 2.4.5 Each club will complete (Doc CASFL-0003-Registration Matrix) at the beginning of each season and E-Mail a scanned copy of the document (containing at least 7 registered players) to the registration secretary at least 5 working days before the first scheduled match.
  - 2.4.6 The original will be retained by each individual club as a means of record keeping.
  - 2.4.7 In exceptional circumstances a player may be registered immediately prior to "kick off" at the discretion of the committee chairman, however; the club must convince the Chairman that the circumstances are exceptional. The committee Chairman will Sign and date the registration document to confirm acceptance of the short notice registration.
- 2.5 Clubs are entitled to register player throughout the season up to the specified cut-off date of December 31<sup>st</sup>, after that date new registrations will not be accepted.
  - 2.5.1 In exceptional circumstances a player may be registered after December 31<sup>st</sup> at the discretion of the committee chairman, however; the club must convince the Chairman that the circumstances are exceptional. The committee Chairman will Sign and date the registration document to confirm acceptance of the short notice registration.
- 2.6 Clubs may sign unregistered players after December 31<sup>st</sup> if the following criteria are met

- 2.6.1 The player has not played competitive football (Including Trialist appearances) in another league or organisation out with CASFL between 1<sup>st</sup> September and the proposed date of registration.
- 2.6.2 Where a player is released from a league or organisation immediately prior to 1<sup>st</sup> September, the player and club will take reasonable steps to provide documentary evidence of the player's release
- 2.6.3 The club wishing to register the player post 31<sup>st</sup> December must convince the Chairman that the circumstances are exceptional. The committee Chairman will Sign and date the registration document to confirm acceptance of the short notice registration.
  
- 2.7 The organising committee reserves the right to veto the signing of any particular player or Club official that they consider unsuitable, however; no reason for failure will be given to the club attempting to register said player or official.
  - 2.7.1 In the event of an individual being vetoed by the committee, said individual will be entitled to appeal to the committee for an opportunity to attend a hearing to state his or her case.
  - 2.7.2 The vetoed individual must request a hearing in writing addressed to the CASFL Committee.
  - 2.7.3 If the appeal to the CASFL committee fails the individual will be entitled to appeal this decision to the governing body of Scottish football should they so wish. In such circumstance the committee will provide the individual with all appropriate documentation to enable compliance with the governing body appeals procedure.
  
- 2.8 Each club must register a minimum of 7 and a maximum of 16 players with the Registration secretary.
  
- 2.9 Each registered player will be allocated a unique CASFL registration number issued by the registration secretary.
  - 2.9.1 The unique registration number will be issued once to each player and will remain the registration number of said player for subsequent seasons.
  - 2.9.2 It is the responsibility of the registering club to inform the registered player of the allocated registration number and ensure that the appropriate registration number is recorded on documents CASFL-0002-Player registration (With the exception of the first ever registration of said player) CASFL-0003-Registration Matrix, CASFL-0004-Team Lines, CASFL-0006-Player Release.
  - 2.9.3 It is the responsibility of all registered players to know and remember their unique CASFL registration number and where necessary immediately provide the allocated registration number to match officials, Club officials and the Organising committee.
  
- 2.10 All players registered with clubs participating in leagues out with CASFL are specifically excluded from participating in CASFL organised competitions (Including Umbrella organisations).
  - 2.10.1 Players registered with CASFL who are less than 18 years of age are able to register and play an unlimited amount of games for clubs participating in competitive leagues out with CASFL, However; once a player reaches their 18<sup>th</sup> Birthday they can only be registered as a player in ONE league.
  - 2.10.2 In an event where a player is released from a team participating in a league out with CASFL the player in question will become eligible to play in CASFL competitions 14 days after the committee receives confirmation of the players release in writing.
  - 2.10.3 It is the responsibility of the released player (and the club wishing to field the released player) to ensure that the appropriate release documentation is scanned and E-Mailed to the registration secretary.
  - 2.10.4 It is the responsibility of the Club to ensure that the 14 day waiting period is completed prior to fielding the released player.
  
- 2.11 CASFL provides the facility for clubs to field players designated as a "Trialist" however it is the responsibility of the individual and the club to verify that players meet the following criteria

- 2.11.1 The individual to be designated as a "Trialist" is only entitled to play as a "Trialist" on a total of 2 occasions over the period of the season.
- 2.11.2 The player in question can either play 2 "Trialist" games for one specific club or play one "Trialist" game for 2 different clubs over the space of a season.
- 2.11.3 Clubs wishing to field a "Trialist" must complete form CASFL-0012-Trialist for each player designated "trialist" and present the completed form immediately prior to kick off.
- 2.12 With the exception of players designated as a "Trialist" all players must be registered with the organising committee at least 24 hours prior to kick off.
- 2.13 Clubs are expected to release players in a timely manner and the individual informed of his or her release from the playing squad.
  - 2.13.1 Details of the release from the playing squad will be recorded on the designated Player release form (Doc CASFL-0006-Player release) scanned and E-Mailed to the Registration secretary within 3 days of release.
  - 2.13.2 Good practice suggests that a copy of the completed release form should be supplied to the released player as evidence of the release.
  - 2.13.3 Where a player has requested a release from a particular club, the recognised club official must release said player and complete the documentation within 3 days of the original request.
  - 2.13.4 Where a club fails to release a player within the 3 day period the player can appeal directly to the organising committee.
  - 2.13.5 A released player is entitled to join another participating club within CASFL if the following criterion is met
    - 2.13.5.1 The Organising committee have confirmed receipt of the correct release form.
    - 2.13.5.2 The released player is joining another club before the signing deadline (Typically 31<sup>st</sup> December)
    - 2.13.5.3 The club the released player wishes to join can accommodate the signing within the allocated number of registered players.
- 2.14 Each team will complete official team lines (Doc CASFL004-Team Lines) accurately and legibly before submission to the allocated match official prior to kick off.
  - 2.14.1 Only official and current versions of Team lines will be deemed acceptable.
  - 2.14.2 It is not permissible to alter or adjust submitted team lines after the match has kicked off.
  - 2.14.3 It is not permissible to submit team lines to anyone other than the allocated match official.
  - 2.14.4 The club retains responsibility for ensuring that official team lines are submitted in a timely manner.
- 2.15 Final league positions affecting critical placing such as promotion, relegation and champions will be determined by total points accrued.
  - 2.15.1 Where clubs finish in a critical position with matching points a decision will be reached by means of an additional game or games, designated as a Playoff match.
  - 2.15.2 Where teams finish level on points in a non-critical placing that does not affect promotion, relegation or the championship, teams will share the designated finishing position.
- 2.16 A league will contain a minimum of 6 and a maximum of 13 participating clubs.
  - 2.16.1 The parameters specified in section 2.12 are based on the most efficient use of time, cost and the space constraints of the current venue.
  - 2.16.2 The preferred population of a league is 12 and the organising committee will wherever possible achieve the optimum by fair and reasonable means.
  - 2.16.3 Where the quantity of clubs seeking election to CASFL meets or exceed 30 the organising committee will investigate the viability of creating a third league.
  - 2.16.4 Where the quantity of clubs seeking election to CASFL exceeds 26 but fails to reach 30 the committee will decide which clubs to elect to the league.

### **3.0 General terms and conditions covering individual matches.**

- 3.1 Teams are expected to be punctual and ready to kick off at the scheduled time slot.
- 3.2 Teams will be allocated a 5 minute grace period beyond the scheduled Kick off time to field an appropriate team.
  - 3.2.1 It is the responsibility of the allocated Match official to monitor the “5 Minute” grace period and take appropriate action, by either commencing the match or abandoning the fixture.
  - 3.2.2 Should a team fail to field a team consisting of a minimum of 5 players within the allotted “5 minute” grace period the match official will abandon the match and report the issue to the organising committee.
- 3.3 Each team will pay the required match fee to the allocated match official prior to “Kick-off”  
Note: Match fees are generally reviewed annually and changes agreed at the AGM.
- 3.4 The team is defined as a group of players consisting of a minimum of 5 and a maximum of 7 players on the field of play at any time. In addition a team can have up to 7 substitutes stripped and available to play at any point during a scheduled match.
- 3.5 Each team is expected to be attired in the agreed uniform, ensuring that all members of the squad are wearing matching uniforms.
  - 3.5.1 Goalkeepers must wear a uniquely different uniform to all other outfield players; in addition the uniform must be recognisable as a Goalkeeping uniform.
- 3.6 Where two competing clubs wear similar uniforms that may result in confusion during play it is the responsibility of the team designated the “Away Team” to change uniforms to an alternative colour of uniform.
  - 3.6.1 It is the responsibility of the club designated the “Away Team” (Defined as the second team listed on the fixture list posted on the CASFL website) to check for a clash of uniforms prior to the match and take appropriate steps to eliminate the clash of uniforms.
- 3.7 where 3.2 and 3.3 apply it is permissible for clubs to wear appropriate matching Bibs so long as all outfield players wear the same colour and the colour of the Bibs do not clash with the opposition.
- 3.8 Each team will ensure that all participating players are wearing suitable shin guards and footwear suitable for the playing surface as designated by the administrators of the facilities.
- 3.9 Each participating team will be in possession of an appropriate match ball that complies with the following requirements
  - 3.9.1 The match ball will be made of Leather, spherical in shape
  - 3.9.2 The size of the ball will conform to what is easily recognised as a Size 5 ball which will weigh between 14 and 16 ounces and a circumference between 27 and 28 inches.
  - 3.9.3 The match ball will be in a condition that meets the requirements of the game.
  - 3.9.4 The match official will be the final arbiter on the suitability of the match ball.
  - 3.9.5 Each club is responsible for ensuring that their designated match ball is available for entry into the match at short notice.
- 3.10 Clubs are deemed to be responsible for the behaviour of officials, players and supporters of said club in and around the immediate area of the venue whilst attending competitions organised by CASFL.
- 3.11 Representatives of both participating clubs will provide the committee member on duty at the facility with the following information before leaving the pavilion.

- 3.11.1 Accurate details of the match score.
- 3.11.2 Accurate details of club Scorers (full registered name, not nick names).
- 3.11.3 Accurate details of bookings and sending offs.
- 3.11.4 Where a committee member is not present at the pavilion, it is the responsibility of each club to telephone the Chairman before 10-00pm and report the match details verbally.

#### **4.0 The laws of the game**

- 4.1 League games will consist of two equal periods of play totalling 50 minutes, with a 5 minute interval separating the periods of play.
- 4.2 3 points will be awarded for a win and one point awarded for a draw.
- 4.3 The designated Goalkeeper must wear a uniquely different top to the entire contingent of outfield players participating in the match.
- 4.4 The ball is considered to be live and in play at all times with exception of the following
  - 4.5.1 The ball leaves the field of play along the side-line of the designated playing area.
  - 4.5.2 The match official has stopped play for whatever reason.
  - 4.5.3 The match official has awarded a free kick or penalty kick.
  - 4.5.4 The match official awards a corner kick
- 4.6 When the ball crosses the side-lines, play will be restarted by means of a kick in.
- 4.8 Where a "free kick", "Kick in" and "Corner Kick" is awarded opponents must retreat 7 yards from the point where the ball is placed.
- 4.9 Goalkeepers are not permitted to pick up a "pass back"
- 4.10 Slide Tackles are not permitted  
Note: Slide Tackle is defined as an attempt to win the ball from an opponent in open play whilst sliding or attempting to slide along the playing surface.
- 4.11 Where a Goalkeeper dives into the feet of an opponent, feet first this will also be designated a "slide tackle" and a Penalty kick will be awarded to the opposition team.
- 4.12 Team officials and substitutes must remain within the designated technical area along the side-line adjacent to the half way line.
- 4.13 Substitutions during a match are permitted from the group of players recorded on the submitted team lines.
  - 4.13.1 Substitutions must enter the field of play from the half way line.
  - 4.13.2 Substitutions can't enter the field of play if play is within 7 yards of the entry point.
  - 4.13.3 Substitutes can't enter the field of play until the player he is replacing is less than 7 yards from the touchline.
  - 4.13.4 It is not permissible for substitutes to enter the field of play from behind the goal line.
- 4.14 Where a player is found guilty of dissent following an award of a free kick the referee will advance the position that free kick should be taken from by 7 yards, any further dissent will result in the position of the free kick advancing a further 7 yards.
  - 4.14.1 Where an advancement of 7 yards results in the positioning of the ball within the penalty area the match official will award a Penalty kick.

- 4.14.2 The Match official can issue a yellow or red card for the offence of dissent as well as advancing the ball 7 yards.
- 4.15 Where the behaviour of an individual merits the issuance of Yellow or Red card the individual must supply the match official with their unique CASFL registration number.
- 4.15.1 Where a Yellow card is issued, the committee will record 1 disciplinary point against the club of the player receiving the yellow card.
- 4.15.2 Where a player receives a yellow card for offence B2 (Defined as dissent by word or action) the committee will record a total of 3 disciplinary against the club of the player receiving the yellow card
- 4.15.3 Where a Red card is issued, the committee will record 3 disciplinary points against the club and the player receiving the Red card.
- 4.16 Once an individual has received a Red or Yellow card from the allocated match official the Organising Committee will utilise the recommended Sanctions table provided by the governing body (SAFA) to determine the most appropriate sanction to apply, (See Section 7)
- 4.16.1 The organising Committee reserve the right to alter or amend the level of sanctions as required if the following criteria is met.
- 4.16.2 Existing custom and practice (established prior to Season 2014 ~ 2015) supersedes the recommendations within the sanctions table
- 4.16.3 The governing Body alters or amends the recommendation table.
- 4.16.4 A proposal to change the length of sanction is presented at the AGM and a democratic vote agrees to the proposed change.

## 5.0. Disciplinary procedures

CASFL utilise a range of sanctions where clubs, officials or players breach the rules of association, broadly the rules mirror the rules of association of the governing body of association football within Scotland, however; CASFL retain the authority to, change, modify or eliminate the rules of association as required.

Proposed changes to the established rules of association will be submitted to the CASFL Chairman will be put to a quorum of clubs present at the scheduled AGM and voted upon. If a majority consensus is achieved the modification to the rules of association will take effect from the beginning of the next full season, unless exceptional circumstances dictate otherwise. Where a proposal is defeated the change will not be implemented.

The organising committee encourages member clubs to propose modifications to the rules of association through the recognised channels, proposed changes should be presented in writing using Doc CASFL-0009-Proposal to the organising committee at any time prior to the scheduled AGM, however; all submissions must be received no less than 4 weeks before the AGM. The organising committee reserves the right to dismiss duplicated, previously defeated and frivolous submissions without presentation at the AGM.

Generally speaking the sanctions applied to breaches of rules are based on the principle of precedence; as a result the application of a specific sanction will be automatic. Where automatic fines and sanctions are applied there is no right of appeal.

In situations where there are no established automatic fines or sanctions in place, clubs and or individuals will be accorded the opportunity to appeal decisions to the governing body (Governing body is the governing body of Scottish Football) should they wish to do so? All appeals to the governing body must be made in writing and forwarded to the governing body along with the specified administration fee within 5 working days of the issuance of the fine or sanction imposed by the CASFL organising committee.

The organising committee will provide information on how to raise an appeal with the governing body in a timely manner when notified of the intention to appeal the decision.

A list (but not exhaustive) of the established sanctions follows.

#### **5.1. Failure to pay outstanding fines from previous season (See rule 1.4)**

- 5.1.1 A club failing to settle outstanding fines from the previous season on the night of the AGM will forfeit their automatic election to CASFL for the new season.
- 5.1.2 Where appropriate, a club on the Waiting list will take the place of the club failing to pay outstanding fines.

#### **5.2. Failure to pay imposed fines during the current season**

- 5.2.1 A club failing to pay fines within the allotted time scale (Typically 14 days including weekends) will be placed in Debt Suspension until the fine is paid.
- 5.2.2 Fines will typically require payment at least 24 hours prior to the next scheduled match.
- 5.2.3 It may be permissible to pay fines on the day of the match (prior to scheduled "Kick off") if prior agreement is agreed with the Committee chairman.
- 5.2.4 Whilst in debt suspension, scheduled matches will be awarded to the opposition 3-0

#### **5.2. Failure to maintain accurate contact details (See rule 1.7)**

- 5.2.1 Where a club fails to maintain accurate and updated contact details the club will be issued with a fine of £10-00.
- 5.2.2 Continued failure to update contact records in a timely manner will result in further financial penalties.

#### **5.3. Failure to pay league fees within the specified time scale (See rule 1.9)**

- 5.3.1 Where an elected club fails to pay league fees within the prescribed timescale, the club will be placed in debt suspension until the fee is paid in full.
- 5.3.2 In this instance a club placed in debt suspension will be required to pay the outstanding fees within 5 working days of being placed in debt suspension
- 5.3.3 Failure to pay fees within 5 working days will result in the club facing further sanctions which could ultimately result in expulsion from CASFL.
- 5.3.4 Where a club is expelled from CASFL for failing to pay league fees the organising committee will consider applying rule 6.0 in addition to expulsion.

#### **5.4. Failure to affiliate to SAFA (See rule 1.11)**

- 5.4.1 Where a club has failed to affiliate to the governing body in a timely manner, the organising committee will immediately suspend the club until the club formally completes the affiliation process.
- 5.2.3 Suspension will continue until the Governing body confirms the club is fully affiliated.
- 5.4.2 During suspension, scheduled fixtures will be awarded to the opposition with a score of 3-0
- 5.4.3 The organising committee reserves the right to expel clubs who are not affiliated to the governing body.

#### **5.5. Failure to maintain specified Insurance Coverage (See rule 1.12)**

- 5.5.1 Where a club is found to have no insurance coverage, the organising committee will immediately suspend the club until the required Insurance is in place.
- 5.5.2 During suspension, scheduled fixtures will be awarded to the opposition with a score of 3-0
- 5.5.2 The organising committee reserves the right to expel clubs without suitable Insurance coverage.

**5.6. Fielding an Ineligible player (See rule 2.4)**

- 5.6.1 Where a club fields an ineligible player (for whatever reason) the scheduled fixture will be awarded to the opposition with a score of 3-0, in addition 3 points will be deducted from the club fielding the ineligible player.
- 5.6.2 All instances of fielding an ineligible player will be investigated and could lead to additional sanctions being imposed upon club, player and officials.

**5.7. Failure to release a player (See rule 2.13)**

- 5.7.1 Where a club fails to release a player in accordance with rule 2.6 the organising committee will issue fine of £10-00 for each offence.

**5.8. Failure to submit team lines (See rule 2.14)**

- 5.8.1 Clubs failing to submit team lines in the agreed manner and time scales will be fined a total of £10-00 for each offence.

**5.9. Failure to fulfil a scheduled fixture (See rule 3)**

- 5.9.1 Where a club fails to fulfil a scheduled fixture the match will be awarded to the opposition with a score of 3-0.
- 5.9.2 The club failing to fulfil the fixture will be liable for the full cost of the match official's fee (full cost is defined as the fee paid by both participating teams)
- 5.9.3 The club failing to fulfil a fixture will be fined a total of £ 10.00 for each offence.
- 5.9.4 All instances of failing to fulfil fixtures will be investigated and could lead to additional sanctions being imposed upon club players and officials.

**5.10. Failure to pay the match official the agreed match fee (See rule 3.3)**

- 5.10.1 Where a club fails to pay the match official the agreed fee for the match, the club will be immediately placed in Debt suspension until the fee is paid in full.
- 5.10.2 The club failing to pay the Match official will be issued with a £10-00 fine in addition to the fee unpaid to the match official.
- 5.10.3 Persistent breaches may result in expulsion from CASFL.

**5.11. Failure to wear the agreed uniform (See rules 3.5, 3.6, 3.7 & 3.8)**

- 5.11.1 Where a team fails to wear the agreed uniform a fine of £10-00 will be imposed for each offence.
- 5.11.2 Persistent breaches may result in expulsion from CASFL.

**5.12. Failure to control the behaviour of officials, players and spectators (See rule 3.10)**

- 5.12.1 It is difficult to quantify all types of behaviour that is deemed unacceptable; as a result reports of unacceptable behaviour will be dealt with on a case by case basis.
- 5.12.2 Individual cases of unacceptable behaviour will be forwarded to the full committee for consideration.
- 5.12.3 The committee will require the attendance of club officials and or individual players at the hearing to discuss the reported issue.
- 5.12.4 The committee will reach a decision on a democratic basis and take appropriate action commensurate with the severity of the unacceptable behaviour.
- 5.12.5 Clubs and or individuals will be entitled to appeal this decision to the governing body of Scottish football should they so wish.

**5.13. Failure to report match details (See rule 3.11)**

- 5.13.1 Where teams fail to report match details to CASFL via the committee member in attendance, or CASFL chairman by telephone (Before 10-00pm) when an committee member is not in attendance a fine of £10-00 will be imposed for each offence.
- 5.13.2 Where a team fails to report match details, goals scored by the team failing to report will not be included within the 7's scorer's database.

#### **5.14. Failure to attend a scheduled disciplinary hearing**

- 5.14.1 Clubs, officials or players who fail to attend a convened disciplinary hearing (assuming prior agreement has not been agreed with the organising committee) will be considered to have offered "NO CONTEST" to the charges and will be dealt with in their absence.
- 5.14.2 In certain circumstances a failure to attend a disciplinary hearing may be categorised as bringing the league into disrepute, which will result in further disciplinary action being taken against the club or individual

#### **5.15. Failure to provide Unique CASFL Registration number as required (See rule 4.15)**

- 5.15.1 Where a registered player or club official fails to provide the unique CASFL registration number to match official or committee member the individual concerned will be issued with an automatic fine of £10-00 for each incident.

#### **5.16. Unacceptable level of disciplinary points**

- 5.16.1 Where a club reaches the 10 disciplinary point's threshold, the organising committee will issue an automatic fine of £10-00 to the club in question.
- 5.16.2 Where a club reaches the 20, 30 and 40 disciplinary point's threshold a further automatic fine of £10-00 will be issued at each threshold
- 5.16.3 The organising committee reserves the right to call a club or individual to a committee meeting to discuss issues of discipline and where appropriate issue further sanctions.

6.0. Where a club or individual attempts to avoid sanctions by means of resigning from the league, disbanding the club or any other means of avoiding the imposed sanction the following action will be taken.

- 6.0.1 In all cases the players and officials of the particular club will be deemed to be equally responsible.
- 6.0.1 The club will be suspended from CASLF and automatically prevented from seeking admission to CASFL until the sanction is resolved.
- 6.0.2 All suspended players and officials will not be permitted to play or be associated with clubs participating in CASFL organised competitions until the sanction is resolved.
- 6.0.3 The limit of suspension will be determined by the length of time the sanction remains unresolved.
- 6.0.4 If the sanction is not resolved within 5 seasons, individual players and officials can appeal to the organising committee for reinstatement to CASFL, however; the club in question (In all forms) will not be readmitted to CASFL.
- 6.0.5 In certain circumstances the committee may accept a hearing request from individuals affected by the sanctions above.
- 6.0.6 If the appeal to the CASFL committee fails the club or individual will be entitled to appeal this decision to the governing body of Scottish football should they so wish. In such circumstance the committee will provide the player with all appropriate documentation to enable the individual to comply with the governing body appeals procedure.

#### **7.0 Recommended Sanctions following the issuance of Yellow and Red Cards (See Rule 4.16)**

Where the Match official has issued a Red or Yellow Card for an infringement of the rules that govern matches the Organising Committee will issue an appropriate sanction based on the

severity of the infringement and the following guidelines will be utilised during the determination process.

- 7.1 Where a Red card is issued to a player or official the individual will automatically receive an immediate 1 match suspension.
- 7.1.1 Where a player or official receives more than 1 Red card as a consequence of an incident, the individual will receive an automatic and immediate suspension of 1 match for each of the Red cards issued.
- 7.1.2 Where more than one red card is received the organising committee will invite said individual to attend a disciplinary hearing to determine if further sanctions are required.
- 7.2 Where a player or official accrues 4 yellow cards the individual will automatically receive an immediate 2 match suspension.
- 7.2.1 Subsequent accruals of 4 yellow cards will result in automatic and immediate suspension of 4 matches.
- 7.2.2 Where a player or official receives a total of 9 Yellow cards, the organising committee will invite the individual to attend a disciplinary hearing to determine if further sanctions are required.
- 7.3 The following table lists the SAFA recommended sanctions based on the severity of an incident.

<b>Minimum Fixed Penalties for Standard Offences</b>	
<b>Offence</b>	<b>Suspension</b>
Serious Foul Play	2 Games
<b>Violent Conduct</b>	
Stamping on an opponent	8 Games
Attempting to punch an opponent	3 Games
Attempting to kick an opponent	3 Games
Attempting to strike an opponent	3 Games
Adopting a threatening or aggressive attitude	3 Games
Punching an opponent	4 Games
Kicking an opponent	4 Games
Pushing an opponent	3 Games
Striking an opponent	4 Games
Elbowing opponent in face	8 Games
Elbowing opponent on body	4 Games
Kicking and punching opponent	8 Games
Grabbing opponent by throat	6 Games
Offensive, insulting or abusive language	2 Games
Offensive, insulting or abusive language towards the referee	3 Games
Eyeball to eyeball confrontation	3 Games
Head to head confrontation	4 Games
Pushing head into opponents head	6 Games

<b>Guidelines for Serious Offences</b>	
<b>Offence</b>	<b>Max Suspension</b>
Physically threatening referee - attempting to lay hands on the referee	5 years
Verbally threatening referee	3 years

Physical assault on club officials	5 years
Serious violent conduct e.g. deliberately kicking opponent on head	5 Years
Head butting	1.5 Years
Deliberately and knowingly playing a suspended player under an assumed name	2 Years
Deliberately playing while under suspension, using an assumed name	2 years
Deliberately and knowingly playing a suspended player	2 years
Deliberately playing or participating while under suspension	1 Year