

#### 14. IDENTIFICATION CARDS FOR COMPETITION MATCHES

(Also refer to By-Law D)

- A. All players registered in Under 12 Divisions and older must have and present for inspection I.D. cards showing the correct team and grade for the current year. Players in Under 10 and Under 11 Divisions must have I.D. cards but only need to present these for inspection if they take part in Under 12 or older competition matches.
- B. Any player changing his/her appearance contrary to the photograph appearing on the current Identification Card must present themselves to their Club Registrar to have a new photograph taken and a revised I.D. card produced.
- C. With the exception of the provisions of Rule 14. H.:-
- (a) A player is not permitted to play in a competition match if:
    - (i) They are not in possession of their current I.D. card.
    - (ii) Their I.D. card has not been inspected by the Manager, Coach or nominated team representative of the opposing team.
  - (b) For instances where identification of a player from their I.D. card is uncertain, see Rule 14. G.
- D. (a) Before the start of a match the players nominated to play shall present their I.D. cards for inspection by the Manager of the opposing team in the centre of the field.
- (b) The referee will indicate by a notation in a space provided if a team has produced I.D. cards for inspection by the opposition team.
- Referees will **NOT** be required to carry out or report on the identification procedure.
- E. Players preparing to take the field after the start of a match, whose I.D. card has not previously been inspected, shall present their I.D. card to the Manager of the opposing team on the halfway line in the interchange area for inspection before playing in the match.
- F. A Manager has the right to hold all the I.D. cards of the members of the opposing team playing in the match until the conclusion of the game. At the conclusion of the game ALL cards must immediately be returned to the opposing Manager.
- G. If, after inspecting I.D. cards or for any reason during the match, the Manager is uncertain of the identity of an opposition player, the matter should be brought to the attention of the opposition Manager who shall after the match:
- (a) Take action as necessary to clarify the player's identity to the satisfaction of the opposing Manager, or
  - (b) If requested, arrange for the player to sign his/her name on the back of the match sheet in the presence of the opposition Manager for signature verification by the Association Office.

In this case, the Manager requesting the signature should make an appropriate notation on the back of the match sheet and take action as covered by sub-clause G. (c).

- (c) To report an alleged breach of the identification procedure by an opposing team, the Manager or Coach of the team protesting must make an appropriate notation on the back of the match sheet and the Club must advise the Association by official letter to the office by 7.00 pm on the Monday following the match.
- H. If, due to unforeseen circumstances, a team is unable to produce the I.D. cards for the **ENTIRE** team, the team may participate in the match under the following conditions:
- (a) All players to sign the Match Sheet in the presence of the opposing Manager – if necessary, the fifteen (15) minutes allowed for the production of I.D. cards may be used for this purpose.
  - (b) An appropriate notation to be made on the Match Sheet.
  - (c) Should 14.H.(b) not be complied with the Club to submit an official letter to the Association, fully outlining the reason for the failure to produce I.D. cards by 3.00 p.m. on the Thursday following the match for consideration by the J.C., in conjunction with the check of players' signatures if required.

I. **Breaches of Rule 14. A. to H.**

- (a) Reports received alleging breaches of the Rules covering the use of I.D. cards and reports received alleging the refusal of teams or Managers to participate in the presentation of I.D. cards for verification of identity, in accordance with Clause G, or to act in accordance with Clause H., shall be referred to a Disciplinary Panel or Judiciary Committee for investigation and action as appropriate.
- (b) If the offence is proved the match shall be declared lost by forfeit by the offending team. A fine as appropriate may also be levied.
- (c) The usual challenge or appeal provision against the Disciplinary Panel or Judiciary Committee's decision will be available to the offending team.