



MCSA Newsletter #01 20th April 2021

1. Message from the President

Finally, the long wait is over. We can all enjoy this great world game again.

The impact of COVID was felt by all across the football world. It adversely affected players, teams and associations. Sadly, some of our teams just couldn't come up with an adequate squad this year. We hope they can bounce back in 2022. At the same time, we welcome a host of quality new teams. Ultimately, we want everyone to enjoy the 2021 season.

MCSA has a zero-tolerance policy for any type of violent or anti-social conduct. We expect everyone to play with **RESPECT** at all times.

ANZAC Day – To acknowledge and to pay our respect, all the teams are to observe a minute silence ahead of their games this Sunday.

2. Things You Need To Know & Adhere To

Amnesty is over. To avoid being fined, please read the following carefully.

2.1 Team Marshal

It is mandatory you appoint a Team Marshal for all your games. The MCSA issued vest must be worn at all times. Your team marshal is the match officials' first point of contact.

2.2 Game Day Documents

You must have your **Team Sheet, Player ID Summary** and **COVID Attendance Record** with you in every game. We strongly suggest that you print these documents in advance to make sure that you do have all the documents and that its contents are accurate. For example, make sure all your players appear on your Team Sheet.

A timely reminder that there is a fine imposed if you don't have the relevant documents on game day. More importantly, the referee can call off your game if you don't have your Team Sheet or ID Summary. **Be warned.**

2.3 Match Ball

Every team should now have an approved **Mitre Delta Max** match ball. You must bring your match ball to all your games. Both teams must work together to retrieve the match ball when kicked out of play.

If you lose your match ball, MCSA will share the cost of your first lost ball. The cost will be fully borne by you thereafter.

2.4 Team Uniforms

To avoid any potential colour clash, it is essential that you check your jersey photos on your Team Page (MCSA website). If necessary, send us a photo immediately so we can update your Team Page.

It is the away team's responsibility to check in advance, your opponent's jersey colour.

If the referee calls off the game, the team responsible for the colour clash will be fined and the match points awarded to the opposing team.

2.5 Technical Areas

For all fenced sports fields (e.g. Darebin, Knox, Tatterson Park, Narre P12) the technical areas must not have unauthorized personnel. That is, supporters and all other unauthorized personnel must be outside of the fenced area. The referee can stop the game until this rule is observed by both teams.

2.6 Smoking & Alcohol

MCSA is a member of Good Sports. Smoking and alcohol are prohibited.

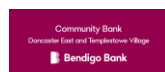
In addition, it must be noted that council and school venues are smoke free. This is a condition of hire. For sports fields at Darebin and Knox, you must smoke outside the fenced areas.

For all other venues, we ask that you be considerate, move away from the congregated areas if you need to smoke.

2.7 Latest Fixtures

Please note that the fixture is subject to late changes requested by the venue management. We will do our best to keep you informed as soon as possible if and when changes are necessary. We thank you in advance for your support.

For your information, this year, we are still in the process of working through bookings with venue management.





3. Your Match Officials

Similar to the teams and other football associations, our team of match officials did not escape the COVID pandemic unscathed and had been depleted in numbers particularly for assistant referees. We continue to lookout for talented individuals to join our team.

If you can help, please contact the secretary (secretary@mcsafootball.org.au).

We thank you for your understanding and support.

4. Your Competition Managers

Your Competition Manager should always be your first point of contact. Your cooperation and support is appreciated.

Premier League:	Christina	(christina.d.sugiarto20@gmail.com)
League 1:	Jackie	(highjun2003@hotmail.com)
League 2 Southeast:	Jackie	(highjun2003@hotmail.com)
League 2 Metro:	Darren	(darrenchangtn@gmail.com)
League A Saturday:	Tim	(timo_hensin@hotmail.com)

5. Rules on Settling Outstanding Fines

All fines must be settled **prior to your next game. Direct Payment (quoting your Account Code)** can be made as follows:

- o Account Name: **Melbourne Chinese Soccer Association**
- o Bank: **Bendigo Bank**
- o BSB: **633-000**
- o Account No: **180 119 778**

Ultimately it is the team's responsibility to cover all the fines.

5.1 Non Payment of Fines

Please ensure that your team/player(s) has no outstanding fines going into your next game. You are reminded that:

1. Overdue fine(s) may result in game(s) not being scheduled for your team;
2. Any player with outstanding fine(s) is NOT eligible to play. Playing an ineligible player may result in your relevant game(s) being forfeited with your opposing team(s) awarded with 3 goals and 3 points. In addition, any individual goals and/or MVP points earned by your players in that game(s) will also be forfeited.

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6. Essential Documents

Essential documents including MCSA Policies and League Rules can be found by following this link:

<https://www.mcsafootball.org.au/about/documents/>

