



2017 NSR KANGA CUP COMPETITION REGULATIONS



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SECTION 1: ORGANISATION

1. SCOPE AND APPLICATION

- a. Where NSR Kanga Cup Competition Regulations (**the Regulations**) are silent on any particular aspect, then all teams, affiliated bodies and organisations shall first have regard to the Constitution, By-Laws, FFA rules and regulations and where applicable rules and regulations of the Asian Football Confederation and FIFA
- b. If any part of the NSR Kanga Cup Tournament Regulations is void then that part shall be severable and will not affect the enforceability of the remaining sections of these regulations
- c. Capital Football will interpret and apply all articles of these and any such interpretation or application will be final and binding on all parties
- d. These Regulations apply to Participants in the following competition (**the Competition**) unless stated otherwise:
 - i. NSR Kanga Cup (**the Tournament**)

2. CONTROL OF COMPETITIONS

- a. The administrative control and conduct of the Competition is vested in the Kanga Cup Organising Committee (**KCOC**)

3. ALTERATIONS

- a. The NSR Kanga Cup organisers will have the power to make changes to or rescind the tournament program, tournament regulations and/or scheduling of fixtures at any time in the lead up to and during the Tournament. The organisers also reserve the right to change, amend and/or update any information in these Regulations

4. DISCIPLINARY SANCTIONS AND PROCEEDINGS

- a. All teams, players, team officials, referees, spectators or any person participating in any manner at the Tournament will submit exclusively to the jurisdiction of the Disciplinary Regulations

5. CONSEQUENCES FOR BREACH

- a. Any breach of these Regulations or failure to comply with any direction therein may result in a fine or other sanction pursuant to the Disciplinary Regulations

6. UNFORESEEABLE CIRCUMSTANCES

- a. Nothing in the Regulations shall prevent the KCOC from approving a course of action to meet unforeseeable circumstances not covered by the Regulations

7. SPECIAL CONSIDERATION

- a. The KCOC will have the power to consider individual circumstances outside the prescribed limits of the Regulations should it be clear that those special considerations are in the interests of the game
- b. The decision by the KCOC to review and consider individual circumstances under this section is not subject to appeal or review

SECTION 2: TECHNICAL REGULATIONS

1. MATCHES PLAYED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE LAWS OF THE GAME

- a. All fixtures shall be played in compliance with the Regulations in force at the time and in accordance with FFA and Capital Football By-Laws, regulations, codes and directives, and under the Laws of the Game as approved by FIFA except where specifically stated in these Regulations

2. COMPETITION FORMAT

- a. The Competition will be played in a Group Stage followed by a Championship Stage and Consolation matches for teams not involved in the Championship Stage

3. GROUP STAGE (POOL MATCHES)

- a. Competitions may be split into pools depending on the number of teams who nominate. The KCOC will determine the placement of teams into pools
- b. The Group Stage will comprise of teams playing all the other teams in their pool once
- c. The positions within the Group Stage will be determined using the following points for results
 - i. Win: 3 Points
 - ii. Draw: 1 Point
 - iii. Loss: 0 Points
 - iv. Forfeit For: 3 Points (+3 Goal Difference)
 - v. Forfeit Against: 0 Points (-3 Goal Difference)
- d. In instances where teams are equal on points at the conclusion of the Group Stage, the following will be used to determine positions (in order as listed below):
 - i. The team with the greater goal difference
 - ii. The team with the most goals for
 - iii. Head to head between the involved teams (where only two teams are to be separated)
 - iv. Random draw by the KCOC

4. CHAMPIONSHIP STAGE (FINALS)

- a. The Championship Stage may consist of a combination of quarter, semi and grand finals, and consolation matches where appropriate
- b. Qualification to and the format of the Championship Stage matches will be determined by the number of teams in each individual competition
- c. Grand finals for all competitions will take place on Friday July 7th

5. TEAM

- a. The following numbers of players are the maximum numbers allowed to participate in a match in each of the different age groups

| AGE GROUP | PLAYERS ON FIELD | PLAYERS ON MATCH CARD |
|-----------|-----------------------------|-----------------------|
| U9 | 7 (including 1 goalkeeper) | 12 |
| U10-11 | 9 (including 1 goalkeeper) | 14 |
| U14-12 | 11 (including 1 goalkeeper) | 16 |

- b. Only players who are listed on the match card will be eligible to take part in a game. Teams who have more players registered than the maximum number allowed will still only be allowed to use the maximum number in each match

6. MATCH BALLS

- a. Referees will supply a match ball for each game
 b. Capital Football regulations are adopted in relation to sizes
 c. The match ball may not be changed at any time during the match without the permission of the referee
 d. The following sizes are applicable to the different age groups:

| AGE GROUP | SIZE |
|-----------|--------|
| U9 | Size 3 |
| U10-13 | Size 4 |
| U14-18 | Size 5 |

7. MATCH DURATION

- a. Playing times will be as follows in the different age groups:

| AGE GROUP | PLAYING TIME | HALF TIME INTERVAL |
|-----------|----------------|--------------------|
| U9 | 2 x 20 minutes | 5 minutes |
| U10-11 | 2 x 25 minutes | 5 minutes |
| U12-13 | 2 x 30 minutes | 5 minutes |
| U14-18 | 2 x 35 minutes | 5 minutes |

- b. Due to tight scheduling there will be no stoppage/injury time added on to any match under any circumstances (including finals matches)
- i. In the event of a serious injury to a player, the referee will stop the match to allow the player to be removed from the field of play (if appropriate)

8. EXTRA TIME AND DETERMINING A WINNER BY PENALTY KICKS

- a. There will be no extra time played in any Group Stage Matches in the event of a draw at the conclusion of normal time
- b. Should scores be equal at the conclusion of a Championship Series Match, extra time shall be played as follows:

| AGE GROUP | DURATION OF EXTRA TIME | HALF TIME INTERVAL |
|-----------|------------------------|--------------------|
| U9-U11 | 5 minutes each way | No interval |
| U12-18 | 10 minutes each way | No interval |

- c. There shall be an interval of two (2) minutes at the end of normal playing time and the commencement of the first period of extra time, for all age groups
- d. If at the end of extra time, scores are still drawn, alternate kicks from the penalty mark shall be taken to determine the winner, in accordance with the procedures described in the Laws of the Game

9. RESULTS

- a. Results will be uploaded and available to Managers through the relevant competition management system or website as soon as practical after the completion of the Match

10. INTERCHANGES

- a. Unlimited interchanges of players listed on the match card in accordance with the FIFA Laws of the Game will be allowed during all matches in all age groups at the Tournament
- b. An interchange is only permitted when the referee has indicated that a change can be made, from the halfway line while the ball is out of play, except for U9-U11 who are allowed to interchange while the ball is in play
- c. If a referee deems that a team is contravening the spirit of the game by interchanging excessively to waste time or disrupt the flow of the game, they may refuse to allow an interchange and caution the offending team if deemed appropriate

11. TECHNICAL AREA AND CODE OF CONDUCT FOR THE TECHNICAL AREA

- a. Only registered and eligible players and team officials are allowed in the technical area during matches. Teams can register up to three (3) officials, who will be issued with accreditation to be worn at all times when inside the technical area and/or match restricted areas
 - i. Team official accreditation will be distributed in the team kits on Sunday 2nd July prior to the Opening Ceremony
 - ii. Additional team officials can be registered however teams will only be issued with accreditation for three (3) officials to be inside the technical area
- b. A maximum of three (3) officials are allowed in the technical area at any one time, unless written approval has been provided by the KCOC. Proof of this must be produced by the time upon request or the additional official/s will be asked to leave the area
- c. Coaching and encouragement in suitable language is permitted from the team bench and technical area but no comments are to be directed to or about referees, opposing players or officials
 - i. Abusive or derogatory comments will not be tolerated. Offenders may be ordered from the facility by referees or NSR Kanga Cup staff

12. FORFEITS AND ABANDONED MATCHES

- a. The referee is responsible for abandoning a match. Teams will be deemed to have forfeited a Match when:
 - i. They fail to fulfil an engagement to play a Match on the appointed date, time or venue; or
 - ii. At the start or at any point during a Match they are unable to field:
 1. Five (5) of their registered players for U9
 2. Six (6) of their registered players for U10-11
 3. Seven (7) of their registered players for U12-18; or
 - iii. They are unable to commence a Match within ten (10) minutes of the scheduled start of play
 1. If both teams are not ready to commence, the referee and assessor may consult with the Venue Manager to come to a decision
 2. The referee is the sole judge of time and no discussions around the time teams take the field will be entered into
 3. For a team to claim a forfeit under the above regulation it must have taken the field and be ready to play
 - iv. They field or list on the match card an ineligible player; or
 - v. Any other scenario within this Regulations or the Disciplinary Regulations that stipulates a forfeit of the match
- b. In the event of a team forfeiting a match, the opposing team shall be awarded three (3) points and the match shall stand as a three (3) goals to nil (0) win in their favour
- c. Matches may be abandoned when it is deemed by the referee that the game cannot continue due to violent conduct of players, team officials and/or spectators which creates a situation untenable for players and/or officials
 - i. Where abandonment occurs, the referee/s and appropriate ground staff are to provide a written report to the KCOC who shall determine the outcome based on the circumstances that brought about the abandonment
 - ii. In the event that the conduct of a particular team brought about the abandonment, then that team shall be asked to show cause as to why they should not be banned from the remainder of the tournament. That advice should be in writing and delivered to the NSR Kanga Cup Headquarters no later than 5pm on the day of the incident
 - iii. In the event of a Match being abandoned due to spectator interference of other inappropriate behaviour, the KCOC shall have the power to have the match replayed, to allow the results to stand, award a forfeit or treat the match as null and void. After considering evidence the KCOC may also impose fines on any offending club in accordance with the NSR Kanga Cup Disputes and Disciplinary Regulations
- d. When a match is not played or is abandoned for any reason over which neither team was responsible, the match may be replayed

13. MATCH SCHEDULE

- a. The KCOC reserves the right to make changes in the match schedule concerning divisions, timings and fields

14. VENUES

- a. The NSR Kanga Cup is mostly played on grassed outdoor fields, with some synthetic pitches available for use if required

15. INCLEMENT WEATHER

- a. If it is impossible to carry out the Tournament to its full extent due to poor weather and/or field condition affecting the health and safety of participants, the KCOC will make decisions regarding the rescheduling of matches
- b. If a specific field cannot be used due to inclement weather or its condition the KCOC will make the decision on which other grounds may be used
- c. Due to inclement weather, the outcome of a match may need to be determined by penalty kicks
- d. Every effort will always be made to play games in their entirety
- e. Where inclement weather impacts on the Tournament, the KCOC will determine the makeup of the Championship Stage

SECTION 3: ELIGIBILITY & REGISTRATION

1. TEAM ELIGIBILITY

- a. Australian Teams
 - i. Entry to the NSR Kanga Cup is only available to affiliated clubs and associations of an FFA Member Federation, and schools
 - ii. All Australian teams must be sanctioned by their association and Member Federation
 - iii. All Australian teams must include a letter of sanction from their Member Federation to fulfil the protocols involved with visiting another part of the Australian Football Family. Letters of sanction need to state that the registered participants of the travelling team are covered by the Member Federation's insurance. Please check with your Member Federation that this is the case
 - iv. Player details including name, date of birth and FFA number must be submitted with player registrations. In the case of interstate teams, an official club letter verifying that the information provided is accurate must also be sent through to the KCOC
- b. International Teams
 - i. Entry to the NSR Kanga Cup is only available to an affiliated club of a member of an international Football Association affiliated with FIFA or a school
 - ii. All international teams must include a letter of sanction from their National Football Association (or school) to fulfil the protocols involved with visiting another part of the International Football Family. International teams must also have proof of travel insurance to cover personal accident or injury
 - iii. International teams need to list their players' names, dates of birth and provide official proof of age

2. PLAYER ELGIBILITY

- a. All Australian players must be registered with the FFA (as per the National Registration Regulations), indicated by a current FFA ID number
- b. All international players must be registered with their respective club/school or National Association
- c. All players must be registered to and play for the team they are representing in the NSR Kanga Cup unless written approval is provided by the KCOC
- d. Players must be registered into their appropriate team for the NSR Kanga Cup and can only play for that team for the duration of the Tournament
- e. Players must be listed on the match card for any match in which they take part
- f. Players must meet the age requirements for their particular age category
- g. Players agree to be bound by the NSR Kanga Cup Competition Regulations, Disciplinary Regulations and FFA Code of Conduct

3. AGE ELIGIBILITY

- a. Age eligibility is determined by the player's age as at 31st December 2017

4. REGISTRATIONS

- a. All players and team officials must be registered through StatEdge to their team prior to the registration deadline (COB Friday 16th June, 2017)
- b. Any player or team official who has not registered by this time will be ineligible to take part in the 2017 NSR Kanga Cup unless written permission is provided by the KCOC
- c. Players may only be registered to one team throughout the duration of the Tournament
- d. Players are only eligible to play for one team in the NSR Kanga Cup
- e. De-registration of players will not be permitted during the tournament

5. REGISTRATION PERIODS

- a. The registration periods for the 2017 NSR Kanga Cup will be as follows:

| REGISTRATIONS OPEN | TEAM REGISTRATIONS CLOSE | PLAYER REGISTRATIONS CLOSE |
|---|--|--|
| 12pm Tuesday 14 th March 2017 | 5pm Friday 19 th May 2017* | 5pm Friday 16 th June 2017 |

**To ensure a fair and even tournament, competitions will be capped. Individual competitions may close earlier than the team registration closing date if they reach capacity beforehand*

- b. Any team not registered when team registrations close may be entered onto a waiting list but will not be guaranteed acceptance into the Tournament
- c. Any player not registered when player registrations close will be unable to take part in the Tournament, unless written approval is provided by the KCOG

6. RIGHT OF REFUSAL

- a. The KCOG reserves the right to refuse the entry or registration of any team or of any individual for any reason

7. PLAYER IDENTIFICATION CARDS

- a. All players will be required to have some form of photo ID at all matches. This can be in the form of a club/association ID card, school ID card, driver's license, etc.
- i. Any player who does not already possess some form of photo ID can download a template from the NSR Kanga Cup website
- b. The opposing team manager may look at all players' photo ID cards prior to kick off, for verification of age if they wish
- i. Any players who do not have photo ID at matches when requested will be ineligible to participate in the match
1. If a team does not have a sufficient number of players with photo ID when requested, they will forfeit the match

8. TEAM OFFICIAL IDENTIFICATION

- a. Each team will receive three (3) Team Official Identification passes upon team kit collection
- b. These passes must be clearly displayed by all team officials throughout the Tournament, and any team officials who do not have their official identification will be unable to access the technical area during the match

9. TOURNAMENT IDENTIFICATION

- a. All registered participants (players and team officials) will receive tournament identification in the form of a wristband to be worn throughout the week of the Tournament
- b. Wristbands will be required for participants to participate in a match, gain entry into Tournament events or to take part in specials reserved for NSR Kanga Cup participants
- c. Before kick-off, the referee will check that all players listed on the match card have a valid tournament wristband and players without a wristband will be ineligible to take the field
- d. Broken wristbands will need to be produced at NSR Kanga Cup Headquarters in order for a new one to be obtained

SECTION 4: TOURNAMENT DIVISIONS

1. AGE GROUPS

- a. The following age groups shall be offered (where possible)

| AGE GROUP | BIRTH DATE |
|------------------|---|
| U9 Boys & Girls | Born on or after 1 st January 2008 |
| U10 Boys & Girls | Born on or after 1 st January 2007 |
| U11 Boys & Girls | Born on or after 1 st January 2006 |
| U12 Boys & Girls | Born on or after 1 st January 2005 |
| U13 Boys & Girls | Born on or after 1 st January 2004 |
| U14 Boys & Girls | Born on or after 1 st January 2003 |
| U15 Boys | Born on or after 1 st January 2002 |
| U16 Boys & Girls | Born on or after 1 st January 2001 |
| U17 Boys | Born on or after 1 st January 2000 |
| U18 Boys & Girls | Born on or after 1 st January 1999 |
| AWD Mixed | No age restriction |

2. CONFIRMATION OF DIVISIONS

- a. The following divisions will be offered to teams for nomination
- Cup Competition: Premier League teams, district representative teams and division one teams
 - Plate Competition: Newly promoted division one teams and division two teams
 - Shield Competition: Developing teams from lower divisions.

The practice of playing in a division below your ability is against the spirit of this Tournament. The KCOC will monitor results and take appropriate actions as required against teams who are found to have nominated for a lower division. These actions may include but are not limited to having their competition points removed and/or being ineligible for finals.

- Due to the history of the number of entries in certain age groups, not all levels of competition will be offered in all age groups
- The KCOC reserves the right to merge divisions and/or age groups based on the number of entries received
- If a competition does not have a sufficient number of teams to go ahead, teams will be entered in the division that the KCOC feels best matches their ability
- If there are an odd number of teams in a division, the KCOC reserves the right to ask a team to move up/down a division as necessary to ensure equality in the draw across all teams in the division

- f. To allow for fair and efficient tournament structures the KCOC reserves the right to apply the following maximum numbers to each division
 - i. Cup Competition: 16 teams
 - ii. Plate Competition: 24 teams
 - iii. Shield Competition: 24 teams
- g. Should a team wish to nominate for a competition that has already reached capacity the team will be provided with the option of being placed in an alternate competition, in the order listed below
 - i. The higher competition of the nominated age group; or
 - ii. The corresponding competition in the age group above; or
 - iii. Placed on a waiting list for that competition (please note that this does not confirm your registration to the tournament)

3. GRADING OF TEAMS

- a. Teams are required to give information about their team's 2016 season performance in their registration (including domestic competition division and standings, and 2016 NSR Kanga Cup division and standings if applicable)
- b. Failure to provide the appropriate performance details on registration may result in the team's entry being rejected by the KCOC
- c. The KCOC reserves the right to place a team in a different competition to which they have nominated if their ability is questioned. The KCOC also reserves the right to reject changes to team's nominated divisions after their registration has been accepted

SECTION 5: MATCH CARDS & ONLINE RESULTS

1. MATCH CARDS

- a. Only players who are listed on the match card will be permitted to take part in the match
- b. The match card is required to contain the shirt number that each player will wear for the duration of the match
- c. Each team's manager will be responsible for removing any player who is not participating in the match, 20 minutes prior to the match commencing. Any player whose name appears on the match card will be deemed to have played in that match
- d. No alteration to the match card may be made without the consent of the opposing team manager
- e. Results will be deemed final once both team's managers have provided confirmation of the result with the referees and scores will not be altered

2. ONLINE RESULTS

- a. Results will be entered online by the Results Manager at each venue within one hour of the match concluding and will be available via StatEdge

SECTION 6: REFEREES

1. REFEREES

- a. Australian or internationally registered referees will be assigned to all matches
- b. Teams must be prepared to provide a club linesperson if necessary
 - i. In matches which have one (1) assistant referee allocated, the team listed first on the draw will be responsible for providing a club linesperson
 - ii. Club linespersons will only be required to determine whether a ball is in/out of play
- c. Referees are evaluated by assessors throughout the week
 - i. These evaluations are used to determine future referee appointments
- d. Game leaders will be appointed to all U9-U11 matches where small sided rules apply
- e. Any untoward behaviour including but not restricted to abuse, assault or misconduct will not be tolerated under any circumstances
 - i. Teams who are found guilty of untoward behaviour aimed at referees may be deemed to have forfeited the match and in extreme circumstances may be banned from the remainder of the Tournament

2. REFEREE APPOINTMENTS

- a. The appointment of referees will be made by the KCOC, who may utilise such other persons as deemed necessary to assist in the carrying out of this responsibility

SECTION 7: EQUIPMENT REGULATIONS

1. PLAYING UNIFORMS

- a. Each team must have both a primary playing strip and an alternate strip of another colour
- b. Teams are responsible for providing the KCOC with their primary and alternate playing strip colours during registration as well as any changes which may occur after registration, and teams who do not play in their registered colours may be fined \$100
- c. If two teams playing in a match are wearing similar colours in the opinion of the referee, the team named second in the draw will be responsible for using their alternate kit
- d. Team shirts must match with a unique number on the back for each player, as recorded on the match card
 - i. The numbers on the jersey must be between 25cm to 35cm in size and in contrasting colours to the jersey
- e. No sharing of shirts is permitted during a match
- f. Socks must be long and matching across the entire team
- g. Goalkeepers must wear a shirt that distinguishes them from the other team members and the referees. They must also have an alternate goalkeeper shirt of another colour
- h. Goalkeepers can wear either shorts or tracksuit pants. They may also wear knee and/or elbow pads and goalkeeping gloves
- i. Only the goalkeeper may wear a hat. Plain beanies can be worn as long as the same colour is worn by each player
- j. If gloves are worn they must be deemed to be not dangerous or excessive in material and should be uniform in colour and style for all each player

2. PLAYERS' BASIC EQUIPMENT

- a. Players' basic equipment includes shirts, shorts, socks, shin guards and boots
- b. All players are required to wear all items of basic equipment for each match

3. COMPRESSION/THERMAL UNDERGARNMENTS

- a. Undershorts are permitted to be worn
 - i. They must be either the same colour as the shorts of the primary or secondary kit, or black, white or skin coloured
 - ii. All members in the team must have the same colour undershorts if they are wearing them
- b. Undershirts are permitted to be worn
 - i. They must be either the same colour as the sleeve of the primary or secondary kit, or black, white or skin coloured
 - ii. All members in the team must have the same colour undershirts if they are wearing them

SECTION 8: EXEMPTIONS

1. FEMALE PLAYERS IN MALE TEAMS

- a. The playing of females in male teams is permissible. They may be up to one year above the male age category in which they compete *without requiring approval* from the KCOC
- b. The playing of male players in female teams is not permitted

2. UNDERAGE PLAYERS

- a. Players can play up to two age groups above their birth year. Players wishing to play more than two years above their birth year for developmental reasons must make a formal request on signed club letterhead for the KCOC giving details, accompanied by the following letters:
 - i. A statement by the coach of the team assessing whether the player's skill level is appropriate for competing in the older age group
 - ii. A statement from the association that the club belongs to indicating that the request is for the development of the player and the nominated age group is the most appropriate one for this process
 - iii. A statement from the player's parent acknowledging that the parent has been informed by the club of the physical, skill and emotional demands of playing in the higher age group
 - iv. A medical/physio assessment completed by a qualified medical practitioner. The assessment must state that in their opinion the player is physically capable of playing in the higher age group

3. OVERAGE PLAYERS

- a. A team wishing to play a player in an age group below his/her birth year must submit grounds for request in writing on club letterhead to the KCOC
- b. In considering the requests submitted, the KCOC shall consider the following principles:
 - i. Whether the player has an ongoing disability impairment that renders them uncompetitive in their actual age group
 - ii. That it is an objective of the NSR Kanga Cup that all who wish to play football are given every opportunity to do so
 - iii. That no unfair advantage should accrue to a team through the granting of the request
 - iv. That no team shall be permitted to include more than one overage player unless approved by the KCOC
- c. Teams with overage players may be required to compete in a higher age group as decided by the KCOC

4. RELATIVE AGE EFFECT PLAYERS

- a. Under the Relative Age Effect (**RAE**), players whose birthdates fall in the last three months of the year will, under strict exemption guidelines, be eligible to play for a team in the age group below their birth year and be given status as an RAE player as approved by the KCOC
- b. Teams are limited to a maximum of three RAE players
- c. Teams seeking exemption for RAE players must apply in writing on signed club letterhead to the KCOC

5. PLAYER LOANS

- a. Under the FFA National Registration Regulations, players are only allowed to be registered to and therefore play with one club at a time
- b. A team may borrow up to three players from another club/s *within their local association* to make up team numbers. Teams wishing to borrow players from another club will be required to seek approval from the KCOC in writing on signed club letterhead, with written permission from the player's usual club releasing them for the duration of the tournament
 - i. This does not guarantee that your member federation will sanction your team so you will need to seek clarification

6. COMPOSITE TEAMS

- a. Under special circumstances permission may be granted by the KCOC for an academy or composite team to participate in the Tournament
- b. Teams wishing to create a composite team will need to be regarded as a representative team by an association and will be required to seek permission from the KCOC in writing on signed club letterhead. This will need to be accompanied by the following
 - i. Written permission from each of the players' usual clubs releasing them for the duration of the tournament
 - ii. A letter from the association or club that you will be forming under, stating that they give permission for this to happen and will sanction the team
 - iii. Please note that this does not guarantee that your member federation will sanction your team so you will need to seek clarification
- c. Academy teams who nominate as a composite team will be restricted to competing in the Cup competition in their correct age group

7. APPROVAL

- a. There is no guarantee that requests submitted by teams will be approved by the KCOC
- b. Approval of a request by the KCOC shall be for the current playing year only and shall be subject to renewal in any subsequent year. Failure to seek such approval will result in the imposition of a penalty being financial and/or points based