



To All SDSFA Members,

It is with disappointment that the SDSFA Board of Directors & Management announce the closure of the 2021 winter football season. In a recent Association members meeting, our intention was to run a 3-weekend tournament in September for all teams who wished to participate. We would like to thank all the clubs who offered their fields. Unfortunately, due to the extension of the lockdown until at least the end of September, this is no longer possible. Being the Association's 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary we are even more saddened to announce this.

The increase in infections of late in our LGA's and surrounds, lockdowns will possibly be extended into October, especially for community sport. Aside from this, the health of our members is of the utmost importance.

As we couldn't complete the season, the Board & Management determined that it would be unfair to declare any Minor Premiers or Premiers across all competitions for the 2021 season. On the same basis, there will be no promotion or relegation looking to the 2022 season. As always teams will be assessed after the first three rounds of the 2022 competition.

We, along with other Associations have been lobbying Football NSW and Football Australia to apply a registration discount on fees that have been charged for Insurance and National Registration Levy's. The outcome of this has not been determined by either at this stage, however, should we receive a rebate, we will pass it on to our member Clubs in full. In consideration that Clubs charge different fees based on what they provide their members e.g. ground hire, maintenance, playing strips, apparel, football equipment, referee fees, presentations etc much of the above would have already been purchased by clubs. With this considered each club's finances will be different. If there are any rebates received from FNSW / FA they will be determined on a per player basis and provided back to clubs directly.

Football NSW have announced that the State Cup will discontinue, and the Champions of Champions will not be able to proceed. Football Australia have not yet determined their position with the Football Australia Cup (formerly FFA Cup)

Please join the Board and Management of SDSFA in thanking the many volunteers at each club for the often thankless tasks carried out by all involved. Without these volunteers committing their time, passion, perseverance and energies we simply wouldn't be able to play football at all. Coupled with the extra demands on volunteers keeping everyone safe during the Covid-19 pandemic, it's been a remarkable effort by all.

Thank you for your patience and understanding during these very challenging times, stay safe and we look forward to seeing everyone back for a much more optimistic and (more) normal 2022 season.

Yours Sincerely,

SDSFA Board & Management

