

**Annexe 1**

**All Flags State League**

## Article 1 - Competition Format

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1. All participating clubs in the All Flags State League are required to field a senior team, a reserves team and an 18s team.
2. The NTC will compete in the Premier Division but is not eligible to participate in the All Flags Finals Series and may not be relegated regardless of its final position in the league table. No points will be awarded to the NTC.
3. Teams will be ranked in their divisions according to the number of competition points they accrue over the season as specified in Article 2.
4. The first teams of the clubs which occupy the highest 5 positions in the Premier Division will compete in the All Flags Finals Series.
5. The club, excluding the NTC, whose first team finishes in the lowest position in the Premier Division at the end of the season will be relegated to Division 1.
6. The club whose first team finishes in first place of Division 1 at the end of the season will play in the Premier Division in the following season, providing that club's proposed home venue meets all necessary criteria for the Premier Division.
7. If the team which finishes first in Division 1 does not meet all criteria necessary to compete in the Premier Division in the following season, then promotion to the Premier Division will be offered to the team which finished second in Division 1, providing that club's proposed home venue meets all necessary criteria for the Premier Division.
8. If the team which finishes second in Division 1 does not meet all criteria necessary to compete in the Premier Division in the following season, then Football West will make a determination as to which teams play in the Premier Division in the following season.
9. The clubs whose first teams finish in the lowest two positions in Division 1 at the end of the season will be relegated to Division 2.
10. The club whose first team finishes in first place of Division 2 at the end of the season will play in Division 1 in the following season, providing that club's proposed home venue meets all necessary criteria for Division 1.
11. If the team which finishes first in Division 2 does not meet all criteria necessary to compete in Division 1 in the following season, then promotion to Division 1 will be offered to the team which finished second in Division 2, providing that club's proposed home venue meets all necessary criteria for Division 1.
12. If the team which finishes second in Division 2 does not meet all criteria necessary to compete in Division 1 in the following season, then Football West will make a determination as to which teams play in Division 1 in the following season.

13. Should a vacancy be created in the Premier Division before the commencement of the season, then that vacancy may be offered to clubs in the following order:
  - a) the club which finished in second position in Division 1 in the previous season;
  - b) the club which finished in twelfth position in the Premier Division in the previous season;
  - c) another club chosen by Football West in its absolute discretion.
14. Should a vacancy be created in either Division 1 or Division 2 before the commencement of the season, then that vacancy may be offered to another club chosen by Football West in its absolute discretion.
15. Football West reserves the right not to fill any vacancy.
16. The club whose first team finishes in first position of the Premier Division will receive \$12,000 as prize money.
17. The club whose first team finishes in second position of the Premier Division will receive \$4,000 as prize money.
18. The club whose first team finishes in third position of the Premier Division will receive \$2,000 as prize money.
19. The club whose first team finishes in fourth position of the Premier Division will receive \$1,000 as prize money.
20. The club whose first team finishes in fifth position of the Premier Division will receive \$500 as prize money.
21. The club whose first team finishes in first position of Division 1 will receive \$4,000 as prize money.
22. The club whose first team finishes in second position of Division 1 will receive \$1,000 as prize money.
23. The club whose first team finishes in first position of Division 2 will receive \$2,000 as prize money.
24. The club whose first team finishes in second position of Division 2 will receive \$500 as prize money.
25. A club may only claim one prize from the regular season.
26. Only clubs which have paid all fees and outstanding charges and fines within the specified deadlines are eligible for prize money.

## **Article 2 - Competition Points**

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1. Three points will be awarded for a win, one point for a draw and no points for a defeat. Points are not transferable between divisions.

2. If two or more teams are equal on points on completion of the regular season, the following criteria are applied in order to determine the higher ranking team.
  - a) the team with the superior goal difference
  - b) the team with the higher number of goals scored
  - c) the number of points gained in matches between the teams concerned
  - d) the superior goal difference in matches between the teams concerned
  - e) the team with the lower number of red cards
  - f) the team with the lower number of yellow cards
  - g) the drawing of lots

### Article 3 - Individual Awards

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1. A Fairest and Best prize will be awarded to the best player in the Premier Division, Division 1 and Division 2 for senior and 18s teams only.
2. The referee for each fixture will award votes. Three votes will be awarded to the best player, two votes to the next best player and one vote awarded to the third best player.
3. The player who receives the most votes over the course of the season will win the Fairest and Best prize for his division.
4. If two or more players tie for the highest number of votes, then a prize will be awarded to each of those players, except in the circumstances described in paragraphs 5, 6, 7 and 8.
5. If two or more players tie for the highest number of votes in the All Flags State League Premier Division First Team, and a car is available as an additional prize, only one car will be awarded, and it will be awarded to the player who received 3 points in a fixture on the most occasions during the season.
6. If two or more players receive the same number of votes and they cannot be separated under the provisions of paragraph 5, the car will be awarded to the player who received 2 points in a fixture on the most occasions during the season.
7. If two or more players receive the same number of votes and they cannot be separated under the provisions of paragraphs 5 or 6, the car will be awarded to the player who received the fewest yellow cards during the season.
8. If two or more players receive the same number of votes and they cannot be separated under the provisions of paragraphs 5, 6 or 7, each of the players in question will receive a car.
9. If a player receives a suspension as a result of being shown a red card, or as a result of a sanction imposed by the Disciplinary Committee during the regular season, he will be ineligible to win the Fairest and Best Award for that season. For the avoidance of doubt, if that player receives a red card which is subsequently rescinded as a result of mistaken identity, the player will be eligible to win the Fairest and Best Award.

10. An award will be presented to the player who scores the most goals in his division in league fixtures throughout the season. If two or more players score an equal number of goals, an award will be presented to each of those players.
11. An award will be presented to the best goalkeeper of the year based on votes cast by the referees at each game in the first team of the Premier Division. If two or more goalkeepers have an equal number of votes, an award will be presented to each of those players.

## Article 4 - Venue

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1. The home venue of Premier Division clubs must meet the criteria set down by Football West from time to time.
2. The home venue of Division 1 and Division 2 clubs must meet the criteria as set down by Football West from time to time.
3. Three parking spaces inside the venue must be specifically reserved for match officials on match day for all fixtures.
4. A club may request to change its home ground venue but may do so only by written application to Football West. Football West reserves the right to refuse any application if the facilities do not meet the criteria as specified by Football West.
5. Football West reserves the right to reject any application for a change of venue if the proposed new venue is within 5 kilometres of another All Flags State League club.
6. The home club, at its own expense, must ensure that a nominated groundskeeper is on duty during all scheduled fixtures at its home ground, from at least one hour prior to the first scheduled fixture.
7. Football West reserves the right to require that its sponsors' signage is prominently displayed at all Football West fixtures.
8. Football West reserves the right to take whatever action is deemed necessary in the event that All Flags State League Fixtures are affected by changes to the availability of any venue or venues.

## Article 5 - Fixtures

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1. With the exception of abandoned fixtures, each period of a fixture must last for a minimum of 35 minutes in order that a result may be recorded.
2. The duration of the half time interval will be 15 minutes.
3. The referee must adjust the duration of an 18s or reserves fixture when necessary to ensure that the first team fixture commences at the scheduled kick-off time.

4. When a fixture is shortened in accordance with paragraph 3, each match official is entitled to receive the full amount of his normal match fee.
5. The technical area may have a maximum of 5 named substitutes and a maximum of 3 named team officials.
6. All substitutes must be seated within the technical area unless warming up. All substitutes and substituted players must wear bibs which are of a different colour to both teams and the match officials.
7. Substitutes are permitted to warm up outside the technical area but may NOT warm up with footballs.
8. In the event that a club does not have sufficient players to field a reserve and first team, the first team will take priority.
9. In the event that a club does not have sufficient players to field a reserve and 18s team, the reserves team will take priority.
10. Spectators are not permitted inside the barrier which separates the field of play from the rest of the venue while the fixture is in progress. If the barrier in place is only in place around part of the field of play, spectators may only watch the fixture from behind that partial barrier. For the avoidance of doubt, there must be a barrier between a spectator and the field of play. It is the responsibility of the home club to enforce this.
11. Once fixtures have been published, no changes may be made unless otherwise provided for in these rules. A club may request a fixture change if it can demonstrate exceptional circumstances, in writing, not less than six weeks prior to the scheduled kick-off date. This request may or may not be approved by Football West in its discretion. Any request for a fixture change must be accompanied by written consent from the opposition club.
12. A club which has been granted a fixture change in accordance with paragraph 11 is responsible for all costs associated with the rearranged fixture.
13. On days in which the temperature is expected to be high, the referee may use his discretion to allow players to take drink breaks. During any such break, all players must remain on the field of play.
14. The home club must provide one stretcher which is to be placed between the technical areas in a safe and accessible position. The stretcher must be in position before the commencement of the first fixture of the day until the conclusion of the final fixture of the day unless being utilised.

**Maximum Penalty for Breach**

**\$55**

15. The result of each fixture must be sent by SMS to 0452 233 842 or by email to [results@footballwest.com.au](mailto:results@footballwest.com.au) no later than 5:30pm on the day of the fixture, unless the fixture kicks off after 3:30pm.

**Maximum Penalty for Breach                      \$110**

16. Football West reserves the right to instruct home clubs to increase the minimum security arrangements for any fixture at any time. The cost of any additional security arrangements is to be borne by the home club.
17. Football West may appoint a match commissioner at any All Flags State League fixture as its representative.
18. The match commissioner must submit a report to Football West following each fixture attended. Should the match commissioner report that a club has breached any rules or regulations of Football West, then the club may be sanctioned accordingly. A match commissioner is classified as a match official with the same status as a referee, assistant referee, fourth official and referee inspector.

## **Article 6 - Ground Marshals**

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1. The home club must appoint ground marshals whose duties are:
  - a) to provide an escort for the match officials to and from the field of play at the start and finish of each playing period.
  - b) to liaise with club officials and emergency services if required; and
2. The home club must provide at least two ground marshals for each 18s fixture.

**Maximum Penalty for Breach                      \$110**
3. The home club must provide at least four ground marshals for each reserves and first team fixture.

**Maximum Penalty for Breach                      \$110**
4. It is the responsibility of each club to ensure that the ground marshals are fully briefed on their responsibilities.
5. All ground marshals must have access to all areas of the ground at all times. Ground marshals may not be limited to a specific location (for example, the person collecting gate fees may not be a ground marshal).
6. Each ground marshal must wear the vests which have been supplied by Football West for the duration of the fixture. Lost vests may be purchased from Football West.
7. Ground marshals must be visible at all times.
8. The ground marshals may not smoke or drink alcohol while on duty.
9. All ground marshals must identify themselves to the appointed referee at least fifteen minutes prior to the commencement of each fixture.

## Article 7 - Match Documentation

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1. The team list for each fixture must clearly indicate the fixture result, the half-time score, goal scorers if any, times of any goals scored and misconduct offences.
2. The first 11 players listed on a team list must be on the field of play when the fixture commences unless the team is unable to field 11 players.
3. The team list must contain the names of team officials who intend to occupy the technical area. A maximum of 3 team officials may occupy the technical area. For the avoidance of doubt, a player or team official whose name does not appear on the team list may not enter the field of play, the surrounds of the field of play or the technical area while the fixture is in progress.
4. Team officials who wish to sit in the Technical Area during any fixture of the All Flags State League Premier Division first team MUST be registered on MyFootballClub.
5. The team list must arrive at Football West within 2 business days of the completion of the fixture.
6. The appointed referee must complete a match report according to the instructions dictated by the Referees Technical Committee. Such reports are to be lodged with Football West within 2 business days of the completion of the fixture.
7. At the conclusion of each fixture, the referee will record best and fairest votes. This information is not to be disclosed to anybody and must be lodged with Football West within 2 business days of the completion of the fixture.

## Article 8 - Players

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1. To be eligible to play in the All Flags State League, a player must meet the following age criteria. These criteria do not apply to the NTC.
  - a) 18s – born between 1 January 1994 and 31 December 1997
  - b) Reserves & First teams (except Premier Reserves) – born 31 December 1996 or earlier
  - c) Premier Reserves – born between 1 January 1989 and 31 December 1996 (subject to paragraph 2)
2. A Premier Division reserves team may include a maximum of five players who were born on 31 December 1988 or earlier on the field of play at any one time. Each of these players must be so noted on the team list.
3. No more than 5 named substitutes may be listed on the team list of which a maximum of 3 may be used in any one fixture.
4. Once a player has taken the field of play in 11 fixtures of the All Flags State League 18s competition, he is no longer eligible to participate in the All Flags State League 18s and the Junior Boys League during the same season. Following the 11th fixture for the All

Flags State League 18s team, a player must choose to play for the All Flags State League 18s team or play for a junior team.

**Penalty for Breach**

**Forfeit**

5. Once a player has taken the field of play in a fixture of the All Flags State League 18s competition, he is not eligible to participate in the Junior Boys League for a team below 15s Division 1 during the same season.

**Penalty for Breach**

**Forfeit**

## Article 9 - Playing Strips

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1. All clubs must nominate a “home” and “alternate” playing strip.
2. In any fixture, if the shirts or socks of the participating teams are alike or similar, or are in the opinion of the match official likely to cause confusion, then players of the away team will be required to change its shirts or socks or both. In the event of any dispute with regard to the strip to be worn by either team, the match official's decision is final.
3. If the shirts or socks of the participating teams are alike or similar, or are in the opinion of the match official likely to cause confusion, and the away team is unable to change that part of its attire which is causing that confusion, then the fixture may not proceed.
4. In any fixture, if the shirts of the visiting team are alike or similar to the shirts worn by the match officials, then players of the visiting team will be required to change its shirts. In the event of any dispute with regard to the strip to be worn, the match official's decision is final.
5. A club may have a third strip in addition to its home strip and its alternate strip if it so chooses.

## Article 10 - Match Balls

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1. The home club will provide the match official with three match balls no later than ten minutes prior to the commencement of the fixture.
2. All fixtures must use the FIFA approved Select “Super” match ball. Three match balls will be provided free of charge to each All Flags State League Club.

**Maximum Penalty for Breach**

**\$110**

## Article 11 - Match Officials

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1. The home club is responsible for the payment of all match official fees. Football West will determine the fees payable and publish the rates prior to the commencement of each season.
2. Match official fees for all fixtures involving the NTC will be paid by Football West.

3. The allocation of match officials will be determined by Football West. No club may request the attendance or non-attendance of any particular match official.
4. A club may not refuse to allow an allocated match official to officiate at that allocated fixture.
5. In the event that none of the match officials allocated to a fixture is ready and able to commence the fixture within 15 minutes of the scheduled kick-off time, then the fixture will be postponed.
6. In the absence of one or both assistant referees, each team will provide a club assistant referee to assist the referee. If either club does not comply, then the fixture may not proceed.
7. If the appointed referee postpones or delays any fixture, he must submit a report in writing to Football West within 72 hours of the scheduled conclusion of the fixture outlining the reasons for his actions. The appointed match officials are entitled to 50% of the prescribed match fee for a postponed fixture and 100% of the match fee for a delayed fixture which is subsequently completed or abandoned.
8. When a fixture is forfeited by a club, the match officials are entitled to receive 100% of the prescribed match fee to be paid by the club which forfeited the fixture, unless the forfeiting club informed Football West in writing at least 72 hours prior to the scheduled kick-off.
9. When a match is abandoned, the match officials are entitled to receive 100% of the match fee.

## Article 12 - Admission

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1. A maximum of 60 people from the visiting club must be provided with free entry to the venue for any one match day for use by the players, club officials or a club's official guests. The visiting club must inform the home club in writing the names to be granted free entry by noon on the last working day prior to the fixture.
2. Any person, including a match official who is not appointed to the fixture, who produces an official Football West pass must be granted free entry into any venue for any fixture.
3. All Football West passes are valid only for Football West fixtures and may be revoked by Football West at any time.
4. The following general entry admission fees may be charged:
  - a) Premier Division - \$8
  - b) Division 1 - \$6
  - c) Division 2 - \$5
  - d) Students, Pensioners or concession holders with evidence of status - \$4
  - e) People under the age of 15 – Free



- b) Each indirect red card issued (two yellow cards to a single player) 3 points
  - c) Each direct red card issued 5 points
  - d) Each club official expelled from the technical area 5 points
  - e) Five or more players cautioned or sent off in a single fixture 5 points
  - f) Three or more players sent off in a single fixture 10 points
2. The Fair Play Award winning clubs will also receive a prize money in the amount of:
- a) Premier Division \$2,000
  - b) Division One \$1,000
  - c) Division Two \$1,000
3. In the event that two or more clubs receive the fewest penalty points, the prize money will be shared.