

**Annexe 12**

**State League Night**

**Series**

## Article 1 - General

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1. All rules contained within the Football West Competition Rules and Annexe 1 of those rules are valid for the State League Night Series unless otherwise stipulated in this document.
2. Where a rule in the Football West Competition Rules or Annexe 1 of those rules appears to conflict with these rules, the rule in this document takes precedence.

## Article 2 - Competition Format

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1. Participation in the State League Night Series is compulsory for all clubs in the All Flags State League with the exception of the NTC. A team will be invited from the Sunday League in order to ensure that there are 32 teams competing.
2. The teams will be organised into eight groups with four teams in each group.
3. Eight host clubs will be selected conduct group games. Each host club will conduct fixtures in one group at its venue.
4. Each host club will be placed in the group whose fixtures are played at the venue of that club.
5. The remaining three teams in each group will be distributed among the groups by a process determined by Football West.
6. The teams from each group will play every other team in the same group once.
7. Teams will be ranked in their groups according to the number of competition points they accrue over the series. Points are accrued in accordance with Article 3.
8. Each group winner will qualify for the quarter-finals and will play those quarter-final fixtures in a pre-determined draw.
9. The winners of the quarter-finals will play each other in the semi-finals in a pre-determined draw.
10. The winners of each semi-final will play each other in the final.
11. The losers of each semi-final will play each other in the play-off for third place.
12. The venues of the quarter-finals, semi-finals, third place play-off and final will be determined by Football West.
13. Should scores be level at the full-time whistle in the quarter-finals, semi-finals, third place play-off or final, the outcome of the fixture will be decided by kicks from the penalty mark as described in the FIFA Laws of the Game.

14. Once a player has taken the field of play for a team during the competition, he may not appear on the team list for any other team in the competition.

**Penalty for Breach**

**Forfeit**

### **Article 3 - Competition Points & Team Ranking**

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1. Three points will be awarded for a win, one point for a draw and no points for a defeat.
2. If two or more teams from the same group are equal on points on completion of the group fixtures, the following criteria are applied in order to determine the higher ranking team.
  - a) the number of points gained in matches between the teams concerned
  - b) the team with the superior goal difference
  - c) the team with the higher number of goals scored
  - 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 4 - Prize Money**

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1. Prize money will be awarded as follows:

a) Winner of the final	\$5,000
b) Runner up in the final	\$3,000
c) Winner of the play-off for third place	\$1,000
2. Only clubs which have paid all fees and outstanding charges and fines to Football West within the specified deadlines are eligible for prize money.

### **Article 5 - Match Official Escorts**

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1. The host and participating clubs must appoint match official escorts who must escort the match officials on and off the field before the game commences, at half time and at the end of each fixture.
2. The host club must provide at least two match official escorts for each fixture.
3. Each club must provide at least one match official escort for the fixture in which it is participating. For the avoidance of doubt, when a host club is participating in a fixture, that club must provide at least 3 match official escorts.

**Maximum Penalty for Breach**

**\$110**

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## **Article 6 - Match Officials**

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1. The host club will pay the match official fees for all fixtures at its venue including quarter finals, semi-finals and the final.
2. Football West reserves the right to appoint a Match Commissioner to any fixture. Match Commissioner fees will be paid by Football West.

## **Article 7 - Match Equipment**

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1. Football West will supply 3 match balls to the host venues free of charge. The clubs may retain the balls at the end of the competition.
2. Should match balls be lost during the competition, Football West will arrange replacement match balls at the direct cost of the host club.

## **Article 8 - Admission**

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1. Each team participating in a fixture on the date in question must provide to the host club by noon on the last business day prior to the fixture a list with 20 people to obtain free entry into the venue for that match day for use by the players, club officials or a club's official guests only.