

Annexure 1

Mens State League

Part 1 – State League Competition Rules

References within this document to the State League refer specifically to the Mens State League and do not include the Womens State League Competition.

Article 1 - Competition Format

1. All participating Clubs in the State League are required to field a senior Team, a reserves Team and an under 18s Team. A Club that fails to field a Team in 3 consecutive Matches in a State League age group, or any 4 Matches in a State League age group Regular Season will be considered to have breached this rule.

Penalty for Breach **Deduction of 10 competition points from the first Team;
and Club is ineligible for promotion in the current season.**

2. Teams will be ranked in their divisions according to the number of competition points they accrue over the season as specified in Article 2.
3. 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.
4. The Club whose first Team finishes in last place in Division 1 at the end of the season will be relegated to Division 2 in the following season.
5. The Club whose first Team finishes in last place in Division 2 will occupy a relegation position. Should the Club that finishes in first position in the Mens Amateur Premier Division exercise its option of promotion to the State League, the Club in last place in Division 2 will be relegated to the Amateur Premier Division.
6. Should a vacancy be created before the commencement of the season, then that vacancy may be offered to another Club chosen by Football West in consultation with the State League Standing Committee.
7. Football West reserves the right not to fill any vacancy.
8. The Club whose first Team finishes in first position of Division 1 will receive \$4,000 as prize money.
9. The Club whose first Team finishes in second position of Division 1 will receive \$1,000 as prize money.
10. The Club whose first Team finishes in first position of Division 2 will receive \$2,000 as prize money.
11. The Club whose first Team finishes in second position of Division 2 will receive \$500 as prize money.

Article 2 - Competition Points

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 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 - Promotion to the National Premier Leagues WA

1. Should the Club whose first Team finishes in first place in State League 1 meet the NPL Promotion Eligibility Criteria by the date stipulated for each criterion, the NPL Club whose first Team finishes in last position will be relegated to State League 1 in the first Team, Under 20s and Under 18s age groups. The first placed State League 1 Club will be promoted to the NPL.
2. Should the Club whose first Team finishes in first place in State League 1 not meet the NPL Promotion Eligibility Criteria by the date stipulated for each criterion, the Club with the highest placed State League 1 first Team that finishes in the top two positions in State League 1, and meets the NPL Promotion Eligibility Criteria by the date stipulated for each criterion, will compete in a two-legged play-off tie against the first Team of the last placed NPL Club.
3. The NPL Promotion Eligibility Criteria, and the date by which each criterion must be met, are listed at Appendix A.
4. Football West will in its sole discretion determine whether a Club meets the NPL Promotion Eligibility Criteria.
5. A State League 1 Club is not required to meet any criteria other than those listed in Appendix A as the NPL Promotion Eligibility Criteria.
6. If neither of the State League 1 Clubs that finishes in the top two positions meet the NPL Promotion Eligibility Criteria, no State League Club will be promoted to the NPLWA-M.
7. Participation in, or promotion to, a Senior NPL Competition does not provide the club with the opportunity to compete in the NPL Juniors Competitions.

Article 4 - Promotion and Relegation Play-Off

1. Article 4 describes the process by which the State League 1 Club whose first Team finishes second position in State League 1 and meets the NPL Promotion Eligibility Criteria by the date stipulated for each criterion, may be promoted pursuant to Article 3 paragraph 2.
2. The Club that wins the play-off tie will earn the right to compete in the NPLWA-M in the next season and the Club that loses the play-off tie will compete in State League 1, in the first Team, reserves and under 18s age groups.
3. The play-off tie will be played under the following conditions:
 - a) The venue for each leg must comply with the standards set out in Appendix B of the NPL Compliance Regulations. A Club whose regular home venue does not meet these requirements is responsible for arranging a compliant venue at its own cost;
 - b) The State League 1 Club must comply with the following articles of the NPLWA Competition Rules in relation to the Player Points System and Visa Players:
 - (i) Article 24, paragraph 2;
 - (ii) Article 24, paragraph 3;
 - (iii) Article 24, paragraph 4; (the State League 1 Club is entitled to a 20 point discount as provided for in the Player Point System);
 - (iv) Article 24, paragraph 5;
 - (v) Article 24, paragraph 6;
 - (vi) Article 24, paragraph 7;
 - (vii) Article 24, paragraph 8; and
 - (viii) Article 25.
4. The winner of the play off tie will be determined as follows:

- a) The tie will comprise two Matches – one Match at each Club’s home venue. Should a Club’s home venue not be available, that Club will be responsible for sourcing an alternative venue at its own cost.
- b) The dates and times of the Matches will be determined by Football West and may not be challenged by either Club.
- c) The order of the Matches will be determined by Football West.
- d) The winner of the tie will be the Club that scores the most goals over the two legs.
- e) Should both Teams score an equal number of goals over the two legs, the winner of the tie will be the Club that scores the most goals in its “away” leg. For the avoidance of doubt, the Club playing its “away” leg is the second-named Club in the Match, regardless of the venue at which the Match is played.
- f) If a winner cannot be determined through paragraphs d) and e), then two periods of extra time of 15 minutes per period will be played in accordance with The Laws of the Game at the conclusion of the second leg.
- g) At the end of the second period of extra time, the provisions of paragraph d) will be applied to determine the winner of the tie. The provisions of paragraph e) do not apply once the Match moves into extra time.
- h) If a winner cannot be determined through the application of paragraph d) after extra time, the winner of the tie will be decided by kicks from the penalty mark as described in the FIFA Laws of the Game.

Article 5 - State League Inter-Divisional Promotion Play-Off Matches

1. The Club whose first Team finishes in second last position in State League 1 and the Clubs whose first Teams finish in second, third or fourth positions in State League 2 will compete in a play-off tournament to determine which Club will play in State League 1 in the following season.
2. Two semi-final ties will be played over two legs. One semi-final will be contested by the Club that finished second last in State League 1 and the Club that finished fourth in State League 2. The other semi-final will be contested by the Club that finished second in State League 2 and the Club that finished third in State League 2.
3. The losing Clubs from each semi-final will play in State League 2 in the following season.
4. The winners of each semi-final will play each other in the final, over 2 legs.
5. The winner of the final over two legs will play in State League 1 the following season. The loser of the final over two legs will play in State League 2 in the following season.
6. The ties will comprise two Matches – one Match at each Club’s home venue. Should a Club’s home venue not be available, that Club will be responsible for sourcing an alternative venue at its own cost.
7. The dates and times of the Matches will be determined by Football West and may not be challenged by either Club.
8. The order of the Matches will be determined by Football West.
9. The winner of the tie will be the Club that scores the most goals over the two legs.
10. Should both Teams score an equal number of goals over the two legs, the winner of the tie will be the Club that scores the most goals in its “away” leg. For the avoidance of doubt, the Club playing its “away” leg is the second-named Club in the Match, regardless of the venue at which the Match is played.
11. If a winner cannot be determined through paragraphs 9 and 10, then two periods of extra time of 15 minutes per period will be played in accordance with The Laws of the Game at the conclusion of the second leg.
12. At the end of the second period of extra time, the provisions of paragraph 9 will be applied to determine the winner of the tie. The provisions of paragraph 10 do not apply once the Match

moves into extra time.

13. If a winner cannot be determined through the application of paragraph 9 after extra time, the winner of the tie will be decided by kicks from the penalty mark as described in the FIFA Laws of the Game.

Article 6 – Promotion & Relegation to Amateur Premier

1. Should the Club that finishes in first position in the Amateur Premier Division exercise its option of promotion to the State League, the Club in twelfth place in Division 2 will be relegated to the Mens Amateur Premier Division.
2. Should the Team that finishes in first position in the Mens Amateur Premier Division choose not to exercise its option of promotion to the State League, the Team finishing in second place has the right of a play-off with the Team that finishes in twelfth position in State League Division Two.
3. The winner of the play off tie will be determined as follows:
 - a. The tie will comprise two Matches – one Match at each Club’s home venue. Should a Club’s home venue not be available, that Club will be responsible for sourcing an alternative venue at its own cost.
 - b. The dates and times of the Matches will be determined by Football West and may not be challenged by either Club.
 - c. The order of the Matches will be determined by Football West.
 - d. The winner of the tie will be the Club that scores the most goals over the two legs.
 - e. Should both Teams score an equal number of goals over the two legs, the winner of the tie will be the Club that scores the most goals in its “away” leg. For the avoidance of doubt, the Club playing its “away” leg is the second-named Club in the Match, regardless of the venue at which the Match is played.
 - f. If a winner cannot be determined through paragraphs d) and e), then two periods of extra time of 15 minutes per period will be played in accordance with The Laws of the Game at the conclusion of the second leg.
 - g. At the end of the second period of extra time, the provisions of paragraph d) will be applied to determine the winner of the tie. The provisions of paragraph e) do not apply once the Match moves into extra time.
 - h. If a winner cannot be determined through the application of paragraph d) after extra time, the winner of the tie will be decided by kicks from the penalty mark as described in the FIFA Laws of the Game.

Article 7 - Individual Awards

1. A Fairest and Best prize will be awarded to the best Player in Division 1 and Division 2 for senior and 18s Teams only.
2. The Referee for each Match 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.
5. 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 Tribunal or Football West 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 or as an Obvious Error, the Player will be eligible to win the Fairest and Best Award.

6. An award will be presented to the Player who scores the most goals in his division and age group in league Matches throughout the season. If two or more Players score an equal number of goals, an award will be presented to each of those Players.

Article 8 - Venue

1. The home venue of each Club must meet the criteria as set down by Football West from time to time.
2. Three parking spaces inside the venue must be specifically reserved for Match Officials on Match day for all Matches.
3. 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.
4. 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 State League Club.
5. The home Club, at its own expense, must ensure that a nominated Groundskeeper is on duty during all scheduled Matches at its home ground, from at least one hour prior to the first scheduled Match.
6. Football West reserves the right to require that its sponsors' signage is prominently displayed at all Football West Matches.
7. Football West reserves the right to take whatever action is deemed necessary in the event that State League Matches are affected by changes to the availability of any venue or venues.

Article 9 - Technical Areas, Substitutes and Non-Playing Officials

1. A technical area must be clearly marked for each senior Match in accordance with the Laws of the Game. Each technical area must have seating for 10 people.
2. All substitutes, substituted Players and non-playing officials must remain in the technical area while the Match is in progress with the exception of substitutes who are warming up. For the avoidance of doubt, any person who is named on the Team list as either a Player or a non-playing Team Official is required to occupy the technical area unless directed otherwise by the Referee or unless warming up if that person is a substitute.
3. Substitutes who are warming up must:
 - a) warm up inside the confines of the perimeter area;
 - b) wear a bib which is a different colour to both Teams and the Match Officials; and
 - c) not warm up with a football.
4. Each Team may nominate a maximum of 5 substitutes of which a maximum of 3 may be used in any one Match.
5. Each Team may nominate a maximum of 5 non-playing Team Officials.

Article 10 - Matches

1. A schedule of Matches will be developed by Football West. No consideration will be given to any perceived unfairness of the Match schedule.
2. With the exception of abandoned Matches, each period of a Match must last for a minimum of

35 minutes in order that a result may be recorded.

3. Subject to paragraph 4 the duration of the half time interval will be 15 minutes.
4. The Referee must adjust the duration of an under 18s or reserves Match when necessary to ensure that the first Team Match commences at the scheduled kick-off time. The half time interval must first be shortened before playing time is adjusted. The half time interval must be at least 8 minutes long.
5. When a Match is shortened in accordance with paragraph 4, each Match Official is entitled to receive the full amount of his normal Match fee.
6. In the event that a Club does not have sufficient Players to field a reserve and first Team, the first Team will take priority.
7. In the event that a Club does not have sufficient Players to field a reserve and 18s Team, the reserves Team will take priority.
8. Spectators are not permitted inside the barrier which separates the field of play from the rest of the venue while the Match is in progress. If the barrier in place is only in place around part of the field of play, spectators may only watch the Match 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.
9. Once Matches have been published, changes may be made in accordance with the Football West Match Scheduling Policy.
10. A Club that requests and has been granted a Match change is responsible for all costs associated with the rearranged Match.
11. 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.
12. 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 Match of the day until the conclusion of the final Match of the day unless being utilised.
Penalty for Breach \$50
13. The result of each Match must be entered into Sports TG by the home Club within 2 hours of the completion of the Match.
Penalty for Breach \$100
14. Football West reserves the right to instruct home Clubs to increase the minimum security arrangements for any Match at any time. The cost of any additional security arrangements is to be borne by the home Club.

Article 11 - Ground Marshals

1. The home Club must appoint ground marshals who are 18 years of age or older 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; and
 - b) to liaise with Club officials and emergency services if required.
2. The home Club must provide at least two ground marshals for each 18s Match.
Penalty for Breach \$100
3. The home Club must provide at least four ground marshals for each reserves and first Team Match.

Penalty for Breach **\$100**

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 Match. 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 Match.

Article 12 - Match Documentation

1. Electronic Match Card and Sheets will be used in the 2021 season.
2. An Electronic Match Card is the online form which is used to enter the details of a Match.
3. An Electronic Match Sheet is the printable version of the Electronic Match Card which may be brought to a Match.
4. All State League competitions will use Electronic Match Cards and Sheets.
5. Electronic Match Cards must be completely and accurately filled out 15 minutes prior to the commencement of the Match.

Penalty for Breach (no Team list submitted) **Forfeit & \$200 Fine**

6. A complete Match Card is defined as a sheet which includes:
 - a. All Player names;
 - b. All Players assigned a correct shirt number;
 - c. All Team Officials listed;
 - d. Eligible overage Players denoted; and
 - e. Starting Players assigned.

7. A Team must enter a complete Match Card for every Match

Penalty for Breach **\$100 Fine**

8. A Player whose name appears on an Electronic Match Card or an Electronic Match Sheet is deemed to have participated in the Match as either a Player or a named substitute.
9. The Team list received by Football West will be accepted as the facts relating to the Match, with an Electronic Match Card taking preference over the Electronic Match Sheet.

10. All Team Officials who wish to sit in the Technical Area during any Match MUST be registered on Play Football as a coach or related role.

Penalty for Breach **\$100 Fine**

11. The home Club is responsible for entering the final score of the Match.

12. A Club may contact Football West if it believes that the details on the Match documentation have misidentified a goal scorer or substitute.
13. Goal scorer(s) for a particular fixture cannot be contested following the commencement of a subsequent round.
14. Any contest of goal scorers or substitutes should be submitted to Football West with evidence of video footage and must include the following details:
 - a) Fixture details;
 - b) Time of goal scored/substitution;
 - c) Name and shirt number of misidentified goal scorer/substitute;
 - d) Name and shirt number of alleged goal scorer/substitute; and
 - e) Must be submitted by the Club
15. Each Club must make available a Team list to the Referee on Match day. A copy of the Team list should be retained by the Club. Copies of the Team list must also be made available to:
 - a) Opposition Club; and
 - b) Home Club Media Officer.
 - c) Football West Match Reporter
 - d) Football West Videographer

Article 13 - Players

1. To be eligible to play in the State League, a Player must meet the following age criteria.
 - a) 18s – born in 2002, 2003, 2004 or 2005;
 - b) Reserves & First Teams – born in 2004 or earlier

An Under 18s Team may include a maximum of 3 Players who were born in 2001 on the Team list for any Match. Each of these Players must be marked on the Team list with an asterisk next to each overage Player's name.

Penalty for Breach (failing to mark Team list) \$200
Penalty for Breach (4 or more overage Players) Forfeit
2. Once a Player has taken the field of play in nine Matches of the State League competition in the Under 18s, reserves or open age groups, he is no longer eligible to participate in both the State League and the Junior Boys League or NPL Juniors during the same season. These nine State League Matches may comprise any combination of first Team, reserves Team and 18s Team Matches as long as no more than nine Under 18s Matches, no more than five reserves Team Matches and no more than one first Team Match is played. Following the ninth Match for the State League Teams, a Player must choose to play in either the State League or the Junior Boys Team(s) or NPL Juniors for which he is eligible.
3. A Club must notify Football West in writing, confirming the Player's choice to play either State League or Junior Boys or NPL Juniors before the Player may participate in any further Matches. The Club is responsible for monitoring the number of State League Matches played by each Player.
4. Once a Player has taken the field of play in a Match of the State League in the first, reserves or 18s, he is not eligible to participate in the Junior Boys League for a Team below 15s Division 1 during the same season. A Club may apply for an exemption to this rule if its highest placed Team is below the 15s Division 1 competition, but any such ruling is entirely at the discretion of

Article 14 - Playing Strips

1. All Clubs must nominate a “home” and “alternative” playing strip.
2. In any Match, 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 Match may not proceed.

Article 15 - Match Balls

1. The home Club will provide the Match Official with three Match balls no later than ten minutes prior to the commencement of the Match.
2. All Matches must use the Match ball designated by Football West. Three Match balls will be provided free of charge to each State League Club.

Penalty for Breach \$100

Article 16 - Match Officials

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. 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.
3. A Club may not refuse to allow an allocated Match Official to officiate at that allocated Match.
4. In the event that none of the Match Officials allocated to a Match is ready and able to commence the Match within 15 minutes of the scheduled kick-off time, then the Match may not proceed.
5. 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 Match may not proceed.
6. If the appointed Referee postpones or delays any Match, he must submit a report in writing to Football West within 72 hours of the scheduled conclusion of the Match outlining the reasons for their actions. The appointed Match Officials are entitled to 50% of the prescribed Match fee for a postponed Match and 100% of the Match fee for a delayed Match which is subsequently completed or abandoned.
7. When a Match 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 Match, unless the forfeiting Club informed Football West in writing at least 72 hours prior to the scheduled kick-off.
8. When a Match is abandoned the Match Officials are entitled to receive 100% of the Match fee.

Article 17 - Admission

1. A maximum of 63 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 7pm the day before the Match.

2. Any person, including a Match Official who is not appointed to the Match, who produces an official Football West pass must be granted free entry into any venue for any Match.
3. All Football West passes are valid only for Football West Matches and may be revoked by Football West at any time.
4. The following general entry admission fees may be charged:
 - a) Division 1 - \$6
 - b) Division 2 - \$5
 - c) Students, Pensioners or concession holders with evidence of status - \$4
 - d) People under the age of 15 – Free
5. If a Match is being played as a “double-header” with an NPLWA Match then the lower price of admission must be charged until at least half time of the game for which the admission price is lower.
6. Holders of Football West Sponsors Discount Entry Programme Tickets (as advised by Football West from time to time) must be granted access to grounds at the pre-determined discounted admission price. No Club is permitted to refuse entry on these conditions under any circumstances.

Penalty for Breach \$50

Article 18 - Representative Teams

1. If a Club has 4 or more Players from one Team participating in a representative Match, it may seek the postponement of any Club Match which clashes with the representative Match.
2. To be considered as a qualifying Player under paragraph 1, and subject to the conditions of paragraph 3, the Player must have been recorded on that Team’s Electronic Match Cards for a minimum of 80% of all Matches up to and including the date of the request to postpone.
3. If the Player is required to participate in a representative Match prior to round six of the season, Football West will determine the Team of a Player from the Electronic Match Cards available. Football West’s decision in determining the Team of a Player is final.

Article 19 - Fair Play Award

1. Football West will present a Fair Play Award to the Clubs whose State League first Teams in each division receive the fewest number of penalty points during the regular season. Penalty points are accrued according to the following scale:

a) Each single Yellow Card issued	1 point
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 Match	5 points
f) Three or more Players sent off in a single Match	10 points
2. The Fair Play Award winning Clubs will also each receive prize money in the amount of \$1,000.
3. In the event that two or more Clubs receive the fewest penalty points, the prize money will be shared.

Part 2 – State League Top Four Cups

Article 20 – General

1. Where a rule in this Part 2 appears to conflict with a rule in a Part 1 the rule in this Part 2 will apply.

Article 21 – Players

16. A Player must have played in a minimum of 5 Matches for a Club in the current season to be eligible to play in any of that Club's Teams in The State League Top Four Cup, subject to other eligibility criteria.
17. A Player who has played in multiple age groups for a particular State League Team in his Club is ineligible to participate in any Top Four Cup Matches in a lower age group than the highest age group Team for which he has played, unless they have played 50% or more of their Matches for a lower age group..

Penalty for Breach Forfeit

18. A Player is exempt from the restrictions specified in paragraphs 1 and 2 if that Player is a goalkeeper, and the Club can establish to the satisfaction of Football West that no other eligible goalkeeper is available to participate. Absence due to injury must be accompanied by a medical certificate at least 2 business days before the Match. Football West's decision on any application is final.
19. Once a Player has started for a Team they are no longer eligible to play in a lower age group than the Team for which they have played for in the Top Four Cup.
20. In Senior Matches, an unused substitute is deemed NOT to have played.
21. A Player who accumulates 2 Yellow Cards in a post-season competition or finals series must serve an Automatic Match Suspension of 1 Match as set out in the Disciplinary and Grievance Regulations.

Article 22 – State League Top Four Cup

1. The Teams that occupy the highest 4 positions of the competition table in each division and age group following the completion of the regular season will compete in the State League Top Four Cup.

2. The Matches of each division of Top Four Cup will be structured as follows:

Match Day 1

Match A Team finishing 1st vs Team finishing 4th

Match B Team finishing 2nd vs Team finishing 3rd

Match Day 2

Grand Final Winner Match A vs Winner Match B

3. The designated home Team of each Match is as follows:

a) Match A – the Team finishing 1st

- b) Match B – the Team finishing 3rd
 - c) Grand Final – the winner of Match A
4. The venues of all Matches will be determined by Football West.
 5. For all Matches in the Reserves and Under 18s should scores be level at the full-time whistle, the outcome of the Matches will be decided by kicks from the penalty mark as described in the FIFA Laws of the Game.
 6. One additional substitute may be used when a Match goes into extra time (whether or not the Team has already used the full number of permitted substitutes).
 7. The Grand Final winner in each age group will be known as the State League Top Four Cup Winner for their age group and division

Appendix A - NPL Promotion Eligibility Criteria

22. All of the following criteria must be satisfied and proof must be provided to Football West by a State League 1 Club on or before the dates stipulated in this Appendix B in order for the Club to be eligible for promotion to the NPL.
23. Football West will assess whether a Club has met the NPL Promotion Eligibility Criteria and inform the Club of the result of its assessment within 5 business days of the date by which each criterion is required to be met.
24. Football West will inform all NPL and relevant State League 1 Clubs as soon as practicable which of the State League 1 Clubs are eligible for promotion to the NPL.
25. Football West may, in its absolute discretion, allow an exemption to compliance with any of these criteria or the dates by which any of the criteria must be satisfied.

No	Criterion Description	Date by which the criterion must be satisfied during 2021
1	<p>The Club's home venue that it has used during the 2021 State League 1 season must meet the NPL venue requirements as stipulated in the NPL Compliance Regulations.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">OR</p> <p>The Club must have a written in principle agreement to use a venue that meets NPL venue requirements and that has been approved by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Club; or • The Club that currently occupies that venue (if applicable); and • The local government authority or owner of the venue that has control over the venue; and • Any other organisation that has an interest in or may impact the Club's ability to use the venue for the duration of the 2022 NPL season. 	5:00pm AWST on Wednesday 4 August 2021 or such other date as is notified in writing by Football West to Clubs.
2	<p>At least one Team entered into each of the Football West competitions in the Junior Boys League in the following age groups:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Under 12s; • Under 13s; • Under 14s; and • Under 15s. <p>At least one Team in each age group must remain active in the competition for the entire season.</p> <p>A Club that does not fulfil more than 2 fixture commitments in any one age group will be deemed not to meet this criterion.</p> <p>Exception:</p> <p>South West Phoenix FC is not required to field a Team in the Football West Under 12s competition.</p>	5:00pm WST on Friday 7 May 2021 or such other date as is notified in writing by Football West to Clubs.

No	Criterion Description	Date by which the criterion must be satisfied during 2021
3	The Club must have a constitution and a valid and current Certificate of Incorporation issued by the Department of Commerce. Copies of the Club's constitution and Certificate of Incorporation must be provided to Football West.	5:00pm AWST on Wednesday 4 August 2021 or such other date as is notified in writing by Football West to Clubs.
4	The Club must provide to Football West the most recent audited copy of its financial statements. The Club's audited financial statements must not be more than 12 months old.	5:00pm AWST on Wednesday 4 August 2021 or such other date as is notified in writing by Football West to Clubs.
5	The Club must appoint a Technical Director with a valid coaching accreditation of C Licence or higher and provide Football West with the Technical Director's name and copies of their certification.	5:00pm AWST on Wednesday 4 August 2021 or such other date as is notified in writing by Football West to Clubs.
6	The Club must appoint a First Team Head Coach with a valid coaching accreditation of C Licence or higher and provide Football West with the First Team Head Coach's name and copies of their certification.	5:00pm AWST on Wednesday 4 August 2021 or such other date as is notified in writing by Football West to Clubs.
7	The Club must inform Football West in writing of the date of its most recent Annual General Meeting and provide a copy of the Club's most recent Annual Report. The Club's most recent Annual Report must not be more than 18 months old.	5:00pm AWST on Wednesday 4 August 2021 or such other date as is notified in writing by Football West to Clubs.
8	The Club must provide to Football West a document that outlines the Organisational Structure of the Club showing all Executive positions and the names of the individuals appointed to each role.	5:00pm AWST on Wednesday 4 August 2021 or such other date as is notified in writing by Football West to Clubs.
9	The Club must appoint a medical professional with a Level 1 Sports Trainer certificate as recognised and certified by Sports Medicine Australia or a qualified physiotherapist whose name is listed in the Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency website. The Club must provide Football West with the medical professional's name and copies of their certification.	5:00pm AWST on Wednesday 4 August 2021 or such other date as is notified in writing by Football West to Clubs.